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On Feb. 19, the Alumni Council had its third virtual meeting since the pandemic began. That makes me the virtual president, and I’m OK with that. Our digital age and these COVID times can leave us all feeling that virtual and remote are distant seconds to in person. I won’t argue that nothing is lost, but I will suggest that much is still gained. With apologies to my mentor, Dr. Phillip Lockhart (who labored to teach me Greek 25 years after I graduated), and the classics scholars he nurtured, here is my brief etymology of “virtual.”

Medieval Latin spawned *virtualis*, the root of which is *virtus* or virtue. My old Webster’s tells me that *virtus* indicated “excellence.” The internet (which is always right) tells us that in the 15th century, *virtualis* came to mean “being something in essence or effect though not actually.” Therefore, let me suggest that, at its best, virtual is the essence of excellence.

Let me share some excellence. Thanks to the support staff from the Office of Advancement, the Office of Marketing & Communications and the Center for Advising, Internships & Lifelong Career Development, among others, the Alumni Council has been doing great work, as have many other alumni who stepped up this past year. But I am even more excited about the excellence demonstrated by our future alumni.

If you missed the @dickinsonalumni Instagram videos by Jake De Wulf ’16, you missed more than a Turkish breakfast and a shopping trip on the Aegean Sea—you missed an incredibly talented young alum in action. I urge you to start following @dickinsonalumni today so you don’t miss any alumni or student takeovers.

But my heart belongs to the Dickinson Mock Trial team, coached by my colleague Judge Edward Guido ’72, with my assistance in the drama department. These scholars not only hosted one of the first Zoom tournaments of the year but have shown that physical separation does not diminish excellence. (Read more at dson.co/mocktrial20.) I expect to be with them at nationals this spring.

So what is the essence of excellence? As President Margee Ensign said, the Revolutionary Challenge “worked because our students and alumni have received the best education in the world—a Dickinson education that teaches them to see connections, cross boundaries and look for creative solutions.” Stay revolutionary ... stay excellent!
As 2020 fades into the past, we look back on grim realities we will never forget. Losses that laid us low and achievements that raised our spirits. Weeks of boredom and anxiety, and moments that promised better days ahead. And through it all, I believe we all learned a lot about ourselves. I believe we found friendships and family the bedrock of survival and happiness. So, for 2021, I wish you all the truest friends and dearest families. Hold them close and stay safe.

A recent financial article expanded on a thought that we always instinctively knew but could not quite justify as a credible theory. For most of our lives, we have all been indoctrinated to believe that life should be filled with the pursuit of nonstop learning, with serious-minded accomplishments and the total discipline of our time. Yes, hit the books, read about Ulysses until midnight, cram for that psychology exam, in case you need it someday, and learn to eat kale—it’s good for you. Even for good college students, there regularly came a point when some release of the pressure had to occur—crowding into Kohr’s for a break, sipping a milkshake at Kruger’s or just goofing off anywhere. Sometimes that brought on feelings of guilt. Where was that conscientious student who needed to work and work? Never fear, the University of Zurich is here! In a study (not with our tax dollars), it was determined that short-term pleasure has great value. Although we all know the trite saying of “everything in moderation,” the researchers concluded that short-term pleasures lead to as much happiness as longer-term accomplishments and therefore should be given proper attention to being included in our lives. At last, there is some good news! In any case, let’s not go to the extremes of laziness, because there is still much work to do. But first, let’s have some potato chips, some tacos, some real whipped cream—and then take a nap!

Highlighted notes celebrate the newest members of the Dickinson community to join the Mermaid Society as loyal donors or to establish a new fund at the college.
Our perennial contributor, Geo C. Kaplan, shared a New York Times article that featured his granddaughter, Allison Kandel. The repetitive title of “Try, Try, Try, Try and Try Again” illustrates the scenario in which attempts at a marriage proposal were foiled four times, with success on the fifth try. The human-interest article detailed Allie’s love interest, Michael, planning the perfect location for his proposal, beginning in Giverny, France, then moving on to other lovely locations within the country, as succeeding happenings spoiled each of the moments. Only when back in New York, in a less impressive setup, was Michael able to present the ring to Allie in try No. 5. The wedding was held at the bride’s grandparents' vacation home in Massachusetts with a single witness as the bridal party and about 50 people watching on a video link. The original plans were to marry before 175 people, typifying a change made by many in these times. The detailed article was accompanied by two attractive photographs and surely had genuine appeal, not only for the family but for the readers.

Elizabeth Keller Kennedy continues to live in Connecticut at the Mystic Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Recently, Libby observed a special birthday, which was very much adjusted to a distance event due to COVID-19 restrictions. Loyal friends gifted her with cards, flowers and, best of all, carrot cupcakes (her favorite).

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Congratulations to Louise Hauer Greenberg ’54 for establishing the Dr. Louise Hauer Greenberg ’54 Scholarship, which will provide scholarship support for worthy students with demonstrated financial need.

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Congratulations to Mermaid Society member Woody Powers ’57 for celebrating 50 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

Bill Keen writes, “My most recent book, Eden Across the Street and Other Formative Places: A Memoir, was published in September. One of the formative places is Dickinson. The book is available from Amazon.”

Classmates Diana Bidden Carl, Pat Eshelman Solomon, Bob Burrowes, Bill Keen, Bill Waterman and “the docs” (Bob Simons, Jan Safer, Paul Kovnat, Herbert Silverstein, Mark May and Norman Schatz) ask, “How is life turning out in these ‘once in a lifetime’ times?” Let’s hear from you! Ongoing (virtual) contact with those we’ve known along the way seems to help.

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After an extended time at home during the pandemic, Dave and Jean Holt Anderson enjoyed a summer getaway vacation week on Long Beach Island, N.J.

Karen Brandenburg McCready is moving to a house her son bought for her near family members in the “McCready Compound” (she says she’s calling it the “old lady’s home”). This house is in Ashland, Va., where she had lived and worked for 47 years. After recovering from a health glitch, she’s back to mowing the lawn, shopping, keeping appointments and enjoying an occasional mimosa!

Karen Brandenburg McCready is relocating to a new home but still making time to stay active and enjoy life’s pleasures.
Bob Kaplan was creative while spending months in isolation at his home in Sarasota, Fla. He wrote his thoughts in haiku format:

_Pandemic Time_
Such a time we’ve never had
With fear a constant.
And boredom too. Will it end?

Jean Kottcamp Simpson misses volunteering at the library and hospital due to the COVID restrictions, but she is pleased that one granddaughter, Lydia Fox ’19, graduated from Dickinson and another is a junior at her Carlisle alma mater!

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Congratulations to Dick Goldberg ’59 for establishing the Sergeant Harry Goldberg ROTC Recreation Endowment, which will provide support for ROTC recreational activities at Dickinson.

Ruth Gordon, Nancy Weber Adams, Frank Campanelli ’57 and Carol Rodman Campanelli got together last fall for a wonderful weekend reunion at the Campanellis’ home in Media, Pa. They also enjoyed the delicious harvest from Carol and Campy’s garden! See photo, Page 26.

1963
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What have you been doing in this surreal year? Have you learned a new skill or language, become a technical whiz, adopted a puppy or something else? Send me your stories for the next issue of class notes. I’d love to hear from you.

In this year of living strangely, many traditional activities have had to be postponed or reconfigured. One such gathering was an annual event started by the class of ’63 group known as Harry’s Gang. Each September, classmates have met in Wilmington, Del., at a restaurant formerly known as Harry’s. There they lunched, reminisced and caught up on one another’s lives. In 2020, with lockdowns, quarantines and travel bans making an in-person reunion impossible, Harry’s Gang had a Zoom potluck, with each attendee bringing a virtual (and therefore low-calorie) dish and wearing Dickinson gear or something red and white. After each one had a chance to talk about life in COVID times, Julia Attanasio, a senior advancement officer at Dickinson, stopped by with a greeting from Carlisle and an update on the current semester and the online opportunities the college provides for alumni. While all agreed that reuniting in person beats a virtual gathering, this was the next best thing! Many thanks to Ann Conser Curley, Barbara Greer Warden and Linda Goodridge Steckley for making this happen.

Rodger McAlister and his wife are embracing the unexpected curves of the pandemic by safely exploring the U.S. in their RV.
Greetings, class of '64! I noticed that we did not have a class correspondent for Dickinson Magazine, so I have volunteered to take on the role. I know from our 50th reunion in 2014 that we have a vibrant group of alumni who still ROCK! So send me your poor, tired and huddled masses—along with pictures, info and/or snide remarks. We need to share the great stuff we’re up to! So let’s hear from you. When I open my edition of our magazine and see a blank for 1964, I don’t believe it. Our lives since D-son have been substantially enriched because of the seeds that were planted in Carlisle. So remember our football cheer: “Rick rack rhee, kick ‘em in the knee! Rick rack rass ... kick ‘em in the other knee!”

At our residence in Louisville, Ky., where we’ve been since 1984, my wife and I have become avid RVers. Though our Viking Cruises are on hold, we are still out and about while practicing social distancing, at times traveling up to 2,000 miles, and we continue to be awed at what a magnificent country we have. And Liz Harter Jones and I celebrated the 60th anniversary of our first date at Dickinson on Nov. 7, 1960. And we’re still livin’ the dream.

Thank you to Elizabeth Blumenthal, wife of Melvin Blumenthal ’64, for establishing the Melvin Blumenthal, M.D. ’64 Scholarship Fund through a gift from Mel’s estate. Mel had a love of education and graduated from Dickinson with highest honors in political science, before enjoying a career that led to medical advances that today save the lives of thousands of cardiac patients. An avid book collector, scientist, student of politics and beloved husband and father, he believed that education provides the tools for success.

Congratulations to Byron Koste ’64, P’95 and Marilyn Koste P’95 for establishing the Koste Family Scholarship.

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Congratulations to Larry Torley and Victoria Stuart Torley on their 50th wedding anniversary. Larry and Victoria were married in Ohio during their first year of graduate school. A journalist and novelist currently living in Costa Rica, Victoria has completed her epic fantasy trilogy Orb and Arrow.

In October, Mark Lichty’s article “Friendship Over Division” was published on medium.com. Mark writes about building bridges after the election and allowing people to have different views without having to judge each other.

Welcome to Hal German ’72, a new member of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college.

Jerry Edling contributed a chapter to the book Aftershocks and Opportunities: Scenarios for a Post-Pandemic Future, which was published in June. His chapter is titled “The Pandemic and the Medical Enlightenment: The View From 2035.”

Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Herb Black ’71 and Blair McBeth ’72, who are celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

Email your response to Editor Lauren Davidson (davidsol@dickinson.edu).

Contribute to a future issue!

• What Dickinson faculty or staff member had the biggest impact on your experience as a student? How so?

• What is your favorite piece of Dickinson memorabilia? Something you still wear/display/use, or even something tucked away in a box in the attic!

NEW FEATURE!
Dan Guida is striving to launch a progressive, systematic yoga program for beginners in 2021.

Steve Ferrer writes that in August, he had the great pleasure of running into, and playing some pickleball with, Walker Moriarty ’14 and Brendan Wagner ’17, two recent Dickinson grads (and fellow Raven’s Claw alums), at the Snowmass Village, Colo., rec center courts. Walker and Brendan came to Dickinson from Aspen High School, and Walker’s sister, Caroline ’22, is a Dickinson sophomore. Steve makes his home these days in Snowmass Village, except during the “shoulder season,” when he’s in Wilmington, Del. See picture, Page 36.

Robert Schlatter retired from Prudential Insurance on July 15 after working with the annuities area for 23 years. Robert is not completely retired. He is a real estate agent with Philly Real Estate and is the bookkeeper at the Northeast Community Church in Philadelphia. Also, Robert is studying to be an enrolled agent for tax preparation and representation with the IRS. For now, travel for Robert and his wife, Denise, who live in Ivyland, Pa., is limited to local parks such as Tyler State Park, Tamanend Park and Churchville Nature Center, all in Bucks County.

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I really enjoyed all the short notes in the last issue. I am grateful for the classmates who have welcomed me back into their lives and respect that not everything they share they want “out there.” But I know there is a lot we could all write about. As we age, it is more meaningful to reconnect to the good memories from our youth. We correspondents have all taken on this role in the hope you will choose to do this. When you get an issue, take 10 minutes and share something. The due date for the next issue is approximately one week after the current issue goes out, so please do it shortly in case your mail was slow ... or you forget. To help you along, I will throw out two potential topics. What did you do/how are you coping during the pandemic? I know our class has traveled widely, so what/where was your favorite vacation and why? I have been enriched by several of the remote connections our college has been making available. (Barbara, yes, it was me in the mystery room. I tried to respond but kept getting messages about it being blocked. I am not very tech-savvy.) I have noticed other classmates in most of the encounters I have participated in. If you do not have your current email on file, you may want to do that so you can get notifications, about two a month for these offerings.

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Congratulations to Mermaid Society member Bev Zink-Sawyer ’76, who is celebrating 25 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

As we approach our 45th-reunion celebration in June, your class committee (Nina Ciampa, John Farrell, Anne Chesnut and Gail Tyson, and your two class correspondents) has been hard at work. Be on the lookout for details. If we are all able to meet on campus in June, many of our classmates will have short journeys. More live in Pennsylvania (141) than any other state. New Jersey is a distant second (49). Six of our brethren live outside the United States.

Dan Guida writes from San Diego that he is developing the world’s first progressive, systematic yoga program for beginners and beyond at yoga.guru and yogaforbeginners. guru, using the Iyengar method. For those of us not familiar with it, Dan explains that B.K.S. Iyengar popularized yoga in the West and wrote Light on Yoga, the definitive book on yoga. Iyengar yoga is highly therapeutic, focusing on precision and alignment to quiet the mind and draw it deeper within. Dan’s sites are due to launch in mid-2021.

Steve Heller, director of the Follies student musical while at Dickinson and producer of our delightful video memory at our 40th reunion, has maintained an active musical life during COVID. He is the producer of the short art film Peace Unto Zion, performed by the New York Choral Society, New York’s pioneering symphonic chorus. It explores unique collaboration and dynamic repertory. This is the first installation of its virtual season, Our Voices, this time premiering Kevin Siegfried’s work. The film highlights a distinctive collaboration of a cappella music and sculpture, while central themes of social justice are woven together with a narrative of a Utopian ideal.
Last fall, members of the class of 1959 met at the home of Frank '57 and Carol Rodman Campanelli '59 in Media, Pa., for a wonderful weekend reunion. They also enjoyed the delicious harvest from Carol and Campy’s garden. From left: Ruth Gordon '59, Nancy Weber Adams '59, Frank Campanelli '57 and Carol Rodman Campanelli '59.

In August, three fellow Raven’s Claw alums had the pleasure of playing some pickleball at the Snowmass Village, Colo., rec center courts. From left: Walker Moriarty ’14, Steve Ferrer ’72 and Brendan Wagner ’17. Read more, Page 35.

Members of the class of ’82 had a fun weekend at the home of Kathy Gragg Milberger in June. Pictured clockwise: Pam Henrich Kurey (blue cup), Kathy Gragg Milberger, Jane Fitzgerald Heebner, Joanne Fritz Hart, Valerie Alley, Bernie DelRosario, Sue Patrick and Becky Morton Pottmeyer. Read more, Page 39.

While waiting for classmates to send us news for the next Dickinson Magazine class notes, your scribes John and Nanci Fox Taylor have been lying low and getting our money’s worth out of our Zoom subscription. The latest iteration was a virtual fountain pen show, where collectors and vendors met to exchange ideas and buy and trade vintage and modern pens. Around our house, John focuses on Pelikan and other German pens, and Nanci has a collection of vintage Esterbrooks. Any other pen collectors in the class?

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Debby Batchelder Seme writes, “Since retiring in 2017, I have become involved in the Delta Nu Alumnae Advisory Board (DNAAB) as alumnae liaison, which has provided me with the opportunity to get back to Dickinson more often, most recently in early February before the pandemic closed the college. After all these years, the bonds are still there among the sisters, and on Oct. 8, 2021, Delta Nu will be celebrating its 50th year at Dickinson with a weekend-long birthday party on campus. In addition to DNAAB, I have been elected president of Impact 100 Garden State, a New Jersey chapter of a global collective-giving organization for women that awards high-impact grants of $100,000 to local nonprofits. Nonprofits have been especially hard hit this year due to the pandemic, and my involvement with Impact 100 has opened my eyes to the needs of the underserved in my community and taught me much about philanthropy. Though 2020 was a challenging year, it made me a grandmother to my daughter’s daughter, Rori Rose. It was also a big year for my son, who got married during the summer in a much smaller and informal affair in our backyard; a good time was had by all, and the masks and social distancing didn’t hamper the celebration (and kept us all safe).”

David Conver writes, “I reached 65 on March 17, about the time the world as we know it shut down. Had a COVID test with a flu test thrown in. Flu yes, COVID no. Hunkered down with my wife of 30 years and my daughter CC, newly graduated from Penn Nursing (summa cum laude), until May when the girls decamped for my mother-in-law’s home on Squam Lake, N.H. I held the fort while the girls and our two goldens enjoyed Squam. I’ve made four trips to the lake and learned to practice law remotely. Life is good.”

Sally Heydt Bauder is in her 25th and final year of teaching. She writes, “I started teaching at age 40 as a second career and have enjoyed it so much. I teach biology at Central Bucks West in Doylestown, Pa. This pandemic world creates new challenges, but I’m looking forward to connecting with my students. Another fun fact is that when John Jones of our class wrote his landmark opinion on teaching evolution in public schools (2004-05), my colleagues were so impressed with his writing. I said, ‘Well, that’s a liberal-arts education for you.’ ”

Cal Shields retired on Aug. 1 after 40 years as an attorney, including 16 years as the elected district attorney of Schuylkill County and seven years as director of the Pa. Department of State Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation. He writes, “I look forward to extensive travel, including returning for Alumni Weekend every year to visit teammates, Sigma Chi brothers and classmates.”

Bruce Walkovich entered his photo in the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundations’ Through the Seasons photo competition and was awarded the Judges’ Choice Best in Show for 2020. This marks the second time in three years one of his entries has been chosen.

Bill Zapcic retired from the USA Today Network on Halloween 2018 as a digital and print journalism trainer and senior workflow analyst, capping a 40-year editing and writing career in daily newspapers, websites and apps. Retirement lasted barely 13 months, however, and he took a position as communications coordinator for the New Jersey State AFL-CIO, representing 1 million union members in the Garden State. He also continues his ministry as an ordained Catholic deacon, and since the COVID-19 shutdowns, he publishes his weekly homilies at https://bill.zapcic.com.

’77

David Conver weathered the challenges of illness and remote working and now finds that life with family and goldens is quite satisfying.
During this COVID time, I hope this issue of Dickinson Magazine finds you and your families well. It is our hope that we can be back on campus in June to officially celebrate our 40th reunion. Class participation for annual giving has been encouraging, but we can do better! As we navigate these challenging times, Dickinson is also. If you are able, please consider making a gift to the college. A reminder to all Delta Nus to save the weekend of Oct. 8-10 to come together and celebrate our 50th birthday in style!

On Oct. 6, Avery Leslie O’Neill invited her college roommate Betsy Johnston to Zoom with Avery’s book club to discuss a book Betsy recently published. The title is Gaku’s Question: How Can Everyday People Create Peace? A 13-year-old Japanese boy asks a traveling American working in the field of peacebuilding, “How can everyday people create peace?” Avery’s book club learned how Betsy came to publish this book, which includes 108 responses to Gaku’s question from 40 countries. Each book club participant shared which answers in the book resonated with them, ones they disagreed with, if any, and how they will be more intentional about creating peace. Avery highly encourages her fellow Dickinsonians to read this book, encourage friends and family to read it and talk about how we can each create peace every day.

Vince Sheehy ’80 established the Vincent Sheehy Annual Scholarship in memory of his father, who focused his philanthropy to create educational opportunities for underserved communities within Washington, D.C.

1980

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1978

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Congratulations to Eric and Kyle Stewart Evans ’78 for establishing the Edith D. Evans Memorial Scholarship in memory of Eric’s mother, Edith Evans, to provide support for worthy students with demonstrated financial need.

Michael Stoltz is retiring as CEO of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness on Long Island after 30 years. A social worker by training, Mike was the entity’s initial CEO and first employee, growing it to 200 employees, an annual budget of $18 million and serving over 5,000 people each year. Mike has had an impact on public mental health policy locally and across New York state, and he is a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops. In addition to consulting, Mike and his wife, Robin, will be increasing their RV travel across the U.S. and Canada.

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Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Joanne Lavner ’81, Ken Williams ’81, Jay Bienkowski ’85, Richard Ullman ’85 and Mara Nicastro ’88, who are celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

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Jennifer Kurth Borislow, founding principal of Borislow Insurance of Methuen, Mass., was recently named chairwoman of the Northern Essex Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. Charlie Baker. Jennifer is a nationally recognized expert, author, speaker and thought leader on employee benefits, insurance and related business strategies.

Pam Henrich Kurey writes that last June, pals from the class of '82 had a fun weekend at the home of Kathy Gragg Milberger. Attendees included Jane Fitzgerald Heebner, Joanne Fritz Hart, Valerie Alley, Bernie DelRosario, Susan Patrick and Becky Morton Pottmeyer. “Joanne did not want to miss this reunion and flew from her home in Perth, Australia. It was wonderful to all be together.” See picture, Page 36.

Cameron Waite was named president of United Security Assurance Co. of Pennsylvania and its associated holding company, United Security Assurance Inc. Previously, he was managing director of NTG Consultants of West Palm Beach, Fla., where he consulted on a broad range of local and national insurance regulatory and legislative affairs issues.

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We’d love to hear from you, and so would your classmates. We invite you to take just a moment to submit a class note for an upcoming issue. Share some personal or professional news, regale us with stories of your adventures, let us know you’ve relocated or gone back to school, share a favorite memory from your Dickinson days—there’s no news too small, and we think everything Dickinsonians do is newsworthy!

How to submit your class note:

online: Dickinson.edu/classnotes
email: dsonmag@dickinson.edu
via your class correspondent: contact information listed with each class column
snail mail: Dickinson College, Attn: Dickinson Magazine, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013

Want to go a step further?

Are you interested in having the opportunity to contribute regularly to Dickinson Magazine? Would you like to help solicit and collect news from your classmates? Several graduating classes are currently without class correspondents. Email dsonmag@dickinson.edu if you're interested in taking on the role for your class!
Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Kristen Cooper Morris '91, Adam Silverman '91, Patrick Morris '92 and Jessie Diamondstone Holst '95, who are celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

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Robert Moran joined Bose Public Affairs Group LLC as a principal and member of the federal relations team in the Washington, D.C., office. Previously, he worked as the education policy director for the U.S. Senate Committee for Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. In that role, he developed and oversaw the implementation of Chairman Lamar Alexander’s education policy agenda, coordinated policy goals with committee members on the chairman’s behalf and served as lead negotiator on legislation and policy objectives.

1989
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‘90s

Welcome to these new members of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college: Howard Friedman ’92 and Andrew Koniers ’95.

Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Colleen Lunn Scholer ’95, Liz Livingston Bailey ’96 and Susan Rusnak Lauher ’96, who are celebrating 25 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

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Master’s Program in Managing Complex Disasters

In this increasingly complex and volatile world, Dickinson has launched an online program that can be customized to earn either a master’s degree or a certificate. Courses will be taught by Dickinson faculty members, as well as faculty who are leaders in this area from other nationally recognized institutions. The first set of courses will be offered this spring. Learn more and register today!
As always, the class of ’92 is making an impression on the college, this time through participation in the Revolutionary Challenge. Proud that, of the nearly 50 applications, the four finalists were represented by classmates. Rick Anderson is a part of the FutureLab team, and Steve Smith represented Developing Leaders for 21st-Century Challenges. Way to go, guys! Speaking of challenges, now that we can put 2020 behind us, a reminder to all that next year will be our 30th reunion! Cheers to us, now and forever.

Eric Goren is a teacher at Brooklyn Studio Secondary School in Bensonhurst, N.Y., teaching high school social studies. His other passion is screenwriting. He writes, “My first feature is coming out [this] year, called SuperCool. The film is based upon my wife Patricia and my original screenplay, ‘The Science of Cool,’ which we wrote several years ago. I reached out to Olli Haikka, the CEO of Yellow Films and TV based in Finland, and he loved the project. After several rewrites, the project became SuperCool and the Yellow Film team financed, produced and filmed the project. SuperCool was filmed in the spring of 2019 in Mobile, Ala., on a budget of 8.8 million euros (or around $6 million)! It is the biggest-budgeted comedy to be financed by a Finnish film company. I am credited with original screenplay and executive producer. SuperCool will be released in theaters (pending the COVID situation) in Scandinavia in January 2021, other territories to follow in 2021 and then the U.S. sometime in late 2021. The film stars Jake Short, Madison Davenport and Damon Wayans Jr.”

Eric Goren made his screenwriting debut with SuperCool, which follows the story of a magical 11:11 wish.

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Congratulations to Russell and Lisa Fowble Koste ’95 for establishing the Koste Family Scholarship.

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‘00s
Welcome to these new members of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college: Greg Lockard ’03 and Nicole Subik ’03.

Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Brett Hollander ’07, Kathleen Betz ’08 and Charlie Tricomi ’08, who are celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

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After 13 years in Asheville, N.C., Varghese Alexander and his family are looking forward to their next adventure. At Asheville School, he has been instrumental in redesigning the math curriculum to create a four-year curriculum leading toward AP statistics. Recently, he presented a webinar on assessment hacks via Khan Academy to over 200 virtual attendees. Over the past year, he’s also stitched together a network of independent schools and administrators of color in the work of hiring teachers of color known as pipelinecollaborative.org. Since our 10-year reunion in 2013, Varghese has been a lead teacher at the Klingenstein Summer Institute for Early Career Teachers run out of Teachers College, Columbia University. Last January, he was named a co-director of the institute. His article on the immigrant experience, allyship and equity work has been well received by teachers and others alike.
Michael J. Pennington encourages everyone to plan a visit to Carlisle and support its local businesses.

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It’s been a while since I’ve heard anything from our class. Please consider sending updates my way about jobs, marriages, births, events, hobbies or anything else you think the Dickinson community would be interested in! Thank you, and stay safe!

2006
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It’s hard to believe 2021 will mark 15 years since we graduated from Dickinson! I know this year has been particularly hard on my family, and I think one of the ways to ease that burden is to share an update on what’s going on in your life. No update is too big or too small!

2007
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The novel coronavirus continues to wreak havoc on the world, but Dickinson has weathered the storm. College campuses around the world hope to be back to business as usual as soon as possible. Dickinson took proactive steps to safeguard students during the fall 2020 semester by moving to a virtual format. Spring 2021 will feature a hybrid format. Students will return to campus by graduation year to ensure all students are able to spend half of the semester within the limestone walls during this most unusual academic year. Pedagogical learning adaptations have not disrupted the mission of our beloved institution. A distinctly Dickinson education is one in which students learn from our amazing faculty. Whether learning is online or in person, Dickinson students still have access to a high-quality education. Kudos to our administration for putting the health and safety of students first, despite losing millions of dollars in room-and-board costs. Love, joy and peace are three wishes I hope each of you receive in abundance in 2021. When our beautiful campus is open to all of us again, I encourage everyone to take a trip to Carlisle. Support local businesses and walk around our beloved alma mater. Through the Revolutionary and Civil War and global pandemics, Dickinson has endured and been made stronger because of the people who embody the spirit of Dickinsonians. Our faculty, staff and students will help to make our alma mater a vibrant campus once again. I hope to see you at a future event on campus sometime soon. Until then, please continue to be safe.

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Keep Learning with Dickinson: Explore webinars and lectures, join the Alumni Book Club, enjoy virtual exhibits from Dickinson’s own Trout Gallery and subscribe to The Good podcast.
Sean Arnold is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch in the Yardley, Pa., office. He, along with his team, helps clients create individualized strategies to manage and simplify their financial lives.

Missy Lafferty and Peter Allen welcomed their son, Frederick “Freddie” Csere Allen, on March 20 in New York City in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. He joins big brother Jack. All are healthy and well and currently living with family in Falls Village, Conn. Pete works for the Institute of International Education, and Missy works for Columbia University.

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Kevin Cottington and Morgan Tramontano ’14 got engaged. They’re living in the Washington, D.C., area. Kevin is an actuary in the health care industry, and Morgan is a business consultant focusing on organizational strategy and culture.

Julie Elias and August Ridenour ’14 got engaged in September. They live in Arlington, Va., and are planning to get married in 2022.

Andrew and Maggie Black Mauro are expecting their second child in March 2021—another little girl!

Stevana Sims is working as a school social worker in Montclair Public Schools (N.J.) and co-chartering the 8:46 Project, which is an organization that looks to give professional learning opportunities to educators on race, racism and anti-racism. It also develops culturally competent and culturally responsive curriculum to better highlight the experience and history of marginalized people. She was also recently appointed as a member to the Montclair Public School District Restorative Justice Implementation team. Lastly, she is coaching high-school girls’ basketball.

’Io’s

Welcome to these new members of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college: Jimmy Wilkinson ’11, Sean Brennan ’14, Cindy Baur Brennan ’16, Tyler Hanson ’16, Daniel Duchaine ’18, Dylan O’Brien Okster ’18 and Liam Stenson ’19.

Congratulations to Mermaid Society members Melissa Dean ’10, John Montgomery ’10, Laura Romano ’11 and Agustin Umanzor Jr. ’12, who are celebrating 10 years of consecutive giving to Dickinson!

2014
Stevana Sims is working to develop culturally competent and responsive curriculum through the 8:46 Project.
Parents

Welcome to these new members of the Mermaid Society, which celebrates loyal Dickinsonians who consistently give back to the college: Jonathan Daly-LaBelle P’17, Kate and Patrick Hinton P’19, Lisa Bariglio P’22, Tracy and Curtis Breithaupt P’22, Lydia Coriell P’22, Jennifer and Joseph Kiefer P’22 and Amber and Todd Kuehn P’24.

Gloria Huse moved to Chicago in the summer to pursue an opportunity in private credit after spending four years in leveraged finance at BNP Paribas in NYC and London.

Andrew DiNardo married in August 2019 with a dozen Dickinsonians in attendance, including Andrew’s best man and brother, Ben DiNardo ‘18. Andrew began a master of divinity in August 2020 at the Trinity School for Ministry.

Nick Shepherd is the assistant director at Camp Skylemar in Naples, Maine. Camp Skylemar is a sports camp that successfully navigated summer 2020 at full capacity with no COVID cases. Nick and other Dickinson 2016 alumni hold a yearly reunion at Camp Skylemar. Attendees include Eric Dircks, Will Trevenen, Graham Parsons, Chris Menard, Oliver Gates, Howie Keenan, Andrew Morgan, Kevin Rubenstein, Nick Baxter, Greg Sellhausen and Christian Salem. See picture, Page 36.

Brain Teaser Answer from Page 3:

It is easy to assume that this is a 50/50 proposition, that you either have the coal or the fortune, and whether you stayed with your pick would be a “gut feeling.” That would be wrong, because when you made the pick, the odds that you would get the coal were two out of three, or roughly 67%. The odds that you would get the fortune were roughly 33%. So therefore, while it’s no guarantee, the odds are that you picked a lump of coal. Simple logic would dictate that you change your pick.
What new skill/behavior/practice have you learned due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

“I received my Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certificate during the remote fall semester. The course was 150 hours plus 20 hours of practical experience through the International TEFL Academy. I took the course as I was unable to study in Bologna for the full year and I hope to see Italy either through Dickinson or by teaching English there!”

—Sadie Fowler ‘22 (international studies and educational studies with a minor in Italian)

As for new skills/behaviors since the start of the pandemic last March, I:
• learned how to Zoom proficiently (who hasn’t?!)
• watched several complete operas via the internet
• learned how to oil our cuckoo clock via the internet, then did so
• saw our neighborhood horned owl in our juniper tree while watching comet Neowise
• became a Denver Nuggets fan during the playoffs
• learned how to install a bathroom ceiling fan/heater and replace a toilet wax seal via the internet, then did so
• sold an upright piano on Craigslist
• began selling beautiful mineral specimens on the internet with my son

—Bruce Geller ’77, P’12

“In the summer, I started preserving wildflowers in resin. I have had a lifelong love of flowers and my background in science (environmental studies major) gave me some of the skills I needed for mastering the very exact process. You can check out my work on Instagram @posy.floral or at etsy.com/shop/posyfloral.”

—Dani Shae Thompson ’12

What book, published in the last decade, would you recommend as a must-read and why?

This week I tore through Rebekah Taussig’s Sitting Pretty (published 2020). In it, Taussig weaves together a tapestry about accessibility and representation and ableism by sharing the details that make up her life as a woman who navigates the world by way of wheelchair, and in doing so, she demonstrates that this world is built for some bodies and not for others. She pushes back on the notion that such a category as “able-bodied” really exists, and, instead, argues that we’re all and always traversing between points of strength, dependence, health, pain, illness and resilience. It’s just that some of us can pass for a little bit longer (to the detriment of a world that could make space for all types of bodies and benefit from their unique contributions). While she’s writing specifically from her experience as a disabled woman, the parallels for other marginalized identities seemed impeccably clear. The world is a series of accommodations, unequally distributed. Representation matters—it’s our blueprint for feeling welcome and our assurance that our future is possible. Hierarchies are dangerous. Listening is critical. I’m just scratching the surface of the terribly important, relevant ideas that this book so beautifully, clearly and compellingly conveys.

—Caly McCarthy ’17

My wife, Judy, highly recommends the following books published in the last 10 years that she’s read recently:
• Becoming by Michelle Obama
• Educated by Tara Westover

My son, Ben, really liked:
• The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

—Bruce Geller ’77, P’12

Avery Leslie O’Neill ’80 recommends Gaku’s Question: How Can Everyday People Create Peace? written by her college roommate Betsy Johnston ’80. She invited Betsy to a Zoom book club discussion and highly encourages her fellow Dickinsonians to read this book, encourage friends and family to read it and talk about how we can each create peace every day. (Read more on Page 38.)

Check out this issue’s Your Turn prompt on Page 34.
We’d love to hear from you!
1943 Robert Aronson died Nov. 23. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of Zeta Beta Tau, Debate Society, The Dickinsonian, Omicron Delta Kappa, Union Philosophical Society, Pi Delta Epsilon and the softball and tennis teams. He also earned a J.D. and LL.B. from the University of Pittsburgh. An attorney, he retired as owner of ComTrac, a company unique in the field of computerized transportation management. Later, as a mentor, he listened and guided young people who appeared before him as a mediator for the Palm Beach County court system. Survivors include children Janie, Robert, Lynne, Laurie, Cristine and Andrew and granddaughter Erin Gotsdiner Goldstein ’05.

1956 Carlyn Burgard Snelbaker died Aug. 30. She earned a B.A. and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, French Club and The Dickinsonian. She was a former history teacher at Northern High School in Dillsburg, Pa. She was preceded in death by husband Richard Snelbaker ’55. Survivors include daughters Beth and Alisa.

1957 Richard Biscontini died Sept. 8. He earned a B.A. in political science and was a member of Theta Chi. He also earned a J.D. from Dickinson School of Law. He retired as attorney and president of Biscontini Distribution Center in Kingston, Pa. Survivors include daughter Gianna and son Adrian Biscontini ’06.

1957 Elizabeth Reichle Shaffert died Sept. 7. She earned a B.A. in psychology and was a member of Chi Omega and Wheel & Chain. She also earned an M.S. in education from Castleton State College. She retired as remedial reading teacher from Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union in Brandon, Vt. She was preceded in death by brother Frank Reichle ’54. Survivors include husband Charles Shaffert ’58 and three sons.

1959 Sarah “Sally” Rogers Bright died Nov. 8. As the wife of a United Church of Christ minister, she worked alongside her husband, participating in a wide range of church ministries. She retired from Manheim National Bank in Manheim, Pa. Survivors include children Audrey and Dan.

1960 Lawrence Green died Oct. 9. He earned a B.S. in chemistry and was a member of Beta Theta Pi, Follies, The Dickinsonian and the basketball and tennis teams. He also earned an M.D. from Thomas Jefferson Medical School. He retired from Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland, Pa., where he had been charged with developing its division of neurology. He founded Crozer’s School of Clinical Neurophysiology for the training of EEG technicians and continued serving as its medical director after retirement. Survivors include wife Ann, son Jonathan and brother Harvey Green ’63.

1960 Dorothy Henwood died Sept. 26. She earned a B.A. in English. She also earned an M.S. in education from Siena College. She retired as English teacher from Oneida Middle School in Schenectady, N.Y. She was preceded in death by father Ray Henwood ’26. Survivors include sisters Jean and Carolyn.

1960 Blair Shick died Aug. 26. He earned a B.A. in political science and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, ROTC and The Dickinsonian. He also earned an LL.B. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He held several positions in the field of law, including attorney at Miami Legal Services and assistant director of the National Consumer Law Center of Boston College Law School. He retired as an attorney from Shick & Fierman in Newton Centre, Mass. Survivors include wife Sondra Long Schick ’60 and three children.

1961 Wayne Claeren died Sept. 4. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of Kappa Sigma, Pershing Rifles, ROTC, Mermaid Players, Follies, Belles Lettres Society and Alpha Psi Omega. He also earned an M.A. in history and a Ph.D. in dramatic arts from the University of Pittsburgh. He retired as professor of drama from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala. Survivors include two daughters.

1962 Martha “Penny” Farr Davis died Sept. 10. She earned a B.A. in sociology and was a member of Chi Omega and Follies. She was a former receptionist at Fordham and Quinn Orthodontics in Scranton, Pa. She was preceded in death by father John Farr ’32. Survivors include husband James Davis ’61 and two children.

1964 J. Douglas Arnold died Aug. 28. He earned a B.A. in English and was a member of Sigma Chi, The Dickinsonian, Student Senate, ROTC and the basketball team. He also attended Temple University for a master’s in communications. He was president of Arnold Advertising Corp. in Reading, Pa. Survivors include wife Jean and three children.

1965 Gilbert Henyon died Sept. 15. He earned a B.S. in mathematics and was a member of Physics Club, band, Pershing Rifles, ROTC and Delta Phi Alpha. He also earned an M.S. in statistics from Rutgers University. He retired as statistician from Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, N.J. Survivors include wife Cynthia and two children.

1968 John Ames died March 15. He earned a degree from Penn State. Working as a social worker most of his career, he helped establish the Fairweather Lodges, providing housing for people with mental illnesses. He retired as policy specialist from the Commonwealth of PA Department of Human Services. Survivors include wife Bobbie and two sons.

1968 Gail Shortlidge Arnold died April 26. She earned a B.A. in French and Spanish and was a member of Phi Mu, Follies, Chamber Choir, Pi Delta Phi, Collegium Musicum, College Choir and Sigma Delta Pi. A former manager
in government compliance for CGI Consulting Group Inc. in Malvern, Pa., she worked for Willis North America. She was preceded in death by parents Herschel Shortlidge '34 and Elaine Brown Shortlidge '34. Survivors include daughter Bethany Arnold Mandes '91.

1969 Paul Stasz died Nov. 2. He earned a B.A. in history and was a member of The Dickinsonian, Microcosm and swim team. After a career in risk management at Syracuse University, then Borden Corp. and International Paper Co., he retired from Icahn Enterprises Inc. Survivors include three children.

1973 Andrew “Andy” Levering died Sept. 28. He earned a B.A. in history and political science and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, Raven's Claw and Student Senate. He retired as manufacturer’s representative from Package Materials Corp. in Haddonfield, N.J. Survivors include sons Jeff and Scott.

1976 Annamarie Cammarata died Oct. 4. She earned a B.A. in French. Formerly working in the Little Silver School District in Little Silver, N.J., she worked for the New York State Department of Health. Survivors include daughter Sara.

1977 Mark Davis died Oct. 30. He earned a B.A. in economics and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He was the owner of Carlson Fence Co. Inc. in Hialeah, Fla. Survivors include wife Penny and sons Kyle and Eric.

1978 Mary “Beth” Atwater Rankin died Sept. 30. She earned a B.A. in fine arts. She also earned a master's in fine arts from the University of North Carolina Greensboro, becoming a Visiting Artist of North Carolina. She was a special education teacher in Asheboro and Randolph County, N.C., most recently teaching at Uwharrie Charter Academy. Survivors include husband Bill and two children.

1979 Frederick Schmid died Oct. 12. He earned a B.A. in political science and was a member of the golf team. He worked for Irex Corp. in Lancaster, Pa. Survivors include wife Jeanine Buford and son Will.

1980 Gary Sheaffer died Nov. 9. He earned a B.A. in philosophy, was a Charles Nisbet Scholar and was a member of Belles Lettres Society and Debate Society. He retired as deputy director for Canadian affairs from the Senior Foreign Service with a rank of counselor. Survivors include wife Michelle and mother Adelle.

1980 Beth Gottlieb Trettvet died Oct. 14. She earned a B.A. in psychology and was a member of The Dickinsonian, WDCVF-FM, Follies and Mermaid Players. She also earned an M.A. in administration from Bowling Green State University. A two-time cancer survivor, she served on the board of directors of the New York state and Ontario County chapters of the American Cancer Society. She was a former assistant director of career services at Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y. Survivors include husband Edward and two children.

1982 Anne Nicholas died Oct. 28. She was a member of the swim team. She earned a B.A. in English from Whittier College, an M.A. in journalism and public affairs from American University and an M.A. in international commerce and policy from George Mason University. A former producer and host at C-SPAN in Washington, D.C., she was the director of media and member communications at the International Society of Stem Cell Research. Survivors include husband Charles and mother Elinor.

1983 John Davison died Nov. 17. He earned a B.S. in biology and was a member of the swim team. He also earned an M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He practiced family medicine at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, Va. Survivors include wife Alison Harkless Davison '85 and daughters Emily and Abigail.

1986 M. Elizabeth “Liz” Avila died Aug. 29. She earned a B.A. in international studies. She was a senior manager at Noblis in Falls Church, Va. Survivors include son Danii, parents Hector and Wanda and stepmother Nancy.

1988 Deborah “Deb” Silverberg died Oct. 4, 2019. She earned a B.A. in political science and was a member of The Dickinsonian, College Democrats and WDCVF-FM. She also earned a master's from American University. She was a communications manager for AARP in Washington, D.C. Survivors include mother Nicola, father Herbert and brother David Silverberg '91.

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1995 Elizabeth Forbis Mazurek '83.

Faculty & Friends of the College

Nancy Barley, senior administrative assistant in accounts payable, died Sept. 12. On June 29, she celebrated her 50th anniversary of working at Dickinson, a monumental achievement. Survivors include son Stephen and three sisters.

Fay Barrick, retired housekeeper in facilities management, died Sept. 23. Joining the college in 1985, she retired after 30 years of service. Survivors include husband Harold and five children.

Gladys Cashman, former secretary of the Department of History, died Nov. 5. Joining the college in 1966, she retired after 29 years of service. She returned in 1996, supporting various academic departments until 2003. She was a member of the Seniors of Old Bellaire and member and past officer of the former Mary Dickinson Club. Survivors include sons William and Thomas.

Yates Forbis, associate professor emeritus in library services, died Oct. 20. Joining the college in 1965, he retired after 21 years. During his tenure, he oversaw the construction of Boyd Lee Spahr Library, consulting with architects and designers. He administered the “book walk,” where members of the Dickinson community moved the entire library collection from Bosler Hall to the new library. He also oversaw the installation of word processors, searchable databases and computer applications. Survivors include wife Ida and children John and Elizabeth Forbis Mazurek '83.

Margaret Ann “Peggy” Davenport Garrett, former dean and assistant professor of English, died Oct. 29. During her tenure, she created and directed the continuing education department and established the Nisbet Scholars. She played an important role in securing project and endowment grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and with her encouragement and assistance, the college created the First-Year Seminar program. Survivors include husband Professor Emeritus of History Clarke Garrett and daughters Amy, Susan and Margaret.

James Shughart, former member of Dickinson’s grounds crew, died Sept. 20. Joining Dickinson in 1977, he retired in 2007 after 30 years. Survivors include wife Linda Boyles Shughart, a former member of Dickinson’s cleaning staff.