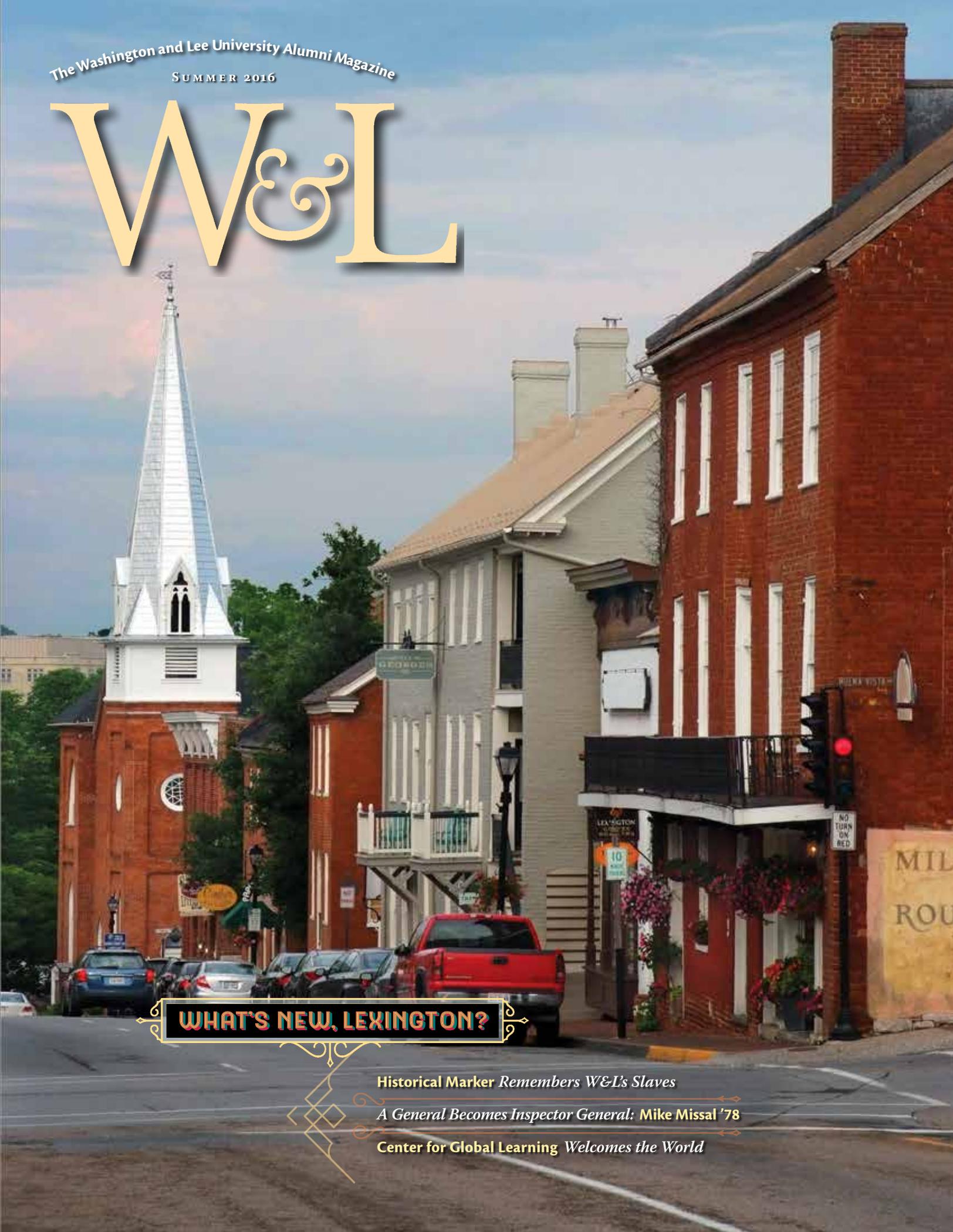


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## Remembering Departed Friends

The Winter/Spring 2016 issue is the best I can recall. The sadness of the losses of Bob Huntley, Frank Parsons, Sid Coulling and Louis Hodges was balanced by the inspirational quality of the memorial articles. And the coverage of newly elected president Will Dudley was spectacular. (On the seemingly insubstantial side, his tie in the cover photo was, in my opinion, an important statement from him.) Best regards, and keep 'em coming.

**Milburn Noell '51, '54L**

Professor Coulling was my advisor. I took every class he offered and enjoyed every one of them. He embodied the W&L ideals of honor, integrity, humility and excellence in scholarship. He was a brilliant man and an excellent teacher. He taught me much more than literature and writing. He taught me to appreciate learning and to strive for excellence in my work at college and beyond. My career as a lawyer has been enhanced by the lessons and skills I learned from Professor Coulling. It was my honor to be one of his students for four years of my life, and all of us connected with the university should be thankful for his long and distinguished service to Washington and Lee.

**James R. Shoemaker '79, '82L**

As I read the issue, my emotions crossed many boundaries, from joy to pure sadness. This magazine, perhaps more than any other, turned the page on the recent history of W&L and set the stage for a new era. Bob Huntley was a giant among the great W&L presidents. I remember him asking our class at several reunions our opinion of several difficult issues. I recall clearly my freshman English class with this tall distinguished gentleman. His name was Sidney Coulling. Beyond being a great teacher and friend, Dr. Coulling was, as former president John Wilson said, the "heart and soul" of W&L.

Then I see that Frank Parsons, the go guy for so many things during my time at W&L and since, has died. He was always there and always helping folks. Finally, we lost Dr. Louis Hodges, my very favorite professor. I did a paper on Mahatma Gandhi, and as I turned it in I naively asked Dr. Hodges, "Do you think Gandhi went to heaven?" Dr. Hodges looked up from his desk through those giant black-rimmed glasses and said, "Holaday, why don't you let God worry about that." And yet, the magazine had many joyous stories about the Mock Convention, good deeds by students, start-up companies, a great student-athlete turned M.D., and perhaps most important, the story of our soon-to-be president, Will Dudley.

**J. Mac Holladay '67**

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Instilling in me a love of Romantic poets, Dr. Coulling awed me as well, delivering a lecture on Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus," which he ended noting that the devil came for Faustus at the stroke of midnight, his words coinciding with the ringing of W&L's class bell. The timing was perfect and the lecture compelling, in part because in that class, as in most, it seemed, Dr. Coulling delivered his message from memory. In a more daunting class, Economics 101, Dr. Gunn asked me what I was getting in English, and I told him I was earning a B. In the days before grade inflation, I was truly earning that mark, and Dr. Gunn noted that if I could get a B in Dr. Coulling's class, I should get at least that grade in Econ. I took at least one more Coulling course, majored in English, and now I teach English and hope my students will eventually appreciate Blake and Wordsworth. But when I think of Dr. Coulling, I am as likely to remember his inviting English majors to his home for a pre-Christmas celebration. That he was interested in sharing time and eggnog with the likes of us made me realize Dr. Coulling, unlike Faustus, had a bargain with the angels.

**Bob Campbell '80**

I was greatly saddened to see that Lou Hodges has passed. I was very fortunate to have been in the first class he taught at W&L, Old Testament History and Literature. I thought this would be an unusual experience since Lou came from what might be thought of as a somewhat fundamentalist Christian background. As I am Jewish, I would from time to time offer a different interpretation of some particular thing he might be lecturing on, or perhaps a correction in

the pronunciation of a Hebrew word he was referring to. After a while, he would look at me out of the corner of his eye while lecturing to see if I would nod or shake my head in regard to some particular point. It came to be a bit of a joke between us. I was an officer of Phi Epsilon Pi, one of the two Jewish fraternities on campus. I recruited Lou to become our faculty advisor. Lou was simply a great guy, and I miss him.

**Edward A. Brown '62**

### Farewell to a Retiree

I write in salute to the career and service of Scott Beebe, from Facilities Management. A good friend to the university has moved off her rolls, and I am sad to see him go. From those couple of years we worked on the Fraternity Renaissance together, I am, and will remain, awe-filled by the time and attention he lent personally to all of the nagging minutiae and each of the nagging alumni who delivered them. Twenty-something years later, Scott was the point man for a most ambitious solar energy project that has brought global accolades and carbon offsets galore to an otherwise unsuspecting zip code. There are likely another hundred capital projects to his credit, each of them as complex and challenging as the next, each of them delivering benefit to our students. The sum of his efforts on our behalf makes for a most impressive catalog of accomplishment. He has my heartfelt thanks and hearty congratulations.

**Andrew J. Dewing '84**

### Mock Con

In response to the letter from Laura Perry '97 in the Winter/Spring 2016

issue, we respectfully submit the results of the actual Republican primaries to date (May 16, 2016). Ted Cruz and John Kasich, Donald Trump's last credible challengers for the nomination, dropped after dismal showings in Indiana. Trump has earned 1,147 delegates, according to CNN, and as of this writing is well on his way to the GOP nomination. These results have vindicated Mock Convention's approach to the prediction. The political team, from the national analysts to the state chairs, has poured its time and efforts into making sure this prediction is correct. It is misinformed to suggest that we have looked only at polls, as the letter incorrectly indicated. In addition to polling results, data points included contacts in each state, national political pundits, an analysis of campaign ground games and hired staff, endorsements, and funds raised by each campaign, not to mention the actual results in Iowa and New Hampshire, which were known at the time of the prediction. We students approached our job with the objective goal of predicting the GOP nominee. We are confident we have successfully upheld Mock Convention's record of unmatched excellence for another cycle.

**Kevin Ortiz '16**  
**Matt Kinderman '16**  
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### Correction

Our apologies to William F. Connelly Jr., the John K. Boardman Professor of Politics and director of the Washington Term Program. We misspelled his name in our coverage of Mock Con.



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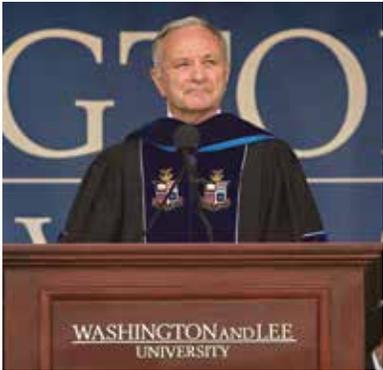
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*Farewell, Class of 2016*

On May 25 and 26, at the Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies, W&L wished the Class of 2016 well and sent the new alumni on their way. The 444 members of the class hail from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and 12 other countries. Among the graduates were 14 who earned both a B.A. and a B.S. They earned degrees in 34 majors. Nearly a third of the class completed more than one major, with two students completing three majors, and 35 percent of the class completing at least one minor. **Michael Watkins Holt** was named valedictorian for his perfect 4.0 grade-point average, while earning a B.S. in mathematics and computer science and top honors as a tennis player.





In his 10th and final Commencement address, **President Ken Ruscio '76** told the graduates, "Civility matters. It makes possible conversations and debates where the purpose is to understand, not to prevail. Civility is the mark of those who have something to say, but can respect others who also have something to say."



The winners of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, **Tierney Wolgemuth '16** (left) and **Paqui Toscano '17** (center) were selected by the faculty for that honor because they best demonstrate high ideals of living, spiritual qualities and generous service to others. **Lauren R. Howard '16** (right) spoke on behalf of the Class of 2016 as its representative to the Executive Committee of the Student Body.



After delivering the Baccalaureate address, **Elizabeth P. Knapp '90** (center) chatted with her father, Lt. Gen. John Knapp (left), and President Ken Ruscio '76 (right). She is W&L's associate provost, the director of the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity, and a professor of geology.



The university awarded an honorary degree to **Robert C. Vaughan III '66**, president and founding director of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.



*Staff retirees who attended the Employee Recognition Banquet on April 12. Front, l. to r.: Sarah Tschiggfrie, Isca King, Gail Nicely, Chris Wise. Back, l. to r.: Wendy Richards, Scott Beebe, Berkeley Harner, Hank Humphreys, Barbara Woolston, Ed Kibler, Janet Mayo, Andrew Davis, John Hufnagel, Thomas "Baner" Bane.*

## Hats Off to Our Retirees

In all kinds of ways, these retiring colleagues took care of things on campus. They took care of our buildings and grounds, news stories, Lee Chapel, athletic facilities and gear, labs, mail, donors, dining services, new construction, energy resources, departments, library, technology, and — especially — our students. We wish them all a happy and productive retirement.

### STAFF RETIREES



**Henry Alderman**, Carpenter, Facilities Management, 1984–2016

**Thomas "Baner" Bane**, Equipment Assistant, P.E., Athletics and Recreation, 1972–2015

**Scott Beebe**, Director of Energy Initiatives, 1975–2016

**Jan Bivens**, Administrative Assistant, Admissions, 1988–2016

**Kay Bostic**, Sergeant, Shift Supervisor, Public Safety, 2004–2016

**Connie Bowden**, Administrative Assistant, Admissions, 2001–2016

**Tom Contos**, Architect, University Planner, University Architect's Office, 1999–2016

**Andrew Davis**, Grounds Worker, P.E., Athletics and Recreation, 2006–2016

**Lloyd Goad**, Technology Integration Specialist, Information Technology Services, 1999–2016

**Berkeley Harner**, Assistant Director, Copying and Mail Services, Copy Services, 1996–2015

**John Hufnagel**, Senior Biology Technical Manager, Biology Department, 1983–2016

**H. "Hank" Humphreys**, Director of Gift Planning, University Development, 1999–2016

**Eddie Irvine**, Facilities and Equipment Coordinator, P.E., Athletics and Recreation, 1988–2015

**Ed Kibler**, Technology Integration Specialist, Information Technology Services, 1996–2016

**Isca King**, Cashier/Supervisor, Marketplace, 1997–2015

**Pat Larew**, Event Coordinator/Membership Secretary, Lee Chapel and Museum, 1963–2015

**Janet Mayo**, Custodian, Facilities Management, 1998–2015

**Gail Nicely**, Acknowledgement and Records Specialist, University Development, 1993–2015

**Wendy Richards**, Senior Library Assistant, University Library, 1994–2016

**Sarah Tschiggfrie**, News Director, Communications and Public Affairs, 2006–2016

**Mike Walsh**, Special Assistant to the Vice President of Advancement, University Development, 1989–2015

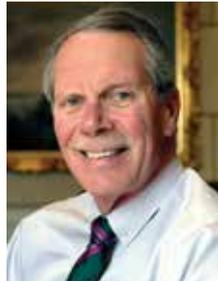
**Chris Wise**, Environmental Management Coordinator, 1988–2016

**Barbara Woolston**, Head Nurse, Student Health Services, 1992–2016

## FACULTY RETIREES



**Larry Boetsch '69**, Professor of Romance Languages, Director of the Center for International Education, Interim President, 1976–2016



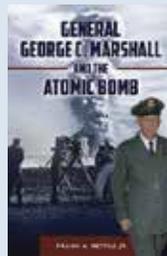
**Miriam Carlisle**, Associate Professor of Classics, 2000–2016



## FACULTY BOOKS AND CD



**Ellen Mayock**, the Ernest Williams II Professor of Romance Languages, “Gender Shrapnel in the Academic Workplace” (Palgrave Macmillan). From the publisher’s website: “This book employs the image of ‘shrapnel,’ bits of scattered metal that can hit purposeful targets or unwitting bystanders, to narrate the story of workplace power and gender discrimination. The project interweaves stories of gender shrapnel with an examination of national rhetoric surrounding business, education, and law to uncover underlying phenomena that contribute to discourse on privilege and gender in the academic workplace. Using concrete examples that serve as case studies for subsequent discussion of data about women in the workforce, language use and misuse, sexual harassment, silence and shutting up, and hiring, training, promotion, and the glass ceiling, Mayock explores the deeper implications of gender inequity in the workplace.”



**Frank A. Settle Jr.**, professor emeritus of chemistry, “General George C. Marshall and the Atomic Bomb” (Praeger). From the publisher’s website:

“The atomic bomb is not only the most powerful weapon ever used in the history of warfare: it is also the most significant in terms of its long-term impact on U.S. military power and policy, and as the reason behind the conflict that raged for four decades without actually happening — the Cold War.

“Gen. George C. Marshall played an instrumental role in the development and use of the atomic bomb in World War II as well as in issues involving nuclear weapons in the post-World War II period. This book tells the story of Marshall’s experience with the atomic bomb from his early skepticism of its effectiveness as a weapon, to his oversight of its development and deployment against Japan in World War II, to his recognition of the bomb as a weapon of such dire consequence that it should never be used again.”



**Terry Vosbein**, professor of music, “La Chanson Française” (Max Frank Music). The music includes a dozen classic songs that originated in France, interpreted and swung by a jazz nonet.

Vosbein, who has spent extended periods living and composing in Paris, said, “Piaf, Breil, Trenet and Aznavour were as much a part of my experiences as Hemingway, Picasso and Stravinsky. Each day as I strolled through that magical city I would hear their songs, from street musicians, from club performers, from whistling pedestrians. For this project I set out to recast those familiar melodies in a cool jazz mold, retaining the spirit of the originals, but embedding them with my own swinging vision.”



Participants in the April 5 ceremony listen to Ted DeLaney before taking their turns at the microphone. L. to r.: MaKayla Lorick, John Juneau, Tammi Simpson, Marquita Dunn, Teddy Corcoran, Elizabeth Mugo.

## A Difficult, Yet Undeniable, History

In April, Washington and Lee dedicated a historical marker that recognizes slaves who were owned by the university, and hosted a meeting of a consortium of schools that are addressing the role of slavery in their individual histories.

BY LINDSEY NAIR

**O**n April 5, Washington and Lee introduced a permanent historical marker on campus that recognizes the African-Americans who were owned by the school for three decades prior to the Civil War.

At the ceremony to dedicate the marker, President Ken Ruscio '76 said that Washington and Lee is an institution built on almost three centuries of history, and the story of these enslaved persons, while uncomfortable to contemplate, is one that must be told "as carefully and as completely as we tell all those stories about this institution."

"Somehow we have to try to come to terms with those parts of our past that we wish had never

happened, those events that we have come to regret," Ruscio told the crowd gathered on the Colonnade in the late afternoon sun. "We tell them so that we may learn from them. Today we are taking an important step, but only a step, in meeting this obligation as we introduce this historical marker."

In 1826, the 84 individuals whose names are listed on the marker were bequeathed to Washington College by "Jockey" John Robinson, a prominent Rockbridge County landowner. A history honors thesis by Emma Burris-Janssen '07 first told their story.

The marker, located in a new memorial garden alongside Robinson Hall, consists of a narrative titled "A Difficult, Yet Undeniable, History," flanked by reproductions of two lists

from W&L's Special Collections and Archives. The documents include the names of the women, men, boys and girls, as well as their ages and appraised value. The lists also include information such as whether the people had been hired out by Washington College to members of the community.

In 1836, the college sold the majority of the 67 enslaved persons whom it still owned to a Lynchburg man. It sold others over the following two decades, and the school still owned three elderly, incapacitated individuals as late as 1857.

It is heartbreaking, said Ruscio, to see the names of these persons, on what are essentially inventories that include their monetary value. "We

must ask ourselves how this could ever have happened,” he continued. “We wonder how reasonable people could have ever believed that it was acceptable to claim ownership of another human person. We wonder how the men who led this institution not only tolerated slavery but used these enslaved men and women to help maintain and fund a college. We must confront the knowledge that our institution has a history connected with the injustice of slavery.”

As part of the ceremony, Anthony Adams '16 read a poem suggested by Lesley Wheeler, the Henry S. Fox Professor of English, in consultation with the faculty of the W&L Center for Poetic Research: “at the cemetery, walnut grove plantation, south carolina, 1989,” by the African-American poet Lucille Clifton.

Teddy Corcoran '16, Associate Professor of History Ted DeLaney '85, Dining Services' Marquita Dunn, John Juneau '18, MaKayla Lorick '19, Elizabeth Mugo '19 and Associate Dean of Students Tammi Simpson '91 spoke aloud the names listed on the historical marker.

Mugo found the event, and hearing the names read aloud, “really moving and necessary.”

“While I was reading the names, it was so hard to accept the fact that these people were treated like property at one point in time, but they're people,” she said. “Also, I think it's great that they're getting recognition. Far too often, people forget that this school didn't pop out of the ground. There were people who built this place, and now we're making steps to acknowledge these facts.”

Ruscio said that the marker is but one necessary step on a continuing journey to discover and tell an honest, unflinching version of the university's past. “We know that there are many other stories still to be told. So this is not a time to congratulate ourselves for recognizing this moment in our history. Instead, we must see this as part of an ongoing — and long overdue — effort to tell the history of Washington and Lee courageously and completely, and to learn from it, and to always strive to make it a better institution, more just and truly respectful of all individuals.”

## Getting the Conversation Going

Three days after the dedication, a small group of visitors toured the campus, murmuring appreciatively as the Colonnade, set in a landscape of verdant spring grass and flowering trees, rose into view.

Tours of the campus are not uncommon, but the group on April 8 had a special purpose. It included representatives from colleges and universities who had traveled to Lexington for a meeting of Universities Studying Slavery (USS).

The visitors were particularly interested in seeing the marker, which is one example of how institutions are addressing issues such as ownership of slaves; profit from the sale of slaves; and buildings, statues and other physical monuments to slaveholders and segregationists who helped to shape the direction of those schools.

The collective, established in 2015, grew out of the President's Commission on Slavery and the University (PCSU) at the University of Virginia. The original group, Virginia's Colleges and Universities Studying Slavery, consisted of five Virginia colleges, including W&L; last summer, three members of the Working Group on the History of African-Americans at Washington and Lee attended the inaugural meeting. Membership has since grown to include several other state institutions as well as Georgetown University, the University of North Carolina, the University of Mis-

issippi and the University of South Carolina.

“Although the university's involvement with slavery is only one of our working group's activities, it's clearly a very important element of our work thus far,” said Elizabeth Knapp '90, W&L's associate provost and chair of the W&L working group. “By combining the research that we've been doing within our group with the conversations that we have had with the representatives of other colleges, we're better able to formulate our own thoughts about what future steps we might take in examining and recognizing this part of Washington and Lee's history.”

Kelley Deetz, research associate for the PCSU at the University of Virginia, said the consortium is going to be a “very strong machine” in promoting difficult discussions about slavery and assisting institutions as they unpack their history.

“These are very complicated issues that we are dealing with, both the history of slavery and how we choose to remember them,” Deetz said, “so I feel like this consortium is going to be a very strong think tank, if you will, to move these conversations forward.”

In recent months, the drumbeat for colleges and universities to acknowledge these chapters of their past has steadily risen to a roar, with articles about the topic appearing in higher education news and the broader media. Schools that have recently announced decisions about



The new historical marker on campus.

the memorialization of slaves — and segregationists — include Princeton, Yale, Clemson, Brown and the University of Louisville.

Like any divisive issue, these decisions have been met with a variety of reactions from students, alumni and the community. Some have expressed appreciation and gratitude that schools are acknowledging the past, while others have felt that efforts have missed the mark or have not been enough.

The members of USS recognize that they are on uneven ground. Said U.Va's Deetz, "All of us here have joined this cause because we're passionate about this, and we're all dedicated. We're going up against neo-Confederates, we're going up against hundreds of years of systemic racism. . . . We have a sort of gang of academics, of activists and people that are willing to step up and take this risk, coming together and being brave enough to push back and to do things that have not been allowed in the history of our universities."

At the April meeting, representatives from Georgetown University, the College of William & Mary, the University of Virginia and Roanoke College talked about some of the projects that are underway or being considered at their schools.

The University of Virginia has uncovered an African-American cemetery on its grounds. It has also dedicated a dorm and a tree to enslaved people and is working on a heritage trail that would allow visitors to take a self-guided tour of interpretive spaces and other sites linked to the history of slavery.

At Georgetown, that university's working group has grappled with the issue of two buildings on campus that were named after Jesuit priests who sold 272 slaves in 1838, reported David Collins, an associate professor and director of doctoral studies there. The group has given the halls interim names — Freedom Hall and Remembrance Hall.

"If we're going to do this in the manner of a university — not box up a statue, like in front of the Montgomery County [Maryland] Courthouse, and ship it away and have no discussion about it — then it's going



Members of the W&L community examine the historical marker after the April 5 ceremony.

to take time, and we have to facilitate conversation," he said.

Several years ago, William & Mary established the Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation, which is examining the relationship between African-Americans and the college. They are developing a national competition to create a memorial to the free and enslaved African-Americans who built the historic campus, said Jody Allen, the project's co-chair and managing director. The Lemon Project has also spurred a special course, guest speakers, community forums and more.

At Roanoke College, faculty and students are researching the slaves who lived in quarters behind a house that the college acquired several years ago, said that institution's history professors Mark Miller and Whitney Leeson. They are also working to learn more about the enslaved people who helped build the school's front range.

At Washington and Lee, students and professors continue to dig into the university's history, with resources provided by a Mellon Grant on History in the Public Sphere. This summer, Professor Ted DeLaney, with assistance from MaKayla Lorick '19 and Jerry Schexnayder '18, is conducting some of that research, which will

help fuel ideas and inform decisions.

As the panel members highlighted work at their institutions, it was clear that no two schools are identical in terms of how slavery has impacted their past, and no two schools are addressing that history in the same way. It is also clear that although efforts have been made in the form of memorials, symposiums, archaeological digs, historical research and guest speakers, there is still much to be done. Groups such as Universities Studying Slavery can have a profound impact on how these decisions unfold.

"There are a lot of things we can do as people in higher education to get the conversation going," U.Va's Deetz said. "Just like plantation scholars of slavery work together and network on collaborative research, universities should be doing the same thing."

*To read more about the history of African-Americans at W&L, including the documents that are reproduced on the historical marker, visit [go.wlu.edu/af-am-timeline](http://go.wlu.edu/af-am-timeline).*

*To learn more about Universities Studying Slavery, visit [slavery.virginia.edu](http://slavery.virginia.edu).*

# W&L Law Releases 2015 Graduate Employment Report

Washington and Lee University School of Law has released a report on employment rates for its Class of 2015. Data from the Office of Career Strategy show another year of strong growth in employment over previous years. The report measures employment 10 months after graduation.

**“I credit our students for working with our office and putting the time and energy into their job searches that lead to great employment opportunities. Our alumni and other employers continue to assist in all phases of our students’ career development and are a tremendous asset to our students and recent graduates.”**

**—CLIFF JARRETT ’91L,  
ASSISTANT DEAN  
FOR CAREER STRATEGY**

According to the report, 85 percent of the Class of 2015 has secured a full-time job that either requires a J.D. degree or for which a J.D. degree is preferred. The overall employment rate for the class, including all employment types and graduate school, is over 90 percent.

“This is really great news for our students,” said Cliff Jarrett ’91L, assistant dean for career strategy. “I credit our students for working with our office and putting the time and energy into their job searches that lead to great employment opportunities. Our alumni and other employers continue to assist in all phases of our students’ career development and are a tremendous asset to our students and recent graduates.”

The employment report, available at [law.wlu.edu/about-wandl-law/](http://law.wlu.edu/about-wandl-law/)

## CLASS OF 2015 — WHERE THEY ARE

The class is employed in 29 states and one foreign country. Top destinations are Virginia, Washington, DC, New York and California.



## 2015 BAR PASSAGE

	Virginia	New York	Nationwide
W&L	91.5%	93%	90%
National Avg.	76%	70%	72%

*aba-required-disclosures*, was prepared in accordance with requirements of the American Bar Association and includes summary data about the employment status of the 174 graduates in the Class of 2015, the largest graduating class in the school’s history.

The report does not count as employed those graduates with deferred start dates, such as Brendan McHugh ’15L, who postponed his start date with the Philadelphia law firm Drinker Biddle so he could train for the 2016 Summer Olympics. McHugh, a standout collegiate swimmer at the University of Pennsylvania, is the U.S. Open record holder in the 50-meter breaststroke. All other students with deferred start dates already have started or will be in full-time, long-term, bar-required positions.

If students with start dates after the 10-month ABA window are included, Jarrett notes the overall employment rate for the Class of 2015 is 94 percent.

“Brendan’s story is just one of several from this class of an employed student who is not reflected in our report,” says Jarrett.

“In most cases, these uncounted students are doing exactly what they want to meet their career objectives.”

The report shows graduates working in a diverse range of jobs. Fifty percent are heading to law firms, and nearly a quarter of those will be working for Big Law, typically firms with over 500 lawyers. Thirty percent are working in government, 11 percent in business or industry, and 9 percent in public interest jobs such as legal aid offices.

One particular area of strength for the Washington and Lee School of Law has always been placement in federal and state clerkships, and this remains the case for the Class of 2015. Nineteen percent of those employed are clerking, including placements in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the Delaware Supreme Court and several federal district courts.

The 2015 graduates are employed in 29 states and one foreign country, South Korea. The top geographic areas for employment are Virginia, the District of Columbia and New York, followed by California, Delaware and West Virginia.

# 2015-16: The Generals' Year in Review

BY CHIP WHIPPLE



**Ron Tassoni '16** earned the Pres Brown Award as the top male athlete at W&L, after one of the most impressive **wrestling** careers in program history. He finished as W&L's all-time wins leader with a 97-43 record. This year, he finished third at the NCAA East Regional, becoming W&L's first NCAA national championship qualifier since 2001.



**Women's swimmer Stephanie Foster '16** earned All-ODAC honors in all four seasons and garnered the ODAC/Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award following each of her final three years. Foster earned the Pres Brown Award as the top senior female athlete at W&L, and leaves the program as a part of two record-holding relays (200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay).



In 2016, **Tommy Thetford '18** won two individual NCAA national championships in **men's swim-ming**. He claimed the titles in the 100 freestyle (43.41) and the 200 freestyle (1:36.87). He became the sixth swimmer in program history to claim a national title, and the first to win two in the same year since John Hudson '78, in 1976.

On its way to the 2015 ODAC championship, the **football team** finished with the school's first undefeated regular season in 54 years and set a school record for wins by going 10-1 overall. W&L fell in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament to undefeated Thomas More. **Michael LaSala '17** earned Third Team All-America laurels from D3football.com.



The **women's cross country team** won its 15th title in the program's 30th season during 2015. **Samantha Yates '19** earned the Rookie of the Year honor. Yates and **Maggie Seybold '19** went on to finish in the Top 7 at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional and qualified for the NCAA championship.



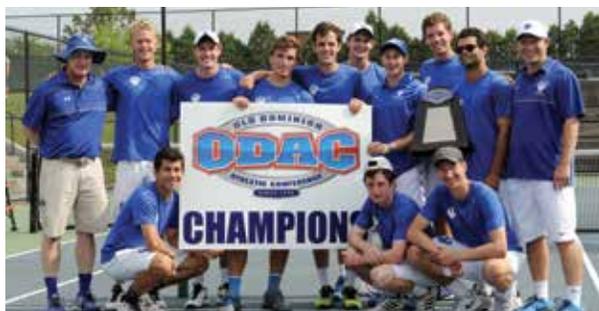
**Men's soccer** went 16-4-2 overall and 10-0-1 in the league to claim its first ODAC title since 2000. The Generals advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, losing to Haverford 2-1. **Ben Bayles '16** was named the conference's Player of the Year, and **Patrick Barry '17** and **Gillen Beck '18** joined him on the all-region team.



The **men's cross country team** claimed the ODAC title in 2015, besting Bridgewater by two points. The victory marked the first for W&L since the 2007 season. **Mac Strehler '17** earned the ODAC/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete of the Year honor. Strehler and **Levi Warring '16** went on to earn all-region honors at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional.



The **men's and women's swimming teams** continued to dominate ODAC competition. Both teams claimed conference championships, which marked the ninth in a row for the women's team and the second straight for the men. The two teams sent a combined six athletes to the NCAA championship, with **Tommy Thetford '18** and **Emily Rollo '17** earning All-America accolades.



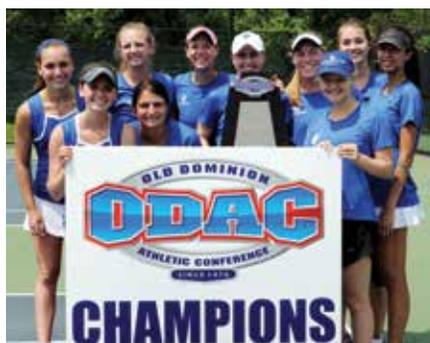
**Men's tennis** won its seventh straight conference championship and finished the season with a 16-9 overall record. The Generals went 9-1 in the ODAC, but avenged their lone conference loss by defeating Virginia Wesleyan 5-2 in the ODAC championship match. W&L advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.



**Men's lacrosse** went 16-4 overall and 8-1 in the ODAC, which included a nine-game win streak midway through the season. The Generals went on to win their 10th ODAC championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. **A.J. Witherell '19** was named the ODAC Rookie of the Year, and was selected as the W&L Outstanding First-Year Male Athlete.



The **men's golf team** not only claimed the program's first ODAC championship since 2009, but also went on to finish in a tie for third at the NCAA national championship. The third-place showing marked the best finish in program history. **Conley Hurst '17** ended the national championship in a tie for fourth place, just two shots behind the individual medalist.



The **women's tennis team** claimed its 14th straight ODAC championship, while finishing the year with a 19-6 overall mark and a 10-0 record in league play. The team advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, falling to top-ranked Emory. **Tessa Hill '19** and **Brooke Donnelly '17** went on to qualify for the NCAA singles and doubles championship.



The **women's lacrosse team** won its seventh straight ODAC championship and notched a perfect 9-0 conference record. The Generals went 13-6 overall and advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament. **Haley Tucker '19** was named the Rookie of the Year and W&L Outstanding First-Year Female Athlete, and was joined on the all-region team by **Parker Hamill '17** and **Melissa Coggins '16**.



The university cheered on May 13 when the past and current directors of International Education — Larry Boetsch '69 (second from left) and Mark Rush (second from right) — officially opened the Center for Global Learning with a snip of the giant scissors. President Ken Ruscio (left) and Rector Don Childress '70 (right) held up their end of the bargain.

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## Center for Global Learning: A Place of Distinction

BY DREWRY SACKETT '93

Washington and Lee's new Center for Global Learning began as a vision nearly a decade ago, a concept for a space that would embody W&L's evolving global studies program. That vision is now a reality, manifested in brick and mortar, contemporary design and cutting-edge technology.

The building was officially dedicated on May 13, with a ceremony that included remarks from Rector J. Donald Childress '70, President Ken Ruscio '76, and Mark Rush, the director of International Education and the Stanley D. and Nikki Waxberg Professor of Politics and Law.

"Not only does the mere presence of such a space signal to everyone the importance we place on this element of the curriculum," said Ruscio at the dedication, "it also serves as a clear signal to our students about the critical importance of a global perspective as they prepare for the lives of consequence we hope and know they will lead in the world."

The facility, which combines 8,600 square feet of renovated duPont Hall with 17,700 square feet of new space, houses classrooms, seminar rooms and instructional labs, and offices for language departments, visiting international

scholars and the Office of International Education. Among the new teaching facilities are global discovery laboratories, where innovative resources can be used to harness the expertise of scholars across the globe, and to promote the study of geography, ecology and the environment.

In addition, a large glass-walled atrium and adjoining garden and courtyard flow seamlessly, bringing the outdoors in, encouraging student-faculty interaction, and providing a venue for special events. The first classes were held in the renovated duPont space beginning in the winter term despite ongoing construction on the back of the building.

"We wanted to create a space like none other on campus, contemporary but still very elegant and approachable," said Carole Bailey, the university's senior project manager. "Students are loving it so far."

While the building itself is impressive, several of its most significant characteristics are more subtle. Servers and cables, for example, are neatly tucked out of sight behind walls and in discreet closets. This new technology provides students and faculty with connectivity to the world at large, through easy-to-use video conferencing equipment in the

classrooms and a state-of-the-art multiplex in the atrium. The multiplex features nine integrated screens, mounted on back-lit, perforated cherry paneling, that have the potential to simultaneously display content from nine individual feeds from around the world.

Other noteworthy characteristics of the building are also hidden in plain view: in the beautifully landscaped outdoor plaza, in the flexibility of the rooms and common areas, in the meticulously selected materials and décor, and even in the shape of the building's corridors.

"When you come to this part of campus, you start a journey," said Larry Boetsch '69, retiring professor of Romance languages and the former director of International Education. "Like a river, everything is curved and winding, with wide sections and narrow sections. The narrow sections naturally pull people together, where they engage with one another, leading to collaboration." In those narrows are strategically placed seating areas, where students, faculty and visiting scholars are drawn to sit and linger.

Flexible classroom layouts are more accessible and allow faculty to experiment with new ways of teaching and connecting. Common areas also provide flexibility, with furniture that moves around to create nooks and crannies,

and interesting places for members of the campus community to gather in a casual environment. The Tea House, which is scheduled to open in the building's atrium in the fall, will also draw people to the far north end of campus.

"This corner of campus has been transformed," said Rush. "I'm excited to see what sort of gathering place the building becomes."

All of this adds up to much more than just a building. "It was truly intended to be a place of distinction on campus, to bring people together across all departments, and to provide a global perspective," Boetsch said. As described in a quote from Jorge Luis Borges' "The Aleph," which served as an anchor during the construction process, continually connecting the project back to the vision, the Center for Global Learning is indeed a "place

where, without admixture or confusion, all the places of the world, seen from every angle, coexist."

"Global learning is for us not just a phrase, not just a trend, not just a building," said Ruscio. "It is an essential part of a Washington and Lee education. It will happen throughout the campus, and indeed throughout the world, but especially here in this splendid new space."

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—President Ken P. Ruscio '76

## W&L BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADDS THREE MEMBERS

*The Washington and Lee University Board of Trustees welcomed three new members on May 13, during its spring meeting on campus in Lexington.*



**John P. Case III '86**, of Rancho Santa Fe, California, is the CEO of Realty Income Corp., a NYSE-listed commercial real estate company based in San Diego.

He graduated from W&L with a B.A. in economics and from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business in 1992 with an M.B.A. As a student, Case

belonged to the Student Recruitment Committee and to Phi Delta Theta fraternity, serving as its treasurer. As an alumnus, he serves as a guest lecturer at the Williams School, on the host committee for the Real Estate Forum, and on the Parents Leadership Council, and has been an interviewer for the Alumni Admissions Program. Case and his wife, Anne, have two children, Elizabeth '18 and Jack '20.

**William M. Toles '92, '95L**, of Dallas, is a partner with the law firm Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitullo LLP.

A history and broadcast journalism major, Toles has

served on the W&L Alumni Board, as president of the Dallas Alumni Chapter, as president of the Law Council and as chair of the Law Annual Fund. He serves as a law class agent and as a member of the Dallas Chapter AAP Committee. While a student, Toles was an honor advocate, the secretary of the Executive Committee and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.



**Andrea K. Wahlquist '95L**, of New York City, is a partner at the law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

She holds a B.A. in English language and literature from the University of Virginia (1992). As a law student, Wahlquist served as editor in chief of the Environmental Law

Digest, a publication of the Virginia State Bar Association, and of W&L's Law News. She serves her alma mater as a member of the Law Council.



STUDENTS

Three members of the Class of 2019 — **Yo Han (John) Ahn**, **Josie Anker** and **Skyler Zunk** — have been selected as Kemper Scholars. They will receive scholarship assistance and summer project stipends, attend the Kemper Scholars Conference, perform a summer internship at a Chicago-area major non-profit organization, and have paid summer internships with the Kemper Corp.

**Athena (Yue) Cao '16** won first place for feature writing (small school division) in the Society of Professional Journalists' national Mark of Excellence Awards for college journalists.

**Anna Paden Carson '16** won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Colombia, where she will teach English at a public college or university and pursue an internship or volunteer work.

**Elliot Emadian '17** received a tuition scholarship to attend the American Dance Festival's six-week school this summer.

The student-led **Habitat for Humanity campus chapter** received a \$5,000 matching grant from State

Farm, the national corporate sponsor of Habitat's youth programs.

**Carolyn Holtzman '16** was a national finalist in general news (small school division) in the Society of Professional Journalists' national Mark of Excellence Awards for college journalists.

**Ijezie Ikwuezunma '16** won a Fulbright research grant to the United Kingdom for his project, "Cardiovascular Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacokinetics of Warfarin (an oral anti-coagulant)." He will conduct research while pursuing an MRes (masters of research) in biomedical sciences and transnational medicine at the University of Liverpool.

**Meera Kumar '16** received a Fulbright research grant to India for her project, "Artistic Depiction and Womanhood in Village Bengal."

**Paqui Toscano '17** received a Beinecke Scholarship for graduate study. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in English with a specialty in contemporary American literature.

**Viet Linh "Chris" Tran '17** won a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant to establish a music program, "Music Brings Light," for blind students in his

home city of Hanoi, Vietnam.

**Clare Wilkinson '17** won a Goldwater Scholarship, which promotes research careers in science, mathematics and engineering.

**Hannah Wilson '16** received a Princeton in Asia Fellowship to support transformative, service-oriented experiences in Asia.

**Patrick Wright '16** received a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals Fellowship for study and internship experience in Germany.

**Charlie Zachariades '16** received an R&A Ransome Scholarship for a one-year master's program in global health implementation at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

EXTRA CREDIT

Eleven inmates at the **Augusta Correctional Center** who took a Spring Term class, *Incarceration and Inequality*, in 2015 alongside W&L students recently received college credits from W&L. A story about the course appeared in the Summer 2015 issue of this magazine. Several of the inmates took another W&L course, *Freedom and Unfreedom*, this past Spring Term.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded W&L a Digital Humanities Start-Up grant of \$74,500 to support 18 months of continued work on the Ancient Graffiti Project, led by **Rebecca Benefiel**, associate professor of Classics, and **Sara Sprenkle**, associate professor of computer science.

**Stephen P. McCormick**, assistant professor of French

and Italian, won a 2016 Mednick Fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. He will work on a collaborative digital humanities project that aims to translate and digitize an important yet largely unknown work of pre-modern literature, the "Huon d'Auvergne."

**Anne Remington**, work-life coordinator, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the College and University Work-

Life-Family Association.

**President Ken Ruscio '76** was honored during Alumni Weekend by the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Foundation, whose president, Russ Chambliss '74, unveiled the Kenneth P. Ruscio Endowed Fund to provide graduate and professional school scholarships to members of W&L's Alpha Circle, and other resources for the chapter.

*Washington and Lee Traveller*  
**A Seven-Day Getaway to Edinburgh**  
*Sept. 23–30, 2016*



**T**he latest of our popular Getaway destinations, Edinburgh is bound to appeal to those with limited time and yet an irrepresible urge to travel. Our program features expert leadership by popular W&L historian Michelle Brock, who will be in residence in Edinburgh during our visit. Together we'll visit St. Giles Cathedral, also known as the High Kirk of Edinburgh, the principal place of worship of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh and Scotland's religious focal point for approximately 900 years. Also on the Royal Mile we'll visit Edinburgh Castle, dating from the 12th century, whose Great Hall was built by James IV, later James I of England. Other sites include the Writers Museum, followed by a literary pub crawl; Holyrood House, the Queen's official residence in Scotland; and the Royal Yacht Britannia, now permanently docked in Edinburgh. We'll also enjoy an evening tour of the mysterious

Real Mary King's Close. No trip to Scotland would be complete without a whiskey tasting or a visit to St. Andrews. Also, on the final day, we have the option of a visit to Loch Lomond, the largest stretch of inland water in the United Kingdom. The day includes a luncheon cruise and a visit to the magnificent Stirling Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots was crowned.

And we have more great trips on tap:

*Sept. 8–17, 2016:*

**SOUTH AFRICA:**

**THE WORLD IN ONE COUNTRY**

*Sept. 21–Oct. 8, 2016:*

**WILDLIFE EXPEDITION TO MADAGASCAR**

*Sept. 29–Oct. 7, 2016:*

**FLAVORS OF SICILY**

*Jan. 11–19, 2017:*

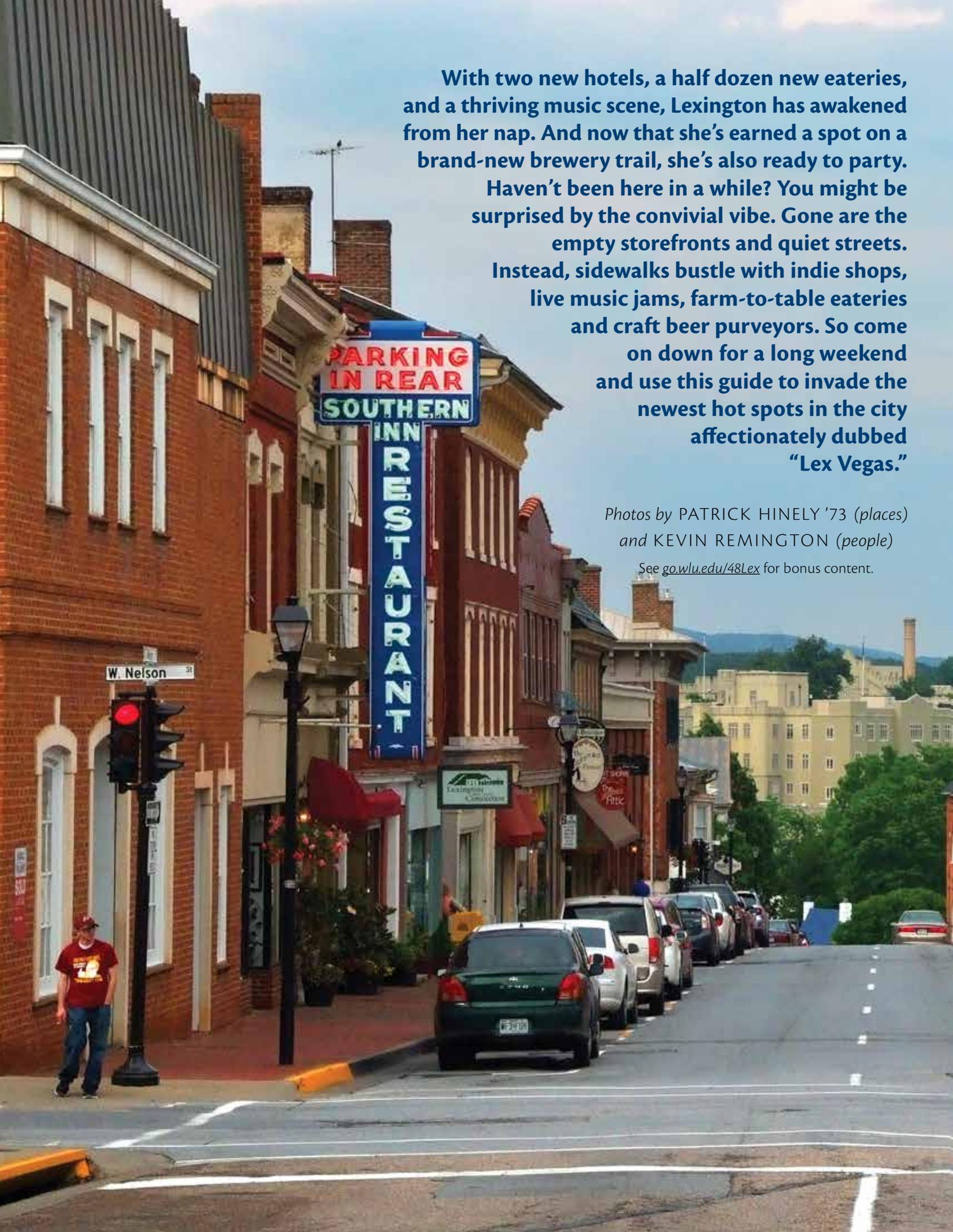
**THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS**

With two new hotels, a half dozen new eateries, and a thriving music scene, Lexington has awakened from her nap. And now that she's earned a spot on a brand-new brewery trail, she's also ready to party.

Haven't been here in a while? You might be surprised by the convivial vibe. Gone are the empty storefronts and quiet streets. Instead, sidewalks bustle with indie shops, live music jams, farm-to-table eateries and craft beer purveyors. So come on down for a long weekend and use this guide to invade the newest hot spots in the city affectionately dubbed "Lex Vegas."

*Photos by PATRICK HINELY '73 (places) and KEVIN REMINGTON (people)*

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# 48 HOURS in LEXINGTON

BY AMY C. BALFOUR '89, '93L

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

For a bird's-eye view of the downtown scene, climb past the oversized photo of Robert E. Lee to the breezy terrace at Rocca. This Italian restaurant is perched on the second floor of the new Robert E. Lee Hotel. From this lofty perch, you can see who's wandering Main Street. On sunny days, the terrace is a fine spot downtown for happy hour. On cooler nights, small groups can huddle around the terrace fire pit. 🍷 There has been a hotel or group housing on the site since the 1790s. Restaurateur and business owner Ugo Benincasa,

a first-generation Italian immigrant, opened the 39-room boutique hotel in the fall of 2014. The six-story building, which dates to 1926, provided subsidized housing before Benincasa purchased it in 2011. North-facing rooms on upper floors share expansive views of the region, sweeping in the campuses of W&L and VMI.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

The place to be on Thursday night is the Writer-in-the-Round music sessions at The Palms. The brainchild of musician Graham Spice, an audio engineer and instructor at W&L, the weekly concerts feature three singer-songwriters. The sessions are a collaboration between Spice and Jeff Ramsey, who bought The Palms in 2014.



Ramsey, who also owns restaurants in Staunton and Harrisonburg, was a Palms bartender in the late '80s. As an owner he has added modern touches, from a point-of-sale computer system to a more expansive menu, but the overall look remains the same.

"It just needed some TLC and attention," said Ramsey. "I didn't want to mess with the integrity of what The Palms stood for [in the past]. Something that has been here 25 years or 40 years . . . you don't really want to mess with a whole lot."

The hot brown sandwich is still on the menu, but the baskets of free popcorn? Gone. A decision made before Ramsey arrived. And to keep crowds polite, The Palms now closes at midnight.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Like a true Italian café, Pronto Caffé & Gelateria sells a little bit of everything. In the morning, step up to the counter for fresh croissants and scones, homemade breads and top-notch lattes. Later in the day, grab a gourmet sandwich to go or settle in for a glass of wine or Italian beer. The big draw is the gelato. Owners Meridith and Franky Benincasa (he's Ugo Benincasa's son) use a complex hot-process method to create silky gelatos that rival the best in Rome. Free samples are encouraged.

The Benincasas opened Pronto on the ground floor of what is now the Robert E. Lee Hotel in 2012. They imported the minimalist furnishings, as well as the coffee and gelato equipment, from Italy. You'll likely see a soccer game playing on the big-screen TV.

What's driving the energy downtown? Franky Benincasa thinks the 2008 market crash pushed a reset button for the city, creating opportunities for young entrepreneurs. The new hotels are also a force. "This is not a big town. So if you have 200 people downtown, who all have to find a place to eat, that might be a drop in the bucket in a big city," said Benincasa. "But here that's a lot of people."



*Longtime merchant Pumpkinseeds deserves the accolade on its sign, what with the cheerful flowers bursting from its doors and windows. Many other downtown merchants boast similar displays.*

W&L is also playing a role in downtown's revitalization through new town-and-gown initiatives. Benincasa is a fan of the Get Downtown project, which started last year. During this first-year orientation event, resident advisors take incoming students to downtown shops (like the Shenandoah Attic) and restaurants (like Blue Sky Bakery), which ply them with food, goodies and coupons.

Get Downtown is a partnership between W&L and Main Street Lexington ([www.mainstreetlexington.org](http://www.mainstreetlexington.org)), a volunteer-driven organization established in 2013. It is part of the national Main Street program, started 35 years ago to revive fading downtowns. Funding for projects comes from private donations, money-raising ventures, and the city. Today there are more than 2,000 Main Street communities across the United States, and Lexington won designation as a Virginia Main Street Community this March.

Led by Stephanie Wilkinson, executive director; Burr Datz '75, past board president; dedicated local entrepreneurs; and other volunteers, Main Street Lexington has also spurred downtown's recent boom. A morning stroll reveals its aesthetic successes: bright flower boxes and an artsy bike rack or two. This June, it spiffed up the alleyway between Main Street and the McCrum's parking lot with colorful plantings.

## SHOPS AND SIDEWALKS

As you walk the red-brick sidewalks, look for the Righteous and Rascals of Rockbridge County sidewalk pavers ([www.rrrockbridge.org](http://www.rrrockbridge.org)). Added in 2014, these engraved granite bricks tell the stories of residents and visitors who've had an impact on the city, from Meriwether Lewis to Patsy Cline, from a suspected witch to the country's first stalker.

And the storefronts? In 2013, downtown had 16 vacant spaces. Today there is just one. Through the windows of old favorites and new ventures, you'll see stylish women's apparel, colorful lunch bags, funny tea towels, bright hammocks for hikers, wide-brimmed summer hats, and artisan edibles, from fancy cheeses to gourmet chocolates. The Bookery and Books & Co. are still keeping everyone well-read. Downtown's newest shops include fashion-forward Gladiola Girls and the Cabell Gallery, a fine arts gallery featuring contemporary regional artists.

Erin Hutchinson is a familiar face to many younger alumni from her stint in the W&L Admissions Office. These days, however, you can find her presiding over the buzzing community center known as the Stitchin' Post. The longtime quilter had been selling her pieces at local events like the Rockbridge Community Festival; talking to her buyers, she realized Lexington was ripe for a fiber-arts hub.

"I invited anyone who created with fiber to use my shop as a place to sell, as well as a place to teach and a place to gather with like-minded people," she said. "Within just a few weeks of opening, I had over 100 local people selling their work in the shop, and I haven't looked back."

Hutchinson, who's also the better half of Adam Hutchinson, W&L's basketball coach, offers summer camps and after-school programs for kids, plus "Yarn Tastings" and "Sip & Stitch" (BYOB) for grownups. Dymph Alexander, retired from the Music Department, holds "Office Hours" for those needing a little extra



*Erin Hutchinson, the creative entrepreneur behind the Stitchin' Post. "Once someone has been in the shop a time or two and sees that there is always someone here to stitch with and talk to," she says, "it becomes a place where people tend to pop in whenever they are on Main Street, just to see who is here and what is new."*

help with knitting and crocheting. Several other W&L employees past and present also are Stitchin' Post regulars.

"It awes me that I can be open for eight hours and not spend more than 15 minutes alone here in a given day," marveled Hutchinson. "I guess I wasn't the only one looking for a creative community."

For products created by W&L alumni and students, step into Old Lex Mercantile, on Nelson Street. Opened by Betsy and Lai Lee in 2014, the shop is dotted with shelves and tabletops dedicated to small-batch goods and specialty products. One display spotlights 'Chups fruit ketchups, created by Matt Wallace '06 and his wife, Kori. Another features Vern Clothing, a socially conscious apparel company co-created by Matt Kordonow '16.

The Lees, who moved to Lexington from northern Virginia, purchased the building in 2013 and started a small-business incubator called Start Here. Old Lex Mercantile is a Start Here initiative. To help new businesses launch and thrive, Start Here offers several options inside the shop, including month-to-month leases.

The Lees also run their own pop-up inside the store, selling imported olive oil and vinegars, pasta sauces and wine. They sell easy-prep gourmet dinners as well. For visiting alumni and others who need to make a conference call, scan a document, or use Wi-Fi, the Lees rent private work space in the basement.

Before the Lees, the most recent tenant of the space was internationally famed artist Cy Twombly '53, who used it as one of his local studios before his death in 2011. The building sat vacant until the Lees moved in. "He would do these huge canvasses," said Betsy, "and you could see the outline and the splatters. There was splatter all over the floor and splatter all over the utilities sink."

## FRIDAY LUNCH

Curious about what W&L students are eating for lunch these days? Step inside the Blue Phoenix Café and Market. With a coffee table, central couches, a few used books, a handful of four-tops, and a communal table, the former home of Healthy Foods Market is looking cozy. And that's the goal of Amenie and Damon Hopkins, who opened the vegetarian eatery in March.



*Rush hour in Lexington, looking east on Nelson Street.*

“The living room in the middle – it’s not very practical, but it’s the idea of community,” said Amenie, who worked at the Counter Culture Café at Healthy Foods before opening Blue Phoenix. (Healthy Foods, the beloved Lexington institution, closed this past winter.) “To just sit and talk to one another, and really connect. It’s so easy to become distant, that whole ultra-connected paradox. Particularly for my generation and the one up-and-coming, we’ve never known life without computers and screens.”

The café brings this collaborative spirit to its business practices, selling easy-prep meals from The Red Hen restaurant and cheeses selected by Cheese to You, both downtown enterprises. And after lunch, you can check out Earth, Fire, and Spirit Pottery, the new business next door.

Hopkins attributes much of downtown’s revitalization to an influx of young citizens with new ideas. “What I see with my peer group is that a lot of us moved away for a while, and then we ended up coming back. And we’re bringing with us all those experiences.”

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A one-hour stroll from downtown loops past several construction sites. From the corner of Main and Washington streets, walk north toward VMI. That cavernous building on your right? VMI’s new Indoor Training Facility, expected to open in November. A new pedestrian footbridge across the road links the building to a parking lot beside the post.

The Miller’s House Museum at Jordan’s Point opened on May 21. It traces the history of transportation at the point, previously a hub for road, river and rail traffic.

From the museum, the Woods Creek Trail rises through the woods along the back campuses of VMI and W&L. When the trail reaches the W&L Law School, follow East Denny Circle to Wilson Field. The new third-year student residences, called the Village, overlook the stadium. They will open this August (and will be covered in the fall issue of this magazine). The adjacent natatorium is under construction.

Follow the footbridge to the main campus. Remember duPont Hall? The renovated building now houses the Center for Global Learning (see pp. 14–15).

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Don’t tell Jamie Goodin ’10 that Lexington is boring. The “Parks and Recreation” fan doesn’t have time for your lack of imagination. “A lot of my contemporaries were telling me, ‘Oh, there’s nothing to do in Lexington.’ I said, ‘That’s totally false.’ In the past two years, there’s been a huge explosion in nightlife and live music.”

Goodin, W&L’s digital engagement manager, returned to Lexington from D.C. four years ago. Disenchanted with the sense of disconnectedness he felt in northern Virginia, he was determined to become involved with the Lexington community.

As a member of Main Street Lexington’s board, Goodin (now the board president) spreads the word about events using social media, websites and more traditional avenues such as newspapers and flyers. The events calendar on the Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County tourism website ([www.lexingtonvirginia.com/events](http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com/events)), Goodin said, is the best place to find out what’s going on.

Julie Messerich ’91, who moved back to Lexington a year and a half ago, agrees with Goodin’s assessment. “Downtown is happening!” said Messerich. “The food is so much better – as are the beer and wine options. Restaurants are catering to the alumni, college parents and tourist crowds in terms of higher-end dining and lovely places to hang out.”

One of downtown’s most exciting developments is the return of live music. Goodin, who also serves on the Lime Kiln board, gives a nod to Blue Lab Brewing Co. for spearheading the reappearance of songwriters and acoustic groups. On Friday

nights during Live@The Lab, bluegrass, newgrass, old-time and acoustic shows bring locals and university staff to the Blue Lab taproom. Tom Lovell '91, W&L associate director of alumni affairs, and Bill Hamilton, W&L biology professor, opened the scrappy but inviting brewery in 2010.

Blue Lab is a stop on the Shenandoah Beerwerks Trail ([www.beerwerkstrail.com](http://www.beerwerkstrail.com)), which launched in May. This sudsy path flows past a dozen microbreweries stretching from Harrisonburg south to Lexington. For an overview of some of the best craft breweries in Virginia, step up to the Virginia map painted on the wall at Brew Ridge Taps, a new craft beer bar on Nelson Street. Featured breweries are marked on the map with a bottle cap.

Vicki and Stacy Stevens opened Brew Ridge Taps in the fall of 2015, after moving here from North Carolina. "We had to drive all the way to Roanoke or Charlottesville to get the beer that we'd been drinking," said Vicki. The couple thought that was crazy. "Why are we making this drive? Let's open something in Lexington," said Vicki.

With Trivia Tuesdays, Cards Against Humanity competitions, open mic nights, and live music every other Saturday evening, Brew Ridge Taps is a boon for downtown. And that's without mentioning its 18 craft beers on tap. From the bar's wall of craft beer, brought in from breweries across the U.S., you can build a six-pack to go. As for noshing, sandwiches here are served on homemade waffles and called wafflewiches.

Other Friday night options downtown? For a free wine tasting, stroll into the back room at Washington Street Purveyors between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. During First Fridays Lexington, held the first Friday of the month, galleries share artwork, wine, snacks and good cheer between 5 and 7 p.m. Afterwards, catch live music at Sweet



*Scenic rooftops of Lexington. Just to the left of the Dutch Inn, the Blue Phoenix Café lives in the former home of Healthy Foods Market. Sweet Things is in the blue building, and old friend Alvin-Dennis occupies the red one down the block. At upper right is a glimpse of the new Robert E. Lee Hotel.*

Treats restaurant or Blue Lab. If you're in the mood for scares, join a Haunting Tales ghost tour, a 90-minute walking tour of downtown's spookiest sites.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Overnight guests at The Georges can indulge in yogurt, fresh fruit, made-from-scratch pastries and juices at the inn's European-style continental breakfast, or request a full-service hot meal.

The swank boutique inn fills two buildings on Main Street: the Alexander-Withrow House and the former McCampbell Inn. The five-room Alexander-Withrow house, on the corner of Main and Washington streets, is called the Washington Building. The 39-room Marshall Building overlooks Main Street.

Richmonders Ted and Ann Parker Gottwald opened The Georges in 2014. The inn is named for generals George Washington and George Marshall. As a senior in high school, Ann Parker stayed at the Alexander-Withrow house with her future in-laws during VMI football weekends. Ted, a cadet in the VMI Class of 1983, was a team member.

After two of their sons enrolled at VMI, the Gottwalds purchased the inn. "Lexington is just such a neat town that we decided when it came on the market to look at it," said Ann Parker. During renovations, she spearheaded the inclusion of modern amenities like heated towel racks and heated floors in the bathrooms.

Make reservations well in advance. "It really books up quickly if it's a big weekend for W&L," said Gottwald.

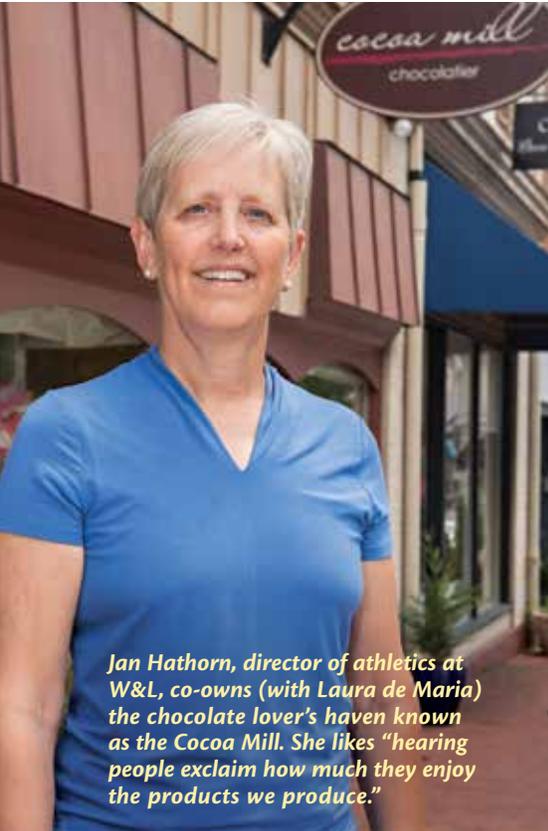
*Music mavens Spencer McElroy '09 (from left), Jamie Goodin '10 and Jeremy Franklin '04 at Lime Kiln. McElroy is the executive director, Goodin is president of the board, and Franklin (general manager of WLUR-FM and sports broadcasting at W&L) serves on the board. "A big strength of this region is that everyone knows and supports one another," says McElroy.*



## ADVENTURING IN ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

Downtown Lexington isn't just a hub for dining and shopping. It's also a convenient base camp for outdoor adventures. Hike House Mountain. Cycle the Blue Ridge Parkway. Kayak the Maury and James rivers. Backpack the Appalachian Trail. Or simply fly-fish the mountain creeks.

One problem for visitors? Knowing all of their outdoor options. To help, the Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge tourism office shares details about local adventures, along with expert recommendations and outfitter listings, on a brand new website: [www.rockbridgeoutdoors.com](http://www.rockbridgeoutdoors.com).



*Jan Hathorn, director of athletics at W&L, co-owns (with Laura de Maria) the chocolate lover's haven known as the Cocoa Mill. She likes "hearing people exclaim how much they enjoy the products we produce."*

One new adventure with W&L connections is the Little House Mountain Trail. James Dick, W&L's director of student activities and outdoor adventures, designed the trail. It was subsequently built by then Woodberry Forest students Perry Hammond (now a member of the W&L Class of 2018) and Billy Osterman pursuant to a community service grant. The trail switchbacks up the southern slope of Little House Mountain, which means you no longer have to bushwhack to the summit.

Before heading out, pick up a daypack

at Walkabout Outfitters, cheese and crackers at Cheese To You, wine and nibbles at Old Lex Mercantile and Washington Street Purveyors, and fancy sandwiches at Pronto and Blue Sky.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

With the Blue Ridge Mountains shimmering in the distance, the patio at Devils Backbone Brewery on Route 11 is a pretty place to sip a post-hike beer. A stop on the Shenandoah Beerwerks Trail, it houses a popular taproom and an ever-growing production facility. Anheuser-Busch is acquiring the business.

A word of warning if you return downtown for a snack: You might be so impressed by the artisan edibles for sale that you end up buying the store. Just ask W&L Athletic Director Jan Hathorn, now the proud co-owner of Cocoa Mill Chocolatier. "I'll never forget the first time I ever put that chocolate in my mouth," remembers Hathorn of the dark chocolate raspberry truffle. "I was like, 'This is stellar.'"

Recognizing a great business opportunity, Hathorn and Laura

de Maria bought Cocoa Mill in 2006. What does she enjoy most about owning the shop? "Hearing people exclaim how much they enjoy the products we produce."

Chris and Patty Williams bought Sweet Things Ice Cream Shoppe in 2003. The ice cream is still homemade, and Oreo is still on the menu. You'll also find their products at The Red Hen restaurant in Lexington, and at the Red Fox restaurant at the Natural Bridge Hotel. (In a recent development, Natural Bridge itself is in transition from a private property to a state park.)

## SATURDAY NIGHT

Tucked beside the lobby inside the Marshall Building at The Georges, TAPS doubles as a Lexington living room. Couches, armchairs and a fireplace flank the bar in the intimate space, which fills quickly most nights with chatty groups of locals. Visiting alumni swell its ranks on weekends.

"A parent at W&L told me, 'There's nowhere to just go meet another couple and have drinks and sit down, without waiting in line for a reservation,'" recalled Ann Parker Gottwald. "So that's why we made the lobby bar area more of a living room."

The name TAPS gives a nod to the bugle ceremony that follows military ceremonies. (It's also a combination of Ted and Ann Parker Gottwald's first names.) An eclectic mix of sandwiches, burgers and snacks are washed down easily with draft craft beers, which rotate regularly. Specialty cocktails are also a highlight.

TAPS is the more casual of the two restaurants inside The Georges. Across the street, Haywood's draws crowds with nightly live music and chef-driven menu specialties. Haywood's is named for Ann Parker's father, a lover of live piano music and Dixieland jazz. Floor-to-ceiling windows, coffered ceilings, and prominent moldings provide a stylish backdrop.

And the vibe? "I don't think we're going to do what Bob Dylan did in 1965: plug in and go electric," said general manager David Groce. "We want people to enjoy the environment, but we also want people to enjoy each other and be able to have a great conversation."



## SO YEAH, LEXINGTON ROCKS!

From the intersection of Main and Washington streets, Lexington looks much as it did in the late 1800s. Power lines are buried, brick buildings flank the sidewalks, and VMI looms on the north edge of town. W&L peeks into view to the west.

Reasons for the recent reboot are many. The Georges and the Robert E. Lee Hotel have spurred more foot traffic. Bar owners and forward-thinking musicians have energized the nightlife scene with game nights and live music. Dedicated citizens are keeping



The new store of Rick Wolf '77 offers old reminders of Lexington.

## THE RETURN OF THE FUN

Alumna and frequent contributor Amy Balfour was a fine choice to write this article. Not only does she live in downtown Lexington, but she also writes for Lonely Planet guidebooks.

What do I love most about living downtown these days? The return of the fun. I moved here in 2008 from Los Angeles. I wasn't expecting big-city distractions, but I did hope downtown would be as lively as it was in the 1980s and '90s.

But nope. Lexington in 2008? Empty storefronts. Tired restaurants. Limited shopping. Evenings were the worst. Students weren't walking between fraternities, apartments and

bars anymore. I'd been worried that downtown would be so loud I wouldn't be able to sleep. But noise was not an issue.

Fortunately, the scene has completely changed. I've met people through the movie and speaker nights at W&L, which bring in locals. I've also met new folks at Writers-in-the-Round at The Palms. I never thought I'd attend a trivia night in my life, but now I'm on a team that plays at Blue Ridge Taps. Consistently losing never felt so awesome.

Haywood's, TAPS and Rocca have also injected some oomph, with craft cocktails, innovative menus and stylish digs. Students are back too, enjoying the live music in particular.

In sum? Lexington has gotten her groove back. 

downtown looking sharp, while passionate artisans are introducing new products. W&L is connecting with new programs and initiatives as well as downtown offices.

But the most noticeable driving force is the collaborative spirit. The Red Hen, co-owned by Stephanie Wilkinson and chef Matt Adams, is a prime example. The restaurant supports nearby farms as well as local craftspersons and food artisans. "It's really about bringing a whole community together to showcase and embrace and enhance what we have locally," said Wilkinson. "So it's not just what's on the plate, but the plate itself."

How sold on Lexington is downtown resident Jamie Goodin? Very. "A couple of months ago I sold my car. I just use my bike. It rocks." 

**Retired W&L professors and staff members, spouses and alumni** populate the cottages and apartments of Kendal at Lexington, a local retirement community, and they take advantage of everything the area has to offer. About half of them are pictured here and send their greetings.

Seated, l. to r.: Harrison Kinney '44, Heather Marion (wife of Hardin), Kay Pless Glore (wife of Scott), Harrison Pemberton (professor of philosophy emeritus), Mary Coulling (widow of Sid Coulling '46, the professor emeritus of English), Helen Head (widow of Hal Head, the retired registrar), Uncas McThenia '58, '63L (professor of law emeritus), Tom Vinson (professor of math emeritus), John Gunn '45 (professor of economics emeritus), JoAnn Wilson (retired circulation director), Karen Russell (wife of Bill).

Standing, l. to r.: Marion Vogler (widow of Richard Vogler '54), Clara Belle Weatherman (widow of Rom Weatherman, the retired director of publications), Hardin Marion '55, '58L (trustee emeritus), Nancy Epley (widow of Stewart Epley '49, the retired treasurer and CFO), Matt Paxton

'49, Larry Weinerth '56, John Winfrey (professor of economics emeritus), Scott Glore '50, Bill Russell '57, Lew John '58 (professor of politics emeritus), Ned Henneman (professor of law emeritus), Mary Raine Paxton (wife of Matt), Annette John (retired from library, wife of Lew), Penny Henneman (retired director of prospect research, wife of Ned), Bill Stearns (retired swimming coach). 

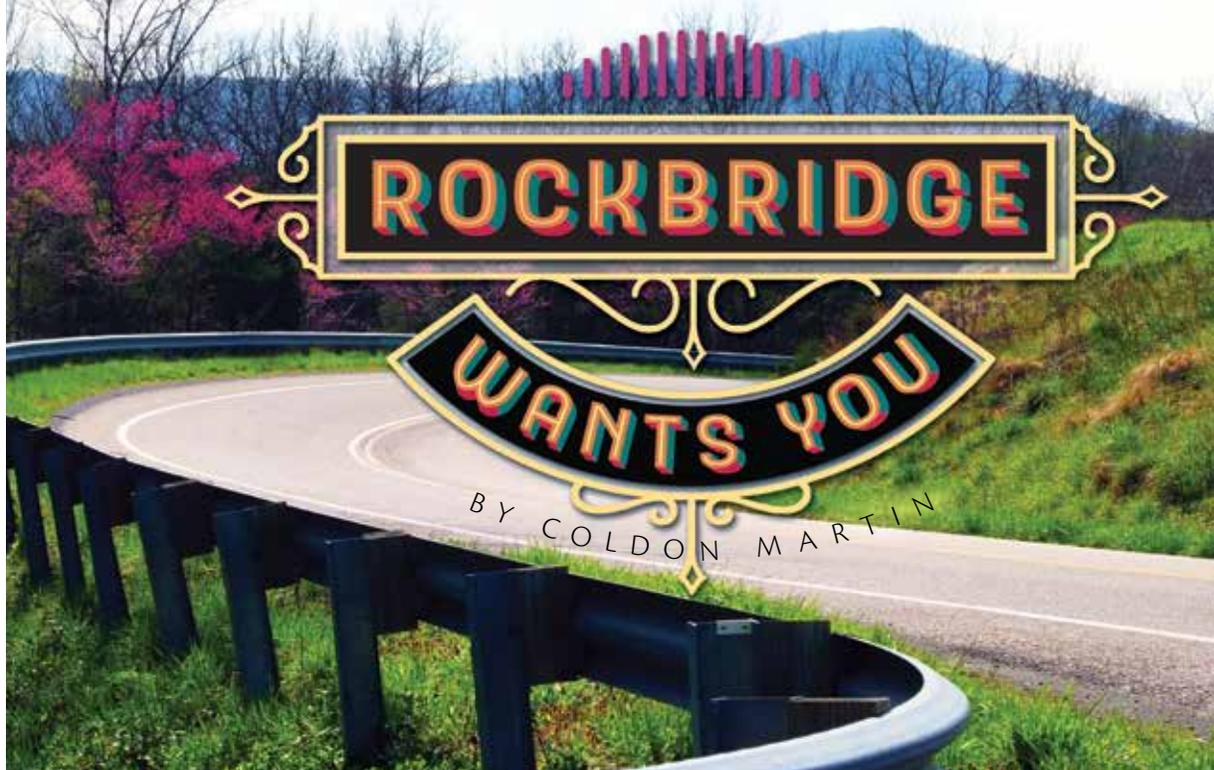


For a growing number of alumni, Rockbridge is becoming the place they call home, as they remain in the area upon graduation or find themselves drawn back years later. Some of these folks, such as Gregg Amonette '75, co-owner with Dick Emrey '85 of Emrey & Amonette insurance company, are so invested that they and other local leaders have launched a new promotional initiative, Rockbridge 20/20.

Amonette described it: "A marketing effort designed to package and promote Rockbridge County, the city of Buena Vista, and the city of Lexington as one seamless region, Rockbridge. Our goal is to strengthen and diversify the region's economic base by recruiting more entrepreneurs and established businesses that will provide quality jobs, attract and retain an ageless or balanced workforce, and support a vibrant community."

The initiative is managed by the Chamber of Commerce serving Lexington, Rockbridge County and Buena Vista. In addition to W&L, partners and supporters include Rockbridge County, the city of Buena Vista, the city of Lexington, Virginia Military Institute, Southern Virginia University, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, and a number of companies and individuals.

"What it really boils down to is a quality-of-life question," said Shep Rouse '76. "I didn't want to live in a rat race and spend so much time going nowhere in traffic — what's the point? We wanted to live in a place we loved." He also wanted to live in a place where he could cultivate his life's passion, making fine wines. In 1988, Shep, along with his wife, Jane Millott-Rouse, planted his dream on a 2,000-foot site in northern Rockbridge County. Today, Rockbridge Vineyard is one of the area's largest employers.



Tom Lovell '91, co-founder of Blue Lab Brewing Co., couldn't think of a better place to live and raise a family. He and his wife, Wendy Lovell '90 (who works for W&L's Shepherd Poverty Program), have two teenagers. "It's a small, local community. Everyone knows each other, we look out for each other. It's a great environment to raise our children," he said. "There's lots of culture, lots of music, and great K-12 schools. Not only that, but every time you turn around, there's the backdrop of House Mountain, the Maury River, and Goshen Pass."

Spencer McElroy '09 thinks the region offers great opportunity for recent W&L graduates. "In Rockbridge, young folks can be a big fish in a small pond. They don't have to follow a set roadmap of professional development. They can create their own pathway. Here, you not only have this opportunity, you are trusted and expected to lead."

Lead is exactly what McElroy has done since his return to the area, with the resurrection of the Lime Kiln Theater, the outdoor performing arts center located at a turn-of-the-century lime quarry and kiln. After it closed in 2012 due to financial considerations, McElroy channeled his post-W&L experience running music

festivals into bringing this artistic venue back to life. He recruited and energized a new board and engaged a community of volunteers. As the executive director, McElroy shares Lime Kiln's purpose with anyone who will listen: "We enrich lives through exciting and affordable concerts and theatrical experiences, performed in the most inspiring venue in southwest Virginia."

"I see young people settling into Main Street, the downtown area, and the outlying



**Gregg Amonette '75 (left) and Dick Emrey '85 (right) planted their insurance company on Main Street. Of Rockbridge 20/20, says Amonette, "our goal is to strengthen and diversify the region's economic base."**

areas of the county, coming in and really wanting to make a difference here,” said Steve Grist ’86L, parent of Mason Grist ’18. “They bring a lot of energy with them, and we welcome them with open arms.”

Grist is in the perfect position to welcome everyone — he’s the president of CornerStone Bank, succeeding his late brother, T. David Grist, the founding CEO and president. David and Steve started the bank to provide Rockbridge County with a locally owned and managed bank. Their dream has turned into a \$120 million financial institution that supports local businesses and area residents.

“You are living in a small community where people really love each other [and] really care about each other,” said Grist, “but you have all the business advantages of a larger business community, with access to capital, great logistics, high-speed internet and professional expertise all right here in Rockbridge.”

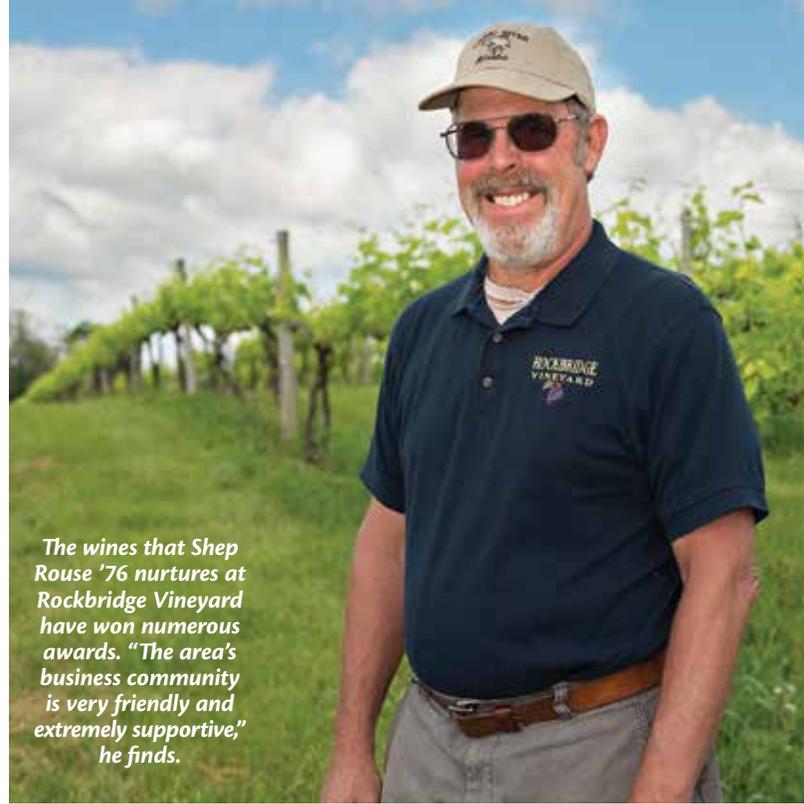
Amonette points to the Rockbridge Area Network Authority (RANA) as another infrastructure advantage that helps almost every business around the region. RANA was created by Rockbridge County, Lexington and Buena Vista cities, and local internet services provider Rockbridge Global Village (RGV), to

provide high-speed fiber infrastructure for the area localities. W&L contributed \$2.5 million to RANA, which combined with the contributions of the three localities plus RGV for a total of \$3 million. This local capital was key to winning a Federal Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant of \$7 million.

According to Amonette, “When RANA fiber arrived, we increased our company’s internet speed [by] more than 500 percent, and our bill decreased. Everything at our company runs on broadband: internet, phones, company apps and cloud storage. Uptime is critical for us, and on RANA it has been excellent.” The Richard A. Peterson Center, a 4,500-square-foot data center that now

serves the university and the region-wide fiber-optic network, is named for W&L’s former chief technology officer, who died in 2011.

W&L alumni are passionate about the local business environment because of a selfless, supportive attitude when it comes to business — it’s all for one and one for all. “I believe the one thing that makes doing business in Rockbridge so unique is that everyone pulls together to make sure we all



*The wines that Shep Rouse '76 nurtures at Rockbridge Vineyard have won numerous awards. “The area’s business community is very friendly and extremely supportive,” he finds.*

succeed,” Grist explained. “A great analogy is the old-fashioned barn-raising. This mutually supportive attitude defines our local business community.”

W&L is contributing both financial and intellectual support. Steve McAllister, vice president for finance and treasurer, represents W&L on the chamber’s Rockbridge 20/20 steering committee. “The most successful colleges and universities of the 21st century will be the ones that recognize that they are inexorably linked to their community’s future and vice versa,” he said. “They will work closely together to influence their mutual destiny. We’re proud to be a founding member of Rockbridge 20/20.” 

Learn more at [www.rockbridge2020.org](http://www.rockbridge2020.org) and see interviews with Shep Rouse, Tom Lovell, Spencer McElroy, Steve Grist, Jamie Goodin and Morgan Harris ’09 at [www.rockbridge2020.org/ourstories](http://www.rockbridge2020.org/ourstories).

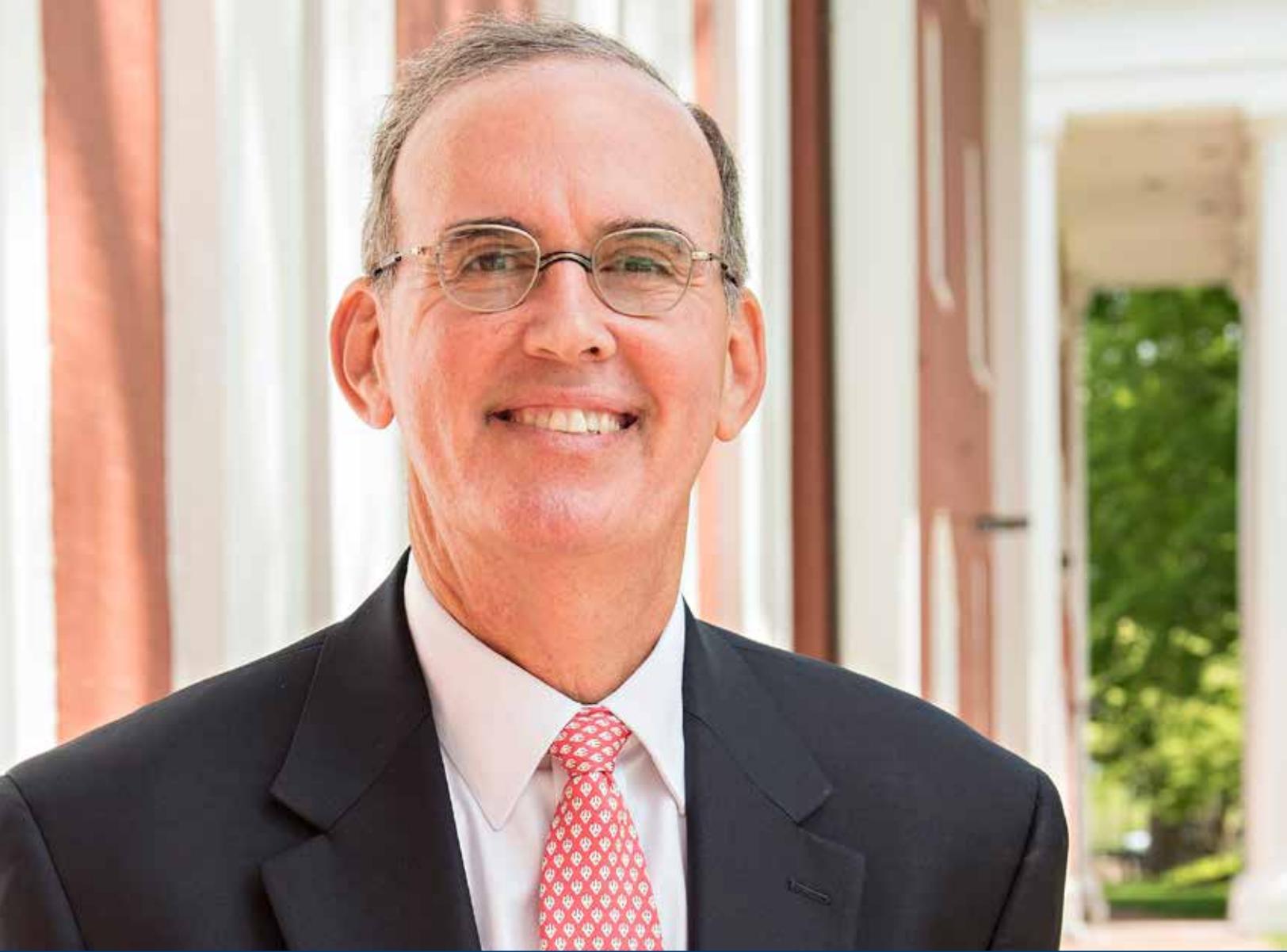
*Thanks to John W. Martin '82 and his Southeastern Institute of Research.*



*“It’s just wonderful to be here,” says Tom Lovell '91. “We’re living with our neighbors, we’re working with our neighbors, we’re playing golf with our neighbors, we’re having a beer with our neighbors, and we’re all working together to help our kids succeed.”*



*Steve Grist '86L, president of CornerStone Bank (and dad of Mason Grist '18), reports that “our corporate customers tell us all the time that living in Rockbridge County is like living with the best of both worlds.”*



# *Trust and Confidence*

**Michael Missal '78 Returns to Public Service  
as Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs**

BY LINDSEY NAIR

**M**ichael Missal '78 learned many lessons during his time as a student at Washington and Lee, but one in particular has become a guiding principle in his personal and professional life.

"Do the right thing," Missal said. "Do it with honor and integrity, but always do the right thing. And if you follow that, then good things are likely to happen."

Missal's successful career as an attorney culminated on April 19 with the U.S. Senate unanimously confirming him as inspector general of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Now, the 1978 graduate of W&L must carry that early lesson into a position that needs someone who feels strongly about honor and integrity, not to mention transparency.

Before Missal was sworn in on May 2, the post of inspector general (IG) had been vacant since December 2013, when former inspector general George Opfer retired. In the 2½ years that followed Opfer's departure, while the VA was helmed by interim IGs, the agency was beset with crisis after crisis, from allegations that VA doctors were prescribing dangerous amounts of opiates to concerns that the agency was covering

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up absurdly long wait times for veterans' health-care appointments.

"The biggest challenge I see is really increasing the trust and confidence that veterans, veterans' service organizations, Congress and the American public have in the VA," he said. "It's obviously been in the news quite a bit recently, much of it not very flattering, and I think a number of veterans may believe that the department is not fulfilling its mission as well as it should."

Missal's commitment to making a difference can be traced back to his time as a student at Washington and Lee, where he was elected to the Executive Committee during his senior year.

"That, to me, was one of the seminal moments in terms of my career, in terms of having responsibility and being able to work collaboratively with a large group of people," he said.

During Spring Term of his junior year, Missal, a business and accounting major, had an internship in the office of Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Connecticut), and was able to extend it through the summer. Before seeking a job in public accounting, he decided to seek a job in the nation's capital.

Missal, who has a friendly and humble demeanor, said — in the same breath — that his qualifications up to that point didn't cut it with many of the employers he met, but he managed to land a job as a staff assistant for President Jimmy Carter in the White House.

"Our job was to bring in the public to meet with him — opinion leaders, key figures, so that he could get input from significant leaders of our country, and he would interact with them to give his ideas," Missal said. "And we would write talking points for him, [but] he rarely followed those talking points. He was so much smarter than everybody else at the White House, and he was always extremely articulate and analytical, and right on point."

Missal's supervisor at the White House, Anne Wexler, told him that if he wanted to stay in Washington, he should obtain a law degree, even if he didn't want to practice law. He was midway through law school at Catholic University when Carter lost his re-election bid to Ronald Reagan, and Missal was ousted from the White House. He went into law after all, and had been a partner at K&L Gates in Washington since 1991 when President Barack Obama nominated him for his current position.

Although Missal has not served in the military, his late father was a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was one of the first Americans in the Dachau concentration camp. He was later a lawyer and judge in Connecticut. Missal believes that although his father never pressured him to go into law, he would be "extraordinarily proud and speechless" to see his son's confirmation.

Missal and his wife, Deborah, have a son, Jordan, who graduated this year from W&L and has a job with the Washington Nationals. Missal believes he has instilled in Jordan an awareness of the importance of public service. "There comes a time, I believe, in everybody's life when it's important to give back to society, as cliché as it might sound. But public service can be extremely rewarding."

That's why Missal is energized by the opportunity to serve America's veterans. During the confirmation process, he testified before both the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs. He also met individually with 30 senators to discuss the VA. "To spend one-on-one time with the senators, I was able to see how bipartisan the issue of veterans' care is."

As he begins his new job, he wants to first make sure that the Office of Inspector General, which employs about 700 people nationwide, is seen as an independent group with a mission to make VA programs more effective and efficient. Second, he wants his office to be transparent, "meaning making sure the veterans and the American public know what we're seeing, what we're doing, what we're finding — and then that information gets out as quickly as possible."

Third, he intends for his staff's work to be accurate, timely, thorough, fair and objective. Finally, he plans to be proactive, using trends, analytics and audits to find issues before they turn into the kinds of problems that have plagued the department over the past couple of years.

"It goes back to doing what I think is the right thing, and I understand that sometimes there are going to be two views on a matter," Missal said. "As long as I feel comfortable that we've made the right decision, then I'm going to stand by it. I recognize that everybody in Veterans Affairs is in the spotlight right now, and sometimes that spotlight can get hot."

To relieve the pressures of work, Missal likes to play tennis, golf, walk the family's energetic 10-year-old Brittany spaniel, Monty, and go to baseball games.

"When I walk through the gates of a baseball stadium," he said, "everything else seems to fall behind, and I just find it a very peaceful and rewarding environment to be in."

He has also found fulfillment in serving on the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees, but he has had to resign since his appointment as inspector general.

"I feel like I got so much out of W&L, it really shaped my life, and the opportunity to give back is just really so important," he said. "Unfortunately, as a presidential appointee I'm not allowed to be on the board, so I was required to resign. But I still intend to give back to W&L as much as possible." 

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# Alumni Weekend

APRIL 28–MAY 1



## 50TH REUNION GIFT

The Class of 1966 gave \$3 million, with 61 percent of the class participating in the gift and 88 members returning.

Their gift will fund the university's upcoming history by **Blaine Brownell '65** and establish the Class of 1966 Endowment to Collect and Preserve the University's History, which will support Special Collections and Archives. L. to r.: **Dave Redmond '66**, President Ruscio and **Pete Hendricks '66**.

## 25TH REUNION GIFT

The Class of 1991 gave \$1.8 million and broke several records, including Reunion Calyx submissions, 25th reunion attendance and 25th reunion class gift participation.

Sixty-three percent of the class participated in the gift, which supports the Annual Fund, the indoor athletics and recreation center, the Entrepreneurship Program, the IQ Center and other areas. L. to r.: **Dax Cummings '91**, **Carol Dannelly O'Kelley '91** and President Ruscio.



- ▶ THE JOHN NEWTON THOMAS TROPHY goes to the class with the largest percentage increase in annual fund commitments over the previous year. With a 66 percent increase: **Class of 2001**.
- ▶ THE TRIDENT TROPHY is presented to the class with the highest percentage of members participating in the Annual Fund. With 62 percent: **Class of 1991**.
- ▶ THE COLONNADE CUP is awarded to the class with the largest reunion gift to the Annual Fund, including current gifts and future pledges. With a gift of \$754,000: **Class of 1971**.

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L. to r.: Distinguished Alumni Award recipients **Raymond James Welder '91**, **John Ebner '91**, **Carol Dannelly O'Kelley '91** and **James D. Humphries III '66, '69L**.



OMICRON DELTA KAPPA



ODK initiated four honorary members. L. to r.: **Anderson Dodd Smith '66**, Regents Professor of Psychology Emeritus, Georgia Institute of Technology; **Elizabeth Pryor Knapp '90**, W&L associate provost, director of the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity, professor of geology; **Theodore Jon Ellestad**, former Lexington city manager; and **Schuyler Rideout '91**, illustrator, event planner and fundraiser.

CLASS OF 2017 ODK INITIATES: **Elena Ray Diller**, **Brooke Rose Donnelly**, **Melina Lauryn Knabe**, **Harry Raab Lustig III**, **Ashley Kenimer Oakes**, **Kathryn Suzanne Sarfert**, **Harrison James Westgarth**

RUPERT LATTURE AWARD: **Kassie Ann Scott '18**

JAMES G. LEYBURN AWARD: **The Refugee Working Group**

CLASS OF 1976

This quartet — W&L colleagues all — celebrated the 40th reunion of their Class of 1976. L. to r.: **Tom Camden**, head of special collections and archives; **Bob Ballenger**, professor of business administration; **Rob Mish**, director of the Lenfest Center; and **Ken Ruscio**, president. Ruscio also gave the keynote talk at the weekend's Opening Assembly: "A Timeless Trust."



- ▶ THE REUNION BOWL goes to the class with the highest percentage of members registered for the weekend. With 42 percent: **Class of 1966**.
- ▶ THE REUNION TROPHY is awarded to the class with the greatest number of members registered for the weekend. With 169 registrants: **Class of 1991**.
- ▶ THE REUNION TRAVELLER award for farthest distance traveled to attend the reunion: **Todd Crowell '66**, from Tokyo, Japan.



## LEXINGTON'S OTHER LANDMARKS

BY GUY KERR '75, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

**A**t Washington and Lee reunions and graduations, many conversations start with “Remember when . . .,” followed by stories that have magically grown bigger and funnier over time. While some of the stories relate to memories in the classroom, in the library, on the athletic field, on the stage, or at any number of country houses, many memories involve local landmarks beyond our historic Colonnade, Lee Chapel, the Commons, Doremus, Wilson Field, the Lenfest Center, Windfall or the Pole Houses.

Reflecting back on my own W&L memories of 40-plus years ago, the area’s sights and sounds vividly came to mind. Think about your own Lexington experiences. You dined at the Southern Inn or devoured a Kenney Burger, you bought clothes at Alvin-Dennis, you cleaned them at University Cleaners, and you enjoyed a movie at Hull’s Drive-In or the State Theater. If you had a meaningful dating relationship or needed to get back in good graces with Mom, you may have visited Hamric & Sheridan Jewelers. Some male alumni visited Wendell’s Barber Shop, usually before Parents Weekend. ALL of these Lexington



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landmarks remain open!

You really need to revisit Lex — the town is new and improved in many ways, but it remains historic and memorable. The R.E. Lee Hotel fell into disrepair before being recently redone, now a new hotel with the same name. How many Swiss Burgers and cold ones did you consume at the Quid/Duck’s/Central Lunch? If you return to that site today, you will find a very fine inn called The Georges, and a first-class bar called Taps. Maybe you frequented the College Inn, the Paramount Inn, the Co-op or the Cockpit/GHQ, or dined at the Appalachian Picking Parlor/White Columns Inn/Willson-Walker

House, or had dessert at High’s Ice Cream (some of you will remember White Lips).

Sunday night dinners or late-night munchies required visits to Mrs. Moeller’s Ham House, Westmoreland’s, La Hacienda in Staunton or the Texas Tavern (“do you want a bowl with or a bowl without?”). In the 1970s, when parents were in town picking up the tab, the Keydet General past the Liberty Hall ruins was hard to beat. As fate, progress and time would have it, none of these landmarks remain other than as memories.

Other places remembered fondly include the College Town Shop, the White Front grocery, Pres Browns and the Lyric Theatre, where author James Dickey joined some rowdy students for the national debut of the movie “Deliverance.” And who can forget the incomparable Civic Bowling Center with its unique pin-resetting technology?!

What will today’s students and future reunion attendees recall when the inevitable conversations begin, “Remember when . . .”? What are some of your memorable landmarks? Have your related stories gotten better with time?

Cheers, and go, Generals! 

**Think about your own Lexington experiences. You dined at the Southern Inn or devoured a Kenney Burger, you bought clothes at Alvin-Dennis, you cleaned them at University Cleaners, and you enjoyed a movie at Hull’s Drive-In or the State Theater.**

## 1956

**William H. Williams** will be ordained in November 2016 after completing a two-year ministerial program at the Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He continues after three years teaching an introduction to a Course in Miracles at Artserve of the Broward County Library System. He plans to pursue his ministry and teaching in south Florida and Fort Lauderdale after graduation. He is retired from the history department at the University of Maryland, College Park.

## 1969

**Jeffrey P. Cropsey** concluded his year-long presidency of the Council of College and Military Educators at the 2016 CCME Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. Approximately 900 educators from the higher education community attended, along with representatives from the U.S. Departments of Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs. Cropsey was responsible for the theme and overall management of the conference. CCME provides higher education support for post-secondary education programs for the active duty military, National Guard, Reserve and veterans.

## 1975

**Edmund B. Gregory II** returned to his CPA-firm roots after a 16-year detour as CFO of a daily newspaper. He will head up the accounting services and business valuation practice at LSWG CPAs in Frederick and Rockville, Maryland. Before leaving the firm in 2000, Gregory was the president and managing partner.

## 1976

**William T. Palfrey** is living in Brownsboro, Alabama, with his wife. Their son, Taylor, is a medical resident at UF-Shands Hospital and had his first son, Henry Gorgas, in February. William's ancestor, Sarah Gayle, was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame.

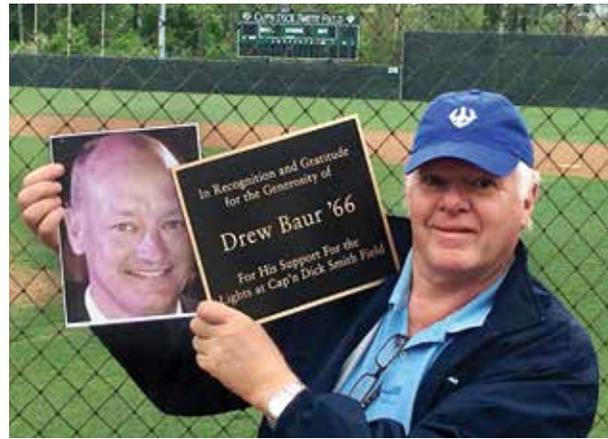
**Patrick M. Sieg** changed careers after 36 years in finance with Marriott International and is now self-employed as an oil painter. He paints landscapes, portraits, commissions, etc., that are available on [www.patricksieg.com](http://www.patricksieg.com).

## 1977

**Frederick K. Reuning** left the corporate world in October 2015 and started a consulting business concentrating in marketing, product and market development, and business strategy for the medical device industry. He is also teaching Principles of Marketing as an adjunct instructor at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management in the Twin Cities.

## 1983

**Herbert M. Ponder III** has been named to Barron's annual list of America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors: 2016 State-by-State.



*In this photo snapped at Cap'n Dick Smith Field during his 50th reunion this spring, Charlie Jones '66 is holding a photo of his godson, Andrew Baur '90, with whom, he tells us, he was "pleased to be able to present a plaque honoring his dad and my best friend, Drew Baur '66. As long as games are played under the lights at the baseball field, appreciation for Drew's generosity will not be forgotten." Drew Baur, a W&L trustee emeritus and part owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, passed away in 2011.*



*During their 50th reunion, three members of the Class of 1966 presented J. Davis Futch III, professor emeritus of history (seated), with a copy of their reunion Calyx, which they dedicated to him. L. to r.: John Moore, Bruce Kramer and John Kelly.*



*While they were in Lexington for their 50th reunion, three 1966 graduates and former Ring-tum Phi editors visited Ed Walker, a former journalism staff member and a mentor to generations of W&L print shop denizens. L. to r.: Gareth Aden, Jim Crothers, Ed Walker and Mike Hash.*

1987

**Jonathan W. Hedgepeth**, a founding partner at Hedgepeth, Heredia & Rieder in Atlanta, has been selected for the Atlanta SuperLawyers rankings of Georgia attorneys for the third year in a row. He practices in all areas of family law, including divorce and separation, and is a certified practitioner of collaborative law.

1990

**Phillip L. Sampson Jr.** was elected to a three-year term on the firm-wide management committee for Bracewell LLP.

1992

**W. Jay Gabbard** was promoted to full professor of social work at Western Kentucky University.

**William M. Toles ('95L)** was included on D Magazine's 2016 list of Best Lawyers.

2003

**Robert L. Littlehale ('08L)** became a partner of Kirkland & Ellis LLP in March 2016. He lives in Arlington, Virginia, and works in the D.C. area.

2004

**Dr. Ellie Simpson Ragsdale** completed a maternal fetal medicine fellowship in June 2015 and moved to Cleveland, Ohio, as an assistant professor of maternal fetal medicine at University Hospitals of Case Western Reserve. She is joined by her husband, Josh Ragsdale, and sons Harvey and Oliver.

2006

**Kasee Sparks Heisterhagen** was reappointed to a second term on the Maritime Law Association's Special Committee on Cybersecurity.

2008

**Victoria M. Childress** is excited to be back in her hometown of Richmond. She earned her MPH from Virginia Tech in May 2015 and works as a senior research assistant at the Commonwealth Institute for Child and Family Studies, Department of



**Richard Weaver '96** had fun with his vintage photo when he returned to campus for Alumni Weekend this spring.

Psychiatry, Virginia Commonwealth University.

2012

**Amalia V. Manolagas** joined Hatcher Law Group as a family law attorney. She lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2014

**Laura Lindsay Tatum** was selected as a Sumners Scholar at SMU Dedman School of Law, where she will begin studies in the fall. She has been a producer on "State of the Union" with Jake Tapper at CNN's D.C. bureau.

## Weddings

**Brodie Gregory '03** to Tim Riordan on Dec. 19, 2015. They live in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Brodie is a senior consultant with CEB in Arlington, Virginia, and Tim is a partner in Northpoint Realty Partners in Bethesda, Maryland.



**Elinor P. Hindsley '05, '08L** to Ken Clendenin on April 18, 2015, at the Baltimore Country Club. Alumni in attendance included Christine Fritz

Lloyd '05, Caroline Crawford Childers '05, Valerie A. Delaune '07, Marian S. Steele '05, Andrew R. Lloyd '06, Whitney R. Travis '08L, Joseph P. Hindsley '72 (father of the bride), W. G. Crisler Clore '72, Timothy D. A. Chriss '72, Donald W. Kellerman Jr. '83, Richard B. Jones '84, Joseph C. Wich Jr. '69 and Robert C. Walker Jr. '72.



**Courtney G. Brent '05** to Timothy Kaufman on May 31, 2014. Top row, l. to r.: Matthew Ogle '05, Quintina Conway Barnett Gallion '05, Geoffrey Brent '81, Alicia H. Matthai '91, Theodore Bauer '74, Elizabeth D. Costello '93 and Thomas Costello '91. Middle row, l. to r.: Erin Rathbone '05, Leigh Anna Sodac '05, the bride and James R. Brooks '77. Bottom row, l. to r.: Steven Martinenza '05, Michelle Chastain '05, Rebecca Merritt Deupree '05 and Carter Deupree '03.



**Jillian M. Roper '08** to **Richard M. Kyle '07** on May 24, 2015, in Aurora, New York. Alumni in attendance included Richard Ruhle '61, '63L, Juan Estrada '06, Reed Evans '06, Amy Bacastow Fagan '06, Charles Fagan '06, Michael Julius '06, Blake Anderson '07, Padrick Dennis '07, David Graves '07, Allison Stokan Marshall '07, Nadia Prinz '07, Noah Stayton '07, Jamie Ferrell Bailey '08, Dane Boston '08, Deborah Newell Boston '08, Jessica Cobb Dowling '08, Briana Gregory '08,

Rachel Hull '08, Christine Flood Jones '08, Carly Levin '08, Kate Shellnutt Minnicks '08, Taylor McLachlan Shapero '08, Lain Wilson '08, Rebecca Koval '09 and Peter Kyle '09. The couple reside in Pittsburgh.

## Births and Adoptions

**Paul M. Davey '86** and his wife, Channing, a son, Patrick Michael, on March 4.

**Jennifer Carr Rabaey '93** and her husband, John, a boy, Edward Martin, on Sept. 14, 2015. He is their seventh child and sixth son. The family lives in Marshall, Minnesota.

**E. Lane Cates '00** and her husband, Brad, a son, James Cates McClain, on Dec. 22, 2015. They live in Dallas.

**Jill Kosch O'Donnell '00** and her husband, Phil, a daughter, Lillian Claire, on Sept. 14, 2015. She joins sister Isabelle. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**William V. Putnam '00** and his wife, Kerry, a son, Jackson, on Oct. 24, 2015.

**Anna Parris Walker '00** and **J. Robert Walker '01**, a daughter, Caroline Parris, on March 29. The family live in Durham, North Carolina, where Anna is director of alumni programs at Duke Law School, and Bob is general counsel and chief operating officer with 8 Rivers Capital LLC.

**Allison MacQueen Felder '02** and her husband, Jon, a son, Caleb Walter,



*Texas alumni from Austin, Dallas, Harlingen, Houston and San Antonio gathered for the Third Annual South Texas Hunting Trip, just outside of Charlotte, Texas. Back row, l. to r.: Mark Sikes '91, Maury Purnell '90, James Jennings '93, Mike Wharton '91, Scott Holstead '92, Trevor Horne '91, Clayton Kennington '92 and Matt Tompson '93. Front row, l. to r.: Chad Hamilton '93, Henry Sauer '93, Spencer Bell '93 and Tom Washmon '93. Photographer: Phillip Sampson '90.*

on Aug. 4, 2015. Caleb joins a very proud sister, Violet. They live in San Mateo, California.

**Gretchen Tencza Yatzook '02** and her husband, Spencer, a son, Sawyer Coe, on Feb. 12. He is a nephew of Nate Tencza '99. The family reside in Connecticut, with care from pediatrician Dr. Craig Keanna '88.

**The Rev. Lauren Robbins Holder '03** and her husband, Jason, a son, Charles Hudson, on June 7, 2015. They live in Atlanta.

**L. Hunter Morhous '03** and his wife, Natalie, a son, Wilson "Wills" Hunter, on Dec. 9, 2015. Wills' grandfather is Larry Morhous '72L. The family live in Atlanta, with their dog, Mason.

**Colin E. Murphy '03** and his wife, Ellen, a son, James Doonan, on Jan. 26.

**William H. Milam '05** and his wife, Kelly, a son, William Leonidas, on Feb. 27.

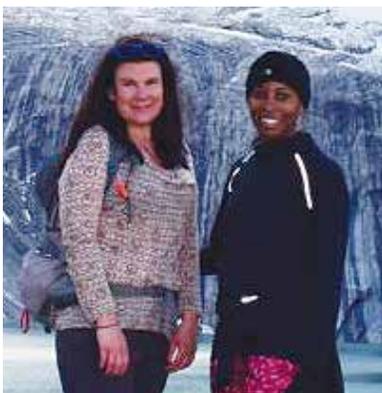
**Charles P. Nichols '05** and his wife, Kari, a son, Foster Edward, on Feb. 3. The new family is doing well and enjoying life in Denver.

**Brooke Sanden Miller '06** and her husband, Chris, boy and girl twins, Howard James and Caroline Christine, on Jan. 1. They join sister Tracey Ann. The family live in Rifle, Colorado. Howard and Caroline are the grandchildren of Howard V. Sanden '54.

**Dr. Robin Davis Beducian '07** and her husband, John, a son, William Sawyer, on March 23. The family is moving back home to Louisiana, where Robin has taken a position as a neurologist and epileptologist with Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, after five years at UNC Chapel Hill.



*ZBT brothers got together in April 2016 at Litchfield Beach, South Carolina. L. to r.: Robert Silverman '73, Stuart Porter '70, Scott Rickoff '73, Art Furlman '72, Mark Eaker '69, Bill Jacobs '71, Henry Fleishman '70, Scott Apter '69, Gary Herman '70, Paul Sugar '70, Chuck Cahn '70, Sheldon Miller '70, Steve Sandler '70, Ron Sklar '70 and Sid Rosenberg '68. Not pictured: Kenny Murov '72.*



**Kate A. Zawyrucha '06 and Camille Y. Morrison '07** hiked Torres del Paine National Park in Chile in December 2015. While at W&L, they travelled to Russia and Brazil together with the University Wind Ensemble, and the adventures continue.

**Lilla Theus Colpini '08** and her husband, Ty, a son, William Harrison, on July 25, 2015.

**Maggie Nugent Griesbeck '08** and her husband, Joey, a son, Henry Sullivan, on Nov. 15, 2015. The family live in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Katherine Roberts Sackman '12** and **Andrew M. Sackman '10**, a daughter, Anne Martin, on June 9,

2015. She is great-granddaughter to Josiah P. Rowe IV '48. Andrew is pursuing a Ph.D. in evolutionary genetics at Florida State University. Katherine manages human resources in the College of Arts & Sciences at FSU.

## Obituaries

**Robert L. Newburger '36**, of New York, died on Aug. 15, 2015. He served in the Army during World War II. He spent 55 years, from 1940 to 1995, on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. He began his career with the family firm of Newburger, Henderson & Loeb (later Newburger Loeb & Co.), then worked for Hazlett, Burt & Watson and finally the Alliance of Floor Brokers. In 2013, he celebrated his 100th birthday by ringing the closing bell of NYSE Euronext.

**Thomas A. Rawls Jr. '38**, of Poplarville, Mississippi, died on April 15. He served in the Army during World War II, earning the rank of master sergeant. He received the Bronze Star Medal for his outstanding service as battalion sergeant major. He ran the Sunflower Grocery Store in Poplarville, was an alderman and mayor of the city for 20 years, and was named Citizen of the Year in 1951. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

**Homer W. Weidmann '39**, of Belleville, Illinois, died on March 20. He served in the Army during World War II. He was CEO of Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Co. He was a Boy Scout troop leader, the first president of the Belleville Community Forum and a member of several other boards. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**Thomas S. Brizendine '41**, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, died on Feb. 8. He served with the Marines in the South Pacific and was discharged as major at the end of World War II. He worked in the wholesale grocery business. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

**Robert E. Lee '41**, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on March 7. He was a professor of mathematics and statistics, dean of Berry College and president of the Woman's College of Georgia in Milledgeville. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

**James E. McCausland '43**, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died on April 6. He served during World War II and was commanding officer of the U.S.S. PCE-868 based at Guam, in the western Pacific. He worked as a realtor and a broker. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

## COME ON BACK TO LEX

Whether our last trip to Lexington was this past April for Alumni Weekend 2016 or a long time ago, we alumni have an unusually keen recollection of the W&L, Lexington and Rockbridge County places that impacted us as students and stay with us for a lifetime. With apologies for locations past and present that I don't mention, walk with me on a W&L memory lane, and make plans to return to this home of special places!



Doremus Gym, Dutch Inn, Washburn and Duchossois tennis facilities, Natural Bridge, the Warner Center, Lewis Hall, Southern Inn, the Palms, Spanky's, Leyburn Library, Munster House, the Cockpit, the post office, the train station, Lenfest Center, Lime Kiln, Campus Kitchen, the Liberty Hall Ruins, St. Patrick's, R.E. Lee Episcopal, Manly Memorial, Leyburn Library, the Co-op, Evans Dining Hall, Elrod Commons, Lee House, Blue Sky Bakery, Woods Creek, Hotchkiss Alumni House, the C School, Red Square, Hillel House, White Columns Inn.

Please come back:

**FIVE-STAR FESTIVAL: Sept. 8-10, 2016**

**YOUNG ALUMNI WEEKEND/HOMECOMING: October 22-23, 2016**

**BLACK ALUMNI REUNION: March 3-4, 2017**

**ALUMNI WEEKEND: May 11-13, 2017**

—Beau Dudley '74, '79L  
Executive Director of Alumni Affairs

**Ivy V. Runyan '43**, of Pittsford, New York, died on Jan. 17. He founded the consulting company Pictor International and went on to consult at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He received many awards for his inventions from the Society for Imaging Science and Technology and held several patents. He belonged to Kappa Sigma. He was brother to John W. Runyan '44.

**William B. Van Buren III '44**, of Austin, Texas, died on Feb. 26. He served in the Navy during World War II. He went on to practice law and had been an Eagle Scout. He was uncle to Robert S. Van Buren '82.

**James F. Brewster '46**, of Winchester, Virginia, died on April 25. He served in the Navy during World War II at Pearl Harbor and Okinawa. He was a publisher's representative and worked in sales before establishing his own company, Market Growth Research Co. He authored five novels, three musical satires and numerous short stories.

**Roy J. Fahl Jr. '46**, of Wilmington, Delaware, died on March 13. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific. He worked for DuPont Co. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

**James P. Fisher Jr. '46**, of Richmond, died on March 15. He served with the Navy Patrol Bombing Squadron, VPB-106, with the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific and received the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He graduated from Coyne Electrical School and worked for E.I. DuPont for 38 years as an electrical supervisor. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

**General William Y. Smith '47**, of Falls Church, Virginia, died on Jan. 19. He graduated in 1948 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and joined the newly created U.S. Air Force. He flew jet fighters during the Korean War until shot down on his 97th mission, losing his right foot as a result. No longer able to fly, he was sent to Harvard in preparation for teaching at the academy and earned an M.P.A. and a Ph.D. During the Cuban missile crisis, he worked as liaison between the chairman of the

### Joseph S. Keelty '44, Emeritus Trustee



Joseph S. Keelty '44, an emeritus trustee who established a scholarship at W&L and donated generously to myriad other priorities at the university, died April 10, at the age of 93.

Keelty, a lifelong supporter of schools and charities, in 1981 endowed the Keelty Honor Scholarship at W&L. The full-tuition award is available to students from Maryland who have demonstrated exemplary achievement in academics, extracurricular activities and service to others. The Keelty Honor Scholarship has thus far supported the education of 25 W&L students.

Keelty also served as a Washington and Lee trustee from 1983 to 1988, and he demonstrated great generosity as a donor to the Washington and Lee Annual Fund, the Lenfest Center, Wilson Hall, the university's 250th anniversary celebration and more.

During his time at W&L, Keelty belonged to Delta Tau Delta and Pi Alpha Nu. From 1990 to 1993, he was a member of the board of chapter volunteers for the Baltimore Alumni Chapter. He served as Baltimore chapter co-chair for the On the Shoulders of Giants capital campaign from 1991 to 1995 and as Baltimore chapter honorary chair for the Campaign for the Rising Generation capital campaign from 2002 to 2003.

In 1991, Keelty's name was added to the Honored Benefactors Wall, joining the names of others who have contributed at least \$1 million to Washington and Lee. He was also a member of the Doremus Society, a philanthropic society that recognizes donors who have named Washington and Lee in their estate plans.

Keelty, who was born and raised in Baltimore, graduated from the McDonogh School in 1940. He entered Washington and Lee in the fall of 1940 and attended until the spring of 1942, when he transferred to a wartime accelerated program at Loyola University Maryland.

Keelty enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1942, and upon graduation from Loyola in 1943 he attended Midshipmen's School at Notre Dame University. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater during World War II and, as an officer on a troop transport vessel, took part in a number of military actions in the Philippines, including the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

After the service, Keelty returned to Baltimore and joined the Keelty Co., a homebuilding firm founded by his late father, James Keelty Sr. According to The Baltimore Sun, Keelty and his brother, James Keelty Jr., developed new neighborhoods and constructed high-quality homes in developments surrounding Baltimore. The brothers continued the development of Rodgers Forge, a national historic district just north of Baltimore that their father had started in 1932. They also developed Mays Chapel Village, a large apartment complex in Baltimore County.

Through the years, Keelty directed his philanthropy largely to helping low-income families afford quality education for their children. In addition to his gifts to Washington and Lee, he gave to Stevenson University and the McDonogh School. He founded a scholarship in memory of his parents at Loyola, where he served on the board from 1981 to 1995. Loyola awarded Keelty an honorary doctorate in 1992 and the Carroll Medal in 2002. He also served on the board of the McDonogh School.

Keelty is survived by 20 nieces and nephews and by the children of his late companion, Ann Watts Grieves, who died in 1998.

### Thomas Ringgold Shepherd '52, Emeritus Trustee, Co-Founder of Shepherd Poverty Program



Thomas Ringgold Shepherd '52, an emeritus trustee and significant benefactor of Washington and Lee University, died on March 19. A resident of Stow, Massachusetts, he was 86.

Shepherd and his wife, the Rev. Nancy H. Shepherd, started W&L's Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability in 1997.

One of the university's signal programs, it integrates academic study and learning through service and reflection; informs students about poverty and what can be

done to foster human capabilities; and enables students to acquire skills and qualities of character that dispose them to serve communities and disadvantaged individuals.

The program has served as the prototype for programs at nearly two dozen institutions, which were united in 2011 as the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty.

Shepherd graduated from W&L with a B.A. in economics. As an undergraduate, he served as president of the Sigma Chi fraternity and as secretary of the 1952 Mock Convention.

He also held an M.A. in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University and completed the executive program at the Amos Tuck School, Dartmouth College. He served on active duty with the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1952 to 1954.

Shepherd served as a W&L trustee from 1996 to 2000. He belonged to the George Washington Society and sat on the Shepherd Poverty Advisory Board, and served on two of his reunion class committees, as a SPEAK volunteer, and on area committees for two capital campaigns, chairing one of the latter.

During Shepherd's business career, he served as a director of Berkshire Wireless Inc., Community Resource Systems Inc., 4R Systems Inc., MyUtility.com, Rayovac Corp., Vermont Teddy Bear Co., Amerace Corp., General Nutrition Companies Inc., Playtex Family Products Corp., PNC-New England, Signature Brands Inc. and Thermoscan Inc. He was treasurer of the Fieldstone Foundation Inc. and chair of the Shepherd Group.

As an independent consultant from 1986 to 1998, he served as managing director of the Thomas H. Lee Co., Boston. From 1983 to 1986, Shepherd was president of GTE (Sylvania) Lighting Products.

In addition to Washington and Lee, his many philanthropic interests included the United Way, Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp., several land trusts and other nonprofits.

In 2006, both Tom and Nancy Shepherd received honorary doctor of law degrees from Washington and Lee in recognition of their "commitments to social justice and dedication to public service."

Among his survivors are his wife, the Rev. Nancy Shepherd, and four children, Ruth H. Shepherd, Katharine G. Shepherd, Elizabeth S. Beneche and T. Nathanael Shepherd.

Joint Chiefs of Staff and the president's national security advisor. Later tours of duty included command positions in Oklahoma and Germany, and staff positions at the highest policy levels in the Pentagon. His four-star assignments were as chief of staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and deputy commander in chief of the U.S. European Command. After retirement, he served as president of the Institute for Defense Analyses, co-authored a book with a Soviet general about the Cuban missile crisis, and sat on the board of the National Security Archive. His decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, four Air Medals and five Distinguished Service awards.

**Edwin S. Pickett '46, '49L**, of Charleston, South Carolina, died on Feb. 8. He was a retired teacher. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

**Donald E. Campbell '48**, of Pebble Beach, California, died on Aug. 22, 2010. He served in the Army and during D-Day landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. He received the Bronze Star Medal, the Croix de Guerre with Palm, two Battle Stars and the Bronze Arrowhead on the European Theater of Operations Ribbon, as well as various other service medals. He was a founding treasurer of York School, among other community activities. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

**Luther W. White III '49L**, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died on Jan. 9. He entered private practice in Norfolk, Virginia, before forming the law firm Worthington, White & Harper. He was appointed to the Virginia Board of Law Examiners by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. He served as president of Randolph-Macon College and as president of Kentucky Wesleyan College. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta and was grandfather to Patricia I. King '12.

**Dr. David P. Largey '50**, of Salisbury, Maryland, died on Feb. 7. He spent three years in the Air Force. He was a general surgeon. He belonged to Delta Upsilon. He was cousin to William T. Poole '70.

**C. William Pacy '50**, of Waldoboro, Maine, died on March 5. He served in the Navy. He coached lacrosse at the University of Baltimore and brought them from last place to earn five national championships in the 1950s. He and his partner built and managed a western theme park, Frontier Town, where he worked as a marshal, rodeo clown and dancer in the Old Saloon. Later he worked in Baltimore, where he renovated the Lexington Market and planned, designed, built and marketed Harbor Court. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

**A. Fletcher Sisk Jr. '50**, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on March 22. He served in the Navy. He worked as an insurance broker. He belonged to Kappa Sigma and was father to Geoffrey P. Sisk '81 and grandfather to Charlotte P. Sisk '15.

**Bernard C. Talley '50**, of Roanoke, died on Feb. 25. He served as an aerial gunner with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II. He was an educator. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

**Lawrence L. Gubelli '52**, of Rockville Centre, New York, died on June 13, 2015. He had been a police officer and a postmaster. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

**Donald R. Klenk '54L**, of Potomac, Maryland, died on March 9. A veteran of the Army, he served as deputy chief counsel to several board members of the National Labor Relations Board. He was a longtime W&L Law class agent.

**Albert J. Perry '54**, of Tucson, Arizona, died on Aug. 24, 2013. He was an exploration geologist, working abroad in Fiji, Australia, Ghana and Eritrea. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

**William F. Reid '54**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on July 30, 2015. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

**Glenn A. Scott '54**, of Norfolk, Virginia, died on Feb. 8. He was an associate editorial page editor for the *Virginian-Pilot*. He was father to Glenn A. Scott Jr. '95.

**Richard Kops '55**, of Garner, North Carolina, died on Oct. 3, 2015. He received a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1960 and practiced law. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

**Claude W. Nicholson Jr. '56L**, of Fort Myers, Florida, died on Feb. 15. An attorney (with Nicolson & Pontius from 1988 to 1996), he was

admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Courts and the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Francis T. Kalmbach '57**, of Houston, died on Feb. 9. He was an architect. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

**Malcolm A. Clinger '58**, of Wilson, Wyoming, died on April 21. He served in the Army at Fort Lee, Virginia. He retired as an executive director of the Swiss Bank Corp. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta and was brother to David M. Clinger '55 and James M. Clinger '62.

**Harry E. Heintsh III '58** of McClellanville, South Carolina, died on Feb. 17. He was a special forces veteran of the Army Reserves for over 40 years, attaining the rank of colonel. He was a physician and medical director of the Miami Beach Fire and Rescue. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**James M. Smith Jr. '59**, of Frankfort, Kentucky, died on Feb. 4. He established his own dental practice and later served as president of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. He was elected president of the Southern Regional Testing Agency. He was a fellow of the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.



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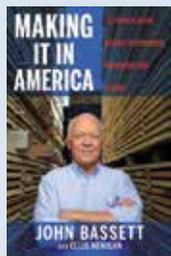
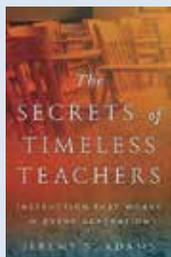
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## ALUMNI BOOKS

**Jeremy Adams '98**, "The Secrets of Timeless Teachers: Instruction That Works in Every Generation" (reprint, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers). He

argues that the methods, habits and behaviors that constitute powerful teaching do not change over time. In fact, an effective and impactful teacher a hundred years ago used many of the same habits and strategies a powerful teacher uses today. Adams teaches political science at Bakersfield High School and California State University, Bakersfield. He has received numerous teaching and writing honors including the 2014 California Teacher of the Year Award (Daughters of the American Revolution), was named the 2012 Kern County Teacher of the Year, was a semi-finalist in 2013 for the California Department of Education's Teachers of the Year Program, and was a finalist in 2014 for the prestigious Carlston Family Foundation National Teacher Award. The California State Senate recently sponsored a resolution in recognition of his achievements in education.

**John D. Bassett III '59**, "Making It in America: A 12-Point Plan for Growing Your Business and Keeping Jobs at Home" (Center Street), co-authored with Ellis Henican. From the publisher's website: "While one corporation after another exported their manufacturing to high-volume factories in low-wage locations overseas, Bassett's traditional wood bedroom furniture manufacturing company has not only survived, but thrived, making premium products right here in America. When everyone else was rushing for the exits, Bassett

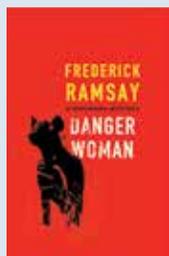
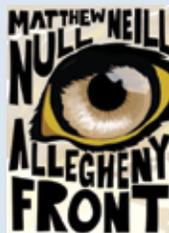


bet on the talent, dedication, and uncompromising quality of American workmanship. And he won." (Bassett was also the subject of the 2014 book "Factory Man: How One Furniture Maker Battled Offshoring, Stayed Local—and Helped Save an American Town," by journalist Beth Macy.)

**Matthew Neill Null '06**, "Allegheny Front" (Sarabande Books). From the publisher's website: "His-

tory is a living and inescapable presence in the panoramic stories of Allegheny Front, where Matthew Neill Null brings his homeland of rural West Virginia vividly to life. In Null's telescopic narration, human and animal populations exist in precarious balance with a landscape ravaged by resource exploitation and failed enterprise. Bears propagate in abandoned strip mines and forage in town dumpsters to the delight of camera-toting locals; a bald eagle torments a hunter after he kills her mate; an ambitious young scientist is forced to reckon with her past and present loyalties when a local man and his daughter interrupt her field research. With haunting lyricism, lush detail, and a keen ear for dialogue, Null creates a world simultaneously intimate and epic in scope."

**Frederick Ramsay '58**, "Danger Woman: A Botswana Mystery." From Frederick ramsay.com: "When Inspector Modise had time to work his way through the events of that night, he would wonder at how such a violent ending had evolved from his original and simple plan to spy on and then deport Lenka and his people."



**Richard T. Hollyday '60**, of Easton, Maryland, died on Feb. 17. He served in the Army.

**James E. Reid '60**, of Healdsburg, California, died on Jan. 17. He served in the Army as a Russian translator. He became a reporter covering criminal courts in 1965. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha and was uncle to Daniel C. Coffey '78.

**Howard W. Zimmerman Jr. '60**, of Roanoke, Indiana, died on March 13, 2013. He worked for Gateman Bank. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

**E. Darracott Vaughan Jr. '61**, of Sheridan, Wyoming, died on April 22. He was a professor of urology. He belonged to Sigma Chi and was father to Edwin D. Vaughan III '84.

**T. Grantham Couch '62**, of Shreveport, Louisiana, died on April 18. He was a professor at Mary Baldwin College and Western State College. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

**Robert W. Lawson III '63**, of Charleston, West Virginia, died on Jan. 20. He worked in the securities department of National Savings & Trust and later opened his own law firm. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**Dr. J. Brantley Sydnor '63**, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died on Feb. 28. He served as a captain in the Army and received the Bronze Star. He practiced otolaryngology and head and neck surgery. He was a past president of the Roanoke Valley Academy of Medicine. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was cousin to E. Starke Sydnor '66, '73L.

**Maurice W. Worth Jr. '63**, of Fayetteville, Georgia, died on Feb. 11. He retired from Delta Airlines as chief operating officer. He formed The Doral Co., a consulting firm specializing in aviation. He served on many boards, including the national board of governors of the American Red Cross and Atlanta Healthcare Alliance.

**E. Randolph Wootton Jr. '64**, of Midlothian, Virginia, died on Jan. 24. He worked in consumer products and marketing. He was a board member

of several nonprofit organizations. He was a professor of marketing at Georgia State University and other area colleges. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta and was father to Susan H. Wootton '93 and Lois Wootton Ayers '95.

**J. Watkins Strouss '65**, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, died on April 3, 2015. He worked on various political campaigns, for Eastern Distributors and as a pollster for CBS News. For the past 25 years, he sang with the New York Festival Singers. He was brother to Henry M. Strouss III '61.

**Donald J. Stewart '66**, of Manorville, New York, died on Nov. 15, 2016.

**Grant M. Gille '67L**, of Spring Lake, New Jersey, died on Jan. 11. He served in the armed services. He was former mayor of Montclair, New Jersey, partner in his law firm of Ferguson and Gille, and a leader in education and civic circles.

**Edward H. Leonard III '74**, of Billerica, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 16, 2014. He earned an M.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and had been an application engineer for Analog Devices Inc. and a design engineer for Frequency Devices.

**Dr. Richard K. Cooksey '75**, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died on Jan. 16. He practiced medicine in Birmingham, Alabama. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

**M. Wayne Ringer '80L**, of Norfolk, Virginia, died on April 18. He was chief deputy in Norfolk's city attorney's office. Prior to that, he was a lawyer for Williams, Worrell, Kelly & Greer.

**Frank H. Agnew '82**, of New Orleans, died on Jan. 10, 2015. He worked as an investment banker at Howard Weil, Morgan Keegan, and Johnson Rice Co. He co-founded the start-up firm EquityMetrix and worked with insurance firm Gillis, Ellis, and Baker. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi. He was nephew to James Q. Agnew '50, son to Thomas A. Agnew '52, and father to Sarah K. Agnew '16.

**Thomas G. Baker Jr. '82L** of Dublin, Virginia, died on April 15. He served as the Dublin town attorney and ran his own law practice in Dublin for many years. He was also a member of the Virginia State House of Delegates for 10 years and was chair of the House Courts Committee.

**Craig T. Reilly '84**, of Dulles, Virginia, died on March 1. He served in the Army and was a diplomat, working out of U.S. embassies and consulates in Latin America, Asia and Europe. He spoke many languages, including Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish. He was a manager, real estate entrepreneur and investor. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

**John K. Spencer '14**, of Athens, Georgia, died on Jan. 17. After working as a student assistant at Trinity School in Mar Del Plate, Argentina, he entered the University of Georgia's Odum School of Ecology in 2014 for a master's degree focusing on urban fresh water. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

## Other Deaths

**Napoleon Henry "Poley" Borgus**, who retired from W&L in 1983 after 21 years as a custodian, died on June 2. Along with his late wife, Dorothea "Dolly" Borgus (who also retired from W&L, from the Snack Bar), he was a popular and well-known bartender at many W&L functions.

**Rosa Batte Hodges McLaughlin**, the widow of Lee Massey McLaughlin, died on June 9. She was 97. A well-known, longtime figure in the campus community, she moved to Lexington in 1957 when her husband took over as W&L's football coach; he held that post until his death in 1968. An athlete herself, Rosa McLaughlin played basketball and field hockey at her alma mater, Hollins College, and with her husband taught at Episcopal High School before coming to W&L. They also founded and ran Camp Maxwellton for Boys and Camp Lachlan

for Girls, both in Rockbridge County. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Rosa McLaughlin Carrington Heinsohn (Eric Heinsohn '83), Nelle Hill McLaughlin Busch (James Busch) and Virginia LeRoy McLaughlin Myers (Hamilton Myers); her sons and daughters-in-law, Lee Massey McLaughlin Jr. (Nancy Frizzell) and James Andrew McLaughlin '86 (Nancy Assaf); 19 grandchildren (including Angie Carrington Murphy '94, Katie Busch Weston '01, Lee McLaughlin III '07 and Luke Heinsohn '13); and 47 great-grandchildren. Her late brother was Leroy Hodges Jr. '35.

**Fran Peppers**, of Lexington, died on March 18 after a valiant battle with ALS. A well-known member of the W&L community since 1986, she curated more than 50 art exhibitions in Huntley Hall and Holekamp Hall. Her husband, Larry Peppers, stepped down last year after 29 years as the dean of the Williams School. Fran taught business courses for four years at Southern Seminary for Women (now Southern Virginia University). She studied art at Hollins University, Washington and Lee, the University of Virginia and the Philadelphia Academy of Art, and made oil paintings of the human figure her specialty. In October 2015, W&L honored Fran for her work on behalf of the arts with the dedication of the Larry and Fran Peppers Reading Room in Huntley Hall. "My mission was to bring new artists and their work to the area," she told this magazine in the Summer 2015 issue. "It was always gratifying to see students pay attention to the art." In addition to her husband of 50 years, she is survived by their daughter, Susan Peppers-Bates; their son, Todd Peppers '90, a visiting professor of law at W&L, and his wife, Michele; four grandchildren; six siblings; and a brother-in-law.

**Charles Updike**, who retired from W&L in 2015 after a 15-year career, died April 24. He began his stint here in 2000, working for a few months in Mail Services, and then transferring to Athletics, where he was a grounds worker for the rest of his time at W&L.

# A Gathering of the Clans

Best wishes to these new graduates, whose alumni relatives celebrated with them in Lexington on May 26.

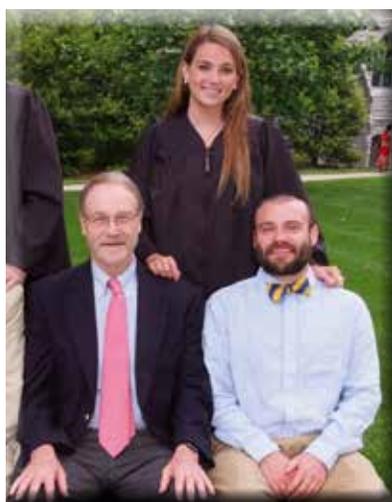
*Front, l. to r.:* Eric Storey '84, John McCaffery '86, David Carson '88L, John Roach '89, Bill Rachal '82, Liston Orr '78, Bill Devine '83, Alicia Devine '90L. *Back, l. to r.:* Eric Storey '16, Andrew McCaffery '16, Anna Paden Carson '16, Catherine Roach '16, Sarah Rachal '16, Stephen Orr '16, Wyatt Devine '16.



*Front, l. to r.:* Mike Missal '78, David Westermann '80L, Paul Lagarde '91, Rick Chittum '69, Tom Sackfield '84, Hannah Sackfield '13 (sister of Fred), Ed Henson '87, Howard Smith '80. *Back, l. to r.:* Jordan Missal '16, Zack Westermann '16, Paul Lagarde '16, Brodie Chittum '16, Fred Sackfield '16, Bennett Henson '16, Worth Smith '16.



*Front, l. to r.:* Tommy Pritchard '84 (uncle of Harris), Bill Pritchard '80 (father of Harris), Tom Pritchard '79 (father of Tom). *Back, l. to r.:* Harris Pritchard '16, Catherine Pritchard '13 (not pictured, sister of Harris), Tom Pritchard '16.



*Front:* Bo Bokinsky '67 (father of Ann Catherine), Eric Bokinsky '05 (brother of Ann Catherine). *Back:* Ann Catherine Bokinsky '16.



The family of the late Jorge Estrada '69. *Front, l. to r.:* Carol Estrada '05, Nancy Estrada (wife of Jorge, mother of these five alumni), Annie Estrada Postma '04. *Back, l. to r.:* Estefi Estrada '13, Javier Estrada '16, Juan Estrada '06.



*Front, l. to r.:* Alex Weintz '06 (brother-in-law of Ryan Grant), Becky Grant Weintz '06 (sister of Ryan Grant), Lindsay Grant Savarese '10 (sister of Ryan Grant), Ed Feddemen '75, (not pictured, the late Fred Feddeman '40, grandfather of Virginia), Mike McGarry '87, Jed Dunn '82 (uncle of Myers McGarry), Fletcher Dunn '10 (cousin of Myers McGarry), Jimmy Dunn '08 (not pictured, cousin of Myers McGarry), Connell Owings Dunn '10 (not pictured, cousin-in-law of Myers McGarry), Jimmy McGarry '93L (not pictured, uncle of Myers), Catherine Lindley '11 (sister of Virginia). *Back, l. to r.:* Ryan Grant '16, Gerard Savarese '11 (brother-in-law of Ryan Grant), Virginia Feddeman '16, Myers McGarry '16, Virginia McGarry '14 (sister of Myers), Hanes Dunn '13 (cousin of Myers McGarry), Virginia Lindley '16.



*Front, l. to r.:* Madison Woodward '81, Dwight Emanuelson '84, Tom Bartlett '81, Duane Miller '84, Dave Johnston '77, Stephen Lemon '84, Allison Lemon '11 (sister of Laura), William Lemon '55, '59L (grandfather of Laura). *Back, l. to r.:* Marshall Woodward '16, Sarah Agnew '16 (daughter of the late Del Agnew '82), James Emanuelson '16, Sarah Bartlett '16, Haley Miller '16, Lillian Johnston '16, Laura Lemon '16.



*Front, l. to r.:* Bill Metzger '85, Will Hodges '81, Charlie Prioleau '82, Ted Martin '80, Van Geeker '76, Andy Cole '85, Bert Ponder '83, Jeff Boswell '85. *Back, l. to r.:* William Metzger '14 (brother of Chris), Chris Metzger '16, Katherine Hodges '16, Wilson Prioleau '16, Ford Martin '16, Thomas Geeker '16, Katherine Cole '16, Wyn Ponder '16, Kate Boswell '16.

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# Celebrating Champions, Celebrating Relationships

BY PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76

One of my favorite end-of-year events at Washington and Lee is the annual athletic awards ceremony each May, when our varsity athletes — 462 of them this year, most of them pictured above — join their coaches and the athletic staff in Lee Chapel to receive the honors they have earned during the year.

These are occasions to celebrate not just the victories and championships, but also the spirit and camaraderie within each of our 24 varsity teams and throughout the Athletic Department.

This year's celebration was the climax of an unprecedented year in which the Generals won a record 11 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) championships. Four teams won titles during a 24-hour span in early May, when men's and women's lacrosse and men's and women's tennis all prevailed in their post-season tournaments. The other team titles in 2015-16 came in football (unbeaten in the regular season), men's soccer, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's swimming, and men's golf (tied for third in the NCAA national championships).

Outstanding performances by all the teams brought Washington and Lee the ODAC Commissioner's Cup, signifying the best overall performance throughout the year, for the 19th time in 21 years.

In addition to team honors, individual athletes and coaches were recognized throughout the year for both athletic and academic accomplishments, including, at this writing:

- 13 individual invitees to NCAA post-season events
- 5 First-Team NCAA All-Americans
- 4 ODAC Players of the Year
- 6 ODAC Scholar-Athletes of the Year
- 11 ODAC Rookies of the Year
- 68 First-Team All-ODAC
- 10 ODAC Coaches of the Year

Those are merely the highlights. A complete account of the year's success, including the names of all individual champions, is at [http://myw.lu/generals\\_2016](http://myw.lu/generals_2016). Read more on pp. 12-13, too.

Watching the presentation of all the trophies and awards, I paid particular attention to the obvious delight that the

coaches took in the recognition of their players' achievements. This reminded me of a passage from our "Statement of Institutional Philosophy," which was composed by two of the university's late leaders, President John Wilson and English professor Sidney Coulling, almost three decades ago:

*I believe that at W&L  
our coaches teach  
by example and  
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their lives.*

*The university recognizes teaching as its central function. It believes that the personal association of its students with a highly qualified and motivated faculty holds the greatest promise of inspiring in them a respect and thirst for knowledge that will continue throughout their lives.*

To be sure, this refers to people like Sid Coulling himself and to all the W&L teacher-scholars whose impact on our students extends well beyond the classrooms and laboratories, and well beyond their four years here.

But the statement applies equally to Washington and Lee's coaches, who foster a particular kind of personal association that translates into the remarkable success we've had on the courts and fields this year.

A confession: I am a fervent idealist who believes that athletic competition builds character, and that the vocation of coaching is among the most noble anyone can choose.

I believe that at W&L our coaches teach by example and demeanor, imparting some of the most important lessons our students learn — lessons that stick with them throughout their lives. We were, then, celebrating more than our championship seasons on that May evening; we were celebrating special relationships that inspire. 

PARENTS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
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2015-2016

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*Above: Parents Leadership Council Spring Weekend, March 11-12, 2016.  
PLC Steering Committee members, from left to right: John and Cathy Dougherty P'19,  
Robbie and Robert Mayer P'18, Lori and Bill Kavanagh P'16, and Tucker Kavanagh '16.*

*Our gratitude to all current and past families  
who supported this year's Parents Fund.*

The support of non-alumni parents, including current and past families, is a critical component of Washington and Lee's unrestricted Annual Fund — almost 20 percent.

Each year members of the Parents Leadership Council — those who make gifts of \$5,000 or more — provide the foundation for the Parents Fund.

Our deepest appreciation to the 2015-16 PLC chairs Lori and Bill Kavanagh P'16 (Denver, Colorado) and the steering committee composed of more than 25 class co-chairs, for their enthusiastic work this year.

Welcome to the 2016-17 PLC chairs Ellen and Greg Rogowski P'17 (Jacksonville, Florida) and members of the Class of 2020.



*Parents Fund*

To support the Parents Fund or join the Parents Leadership Council, please contact Melissa "Missy" Gentry Witherow, senior director of development for Parent Giving, at [mwitherow@wlu.edu](mailto:mwitherow@wlu.edu) (540) 458-8976.

Last Look



L. to r.: Rector Don Childress '70, Marguerite Lenfest, Gerry Lenfest '53, '55L, retired Vice President for Advancement Farris Hotchkiss '58 and President Ken Ruscio '76.

## *Silver Anniversary* FOR THE *Lenfest Center*

In May, the Lenfest Center for the Arts celebrated 25 years as a cultural centerpiece of not only Washington and Lee but also of the entire community, Lexington and Rockbridge County and beyond.

The center's namesakes — and the university's great benefactors — Marguerite Lenfest and Gerry Lenfest '53, '55L graced the occasion with their presence.

The Lenfest Center houses the Theater, Dance and Film Department, the Music Department and the Art and Art History Department. The multi-use facility hosts a broad spectrum of the performing arts, including theater, musical theater, opera, operetta, choral and band music, dance and performance art.

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