

# LEHIGH DISPATCH

*Editor's note: Welcome to Lehigh Dispatch, where you can find out what your fellow alums are up to. Thanks to our dedicated correspondents for the work you do to keep our extended Lehigh community together. Please send Class Notes to your class correspondent, or, if unsure the class to which the news applies, send to [classnotes@lehigh.edu](mailto:classnotes@lehigh.edu).*

**'41** *Editor's note:*  
Many thanks to  
**Richard Bobbe '41**  
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more's '40 call to find Lehigh  
centenarians. Richard is 101 and  
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While getting ready to write this column, my thoughts strayed to thinking about some of those who have passed on. For each face that came to mind, I recalled a personal exchange or a humorous event that we had shared. In most cases these thoughts brought smiles. I suggest you each recall friends who have gone and think on them for a few moments as a form of remembrance. We are all in our 90s now and have plenty of time to pause and look back. Lehigh's records show that there are about 250 of us left out of a class of 775.

In May I heard from **Hank Bauer**. He sends best wishes to all his classmates with the thought that he will try to attend our next reunion. Hank's career

with Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore was followed by several years at Morgan State University helping them with their ambitious construction program.

**Gill Seal** wrote as follows: "Not much to report, usual stuff. After Lehigh, U.S. Army 'Korean Police Action,' spent about 40 years with American Cyanamid, now Pfizer, in nine different divisions; three kids, 11 grandkids scattered around. Back to Lehigh for oldest son's graduation and L/L games when possible. Best wishes, Gill"

**Don Smith** wrote in: "It is hard to believe that 2021 is 70 years from 1951. We have been busy here at Luther Crest trying to get back to normal after 15 months of restrictions. I am looking forward to seeing all the changes on the campus. If the Lord is willing, I hope to be back for reunion next June. See you next year."

Peter Brothers wrote the following on behalf of his father, **John T. "Ted" Brothers**: "Dad just turned 93, or we like to say 39, on June 23. He seems to be doing well. He had a fall about a month ago. No broken bones. Up until then he was still walking nine holes on the golf course." Hopefully, golf in some form can continue for him. Ted's picture is included in the In Celebration section, drinking a toast to all of us while wearing the varsity L sweater he earned as a wrestler.

**Wes Wardell** sent in a 500-word bio. Due to space limitations, the following passage has been selected for this issue: "From Lehigh's AFROTC program I received a commission in USAF. Military assignments included: Aug. '51 Westover AFB, Mass.; Sept. '51 Kadena AB, Okinawa, as adjutant for 9AVRS and Maintenance Squadron. In '52 was sent to Japan to attend a basketball clinic and then coached the group basketball team. (We won the championship due to superior players.) Between '53-'54, [I was] assigned to Army Chemical Center, Md., for chemistry research (Wes is now a retired Lt. col.). In '54-'57, attended U. of Buffalo Law School and finally made Law Review. In '55 I married Catherine Amans, the girl across the street in Blas-dell. Why was I so fortunate? After 65+ years of marriage, my wife died in June 2021."

**George Esherick** called me with an update. He is still driving, golfing, and gardening and says he uses a walker part-time. We discussed reunion. We are both hopeful attendees.

Now, a few words about our 70th Lehigh Reunion. It will be held from June 9-12, 2022, in conjunction with the classes of 1950 and 1952. A class dinner will be held jointly for members of these three classes. I am advised to make hotel reservations right away as a huge turnout is expected (three-fifths of all alums are invited). I realize that some of us have mobility issues. We will arrange golf carts for those who need to ride during the parade. Transportation between events will be available.

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I received a nice note from the mother of a 2018 Lehigh graduate saying that she had

read our Class of '52 column and commenting on my biking adventures. Our class is famous ... or infamous! Fortunately, we received lots of news this period—so much I had to delete some information. For all the news, see our website.

**Bob Hoyt** added a few tidbits to his colorful history: "It's a strange feeling now that everyone in our class is in their 90s. I still drive. My condo has all bedrooms on the second floor, and I have no problem getting up and down the stairs. I've been a widower since I lost my wife, Terry, in 2003. We were married 49 years. It's been tough being alone for the past 18 years. I've gotten nervous bike riding because of balance issues. My children gave me a stationary bike, so I'm getting some exercise that way. I might try again on my bike when I get to my summer home. I recently talked with the widows of **Bruce Hill** and **Fred Gartside**, both of whom were ushers in our wedding."

Bob's final comment was, "Who would have thought that at the age of 91, some of us are still going?"

**Charles (Chic) Whedon** wrote: "Your last column struck a chord! I've been meaning to write but, like so many others, put it off. I know of one other classmate, **Jerry Underhill**. He lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Ann. Both are reasonably healthy and spend a lot of valuable time visiting their children and 'vacationing.' I went to work with Union Carbide upon graduating and spent 36 years with them. On the way I met a wonderful girl and married Marge, who unfortunately died in 1996. We had three children, Carol, Chuck and Frank. They still live within striking distance, so I am fortunate. We lived in Fanwood and Westfield, N.J. I'm now living in Seabrook Village, a very nice retirement community in Tinton Falls, N.J. Having gone to Lehigh and learned what a great sport wres-

ting is, I introduced it to my two sons and then to two grandsons. They were pretty good—three of them wrestled in the N.J. State Championships.”

**Bill Skillman** wrote: “Sorry to hear that your bike riding makes you look like a 90-year-old bag of bones. I quit riding over 10 years ago, so I will settle for just looking like a 93-year-old bag of bones without all that exercise. I also have a checkered history with bicycles! In the eighth grade, I was playing tag in the school bus parking lot and collided with another bike. Knocked me unconscious and his bike dug a hole in my thigh. Years later, a friend and I went swimming and riding back home we locked handlebars and landed in fresh tar. This left a matching hole in my knee. Several stitches—scar and tar still there. Later, I helped my stepsister learn to ride her bike—next day, riding her bike, she fell and broke her arm! I miss biking, but I guess I’ll do without at 93 and leave it to you younger guys.”

**Robert Kradoska** writes: “We live in Sarasota, but are now at my condo in Ocean City, N.J. We will return to Florida in October. I still have a house in Pennsylvania.”

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In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, I was listed as your “guest correspondent.” Now I am pleased to be listed as our new class correspondent. It will not be easy following in the footsteps of **Tip Mowrer**, who served some 60 years. And, I want to also thank our class president, **Joe Workman**, for acting as “guest” columnist for an earlier *Bulletin*. With your help, we can have very good columns. As you know, we planned for a mini reunion on campus Saturday, September 18. I am writing this column in late July, and since you will not read

this until the Fall/Winter *Bulletin* is published, I can’t tell you how the reunion turned out. That is one of the reasons we need everyone’s email address. If Lehigh does not have it, please get it to the university, to Joe Workman ([jmw4emw@aol.com](mailto:jmw4emw@aol.com)), or me. Then we can communicate faster and more easily.

Included in the In Celebration section, you’ll see a wonderful picture of **Jack Platt**, along with his son Kevin, who recently received a master’s degree from Georgia Tech. Jack moved from Texas to Dallas, Pa., several years ago. He is active in coaching young people in long-distance running and in managing investments (no wrestling?). He, believe it or not, has 10 children. Eight are located in Texas, one in Colorado, and one in Pennsylvania. He and his wife go to Texas once a month to visit his growing family and for his wife to continue her studies toward a master’s degree at the University of Texas, Dallas.

Joe Workman tells me he and fraternity brother **Ed Kearney** stay in frequent contact. Ed lives an hour from campus in New Hope, Pa. Joe also meets for lunch with two other Lehigh Valley classmates and officers, **Roger Inglese** and **Tony Latour**.

For the past 15 years I have had a close friendship with Lehigh’s former president, Dr. Alice Gast. She is completing her final year as president of Imperial College in London. Imperial is considered one of the top 10 universities in the world. Several years ago, I was given a nice London party by Dr. Gast. In a recent letter she wrote, “So nice to hear that you’ll see **[Art] Tauck**, **[Joe] Morgenstern**, **[Bob] Gill**, and Workman—please give them my love—the Great Class of 1953.” It is nice to think of our class as a “great class.” I think we were and still are.

Finally, I received a phone call from Karla Morales, who knew many of our classmates

when she worked at Lehigh in the Development Office. She, like Alice, considers the Class of 1953 one of Lehigh’s very best.

Just before deadline: What a surprise—I received a phone call from Art Tauck telling me he was in Palm Beach for a few days. My wife Joanna and I, Art, his wife, and her son and his wife had a wonderful dinner at Cafe Europe in Palm Beach. Art has been my friend for over 70 years, starting at Columbia (N.J.) High School, then at Lehigh. He was my driver to and from Lehigh. And, he took **Nick Gentile**, **Jim Lebo** and me to dinner several times a week. Art’s wife’s son is general manager of the White Elephant Hotel in Palm Beach, which is why Art was in town. My suggestion to you classmates is if you know a fellow grad in town, give them a call—a wonderful way to renew Lehigh friendships.

Again, to provide you with news and to write an interesting column, I will need your help. Please send any news about yourself, any little “tidbit” is acceptable.

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Yes, we are all dealing with results of the pandemic. By the time this column issues, we hope that some form of normalcy has returned.

**Marty Misenhimer** is “the star” of this column, and he chose a very interesting way of presenting himself, by way of a story about a Lehigh professor who had an impact on him.

I do not want to detract from Marty’s story, but it occurs to me

that all of you may have stories that you would be willing to share.

Mine is sitting for a final exam in chemical engineering as the piles for Fritz Lab were being put in place and Dr. Foust was up front with his pipe emitting billows of smoke. There was some electricity problem, so lights in the exam room were out. Dr. Foust had a unique way of saying “bone dry” when referring to lack of moisture in air.

Now Marty: “Dear Burt, Although I graduated in the Class of 1955, I should have been in the Class of 1951. The Korean War came along, and I spent four years as a Navy corpsman before returning to Lehigh as a pre-med. After Lehigh, I spent four years at Hahnemann Medical College, one year as an intern at Allentown Hospital, and two years at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. Then I practiced pediatrics in Allentown for 50 years.

“My story is about Dr. Fran Trembley. He was my botany and genetics professor at Lehigh. He was a chain smoker and even smoked during class. As an expert botanist, he wrote articles in *The Morning Call*. In his waning years he suffered severe COPD.

“One day as a pediatrician, I was called to the ER to see a child who had ingested some berries from an unknown plant. The parents had a branch and berries from the plant, but I had no idea if the berries were toxic or not. I remembered Dr. Trembley, and I had a courier take the branch and berries to his house. He identified them as being non-toxic, and all were relieved.

“His wife called me a few days later and thanked me for ‘remembering him’ and that ‘I had made his day.’ I expressed the gratitude of the child’s parents and that he had ‘made my day’ also.

“Fran Trembley died a few days later.”

Please send me your Lehigh professor story. I’ll include it in a future column.

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I sadly begin this column offering condolences to several classmates and families of classmates on their losses of loved ones.

Class president **Arthur Anderman** and his wife Carole mourn the death of their daughter, Lisa Anderman-Daskal '83. She is survived by husband Oded, a sister, son Daniel, and twin daughters Noa '22 and Arielle.

In June Arthur received the prestigious Alumni Award. Arthur is a member of Sigma Alpha Mu and partner in the legal firm of Anderman and Anderman. We remember his show-stopping performance leading the sing-along of "Young at Heart" at our 50th class reunion. He again carried the flag for our class at Lehigh's First Year Student Rally in August.

Previous '56 winners of the Alumni Award are **Bill Burgin**, **George Meinel**, **Ron Weber**, **Joe Welch**, **Bob McGrory**, **Frank Donchez**, **Ferd Thun**, **Bill Gardella**, **Harry Levine**, **Bill Luce**, **Wayne Parker** and **Jim White**.

My Sigma Chi brother **Bill Messner** died on April 27. Bill spent a long career with Eastman Kodak. He is remembered as the leader of the musical trio The Sigma Cats. Playing brass, Bill was joined by **Lou Cianciulli** on drums, and **Phil Hower** and **Ralph Heller** on piano. The group was well known performing in the basement of Sigma Chi on Saturday nights and party weekends. Bill's late wife, Carol, was chosen a sweetheart of Sigma Chi by our Lehigh chapter.

Phil Hower wrote about Bill, remembering their good times at Lehigh. Phil and Susie have a son, Ben, and a daughter, Susie, who is mother of 5-year-old twin daughters.

Our sympathies are also with my Sigma Chi brother **Bruce Waechter**, whose wife of 65

years, Janet, died on July 23. Janet was active in community and church work, a theatergoer, and art museum devotee. The Waechters are parents of three children and have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

As reported in my previous column, class vice president Bill Luce died on January 23. On July 17, Bill was remembered with "a warm and cheerful tribute to a great guy," according to his son Dave Luce '90. Among those attending the service and brunch in Clinton, N.J., were Lehigh friends Bill Marsh '55, **Dave Walton**, and Mary Louise and Ralph Scott '57.

Bill's late father Donald Luce Sr. '24, late brother Donald Luce Jr. '54, and two nieces also graduated from Lehigh.

Replacing Bill Luce as our class vice president is **Frank Cafaro**. Frank is a member of Sigma Nu and as an undergraduate at Lehigh was a wrestler and Dean's List student. He earned a law degree at Fordham University and retired as a senior partner in his law firm. Frank and his wife, Tina, live in Smithtown, N.Y.

It was great to hear from **Hartley "Duke" King**. Still involved in a long entrepreneurial career selling real estate and developing properties, he says he goes into work every day.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Duke invested in petroleum distribution and convenience store centers, selling the company in 2012. From 1967 to 2015 he owned a restaurant chain, growing it to 3,500 employees and 36 locations. He now owns five Sonic drive-in restaurants in Pittsburgh and Morgantown.

Duke has also developed golf courses. From 1992 to 1998 he co-owned the Diamond Run Course in Pittsburgh with South African champion golfer Gary Player. He is still operating a golf course he built in 2002 in Maryland.

Duke and his late wife, Dianne, are parents of two daughters and have four grandchildren.

Stay well and keep in touch.

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I have been emailing requests for updates on my last few columns, but only got one or two replies. So, expect phone calls in the future, as well as my emails. We will track you down!

I did have a note back from **Richard "Dick" Daugherty**. He and Marlene have lived in Raleigh, N.C., for the last 48 years, retired from IBM in 1995 after 38 years as VP of worldwide manufacturing for PCs. Then spent six years at N.C. State University assisting in developing a new campus for them. Dick still stays in touch and sees his old ATO fraternity brothers **Neil Funnell**, **Clark Riley** and **Don Burgess** occasionally.

I recently was comparing our ROTC first assignment experiences with **Eli "Ike" Eichelberger** after receiving a four-page overview of his duty in France. He was stationed at the old French air base in Fontenot. Ike had a busy job as a young ordnance officer in charge of property disposal (a big junkyard), base signal officer and enlisted men's club officer. The post was so crowded he had to live off base in Saint-Jean-D'Angely, Hotel de la Poste. Good living, a short 10-mile drive, plus no more standing in ranks for reveille calls. The great news, however, was that he met his wonderful wife, Danielle, there while she worked as the base French/English translator. They were married in the officer's club on base.

My experience in the Ordnance Corp was a little different. A year in Korea, near the DMZ, running a small two-bay automotive repair company for the 7th Cavalry (Gen. Custer's old division), on a four-acre plot surrounded by barbed wire to try

to prevent theft. Busy every day, collecting wrecks and repairing a wide range of Army vehicles and trucks. At night we had dinner and martinis in the home base officer's club, weekends in Seoul, plus two R&Rs in Japan. Actually, I had a great time and then finished up my tour at Ft. Devens, near Boston, allowing me to drive into town and see the great Bob Cousy play point guard at the old Boston Gardens. Two-year tour and no summer camps, not bad!

Had a nice catch-up call with **Dave Walker**. He and wife Suzanne are still living in Scotch Plains, N.J., and have a winter home in Juno Beach, Fla. Dave's grandson is Colin Summers, a great local golfer out of Westfield H.S., headed up to Fairfield College in Conn. Not only is he the boys golf player of the year in N.J., he is also Met Jr. Champion at Plainfield CC in N.J. His mother, Jayne (Walker) Summers, is an '87 Lehigh grad. Dave's other daughter, Leigh (Walker) Anderson '82, and grandchildren, Erick Walker '13 and Corinne Walker '13, add to his Lehigh legacy.

Our 65th Reunion is all set for June 9-12, 2022. Let's try to break the record for a 65th! Hope to see many of you there.

Stay healthy and email some updates. Talk soon.

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**Bill Glose's** hard work and perseverance paid off. He discovered that **Wilmer Hough** died on Feb. 26 while reading a Bethlehem Masonic Journal. Just the date, nothing about Beverly or why, just the finality. Lehigh and all of us will miss you and all that you did for the class. Thanks, Bill, enjoy your next bottle of Seneca Shore Red Knight on me.

Talked to June and **Brooks Goldman**, both are in better health. June recovered and is walking, while Brooks goes to PT on a

walker. He is working on our 65th Reunion plans in two years, expecting 40-plus! They enjoyed the summer at Bethany Beach, Del., with their great-grandchildren.

I talked to Bill Burgin, the '56 class correspondent, and learned Lehigh has combined their reunion with the classes of '55 and '57 for their canceled reunions for next June. They will hold it at the Saucon Valley Golf Club and expect close to 40 attendees. Thanks to Stephanie Fisher!

**Ed Delany** had his first mishap physically since we graduated. He fell on his front terrace with scrapes, bruises and lots of blood. But it was not serious! Don't try to catch up to us. It is not fun! I hope he will be able to ski this winter—he got a season pass to Mt. Snow for \$39, what a deal! Stay healthy!

Sally and **Dave Saunders** spent most of the summer with their family in Maine and New Hampshire, as well as Western New York. Sally is navigating very well with two new hips and a scooter named Winnie (mine is Johnny Walker Black). Dave has changed his martini time to four o'clock.

**Bruce Gilbert** reported that the Penn Relays modified their program rather than cancel. The Olympic group ran their races first, followed by the normal qualifiers, where Bruce was the oldest and slowest competitor, followed by the high schoolers. He has made some serious decisions canceling his driver's license, selling his car, and using Uber and Lyft (great)—his granddaughter doing the job when she can. I hope we can get together for a Lehigh game with a **Bob Christie** tailgate. His sad news is that Sandy, although in strong health, has increased dementia and is residing with hospice to make her life more comfortable—prayers work!

When I called **Dick Briggs**, he and Louise were planning to go to dinner with son and family. Their grandson plays soccer for Lehigh. The coach

has a schedule, so looks like a go for the season. Dick plans to help Brooks with 65th Reunion planning—thanks!

I caught Bob Christie at home from up north (Old Forge, N.Y.) fixing some church problems for a few days. He plans to return for several tailgates at Lehigh. His son, Rob, is a freelance artist working for Netflix every day until May. His other son is the librarian at Muhlenberg College, and they have a son not seen by grandparents for 13 months. A puzzling statement by Bob—he may be living closer to Lehigh one of these days. ...

**Jack Hobby**, Susan and their whole family enjoyed spending the summer at their home in Martha's Vineyard. They added some hospice help to make it more comfortable. Jack is warning that the New England Patriots are going to give the Buffalo Bills more problems this year (I hope not). He likes their new QB Mac Jones as the pocket passer to replace Tom Brady. He is also excited about the Boston Red Sox's chances, but I reminded him that Canada quarantined the Toronto/Buffalo Blue Jays to the United States with their big bats for the second year in a row. Note: To make that happen in Buffalo, Sahlen Field was transformed from a Triple A field to a major league ballpark. Great job by The Lehigh Construction Group owned by Dave Knauss '82. New upgraded lights, new bullpens, dugouts, clubhouses and more.

The whole Helfrich Family (all 11) spent the Fourth of July week at Rehoboth Beach, Del. The weather was great and waves were perfect. They rode them every day—10 a.m. to 6 p.m., just like I taught them. Highlight for me and Anne, besides the crab, was a shuttle ride right to the umbrellas on the beach every day. Fortunately, President Joe was not there, just one block away, nor the Secret Service. The fireworks were great—reminded

me of 55 years ago. Our lifetime friends, George and Gretchen Campbell, stopped by with more memories and made some new ones. They had dinner with Lynn and Leon Harbold '59 and Betsy and **Bob Holcombe**. Leon and George had played golf, and George's ball ended in the cup, but neither of them saw the ball go into the hole. It wasn't in the water, or embedded in the bank, and as last resort they checked the hole—drinks for everyone. What a vacation!

Gary's Barber Shop, where the coaches get cut, can't wait for the Buffalo Bills to win that final game this year. They look great and are ready! More players and coaches, including Coach McDermott with his son, have been stopping in for a cut.

Greekers to Bill Glose, Wilmer Hough, Sandy Gilbert, Susan Hobby and the Buffalo Bills. Remember we are 85 and alive!

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At our age it's essential we have something to look forward to other than aches and pains, so we contacted class president and reunion chairman **Leon Harbold** regarding plans for our 65th in 2024. Leon assures us he has a dining room in mind at Saucon Valley Country Club ... in a location without stairs!

And speaking of reunions, I heard from our long-serving class treasurer, **Glenn Kinard**, who reports he's still working part-time at Air Products around 20 hours per week. "Bev and I stayed close to home during the pandemic and haven't seen our son and his family who live in Lexington, Mass., for a year and a half. This summer we're playing tennis, me four times a week and Bev twice. I also ride my bike in

the Parkway in the summer and walk there in colder weather."

While on class officer updates, I heard from our senior class president, **Carl Schier**, living in Ypsilanti, Mich. "I am still practicing law full-time but am limiting the scope of my practice. I accepted my last new case about six months ago because it involved something in which I have specialized: subsurface structural failure. A building foundation experienced differential settlement caused by the improper design and installation of a drain. The plaintiff client didn't have much money; multiple defendants with clear liability; and the client has little likelihood of finding another lawyer with my knowledge and experience in the subject matter, so I took it. I am otherwise closing existing files as I can. Less than five to go. Should all be done in a year or two. Old clients have retired or died.

"So, I have four things to keep me busy in the immediate future: closing files, Senior Community Center, Planning Commission, and reforming litigation practice (and figuring out how to use artificial intelligence to assist in that task). My wife and I exercise with a personal trainer. She worked us in a group before COVID, and she asked if she could train us while under siege. So, we did. She works us hard twice a week, and we exercise the other days without her. In bad weather I do the stairs instead of walking outside; 14 of them up and down in one cycle, and I do 60 cycles minimum. Takes 40 minutes. I am shooting for 30 minutes. I am under 170 pounds for the first time since my sophomore year at Lehigh. I still look like an old man!"

(Editor's Note: Carl had even more to report, and we'll continue his update in our next issue.)

**Dick Topping** was in my (Bob's) pledge class in then Theta Kappa Phi (now Phi Kappa Theta), and after a recent "what



ever happened to” conversation with fraternity brother **Gerard Downey**, I thought I would ask Dick about his life after Lehigh. And what a life!

“Chapter I: After graduating, I enlisted in the Army to (1) avoid the draft and (2) continue my Russian studies at the Army Language School in Monterey. Next step: fly back to the East Coast to marry Mary Ann, my bride of 60 years, before departing for Berlin, where I spent 19 months monitoring Soviet troop movements around the city. Mary Ann joined me there in June 1961, and we shared some great and some ‘not-so-great’ moments before returning home in August 1962—preparing food packages for East German refugees in the Marienfelde transit center before that damned ‘wall’ went up on August 13, watching West Berlin police officers drag the Teltow Canal for the body of a would-be refugee two weeks later and living through the U.S.-Soviet tank ‘standoff’ at Checkpoint Charlie in October.

“Chapter II: After three years at Columbia Russian Institute, I joined the CIA and spent the next 28 years keeping tabs on our friends in the Kremlin. During my last two years at the Agency, I worked on an ‘important counterintelligence project’ (so help me, that’s what the plaque and citations all say). I’d provide more in the way of details, but then ...

“Chapter III: We relocated to Belfast, Maine, in early June 1995, three weeks before I formally retired from the agency. Life here has us making new friends, entertaining family members and others ‘from away’ who can’t get enough lobster, and seeing more of the U.S. and other parts of the world.”

Another member of my freshman pledge class, Andre Le Gallo ’61, also was a career CIA operative, and **Joe Montville** was a career foreign service officer—interesting when you

consider most non-alums think all Lehigh grads are engineers.

An update from my fellow Lehigh fencing team member **Dave Wismer** notes that he is enjoying his Shamrock Ranch in Colorado Springs. “My daughter and granddaughter have four horses and a little ministry using the horses,” he said. “Have had a nice friendship with [former Lehigh President] John Simon ’19P, who has a son at University of Colorado, and also Marcia Barone ’86 ’93G ’21P (Lehigh’s director of individual giving for the Western region). Also, the fencing team is an important part of my Lehigh experience. I met my wife on a blind date for a fencing picnic arranged by our team captain Paul Huska ’57.”

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Hello classmates, I am writing this in the middle of a very nice summer in southeast Connecticut. Lots of sun with enough rain to keep the ponds on the golf course full of water.

I also heard from **Pete Rupprecht’s** wife, Elizabeth. They are living a comfortable retirement life in Lewes, Del., where they have lived for many years. Before retirement, Pete was the executive director at International Institutional Services in NYC. In retirement he has been an SAT and high school math tutor. Pete and Liz have been married for 58 years after meeting at a Sigma Phi party at Lehigh. Their son, Andrew Rupprecht ’89, and daughter, Julie (Rupprecht) Gravette ’90, are Lehigh grads. Their eldest granddaughter is an ensign in the Navy, and their second granddaughter is a senior at Pratt Institute of Art. Their other grandchildren, twins, are at Virginia Tech on NROTC scholarship. Pete has kept busy

in retirement by being treasurer of the HOA in Lewes. Also loves doing crossword puzzles, bridge, golf, biking and watching songbirds from their deck.

In late July my wife, Gill, and I traveled to the Kent School in Kent, Conn., where **Tom Bliss** was buried. It was a beautiful, small service at the Kent School cemetery. Tom had attended Kent for six years before going to Lehigh. Two of his grandchildren graduated from Lehigh recently; Isabelle was in the Class of 2020, and Charles received a master’s degree. All his children have been spending part of the summer with Tom’s wife, Tricia, at their home in Tenants Harbor, Maine.

All for now. Stay healthy.

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**Murray Rust** regrets that I did not remain longer in Pittsburgh as its planning director. Shortly after I left for California in 1978, Murray and his brother-in-law established Montgomery & Rust, a Pittsburgh-based housing development company. “We would have seen a lot of each other,” he supposes, obtaining the numerous city approvals required for his residential developments throughout the city. The firm specializes in projects on former brownfield sites, the largest of which was the 500-unit Summer-set at Frick Park, where he and Shirley have lived for the past 12 years. He met his British-born wife shortly after graduation in Brussels, Belgium, where he was on assignment for the family firm, Rust Engineering.

I am sorry to report the death of **Bruce Cowan**. Pat, his wife, passed along a few remembrances of their happy life together. In 1970 they moved south so that Bruce could become manager of the Thomasville Furniture plant in Appomattox, Va., where he employed 1,200 in making

ready-to-assemble furniture. He was able to retire at age 56, when the couple moved to Williamsburg to enjoy golf, tennis and bowling.

Some classmates are singing and dancing their way through retirement. **Alan Wagner** enjoys blending voices in the Oceannaires, an Orange County, N.J.-based barbershop chorus. Unfortunately, the group couldn’t get together during the pandemic, and Al really misses it. “But wife Paula and I, plus all kids/grandkids, are healthy and solvent,” he concludes. “Guess that’s what’s really important!”

**Karl Kehde** took up ballroom dancing when he moved to The Villages, a monster senior living area in Ocala, Fla. He confided that dancing was only a means to meet a woman. It worked, they moved out of The Villages to live together, and Karl has “no intention to continue ballroom dancing!”

**Paul Smith** reports that **Bill Swan** is single again and has moved to a senior residence, waiting for restrictions to loosen so that he can again “hone his social skills.” Paul was pleased to learn that **Rich Bradley** has fully recovered from his biking accident, and **Birk Drury** remains active after successful hip surgery; Birk has moved to Saratoga, N.Y., to be closer to his daughter. **Curtis Clark** moved to Las Vegas in the early ’90s, leaving the “oil patch” of oil and gas exploration to work for the Atomic Energy Commission. He retired 20 years ago and has since enjoyed restoring old cars (currently a 1950 Studebaker!).

It seems like many ’61ers are resigned to taking “imaginary trips” now that COVID has forced cancellation of planned vacations. Carolyn and **Jerry Hedges** had to scrub a planned Viking cruise to Provence. To take up the slack, Jerry has been researching and touring early American graveyards, including a 1742 graveyard in his hometown of Owings Mills, Md., and

a small church graveyard in central Pennsylvania where 76 Civil War veterans are buried. **Vic Pratt** has also had to take a long break from his otherwise cruise-filled retirement. Before COVID hit, he and Jean had racked up 282 sea days! The couple recently downsized to a smaller home in Fort Meyers, Fla.

I hope that you are getting geared up to attend our 60th Reunion in June (held, appropriately, 61 years after graduation!). I will be arriving on Friday, June 10, for the All-Class Dinner, staying at Comfort Suites, our class headquarters. I look forward to the Saturday Alumni Parade, followed by the Class of '61 Symposium. The highlight, of course, is our class dinner and party on Saturday night. See you all there!

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I can't report on the 157th Lehigh-Lafayette game, because this column was due before the game. I haven't missed many. We missed the game 50 years ago when one of our sons, Greg, was born on November 19, the day before the game. We were celebrating his 50th birthday over the Lehigh-Lafayette weekend this year and had no plans to attend the game.

Condolences are extended to Mimi and her family on the passing of **Don Kane** in June. Don's life was celebrated at a gathering on Hilton Head Island in October. As of my column deadline, **Ron Johnson, Bob Downing** and **Kent Westhelle** planned to attend.

Ron Johnson is working on his bucket list. In July he visited San Antonio to enjoy the TexMex culture and do the River Walk. The River Walk is the heart of the city and the No. 1 attraction in Texas. In February Ron enjoyed

R&R in Aruba as he prepared for his laminectomy in March.

Brenda and **Buddy Gitlin** are enjoying the good life at their winter home in South Florida. It seems that everyone I talk to reports that they had lunch or golfed with Buddy. When I spoke to Buddy in July, he was about to go biking and prepare for his annual 40-mile bike-a-thon with Team Perry in the Pan-Mass Challenge. The Pan-Mass Challenge is a bike-a-thon that raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute—100% of every rider-raised dollar goes to Dana-Farber. Buddy's daughter Melissa (Gitlin) Jacoby's '92 husband, Perry Levy, passed away in 1999 at the age of 32 after a short battle with cancer. Buddy's granddaughter, Marlee Deutsch, graduated from Lehigh last May.

**Richard Granat** had lunch with Buddy last spring. Rich lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla., near his four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. This year Rich and Nancy will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary. They began dating while Rich was at Lehigh. Rich is still working part-time operating JusticeXpress, Inc. JusticeXpress provides legal document preparation services online throughout the state of Florida and in person in Palm Beach and Port St. Lucie counties. It is not a law firm and does not provide legal advice. Technology provides Richard the opportunity to work from his home in Florida. Richard is a lawyer and a recognized expert on the delivery of legal services over the internet. For the past several decades, Richard has pioneered the concept of online legal services by establishing one of the first virtual law firms in the United States and founding a series of companies that provide online legal services directly to consumers and small businesses. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (M.S.) and Columbia University School of Law.

Kathleen and **Erick (Rick) Berglund** live in a farmhouse built in 1840 on 50 acres in Deerfield, N.H. Rick was a fellow bandie. He played the drums, and we even formed a small group to play at fraternity parties. Rick spent most of his career in strategic planning for a variety of companies and finally retired as director of business services at the University of New Hampshire. He currently spends a lot of time on conservation issues and serves on the Deerfield Conservation Commission. While he would like to downsize, he hasn't been able to develop a plan to get rid of a barn full of artifacts and collectibles.

Our 60th Reunion is June 9-12, 2022. Mark your calendar now. Buddy Gitlin has reserved a block of rooms at the Hyatt Place Bethlehem. Since the 2020 and 2021 reunion events were canceled, there will be three times as many alumni returning to the 2022 reunion. There will be a greater demand for hotel accommodations. So be sure to make your room reservations early.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

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**Tom Brunner** reports: "A few of us Gryphons have been Zooming for the past six months or so. It's a lot easier than commuting and more fun than a phone call. **Bill Montgomery** was the instigator, and he, **Dick Stanley**, **Doug Benner**, **Cal Nafziger** and I have been meeting for a Zoom chat more or less monthly. We haven't tried to connect with the rest of our Gryphon class, but you might inspire us to try. Hope to see everyone at our 60th Reunion in

June 2023. Seems like the time just flies by, so it won't be long."

From **Arve Holt**: "Although still working, I am not contemplating any more extended 'gigs' away from home, so I should be available to help our class do something. My spouse, Constance, and I live in Corpus Christi, Texas, so Zoom-type meetings work; meetings in Bethlehem not so much."

**Al Singmaster** says: "Getting more and more important to keep in touch as we all creep up to being 80, as I did in June."

**Anthony Mazzucca**, who has been in realty in Bradenton, Fla., wrote that he is coming back to live in N.J., at least for a while, and will be available to help reunion planning. By mid-2022, chairman **Fred Braun** will be looking for additional volunteers to replace departed reunion planning regulars for our 60th. He just can't do it alone.

**Jim Coffas**, living in Columbia, S.C., received the Community Leader Volunteer Award in May 2011 from the governor. Jim has practiced law there since finishing his post-OCS tour with the Air Force. In addition to his regular practice, he provided about five cases per month of pro bono work for mothers receiving welfare benefits to obtain child support and for juveniles who needed help.

**Maurice "Mike" Adams**, professor emeritus of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Case Western Reserve University, wrote to say: "I survived a 2014 year-to-hell-and-back with oral cancer and retired as a result. I'm doing quite well now and busy writing mechanical engineering books, currently completing my 'next generation' machine design book for undergrad ME students. Lost two wives to cancer, but have four wonderful sons, all mechanical engineers. My undergrad years at Lehigh really got me started in a career that has been quite fulfilling."

**Editor's note:** Mr. Adams



## CELEBRATIONS

passed away after writing to his correspondents. Please see *In Remembrance* for more information.

**Joe Wood** wrote to **Bob**

**Elser:** “I was with you through four years of chemistry study at Lehigh. Upon graduating, I took a job with Gulf Oil using infrared spectrometry to identify additives and contaminants in oils and other petroleum products. After earning an MBA, I moved on to DuPont, and in 1968 I married my wife, Lorene, aka Sally. Working for several companies, we lived in Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Ohio. After earning an M.S. in computer systems, I spent the last 15 years of my career working for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, first as an environmental chemist, and then as a computer systems analyst assisting people in the PennDEP Southwest Region. We now live in the south hills of Pittsburgh.”

**Dave Ritterpusch** writes that with graduation from Lehigh he received an ROTC commission as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was trained to jump out of perfectly good airplanes, then served in Korea as an intelligence analyst. Next, Dave became scouting director for the Baltimore Orioles and was responsible for signing Eddie Murray and other Oriole stars. Following a recall into the military, he served under General Max Thurman in the Army’s “Be All You Can Be” recruiting campaign. He wound up in the Pentagon and was promoted to colonel before he retired. After 52 years of marriage to Barbara and her untimely death, he moved back from Florida to Northern Virginia to be with his family.

Last April, **Tom Wilson** wrote: “I’ve got the urge to look up stuff in my yearbooks, but they’re back in Asheville, N.C., and we’ve been ‘stuck’ in Tucson, Arizona, for two and a half years waiting for our street to be replaced from landslide damage and then the pandemic. My mail



**1.** John T. “Ted” Brothers ’51 raises a toast to all of us while wearing the Varsity L sweater he earned as a wrestler.

**2.** Jack Platt ’53, along with his son, Kevin, who recently received a master’s degree from Georgia Tech. Kevin’s fiancée, Sierra Sirota is on the left, and Jack’s wife, Julie, is on the right. **3.** Michelle Fedun ’17 ’19G and Maxwell Watkins ’15 were married at the Glasbern Inn on June 26, 2021 with 30 members of the Lehigh family in attendance. Front row, from left: Jialan Zhu ’19G, Mike German ’15G ’17G, Sarabeth Brockley ’15G, Emma Williamson ’18 ’19G, Cathy Fletcher ’17, Casey Ching ’17, Kallyse Duddlesten Crawford ’17, Michaela Gallucci ’15, Michelle Fedun (bride) ’17 ’19G, Maxwell Watkins (groom) ’15, Durlav Mudbhari ’15 ’17G, Deanna Kocher ’17, Rachel Santangelo ’17, Amar Shah ’14, Xavier Cousens ’17 and Jeffrey Seto ’17. Back row, left: Michael Jorgensen (music department faculty), Matt Mutti ’18 ’19G, Morgan Walker ’16, Georgi Georgiev ’17 ’18G, Charlie Baldwin ’15 ’16G, Jake Puzycki ’14 ’15G, George Yasko (STEPS staff), Kyle Lum ’15 ’16G, Akshay Damany ’16, Sam Fickel ’17, Todd Watkins (father of the groom and economics department faculty) ’15P ’18P, Eugene Albulescu (music department faculty) ’25P, Linda Ganus Albulescu (music department faculty) ’17G and Ferguson Watkins (brother of the groom) ’18. **4.** Mike Walsh ’90 with his grandson. Welcome Jack Stanley Stake, class of ’42!



is so screwed up that I had to get help from a U.S. senator and am still not getting things like the *Lehigh Bulletins*. Hope to get back East later this month.”

**Bruce Gitlin**, chair of the board of trustees at Pratt Institute, sent a note of appreciation to the class correspondents. Since we lack imagination, we can’t function without input from class members, so please keep those emails rolling in.

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**mond**, 774 Malibu Lane, Indianalantic, FL 32903. (321) 777-9659 (home); (321) 506-7302 (cell); malibu4u@cfl.rr.com (email) I was up against the deadline for this column. I had called and emailed several of you for updates with little success and was beginning to think I would, for the first time in 22 years, not have anything to report when I got a call from Littleton Smith. Littleton, who is the oldest son of Everett (Rhett) Stellan Smith, had come across the Spring Lehigh *Bulletin* while in Newark Airport waiting for a flight home to Alaska. He remembered his dad having often talked about Lehigh during long winter nights in their dry hut above the Arctic Circle. Rhett was little known and seldom seen on campus. In fact, he is not to be found on our class list or in the 1964 *Epitome*, but Littleton is sure he attended Lehigh and that his dad said he was part of our class. His dad has always claimed to be a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity. But no one I talked to remembers him. Apparently, after Lehigh, Rhett went to law school in Philadelphia but left after a few semesters to join a National Geographic expedition to study the family structure of the indigenous peoples living above the Arctic Circle. Somehow Rhett got separated from the team and was assumed to have fallen into a crevasse or icy stream and perished. He

had fallen into the Sag River and came close to freezing to death but was saved by an Inupiat family. While recovering, he met Littleton’s future mother and settled with her in her father’s home just south of Prudhoe Bay. The National Geographic Society has no record of this, but Rhett talked so often about it, Littleton is convinced it must be true. Littleton was excited to tell me about the recent arrival of his 14th half-brother. Rhett boasts of having had nine wives, 26 children, 47 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Littleton said Rhett’s current wife is very young, so he is expecting his dad to father several more. Rhett has enjoyed a successful career as a freelance contributor to numerous nature magazines. He is in great health, and still jogs or skis many miles each day. He enjoys fishing and some hunting. He especially enjoyed the long winter nights at home with his young wives.

If you liked reading about Rhett, think how much more you would enjoy reading about real classmates you actually knew. If Littleton can find the time to call me, so can you.

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By the time you read this edition, our class will have completed a Class of 1965 event held on September 18. The event included a pre-game stadium tailgate, Lehigh v. Princeton football game and a post-game reception on campus. A team composed of **Jim Birdsall**, **Paul Doxey**, **Rein Mannik**, **Jim Miller**, **Rick Penske**, **John Varady**, **Joe Walton** and **Ron Workman** participated in planning the event. As you know, our 55th Reunion plans were squelched by COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021. Nonetheless,

this class event helps to keep us in contact and may morph into an annual event.

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**Harry Brown**, our class president, welcomes all to celebrate the 55th anniversary and 11th class reunion of the Centennial Class graduation. It is a great opportunity to get together again to enjoy the festivities, rekindle old friendships and forge some new ones. The university has announced a special three-year combined reunion for the Classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967 for June 9-12, 2022. This adds the possibility of getting together with Lehigh friends who were one year ahead or one year behind you. Start planning now. If you have any questions, or need any information or help, you can contact Harry at [hkbrown3726@comcast.net](mailto:hkbrown3726@comcast.net) or 609-792-6145, or Stephanie Fisher at Lehigh at [saf517@lehigh.edu](mailto:saf517@lehigh.edu) or 610-758-3069, or visit [alum.lu/reunion](http://alum.lu/reunion).

**Hal Hills** sent in a terrific report, so I will offer it in total. “I joined the Marine Corps after graduation, got out in 1969 and went to work in banking. No point in going through the bank names, but on a recommendation of fraternity brother **Steve Mandell**, I accepted a position in data processing, got sidetracked into internal audit and never escaped. In 1995, I accepted a position as SVP and general auditor of Commerce Bancorp, a fast-growing institution in central New Jersey, and after a wild ride and a buyout (sellout?) to Toronto Dominion in 2007, my wife, Beth, and I retired to Naples, Fla., purchasing a home in a golf community. During my time in audit, I chaired the examination construction committees for BAI’s chartered bank auditor and NAFSA’s (now

IIA) certified financial services auditor examinations.

“In the eleemosynary arena, I helped establish a Big Brother/Big Sister agency in Trenton/Mercer County and served on the national board for several years, including a year as treasurer. I am currently working with the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance in an effort to construct affordable housing for low-income farmworkers in Florida who are now living in overcrowded and dilapidated trailers and shacks.

“I’ve been in touch with fraternity brother **Irv Hetherington**. After graduating from Lehigh, Irv completed his MSEE at Stanford University. He retired from Bell Laboratories/Lucent Technologies in Chicago in 2001, where he worked in the field of fault tolerant computing. Irv and lifetime pin mate Jayne moved to picturesque St. Michaels, Md., where they love to sail the Chesapeake Bay, the Bahamas and Maine. After graduating from the University of Delaware, Jayne taught many years in St. Charles, Ill., earned her doctorate and retired as an assistant curriculum director for the school district. She is also an accomplished pastel artist. Irv supported Habitat for Humanity and is a docent at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Their two sons are graduates of MIT and are actively engaged in current technology R&D. A few years ago, Irv and Jayne purchased an RV and managed to explore much of the west, wintering in Tucson.”

The Spring 2021 issue of this *Bulletin* contained a five-question trivia test for the class. No one responded within four months. Therefore, the grand prize of a 2021 Porsche will not be awarded and will default to your humble class correspondent. Maybe we should have a contest with this issue. Referring to Hal’s letter, did you immediately know the definition of “eleemosynary”?



Did you know whether the spelling was right or wrong? Did you check a printed dictionary or online reference? Sorry the Porsche is gone, but maybe we could offer a picture of a Porsche.

Remember to check our Facebook Page, "Lehigh University Centennial Class Reunion." **Jeff Gallagher** will be happy to approve you for this closed group.

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As we pass 54 years since our graduation day, we have experienced a lot of life. We hopefully have had a lot of joy over the years, but sadly we have had much sadness with the passing of family members and friends. Now, most of us probably have more encounters with doctors and drugstores than with our friends. Kind of accelerates with the passing years.

But next year we have another chance to meet with classmates from long ago at our 55th Reunion celebration. There is an interesting twist with this coming reunion. The classes of '65 and '66 missed their 55th Reunions due to COVID-19 and will celebrate their 55ths with us in 2022. So, make your plans to attend to see not only your classmates but those you were close to in two previous years.

Our class did very well during Lehigh Giving Day in late April. We won! Class of '67 won \$1,000 to add to our class scholarship fund for having the highest participation rate in the fund drive. Thank you all who participated.

Lastly, I apologize for not sending my usual reminder email to submit your news for the *Alumni Bulletin*. Send your notes now in case I have another senior moment.

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Four guys responded to my first column, thank God. Fortunately, two were from our class, while two were from other classes who have Maine connections, which we discussed via email.

**Stephen Holmes** from our class sent an email, writing that he retired five years ago but is still busy working on "national topics involving small capital formation and investor protection." When he retired, he moved from San Francisco to "the little-known NW Florida (aka the Redneck Riviera). I like it here; good people." He also included a link to his bio on the InterWest Partners website. Stephen is a general partner emeritus. He was COO of the company and had a leadership role in the National Venture Capital Association, receiving the Industry Impact Award for his contributions. The SEC appointed him to its Investor Advisory Committee. Among his other accomplishments is that he was a founding member of the FASB Small Business Advisory Committee, representing the venture capital industry. Prior to joining InterWest, Stephen was VP of finance and administration of Specialty Brands, a \$140 million specialty foods company. Stephen was an officer in the U.S. Navy and served a one-year tour of duty in Da Nang, Vietnam.

**Richard (Rick) Roberts** also sent an email. It is so packed with info; I will reproduce it.

"Went from Lehigh to Univ. of Iowa, earned master's in journalism and mass communications, interrupted by draft into U.S. Army 1969-71, served in NCOIC of command level public affairs office for multi-country Stratcom-Europe HQ outside Heidelberg, Germany, earning rank of sergeant and Meritorious Service Medal; returned to 38-year career in Boston advertising and public relations, married and divorced, picked up second master's in education from Harvard Univ. 1985, retired early

to Little Sebago Lake in Maine, wrote two books (**BabyBoomer Press.com**), then moved to current location in East Bay, R.I., and took up oil painting. Adjunct at Emerson College in Boston over a decade and still teaching in adult education at Salve Regina College in Newport. Fond memories of the rambunctious Delt house at Lehigh, and a shout-out to **Richard "Greenleaf" Whittier** and quarterback **Bill Semko**, my roommates off campus during our senior year. Any Deltas or alum in Boston/ Providence area, feel free to get in touch (**rerobert@tiac.net**)."

Let us know what you have been up to, for the next issue of the alumni magazine. Have you retired? Found the perfect retirement location? Or are you staying put where you are and still working? Email, call, write, whatever is easiest.

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Other than the sad news about **Alan Eugley** (see In Remembrance), we have absolutely no news to report. I can't believe that with all the grandchildren, exotic travel, etc., there is no news, so let's fill our next column up to the limit!!

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Classmate **Gene Dykes** has done it again. On June 13, the Bala Cynwyd, Pa., runner (73) shattered the 50-kilometer world record (that's 31.07 miles) for his age group, with a time of 3:56:43. That was more than 19 minutes faster than the old record. He maintained an average pace of 7:37/mile—faster than most run for one mile, let alone 31. The self-described "Ultragee-

zer" did it with humor: "It's good to see I haven't gotten old," he told *Runner's World*. Gene set the record at a USA Track & Field event in East Islip, N.Y. The old mark of 4:15:55 was set by a German in 1997. Dykes holds the unofficial world record for the marathon in his age group, with a 2:54:23 in Florida, in 2018. That race wasn't sanctioned by the USATF, so he'll try again in October at the London Marathon.

The retired computer programmer is so unusual that researchers subjected him to a battery of physical tests for a 2019 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. They found his oxygen uptake was "exceptional," but said the trait alone didn't explain his success. In a 2019 *Philadelphia Inquirer* profile, Dykes gave a simple reason for his secret: "I just run." To set the marathon record, he'll have to run nearly a minute per mile faster than he did in the 50K. He's ready: "Don't be afraid of getting old, to try new things in running. Just enjoy it and get out there and do it."

Aye, aye, Captain Dykes; so much for my pride in climbing two Colorado 14ers at age 50 (yawn).

From **Dr. Henry Dorkin** (**Henry.Dorkin@childrens.harvard.edu**), co-director, cystic fibrosis center, Boston Children's Hospital: "My wife Kathy and I, after four COVID-related cancellations, flew to England in April for the marriage of our daughter, Dr. Molly Karen Dorkin, to Mr. Barry Taylor. The small ceremony was held in their backyard garden by the river Wylde in Wilton, Wiltshire. Can't wait for our next trip over to see them and their new 'boss,' a 3-year-old rescue Weimaraner."

**Bob Bartholomay** (**abartholomay@comcast.net**) writes: "After 17 months of COVID isolation, our children decided they need adult supervision and harangued us

into moving to the Midwest (Des Moines), where our daughter and son-in-law live, just five hours to Madison, Wis., where our son and family live. I retired for the third time from Cape Cod Community College. Yes, we'll miss Long Pond, Cape Cod beaches, shell fishing, striped bass, Cape Cod Baseball League, our friends and church, etc. A positive note—it's one crazy real estate market and getting \$300K over asking price eases the moving pain."

**Mike Berner (Oriole9826@aol.com)**: "There are about 15 members of the Class of 1970 who lived in McConn House between the fall of 1967 and spring of 1971 (some, in the best tradition of our esteemed class, didn't quite finish in four years). McConn is holding a multi-year campus reunion September 17-19. We're expecting 10 or more from 1970. It will be absolutely great to reunite for our '50-ish' reunion."

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I received a nice long email from **Harvey Mattel** back in June in response to my constant request for updates from classmates.

"So, what have I been doing the past 50 years? I have been a member of the Florida Bar for 47 of them; 35 as a civil trial lawyer in addition to an office practice in real estate and administration of estates. I gave up the trial practice a dozen years ago so I could travel more. About 30 years ago I embarked on a second career as a real estate developer and investor. Having made many clients rich, I took a stab at it myself, quite successfully. I am still working, sort of. Why? I can answer that question in two words, sheer stupidity. Old habits die hard. However, as I write this email at my desk, I am in shorts, T-shirt and flip-flops. I gave up the suit and tie when I stopped

litigating, and slowly casual Friday became every day until now my work attire is somewhere between beach bum and homeless. The few clients I still attend to do not seem to mind. Most of my time is spent overseeing my real estate ventures. I have been privileged to travel to the remote parts of the world. I have been to Asia about 30 times. Countries include Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Japan, Taiwan, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, South Korea, India, Laos and extensively throughout China. I have also been to North Africa, including Egypt, Jordan and Israel. In addition, I have been to the usual suspects in Europe. I have found the only way to understand what is really happening in the world, you must see it for yourself. The 'news' media is not remotely accurate. Unfortunately, COVID derailed travel since Ireland and Belgium in October 2019. Most places are off the radar until summer 2022, but I am considering Iceland in August. That about sums up the passage of a half century. I hope to keep going until the sand in the top of the hourglass runs out."

Harvey is also a collector of note of antique radios, jukeboxes and art. He gave a talk on "The Impact of Radio on the 20th Century" at the Wolfsonian-Florida International University in Miami Beach a few years ago.

**Jim Dale** received the Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy award in July from the Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF) for his outstanding career achievements. Jim retired from MPIF in 2015 as vice president, member and industry, where he was immersed in the promotion of the powder metallurgy industry. He was instrumental in the development of the Tungsten Industry-Conflict Minerals Council. He also served for 10 years as an industry representative to the Department of Commerce and International Trade Administration.

**Mike Pavlides** asked me to remind everyone that there will be three classes ('70, '71 and '72) with reunions celebrated June 9-12, 2022, so anyone seeking accommodations should book them as soon as possible. He also asked that I remind you about the reunion yearbook, which is being published by Bespoke Reunion Publishing. The book is composed of bio-page submissions by members of the class to catch up on each other's lives over the past 50 years. There is no charge to include your story and photo. Go to [lehigh71.bespokereunionpublishing.com](http://lehigh71.bespokereunionpublishing.com) and register using the registration code 1971.

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Here is our sixth and final edition identifying attorneys, still presented in reverse alphabetical order.

**George W. Dennis III** earned his J.D. at Duke and clerked for the North Carolina Industrial Commission. From 1976 through 2012, he practiced within the firm he finally served as a managing partner, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, in Raleigh. From 2000 forward, he was regularly designated a North Carolina Super Lawyer and listed in Best Lawyers in America. In 2012, he received an award as Raleigh Workers' Compensation Employers' Lawyer of the Year. Since 2013, George has identified himself as a certified mediator, with his own firm, Dennis Mediations, LLC, located in the Raleigh suburb of Apex.

**Paul C. Coppock** is now identified as retired in our class roster. Leaving Lehigh with highest honors in finance, he graduated from Villanova Law in 1975 and spent a career in corporate law, as general counsel/corporate secretary (or

some other C-suite title) with some very large, very diversified industrial manufacturing firms, among them Harsco—a huge defense contractor. These days, Paul is enjoying his retirement in the Camp Hill suburbs of Harrisburg, Pa.

I learned that **Michael S. Chuhinka** has been an attorney with Edward Benoff & Associates in Philadelphia for most of his professional life. I even know where their offices are located in a corner of the city that meets Montgomery and Bucks counties along the Delaware River. However, I have only been able to uncover that he is a 1976 Temple Law grad, and has a general law practice. Michael, we'd love a few more details.

Catholic University awarded **William C. Burgy II** his law degree in 1975. After clerking in the District of Columbia, he joined a large firm there that specialized in various personal injury, wrongful death, and industrial employment matters related to steelworkers and shipbuilders, and the workplace hazard they shared—asbestos. There Bill met his future law partner, Peter T. Nicholl. In the mid-90s, they founded their own partnership practice in Baltimore, Md. They also opened offices in Portsmouth, Va., and maintained the focus on asbestos concerns. Their firm has grown to involve more than a dozen attorneys, and related practice areas have expanded to include birth and personal injury, automotive accidents, employment law, lead paint poisoning, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, and mesothelioma and asbestos diseases.

Georgetown Law Center is where **Ben H. Becker** earned his law degree in 1975. He established a partnership named Becker Meisel, LLC, in Livingston, N.J., and it has grown to earn Ben recognition as one of the most prominent bankruptcy experts in the eastern U.S. In fact, I located one source that

seems best to cite verbatim: "Among the clients that he has represented in the bankruptcy court are the three Trump Casinos in their Chapter 11 proceedings, Fleet Bank, Fleet Healthcare Finance Corporation, Hotel Ramada t/a Tropicana Casino & Hotel, ... Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, and numerous other corporations, financial institutions, entities and individuals involved in the bankruptcy process. ... In addition to his expertise in the field of bankruptcy, Mr. Becker has litigated a number of employment-related class actions, including one of the largest age discrimination class actions ever filed in New Jersey." ([Spoke.com](#) People page)

Please continue your planning to join us for our 50th Reunion celebration at Lehigh next June. It is certain to be like none before it, now with three of five class cycles being invited to attend as "makeup" for COVID-19 postponements in 2020 and 2021.

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**John Devlin** opened his email to me with, "Since I am not in a position to print and scan the Word document, I'll respond in the form of this email." My first thoughts were in this day and age, you'd think everyone would be able to ... but then I read through his message, and at the bottom was the answer ... "I am currently on a six-month mission with MSF (Doctors without Borders) in South Sudan, helping to provide medical care to people with insulin-requiring diabetes. This is similar to work I had previously done in Haiti." I was awestruck! John, a volunteer, working with people in need in South Sudan, took time out of his day to respond to me, a retiree,

sitting on the beach in Florida!

After Lehigh, John earned his M.D. from Cornell and his M.P.H. at the University of Southern Maine. When not serving with MSF, he lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with his wife, Diane, who is an RN. His daughter, Heather, is a pediatrician, with two children, Jackson (7) and Hayden (4); and his son, Sean, is a biostatistician. John spent his career as an endocrinologist and retired as an associate professor at both the University of Vermont and Tufts University. While at Vermont, he received the College of Medicine's Teacher of the Year Award. In addition to working with MSF, John is also a disaster health responder with the American Red Cross, and a consultant with the Community Health Center in Portland, Maine. John, speaking for the Class of '73, I say, "Thank you for your service!"

**Bill Barbour** now lives in Tellico Village in Loudon, Tenn., where he recently moved from Roswell, Ga., after his wife, Marianne, retired. Bill retired in 2019 from his position as the business administrator of a large church in Roswell. Prior to working for the church, Bill served in the Air Force and worked for 20 years in several companies as a controller/CFO. In his spare time, Bill wrote and published his first book, "The Wind: The Story of Arnald." The book is based on the life of Bill's friend, Arnald, who passed away in 2016. Arnald was born in 1927 and drafted into the German army when he was 15 years old. Although set during World War II, Bill says it is a human-interest story about Arnald's life. (It's available on Amazon.) Bill is currently writing his second book, a sequel to "The Wind," which focuses on Arnald's best friend, Horst, and his life in Germany after the war. Bill and Marianne are planning a trip to Germany to see The Passion Play in Oberammergau next May.

Short updates on classmates:

**Alan MacGregor** and his wife, Susan, have retired and returned to Colorado, where family is nearby. **Dr. Robert Lubner** retired from family practice in Ft. Myers, Fla., in June. He and his wife, Shelah, have moved back to King of Prussia, Pa., to be near their children and grandchildren.

In memoriam: **Andrew Brown** reported on the death of **Gregg Frederick**, July 26, at the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania. Several classmates also responded with memories of Gregg, who was in attendance at our 45th Reunion in 2018. **Dana Pizarro** wrote to announce the passing of **Glenn Vansickle**, July 29, in Murray, Ky. Both Andrew and Glenn were founding members of Zeta Psi Fraternity.

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A couple of alumni suggested I was mistaken in my recollection of the day the Marching 97 introduced women to their ranks.

I wrote about it two columns back as part of my reporting on an unofficial, COVID-appropriate flag presentation to the Class of 2024, which includes **Andy Shmerler's** son, Harry. Class President **Gus Gustafson**, Andy, **Ed Purdy** and I were our class representatives for the safely masked presentation in front of the UC.

Here's what I wrote: "Andy was the manager of the Marching 97, architect of one of my favorite Lehigh memories, the day women were introduced to the band in very dramatic fashion. Fans in Taylor Stadium didn't know women were marching until they removed their hats and shook out their hair at halftime as the band played 'Everybody Takes Their Hats Off to Lehigh.'"

**Nick Noel** was the first to jump on me. "Just enjoyed your column for our Class of '74," he wrote. "One edit, however. I

distinctly remember the Marching 97 playing 'Nothing Like a Dame,' from the musical 'South Pacific,' when the coeds doffed their hats and marched to the sideline. They probably played 'Hats Off to Lehigh' as well, but the 'Nothing Like a Dame' song, I thought, was hysterical. Having been in 'South Pacific' in high school, the song resonated with me as I had a brief solo in it!"

Mike Hahn '78 also responded. "I enjoyed reading your column in the recent Lehigh Alumni *Bulletin*. It was nice to read again the story about introducing women into the Marching 97. Although I didn't join the band until the following year, I read about it in *The Brown and White*. I think you got one detail wrong. The band spelled out 'DAMES' in a sweep, and the women doffed their shakos to the tune of 'There Is Nothing Like a Dame.' Glad to hear Andy Shmerler is still alive and kicking."

As it happens, I wrote about this in a long-ago edition of the *Bulletin* as part of a retrospective on historic moments in Taylor Stadium, former home of Lehigh football games. I called Andy back then to make sure I had it right, and I gave readers the full story, as opposed to the truncated one I included in the recent class column.

As a result, I knew we all had it right. But I called Andy again to confirm.

Some of you will recall that this was controversial at the time. With women newly introduced to Lehigh, the band was under pressure to open its ranks, and *The Brown and White* had reported resistance. So, when the Marching 97 began its sweep that Saturday afternoon, playing "There Is Nothing Like a Dame" and forming the word "DAMES," some fans took this as a gesture of defiance. Andy recalls some of them even began booing.

Then some band members



broke away and marched to the sidelines. “Ladies, doff your headgear,” the announcer said—and the women removed their shakos and shook out their hair as the band played “Everybody Takes Their Hats Off to Lehigh” and the shocked crowd roared with delight.

It was an unforgettable moment.

I also promised you a more complete report on Andy’s post-Lehigh life. That’s still in the works, but I’ll note that he returned last August for the delayed official flag presentation to his son and the rest of our adopted class.

I’ll tell you more about that—and, I hope, the life of Andy Shmerler—next time.

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COVID grinds on in the U.S. and around the world. It has affected everyone, some in tragic and extremely serious ways and the fortunate ones to a lesser extent. In ways both big and small, our society has changed during the COVID pandemic. Life has proceeded with lots of adjustments, some that may become permanent, especially activities being done more and more remotely, because of many internet applications.

One of our classmates, **Bill “Ches” Cheswick**, has been inventing online applications—apps—for over 20 years. During the pandemic, he and his wife have been fortunate enough to hang out on their farm with internet access. They have a son and a daughter. During the pandemic, they were unable to visit their daughter and 3-year-old granddaughter, who live in the U.K. In his spare time during the pandemic, Ches has enjoyed browsing online science museum exhibits. When not working, to stay in shape, Ches has been walking a lot “to

satisfy the exercise demands of my iWatch” or getting cardio from Beat Saber.

Our classmate **Dr. Philip Kline** continues to make us proud. An article published in a journal by the Medical Society of New Jersey announced that Phil was named as one of the New Jersey Biz Healthcare Power 50.

Heard from **Scott Varney**, a former Gryphon. Scott is an IT analyst at a major DC law firm where he has worked for over 20 years. Besides being so technically proficient, Scott must have great people skills being able to work successfully with lawyers for so long. After graduating from Lehigh, Scott served on active duty in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Corps for over 17 years. The extent of his nautical charting work included non-contiguous areas in Maine, Saint Croix, Alaska and Guam. Scott and his wife, Lesley, live in Silver Spring, Md., with their daughter. They also have a son who, after serving in the Air Force, lives in Alaska, and another daughter who lives in Maryland.

Also heard from **Jim Barnes**, who, because of the pandemic, delayed his retirement from the education field. He hopes to retire by the end of 2021. Jim is a fortunate one—he has six grandsons ranging in age from 1 month old to 8 years old. Jim and his wife got a very young COVID dog; having survived the dog’s puppy stage, they are now happy with their decision. Jim lives in the Annapolis, Md., area, and we hope to get together soon, maybe on my side of the Chesapeake Bay.

And heard from **Paul Farsetta**, a wrestler and ATO brother. Paul worked over 40 years in the aerospace industry. He and his wife, Dianne, lived in the San Diego area until Paul retired a few years ago. They

now live in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. They have two children and are blessed with two grandchildren. Paul keeps in touch with **Bobby Del Guercio**.

My wife, Valerie Smith ’83, and I spent four days in Bethlehem celebrating our 35th anniversary. We were married in the Lehigh Chapel. On the way back to Bethlehem from a day trip to Jim Thorpe, Pa., we stopped at St. Paul’s UCC Church of Indianland, located in Cherryville, Pa. In the graveyard, we found tombstones of Valerie’s direct ancestors dating back to the 1700s. Her sixth-great-grandfather, who was born in Alsace, France, was buried there. Many of the tombstones were in German. Cannot imagine what viruses those living on the frontier during the 18th and 19th century had to deal with.

Our twice-canceled “45th” Reunion will be held on June 9-12, 2022. **Mardi Blacher-Reich** and **Jeff Sherman** have graciously agreed to serve as co-presidents of our class and will organize the reunion. On August 21, 2021, on behalf of our class, **Karen Stuckey** adopted the Class of 2025 at the First-Year Student Rally and officially welcomed them to the Lehigh community. She presented a class representative with the Lehigh Cup we received 50 years ago when John Steckbeck welcomed us to the Lehigh community at our Freshmen Rally and we were adopted by the Class of 1925. During this school year, Lehigh is celebrating 50 years of Women at Lehigh!

Please send information about what you have done since you graduated from Lehigh, including any interesting things you have been able to do during the pandemic. Your classmates want to hear from you. And don’t forget to “like” our class Facebook page run by our great classmate Jeff Sherman. It can be found at: [facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts](https://facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts).

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Sadly, I have absolutely no news to report! So, there is nothing to distract you from marking your calendars ... NOW ... for our 45th Reunion on June 9-12, 2022. By the time you read this, plans will be well underway to celebrate our class. Lehigh has invited back everyone who missed their reunion the last two years, so we’ll be celebrating with the Classes of 1975 and 1976 also. Book your hotel room soon!

We have all been cooped up for a while, and there is no better time to reminisce and reconnect than right now, so send some notes to your friends and make plans to attend!

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**Pete Davis** wrote that he recently retired from UC San Diego, where the group he led operates a global network of seismographic stations consisting of instruments located in 28 countries worldwide. The primary purpose of the network is to gather data for scientific research into earthquakes and the structure of the Earth’s interior. Public uses of the data also include earthquake hazard warning, tsunami forecasting and detection of clandestine

nuclear explosions. When an agency announces that a major earthquake has occurred, chances are that data collected by his group were essential to making that determination. In retirement, Pete plans to do some writing and may reacquaint himself with the game of golf as time permits.

**Jay Falk** shared that he celebrated his 33rd wedding anniversary to Nina (Friedman) Falk. He also attended son Jake's wedding in New Hampshire and Jay's twin sister Belinda's wedding in Hoboken. Jay and Nina welcomed their first grandson, Lehman David Falk (nicknamed Leo), in April 2021. Jay has also been busy working at a number of independent consulting gigs for a software company. Jay is proficient in SQL and Crystal Reports. He plans to travel to visit his son's family in Charlotte and would welcome the chance to meet up with fellow '79ers there or en route.

**Monica (Kaufmann) Watt** mailed me her business card last Christmas. She is serving U.S. Bank as senior vice president of product management in global corporate trust and custody in NYC. Hard to believe that we've been corresponding annually since early 2002. We first met at Lehigh in a German composition and conversation class taught by Dr. Alexander Waldenrath.

As for me, I'm un-retired for about the third time and just started work with EAD as a senior project manager. EAD ([eadcorp.com](http://eadcorp.com)) is a mid-sized engineering services firm with offices in Omaha, Memphis and Chapel Hill. They recruited me to initially provide project management services to a food manufacturing facility in Zanesville, Ohio. Every time I say I am retiring, someone contacts me with an attractive opportunity to consider.

I look forward to hearing from more of our classmates, especially as we are beginning to travel again. I'm planning to

connect in early August with **Jim Esch**, who is traveling from his home in Florida to visit family and friends in northeast Ohio. I'll have more to say next issue. As a final note, my saved columns indicate that I first wrote this column for the May 2001 issue, so this is my 20th anniversary as class correspondent. Time flies.

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**Sue (Stoup) McDonald** wanted to let us know her family came through everything mostly fine, although she did lose her dad, Dixon Earley '63, after a very long battle with squamous cell carcinoma. Dixon was the most dedicated Lehigh man one would ever meet. He was extremely proud to see both of his daughters, Sue and Amy (Earley) Morton '93, and his granddaughter, Meagan McDonald '11, graduate from Lehigh. Sue will be sure that some of his ashes attend what would have been his 56th Lehigh-Lafayette game.

Sue is working at the local pool in the summer, which is back to mostly normal this year, and continues to coach diving on the high school level. Her students actually attended school this year and had a "normal" season, which was refreshing. Sue considers herself retired from teaching but still loves coaching. Her husband retired from the FBI and is now a special agent for the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office to fill his time. Meagan works for BASF in Wilmington, Del., and just bought a historic home there with her husband, James. Sue's Naval Academy graduate son is a helicopter pilot and was on the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt that had the COVID outbreak while deployed. He spent a month in quarantine on Guam when they finally got everyone off the ship, but he never got sick, thank

goodness. He is currently serving as a Navy Fellow in the United States Senate for Senator Angus King of Maine. Sue and James are enjoying having him be on the East Coast for a change.

Sue and James recently returned from their annual trip to visit **Linda (Rissel) Maxfield** and her husband. While they did have a bit of unfortunate rain, any day boating on Echo Lake is better than any place in the world! The Maxfields are gearing up for a postponed wedding of their second daughter, so they will be heading back to Utah a bit earlier this year. They are certainly enjoying the retired life!

**Ray Trevisan** enjoyed a recent day at the Jersey Shore hosted by **Rick Rogers** and his wife, Pat. **David Beard, Mike Connor, Scott Peck** and **Dave Del Guercio** also joined the fun party. Ray is looking forward to a hiking trip in Yosemite with Rick Rogers, **Finn Wentworth** and Matt McDonough '82.

**Mary Jay (Farmer) Mallowney** is pleased to share that her daughter, Eileen Mallowney, married Michael Schindel in August 2020 in Stowe, Vt. It was a very small ceremony with three attendees, mother, father and sister. The newlyweds live in Bermuda. Mary Jay lives with her husband, James, in Burlington, Vt. Mary Jay is still playing her trumpet in the Burlington Concert Band, whose performances have resumed this summer after two years. Mary Jay's brother, Rudy Farmer '82, lives nearby in Colchester, Vt., and daughter Julie lives in South Burlington, Vt.

I wish the best to all my classmates. '8- O! GO! GO!

**'81 Editor's note:** Our thanks to **Wayne Shurts** for stepping up to connect his classmates for the last three years. As Wayne transitions his energies to other projects, please let us know if you would be interested in becoming

your class's correspondent, reaching out to classmates and writing a column three times a year, by contacting the Alumni Office at 610-758-3069 or [classnotes@lehigh.edu](mailto:classnotes@lehigh.edu)

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**Patrick Eichner** of Delta Phi wrote in: "My wife and I moved to St. Simons Island, Ga., during COVID and have been loving the people, climate, beauty of this part of the world and the freedom to make our own decisions on where we want to go and how best to protect ourselves. It does make for a long commute to my job in N.J., but I'm managing. Both our kids will be living in Denver by the end of July, and we're so excited for them. My son is a director of communication for a sports gambling firm after years of working for NFL teams. My daughter is a child psychologist who has been working for the past six years in the charter school system in Dallas. She hasn't decided yet how to best use her talents in Denver, but with all that is going on with kids today, I'm sure she'll find her niche. Look forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion."

**Bradford Donovan** is relaunching his effort to build an alumni club in Delaware: "There are about 500 of us in Delaware, and about 800 including the nearby communities in Maryland and Pennsylvania. We'll kick off with a 'Brown and White Is Back'-themed happy hour in both northern and southern Delaware in early September 2021." Brad's email address if you are interested is [brad.donovan@ml.com](mailto:brad.donovan@ml.com).

**Drew Everett, Andrew Schaeffer, David Taviani** and **Neil Stubits** (all chemical engineers) represented the

Class of '82 at the annual Lehigh Home Club golf outing played at Bethlehem Municipal on June 28. They finished in the middle of the pack but had a great time and enjoyed spending some time with fellow alumni and the Lehigh coaches.

**Terri (Deisinger) Schumann** writes: "Our news is that we moved to the country—Western Maryland—in the middle of the pandemic. We now live in a Folk Victorian farmhouse circa 1902, with a big red barn with plenty of room for my 1960 Ford F100 pickup truck (named Betsey). I retired from the practice of law, and now I am a bankruptcy writer for Lexis Nexis. Most of my time is spent gardening and tending to our farmette, driving Betsey and loving the country life with my husband, Rob Schumann."

My fraternity brother, **Stan King**, sends a big shout-out to his old drinking buddy Albert DiAntonio '79: "Al, when are you, Clam, Willie, Psycho and Vanc coming down to Cayman Brac for some bone fishing and Wild Turkey? Ingrid Sue and I have the spare cottage waiting!"

**Thomas Hammond** emailed me sad news of the passing of his Sigma Chi fraternity brother, **Mark Daniels**, of COVID. "Mark began his career as a serial entrepreneur when he founded his first company at the young age of 23," his obituary reads. "Lintech would move him to his beloved home of Greenville, S.C. In 1990, Mark rolled the dice, and with little more than an idea, founded Container Management Services (CMS). Seven years later, this idea had grown into a company of more than 300 employees, many of whom remain his friend to this day. Following the sale of CMS, Mark dabbled in private equity for a few years, working as a partner in Azalea Capital LLC. Inevitably, he returned to his roots as an executive and purchased Industrial Specialty Fabrics (ISF) from Azalea Cap-

ital. Under Mark's leadership, ISF thrived and was eventually sold back to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, who had initially sold the floundering operation to Azalea Capital a few years prior.

"Rather than face the boredom of retirement, Mark parlayed the successes of ISF into the acquisition of an industrial chemical container business which became Varicon Solutions LLC. During his tenure at Varicon, Mark took notice of a new and growing market: diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). Just a few days after the sale of Varicon in 2012, Mark founded Titan Chemical Transfer Solutions (CTS), and alongside several of his trusted colleagues at Varicon, began manufacturing diesel exhaust fluid equipment. In 2019, Titan CTS became Blue1 Energy Equipment after acquiring the Buford, Ga.-based enterprise. Mark had served as CEO of the new entity before his untimely passing, where he was both respected and dearly loved by his colleagues.

"Mark was a member of the 1st St. Francis Forum, and held seats on the boards of Christ Church Episcopal School, The Red Cross, Greenville Children's Theatre, Greenville Country Club and the SC Governor's Cup. He was an avid fisherman and golfer but found the most enjoyment in his role as a husband, father and grandfather. Mark will be remembered by his family and friends as a man who did everything to the fullest and lived 'a big life.' He was a genuine, honest, hilarious and fiercely loyal individual who will be deeply missed by everyone that knew him. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sally Davis Daniels; his son, Robert Davis Daniels and his wife, Jane; his daughter, Sarah Daniels Moore and her husband, Kyle ..." and, of course, his many Lehigh Sigma Chi brothers.

Keep the emails coming and

remember the 40th Reunion in 2022 True Blues.

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I have both happy news and sad news to report.

On the happy news front, **Drew Freed '83 '17P** and **Ann Lewnes '83 '22P** were recently appointed as new members of the Lehigh University Board of Trustees, and **Sandra Denton** was recently appointed as a new member of the Lehigh University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Drew served as president and chief executive officer of Micro-Coax, a Carlisle Interconnect Technologies Company. Micro-Coax, based in Pottstown, Pa., which is a manufacturer of RF microwave transmission cables and connectors used in satellite and aerospace applications. Drew was responsible for the overall leadership of the company and its future direction. He is now retired and resides in Bluffton, S.C.

Ann, of Palo Alto, Calif., is chief marketing officer and executive vice president, corporate strategy & development of Adobe, one of the largest and most diversified software companies in the world. Ann was the recipient of the 2019 Lehigh Distinguished Alumni Excellence in Industry Award, presented to an individual who has demonstrated professional achievement of the highest caliber in the management of a for-profit organization.

Sandy, my freshman roommate, will be joining me as a member of the Lehigh University Alumni Association Board. Sandy is a former executive at Nlyte Software and IBM and recently joined Pipefy as vice president of channels and alliances. Sandy resides in New York City and Bucks County, Pa.

Congratulations to Drew,

Ann and Sandy on their new roles with Lehigh!

The sad news is that fellow classmate and friend **Lisa Anderman Daskal '83 '22P** passed away. **Pam Budman-Verraart** and **Mary Frances (Donley) Forcier** passed along the following note: "On behalf of her parents, it is with a very heavy heart that I inform my Lehigh friends that Lisa Anderman Daskal passed away this weekend after a long, valiant fight against cancer. She was surrounded at home with family and loved ones. Lisa was beloved by her Stoughton House friends, who happily remember her enthusiasm and 'larger than life' personality. She made our freshman year better, and we were thrilled to see her at our 2015 Stoughton reunion. We send our deepest sympathy to Lisa's husband, Oded, and children, Daniel, Noa '22 and Arielle, as well as her parents, Arthur '56 and Carole."

My husband, Scott Freedman '84, and I knew Lisa as "Sprout." She was on the varsity volleyball team, and Scott and Lisa worked campus/residence hall security together. They spent evenings walking around campus to lock up the dorms. Lisa was looking forward to seeing Noa graduate from Lehigh. She was always so positive and fun to be around. She was fearless, and I can still see her riding her motorcycle around campus. Lisa dedicated her life to the success and happiness of her family. She will truly be missed.

Enjoy your fall and winter, and please send me your news and any photos. I will be attending football games in the fall and invite you to stop by our tailgate in the reserved lot. Hope to see you there or at any Lehigh event.

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Hello, Class of 1984!



Yes, I finally did it. I grabbed a number in God's waiting room (Florida). I will miss the easy access to Lehigh and the Lehigh Valley, but the flight back is short and easy, so I will see you at the Lehigh-Laughitup game.

Setting up in a different area of the country entails searching for the familiar amid all the differences. Florida has three regional clubs: Tampa Bay, South Florida and Central Florida. Incredible. The Lehigh regional clubs are well known for fun get-togethers where people from all classes can meet, network and socialize. As a class, we are well represented in clubs: **Ross Santangelo** and **Glen Sponaugle** in the Susquehanna Valley club, **Laura Gill** in the Central Jersey club, **Karen (Bergen) Bukowski** in the Denver Club and **Kenneth Stevens** in the South Jersey club. Thank you for your service to Lehigh!

Got a great update from **Robin (Cohen) Hart**: "Hope all is well and that you will soon be writing updates about tailgates again. We have been keeping busy at outdoor breweries until we can resume parking lot festivities. We meet **Bill Glaser** a couple of times a month at Bonn in South Bethlehem (feel free to give them a plug; both the beer and the people there are awesome). The first weekend in May, **Jim Hart** and I met **Bob Bohny** and his wife, Kim, for brews and dinner at Evil Genius in Fishtown [Philadelphia]. And finally, after being postponed since April 4, 2020, we were able to reunite a larger crew (also at Evil Genius) at the end of May including us, Bill, Bob and Kim, and **Doug Grandin** and his wife, Lisa, all the way from Boston. It was a reunion worth waiting for—so many laughs, and friends with whom you can pick up where you left off after months/years apart and it's like time just melts away. We are eagerly planning a NYC weekend (Bob and Kim's son and Doug and

Lisa's daughter both live/work there). And in the fall, we hope to head to Boston to visit Doug and Lisa, Trillium, Fenway ... so much that we love up there. Of course, any fall plans will have to work around both Lehigh and South Carolina football! See you guys at Goodman!"

Thanks for the update, Robin. Bonn is a great bar in South Bethlehem where you can enjoy bitter and other special beers, very close to campus. It is the spiritual heir to Die Alte Brauerei (pre-Price Hall).

Thanks for reading this column. If you enjoy it, please contribute information about our great classmates so I can continue writing. Otherwise, I will start submitting my essays from English I until I hear the collective "no mas." Nobody wants that. You have been warned.

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I spoke with **Ted London**, who has had a fascinating and expansive post-Lehigh journey. After leaving Bethlehem and an engineering career at GM, Ted headed to Claremont Graduate University in California for an MBA. He then served in Malawi in the Peace Corps and worked in senior management positions on three continents. Following those experiences, he earned a Ph.D. in business strategy from University of North Carolina. Ted is currently the Ford Motor Company Clinical Professor at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, where he specializes in the role of business in addressing social issues with a specific aim of reducing poverty. Ted, his wife, Danielle Mihalko, and their three kids have lived in Ann Arbor for 16 years and love it there. He travels very widely for his job and has been to over 100 countries. (That's got to be a Class of '85 record!) He spent

early 2020 in Nigeria with the Gates Foundation working on a business model for getting more micronutrients to women of reproductive age, to try to prevent "stunting" in babies, as the first 100 days of life are so critical to both brain and physical development. If you are interested in hearing more about how businesses can achieve social impact and business growth, you can read Ted's book "The Base of the Pyramid Promise: Building Businesses with Impact and Scale."

I did some research and found that his book is very highly reviewed, and that got me thinking about how two other classmates (that I know of) have written books—also very well reviewed: **Jeff Onorato** wrote "The SIN of Addison Hall" (a reviewer drew comparisons to Vonnegut and Orwell), and **Lisa Paparone** authored the short story "What She Missed" in the collection "The Rittenhouse Writers: Reflections on a Fiction Workshop" edited by James Rahn. Am I missing anyone? Please let me know if we have any other published writers in our class.

**Norm Sanyour** is still in Summit, N.J., with his wife, Karen, and two of their five children, approaching his 10th year in the private client business at investment behemoth Capital Group. His fourth child, Will, matriculated to South Mountain this fall. Norm commented that they are hoping for a more "normal" experience than the last few years, though probably no beer truck in the Lower Centennial parking lot for the freshman "welcome" party like we had in 1981. (Side note: The beer truck is a perennial favorite memory from school that so many people mention. I laugh every time someone reminds me.)

Norm got together with a bunch of Sigma Nu brothers for the 36th Annual "Noogie" Open golf tournament on June 12.

Joining him were Jeff Onorato, **Pete Liptrot**, Joe DiFiglia '84 (now a grandparent), Bob Cahill '84, Dave Sikorski '84, Craig Holt '84, Mike Szymendera '84 (also a grandpa), Steve "Fuzzy" Zoeller '86 (winner of at least 30 Noogies), Alex Tosi '86 (second with at least 30 Noogies), Tom Whalen '86, Chris Hopkins '86, Pat Nolan '87, Jim Witty '88, Leon Kassabian '88 and Jeff Miller '88. I love that this large group has consistently gotten together for so long. What a great tradition they've got going.

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"Don't let me hear you say life's  
taking you nowhere, angel."  
(David Bowie)

**Howard Goldstein**, DDS, rinsed and spit a mouthful of updates with celebratory news of the b'nai mitzvah of sons Ilan and Dylan. Beyond his dental practice, Howard has been a clinical instructor at Penn Dental for the last 27 years and serves on the board of directors for the Jewish Relief Agency, which packs and delivers food, monthly, to over 3,000 needy families in Philadelphia. Howard completed a \$60,000 fundraising campaign, Allan's Walk, in memory of his father, supporting Penn's Abramson Cancer Center's anaplastic thyroid cancer research. I asked Howard how complicated is a routine tooth removal? Howard replied, "A plain, vanilla extract? That's easy." If Howard is ever a contestant on "Password," I wonder what clue he would give for "Proxabrush"? Howard's favorite Lehigh building: Mohler Lab!

**Nevagay Abel's** son, Justin, graduated from Auburn High School, Rockford, Ill. While Lehigh was in the running, Justin is studying aerospace engineering

at the University of Illinois. Nevagay has been with Quantum Design, Inc., for the last 15 years, currently as vice president of engineering. Quantum's work includes saws and grinders for the steel industry and roll sheets for the digital press industry.

Steve and **Brenda (Mullen) Sampiere** have been in Solana Beach, Calif., for the last 30 years, but their kids are on the move: Brett graduated from UC San Diego, Luke graduated from UC Santa Cruz and is off to med school in Florida, Jack graduated from UCLA and remained for his masters in data analytics, and Elle is attending college online (who wasn't last year?) while traveling the world, surfing, and was "stuck" in Bali for six months during the pandemic. To quote Livia Soprano, "Poor you." Brenda runs **beachhausrentals.com**, managing 30 vacation rental properties.

Wearing just brown and white is so ... wearing, so **Beth (Mora) Chamberlin** loves wearing Dartmouth green, the alma mater of daughter, Abby, and sophomore son, Henry. Beth also wears the MIT red and gray, the alma mater of her eldest, Thatcher, who is now in Arlington, Va., with Lynk, a mobile network technology company. Beth enjoyed her rock lobster and was amongst "Everybody's rockin', Everybody's frugin'" (The B-52s) in Camden, Maine, during her summer off from her high school librarian position.

Phi Delta Theta fratres **Cayce Roy, CJ Fraleigh** and **Dave Park** all had offspring, Anneke, Ryan and Andrew, respectively, as members of Lehigh's Class of 2021. CJ is co-founder of Entrepreneurial Equity Partners, following his time with Shearer's Foods, as chairman and CEO. CJ's second son attends Babson, and his two youngest likely enjoy pizza at "The Sink" while attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, coincidentally (or is it a coincidence [cue spooky music];

think of Vincent Price]), with one of Cayce's daughters, Zoe. Cayce and wife Lauren also have two college graduate daughters, Kelsey and Samantha, and the youngest, Caroline, is in high school. Cayce has been advising from board roles or consulting efforts for e-commerce, supply chain technology/infrastructure, or the private equity organizations interested in them. Cayce serves on Lehigh's Rossin College Advisory Council focused on their diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

Dave and wife Laure are in Westfield, N.J., with their sons, Andrew '21 and Columbia University sophomore Stephen. Dave raised his silver goblet, enjoying the last four years, back on campus, for Parent and Lehigh-Laf weekends, and serving on the Parents' Council. Dave leads global business development efforts at Olympus Corporation of the Americas, headquartered in Center Valley, Pa., just minutes from Lehigh, not to mention "Putt U Miniature Golf" (try the chili dogs at the 19th hole!).

"Stop making this hurt. Say goodbye like you mean it." (Bleachers)

*Postscript: At press time, I learned of the passing of Derek de Bastos; I'll celebrate Derek in a forthcoming column.*

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Class of 1987, mark your calendars for next spring 2022 as it will be time for our 35th Reunion. Wow, the years are certainly flying by. I know we are all busy with our kids going off to college or getting married, grandchildren being born and issues with our parents getting older. We all have the bond of going through these things together even though we are no longer with each other.

We were lucky to hear from

**Robert Rossi**. Rob said the following ... "It's hard to believe we graduated 34 years ago; 1987 was a lot more hair and fewer pounds ago. I've been in Pittsburgh since 1990 working for an institutional investment management firm. My daughter just turned 40 last month. Before you do the math, she is technically my stepdaughter, but I've always referred to her as my daughter ever since Nancy and I got married 26 years ago. I now have two awesome grandchildren (Ava and Aden), and my daughter and I are already arguing over whether they'll go to Lehigh or Penn State (her alma mater). My son-in-law just rolls his eyes at us. I'll let you know who wins in 12 years.

"I caught up with Mark White '88 in Atlanta when I was traveling down there. He is doing well. Married and has three girls. I had breakfast with **Gregg Fedus** and **Donna (Saraisky) Fedus** when they took their daughter to Carnegie Mellon University to start her college career."

Thanks so much for reaching out, Rob.

Many of us are coming out of the woodwork and trying to attend social events. I am scheduled to attend the Lehigh Rally to welcome the classes of '24 and '25 to Lehigh. I know many folks are planning on attending Lehigh-Lafayette and other football games this fall. Can't wait to see everyone! Please let me know about all the fabulous events going on in your lives.

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As summer comes to an end, here are a few updates from our awesome Class of 1988.

Congrats to **Jeffrey Bosland** '88 '22P, who was reappointed to serve an additional three-year term as an appointed trustee for Lehigh.

Thank you to **Margie (Edmonds) Wallace** for 30 years of

service in the U.S. Public Health Service. Let's also congratulate Margie on her recent retirement.

**Bill Wilson** and his wife, Chari, recently welcomed his second grandchild. They are proud grandparents of Tommy and Bridgette.

**Amy (Kantowitz) Frei's** youngest son graduated from high school and is following in his big brother's footsteps to attend Ohio State.

**Julia (Leek) Bunk** is planning a 628 Montclair Ave., girls beach weekend/reunion in Sea Isle City in September with **Cara (Turkowsky) Troxell**, **Kristin (McCormick) Lacher**, **Michele (Capone) James**, Susan Casella Chiodo '87, **Laney (Crocker) Chace** and **Margo (Polak) Carp**. Laney's husband, Buzz, carried the Class of 1988 flag at our 30th Reunion.

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In July, **Jill (Seibert) Schelling**, **Julie (Kime) Traina**, **Jenn (McElwreath) Hardie**

and I spent a few days in Seaside Park, N.J., reconnecting. We missed our other roomie **Marisa Calabrese Moore**, who was unable to join us. Marisa is living in Virginia and is a highly regarded interior designer. Check out "Best of Houzz," Ris has won almost every year for as long as I can remember.

On a personal note, I just completed my 19th year riding the Pan-Mass Challenge, a 180-mile bike ride that spans the state of Massachusetts raising money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Boston. If you are interested in more details, check out our team site, **teamperryppmc.com**. My daughter, Marlee, graduated from Lehigh in May and is working for Selby Jennings, a recruiting firm, on the quantitative analytics team. If you

are a hedge fund/quants person looking for a job, let me know. I continue to work with **John Carl** at the Retirement Learning Center. John and his wife, Viveka, live in Pound Ridge, N.Y. His son Jack attends University of Maine, where he is on a track and academic scholarship. His son Harry is turning 16 and excels in both baseball and his academics.

**Mark Lesnik** and his wife reside in Livingston, N.J., and have two kids. His son, Max, is a freshman at The Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, while his daughter, Jordana, is a junior at The University of Maryland, where she is sorority sisters with the daughters of **Judy (Bernstein) Schwartz** and **Rich Rosier**, as well as the niece of **Jason "The Melch" Melchner**. Congratulations to Judy, who got engaged to Robert "Bernie" Bernstein (she can go back to her old name!).

**Jenn (Gans) Blankfein** is working for Melissa and Doug Bernstein (co-founders of Melissa & Doug Toys) on their new venture, LifeLines. Melissa wrote a book revealing her struggle with depression and anxiety. She and Doug have created a website, **lifelines.com**, where people can go to take a journey inward to learn more about themselves, attend workshops and discussions, and join a vibrant, supportive community ... all for free. Jenn also continues with her wildly popular blog "Book Nation by Jen," **booknationbyjen.com**. If you are looking for a good read, look no further. Jenn and her husband live in Westport, Conn. One son is living in NYC and working for Cushman Wakefield, and the other is a sophomore at Emory.

**Susan Diamond-Dalessandro** is a published author! She wrote "Complex Solutions," an "angsty, give-me-all-the-feels, YA novel" that draws from her experience as a math major.

Find it at most retailers.

**Christine Burke** is at Morgan Stanley as global head of technology and operations talent development (a mouthful!), living on the Upper West Side of NYC for over 15 years, still running her digital media and merchandise company ONLY IN (**onlyin.com**) on the side, a place to celebrate the unique aspects of places we love around the world, starting with NYC, and to support creative talent.

**Brett Paddock** and his wife, Maria, had their second daughter, Kinsley, in January. Not a lot of birth announcements in our class these days besides grandchildren, so I am so happy to post this wonderful news!

I am thrilled to report from updates from his Chi Psi brothers that after a tough battle with COVID, **Tom Marron** is on the road to recovery and doing well. We love you, Tom!

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DU came through! Thanks, guys, for all the updates.

We'll kick it off with **Joe Shunk**, who has been living in Zurich, Switzerland, for the past 12 years with his wife, Marli, and two daughters, Angelina, 16, and Adriana, 13. They were all looking forward to a post-pandemic trip back to the U.S.!

Joe works at UBS, Marli sells children's clothing and the children go to Swiss schools, where they row in a nearby lake.

Apparently his "crazy wife" goes cold water swimming in that same lake every day ... all year round. Joe said he has attempted it a few times, but his tolerance has remained at zero. Instead, he cycles, hikes with the dogs and skis.

**Todd Bruner** has worked for the NFL for over 25 years and is now with the Seattle Seahawks

as a college scout, starting his 10th season with them.

His two children seem to be following in his professional sports footsteps. Annie graduated from Ithaca College last spring and started a job with the MLB network, and their son Chad is a freshman at LSU and working for their football team. Todd and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 26th anniversary this past summer.

**Brian Hensel** and Dana have been married for 28 years and share three children. Brian Jr. (VA Tech '17) is a civil engineer, Shane (Drexel '19) is a mechanical engineer currently serving in the U.S. Navy in Bahrain, and Danielle (Pitt '22) is studying for her RN/BSN. Not many tuition payments left for him!

Brian is a chemistry and forensic science teacher at Central Bucks West High School in Doylestown, Pa. He left coaching football after 25 years in seven different schools and now stays warm in the broadcast booth for local Friday night football games. He and his wife also started a small party rental business three years ago. Brian said it "keeps him busy enough to stay out of trouble."

**Stephen McConnell** retired as a colonel from the Marine Corps Reserve in 2018 after 28 years of service. He previously served on active duty as a Marine Corps judge advocate, where he prosecuted cases as a special assistant United States attorney and deployed for Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle as the staff judge advocate for the Marine Corps Central Command's expeditionary anti-terrorist camp in the Horn of Africa. The following year Steve opened his solo law firm in Atlanta specializing in personal injury and providing pro bono legal assistance to Wounded Warriors.

He and his wife of 25 years, Mary, have two children in high school. Steve also mentioned that he "thinks Walsh owes him money."

So, speaking of **Mike Walsh**, he is now a grandpa! His daughter and son-in-law (both Lehigh grads) had a boy in September 2020. Welcome Jack Stanley Stake, class of '42!

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I'm writing this latest installment from the U.S., where I've been since mid-July. Now that it's mid-August, it's fair to say the pandemic gave us a little break and made us feel like it was safe to travel. However, since I've been here, the Delta variant has come on strong and maybe opened up Pandora's box a bit more. But let's not dwell on that for now.

I was lucky enough to have the most wonderful visit with **Jill (Merriam) Dulitsky** in Tel Aviv. Seeing a friendly face in my hometown after a COVID dry spell was incredibly special. Jill was in Israel with a group from the Jewish Federation of North America on a leadership solidarity mission. What a treat to sneak in a visit with her. Her son is a senior in high school and her daughter is a junior, so they have been doing lots of college visits.

**Pam Sprayregen-Weissman's** daughter was also in Tel Aviv on a Masa program this summer. I had the pleasure of getting to know Alexa, who will be a junior at Boston University this year. It was really fun to not only reconnect with Pam, but also to meet her grown daughter for the first time!

Thanks to **Mike Tritt**, who sent this incredible update: "I live in Bucks County, Pa., with my wife and two sons. My oldest, Tristan, broke tradition and attends Lafayette, where he plays football, so the Lehigh-Lafayette game has a new special meaning for the family. My youngest just graduated high school and is doing a PG (post-graduate) year at the Lawrenceville School; he also hopes to follow his older



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brother and play football in college as well. On the career front, I am one of the founders and president of a specialty engineering and construction firm that designs and builds underground storage facilities for the oil and gas sector. We have also started to work on specialized hydrogen storage for the renewable energy sector and underground facilities for the long-term storage of nuclear waste. I was also recently appointed to the National Petroleum Council by the Secretary of Energy for my expertise on strategic hydrocarbon and hydrogen storage."

**Marion (Nichols) Wells** is now Professor Wells. She is teaching physician assistant students in Denver after finishing her clinical practice and loves it. Congratulations, Nichols!!

**Susan Lanter Blank** and **Stacey Winter** spent some time in Park City this summer while their kids were at summer camp. Just another COVID perk of working remotely.

In May 2021, **Andrea Strong** became the first executive director of ROAR, Restaurants Organizing Advocating Rebuilding. ROAR is a community of hospitality leaders advocating for New York City's independent restaurant industry and creating a path to a sustainable future. Known for her pioneering food blog, *The Strong Buzz*, Andrea has covered the intersection of food, business, policy and the law, writing for *The New York Times*, *Food & Wine*, *New York Magazine*, *Eater* and more. Andrea, I hope you aren't too busy to continue giving great book suggestions to **Stacey Levine**, me and a host of others!!

And finally, **Peter Ripp** is ripped!!

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Hi, all! I hope that you had an enjoyable summer. My summer

was filled with plenty of my son's travel baseball tournaments and disc golf whenever I could get out. Speaking of which, I just got to connect with my fraternity brother, **Mike "Oz" Oswald**. It was great to see him and to have the chance to play a round together.

Light on the updates this time, but here is a good one!

**Dan Rosenthal** and **Michelle (Halpin) Rosenthal** continue to reside in Short Hills, N.J., with their three children. Keeping Lehigh in their family, their oldest son, Jeffrey, recently graduated from Lehigh in May 2021 with a B.S. in business and economics with a major in accounting. Jeff will continue his Lehigh career and pursue his M.S. in accounting and information analysis in the fall. Their daughter, Sarah, is studying environmental policy at Boston University, while son Gregory will enter high school in the fall. Michelle enjoys teaching at Millburn High School, focusing on chemistry and environmental science. Dan has continued his career in medical technology, now as the VP, product development at Stryker.

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Greetings, Class of 1993! I'm hoping this update finds you well. On to the news.

Great to hear from **Ken Hoexter**, whose son begins his freshman year at Lehigh this fall. He reports that his wife, Liz, threw him a surprise 50th birthday this summer, with Deltas (Delta Tau Delta) coming from all over—**Jon Sadowsky** from California, **Chris Delano** and his wife, Kristine, from Maine, **Alex Dixon** from Connecticut and **Anthony DeMarco** from New Jersey. Unfortunately, **Ari Ginsburg**, **Mark Mikitka** and **Mike Cherkas** weren't able to make the surprise trip, but they sent their regards. Ken is looking forward to returning to campus

in September for Lehigh's annual Wall Street Council event.

**Robin Weinberg** wins the award for most Class of 1993 mentions in one update! She reports that the pandemic didn't keep their group of tight alums from staying in close touch. Robin and friends—**Sue Copeland, Cindy (Alder) Treacy, Pam (Goebel) Kornfeld, Aly (Nava) Dunlap, Becky (Mulford) Smith, Tamar (Frank) Weerts, Tina Sheng, Kara (Bolcavage) Stone, Andrea (Yonke) Williams** and **Marguerite (Feldman) Dickerson**—managed to get through lockdown over frequent Zooms, some smaller group get-togethers and a few virtual champagne parties to ring in their big 5-0s! She writes: "In July, London resident extraordinaire, Andrea, visited the U.S. with her family for the first time in two years—let's just say there was a lot of wine consumed by this group at a couple of reunions!"

Congratulations to **Jonathan D'Orsi** and **Tara Dillon D'Orsi** on successfully launching their son, Grant, to the University of Southern California this past August. Over the summer Jon had dinner with fellow Lambda Chi brothers Tom Pursel '92, Chris Pepe '92, **James Ross**, Matt Lip-pitt '94 and Chris Marschall '92. A Lambda Chi Alpha alumni golf outing is planned for October 2021. Jon is VP of operations for ShopRite of Carteret, N.J.

The mighty Class of 1993 has another published author! **Beth (Hallisey) Kupchinsky** served as the writing partner for Jared Tendler on "The Mental Game of Trading: A System for Solving Problems with Greed, Fear, Anger, Confidence, and Discipline." Read this book and channel your inner Gordon Gekko as you "tackle your problems, improve your day-to-day performance, and increase your profits."

**Sean McCarthy** checked in from Ridgewood, N.J. He recently celebrated his 24th

wedding anniversary with his wife, Karen Sayre McCarthy '95. He is an investment banker at Deutsche Bank. His oldest daughter, Annie, is a rising junior at Lehigh and plays on the lacrosse team. He reports that he and Karen love being back inside the Lehigh community and part of the vibrant campus and events at Lehigh, and they are both so impressed at how Lehigh has evolved. Daughter Katie starts at Virginia Tech this year and will play lacrosse for the Hokies in the very competitive ACC. Their youngest, Sean, is a rising junior at Delbarton.

Be well, stay healthy, and keep those updates coming!

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I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to a normal fall on the South Mountain. Over the last 30-plus years, I have written about 688 of you. But our class has 1,016 people. Where are the rest of you, and why have you not written to me? You can't possibly have anything better to do.

**Christopher Scott** was recently appointed to Lehigh's Board of Trustees; **Lee Gold**, a partner with the firm of Butler, Norris & Gold in West Hartford, was elected to the Town Council. My very first friend at Lehigh, **Meg (Chianese) Durkin** and Ted Durkin '93 live in Chestnut Hill, Pa. They have three daughters, Cece (12), Claire (16) and Mollie (18); Mollie started at Lehigh this fall. The only pinning party I ever went to at Lehigh was Meg and Ted's.

**Brian Hahne** is the director of infrastructure and IT operations for Seibels. His son is 15 and daughter is 12. He recently started a record label in LA called Curation Records. They have put out albums with Pacific Range, Chris Robinson, Beachwood

Sparks, Gospelbeach and others. **Greg Geiling** and wife Jennifer live in NYC with three teenagers, Matthew (15), Harrison (14) and Charlotte (13).

**Jennifer (Dinan) Westphalen** and **Adam Westphalen** live in Cohasset, Mass. Their daughter Arden (19) is a junior at Lafayette as a pre-med neuroscience major. She is on their crew team and also gives tours of the campus. (She can show you the Lafayette Zeta Psi house where Mark Wassersug '92 and Brad Cuddeback '93 made sure that my pledge class was tortured, I mean hazed.) Their daughter Addison is now a senior in high school and applying to dance programs for college. Their twins, Aidan and Tyler, are now high school sophomores playing hockey and are already over six feet tall. Jennifer works with Cultural Care Au Pair placing au pairs with families who need child care, especially during the pandemic. Adam is expanding his management consulting firm in the Boston area.

**Rich Rotzman** lives in Wyckoff, N.J., where he is in medical device sales for W.L. Gore. He has eight-year-old twins, Sophia and Jake. Last summer he caught up with fellow classmates **David Sansaverino, Gene Walker** and Ryan Barr '96.

**Eric Williams** wrote me to tell me that his niece, Sydney Williams, is now a freshman at Lehigh. She is living in M&M. Eric had a chance to take her on a tour of the campus and could not believe the development of the campus. Eric also received a master's at Lehigh. (Even after we both received a D- in freshman computer science.)

**Mike Nardella** just celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife, Diane. They have two kids, 20 and 16, and live in Atlanta. He saw **Bret Almasy** at their family's lake house. He noted that Bret has not changed a bit. Hopefully, Bret didn't throw him in the pond. Yes, I am still angry about that.

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**Denise (Menikheim) Faltischek** is living in Port Washington, N.Y., with her husband, Ken, and daughters, Ava (15) and Lily (13). She is the chief strategy officer and head of international for Tilray Inc., a global cannabis company. In addition to overseeing businesses in Europe, the U.S., Australia and Latin America, she collaborates with the CEO on developing global corporate strategy and M&A. Denise recently had dinner with **Nicole (Tsakanikas) Skolnick** and **Patty (Hoffman) Brahe**, and she shared that they both look the same as the day that we graduated from Lehigh!

Denise also shared that Nicole's son is going to be a freshman at Lehigh this year. We'll have to get an update in a future column if he ran into **Stacy (Ditman) Dworkin's** daughter, Aliya, who will also be a freshman in the Lehigh College of Health. Stacy also shared that she lives in the New Haven area with her husband, Adam, Aliya and her 16-year-old daughter, Maya. Stacy owns a media buying agency and has been working in that field since graduation.

Since we are on the topic of college freshmen, my daughter, Sophie, will be heading to Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken in a few short weeks to study civil engineering. I really didn't think other engineering schools existed, but apparently, they do. She was accepted at Lehigh, but since we live in Bethlehem, it was a bit too close to home. I think she just applied to our very fine alma mater to humor her parents. Anyway, I have three other kids, so I'll see if I can get one of them to be a Lehigh Engineer (a.k.a Mountain Hawk).

**Maia (Gomory) Germain** left State Street in July 2020 to take some time off and pivot from

finance to a new industry that is aligned to something she is passionate about. Maia is now the head of people and culture at Collette. Collette has been providing global guided travel experiences for more than 100 years but is experiencing a regrowth due to coming out of COVID and the boom in the travel industry. It's an exciting time of building, and she is thrilled to be a part of it.

**Andrew Thomka-Gazdik** is a relocation specialist with Sotheby's in Palm Beach and has been assisting families moving into the South Florida area. He understands how difficult a move can be if a family has to uproot their lives due to work or simply wants to live in another part of the country and would love to support any Lehigh alum in this situation. In addition to work, Andrew keeps in touch with **Craig Schneider**, Cliff Finkle '96, **Dave Zwally**, **Mike Block** and **Hy Saporta**.

**Cicely Horsham-Brathwaite**, Ph.D., shared that she has a new book, "Better Daily Self-Care Habits," published by Rockridge Press and available on Amazon and wherever books are sold. "Better Daily Self-Care Habits" provides actionable and easy-to-implement strategies to help people build in regular self-care to lower stress and increase well-being.

Cicely was also promoted to partner at The Management Center, which is a nonprofit firm that supports mission-driven organizations to increase their management effectiveness. I also wanted to congratulate Cicely on her Ph.D.!

That's it for now. As of right now, Reunion is planned for June 9-12, 2022. Save the date, and I'll keep you informed if plans change.

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Hi, Class of '96! I hope everyone is well.

**Jessica Mudry** replied to one of my requests for information. Thanks so much, Jessica!

"I live in NYC with my partner, Liz Hines (Yale '97)," she said. "We have three kids, Avery (12) and twins Sophie and Samuel (8), and a black lab, Jasper!"

"My four-year Lehigh roommate, **Hope Nawada**, is the godmother of my twins! Hope lives in NYC as well with her son, Jack.

"We made it through the pandemic, and I ran into **Chelsea (Walker) Palmer** multiple times, both of us on long walks and runs because what else was there to do.

"I do yearly trips with Kelly (Madden) Swartz '97 to Jamaica, or we have been to at least 10 Men's Final Four and will be back at it next April.

"Also, I work in the sports industry, so sporting events are great business networking opportunities and fun places to meet up. In fact, I have run into many Lehigh folks over the years at events, including Lance Haynes '94, Jason Cristino '93, Ben Talbott '97, Kate (Donohue) Gunning '00, Vin McCaffrey '98, Gina Zang-Rosetti '01, Shannon Bracken-Bellew '99 and Amy Thomson '00. I'm sure I have missed a bunch."

In other news, **Christine Carroll Tobias** moved to Wilmington, N.C., and works for Movado Group.

**James Demarest** reports that he was elected Fellow of ASM, and is president of the Electronic Device Failure Analysis Society (EDFAS). He is celebrating his 20th year with IBM, and has been busy kayaking around upstate New York with his nine-year-old daughter during the pandemic.

**'97 Lopa (Patel) Zielinski**, Madison, NJ, [Lpzzielinski@gmail.com](mailto:Lpzzielinski@gmail.com)  
I hope the Class of '97 is doing

well. Thank you to all who have recently provided updates in response to an email outreach. It is great to be able to provide news on what our class is up to, and I hope that some can get back to visit campus soon!

In news ... **Marshall Yellin** provided an update that he is a deals partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Washington, D.C. He has a child in high school and two children in middle school. He is still coaching and playing hockey in Northern Virginia.

**Daniel Zarrilli**, former chief climate policy adviser to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, has been named a special adviser at Columbia University, where he will consult on all matters of institutional sustainability and climate action. Previously Zarrilli served in senior climate and resilience roles in the administrations of Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Mayor de Blasio. During his tenure, he launched a comprehensive \$20 billion climate adaptation and resilience program in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, designed to prepare New York City for rising temperatures and sea levels.

Remember to save the date for our 25th Reunion: June 9-12, 2022!

**'98 Gregory Kuklinski**, [gjk4@alum.lehigh.edu](mailto:gjk4@alum.lehigh.edu)

I hope that all is well as of this writing and you are staying safe and healthy. It's hard to believe that it is almost time for the 157th meeting of the Rivalry! I hope to see many of you there and look forward to photos from the game. It is great to hear from many of you and your endeavors. Keep sharing the news and don't forget that pictures are welcome as well!

**Dave Anmuth** writes that he has recently relocated to Lewisburg, Pa., (near Patriot League rival Bucknell) to take a position with Geisinger Medical Center.

His wife and daughter are happy to be back in Pa.

**Martha "Frannie" (Hoerst) Reilly** recently joined the Dev-on, Pa., office of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC as a member. Frannie, who most recently led her own women-owned law practice in Swarthmore, adds extensive experience to the firm's public finance and government services, corporate and tax, and charitable and nonprofit groups. She has served as bond, borrower, institution and underwriter's counsel to issuers, colleges, universities, schools, health care institutions, state agencies and investment banking firms advising clients on issuance, offering, structuring, remarketing, and restructuring of tax-exempt and taxable municipal securities and other debt instruments. Frannie has been married to **John (J) Reilly** for 18 years; they have four children and live in Swarthmore, Pa.

Class of 1998 Facebook Page: [facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/](https://facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/)

My Lehigh (Class of 1998): [mylehigh.lehigh.edu](http://mylehigh.lehigh.edu)

**'99 Karen (Smith) Fischer**, [kms5lehigh@gmail.com](mailto:kms5lehigh@gmail.com)  
Hello, Class of 1999!

While we may have last seen one another in person in the "Smith" section at our Lehigh graduation, I am happy to write that **Erika Smith** reached out to share some very exciting news with our class! After 21 years at Brandeis University, Erika has been named dean of the college at Connecticut College. In this role, she will advance the College's innovative Connections curriculum ("Connecticut College's reinvention of liberal arts education") and serve as the school's chief student success officer. Erika oversees the class deans, Study Away, the Academic Resource Center and the Hale Center for Career Development,



and will also support fellowships and scholarships. In considering the opportunity, Erika was cheered on by fellow Lehigh alumnae, and former roommates, **Lauren (Peltó) Noens** and **Dana (Hughes) Moorhead**. Erika, her partner, Kenroy, and their little one, Ozzy (2) are excited to join the New London community, and look forward to connecting with Lehigh alumni in the area. Congratulations to Erika, and much thanks to her for taking the time to catch up!

I also would like to congratulate **Eric Clement** on his recent appointment to the Lehigh University's Board of Trustees. Eric lives in Long Island City, N.Y., and is SVP and fund manager, overseeing the social impact and sustainability portfolios at RXR. Eric will serve a three-year term as a trustee. Congratulations!

If you have any exciting news, your classmates would love to celebrate your successes with you! Wishing you all the best!

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Greetings, Class of 2000!

It's amazing to think that here we are, in the fall of 2021, and the world is still dealing with COVID-19. While we all desire a sense of normalcy, it will be important to define what the new normal is for each of us. My continued prayer is that you and your families are all safe, happy and healthy.

Since no classmates have checked in, I thought I would share news about me and my family. In May, I became the leader of diversity and talent at ADP in Roseland, N.J. In this exciting new role, I am responsible for the continued evolution and execution of ADP's diversity and inclusion strategy and programs. My specific focus is developing and executing global initiatives focused on attracting, hiring, developing, advancing and retain-

ing underrepresented groups. I currently live in Stewartsville, N.J., with my husband, Gregory, son, Elijah (7), and five fur babies. Gregory and I are excited to celebrate 20 years of marriage this November. This will also be our third season of competing in Spartan racing. AROO!

Please take a few moments to contact me with an update about yourself or about a friend in our class. Feel free to send me an email or a text, or check out our Facebook page. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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**'02 Laura (Schwamb) Carino,**  
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Greetings, fellow Class of 2002 alumni, I hope things have been going well for you over the past few months.

We have some exciting baby news! **Robert Black** welcomed his daughter, Evelyn, into the world on May 28. He is hoping she will be a future Mountain Hawk someday just like her daddy.

Please reach out and share what's happening in your part of the world! Contact me at [LCarino@att.net](mailto:LCarino@att.net) or on Facebook at **Laura (Schwamb) Carino**. Our classmates and I can't wait to hear what you're up to! Stay healthy, have a wonderful winter and stay tuned for more updates!

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Hey, party people! I'm happy to say that I'm back with more class news. So, let's get into it!

**Kristin (Johnson) Gore** is a recipient of the National Bar Association's Top 40 Under 40

Nation's Best Advocates Award. Kristin is a shareholder at Carlton Fields in West Palm Beach, Fla. The award recognizes the nation's top Black lawyers under 40 who exemplify a broad range of high achievement. Gore was selected for her accomplishments as an intrepid litigator, her dedication to pro bono work, and her commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. She was recognized at a virtual ceremony on July 24 during the NBA's 96th Annual Convention.

**Melissa Eisler** transitioned careers from a content leader to an executive coach five years ago and earned her M.A. in organizational leadership last year. Her business has grown, and she is now partnering with inspiring leaders and companies across the country in technology, biotech, e-commerce, health care, finance and higher education. Get in touch with her for leadership development and executive coaching inquiries!

And last, but certainly not least ...

**Emmett Higgins**, his wife Teresa, and son Rhys Ælmerion (4) welcomed a new baby boy, Jamie Peter, to their home outside Clinton, N.J., in April. Besides having a bigger family, Emmett has been busy since joining Sema4, a health care intelligence company focused on clinical genomics, as VP of Laboratory Operations in late 2019. Emmett joined Sema4 at their location at Mt. Sinai in NYC right before the pandemic hit the city, built a new laboratory facility in Stamford, Conn., started a virology laboratory in Branford, Conn., to support testing in the tri-state area, and moved everyone out of the city over the 2020 holidays. That growth and pace has continued in 2021 with Sema4 launching on the Nasdaq in July, guaranteeing more excitement to come.

Congratulations, everyone! It's awesome to hear that you're all doing better than well!

OK, that's all folks! Thanks so much to each of you for sending in your updates. I enjoy reading them, and I believe our classmates do, too!

Until next time, stay safe and healthy, '03!

**'04 Lloyd Henderson,**  
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Richards' third floor is in the house ... **Yuna Jacobson** and her husband **James J. Duane IV** '04 '05G welcomed a baby boy named Gregory Jacobson Duane on January 17, 2021. Baby Gregory joins big sister Winnie (5). The family resides in Washington, D.C., where Yuna works at the State Department and James as a lawyer. The whole family is looking forward to showing Gregory the Lehigh University campus hopefully this fall.

My wife and I also welcomed a baby boy. Logan Daniel Henderson came into this world April 19, 2021, at 9 pounds, 9 ounces and 21 inches. His big brother can't wait to play with him. Send me your baby announcements, achievements and the like to the email above. Till next time.

**'05 Jessi (Schimmel) McMullan,**  
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Hi, Class of '05. It's been a quiet time, please remember, if you are curious enough to read this, someone out there would love to know what you've been up to. And please save the dates of June 9-12, 2022, for our "15th" Reunion. The university is hosting three cycles' worth of alumni in a mega-reunion for those of us who had our regularly scheduled reunions canceled. Book a hotel room soon if you plan to be in the Valley!

I did see my fellow B&Wer, Amanda (MacMillan) Stromoski '04, in Kingston, N.Y., this summer. She and her husband, Anthony, own and operate Rough Draft Bar and Books, and

Kingston Bread + Bar, two amazing shops in the Hudson Valley. Both shops are cornerstones in the community and “work with local food suppliers, breweries and vineyards to connect our patrons with their neighbors.”

If you find yourself in Kingston, be sure to stop by and support these great businesses and a fellow alumna!

**'06 Katie (Murray) Pennline,**  
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Hi everyone—I don't know about you, but that summer flew by for me! It's the end of July as I write this, and my family and I are visiting family in Pennsylvania for a few weeks before heading back home to Grand Cayman (yes, that sounds weird to me too). My daughter Emi turns three this October and starts “school” this fall. She is beyond excited and already pretends she's going to school every day. But the question is ... will drop-off go as smoothly as she has us believing it will? Or am I in for a few weeks of tearful mornings?! Eek!

Seems like many of you managed to enjoy summer 2021 despite the lingering madness. Here's an update on some of our fellow '06ers:

**Andrea McCarthy Heckmann** and her husband, Scott, welcomed their third son, Wyatt Richard, on July 6 in Beverly Hills, Calif. Their aesthetic dermatology company, LaserAway, recently opened its 68th location in Roseville, Calif., with East Coast expansion planned for 2021-22.

**Angeline (Panepresso) Bernardi** and her husband, Jason, are having double fun in 2021. They welcomed twins, Leo Joseph and Vivienne Angeline, on February 4 this year. These little twinkies have enjoyed a wonderful summer, and I even spotted some photos of them looking adorably beachy at the Whitebrier in Avalon for some

happy hour fun with family. The Bernardi family lives in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

**Scott Van Pelt** and his wife, Jessica Schwab '08, are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Iliza Bea Van Pelt, in May. Her sister, Lilly, loves being a big sister.

Summer is a great time to enjoy some fresh fruit and vegetables from your local farm. But if you find yourself reaching more for the Krispy Kremes and less for the kale, you're not alone. If you need a little assistance to get things on track, our classmate **Dianna (Sawicki) Carr** can help! She graduated with her M.S. in nutrition education from American University and just launched her own health coaching business called Be Well Health Coaching. Dianna partners with you and/or your family to come up with strategies that will work for you and help you achieve your wellness goals. You can check out the details at [bewell-healthcoach.com](http://bewell-healthcoach.com).

Last but not least, **Emily (Jarina) Roy** recently left her job of 10 years with Disney as an industrial engineer and relocated with her husband and two children to Atlanta, Ga., in August to work for Chick-fil-A as a capacity strategist.

I hope the rest of you are doing well and look forward to hearing more updates. Send me a note anytime!

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**'09 Bobby Buckheit,**  
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Hello, Class of 2009! I am behind the deadline for this submission, so I'm going to get right into the updates!

On a personal note, my wife Krista (Belick) Buckheit '11 and I welcomed our second child, Alexis Kennedy Buckheit, in April of 2021. Congratulations as well to **Alan Abeel** and his wife, Sherry, who welcomed their son Austin in February of 2021. Alan will also be heading to Kourou, French Guiana, this fall to launch the James Webb Space Telescope from the Centre Spatial Guyanais. **Maggie (O'Rourke) Casella** and **Mike Casella** welcomed another baby in September 2020. Andrew Casella was born on September 29, 2020, and joins big brothers James and Joey.

**Kyle Dunleavy** reports that he is “loving working from home, doing recruiting remotely, and in the last year or two have really increased my experience to some different industries and functional roles such as a civil engineering firm, a few startups, and some media/creative roles in addition to my bread and butter—accounting/finance/administration roles.”

**R. Garrett Smith** and **Lauren Anderson-Smith** '09 '10G welcomed their first child, a son named Enzo Robert, this past April in Seattle. **Chelsey (Tolerico) Manko** and her husband, **Brendan Manko**, welcomed son Peyton Christopher on June 13, 2020, and they recently celebrated his first birthday. He joins his parents and their daughter Emmy, who is now three, in New Hope, Pa.

**Nicki (Hunter) Schwab** and **Michael Schwab** welcomed their first child, Peter Hunter Schwab, on December 12, 2020, and relocated to Hoboken, N.J. Nicki still works as the artistic producer at Manhattan Theatre Club and is excited to finally be reopening their Broadway theater on September 14! **Elizabeth (Ginsberg) Michael** still lives in Austin as a top-producing residential Realtor. She and her husband recently opened a

home improvement company, The Austin Craftsman.

**Katherine (Rumbaugh) Wentz** and **Stephen Wentz** welcomed Graham Charles Wentz on March 15, 2021. **Shelley Meredith Hull** recently relocated to West Chester, Pa., and will be working as a project engineer for Ferreira Construction as part of the new Mid-Atlantic Division of the company.

**Jeff Antsen** reports that he “has had a busy few years!” In 2019 he completed a Ph.D. at Temple University, where he studied American politics and dissertated on how LGBT etiology is discussed in the media. He is about to celebrate his one-year anniversary consulting with ZS Associates, where he specializes in behavioral insights, non-small-cell lung cancer and oncology. Jeff currently lives in Philadelphia, with his partner, Matthew, and their four pet ball pythons. Look him up if you're in town!

**Brian Thomas** and Lisa Hecht '11 welcomed their second child, a son, in March 2021. **Amy Hussey** is getting married in September in Vermont. **Courtney Ronan**, **Kate (Adams) Loeffler**, **Erin (Whitham) Baker**, **Megan (Boright) Newman**, **Maureen Gallagher** and **Sara Bailin** are all bridesmaids.

Courtney Ronan got engaged in Sedona earlier this summer and is getting married next August in Garrison, N.Y.

That's it for the updates, and as usual, feel free to reach out anytime with any personal/professional update you want to share with Lehigh and the Class of 2009. Just email the update to [LehighClass2009@gmail.com](mailto:LehighClass2009@gmail.com) to be included in the next class column. Thanks again and stay healthy and stay safe!

**'10 Nick Anderson,**  
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I hope this past summer treated

you well! Based on the feedback I've received, it sounds like 2021 has been strong for us 2010ers. Here are just a few things your classmates have been up to:

Lots of new babies to meet! **Benjamin Thomas** welcomed Lincoln Lewis Thomas in December. Benjamin also graduated from Wharton with an MBA this past May. **Kyle Gentile** and his wife welcomed their first child, Asher James Gentile, back in March. Also, in March, **Chris Pflum** and wife Rachel welcomed their first child, William. My former roommate **Mike "Sandy-Pants" Sandford** and wife Sam had their first child, Teddy Joseph. **Erica (Adams) Sloane** and Andrew Sloane welcomed their first child, Charlotte Hazel, in April. **Jason Kramer** welcomed Madeleine Nancy Kramer in May. **Leah Daniels** and her husband welcomed their second child, Fletcher Davis Daniels, back in June.

In marriage news, **Ivy Stepan** got engaged to fiancé Kevin while on vacation in Alaska. The couple is planning a 2022 wedding in Colorado.

In professional news, **Khalil Uqdah** and wife Kyara Gray have pivoted their real estate business to focus on mentoring new investors via their NextGEN accelerator program, helping them find, finance and renovate investment properties. And, **Devon D'Andrea** is now working for a small telecommunications company in Pennsylvania and was recently promoted to VP of operations.

In doctor-ing news, **Walter Joseph** graduated from his six-year plastic surgery residency at the University of Pittsburgh and has just started a one-year fellowship in aesthetic plastic surgery in Beverly Hills, Calif. **Natalie Krane** is starting a new job as an assistant professor of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Ore. And **Amanda Howland**

graduated from her dermatology residency at the University of Colorado and will now be practicing in Dartmouth, Mass. And finally, **Andrew Salim** just completed his general surgery residency and is leaving Philadelphia after 12 years of school and residency. He is moving to the Gunnison Valley in Colorado to be one of the county's two general surgeons.

As always, keep the updates coming. I love hearing from everyone!

Stay healthy, my friends. Nick

**'11 Sri Rao, sri-devi211@gmail.com**  
Hello, Class of 2011!

As you have heard, members of our class took the lead on creating a new endowed scholarship, The Dr. Frank Douglas '66 Endowed Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Black Excellence. We are excited to announce that we have reached our fundraising goal to make this an endowed scholarship that gets awarded to a student every year! Thank you to everyone who helped make this dream a reality!

**Kate (Mackes) Van Der Meulen** and her husband, Dan Van Der Meulen '09, welcomed their second daughter, Lucy, to their family at the end of June! They cannot wait to take their girls to many years of Lehigh-Laf games!

Make sure that you continue to send updates to me at **sridevi211@gmail.com**. I love hearing what you all are doing and hope you all continue to thrive!

**'12 Mary (Haynie) Reardon, (215) 687-1624 (C); maryhaynie12@gmail.com**

This is apparently the column for wedding announcements for AOPi sorority sistas ("sistas" intended to be pronounced in **Alexandra Nicolosi's** voice)! Jackie and Andi (both living in NYC) recently married Lehigh men. **Jacqueline Kate Niedbala**, who is working as senior

counsel at Authentic Brands Group, married **Will Reich**, head of customer success at Enki. **Andrea Lavin**, an associate director at EY, married Jordan Levy, executive director and founder at CapSource, and the two headed out to live in Tucson, Ariz. **Anna Hayne** married Sam Starkey '13 on June 16, 2018, at her parents' farm in Coatesville, Pa., and had a baby boy on May 1, 2021. They currently live in downtown Philadelphia. **Kyle van Buitenen** married Michael Ungari in September in Greenwich, Conn., at Lionshare Farm. It was quite a perfect and beautiful weekend surrounded by family and Lehigh friends. Stay tuned for wedding photos in the next *Bulletin*!

If you're reading this and have any news about yourself or friends, please email/text/"Call Me Maybe" (shout out to the No. 1 song at our BBQs in 2012).

**'13 Bea Dizon, 203-524-4659, bead-izn@gmail.com**

Hi, all! Hope everyone had a great summer, is staying safe and is ready for the fall (aka Lehigh-Laf season)! Per usual, please continue to send me texts, emails or social media messages about any updates related to you or any other Class of 2013 alumni!

In baby news ... please join me in welcoming the newest member of our Lehigh family!

**John Archibald '13 '14G** and **Alexa (Procaccino) Archibald** welcomed a baby boy, Charles Liam Archibald, into the world on June 17, 2021. John, Alexa, Charlie and their dog, Millie, live in Los Angeles, Calif.

In matrimony news ... **Nick Gambino** and Michelle Abramczyk '15 married on June 4, 2021, in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. Although friends throughout college, it wasn't until after college that the two connected in Montauk. Nick and Michelle recently moved back to their hometown of Cold

Spring Harbor this past spring. **Stephanie Perez '13** married **William O'Boyle '13 '14G** on June 19, 2021, in the Catskills with their families and fellow Lehigh alums. **Angela Visco '13** married Alex Hersch on July 31, 2021, at Ellis Preserve in Newtown Square, Pa. They met while Angela was doing her Lehigh internship at PPL, and Alex was at Moravian just across the bridge. **Emily Dickman** and Mark Zaziski '11 got married on Dec. 31, 2020, in an intimate backyard wedding in East Hampton. They plan to celebrate with a larger group of family and friends on Dec. 17, 2021, in Hudson Valley, N.Y. And finally, I got married to Stephen O'Brien on Sept. 25, 2021, in an intimate ceremony with just our immediate families! Similar to Emily, we plan to celebrate at a later date, next June, with all our family and friends in the Finger Lakes region of N.Y.

In professional news ... **Katie Kliphuis** moved to Los Angeles in April 2021 to start/build up Langan's civil engineering practice in the city.

Extra-big shout-out to my DG girls and their endeavors and seeing the silver lining in the pandemic/quarantine: **Elyssa Spector** moved to Whitefish, Mont., last fall. Aside from working a full-time job at Klarna, she manages her rental properties in Whitefish and Columbia Falls (outside Glacier National Park). Follow **@glacier\_retreats** on Instagram to check out the properties and DM her for a special Lehigh direct booking rate! Stephanie Perez left her almost decade career in entertainment and corporate PR to found her eponymous interior design firm. Stephanie Perez Interiors is based in Newport, R.I., and offers full-service residential design across the country.

Congratulations to everyone on their life events and accomplishments, and keep up the great work! I am looking forward



to hearing all about what the next year has to offer! Thinking of you all, happy Lehigh-Laf and see you in 2022!

**'14 Mike Ronan,**  
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Hi, everyone! **Leah Paulson** and **Mike Ronan** here. We hope you are staying well, and we are excited to share some updates with you from our wonderful fellow classmates!

**Marie Duran** has been serving as a solutions architect at Alkymi, an AI startup, since 2020. Marie has worked in the machine-learning and automation space since graduating. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, running and hanging in the park with her dog, Hamilton. She has spent the past few years traveling to places like Japan, Australia and Indonesia.

Moir and **Tom Gregg** welcomed baby girl Quinn Connelly Gregg on March 16, 2021.

Bianca and **Jerry Grisko** welcomed baby boy Jerome P. Grisko IV on June 3, 2021.

**Melissa Harans** and Logan Levenson are excited to be getting married in May 2022 after rescheduling their wedding, which had to be delayed due to COVID.

**Ariella (Scalese) Likens** is finally coming home to Pennsylvania after traveling to Texas, Georgia and North Carolina to pursue her career as a broadcast meteorologist. If you're still in the area, you can watch Ariella on PHL17 Monday through Friday mornings from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., while she is filling in for the next few months. Ariella and husband Kyle got married on June 26, 2021, at a beautiful estate in North Carolina. Shortly before the wedding, Ariella and Kyle learned his Army career would move them from Ft. Bragg, N.C., to Ft. Campbell, Ky. After her opportunity to freelance in Philadelphia, Ari-

ella plans to move down south again to join her husband.

Feel free to email either of us any time (Leah at [leahpaulson22@gmail.com](mailto:leahpaulson22@gmail.com) or Mike at [michaelronan214@gmail.com](mailto:michaelronan214@gmail.com)). We love hearing your updates!

**'15 Kerry Mallett,**  
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Hello, Class of 2015! The first half of 2021 has been a busy one for me as I changed industries and moved from Florida to Philadelphia. It's been so nice to be able to reconnect with members of our class, and other friends from Lehigh, being in Philly and the world opening back up a bit. I hope everyone is staying healthy as we all navigate these continually challenging times.

In other class news, **Catherine Terry** has started her residency at Temple Orthodontics. We also have had many weddings recently—**Reed Remington** just got married and is living in Cleveland with his wife, Kellie, and their dog Izzy. **Timmy Newton** got engaged to his fiancée, Melody Davis, and they are planning to relocate to Dublin and potentially having a destination wedding this fall! He also just started a new job at Google. **Ali (Yeager) Heinrich** and **Joe Heinrich** were recently married as well!

And finally, **Maxwell Watkins** married Michelle Fedun '17 '19G in June in Fogelsville, Pa. Max and Michelle met playing in the Lehigh Philharmonic, and had a grand total of 30 Lehigh alums at the wedding, including Max's best man and brother, Ferguson Watkins '18; his dad, Todd Watkins, economics department professor and Martindale Center director; and three faculty from the music department; in addition to many friends spanning the class years of 2015-2018. Congratulations to Max and Michelle!

I hope everyone has had a

great summer, and I look forward to seeing so many members of our class at our Reunion in June 2022!

**'16 Rachel Sholder,**  
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**Katherine Fletcher** and I traveled to Arches and Canyonlands national parks, as well as Lake Powell and Antelope Canyon, in March.

**Catherine Preysner** started her MBA at the University of Connecticut in 2020. Catherine works as a senior national accounts underwriter. Catherine met Jacob Humerick in 2018 in a community band; as an undergrad, Catherine played with the Lehigh Philharmonic Orchestra. This past April, Jacob proposed while they were hiking. They are planning their wedding for June 2022.

Since graduating, **Andrew McMullen** worked at Amazon Web Services in Herndon, Va. Recently, he moved back home to Philadelphia and will soon be starting a new position as software engineer at Google in Pittsburgh, working on a machine-learning platform to better understand and gain insight on Google's online shopping data. Andrew also just got engaged to Alexandra Correll '17 and adopted a beautiful Goldendoodle puppy named Gus.

After graduating, **Hannah St. Lifer** moved to Seattle, where she first joined Microsoft in 2016. As a program manager in Azure, she focused on smart buildings and IoT projects to demonstrate customer scenarios and worked to improve the platform for cloud adopters and cloud users. She then made the pivot to Amazon, specifically Amazon Web Services (AWS) autonomous hardware in data centers. In 2020, Hannah wanted to pursue her passion for education, children and technology. She now is a part of the kids and family team at

Amazon as a program manager, working on the kids and family beta team researching and working on innovative products for families.

**'17 Robert Hillman,**  
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Hello, Class of '17!

I hope that everyone had a good summer and is enjoying the holiday season! For anyone who has lived in my area of the U.S., this summer was filled with rain and red sunsets, and I am not prepared for the rain to turn into mountains of snow. Great if you want to go skiing in the area, a lot when you need to shovel the driveway. That's enough about the weather.

Some incredible news has occurred within our class this year! While many things have been postponed in the past year, there have been some weddings that have waited patiently to happen. In May of 2021, **Jonathan Wood** married Casey Kozoh '16! They had a small family ceremony on the beautiful, spring Lehigh campus. Another was on Sept. 4, when **Patrick Kroll** married Natalie Costa! These two have been waiting a long time to have their official ceremony. After a few postponements, the two were able to have their ceremony in Kintnersville, Pa., just down the road from Bethlehem and the town where their relationship started. Congratulations to our classmates and friends!

I was also told that there was a wonderful wedding ceremony for Maxwell Watkins '15 and **Michelle Fedun** '17 '19G on June 26 in Fogelsville, Pa. I met Michelle when we both lived in Dravo our freshman year and she met Max in the Lehigh Philharmonic. The ceremony was attended by a total of 30 Lehigh alumni and professors, including Max's brother and best man, Ferguson Watkins '18; Max and Ferguson's father, Todd

Watkins, economics department professor and Martindale Center director; and three faculty from the music department. Congratulations Michelle and Max, we wish you two all the best and a happy future together!

I'm sure there have been many other Lehigh Class of '17 alumni who have had weddings and unions since 2017, or even just since 2020, and this article is a great place to announce it to your fellow classmates! Get in touch with me, and we can share your story with our friends. Email me at [robert.j.hillman1@gmail.com](mailto:robert.j.hillman1@gmail.com).

Take care, stay well and share your story with us! I am always monitoring our Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/LehighClassof17/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LehighClassof17/)), and we want to hear about you! Stay well, stay healthy, and enjoy the wedding season.

**'18 Megan Olivola,**  
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**Mary Geer Dethero** graduated from the CAS with a bachelor's degree in astrophysics and a minor in applied mathematics. Upon graduating, Mary Geer moved to Atlanta, Ga., to start her Ph.D. in astronomy at Georgia State University. She has completed her first two years of classes and has moved onto her research studies. During her time taking classes, she completed courses in stars, galaxies, black holes, planets and physics. She also taught an introductory astronomy lab. She says she learned so much with the average of 10 people in class with her. Currently, she is working on her research to produce simulations of stars to see the fluid dynamics of their interiors. This includes a lot of coding and computation to get the desired results since

the necessary equations cannot be solved by hand, only by computation. When not engaged in her research project, Mary Geer teaches classes in computational physics and introduction to our solar system. Mary Geer says the coolest thing she has learned is regarding solar physics. She is constantly amazed by the role magnetic fields play in stars and the odd activities that they produce, such as creation of high-energized particles, solar flares and magnetic connectivity. When asked about what she loves the most at Georgia State University, Mary Geer raved about their awesome telescope located in California. This telescope has allowed theorists to better understand what is going on in the universe. Overall, Mary Geer loves meeting new people, collaborating and establishing the astronomy community at her school.

**Carley Powers** graduated from the College of Business with a double bachelor's degree in accounting and business information systems. After spending a year in Hoboken, N.J., and another year at home with her parents in Pennsylvania, during quarantine, Carley has finally moved into her dream apartment in Manhattan. Carley works in risk and financial advisory at Deloitte, consulting on automation and financial transformation engagements for investment management firms. After successfully passing her CPA exam, she has been promoted to senior consultant at Deloitte. During the COVID outbreak, Carley remained sane by making TikTok videos with her family and spending time at the beach with her dog. Although most of the time was spent watching Netflix, she was able to travel to the Outer Banks, N.C., and Colorado. Through quarantine, Carley became an avid Peloton user and has fallen in love with the benefits of weightlifting.

College of Business graduate **Ben Schreiber** (finance major, real estate minor) launched Latico Leathers online during his senior year at Lehigh, and has been growing the brand via digital marketing ever since. Post-graduation he runs his very own digital marketing firm, called Brand Caffeine, and has worked with clients like Spanx and Terez. Brand Caffeine helps ecommerce brands and creators scale their digital awareness and online revenue through data-driven marketing tactics.

Journalism major **Madi Welker** (with minors in marketing, business and entrepreneurship) is putting her degree to good use. After graduating, she kicked off her career marketing beauty products at L'Oreal and thrived in Manhattan. Now she has moved cross country to Los Angeles, where she is thriving at Scooter Braun Projects as an executive assistant to the manager of Justin Bieber and The Kid Laroi.

**Julia Woloshin** graduated from the College of Business as a marketing major. After graduating, she kicked off her marketing career in-house at Bandier, dabbled in recruitment at a boutique staffing agency and now is in full force doing brand marketing for Guerlain Perfumes and Cosmetics at LVMH!

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The Class of 2022 will be returning to a mostly on-campus experience this fall and is looking forward to a more typical Lehigh experience after an unprecedented year and a half

learning mostly from home.

Students were able to get back to their normal lives and have internships once again in person, virtually or in a hybrid format. The internships varied from media outlets, research institutes, business firms in major cities and engineering companies.

Students were also able to gather with their friends in person once again and travel with their families.

The 2021-2022 school year is one of the most anticipated ones ever with a high percentage of the country being vaccinated against COVID-19.

Everyone is looking forward to learning in a classroom environment again and being able to interact with their professors and friends in person.

The university has been preparing for the resumption of a typical Lehigh experience all summer and is excited to welcome students, staff and faculty back. There will be larger gatherings and events will be on campus again.

Personally, I am looking forward to seeing more students returning to the Bethlehem area and seeing students and professors interacting in an environment outside of Zoom and events returning to campus.

I was excited to return to the "real world" this summer and have an in-person internship through a seven-week program in Israel. It got me eager and excited to return to a classroom.

Even though there is a lot of excitement and energy going into this academic year, this will also be an emotional year for the Class of 2022.

This class is not only about to start their final year of college, but for a majority of us, this will be our final year of school. Our class is set to graduate this upcoming May.

This final year for the Class of 2022 at Lehigh will present new obstacles that will include

figuring out their post-college life. Some people will be applying for graduate school, others might choose to stay at Lehigh for an extra semester or year, and many people will be starting off their careers in whatever field they choose.

With everything this class has been through for their first three years, my hope is that this will be a less stressful year and one where all of us can live freely. I hope we can avoid having to shut the campus down again and remain learning in the classroom, even if that means having to wear masks for a certain period.

To the soon to be graduating Class of 2022, let's come together to make this year the best year of our lives after the obstacles that have been thrown at us. For most of us, this will be the last time we ever learn from a classroom, last first day of school, last final exam period, last assignment we will receive from a professor or teacher, and the list goes on.

Let's go out with a bang and make memories with each other that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

**'23** *Editor's note: To share your news or if you would be interested in becoming your class's correspondent, reaching out to classmates and writing a column three times a year, please contact the Alumni Office at 610-758-3069 or [classnotes@lehigh.edu](mailto:classnotes@lehigh.edu).*

**'24** *Samantha Gropper, [shg224@lehigh.edu](mailto:shg224@lehigh.edu)*

Hello Lehigh alumni community, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Lehigh students have been using their time off to relax and also to apply the skills they have learned at Lehigh outside of the classroom. Incoming sophomores have done

a variety of activities throughout the summer: internships, traveling, working and more. Even though school is out of session, Lehigh students are still utilizing their summers to increase their professional development and gain knowledge through experience.

College of Business student **Carly Green** has been working as a business development intern for Fearless Restaurant group. The restaurant group owns 10 restaurants and one hotel in the Philadelphia area. Every day she works on a variety of projects and assignments, which she loves because it allows her to work and learn about different facets of the company. The work she does daily includes "preparing training materials, creating restaurant operation guides to streamline the process of ordering materials for the locations, and hanging signage to ensure all locations comply with their respective state's labor law signage that needs to be posted." The experience she has gained this summer will help her further understand what career opportunities she would like to pursue and what specific major to declare within the College of Business.

**Sandler Douglas** has also been taking the skills he's learned in the classroom to the professional world. As a journalism major and avid sports fan, Douglas has combined his two interests through his internship at *Joker Magazine*, where he has written a few articles about underdog stories in the sports world. He has already published one article titled "The 12 Greatest Comebacks in Sports History." Douglas is also hoping to publish more stories by the end of the summer. He is also traveling with his family to a lake in Minneapolis and taking a family trip to explore downtown Chicago as well.

Another incoming sophomore, **Julia Mancuso**, was selected for a one-week internship for Citibank that focused on technical training, business overviews and various networking sessions over the summer. For about four to eight hours a day, Mancuso learned from Citibank professionals and their involvement with the company through keynote presentations and individual breakout rooms. She also learned more about the recruiting process within the business community. Overall, Mancuso found the experience to be extremely rewarding. Throughout the other weeks of the summer, Julia has also been working as a lifeguard at Palisades Country Day Camp, where she teaches two- and three-year-olds how to swim.

Lehigh students are excited and ready to return to campus for the fall semester. With the easing of campus restrictions, more in-person classes, and COVID-19 vaccination of students and faculty members, the Class of 2024 is eager to return to some normalcy from the 2021-2022 school year. This summer has provided a relaxing break from an unprecedented year, but like always, the Class of 2024 has proven themselves to be resilient.

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## GRADUATE

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Mary Jane Capozzoli-Ingui '85G** published an article titled "A Surgeon's Vietnam Story"

in the February 2021 issue of *Vietnam Magazine*. The article was based on her 2017 book, "Trauma and Tenacity in Vietnam, A Surgeon's Story."

**College of Education**  
**Peter Langman '00G** has published a new book called "Warning Signs: Identifying School Shooters Before They Strike."

"How do we prevent the next school shooting? By knowing the warning signs. Dr. Langman's timely book presents research-based, practical guidance on anticipating and preventing mass attacks. 'Warning Signs' is for all members of a school community, including school personnel, mental health professionals, law enforcement officers, parents and students. Drawing on lessons learned from dozens of thwarted plots and deadly attacks, 'Warning Signs' provides the insight necessary to keep schools safe."

He is the director of research and school safety training at Drift Net Securities, and a researcher with the National Threat Assessment Center of the U.S. Secret Service.



# IN REMEMBRANCE

*The alumni and university communities extend their sympathy to the families of the alumni listed. Obituary sources include relatives, alumni and friends. Send details to Advancement Services, 306 S. New St., Suite 500, Bethlehem, PA 18015; 1-866-517-1552; askrecords@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of August 31, 2021:*

## 1940s

**Albert Clark '42 M.S. '47**, Redlands, Calif., Dec. 3, 2020. Mr. Clark was a member of the soccer team and Tau Beta Pi honor society. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. He spent most of his career with General Electric.

**Donald M. Feigley '44**, Concord, N.H., May 16, 2021. Dr. Feigley practiced general medicine in Quakertown, Pa., for 40 years. He served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force in Korea.

**Kenneth W. Whitney Sr. '47**, Davidson, N.C., May 9, 2021. Mr. Whitney's studies were interrupted by his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. He made his career in the construction industry, retiring as president of D.S. Warfel Associates. He was a member of the 50-Game Club and won the Alumni Award in 1987 for his dedication to the University. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society. His son, K. William Whitney Jr., is a member of the Class of 1973.

**Howard I. Ellowitz '48**, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., May 23, 2021. Mr. Ellowitz was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the swim team, as well as a Pi Lambda Phi brother. He worked as an electrical engineer and spent the second half of his professional career as an editor and trade show manager for Horizon House.

**Lawrence E. Mannion '48**, Oakland, Calif., Aug. 1, 2021. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Mannion was a geologist.

**Frank W. Shirey '48**, Greensburg, Pa., Aug. 7, 2021. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother, Mr. Shirey was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked as an engineer for the Wabco Corp. for many years.

**Robert R. Wylie '48**, Grand Rapids, Mich., June 26, 2021. Mr. Wylie served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. As a student, he played tennis and was a Theta Xi brother. He retired as the area supervisor from Fenstermacher's Fabric Shop.

**Charles L. Young '48**, Honey Brook, Pa., May 16, 2021. Mr. Young served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Upon his return to civilian life, he started his career with Wyeth Laboratories, and he would retire from that company as vice president of materials management.

**William E. Diehl '49**, Allentown, Pa., May 30, 2021. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Diehl spent 32 years working for Bethlehem Steel before he founded Riverbend Resource Center. He was a member of the track team and Tau Beta Pi honor society.

**Peter F. Fenger '49**, Hamburg, N.Y., Aug. 6, 2021. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. Fenger worked for Moog, Inc., as an engineer.

**Eric M. Rickard Jr. '49**,

Avon, Conn., June 15, 2021. Mr. Rickard trained with the U.S. Navy as a pilot before completing his degree. He went on to the seminary and worked in personnel management.

**Robert C. Spengler '49**, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., July 29, 2021. Mr. Spengler served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent 37 years with Kraft Food, as a salesman, district and regional manager. His son, Bruce Spengler, is a member of the Class of 1981.

## 1950s

**Thomas W. DeCrosta '50 M.A. '57**, Bethlehem, Pa., June 16, 2021. Mr. DeCrosta served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He then taught in the Bethlehem School District for 44 years. His son, Scott DeCrosta, is a member of the Class of 1981.

**John W. Jordan '50**, Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 2021. Mr. Jordan was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a brother of Kappa Alpha, as well as Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. He also played with the Mustard & Cheese Drama Society. He made his career in pharmaceutical research.

**Wilbert R. Knipe '50 '51**, Fort Meyers, Fla., June 13, 2021. Mr. Knipe was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and spent 33 years working with Bethlehem Steel Corp.

**Richard G. Levine '50**, Floral Park, N.Y., March 30, 2020. Mr. Levine was a member of the football and track teams.

**John A. MacFadden '50**, Prescott Valley, Ariz., Oct. 19, 2020. Mr. MacFadden worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation as a senior design engineer.

**F. Paul Scalzi '50**, Chester, Conn., June 16, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Scalzi was president of Theta Kappa Phi. He made a 40-year career as president

of the Meriden Yellow Cab Co. In the mid-1960s he pioneered alternative transportation methods for Meriden school-children who were physically and/or mentally challenged. These same methods were copied nationally and are still utilized today.

**Osman M. Corson Jr. '51**, Cape May Court House, N.J., June 4, 2021. After graduation, Mr. Corson served in the U.S. Navy. A Delta Upsilon brother, he worked for the family firm, O.M. Corson and Son Engineering, his entire career. He was also a member of the Tower Society. His father, Osman Corson '26, was a member of the Lehigh family.

**Arnold C. Schneider Jr. '51**, Newtown Square, Pa., Aug. 2, 2021. Mr. Schneider served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as an engineer at AMF, Curtiss-Wright and General Electric. After retiring from GE, he became a physics teacher at Malvern Prep and then an adjunct professor at Widener University. His children, John Schneider '86 and Greg Schneider '89, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Robert Ellis '52**, Coatesville, Pa., May 13, 2021. A Beta Theta Pi brother, Mr. Ellis was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He made his career with Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, where he retired as vice president, data processing and administrative services. He was a member of the Tower Society.

**Robert H. Horning Jr. '52**, Wilmington, N.C., July 9, 2021. Mr. Horning was a member of the baseball, basketball and track teams, and a Beta Theta Pi brother. He flew helicopters in Korea for the U.S. Army after graduation. He made his career with GE.

**Augustine E. Magistro '52**, Wharton, N.J., June 16, 2021. Mr. Magistro worked for Picatinny Arsenal for 35 years. While there he evolved a unique diagnostic

process to determine Root Causes of Failure. His methods were also deployed to five major Army Commands and are in use today. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

**James A. Mahan '52**, Simsbury, Conn., July 2, 2021. A U.S. Navy veteran and Psi Upsilon brother, Mr. Mahan owned and operated Malcolm Black Associates.

**James J. Beddows Jr. '53**, Shrewsbury, Pa., June 4, 2021. Mr. Beddows worked for Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore for 40 years.

**Jack R. Bowman '53**, Dauphin, Pa., July 4, 2021. Mr. Bowman was a veteran of the Korean War.

**Donald E. Dorney '53 M.S. '70**, Allentown, Pa., July 31, 2021. Mr. Dorney was a baseball player and Sigma Nu brother. He served in the U.S. Army immediately after graduation. He worked for Bethlehem Steel and holds a patent. His son, Jeffery Dorney '84G, is a member of the Lehigh family.

**Donald E. Manza '53**, Tannersville, Pa., June 1, 2021. Mr. Manza was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Korean War. He started his career with American Cyanamid specializing in construction but became a professional photographer in the 1970s.

**Peter J. Accordino '54**, Gibbstown, N.J., May 3, 2020. Mr. Accordino spent his career with Mobil Oil working as a chemical engineer.

**Robert N. Littman '54**, Gloucester, Mass., March 20, 2021. Mr. Littman was a member of the basketball team and a brother of Pi Lambda Phi. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as an attorney and CPA at Shlom & Littman. His son, Thomas Littman, is a member of the Class of 1992.

**Mark T. Reitz '54**, Whitehall, Pa., June 26, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Reitz

worked for Lehigh Portland Cement Company for 40 years.

**William A. Snadecki '54**, Sun Valley, Idaho, July 4, 2021. Mr. Snadecki was a member of the lacrosse team and a Phi Gamma Delta brother. He served in the U.S. Air Force after graduation and worked for Alcoa Aluminum, eventually becoming president of Alcoa's operations in Brazil and then president and general manager of Alcoa Europe. His son and daughter-in-law, Eric Snadecki '84 and Elizabeth (Kolbe) Snadecki '84, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Theodore B. Baum '55**, Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 23, 2021. Mr. Baum was a Pi Lambda Phi brother. He retired as chairman of the Helicon Corporation. His daughter and son-in-law, Dana (Baum) Hopper '86 and Peter Hopper '86, and grandson, Bryan Hopper '13, are members of the Lehigh family.

**John Grattan '55**, Providence, R.I., April 19, 2021. Mr. Grattan was a Psi Upsilon brother and served in the U.S. Army. He worked in data processing/computer engineering for Japan Airlines.

**Charles H. Peterson '55**, Hockessin, Del., July 21, 2021. Mr. Peterson was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother. A U.S. Army veteran, he retired from DuPont after 30 years in the photoproducts division. His grandson, Michael McCreary, is a member of the Class of 2007.

**Robert Allen '56**, Myrtle Beach, S.C., May 12, 2021. Mr. Allen was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha and a U.S. Navy veteran. He worked as CEO of J.B. Allen Real Estate.

**Charles A. Austin III '56**, Boston, Mass., May 31, 2021. Mr. Austin was a member of *The Brown and White*, Glee Club and golf team. He was also a brother of Psi Upsilon. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked in finance and retired as an investment adviser from

Anchor Capital.

**John Balaskas '56**, King of Prussia, Pa., March 18, 2021. Mr. Balaskas was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He worked as a corporate controller and treasurer for Markel Corporation before owning a travel agency for many years. His children, Janice Balaskas (attended Lehigh between 1979-1981), John Ehret Balaskas '86, Juliann Balaskas '91, and grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Matthew Peterson '12 and Verence (Gomez) Peterson '12, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Robert A. Falcinelli '56 MBA '63**, Greenville, Del., Aug. 2, 2021. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother, Mr. Falcinelli is a veteran of both the U.S. Navy and Army Reserves. His career with the DuPont Company spanned 32 years. He retired as director, corporate healthcare, medical products.

**Robert C. Gibson '56**, Hilton Head Island, S.C., April 4, 2021. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. Gibson was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for 20 years at INCO, a research facility, and later, Snap-On Tools, where he retired as the director of new product development. His sons, Robert Gibson '83 and Bruce Gibson '86, are members of the Lehigh family.

**William R. Messner '56 '57**, Webster, N.Y., April 27, 2021. A Sigma Chi brother and member of the Marching 97, Mr. Messner spent 34 years with Kodak Eastman.

**Mario A. Posillico '56**, Huntington, N.Y., Aug. 4, 2021. Mr. Posillico was an Alpha Tau Omega brother and captain of the golf team. He served in the U.S. Navy after graduation and was a professional golfer for a time. He made his career with the family business, Posillico Inc., one of the premier heavy construction businesses on Long Island. His brother, Joseph D. Posillico Jr., was a

member of the Class of 1961.

**Richard C. Stone Jr. '56 M.S. '57**, Sparta, N.J., May 17, 2020. Mr. Stone served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a Delta Chi brother, and a member of Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu honor societies. He made his career with AT&T, earning two patents. His brother, Robert Stone, was a member of the Class of 1961.

**George E. Ziegler '56**, Penobscot, Maine, April 12, 2021. Mr. Ziegler spent his career with Picatinny Arsenal as a chemical engineer.

**Richard J. Bishop '57**, Matthews, N.C., April 27, 2021. Mr. Bishop was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked as an electrical engineer at IBM for 35 years.

**Joseph V. Capuano '57**, Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 20, 2021. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Capuano was a member of the football and lacrosse teams. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He made his career as a civil engineer in the construction industry, first working for Dravo Corporation and eventually starting a handful of engineering and construction companies, most notably MATX, Inc. He volunteered for his class as an alumnus, hosted freshmen sendoff events and interviewed prospective students. For his dedication, he was awarded the prestigious Alumni Award in 1997. His daughters, Melissa (Capuano) Rohland '86 '07G and Megan Capuano '91, and his grandson, Vincent Rohland '23, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Joseph D. Feskanin '57**, Allentown, Pa., June 6, 2021. Mr. Feskanin had a 50-year engineering career, during which he was involved with aircraft engines, electronics, nuclear weapons, material handling, steel, textiles and consulting. He also served for 15 years on the Advisory Board for Electronic Technology of Lehigh Carbon Community College and taught electrical technology at Northampton Community

College. He spent 20 years as an industrial mentor/consultant at the Enterprise Systems Center at Lehigh University. His son, Joseph Feskanin, is a member of the Class of 1982.

**Sigmund Gast '57**, Allentown, Pa., July 23, 2021. Mr. Gast was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies, as well as the concert band. He worked for 40 years at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, retiring as CFO.

**David P. Sloterbeck '57**, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27, 2021. Mr. Sloterbeck was a Theta Chi brother. He worked in banking his whole career, first with Chemical Bank, then First Boston Corp. and finally Credit Swiss. After retiring to his farm in Vermont, he raised West Highland cattle for many years. He was an Asa Packer Society member.

**H. Kneeland Whiting '57**, Beach Haven, N.J., May 21, 2021. A member of the Mustard & Cheese Drama Society and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Whiting taught accounting at Middlesex University and, along with his wife, owned and operated the Holiday Snack Bar in Beach Haven.

**Charles A. Burgdorf '58**, Westfield, N.J., April 17, 2020. Mr. Burgdorf was a Sigma Chi brother and member of the baseball team. He worked for M&T Chemical Company.

**Harold W. Gingery '58**, Montville, N.J., July 12, 2021. Mr. Gingery was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. He worked as an accountant for many years. His daughter, Linda Gingery, is a member of the Class of 1986.

**Richard M. Harris '58**, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 18, 2021. Mr. Harris served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a brother of Pi Lambda Phi, and member of the lacrosse and basketball teams. He also was a member of *The Brown and White*. He worked in management and data information industries, retiring as CEO and

president of Predicasts.

**Gene M. Slota '58**, Rock Hill, S.C., June 29, 2021. Before Lehigh, Mr. Slota served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He made his career with the FDA in California.

**William A. Wiener '58**, Parsons, Kan., Aug. 2, 2021. Mr. Wiener was a brother of Sigma Alpha Mu and captain of the cheerleading squad. He served in the U.S. Army and worked as an engineer and salesman in the combustion industry. His brother, Jerome Wiener '65, and son, Gregory Wiener '85, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Richard J. Granger '59**, Fort Meyers, Fla., May 17, 2021. Mr. Granger was a member of the wrestling team. He served in the U.S. Army after graduation. He made his career with Western Electric/Lucent Technologies.

**Hugo B. Schwandt '59**, Bokeelia, Fla., July 26, 2021. Dr. Schwandt ran the family dairy farm before attending Lehigh. He served in the U.S. military in Germany during the Vietnam War and went on to practice medicine for 40 years, specializing in eye cataracts. His son, Hugh Schwandt, is a member of the Class of 1990.

**Richard M. Sigley Jr. '59**, M.S. '62, Schenectady, N.Y., June 5, 2021. Mr. Sigley spent his career with General Electric as an electrical engineer.

**Francis Sobyak '59**, Radnor, Pa., Aug. 20, 2021. Mr. Sobyak was a member of the Tau Beta Pi honor society. He also volunteered during phonathon fundraisers for many years and was a member of the Asa Packer Society. He spent 36 years in progressive management positions at Air Products and Chemicals and at one point was running several international divisions as the director of corporate purchasing. In retirement, he taught as an adjunct at Penn State University. His son, Frank Sobyak, is a member of the Class of 1984.

## 1960s

**Richard D. Holahan '60**, Fairfield, Conn., Aug. 1, 2021. Mr. Holahan was a member of the baseball team and a Phi Gamma Delta brother. He spent 60 years with the volunteer fire department. He also owned and operated a construction business for many years.

**Silas L. Morse IV '60**, Seattle, Wash., July 17, 2020. Mr. Morse was a member of the Mustard & Cheese Drama Society. He taught physics and math at the high school level, before moving to designing and building sets for the Tacoma Actors Guild and for Seattle Children's Theater. He retired after 19 years with the Pacific Northwest Theater Association.

**Robert E. Peterson '60**, Essex, Conn., July 4, 2021. Mr. Peterson served in the U.S. Army. He spent his 50-plus year career with Ernest Peterson, Inc., retiring as president.

**Gary R. Price '60**, Stuart, Fla., June 4, 2021. Mr. Price was a Sigma Nu brother and Lehigh's cadet colonel of the AFROTC, overseeing 700 cadets. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and served three years in Japan. He had a 50-year career in investing, working for Merrill Lynch.

**Richard F. Sabol '60**, Seaside, Ore., July 23, 2021. An Alpha Chi Rho brother, Mr. Sabol was also a member of the swimming and soccer teams. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Cold War. He made his career with Bethlehem Steel Co.

**Stephen L. Solomon '60**, East Elmhurst, N.Y., March 13, 2021. Mr. Solomon was a Tau Delta Phi brother. He was also a member of the *Epitome* yearbook staff and Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

**Robert A. DePaul '61 M.S. '63 Ph.D. '65**, Aurora, Ill., June 26, 2021. Dr. DePaul was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. During his career, he patented a

new formula for stainless steel with the International Nickel Co. Research Center and then worked for Amoco's Research Center.

**Leroy T. Drust '61**, Sun City Center, Fla., June 6, 2021. Mr. Drust served in the U.S. Air Force before pursuing a career in sales and business. He also worked with Miller-Keystone Blood Bank for over a decade.

**Russell T. Hamm '61**, Katy, Texas, June 4, 2021. Mr. Hamm was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. He worked for most of his career in the natural gas industry, retiring from Enron.

**Alan J. Pabst '61**, San Rafael, Calif., July 8, 2021. Mr. Pabst served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked for Wells Fargo as senior vice president and treasurer.

**Frederick W. Hartmann '62 Ph.D. '68**, Ojai, Calif., Aug. 25, 2021. Dr. Hartmann was a Beta Theta Pi brother, and a member of the soccer and wrestling teams. He taught mathematics at Villanova University for 50 years. He was also a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, Glasgow University and Perth University.

**Donald F. Kane '62**, Naples, Fla., June 6, 2021. Mr. Kane was a Chi Phi brother and member of the baseball team. After graduation, he played in the minor leagues for the Philadelphia Phillies. He served in the U.S. Army and had a 60-plus year sales career within the cosmetic packaging industry. His son, Derek Kane, is a member of the Class of 1992.

**Maurice L. Adams Jr. '63**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, May 16, 2021. Dr. Adams started out in research for industrial companies in rotating machinery analysis before entering academia and becoming a professor of mechanical engineering, first at the University of Akron, then Case Western Reserve University. He authored five technical



books. He was also an accomplished clarinetist.

**Richard A. Buchan '63**, Dearborn, Mich., Jan. 27, 2021

**Robert M. Davidson '63**, Blue Bell, Pa., March 16, 2021. A Chi Phi brother and member of the wrestling team, Mr. Davidson was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He joined IBM after service and went on to own his own consulting firm, Timesharing Consultants, Inc., where he developed software. He was also an ordained minister in the Lutheran Church.

**Thomas F. Torello '63**, Orange, Conn., July 3, 2021. A Phi Kappa Theta brother, Mr. Torello was also a member of *The Brown and White*. He hosted Lehigh-Lafayette telecasts as an alumnus volunteer. He owned Southern Connecticut Warehouse in West Haven for 31 years and assumed ownership of his family business, Torello Auto Parts. His son, Michael Torello, was a member of the Class of 1993.

**David G. Lyons '64**, Deale, Md., Aug. 2, 2021. Mr. Lyons was a Theta Delta Chi brother and member of the wrestling team. He served in the U.S. Navy after graduation. He made a 34-year career with Corning Inc., retiring as vice president of environmental engineering responsible for corporate facility engineering and environmental compliance.

**Gary D. Metzger '64**, Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 2021. Mr. Metzger made his career with the family business, Multi-Cast Corporation.

**L. Michael Reyeur '64**, Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 3, 2021. A Phi Gamma Delta brother, Mr. Reyeur worked as assistant comptroller for audits for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**David R. Lord '65**, Tewksbury Township, N.J., July 22, 2021. Mr. Lord worked for Pacific Northwest Bell and AT&T for a combined 30 years before starting his own company,

Cokesbury Consulting.

**Sterling W. Scheimer '65**, Lake Charles, La., July 30, 2021. Mr. Scheimer retired as a computer consultant.

**Philip B. Fleck '66**, Oley, Pa., May 24, 2021. A Gryphon as a student, Mr. Fleck designed and built medical devices for most of his professional career. He was employed by Atlas Chemical Industries and Rockwell International, then continued his career as an engineer at Arrow International for over 34 years, retiring as president and COO. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

**Douglas A. Groner '66**, Atlanta, Ga., June 1, 2021. Mr. Groner served in the U.S. Army before attending Lehigh.

**David G. Mack '66**, McMurray, Pa., Aug. 7, 2020. A Delta Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Mack was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He went on to fly for American Airlines, and served as a flight instructor.

**Robert T. Demarest '67**, Mechanicsburg, Pa., June 6, 2021. Mr. Demarest was the owner/operator of his family businesses for many years.

**Charles S. Parker '67**, Santa Fe, N.M., May 10, 2021. Dr. Parker was a Phi Kappa Theta brother. He held professorships and teaching positions at several universities, including Clarkson University, the University of Idaho, Colorado College, Northern Arizona University and the College of Santa Fe. He wrote several textbooks and a novel series.

**Joseph Unterreiner '68**, Conroe, Texas, April 5, 2021. Mr. Unterreiner was a Phi Kappa Theta brother.

**Alan H. Eugley '69 M.S. '71**, Westport, Conn., June 30, 2021. A Tau Epsilon Phi brother, Mr. Eugley made his 45-year career in banking, spending the last 20 years at Fiserv. His son, Seth Eugley, is a member of the Class of 2020.

**Victor K. Forsberg '69**,

Kingman, Ariz., Feb. 7, 2021. Mr. Forsberg worked for Firth-Rixon Viking as a metallurgical engineer. He volunteered in reunion planning with his class as an alumnus.

## 1970s

**Anthony V. Costanzi '70**, Kingston, N.Y., Aug. 11, 2021. Mr. Costanzi was a Delta Phi brother. After working with the family business in general construction, he owned and operated Costanzi Crane, Inc.

**Gregg C. Frederick '73**, Broomall, Pa., July 26, 2021. A Zeta Psi brother, Mr. Frederick retired from a devoted 40-plus year career in the insurance industry, most notably serving as the executive vice president of Legion Insurance Company in Philadelphia.

**Gordon A. Jones Jr. '73**, Pittsboro, N.C., April 12, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Mr. Jones worked for CIT for nearly 40 years, retiring as senior vice president.

**Glenn E. VanSickle '73**, Murray, Ky., July 29, 2021. Mr. VanSickle was a Zeta Psi brother. He worked as an electrical engineer in the nuclear power industry.

**John J. Devine '74**, Springfield, Mass., July 4, 2021. Mr. Devine was the adjustment counselor at Longmeadow High School for 32 years. He also coached girls' track and was recently inducted into the Massachusetts High School Track Coaches Hall of Fame.

**Lorna M. Velardi '75**, Ardmore, Pa., June 9, 2021. Ms. Velardi was a player with the Mustard & Cheese Drama Society. She worked for Kodak for many years before founding Environmental Strategy Consultants.

**John E. Mahoney '76**, Prescott, Ariz., May 9, 2021. Mr. Mahoney was an Alpha Sigma Phi brother. He worked as a photographer and darkroom technique teacher.

**Romaine M. Ross Jr. '76**, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 14, 2021. Mr. Ross was a member of the football team and a brother of Delta Tau Delta. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation.

**Cyril G. Serrao '77**, Pembroke Pines, Fla., May 17, 2021. A brother of Phi Gamma Delta, Mr. Serrao owned Serrao Enterprises, Inc.

## 1980s

**David Laskey '80**, Enfield, Conn., June 18, 2021. A Theta Delta Chi brother, Mr. Laskey was employed as an engineer, for 41 years, by Collins Aerospace.

**Michael J. Robinson '80**, Lansdale, Pa., May 27, 2021. Mr. Robinson was a member of the soccer and baseball teams. He played soccer professionally for the Philadelphia Fury. He went on to coach soccer.

**Andrew D. Hospodor '81**, Santa Cruz, Calif., June 19, 2021. A Sigma Phi brother, Dr. Hospodor worked in data storage, founding several startups before serving as the executive director of the Storage System Research Center at UC Santa Cruz. He also pioneered several methods of cannabis extraction, specifically for medicinal use with chemotherapy patients.

**Edward L. Breuninger '82**, Pocono Pines, Pa., June 22, 2021. Mr. Breuninger spent his entire career in the dairy industry, joining the family business of Breuninger Dairies. Breuninger Dairies later became a part of Lehigh Valley Dairy Farms, where he retired in 2018 as senior manager of sales administration and senior systems analyst after 31 years of service.

**Christopher P. Wasko '82**, Leesburg, Va., June 18, 2021. He worked for 32 years as a commercial and industrial insurance adjuster for FM Global.

**Lisa B. Anderman-Daskal '83**, Great Neck, N.Y., July 17, 2021. Ms. Anderman-Daskal was a tennis and volleyball team

member. She worked as a partner attorney at Anderman & Anderman. Her father, Arthur Anderman '56, and daughter, Noa Daskal '22, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Philip M. Chambers '84 M.A. '87**, Upper Nazareth Township, Pa., May 10, 2021. Mr. Chambers worked as a systems analyst for General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc.

**Charles W. Shettsline '84**, Parker, Colo., April 30, 2021. Mr. Shettsline made his career in the telecommunications industry, most recently working for Verticomm/All Copy.

**John K. Wetzel '84**, Boyertown, Pa., Aug. 1, 2021. Mr. Wetzel was a member of the Marching 97 and Tau Beta Pi honor society. He and his wife, Judy, owned Magical Wonders Vacations. His father, Jack Wetzel '49, and son, John C. Wetzel '15, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Derek K. de Bastos '86**, Greenwood Village, Colo., Aug. 2, 2021. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. de Bastos was an industry leader in RF satellite communications. He was instrumental in the design and launch of XM Radio. Most recently, he worked as CTO for EchoStar Satellite Services.

## 1990s

**Jon E. Olsen '90**, Pawling, N.Y., July 23, 2021. Mr. Olsen worked as a project manager in architecture and engineering, overseeing construction on Yale University's campus.

## GRADUATE

**Charles M. King M.S. '51**, Santa Rosa, Calif., Aug. 4, 2021. Mr. King was an aerospace engineer. He contributed to the R&D design of the space program navigation systems and the design of the first successful pilot ejection seat for military planes. Other projects he worked on

include BART and underwater power-generating windmills.

**Thespina (Terzis-Stelyn) Gilbert M.A. '52**, Boca Raton, Fla., July 16, 2021. Ms. Gilbert spent her career with the Bethlehem Area School District. Her husband, Vincent Gilbert '57G, was a member of the Lehigh family.

**Charles A. Barker Jr. M.A. '54**, Old Bridge, N.J., May 1, 2021. Mr. Barker was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked in the insurance industry, wrote many published articles and was a prolific volunteer.

**James P. Bonsack M.S. '55**, Aberdeen, Md., May 12, 2021. Mr. Bonsack served in the U.S. Army. He spent the majority of his career with Cristal-Global. He was an expert on titanium dioxide, published many times over and held 78 patents.

**Mary E. (McNally) Hamerstone M.A. '56**, Whitehall, Pa., June 16, 2021. Ms. Hamerstone made her career in elementary education.

**Billy E. Rhoades Ph.D. '58**, Bloomington, Ind., May 7, 2021. Dr. Rhoades was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He taught mathematics and supervised the master of arts in teaching program during his entire career at Indiana University Bloomington. He was a Fulbright Fellow and published over 150 papers, mainly in his fields of summability and fixed point theory.

**David M. Davis M.S. '59**, Santa Fe, N.M., Aug. 2, 2021. Mr. Davis retired from Raytheon.

**Dorothy (Elhman) Moser M.A. '59**, Lake of the Woods, Va., June 3, 2021.

**Milford L. Nealis MBA '59**, Vienna, Va., May 14, 2021. Retired Lt. Col. Nealis served in the U.S. Army during World War II, two tours in Korea and also in Vietnam. After retirement from the military, he worked for the department store Woodward and Lothrop, designing new buildings and redoing interiors.

**Ronald H. Rieder M.A. '60**, Emmaus, Pa., June 29, 2021. Mr. Rieder was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He started his career as a science teacher, and was a principal in multiple schools in his 37-year career.

**Mary E. (Snyder) Wendell M.A. '60**, Allentown, Pa., Dec. 23, 2020. Ms. Wendell was a guidance counselor for the Salisbury School District for 30 years. She was also a basketball coach, PIAA official for high school and college basketball, and member of the PSAR Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Thomas A. Ortwein M.A. '61**, Venice, Fla., April 27, 2021. Mr. Ortwein served in the U.S. Army before becoming a teacher. He taught in the Bethlehem Area School District, where he also served as a principal and wrestling coach.

**Foster E. Leonhardt M.Ed. '63**, Bethlehem Township, Pa., June 12, 2021. Mr. Leonhardt served in the U.S. Navy and worked as an educator in the Bethlehem Area School District for 34 years.

**Gladys C. (Parmer) Reifinger M.Ed. '64**, Bethlehem Township, Pa., May 21, 2021. Ms. Reifinger taught first grade in the Easton Area School District for 35 years.

**G. Robert Davis MBA '65**, Harrisburg, Pa., June 30, 2021. Mr. Davis retired from AMP Inc.

**Frank H. Moyer M.A. '66 Ed.D. '75**, Phillipsburg, N.J., March 25, 2021. Dr. Moyer was an administrator and teacher for 35 years, employed most recently as a middle school English and social studies teacher at Warren Hills Regional School District.

**Daniel L. McGinnis MBA '68**, Round Hill, Va., July 5, 2021. Mr. McGinnis held many leadership positions in worldwide communications corporations.

**Doris (Sharp) Rehrer M.Ed. '68**, Bradenton, Fla., Aug. 12, 2021. Ms. Rehrer worked as a nurse before becoming a reading specialist in the Boyertown Area

School District for 23 years.

**Donald J. Johnson MBA '69**, Ooltewah, Tenn., June 1, 2021. Mr. Johnson was a veteran of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He owned Shallowford Cleaners.

**William J. Pysher Jr. M.Ed. '69**, Bethlehem Township, Pa., June 17, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Pysher spent most of his career at Northampton Community College as the director of probation.

**Richard B. Jones M.Ed. '71**, Plainfield Township, Pa., May 21, 2021. Mr. Jones had a 44-year career in education and student services. Over the years he worked for the Pen Argyl Area School District, KidsPeace Corporation, and NORWESCAP, Inc. He also coached football.

**Sitansu S. Mittra Ph.D. '71**, Westborough, Mass., April 25, 2021. Dr. Mittra spent 40 years working in the computer science field as a working professional, teacher and author. He wrote books on database theory, expert systems and Oracle database tuning. He also wrote several articles and a book about 19th- and 20th-century Bengali history and literature.

**Alice L. Valdes Ed.D. '71**, Wilmington, Del., June 16, 2021. Dr. Valdes was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. She was an educator who taught in the classroom, developed curriculum and worked for the State of Delaware in the Planning, Research and Evaluation Division in the Department of Public Instruction. She was also awarded the Delaware Order of The First State.

**Martha A. (Molchan) Persing M.Ed. '72**, Pennsylvania, Pa., July 11, 2021. Ms. Persing taught for 37 years in multiple school districts. Her husband, Thomas Persing '59G, is a member of the Lehigh family.

**Dale A. Cullin Cert. '74**, Topton, Pa., May 24, 2021. Mr. Cullin served abroad in the U.S. Army during the Cold War and continued in the Army Reserves. He had a 33-year career with

# REMEMBERING Berry G. Richards



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## A Pioneer in Library Tech

Berry G. Richards was the first woman director of libraries at Lehigh

PIONEERS OFTEN FEEL A SPECIAL responsibility to ease the way for those who come after them, and Berry G. Richards, the first woman director of libraries at Lehigh, met that challenge with foresight and verve, embracing the digital revolution and instituting innovative library technologies.

Yet Richards, who died July 15, 2021, at age 90, never lost her love of books or short-changed her relationships with staff, faculty and students as she helped shepherd library advancements.

“She was so brilliant,” said Sharon Wiles-Young, Lehigh’s director of library access services. “She saw strategically into the future

... what kind of technology could be used for libraries. She could foresee how technology was going to move us forward.”

Greg Reihman, vice provost for library and technology services, says, “She was using words like ‘virtual library’ back in 1978. She not only had that vision, she was capable of pulling that off. It says something about not just her intellect but also her character, that she pulled that off with collegiality, warmth and generosity.”

Richards started as assistant director in charge of the new Mart Library in 1969 and

was named libraries director in 1976. She managed the establishment of the first fully functional online interactive information retrieval system, developed by the late Lehigh computer science professor Donald Hillman in the early 1970s. It was called LEADERMART—Lehigh Automatic Device for Efficient Retrieval plus “MART” for the Mart Library, a portion of what is now the E.W. Fairchild-Martindale Library. By the mid-’80s, Lehigh had an automated catalog system named Asa for looking up books and managing collections.

Richards helped plan the construction of the E.W. Fairchild-Martindale Library and Bayer Galleria of Rare Books. She played a key role in the formation of the university’s Special Collections and in founding the Friends of the Lehigh University Libraries.

Even while managing such large projects and responsibilities, she practiced kindness and generosity with staff and collaborated well with faculty, colleagues say.

“She was just so lovely,” Wiles-Young said. “She was so helpful when I interviewed for the job at Lehigh. She made great partnerships with faculty. She was inclusive before the word *inclusion* was talked about.”

One year, Richards organized a bus trip to take the libraries’ staff to visit the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Other times, she planned picnics for the department and brought in outside speakers. “She was someone who built connections, who inspired her staff,” Reihman said.

Richards served on the boards of several library, educational and civic groups and received the Lehigh University Hillman Faculty and Paul Frantz Administration Awards, as well as the SUNY Albany Distinguished Alumna Award.

The daughter of Greek immigrants, Richards grew up bilingual in North Adams, Massachusetts, often acting as an interpreter for her parents. She excelled in school from an early age, skipping two grades to become the youngest graduate of her high school class. She received a full scholarship to Vassar College and earned a master’s degree from SUNY Albany. She also took post-graduate work at Drexel University.

“She was what we Bostonians would call ‘wicked smart,’” Richards’ sister Artemis Kirk, recalled in a eulogy at Richards’ funeral at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem in July. “Berry was an omnivorous reader from

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early childhood, and nearly all her life she requested books as gifts. Her literary tastes were wide-ranging from A to Z: *Absalom, Absalom* to *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*."

Richards was a devotee of the Bethlehem Area Public Library who frequently returned books late. When she retired from Lehigh in 1995, the Bethlehem library director joked that since Richards would have time to return books promptly, the city would need to raise taxes to compensate for the lack of revenue from overdue book fines.

Friends described Richards as caring and compassionate, wise and generous to friends, multiple charities and animals alike. Kirk, who followed in her sister's vocational footsteps, becoming the university librarian at Georgetown University before retiring, said her sister cared for a collection of strays and "pre-owned cats outside on her patio."

"Some people like Berry collect friends like stray cats," Kirk said. "Berry also collected stray cats like friends."



LEHIGH UNIVERSITY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Berry Richards at the groundbreaking for the Lehigh University Library and Computing Center in 1983. From left are Susan Cady; Lynn Milet; Richards and Sharon L. Siegler.

Daniel Traister, curator of the Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts at the University of Pennsylvania, whom Richards hired years ago as a consultant to assess Lehigh's collections, recalls how Richards' mild-mannered demeanor belied her steely inner resolve to get things done.

"The cat lady appearance masked an inner lion," Traister said.

In addition to Kirk, Richards is survived by a niece, nephew and other family members, including cousins in the U.S. and Greece. Burial will be in Massachusetts.

—Margie Peterson

the Fleetwood School District, where he taught social studies, chaired the social studies department, served as assistant principal and ultimately retired as the Fleetwood High School principal. He also coached several of the school sports teams and was inducted into the Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame.

**Stephanie (Rosa) Schmoyer M.A. '74**, Exeter Township, Pa., July 18, 2021. Ms. Schmoyer was a guidance counselor and tennis coach.

**Cheryl (Hoffman) Corsa M.A. '75**, Hanover Township, Pa., June 16, 2021. From 1974 to 1981, Ms. Corsa was a science teacher in the Allentown School District. For many years after that, she was a political consultant and helped elect many Pennsylvania Republicans. In 2008, she earned a juris doctorate and passed the California Bar. Her husband, S. James Corsa '72, and step-father, Deming Lewis, are members of the Lehigh family.

**Patricia A. (Pensyl) Todora M.Ed. '75**, Wind Gap, Pa., Aug. 2, 2021. Ms. Todora was a teacher at Moore Elementary School for many years.

**Larry A. Wolfe M.S. '79 Ph.D. '83**, North Tonawanda, N.Y., May 26, 2021. Dr. Wolfe was a research chemist for Dresser Industries and Testamerica.

**Lorraine C. Kevra M.S. '80**, Fair Haven, N.J., Aug. 12, 2021. Ms. Kevra worked as a systems engineer for AT&T Bell Laboratories. She also tutored math and chemistry.

**Anne E. Young MBA '82**, Bethlehem, Pa., June 25, 2021. Ms. Young worked for Merck. In retirement, she was an adjunct business professor for Lehigh University and Muhlenberg College.

**Twila S. Evans M.Ed. '84**, Bethlehem, Pa., April 23, 2021. Ms. Evans worked in education for many years in the Northampton County Prison System, where she was able to

help many inmates accomplish their educational goals and was responsible for the "When Bonds Are Broken Program." Later she worked at Northampton Community College as a grant writer and tutor.

**Mario G. Basile M.A. '85**, Auburn, Pa., May 2, 2021. Mr. Basile was employed as an auditor for the Schuylkill County Controller's Office. He had previously worked for Bethlehem Steel and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Treasurer's Office.

**Catherine E. Jordan M.S. '91 Ph.D. '96**, Clifton Park, N.J., Aug. 15, 2021. Dr. Jordan worked for Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory for 25 years focused on materials and design work for the Virginia class fast attack submarines and the future Columbia class ballistic missile submarines.

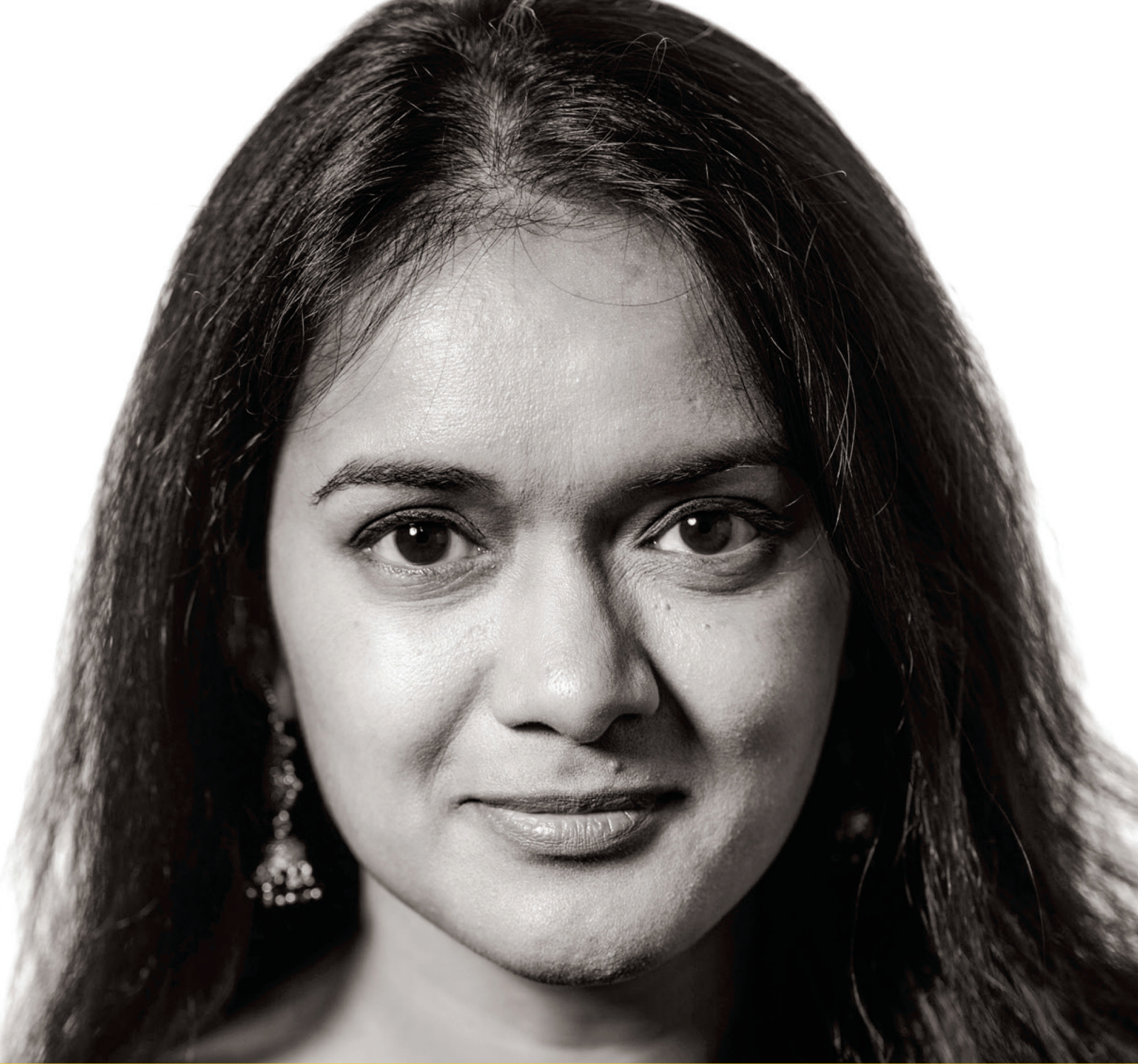
**Gary T. Ofrichter M.Ed. '97**, Easton, Pa., May 21, 2021.

**Ying Shen M.S. '97**, Center Valley, Pa., June 16, 2021.

**Jun Wang Ph.D. '03**, Plano, Texas, June 14, 2021. Dr. Wang worked as an R&D engineer and vice president of engineering for Sanhua Microchannel Company. He also held 10 patents.

**Christopher LaPietra MBA '04**, Randolph, N.J., June 14, 2021. Mr. LaPietra was the vice president and general manager for Honeywell Stationary Refrigerants. He was previously employed at Air Products and Versa Products Company.





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