



# CLASSNOTES

## The College of Liberal Arts

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**John Borden** has asked us to substitute for this issue. He promises to return in 2020.

I start this column on a sad note. Our classmate **Charles (Chick) Straut** passed away in late December. He was a driving force in his church for many years. I heard that his memorial was well attended and a tribute to his contributions.

**Gene Snyder** reports that he has seen every specialist except an obstetrician! He still works at his silk screening business and is enjoying his nine grandchildren.

**Regina (Martucci) Lewis** is enjoying her three grandchildren but is still trying to cope with the loss of her husband, Lee, three years ago. She is devoting more time to her painting.

**Lorraine (Wood) Craven** and her husband, **Bill Craven C'57**, make it a habit to get away from the cold of the Northeast by spending time in Florida.

**Kathryn "Casey" (Smith) Mollach P'81** also enjoys Florida, and she still has her herb farm back home in Cooperstown, New York.

**Elliot Blackburn** writes that he and his wife, **Helen (Christianson) Blackburn**, are in good health. He has retired from serving a small congregation and still volunteers at the local food bank. Helen is a docent at the last standing Frank Lloyd Wright hotel, in Mason City, Iowa. They enjoy visiting their children in Denver and the Twin Cities.

**Reinhard Loy** enjoys living in New Hampshire and is only mildly bothered by the snow. His wife died 20 years ago, and he just keeps busy with his skiing, fishing, mushroom club, mineral club and senior

center activities. He also enjoys cooking and staying in shape through exercise. He did his doctoral work in Munich, Germany, and even wrote his thesis in German.

I (**Peter Rushbrook**) retired in 1998 from high-tech positions in California. My wife, Joyce, and I travel extensively, spending several weeks each year in Mexico, and we have taken over 40 cruises. Mexico is where we really relax. The only decision we make is to go to the pool in the morning and the beach in the afternoon, or the beach in the morning and the pool in the afternoon. We usually discuss this decision over margaritas.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the students that received aid from the Class of 1958 Scholarship. **Mariia Chykulay C'20** is an international relations major with a minor in Chinese. The Albert Norton Wettstein Prize was awarded to **Madison Couture C'18**, who majored in theatre arts and minored in writing.

**59** **Ellen M. deLalla**  
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**Paul Evans** was honored recently by the Metropolitan Museum of New York. His 1974 book, *Art Pottery of the United States*, his archives and his correspondence with the Met were cited with gratitude in the Met's recent book *American Art Pottery*. Paul is an Episcopal priest.

**Elizabeth (Drysdale) Riordan C'60**, wife of the late **Jim Riordan**, passed away in late August 2018. Jim and Liz met at Drew and were married in 1961.

**Richard Allen Madigan** passed away in May 2018. Familiarly known at Drew as just "Madigan," he majored in political science and took the Washington Semester in the

fall of 1957. He went on to graduate studies at the University of Delaware and American University and a career in museums and galleries, including the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., where he was assistant director. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Leslie, and four sons and three grandchildren. Services were held in Dobbs Ferry, New York. We extend our deep sympathy to his family.

**Peter Headley** was selected as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Volunteer Award, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

I still exchange Christmas cards with **Barbara Jahreis, Sue (Binkley) Rowe, Joan (Patchen) Naab** and **Lori (Philibert) McConnell C'60**.

I have retired from my freelance photography business. My old Nikon film camera is not repairable, and I'm unwilling to invest big bucks in a digital camera when my mobility is not what it used to be.

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. No news from you, no column, as was the case in the previous issue. We especially want to hear from those of you who write infrequently!

**60** **Carl Verrusio C'60, P'93**  
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Good grief! We're 80. I used to bristle at being called "a senior citizen," and suddenly I find that I'm "elderly." On the positive side, it does allow one to focus on purely abstract, theoretical and often irrelevant concerns. There is life after retirement, and it is for the most part better. Most days I do nothing, but it takes all day to do it, and

there's never enough time to do all the nothing you want. I do spend an inordinate amount of time proving that you're only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely. Just ask my wife, **Elaine Norris Verrusio** C'60, P'93.

It's hard to believe, but the older I get, the more I'm like a computer. Let me explain. Started out with lots of memory and drive. Eventually I became outdated, crashed at odd moments, developed errors in my systems and had to have parts replaced. Fortunately, I can still remember everything—whether it happened or not. Some things never change. As usual, there was very little news from you “ancient survivors.” At our age, this can lead to unpleasant speculation. If it weren't for the annual unofficial Class of 1960 mini-reunion a few of us hold, there would be nothing to report.

This year, a small group gathered at **Elaine (Price) Berkoff's** house in Pennsylvania. **Nancy (Marshall) Stroh, Judy Smith, Elaine Norris Verrusio, Norman MacArthur, Bill Hayes** and various spousal units were in attendance. There was spirited conversation at the dining room table. Politics mostly—the Supreme Court hearings were taking place. The idealistic values of the '60s were still driving the conversation. Our generation was different. Isn't this a time?! Meanwhile, under the table, Elaine's three border collies waged a mock battle. When we get together, the 60-odd years since Drew vanish, and it's almost like we're eating in the dining hall—only the food is infinitely better. Come join us!

**Elaine Berkoff** is still entering her dogs in agility competitions and scouring the state looking for sheep for them to herd.

**Nancy (Marshall) Stroh** is still taking trips to unusual places and settling into her new Quaker digs.

**Norman MacArthur** continues his work protecting the rural character and natural resources in his area through community-based land conservation. He is beginning to think about moving to a retirement community.

**Judy Smith** still lives in the Big Apple and is threatening to give up her theatre work. I'll believe it when I see it!

**Bill Hayes** is happy dodging hurricanes in Florida and summering on Long Beach

Island in New Jersey. He sees **Elaine** at an antiques show she does on the island near his home.

**Jodi (Della-Cerra) Headley** writes to say that her hubby **Pete Headley** C'59 has been selected for an Alumni Achievement Award for his volunteer work on behalf of Drew. He works tirelessly for the University and is most deserving of this honor.

Remember, whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect. Carpe diem!

## 65 **Allen Hood** C'65, P'92 [allenhood3@gmail.com](mailto:allenhood3@gmail.com)

I begin with some sad news. On February 2, 2019, **Stewart Allen Crank Sr.** C'65, P'92, A'17 passed away at the age of 75, surrounded by his family and Martha, his wife of 40 years. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Martha and Stewart's family.

**Naomi Shapiro** sends an invitation to come to Short Hills, New Jersey, and join her at New Eyes for the Needy, where she still volunteers. She is also still teaching several cello students, ranging from adults to children as young as 5. She swims daily and reads about two books a week as a distraction from the politics of the day.

**George Engelhardt** says that the most significant event in his life since his last update was the death of his youngest brother, Richard, in December. Our sincere sympathy to George and the family. George's wife, Carolyn, recently retired, permitting them to travel more—visiting family in North Carolina and Arkansas and seeing some interesting places along the way. Trips to Ireland and Estonia are under consideration, and we hope for future updates. George and Carolyn are enjoying their granddaughters. The oldest is now in college at Washington University in St. Louis, and the younger two are at Amherst. Their own children are also still making George proud. Hardin, their daughter, is now a vice president at Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jeffers, their son, is well established as a professor at Amherst.

**Kathleen (Kathy) Murray Henry** was in Fayston, Vermont, on Sugarbush North when she received the request for news. Kathy was visiting her son, Seth, who lives there. While saying she didn't have any earth-shaking news, she went on to say that she and **Peggy (Leichtammer) Domber** attended Joe Biden's wonderful speech at Drew last March. Kathy said a huge and enthusiastic crowd gave Joe about 10 standing ovations. Kathy has cycled in and out of ministry this past year, twice serving brief interim pastorates. When not working, she enjoys international travel and local adventures with her four grandchildren.

**Martha (Burt) Hassard** says her “retirement gig” at Sun City Center, Florida, has been pretty busy, and it has been a fun year of travel. She made a solo trip to Bangor, Maine, to visit her youngest son, Jim, and his wife, Tania. She capped that off with a few days of relaxation at the Samoset Hotel in Rockland, Maine.

**John Greco** continues to be very active with newspaper political commentaries. There has been a lot of “fodder” in today's political environment. **Allen Hood** is on John's emailing list and receives copies of John's letters to the editors. Allen highly recommends that class members contact John at [GWGreco22@gmail.com](mailto:GWGreco22@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list.

**Allen Hood**, your class correspondent, has had major health improvements since last writing. Hurray! He has his mojo (energy and ambition) back. Allen is grateful for the good care provided by his wife, Kit, as he made improvements, and he stands ready to return the favor.

## 67 **Joyce (Maxwell) Subjack** [joycesubjack@hotmail.com](mailto:joycesubjack@hotmail.com)

**Geoffrey T. Haigh** has been in the news, having been awarded 31 patents. Some of his devices are used on the Mars rovers.

Joyce is very sad to report that she received no direct submissions from the Class of 1967. She would love to hear from you!

## 68 **Elizabeth (Allyn) VonDreele**

recently exhibited her artwork in Lewes, Delaware. Her award-winning textile collages re-create the landscapes of the East Coast shores where she grew up. She holds degrees from both Drew and the Pittsburgh Institute of Art. She also attended the textile institute of Rhode Island School of Design.

## 69 **Barry Fenstermacher**

was selected as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Alumni Achievement Award in the Liberal Arts, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

## 70 **Charleen (Duffie) Caulk** [charleen8@gmail.com](mailto:charleen8@gmail.com)

Hello, all. Thank you for keeping in touch.

**Miriam (Auld) Davis** wrote that her father, **Frank Auld Jr.** C'46, P'70, passed away last spring in Michigan at the age of 93. Unfortunately, Miriam was unable to attend but sent her thoughts in a eulogy read by her sister. Miriam converted to Judaism and became part of the Orthodox Jewish community in Oak Park, Michigan. She and her husband, Zev, have been living in Nazareth in the Galilee region since 1981. They have three daughters, one son and 18 grandchildren. Miriam has had many varied jobs, including teaching music and office jobs. Miriam looks forward to retirement one day, when she plans to compose and perform music.

**Paul Dezendorf** wrote to me when he was snowed in for a week in the mountains of North Carolina. Last column I asked everyone to remember that our 50th Reunion is coming up, and Paul is going to be a helper! Always looking for helpers and helpful ideas!

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Happy holiday wishes came from Linda and **Tom Hackett**, also mentioning snowstorms! They are enjoying their grandchildren and mentioned a visit to one's school on Grandparents Day for what is billed "The Grand Event." Tom and Linda have traveled to Shelter Island, Ferry Beach and Mt. Desert in Maine and to Bennington, Vermont, to visit college friends **Linda (Calleo) and Chuck Putney C'69**. Both are active in their Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Catskills and look forward to any visitors if you are in the area.

I received a lovely letter from **Joy (Callaway) Godbold**. She has extensive gardens, producing sweet potatoes, okra, corn and asparagus. She also has six blueberry bushes and lots of help from the grandchildren. Daughter-in-law Jenni received a doctoral degree in midwifery at the University of Minnesota. Jenni lives and works in Alaska. Joy finds time to play the piano once a week during lunchtime at a rehab center and nursing home, and she remains active in her Mt. Washington Baptist Church as an assistant pianist and substitute Sunday School teacher for the adult class.

My husband, Douglas, and I met when he visited Drew for Art Semester in the spring of 1969. This year, the United Methodist Archives at Drew celebrated the first decade of the New York Art Semester, and Douglas attended. He had a wonderful day gazing at artwork and photos from the semester (finding himself in several) and talking with professors and current students. He has continued in the art field since his graduation from Hamline in 1970, and people here in New York cannot believe he didn't always live here. We continue to live in Nanuet and visit our daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons in Maine, and see our son and his wife. Going into the city is a special treat, in which we often indulge. Please continue to keep in touch. I love hearing from you. Remember our big Reunion coming up in 2020!

**72** **Timothy Rothwell** was recently named to the business advisory board of ProMIS Neurosciences, a biotechnology company. His experience in the field includes time as the U.S. chairman of Sanofi. After Drew, Timothy earned a law degree at Seton Hall.

**73** **Ron Ross** has retired from his career at Drew and settled in coastal Maine, where he has become an orchardist and hosts apple tasting events. He also serves on the board of the Boothbay Region Land Trust and is a tour guide at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

**74** **Charley Berg** was selected as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Service Award, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

45th Reunion

**75** **Bob Zwengler C'75 P'14**  
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I am sorry to report that **Frank Brady** passed away in January 2019 at his home in Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Kyle, daughters Kiernan and Ashleigh, and four grandchildren. Frank was an All-American soccer goalkeeper at Drew and was a leader on Drew's outstanding soccer teams in the early and mid-1970s. He played professionally with the Philadelphia Atoms and the New Jersey Americans. Frank is a member of the Drew Hall of Fame. He worked for more than 25 years at Redner's Markets in Pennsylvania in logistics, operations and transportation and also coached soccer at the high school and college levels. Our sincere condolences to Frank's family.

On a happier note, **Nicholas Casiello Jr.** was named a Law360 MVP. He is national chair of the gaming practice for the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP.

**77** **D. Beth Yingling**  
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**Laura Papa and Larry Babbin C'79** are reveling in the sweet joy of grandparenthood with their grandson, Vincenzo Raja Chatterjee, who was born in July 2018 to their daughter Aimee Babbin and her husband.

Not to be outdone, Chas and I also joined the grandparent club in July, when our daughter Taylor Powell gave birth to Marjorie George "Marnie" Powell at Virginia Hospital Center, formerly Arlington Hospital, where Chas was also born. Taylor and her husband, Ben, have their own photography and media companies, enabling them to work from home much of the time. But when they have photo shoots, granddaddy Chas has been able to babysit because he is retired. They live just two miles away from us in Falls Church, so we get lots of Marnie fixes. After 21 years as head of HR (now chief people officer) for Apple Federal Credit Union, where I have seen it grow from 65 employees to 450 employees, I retire effective June 1, 2019. While I very much look forward to retirement and have many plans, it's not as easy as I had thought to let go of a job I've loved so long. I'll keep you posted on my next phase. One of my plans is to reconnect with Drew and other friends and family through travel. Our daughter Kate's company, Heartbeat, for which she is co-founder and COO, is thriving at its home base in Venice Beach, California, where she and her fiance, Joey Serxner, also live. The start-up tech company now has over 20 employees. It connects dozens of brands with hundreds of thousands of millennial women through social media marketing. We are also thrilled that Kate and Joey became engaged in January 2019.

**Christine (Stack) Bell and Paul Bell C'76** are also enjoying their family. The highlight of their year in 2018 was a trip to Barbados with their son Alex, daughter Callan and her husband, Josh. Paul is a grants and research manager for Feeding Northeast Florida, which helps to feed children and families, seniors,

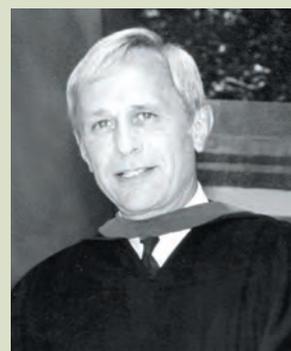
## 2019 Alumni Achievement Award Winners

Presented at Reunion on June 1.



**Volunteer Award**

Peter Headley C'59



**Achievement Award in the Liberal Arts**

Barry Fenstermacher C'69



**Service Award**

Charley Berg C'74

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**Achievement Award in Business**  
Lou Eccleston C'79



**Achievement Award in the Sciences**  
Stephen Casey C'79



**Achievement Award in the Liberal Arts**  
Ben Davol C'82\*

and veterans by connecting grocery stores and farms with hunger relief organizations in northeast Florida. Christine continues her work in trust banking and stays fit and finds friends and fellowship through active workouts at Dance Trance.

**Karen (Marx) and Lloyd "Lou" Hyman** C'77, P'08 stay mighty busy in "retirement." Lou commutes two days a week from their home in Cambridge, Maryland, to his title research firm on the western shore of Maryland. Karen is enjoying her fourth year of substitute teaching at an elementary school in Easton, Maryland. Their son **Louis Hyman** C'08 lives with them in Cambridge and works at the YMCA in Easton. He has been taking certification classes to teach special education. He also takes evening mixed martial arts classes and has competed in regional grappling tournaments over the past year. Both Karen and Lou volunteer with administrative and sail duties with the skipjack Nathan of Dorchester, based in Cambridge. Karen walks dogs for the Talbot County Humane Society. They have two grandchildren, Natalie, 10, and Joshua, 8, who live with their daughter Elizabeth and her husband in Colorado. I still remain in frequent touch.

Over the holidays, we heard from **Doug Goodman** C'76 and his wife Patty.

We had a wonderful catching-up visit from **Michelle Boyle** C'75, who is special assistant to the associate director for budget at the National Institutes of Health. Michelle's daughter Kate is now 14.

**Glenn S. Sherman**, a practicing gynecologist, recently celebrated 15 years at his main office in Newton, New Jersey. He has satellite offices in West Orange and Linden.

It is fun to connect with many of you via social media. I'd be happy to share your news with the Drew community if you contact me directly.

### 78 Tom Tani ctsquared@optonline.net

Hello, everyone. Here is the latest news from the Class of 1978. Maybe not the epic that we had the last issue, but still a fair amount of news!

**Doug Fessel** checked in to say hello. He had "no special information to send," except to say, "I am living quietly and like it that way. I hope everyone from our class is doing well."

In February, **Debra Moody Bass** G'90, '02 presented her book *Preaching through the Liturgical Year* at the Day Apart Women Clergy conference held at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, Alabama. It was sponsored by Samford University in Homewood, Alabama.

After 32 years in their current home, **Bob Nemeroff** and his wife are building a new home and plan to move in at midyear. Bob is still working full time as a trial lawyer and says he is "enjoying my work more now than ever." We look forward to news of a first grandchild for the next issue.

**Craig Stanford** and family enjoyed a rare rainy winter in Southern California. Craig's older daughter, Gaelen, finished medical school

and is a first-year resident in ENT surgery at UC San Francisco; younger daughter, Marika, completed a master's degree at the University of Southern California; and son, Adam, is a senior at Stanford University. Craig and his wife, Erin, are both on sabbatical this year from their positions at the University of Southern California. He'll be writing another book about primate behavior and human origins, and they plan to spend time in Asia and Africa.

**Tom Menke** says that "grandkids are piling up, and it's good to be alive."

**Diane Layton** sent her regrets for not being able to attend the reunion. She and her husband, Joe Ritchie, moved to New Hampshire. She said, "Call us crazy, but we are going to try embracing winter!" and that she and Joe are looking forward to hanging out in Boston. Their youngest daughter graduated from the University of Montana. They think they convinced her over the Christmas break to move back East. Their eldest daughter is engaged to be married. She and her husband-to-be chose a lovely venue in northern Virginia. Diane closed with, "And so the fun begins!"

**Bob Strupp** retired last summer. He and Julie went to Florida in February, and all went well. Post-retirement plans include spending more time in Florida and eventually relocating there. Bob and Julie enjoyed connecting with classmates, including **Marla (Friedman)** and **Paul Boren**, and would welcome connecting with any class members who'd like to reach out when they are in Florida, D.C. or Baltimore. Bob's other post-retirement activities include the early stages of research for a book on housing in America and learning mahjong!

Another Class of 1978 couple, **Rich and Ann (Patrick) Degener**, touched base. Rich is retired, and Ann is still full time into weekly rentals in Cape May, New Jersey. Ann said their grandchildren keep them young. Their daughter Elizabeth is well known as the "Cape May Bread Lady." Ann and Rich are very proud that she was recently honored as a finalist in the James Beard Awards for baked goods in the entire country. Rich and Ann send much love to their friends and would welcome anyone to visit them if they are in Cape May (Enfin Farms Bread Stand, 613 Sunset Blvd.). Ann said, "Just follow the line to the Cape May Bread Lady, and say the magic words, 'Drew rugby team.'" She adds, "Our kids have heard ALL the stories, which makes for hysterical Friday night dinners."

**Ken Hyne** recently joined the Connecticut office of SageView Advisory Group, a leading independent retirement plan advisory firm, as managing director. Ken brings over 30 years of experience in the investment consulting field, specializing in plan development, implementation and investment monitoring for defined-benefit and defined-contribution plans. After completing his undergrad degree in economics at Drew, Ken earned an MBA at the University of Connecticut.

And so this entry ends until the next one!

\*This posthumous award will be shared with the family of Ben Davol C'82 in honor of his achievements throughout his career.

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## 40th Reunion

After a lifetime in publishing, **Perry King** is being drawn back to Drew in his recent work as a sports journalist and videographer. For the last 12 years, our athletic

center has hosted the Drew Series of New Jersey high school indoor track meets, with the absolute best setup for filming sprint action. Perry filmed three of the events last year for the MileSplit sports site he works with, and he is returning to Drew from Westchester County to film more this year. His wife, **Susan (Gilbert) King** C'78, continues her work covering the big questions in the world of bioethics as director of communications of the Hastings Center. Their kids, David and Sarah, are ensconced in careers in New York City.

Two members of the Class of 1979 were selected as winners of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Alumni Achievement Awards. **Lou Eccleston** was chosen for business, and **Stephen Casey** was chosen for the sciences. The awards are slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

Arizona Supreme Court justice **Clint Bolick** was retained by the voters in late 2018 and is now serving another six-year term on Arizona's highest court.

## 80 **Chris Walsh** chris.walsh@alumni.drew.edu

In my last column, I mentioned it had been 40 years since I was on the London Semester. That prompted two people to contact me to reminisce a little: **Lori Kramer** and **Fred Hrinuk** C'79. Lori had just returned from London, visiting there with Stacey Rosner, who was also on the semester with us, as a UPenn student. Fred has fond memories of our time there too. He specifically mentioned time spent at the Sherlock Holmes Pub, the Prince Alfred, traveling with **Chuck Castellano**, **Rich Riker** and the late **Perry Walinsky**—and, believe it or not—time spent in class. He reminded me that **Patty Malone** C'79 was there with us too.

I saw **Andy Rupp** several times during the basketball season. Andy is the prime basketball alumni organizer. He has gathered the likes of **Rick Freedman**, **John Spanarkel** C'82, **Matt Kirnan** C'82, **Leon Williams** C'82 and me, as well as some younger grads, to cheer on the Drew basketball team. Andy is too modest to mention it, but his enthusiasm has to have had something to do with the Drew hoopsters setting a new school record with 23 wins, surpassing the mark set by the 1979–80 team.

This winter, I had dinner with **Michael Ravensbergen**, **Jim Fleming** and **Donald Press** along with our wives. Michael is a financial adviser for Merrill Lynch, Jim teaches high school history in North Jersey and Don is president of an architectural glass company.

Michael, Don and I also had dinner with **Charlie Gruen** C'79 over the winter. Charlie lives not too far from me in Bergen County and practices law.

I neglected to mention in my last column that **Pat Corey** C'82 was stateside for a few weeks last summer. He was here with his family, and I was able to have a pint with him and his sons in New York City during their visit.

**Chris Van Cleef** C'85 and I bumped into each other in Manhattan a few weeks ago. I work for FactSet on 39th and Park, and Chris was over by the Public Library on Fifth Avenue, watching over a big construction project.

**Bishop Karen Oliveto** C'91, '02 will be honored at the 2019 commencement, where Drew awarded upon her a Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

**Michael L. Stern** C'80, T'84 is running for office as an independent, seeking a seat as a Vermont state representative from Bennington, Vermont.

There are two pieces of sad news to pass along. **Dave Purdy**'s wife, **Joanne Oliva-Purdy** C'81, emailed me that Dave had passed away last November in Denver. After Drew, Dave had gotten his master's in library science and had worked as a librarian for various aerospace companies and organizations. **Dominick Cannavo** C'81 also passed away last fall. Dominick had been an anesthesiology specialist in New York.

We'll be celebrating the 40th anniversary of our graduation at Reunion weekend, May 30–31, 2020 (about a year after this article is published). There will be plenty of information from Drew, but I'll also directly contact as many of you as I can to get you to attend. **Tom Tani** C'78 and I have a gentleman's bet about whether the Class of 1980 will surpass the Class of 1978 in the number of attendees. Don't let me down!

If you hadn't noticed, there are as many mentions of non-class-of-1980 people in this column as there are of our classmates. You can help change that balance by sending me news of what you are up to. Drop me a line, like **Doc Abend** did. Let me know what you're up to via the Drew alumni office or by email to chris.walsh@alumni.drew.edu.

## 81 **Linda (Beckman) Craig** is the new owner and operator of Always Best Care senior services, an agency in Wallingford, Connecticut.

**Peter Verniero**, a former New Jersey state attorney general, was selected to conduct an independent investigation into the Murphy administration's hiring of a former campaign staffer who had been accused of sexual assault. Peter is also a former member of the New Jersey Supreme Court and is currently chair of the internal investigations and appellate practice groups at Sills Cummis, a law firm based in Newark, New Jersey.

## 82 **Ben Davol** was selected posthumously as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Alumni Achievement Award in the Liberal Arts, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

## 83 **Susan Apter** apter4@gmail.com

**Jose A. Carmona** is an early retiree from college teaching. A resident of a small farm in Haines City, Florida, he's finishing a novel and a few books of short stories.

**Carol Campbell Boggs** is in a new job with Meredith Corporation as head of Shopper Marketing. She lives on Central Park West in New York City and in Wainscott, New York, enjoying her pit bull puppy. Carol maintains great friendships with **Marilena (Lorenzato) Greig**, **Greg Aikman** and **Dave Hinchén**.

**Paul Abend** (previous winner of Drew's alumni achievement in sciences award) continues as the medical director of inpatient and outpatient services at St. Barnabas/RWJ Rahway Hospital and as a clinical assistant professor at Kessler Institute and RWJ Medical School. Paul and his radiologist wife have an office in Bernardsville, New Jersey, the Sanare Center for Integrative Medicine. He also continues to run the nonprofit he started—Autism Think Tank NJ—bringing together experts to treat challenging comorbid medical problems associated with autism. On a personal note, Paul's daughter was married last year. She is an attorney focusing on clients with special needs. Paul's middle son is with Universal in Los Angeles, and his youngest son (turning 21) remains the driving catalyst for Paul to find meaningful and realistic ways to meet the needs of the autism / special needs population. From his Drew days, Paul fondly remembers Sunday night floor hockey games, playing records in the Pub and at dorm parties and rugby social events.

**Susan (Su) Stoeber Ballantine** retired from Ericsson in 2018. She enjoys her grandchildren and serves on several charitable boards, which is very fulfilling.

**Peter Lindsley** is back in Houston, Texas, after an eight-year absence and wishes everyone well.

**Laurie (Howard) Dubin** of Connecticut also says hello to all.

## 84 **John Hammett** dochamm@optonline.net

One of our former class columnists, **Mead Winters-Dancho**, checks in with a friendly reminder to keep dreaming; he happily reports two of his dreams came true last year. Mead completed his 27th year teaching bilingual Spanish education in grades three through six at the same elementary school in Passaic, New Jersey; most recently, he taught bilingual children in grade four. He's also directed their musical showcase revues for a decade. That means Mead has been able to utilize both of his Drew majors at work with much success—congratulations! However, he is most proud of his recent accomplishment. Mead married his soul mate and the love of his life for the past quarter century, retired AP physics teacher **Mike Dancho**, at what is now known as the Grand Bethwood in Totowa, New

Jersey, on a beautiful October evening, with family and dear friends gathered as witnesses. In attendance were **Nancy Chioda**; **Bob Schnell** and his wife, **Marti Reppetto** C'83; and **Peggy (Hamilton) DeFina** C'83 and her husband, Henry. Mead closed his update by jokingly noting that their many guests kept chiming in, "What took you two so long?"

**Fred Shahrooz Scampato** C'84, G'85 completed a law degree at the University of Illinois after his time at Drew. He now practices in Westfield, New Jersey, focusing on employment law.

In March, **John Nieman** C'84 became the interim priest at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Belfast, Maine. After Drew, he went to Harvard Divinity School for a master's and has served as rector of Episcopal churches in New Jersey, Michigan and North Carolina.

**86** **Sandra Miller**  
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**Karen (Priest) Hoffman** writes that after many years as a social worker doing hospice care, including building and running a program, she is looking to start her own nonprofit. She might also consider creating a program that is connected to the community palliative care program, where she is currently working. She says the job, in which she works with people with dementia, not only feeds her "palliative care soul" but means she gets to sing and dance every day. Her oldest son, Jackson, a music producer, attended some Grammy parties this year. Her daughter, Hayley, a Quinnipiac College graduate, works in social media. Her youngest, Spencer, is currently a sophomore at Quinnipiac. Karen and her husband will be celebrating their 28th anniversary this year. Congratulations!

After 17 years as a home improvement contractor, **JoAnn Boscarino** built a wood shop in her backyard and is shifting the focus of her business from big renovations to smaller home repairs and things she can make in the shop, such as custom built-ins and wacky furniture made from scrap. In early 2018, her wife, Sam Castillo, launched The Cook & The Carpenter Bakeshop in Highland Park, New Jersey. JoAnn did the interior build-out of reclaimed wood. The bakeshop is a great success, and classmate **Susan Curtin** is a regular customer. See photo, page 33.

After 22 years with Pfizer, **Marc Scarduffa**, took a buyout package and is currently enjoying a two-year severance. He is planning to travel to Italy, Mustique, Vietnam and Cambodia while also working on his next career move.

**Dan Chiariello** C'86, P'22 ran for a position on the Sparta Township Council in 2018 and, to his great surprise, won! He was sworn in on Jan. 3, 2019, for a four-year term. He says it has been an interesting and rewarding new chapter in life. Dan and **Lisa (Lemery) Chiariello's** [C'86, P'22] youngest son, **Jared Chiariello** C'22, is finishing his freshman year at Drew. See photos, page 33.

**Kevin Moulton** and Debra Wilber were married in October 2018. The ceremony at Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morris Township, New Jersey, was followed by a reception at Tabor Road Tavern in nearby Morris Plains. Kevin is a senior manager at Accenture in New York City.

**Sanjay Mirchandani** is the new CEO of Commvault, a tech giant headquartered in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Sanjay's prior role was as the CEO of Puppet, a Portland, Oregon, technology company.

**Brenda Rhodes**, founder of the nonprofit Simple Needs Georgia, was named the East Cobb Citizen of the Year (Cobb County, Georgia) in late 2018. In one year, the group served 2,000 residents, providing clothes, toiletries, furniture, tents, shoes and various other essentials for men, women and children without a permanent place to call home.

I, **Sandi Miller**, am thrilled to be publishing my memoir, *Trove: A Woman's Search for Truth and Buried Treasure*, later this year. The book focuses on a two-year stretch of time about eight years ago when I was trying to find a treasure chest full of coins buried in New York City. It also details some experiences, both sweet and heartbreaking, that happened to me at Drew. **Liz (Gombach) Junod** and **Kathy Hallissey** also make appearances in the pages. See photo, page 33.

**87** **Jared E. Stolz** is practicing law at his own firm in Flemington, New Jersey. He has recently set up a legal blog and commentary on legal issues related to the insurance industry.

**88** **Lavinia Boxill**  
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Greetings, Class of 1988! It was really great to see many of you last June at our 30th Reunion. And kudos to the Drew staff who made it just a wonderfully fun weekend for all of us who attended. See the picture of the gang at our class reception opening night. See photo, page 33.

Hopefully most of you, if not all of you, received an email from me soliciting class updates for the magazine. In case you didn't get it, or it went into your spam (likely excuse!), my email is [laviniaoboxill@comcast.net](mailto:laviniaoboxill@comcast.net). I would love to hear from you so I can include your update in each new edition.

So, to get the ball rolling, here is what I am up to. I live in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, with **Daniel Gordon** C'85 and our two kids, Samuel and Amelia. I have worked at Rutgers University for the past 22 years. I am currently the vice chancellor for advancement for New Brunswick. Our son, Samuel, is a sophomore there, and our daughter is a junior in high school. Dan is currently teaching furniture making at Mahwah High School, and he is an accomplished artist. You can check out his website at [danielalangordon.com](http://danielalangordon.com). In my spare time, I love to travel and spend time with friends new and old.

**Jamie Bsales** is doing fine and living in Marlton, New Jersey, with his wife, Ann, and three teenage kids—Nicholas, Gregory and

Kathryn. He is proud to announce that Gregory has been accepted for admission to Drew University for the Class of 2023. But here's to hoping Greg doesn't get stuck in Tolley-Brown for four years like his father did!

**Heidi (Spangler) Sarna** writes, "I have lived in Singapore for the past 13 years with my husband and twin sons, who are now in high school. As a longtime travel writer and editor, I freelance for many outlets and operate my own travel site, [QuirkyCruise.com](http://QuirkyCruise.com), a guide to small-ship cruises. Yes, I have to take 'research' cruises...it's a tough job, but someone's got to do it! I recently reconnected with **Elysa (Masten) Leonard** G'91, who runs her own marketing business, and we've been working together on projects, which has been great! And all these years, I have remained besties with **Rachael (Simidian) Nicoll** and **Chrissy Colon** and see and talk to them often (and take cruises together and do cross-country driving trips together!), despite living halfway around the world from each other. And last summer I was stoked to visit dear friends **Nina Wright** in Rhode Island (who has the MOST adorable babies in the world!) and **Teri (Tangredi) Cullen** in California. I can't believe we graduated from Drew 31 years ago, yet we all look and act the same!"

**Stefan Passantino**, a former White House deputy counsel in charge of compliance and ethics oversight, has joined Michael Best's government relations, public policy and compliance practice group in Washington, D.C. After Drew, Stefan earned his law degree at Emory.

**89** **Renee Nunley Smith** was elected to partnership at the law firm of Montgomery McCracken. Renee is located in the firm's Philadelphia office and serves as co-chair

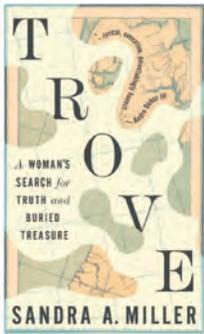
**30th Reunion** of the firm's diversity committee and as a member of the labor and employment practice. She frequently represents employers before federal and state courts and before administrative agencies on matters involving harassment, discrimination, retaliation, wage and hours, breach of contract and wrongful termination claims. She also counsels employers on a variety of workplace issues, including employee hiring, performance management and termination, and reductions in force.

**Drew Martorella** was selected as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Alumni Achievement Award in the Arts, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

**Steve Lemanski**, an actuary, has been named a principal at the firm of Hooker & Holcombe. The firm is based in West Hartford, Connecticut, and provides actuarial, investment advisory and retirement plan consulting services.

**Nancy Katz** is the executive director of strategic relations in Drexel University's institutional advancement office. She previously worked at GlaxoSmithKline.

# Family Album



Sandra Miller's [C'86] soon-to-be-released memoir.



JoAnn Boscarino C'86 installing a counter at The Cook & The Carpenter Bakeshop.



Dan Chiariello C'86, P'22 at his Council seat.



Jared Chiariello C'22 with Ranger Bear at Drew.



Dan Chiariello C'86, P'22 sworn in as Township Council member.



C'88 attendees at their 30th Reunion in June 2018.



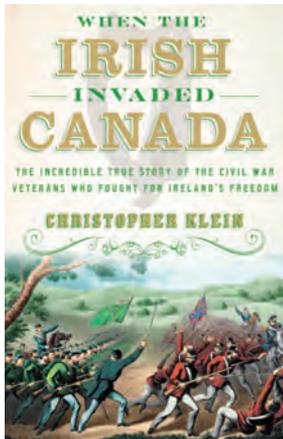
Vanessa Allen Sutherland C'92, the new senior vice president and chief legal officer at Norfolk Southern.



Scouting award recipient Stephen Priola C'91.



Author Christopher Klein C'94.



A new book by Christopher Klein C'94.



Lawyer Joseph Giannini C'99.



Top row: Mariella, Meg, Steve C'01 and George Caponegro. Bottom row: John C'01, Trude and Jeanne Tiesi. Dog: Sammy Caponegro.



Scouting award recipient Cathy Cerbo C'97.

# Family Album



Tara (Mole) Meara C'01 and her family at Disney.



Archie McPhillips, son of Amanda McPhillips C'01.



Steph Mazzarella C'02 and Amanda Mazzarella at their November 2018 wedding.



Nick Szobota C'01 in community theatre.



Ambre (Tousley) Dailey C'02, Toral (Patel) Jendi C'02 and Stevan Overby Jendi C'99 and their children enjoyed a NYC meetup.



Florida lawyer Alessandro A. Apolito C'05.



Trish Soucy C'02 and her family.



Jayne Klein on her wedding day with Colleen Maloney and Jennifer (Williams) Guevara, all C'05.

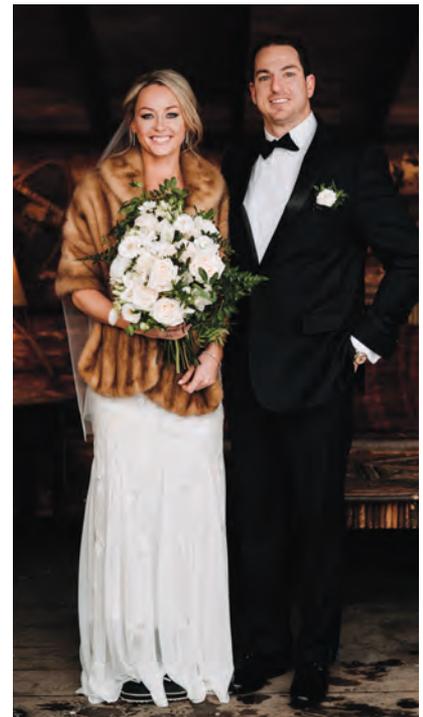


Amanda Brennan C'08 was married on Halloween 2018.



**The Alaverdian-Torcomian Wedding.**

Bride Larissa (Alaverdian) Torcomian C'08 and groom at center. Guests around them: Dave Cimino C'08, Bob Carella C'07, Courtney Muller C'08, Danielle (Dimarzo) Carella C'08, Adam Meshell C'08, Laura Fernandez, Jessica Honculada C'08, Cristina Manzi C'09, Josh Levin, Megan Gawlak C'08 and Frank Troia.



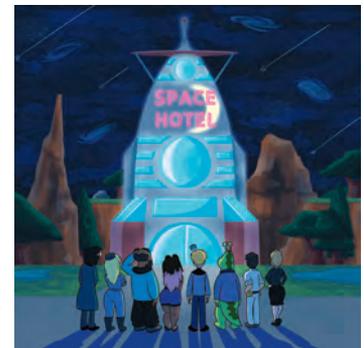
Cara Scheibling C'10 and Aidan Ehrenberg C'09, G'10 on their wedding day.



Sree Madappalli C'14 and her partner, Jim, in Paris.



NYC artist Anna Kasperowitz C'12.



Edgar Gonzalez's [C'12] new animated web series.

@Neuroddic



Allie Kramer C'14 volunteering in Costa Rica.



Christina McClellan Boer C'10, center, on her wedding day with Drew friends, from left to right: Jill Swirsky C'10, Jessica Hiller C'10, Adriana Durso C'11, G'15, Alexandra Aarons C'10, Aurelia Amoruso C'10 and Caitlin Colletti C'10.

## 2019 Alumni Achievement Award Winners

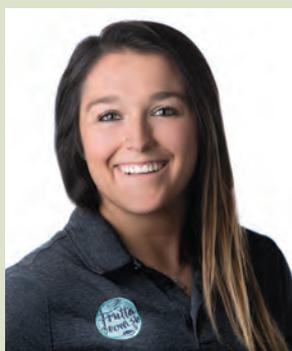
Presented at Reunion on June 1.



**Achievement Award in the Arts**  
Drew Martorella C'89



**Frances B. Sellers Award**  
Keisha Higgs C'00



**Young Alumni Award**  
Brooke Gagliano C'14

**90** **Linda (HagenBurger) Krebs** was chosen by the Garden State Film Festival as a co-recipient of the Festival's 2019 Educator of the Year award. She is a member and facilitator of the Monmouth County Shore Consortium for the Gifted and Talented, an organization dedicated to providing curriculum-driven enrichment opportunities to smaller school districts. Linda has over 20 years of experience in public education in New Jersey and is currently the school library media specialist at H.W. Mountz Elementary School in Spring Lake. After Drew, Linda earned master's degrees at the University of Wyoming and at Rutgers.

On Dec. 1, 2018, **Mark Cowell** was consecrated as the sixth bishop of the largely rural Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas. Like many of the clergy within the diocese, he will be a bivocational bishop. He will continue to serve as vicar of Episcopal parishes in the towns of Larned and Kinsley. A lawyer, Mark also works part time as Dodge City's municipal prosecutor and is currently in his second term as Hodgeman County attorney. He and his wife have three children.

**91** **Liz (Bloetjes) Campbell and Bill Campbell** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in May 2018.

They have two sons. Jake, 19, attends the University of Vermont, and Andrew, 16, attends the Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood, New Jersey, where Bill has worked for 24 years. Bill continues there as associate director of technology for academics. Liz is the director of resource development and marketing at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest New Jersey.

**Stephen J. Priola and Cathy Cerbo C'97** were both recognized for their service to the community of Parsippany, New Jersey, and for their embodiment of the values of scouting in their personal and professional lives. The awards were presented by the Boy Scouts of America Patriots' Path Council in March 2018. See photo, page 33.

**Steve Prichett** was named managing director of Evergreen Advisors, a middle-market investment bank and corporate advisory firm, with offices in Columbia and McLean, Virginia.

Prior to Evergreen, Steve was a partner of Vicour, a Baltimore-based private equity firm. After Drew, Steve earned master's degrees at Johns Hopkins and at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

**Archibald Cox III**, a lifelong equestrian who rode competitively for Drew, is now living in the Los Angeles area. He founded his own hunter/jumper barn, Brookway Stables, in Lake View Terrace, California, in 2000 and continues the business today.

**92** **Tom Fowler**  
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**Susan (Garcia) King** and her husband, Michael Paul King, say hello from their home in Morristown (and sometimes their

Manhattan apartment). She is a stay-at-home mom who also works managing editorial research, while Michael is a financial planning director. Susan and Michael have been married since before graduation, in 1989, and lived in married student housing at Drew. They have "one exceptional teen son," the apple of their eye, 14-year-old Michael. Susan said she'd love to hear from other Drewids at [susiemj1204@gmail.com](mailto:susiemj1204@gmail.com), or you can connect on Facebook with Susie MJ (Susan Garcia King).

**Ann Wallace**, an associate professor of English at New Jersey City University in Jersey City, says her debut poetry collection, *Counting by Sevens*, is slated for publication in 2019 by Main Street Rag Press. Ann began writing poetry seven years ago "as a form that allowed me to make sense of the cancer of my twenties and the multiple sclerosis of my present. In writing my poetry collection, my focus has both (often simultaneously) narrowed and broadened, shifting from the pains and wounds of a nation, to moments of girlhood and motherhood, to reflections on living with diseases that overwhelm at times, and slip from notice at others." The poetry collection should be of particular interest to fellow Drewids, as two of the poems are elegies for **Jason Stover** and **Anne Garrison C'90**, while the pieces about cancer travel back to her final semester at Drew, most pointedly in her poem "Commencement," about her hair falling out on graduation day. Ann's published work, as well as the link to the collection, is posted at [AnnWallacePhD.com](http://AnnWallacePhD.com).

**Yesha Naik** has been a youth services librarian at Brooklyn Public Library for over a decade (save for a one-year stint in California). "Over the years, I've worked with both teens and children, and I love it," she says. If anyone in Brooklyn or New York City would like to meet up, Yesha says she'd love to get together. You can find her on Facebook (or stop by one of the library branches to return that overdue book).

**Vanessa Allen Sutherland** was elected by Norfolk Southern as senior vice president of law and chief legal officer. Vanessa has previously held various government and corporate legal positions, including serving as chief executive officer and chairperson of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board and as chief counsel with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. See photo, page 33.

**Christa (Kessler) Riddle** was chosen as the coordinator of the Howell (New Jersey) Municipal Alliance, part of the statewide Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse program for community-based substance abuse prevention strategies. Christa has 10 years of volunteer experience with the Alliance. After leaving Drew, Christa earned a master's in teaching at Monmouth University.

If you have news of your own to share in a future issue, you can drop me a line at [DrewUClassof1992@gmail.com](mailto:DrewUClassof1992@gmail.com).

## 93 Dawn (Pirozzi) Maxemow dawnmax@hotmail.com

**Brian J. Duff**, an equity partner at the law firm of Kalavruzos, Mumola, Hartman & Lento, became president of the Mercer County (New Jersey) Bar Association in January 2019.

**Rita Ann Aquilio**, a lawyer, is now practicing with Lawrence Law, a firm in Watchung, New Jersey, that opened in January 2019. Rita practices in the areas of divorce, child support, custody and post-judgment issues. She is a member of the editorial board of the *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*, the professional journal of the New Jersey State Bar Association. After Drew, Rita earned her law degree at Western New England College School of Law.

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### 25th Reunion

**Christopher Klein** had a book released by Doubleday on March 12, 2019. *When the Irish Invaded Canada* tells the outlandish story of the self-proclaimed Irish Republican Army, composed of Union and Confederate Civil War veterans, who set off on one of the most fantastical missions in military history—to kidnap the British territory of Canada and ransom it for Ireland's independence. See photos, page 33.

**Kevin M. Ralph** has recently joined The Angeletti Group as a vice president, leaving his prior role as the senior vice president and chief development officer of the Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation.

## 95 Peter Bruckmann Jr. drewclassof1995@gmail.com

Thank you to all who contributed to our notes. Please keep them coming!

**Taylor "TJ" Huttner** and I met up in Long Branch, New Jersey, for a dinner and drinks, as he was in town for a conference. He is with Amazon and finishing a rotation at the Seattle headquarters. He will be moving back East with his wife, Jean, and three daughters. He would be happy to give anyone a tour of The Spheres while he's there! He was awarded his second patent in late 2018 for "systems and methods for initiating action based on audio output device."

**Kevin Kelly** recently started a new job running the North American business for AplusA, a health care marketing research company headquartered in Lyon, France.

**Jaqueline (Jacqui) Firkins** lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she enjoys socialized health care and teaches costume design as a full-time member of the University of British Columbia faculty. Her first novel, *Hearts, Strings, and Other Breakable Things*, comes out this fall.

**Kathleen Minogue** was quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* in a November 2018 article about asking friends and family for startup cash on social media. She is excited to report that her crowdfunding education and consulting company, Crowdfund Better, is working under a National Science Foundation America's Seed Fund grant in partnership with The

Local Crowd, a crowdfunding platform out of Laramie, Wyoming, to develop a crowdfunding-focused ecosystem to support the emerging fourth sector of the economy.

**Sarah (Saunders) Buhre** is in her 19th year of teaching deaf infants and toddlers in California. She sees **Caylin Sanders** a couple of times a year in Brooklyn and keeps in touch with a few other Drewids via Facebook.

**Victor Afanador** and his wife, **Dawn (Wilczynski) C'97**, had their second daughter, Alexa Juliana, in January 2018. She is now 1! Their elder daughter, Ella Celenia, is 9. Victor maintains his role practicing law as a partner at the firm DePalma Greenberg in Newark, New Jersey.

**Trondell Dupree** is currently teaching language arts in Orange, New Jersey. Her niece and nephews, who are the loves of her life, are doing awesome things, as are Trondell's students. Trondell is so proud of all and loves her work with her students. She says that she misses her fellow Drewids and hopes everyone is well.

**Susann Rutledge** is happy to report that she married Evangelos Vasilakis in September in Milford, Pennsylvania. They now live in Brooklyn with their 2-year-old daughter and Evangelos' daughter (10) and son (12).

**96 Claudia Vega-DeCarlo's** daughter, Angela DeCarlo, passed away in November 2018 after a nearly two-year battle with cancer. Loved ones from near and far gathered to be with Angela in her final days, emphasizing the awe-inspiring impact that Angela had on each one of her communities. Angela's grace and kindness radiated beyond her immediate connections, and support for her and her family throughout her fight came from all over. Claudia has named the Ullman Cancer Fund for Young Adults as a charity for memorial donations.

## 97 Dan Ilaria dilaria@msn.com

**Sue (Burnham) Raven** says it's been a busy time with getting their family's house built, and they have now moved in and love it! They're a half-mile from the border of Maine's Acadia National Park. They love spending time in the park almost every week. Addy is now 8 and an aspiring harp player. Isa's 11 and working hard on her artwork. Now that they're settled in, there's a tad more time to travel, with a trip to Quebec and also to Sanibel. They are looking forward to hosting friends and family from near and far now that they're in a great location, which is easier to visit than their previous island home. Sue says there's an open invite to Drewid friends!

**Christina (DiGeronimo) Master**, including her husband, Sameet, and two children, Mahlia and Ben, relocated to Portland, Oregon, about four years ago. Since moving, Christina has opened two Portland-area businesses. The first offers educational advocacy, where she represents children in schools with regard to their individual education plans, service plans and 504

plans. Her organization business helps families with special needs.

**Marti Winer C'97, G'17** has moved to Las Vegas to serve as vice president at MGM Resorts Event Productions, working with all of the hotels operated by MGM Resorts International.

**Debra (Pierce) Coen** was elected to the Madison (New Jersey) Borough Council. She has also been volunteering in the Drew admissions office as part of the volunteer alumni network, helping with interviews of prospective students. Her eldest has begun his college search (including a tour of Drew), and the twins will enter high school next year.

**Brandi Gestri** just started a master's degree program in nutrition education at American University while still practicing internal medicine full time in Brewster, New York. She wrote her first research paper in over two decades on the topic of weight gain in menopause. Brandi also performed in a local production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and is singing in some cabarets to keep her hands in the creative side of things as well.

**Laura Dougherty** joined the faculty in the theatre and dance department at Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She is really digging the Twin Cities and so grateful to be working at a small liberal arts institution.

**Cathy Cerbo** and **Stephen Priola C'91** were both recognized for their service to the community of Parsippany, New Jersey, and for their embodiment of the values of scouting in their personal and professional lives. The awards were presented by the Boy Scouts of America Patriots' Path Council in March 2018. See photo, page 33.

**Dan Ilaria** has changed departments at West Chester University, joining the new secondary education department that he helped create over the past two years. He is also taking on a role as project director for the Woodrow Wilson Pennsylvania Teaching Fellowship, training teachers in STEM education fields in collaboration with the Philadelphia School District. Dan has also accepted a consulting position with Illustrative Mathematics, delivering professional development to teachers across the country.

## 98 Kristen Daily kwilliams3@drew.edu

Hello, classmates! Here's the news I have from all of our fellow C'98ers.

In February 2019, **Peter Herman** successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in theology at Georgetown University, while **Janine Calabro** continues to safeguard the health and well-being of D.C.'s favorite companion animals at Friendship Hospital for Animals, where she is the head of emergency medicine and critical care. She's also teaching their 3-year-old son, Oscar, the finer points of backyard gardening and butterfly habitat maintenance.

**Erik Slagle** is still living in Linden, New Jersey, with his wife and daughter, and has a handful of self-published books on Amazon. Last year, he left his full-time job to focus

on running his own tutoring service and communications business, which can be found at [JPMCommunicationsOnline.com](http://JPMCommunicationsOnline.com). Erik says he's always happy to offer special rates and services to Drew grads and families!

**Jessica Bowen** is the new director of the Nanuet (New York) Public Library.

I had a hello from **Casey O'Donnell**, and though he had no news to report, he mentioned how great it is to hear from classmates. Indeed it is, Casey.

Please send me your news for our next column!

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## 20th Reunion

**Dawn Mooney Digrius** C'99, G'05, '07 was named executive director at STEM Advantage, a 501(c)(3) charity based in Southern California that offers assistance to women and underrepresented students majoring in science, technology, engineering and math at five California State University campuses in the greater Los Angeles region. Dawn was also accepted into a master's degree program at the University of Oklahoma. She is engaged to be married to Robert F. Smith.

**Joseph Giannini** was named partner in the New York office of the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright. Joseph represents financial institutions and companies in a wide range of financing transactions. After Drew, Robert earned his law degree at Georgetown. See photo, page 33.

**James F. Fiorentino** has made a career

as an artist by painting some of the biggest names in the sports world. At age 15, one of his paintings of baseball legend Reggie Jackson was displayed at Jackson's induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Today, James is well known in Saratoga Springs, New York, for his action images of the racehorses and their jockeys.

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**Janet Wong; [janetpwong@gmail.com](mailto:janetpwong@gmail.com)**

**Kim Engan** became a partner at the law firm of Destribats Campbell Staub & Schroth in Hamilton, New Jersey, where she practices family law. At this writing in March 2019, Kim and Jason Greenberg were planning to be married in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in April 2019. Congratulations, Kim! We look forward to an update for the next issue.

**Liz Fraser** earned a master's in social work at Columbia University in 2003. She has lived in Walla Walla, Washington, since 2011. Liz is a partner in Time and Direction Wines and a medical case manager at Blue Mountain Heart to Heart, an agency that works with people living with HIV/AIDS. She has three children, ages 13, 11 and 9.

**Jozef Purdes** and his wife, Monika, welcomed their first son, Joseph, in 2018, and are expecting their second son this year. They have settled down in Dublin, Ireland.

**Keisha Higgs** was selected as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Frances B. Sellers Award, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019.

**Phil Beekman** has recently left The Angeletti Group to become a senior vice president at the Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation of Flemington, New Jersey.

Thank you for your updates from near and far.

**01** **Maren (Watkins) Calzia**  
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**Amanda McPhillips** now lives in Venice, California. She had a baby, Archie Ryan McPhillips, in October 2018. See photo, page 34.

**Nick Szobota** began work as rector (pastor) of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Colonial Beach, Virginia, in August 2018. He is enjoying life in a scenic town on the Potomac River. His debut performance with the local community theatre, Colonial Beach Playhouse, was in December 2018 as George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. See photo, page 34.

**Tara (Mole) Meara** and her husband, PJ Meara, recently took a trip to Disney. Her two little girls, Liliana and Marjorie, had a magical adventure there! See photo, page 34.

Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, **Anna Reed**, an avid puzzler, recently completed a really hard jigsaw puzzle: The Garden of Earthly Delights by Hieronymus Bosch. Though the

puzzle was a solo venture, Anna received moral support from her life partner, Nate Puchalski. Good work, Anna!

**Steve Caponegro** C'01, G'09 and **John Tiesi** had a get-together with their families at Steve's house recently. See photo, page 33.

**Bryan Zanisink** and Anna Kaschel were married in March 2018 at Audubon Park in New Orleans, under the Southern live oak known as the Tree of Life. After Drew, Bryan earned an MFA at Hunter College, and he is a visual artist focusing on sculpture, installation and performance. He has taught and lectured across the United States.

**02** **David Lee**  
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**Perzavia Praylow** has completed her first year as the pastor of Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. She is also performing historical research for the National Council of Churches. She now resides in the greater D.C. area.

Congrats to **Ben Bartolone**, who accepted a position at Gorgeous Entertainment, a theatre, film and special events company in New York City. Ben is also presenting season two of the *Bluestone Project*, a reading series on a mission to bring more empathy to a divided nation through his own theatre company, Kef Theatrical Productions.

**Zach Davis** is a senior data analyst for RWJBarnabas Health and its 11 affiliated hospital foundations. His responsibilities include metrics reporting and database maintenance.

The Dube-Soucy family is complete! **Trish Soucy** and Melissa Dube welcomed their third child into the world in October 2018. Emerson Mary Dube-Soucy is doing well and holding her own with her two older brothers. See photo, page 34.

**Steph Mazzarella** and Amanda Mazzarella were married in a tiny ceremony in November 2018. **Cathy Lomauro** was in attendance, and **Kristin Bruno** C'08 officiated. See photo, page 34.

**Laura Hoffmeister Fegraus** is vice president of external affairs, communications and brand for The Permanente Federation, Kaiser Permanente. She was honored as an "Up and Comer" by *Modern Healthcare* magazine. The annual awards program recognizes young executives age 40 or under who have made significant contributions in the areas of health care administration, management or policy.

Mini-reunion of future Drewids! **Ambre (Tousley) Dailey**, **Toral (Patel) Jendi** and **Stevan Overby Jendi** C'99 had a meetup in New York City this past winter with their children. See photo, page 34.

**03** **Justin A. Bonura** lives in Parsippany, New Jersey, with his wife and three sons and is a loan officer with NJ Lenders Corp. of Little Falls, New Jersey. He has recently been honored by his employer as a SocialSurvey top performer and was recognized as a top producer by the *Scotsman Guide*.

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**05** **Alessandro A. Apolito** has joined the law firm of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, as a partner in the firm's trusts and estates practice group. He focuses his practice on estate planning, probate, trust and guardianship litigation, representing both fiduciaries and beneficiaries. After Drew, he earned a law degree at Florida Coastal School of Law. See photo, page 34.

**Jayne Klein** married Carl Sposato on Sept. 8, 2018, at the Water Witch Club in Highlands, New Jersey. In attendance were **Colleen Maloney** and **Jennifer (Williams) Guevara**.

**06** **Jennifer (Troya) Biggers** [jennifertroya@gmail.com](mailto:jennifertroya@gmail.com)  
**Kelly (Hunter) Mauger** and her husband, John, welcomed a baby boy, Silas Paul, in October 2018. Silas joins big brothers Quinn, Everett and Cullen.

**Eileen Overbaugh** was one of seven elected to partnership at the law firm of Lowenstein Sandler in January 2019. She is a member of the firm's investment management group, where she advises hedge funds, private equity funds, venture funds and other pooled investment vehicles. Eileen earned her law degree at Seton Hall University School of Law.

**Ryan J. McDonald** was hired by Pennsylvania Trust as vice president of fixed income. He joins a team responsible for identifying and implementing the firm's taxable and tax-exempt fixed income strategy within the individual bond portions of client portfolios. In his time at Drew, Ryan majored in economics.

**08** **Erica (Palmieri) Stasio** [erica.palmieri@gmail.com](mailto:erica.palmieri@gmail.com)  
**Flora Manship** left the private practice of law and is now an assistant U.S. attorney in Atlanta. She lives in the Druid Hills neighborhood of Atlanta with her husband and two greyhounds.

In 2018, **Amanda Brennan** bought a house in Roselle Park, New Jersey, adopted a third cat, got married on Halloween, and moved into the role of head of content insights and social at Tumblr. **D'Arcy Sarnelle** was the "best person" at the wedding and designed all the florals. See photo, page 34.

**Maria Eliades'** essay, "Leaving Istanbul," was published in *The Puritan* in 2017 and was named a notable essay in *The Best American Essays 2018*.

**Larissa (Alaverdian) Torcomian's** 2018 wedding was attended by many Drews, including **Dave Cimino**, **Bob Carella** C'07, **Courtney Muller**, **Danielle (Dimarzo) Carella**, **Adam Meshell**, **Jessica Honculada**, **Cristina Manzi** C'09 and **Megan Gawlak**. See photo, page 35.

**10** **Delia Barr** [delia.k.barr@gmail.com](mailto:delia.k.barr@gmail.com)  
Athletic adventurers **Cara Scheibling** and **Aidan Ehrenberg** C'09, G'10 were married at Whiteface Lodge, Lake Placid, New York, in February 2019. See photo, page 35.

**Christina McClellan** married Adam Boer in October 2018 at the Rolling Road Golf

Club in Catonsville, Maryland, where the couple now resides. In attendance were fellow Drew alumni **Jill Swirsky**, **Jessica Hiller**, **Adriana Durso** C'11, G'15, **Alexandra Aarons**, **Aurelia Amoruso** and **Caitlin Colletti**. See photo, page 35.

**12** **John Dabrowski** [jdabrowski315@gmail.com](mailto:jdabrowski315@gmail.com)  
**Rachel Gisela Cohen** received a National Endowment for the Arts creative equity fellowship from the Vermont Studio Center in 2018. Most recently, she had a solo exhibition titled *Camouflage* at Hunter College. Rachel is currently an artist, independent curator and educator at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City.

**Daniel Fleming** C'12, G'13 is engaged to marry Krishna Kothary later in 2019, and they are planning a wedding at Duke Gardens in Somerset County, New Jersey. We hope for an update in the next issue.

**Edgar Gonzalez** announced the creation of his animated web series, *Space Hotel*, a sci-fi comedy series that follows the main character, Job McCony, at his new job as a front-desk clerk. Several Drew alumni are involved in the project, including **Kay Halverson** C'11, **Courtney Ferrucci**, **Anna Kasperowitz**, **Kate Devorak** C'13 and **Emilia Domanowski** C'13. You can support the making of *Space Hotel* at the following GoFundMe page: [bit.ly/SupportSpaceHotel](http://bit.ly/SupportSpaceHotel). See photo, page 35.

**Anna Kasperowitz** recently accepted an offer of employment as an admission associate at the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City. She previously worked at Christie's in Rockefeller Center as a gallery assistant. Over the past year, she has shown her art in three New York City-area galleries and remains involved in arts communities. See photo, page 35.

**Whitney McClees** recently started a job in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, as the town's conservation agent and sustainability coordinator. Her job entails educating the public about why wetlands are important and what activities are allowable in and around protected resource areas. She also manages sustainability-related programs and grants to help improve the town's energy efficiency and resiliency to coastal hazards and climate change. Whitney is having a lot of fun, and she and her partner live right around the corner, so the commute is great.

**Victoria Ault** C'12, G'14 is in her first year as a history teacher and assistant girls basketball coach at St. Mary's in Lynn, Massachusetts, which is part of Boston's North Shore. She will also serve as St. Mary's field hockey coach for fall 2019. Victoria excelled in both sports in high school but continued only with basketball at the collegiate level. "If I could have played both (in college), I would have," Victoria said. "I'm excited to be back into coaching. I was going to pursue coaching as a career, but when I got my master's in education, I fell in love with teaching. Being at St. Mary's

gives me the opportunity to do both."

**Matthew A. Brisotti** has been named head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He has previously coached at Drew and at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, New Jersey.

**13** **Nathaniel O. Barrett** is the director of a barbershop chorus, the Morris Music Men (of Morris County, New Jersey). The group has doubled in size under Nate's direction in the past three years.

**14** **Bridget McRory** [bmcroly6@gmail.com](mailto:bmcroly6@gmail.com)  
**Alexandra Norman** is finishing a master's in private school leadership at Columbia University. She will then serve as the associate head of school at Tilden Preparatory School, a small progressive private school in the Bay Area, where she taught before enrolling at Columbia.

In February, **Allie Kramer** traveled to Costa Rica as a volunteer with the organization International Volunteer HQ, assisting with special needs adults. "I went for a week, and it was a very full and rewarding experience. The organization was great from start to finish. I lived with a host family, experienced how the locals lived and met a handful of wonderful, kind people. I highly recommend if anyone is looking to do something different than your typical vacation, this is it!" See photo, page 35.

In the past year, **Sree Madappalli** became a registered nurse and began working for a wonderful company called Let Mommy Sleep. Sree has also spent time traveling with her partner, Jim, to Greece, France and the Netherlands. "My French minor at Drew was of great use, and it was amazing to be able to engage with local people while abroad. I have also become an active member of the Morris County Democratic Committee and have been working as a volunteer on political campaigns." See photo, page 35.

**Brooke Gagliano**, the founder of Frutta Bowls, was selected as the winner of the College Alumni Association's 2019 Young Alumni Award, which is slated, at this writing, to be given at Reunion on June 1, 2019. She was also named a winner of the International Franchise Association Foundation's 2019 NextGen in Franchising global grand prize competition. Four millennial entrepreneurs, hailing from the United States, the Philippines, Australia and Kenya, were selected from a group of 12 winners of the global competition. Moreover, in late 2018, she opened a new Frutta Bowls location within walking distance of Drew.



## The Theological School

**60s** **John E. Jordan** T'63 was honored by his undergraduate alma mater when he received a 2018 Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Award in October 2018. John and his wife, Pat, were given the Loyalty Award.

**70s** **Suzanne Geissler Bowles** T'79 retired in June 2018 from William Paterson University and was named professor of history emerita. She was also elected to the board of directors of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church.

**80s** **David F. Nixon** T'80 has written a new book, *It Only Takes a Spark: Leading Your Church to Growth and Vitality*. This book will empower pastors in leading a struggling church back to vibrancy after major decline, crisis or plateau. David is district superintendent emeritus for the Southern Florida District of the Church of the Nazarene. Prior to his nine years in Southern Florida, he served for 10 years on the Dallas District. He served 25 years as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene, pastoring churches in Florida, South Carolina, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee. He holds a bachelor's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University, an M.Div. from Nazarene Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. He currently resides in Columbia, South Carolina, with his wife, Kaye.

**Joseph W. Patterson III** T'80 retired from parish ministry in July 2018, after serving the UMC for 40 years. In retirement, he will serve as dean of the Leadership Academy, a new ministry of the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Foundation, and as a faculty member of the Leadership Academy's course of study. He and his wife, LuAnn, have two grown sons.

**Calvin O. Butts III** T'82, the longest-serving president of SUNY Old Westbury and pastor of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, has announced his retirement as university president, effective the spring semester of 2020. He plans to continue in

academia, likely teaching in the American studies department. Under Butts' two decades of leadership, SUNY Old Westbury experienced transformative change, including the development of many graduate programs.

**90s** **Clive Neil** T'91 has been the senior pastor of Bedford Central Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, New York, for over 30 years. He completed his doctoral degree at Drew after earning two master's degrees at Princeton. About his parish, he says, "I am missionary-minded—we have sponsored more than 1,000 trips to Haiti and Rwanda to help children with education, health and food. We serve as missionaries in Jamaica, Grenada and Guyana."

**Christopher P. Momany** T'92 released a book in the fall of 2018, *For Each and All: The Moral Witness of Asa Mahan*. It profiles the academic treatment of Asa Mahan, who was the first president of Oberlin College, a philosopher of note and an antislavery advocate before the Civil War. Chris has served as a parish pastor. He is now both chaplain, director of church relations and a professor at Adrian College in Michigan, where he himself was a student. He holds graduate degrees from Drew and Princeton Theological Seminary. See photo, page 41.

**Scott Oxford** T'94 recently retired after 30 years in parish ministry, which includes serving at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Episcopal churches in Burke County, North Carolina. In February, he presented a Black History Month program at the History Museum of Burke County, speaking about Father Eugene Lenoir Avery.

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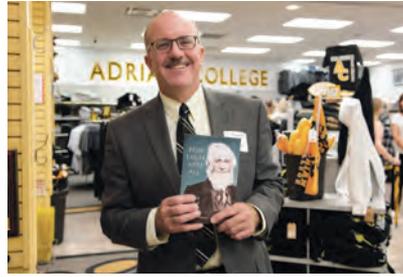
Joseph Patterson T'80 is embarking on a busy retirement.

**00s** **Wayne Croft** T'02, G'05, T'09 received an honorary doctorate of human letters from Villanova University in May 2018.

**William J. Barber II** T'03 was chosen for a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship in late 2018. Commonly (if not officially) known as “genius” grants, the fellowships recognize “exceptional creativity” in various fields. William is a North Carolina pastor who has become a leading civil rights activist. In 2013, when he was still president of the North Carolina NAACP, he rose to prominence with “Moral Monday” protests in Raleigh to combat voting rights restrictions.

**Mark Allen** T'05 was recently called to the pastorate of the United Methodist Church of Monroe, Connecticut. His wife, **Janice (Forreider) Allen** T'04, is his partner in ministry. They met at Drew.

**Dillon S. E. Burgin** T'09 is the pastor and founder of Harmony Tabernacle in Brooklyn, New York. A published author and playwright, he recently traveled to his native St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where he hosted the presentation of a play and a workshop at Frenches House in Kingstown.



Chris Momany T'92 at Adrian College, where he is both chaplain and a professor.

**10s** **Mark Karris** T'10 is a licensed therapist, author and ordained pastor. His new book, *Divine Echoes: Reconciling Prayer With the Uncontrolling Love of God*, with an accompanying workbook, has been endorsed by over 15 scholars and theologians, including Drew's Catherine Keller. The book contains contributions by Drew Theological School professors **Dr. Tanya Bennett** T'00, G'05, T'11, **Dr. Heather Elkins** G'89, '91 and **Dr. Laurel Kearns**.

**Matt Meinke** T'10 is the new general

presbyter of the Maumee Valley Presbytery, which serves northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan under the Presbyterian Church USA. He returns to Ohio after ministering in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He most recently served as presbytery leader for the Indian Nations Presbytery, which serves 47 congregations in central and southwest Oklahoma, and as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Duncan, Oklahoma.

**William M. Williams III** T'12 was recently called as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, New Jersey. He has previously served churches in Nebraska, Missouri, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He and his wife, Joyce, are the parents of a 7-year-old daughter and 4-year-old twin sons.

**Hillary Raining** T'14 recently published an article called *Revisiting the Rite of Reconciliation: All May, Some Should, None Must...But What if We Did?* It was first presented in 2017 to the liturgical theology seminar at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy in Washington, D.C. In 2018, it was featured in *Worship*, a peer-reviewed ecumenical journal for the study of liturgy.

## The Caspersen School

**DLitt** **Gillian R. Hettinger** G'82, '94, '00 an expert in British literature, teaches at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. In October, she gave a talk about *Frankenstein* at the Bernardsville, New Jersey, public library.

**Rebecca F. Conviser** G'06 has volunteered since 2012 with the drug court program in Morris and Sussex counties of New Jersey, helping ex-offenders to improve their writing skills, which assists them with recovery from addiction and improves their prospects of employment.

**Jude M. Pfister** G'07 recently released his sixth book on New Jersey and American history, *The Creation of American Law*. He is chief of cultural resources at Washington's Headquarters Museum at the Morristown (New Jersey) National Historical Park.

**Michael Walters** G'17 had an article published in *The Human Prospect*. The article is based upon his dissertation, “On Quests for Independence: Evolutions of Haiti, Ireland, and Colonialism.” His committee consisted of Caoimhin De Barra and **Ebenezer Obiri Addo** G'88, '94.

**PhD** **Jeffrey J. Richards** G'83, '85 made his seventh trip to Kiev, Ukraine, in September 2018. He taught and preached at the Kiev Regional Bible College in suburban Vyshneve, which shares its campus with the Church of the Gospel, a Ukrainian Baptist Church. Vyshneve is a growing city of about 100,000, with many



Stephen Wilkowski G'94, an engineer, is now with LGS Innovations.

newcomers who have fled conflict on the Russian border. Jeffrey is also a member of CAC, an educational nonprofit organization whose ongoing purpose is to promote goodwill and understanding between North American and Chinese cultures through

educational services and through academic and cultural exchange. Other Drew alumni members include **Diane Obenchain** C'70, **Don Thorsen** G'84, '88, **Joel Elowsky** T'08, '09 and **Thomas Reilly** C'12.

**Hillary Arthur Nixon** G'79, '84 published a book, *The Mystery of Ezekiel's Temple Liturgy*, Westbow Press, 2018.

**Liana F. Pehler** G'96, '01 is an exhibiting member of the Provincetown Art Association and Museum in Massachusetts. In October 2018, one of Liana's watercolors was included in the Tri-State Juried Exhibition sponsored by the Pascack Art Association of Northern New Jersey. In February 2019, one of her woodblock prints was offered in a fundraiser for multiple myeloma, an event organized by **Lisa Tomaszewski** G'99, '01, '06. Notecards of Liana's paintings, prints and collages are for sale in the gift shop of the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis, Massachusetts.

**Gretna A. Wilkinson** G'93, '02 is a noted educator and poet. She has published six

books of poems, the most recent of which is *Opening the Drawer*, and she has been recognized by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

**MLitt** **Stephen Wilkowski** G'94 has joined LGS Innovations in Florham Park, New Jersey. He started his engineering career with Bell Laboratories in 1980 and eventually retired from Nokia with over 35 years of service. Before joining LGS, he also did temporary work with IEEE and Verizon.

**MA** **Gregory S. Hoch** G'72, a Denver native, settled in Durango, Colorado, shortly after his time at Drew and served with the Durango community development department for 35 years, until his retirement in 2016.

**Wayne Croft** T'02, G'05, T'09 received an honorary doctorate of human letters from Villanova University in May 2018.

**MMH** **Paul M. Wangenheim** G'11, a cardiologist, has joined Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians and will practice at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's Northshire Campus in Manchester, Vermont.

**CMH** **Ana B. Bonetti** G'15, a medical doctor, is board certified in both internal medicine and pulmonology. She is now affiliated with Baptist Memorial Hospital in the Columbus, Mississippi, region.



## In Memoriam

The Drew community and its alumni associations extend their heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of those alumni and members of the Drew community listed below. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

### College of Liberal Arts

**LaVerne Keats** C'43, P'87 pursued a 34-year career with Prudential Insurance. An Army veteran of World War II, he also volunteered with Boy Scouts for 73 years and was an active member of the UMC in his hometown of Chalfont, Pennsylvania. He died peacefully at 97, in December 2018. LaVerne's survivors include Wilna, his wife of 58 years, three children (including Wilfred J. Keats II C'87) and five grandchildren.

**Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Auld Jr.** C'46, P'70, a Michigan resident, passed away in March 2017 at 93. He earned a doctoral degree at Yale and had a long career as a clinical psychologist and professor. He also served in the Army and spent time as a POW after fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Frank was preceded in death by his first wife, Elinor James, and his second wife, Elinor Levine. He leaves a sister; three children from his first marriage, including daughter Miriam Davis C'70; four grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**Jean (Bloom) Gonchar** C'47 taught sociology at Penn State's Hazelton campus and supported many charitable and community organizations, serving on boards and working as an executive for the women's service group of the Jewish Community Council. Jean died at home in Kingston, Pennsylvania, surrounded by family, in February 2019. She was 92. Jean was preceded in death by her first husband, Allan. Her survivors include Howard, her husband of almost 57 years, a brother, three children and three grandchildren.

**Margaret Shocklock Robbins** C'48 was described by her younger brother as an

expert tree climber. She was raised in Japan, the daughter of missionaries. Peggy and her husband raised their children in Indianapolis, eventually relocating to Texas to be closer to their grown children and grandchildren. Peggy died peacefully at home in Highland Village, Texas, in October 2018. She was 92. Her survivors include her husband of 72 years, Stephen M. Robbins C'45, four children and their families, including seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Joan (Binder) Caramagna** C'49, a New Jersey native, raised her own family principally in Bloomfield, New Jersey. She worked as a secretary at Upsala College and at Presbyterian churches. She passed away at 91, in January 2019, a resident of Pompton Plains, New Jersey. Joan was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Domenic Caramagna C'47. Her survivors include two children, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**R. Robinson Chance Jr.** C'50 volunteered to join the Navy at 17 and served in World War II. After Drew, he earned a law degree at Rutgers and then launched a successful career in trusts and estates in Ocean City, New Jersey. He later ran large trust departments throughout the country. He died at 92 in December 2018, at his daughter's home in Richmond, Virginia. He was preceded in death by Elizabeth, his wife of over 50 years, and he leaves three children and their families, including five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Edward Leslie Byrnes Jr.** C'51 went on to the University of Pennsylvania after Drew, earning a graduate degree. After a period of military service, he taught history, finishing his career at Newark Academy in Livingston,

New Jersey. He also curated the Bicentennial exhibition at the New Jersey State Museum. He passed away in his sleep at 89, in September 2018. A resident of Greenfield, Massachusetts, he leaves a niece and two nephews.

**Robert B. Kraeuter** C'51 grew up in West Orange, New Jersey, and eventually built a home for himself there. He spent over 30 years supervising the maintenance of electronics for the Port Authority, through the period of time in which the World Trade Center was built and the George Washington Bridge was expanded. Robert died in December 2017, a resident of Port Reading, New Jersey. He was 92. He leaves a brother, three daughters and seven grandchildren who recall that "there was nothing Gramps couldn't do or figure out."

**Julian M. Brown** C'52 served in the Army immediately after high school and then went to Drew. He pursued a career in sales and marketing, principally in the Midwest. He returned to his native Millville, New Jersey, in retirement, and was an active volunteer for many years. In December 2018, Julian passed away at 90 at his home in Millville. He is survived by Nancy, his wife of 66 years, and four children and their families, including three grandchildren.

**Barbara (Barnes) Townley** C'53 proceeded from Drew to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and she then worked for the television network ABC, where she met her husband. She traveled the world and loved participating in community theater. Barbara passed away peacefully in February 2019, in her hometown of Damariscotta, Maine. She was 90. Her survivors include Lawrence, her husband of 61 years, two children and a granddaughter.

**Converse M. West** C'53 went on to Korea after Drew, serving in the Army. He then pursued a 30-year career in the insurance industry. He donated enormous amounts of volunteer time in the community of Alexandria, Virginia, where he settled and lived out his life. Connie died in March 2019 at 87. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nedja, his survivors include a brother, two nephews, two stepsons, two step-grandsons and his companion, Julia.

**Edward Newman** C'56 devoted much of his career to mainstreaming those with developmental disabilities into society. A professor at Temple University's school of social work and executive director of Temple's developmental disabilities center, he was also a commissioner for the disabled in the Nixon administration. He passed away at home in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, in August 2018. He was 84. He leaves Claire (Dresner) Newman C'56, his wife of 61 years, three children and seven grandchildren.

**Jean (Barbour) Peterson** C'56 went to the University of Pittsburgh after Drew, and became an elementary school teacher. She later taught writing at Carnegie Mellon's Osher Institute. She married Joel, a professor of engineering at Pitt. She is remembered as a dedicated builder of communities, with tireless effort on behalf of the Girl Scouts, the PTA, the YMCA, the Red Cross, Presbyterian Hospital and other organizations. Jean died at 83, a resident of Saluda, Virginia, in August 2018. She was preceded in death by Joel and leaves many relatives, including three sisters, two children and six grandchildren.

**Gail A. White** C'56 was a longtime educator in Schenectady, New York, teaching third grade and serving as director of Christian education for Trinity (now Faith) UMC there. She became a successful real estate agent after retiring from the public schools. She loved domestic and international travel. Gail passed away at 84 in August 2018. She leaves many nieces and nephews, and their children and grandchildren.

**Charles H. Straut Jr.** C'58, T'62,'77, P'81,'84,'91 was a member of the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. His children describe him as a pastor, an activist, a loving father and husband, a moral compass and the best back scratcher. At Drew, he was an emeritus trustee. Chick passed away in December 2018. His survivors include his wife and Drew classmate, Judith (Hawkins) Straut C'58, P'81,'84,'91, and many other family members, including a son, David C. Straut C'81 with his wife, Donna (Keller) Straut C'81; and two daughters: Susan (Straut) Collard C'84 and Jennifer (Straut) Eager C'91 with her husband, Matthew D. Eager C'91.

**Richard Allen Madigan** C'59 pursued a career in museum administration, and his roles included director of the Norton Museum in West Palm Beach, Florida, and assistant director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. He also pursued graduate work at American University and the University of Delaware, and he won a

fellowship for European studies. He passed away in April 2018 in New York City, at 80. Richard leaves his wife, Leslie, four sons and three grandchildren.

**Elizabeth (Drysdale) Riordan** C'60 grew up riding horses in Chester, New Jersey, was an avid participant in many sports, and met her husband, James R. Riordan C'59, at Drew. They settled in New Jersey and then in 2004 retired to Aiken, South Carolina, to be closer to their grandchildren. Liz died in August 2018, at 79. She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Riordan Sr. C'59. Her survivors include their two sons and their families, including four grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.

**Richard L. Sears** C'60 became a Methodist minister and served churches in New York state and Vermont. He also enjoyed over 60 years in the Barbershop Harmony Society, singing with various groups. Richard passed away at home in Gloversville, New York, with his wife by his side, in December 2018. He was 79. His survivors include Janice (Becker) Sears C'61, his wife of 56 years, two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Kenneth E. Thomson** C'60 studied both electrical engineering and languages, attending Tufts and the Universities of Connecticut, New Hampshire and Munich (Germany), as well as Drew. He had a 40-year career as a modern language teacher and went to Germany on a Fulbright teacher exchange. Ken was an avid cyclist—riding, coaching and working on bikes. He died in December 2018 at age 82, a resident of North Reading, Massachusetts. Ken is survived by Beth, his wife of 55 years, a sister, two children and two grandsons, and other family members.

**Linda C. (Silance) Dixon** C'61 worked as a copywriter for the *Herald News* in Passaic, New Jersey, after her time at Drew. She passed away in February 2019, a resident of Provincetown, Massachusetts, where she and her husband had retired. Linda leaves her husband, Robert K. Dixon T'60, and family members including three sons and three grandchildren.

**Peter G. Mosher** C'61 considered it a privilege to teach yoga, Tai Chi and meditation. A resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, he passed away at 70, in August 2018. Peter is survived by Lydia, his wife of 55 years; a sister; and two sons and their families, including three grandchildren.

**Richard M. Lahn** C'64 moved to the Washington, D.C. area after Drew to work as a systems analyst for NASA. He later served as a project manager for the land and natural resources division of the U.S. Department of Justice. In retirement, he rededicated his attention to the environment and earned a Sierra Club Lifetime Achievement award. He also fought for racial justice with the local chapter of the NAACP and enjoyed sunrise yoga on the Annapolis city dock. He died at his home in Crofton, Maryland, on Thanksgiving 2018. He was 76. Dick is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elaine, two children and other relatives.

**William P. Taggart** C'64 became the

founder and CEO of Lion Technology, an environmental and safety training provider based in Sparta, New Jersey. He was also a talented jazz musician, playing mostly tuba. Bill passed away peacefully in January 2019, a resident of Andover Township, New Jersey. He was 77. Bill's survivors include Patricia, his wife of 41 years; three daughters, two sons and their families, including eight grandchildren; a sister and many nieces and nephews.

**Stewart A. Crank Sr.** C'65, P'92, A'17 was first ordained a Methodist deacon and served churches part time while also working as a building contractor. He was later ordained an elder and served many churches in the North Carolina conference of the UMC. Stewart passed away in Greensboro, North Carolina, surrounded by his family, in February 2019. He was 75. He leaves Martha, his wife of 40 years; his mother; five children and their spouses (including daughter Jennifer (Crank) Potts C'92 and her husband, Warren Potts C'90); 11 grandchildren (including granddaughter Marley A. Crank C'17); five siblings and Linda Keister C'66, P'92, A'17, his former wife.

**David C. Mut** C'66, G'78, a Methodist minister, served UMC churches in New York state and Connecticut. He also pursued numerous community service projects. He passed away in November 2018 at 74, a resident of New London, Connecticut. David leaves his sister and many other family members, including nieces and nephews.

**Richard Cromwell** C'70, an Episcopal priest, served parishes in New Jersey. After doctoral studies in pastoral counseling, he focused on alcohol and drug counseling and AIDS education while continuing to assist with parish ministry. Richard and his wife, Margaret, retired to Oahu, where he died in January 2019. He was 71, a resident of Kailua, Hawaii. He leaves Margaret, one son, his mother and a brother.

**David T. Bannish** C'72 pursued the classics at Drew and then in a doctoral program at UNC Chapel Hill. At 30, he returned to the family farm in Westfield, Massachusetts, took up computer science at Westfield State, and also met Ruth, who would become his wife of 34 years. He went on to a long career in the computer field. He and Ruth raised a family of three children along with flowers and produce on his family farm. David passed away at 68, surrounded by family, in February 2019. He is survived by Ruth, their children, his siblings and their families.

**Joan (Wilckens) Pittis** C'74 pursued graduate studies at Parsons School of Design after her time at Drew, and she later taught studio art and computer graphics at Drew and at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, New Jersey. Joan was an active artist, gardener and chorister at Grace Episcopal Church in Madison, New Jersey. She died peacefully at 85, a resident of Madison, in October 2018. Joan was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Bertram, and by her twin sister, Janet. She is survived by two children and many other relatives.

**Francis C. "Frank" Brady** C'75 was

drafted to play professional soccer with the Philadelphia Atoms after graduation from Drew. He later coached at the high school and college levels. He also worked for over 25 years in operations, logistics and transportation for Redner's Markets. He died in January 2019 at home in Muhlenberg Township, Pennsylvania, at age 65. Frank is survived by Kyle, his wife of 41 years, their two daughters, four grandchildren, three siblings and other relatives.

**Gregory A. Molyneux** C'76 went on to Vermont Law School after Drew and had his own legal practice in Pluckemin, New Jersey. He was also a bass player and lead singer with local bands and an avid outdoorsman, volunteering at the Delaware Water Gap. Gregory passed away in November 2018 at his home in Lebanon Township, New Jersey. He was 64. His survivors include two sons, a sister and their families.

**Henry G. Twombly** C'76, a resident of Sedona, Arizona, died unexpectedly while sitting outside at home, reading, in September 2018. He was 66. A middle school social studies teacher in Florida and New York, he moved to Sedona in 2008. He became an active volunteer there but returned to New Hampshire in the summers. Henry is survived by his brother and family, including two nieces and a great-nephew.

**David J. Purdy** C'80 studied religion at Drew, where he met his wife. He then earned a master's in library science at Columbia. He managed libraries and information services in the aerospace industry, working for NASA and others. David passed away a resident of Colorado in November 2018. He was 60. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Oliva-Purdy C'81, their daughter, his siblings and several nieces and nephews.

**Alistair G. Scovil** C'80, a native of British Columbia, studied physics and economics at Drew and the University of Toronto, but his love of cars won out. He started a repair shop in Gladstone, New Jersey, and became known for his skill with British cars and other exotics. He started a second shop after moving to Port Townsend, Washington, in 1981. Ali died at home in Port Townsend in November 2018. He was 65. He leaves Adrienne M. Huran C'79, his wife of nearly 40 years, their two children, and many other relatives and friends.

**Robert Eric Hall** C'81 was an attorney, having earned his law degree at Temple. He practiced law in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley for many years and also worked with the victim impact panel of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. He passed away in November 2018 at 59, a resident of Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. He leaves his wife, Rebecca, his parents, four children, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

**Virginia (Green) Prescott** C'82 worked for 30 years as a therapist and counselor in Princeton, New Jersey, having done graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and Rutgers after her time at Drew. She passed away in September 2018, at 58, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Virginia's survivors include two

sons, two siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

**Frank N. Shitemi** C'83, a resident of Kitale, Kenya, passed away in October 2018. He was 58. He leaves many family members, including his wife, Loise, two children and four siblings. One of his siblings is Chris Shitemi C'83.

**Andrew Drysdale** C'85, a resident of Mendham, New Jersey, passed away in December 2018. He was 56. A history major, he became a skilled first-person interpreter of living history, knowledgeable about farming, beekeeping, ice cutting, blacksmithing, beekeeping, ice cutting, blacksmithing, sawmilling and military history. He served as captain and chaplain of a Civil War reenactment group.

**Bernadette M. Micchelli** C'85 was a senior account executive and fragrance evaluator at Orpheus Ltd. Perfumers in Rockaway, New Jersey. She lived in Weehawken, New Jersey, and was an active volunteer at her church and for the homeless. Bernadette passed away in February 2019, at 55. Bernadette leaves many family members, including her brother and uncles.

**Ann Tompkins Menozzi** C'88 worked for several major retailers in Charlotte, North Carolina, and in northern Virginia. She led a Bible study class at Galilee UMC in Sterling, Virginia, where she lived in the Potomac Falls section. She passed away in August 2018. Ann is survived by her husband, Bruce A. Menozzi C'71; three daughters and their families, including six grandchildren; a brother and other relatives.

**Anne-Marie (Motto) Shipe** C'91 was originally from Shamokin, Pennsylvania. She earned a law degree at Georgia State University after her time at Drew. Anne-Marie passed away at 48, a resident of Brookhaven, Georgia, in November 2018. She is survived by her husband, Dan.

**Melissa (Santiago) Martin** C'03 became a pediatric nurse practitioner after her time at Drew, studying at Columbia University. She loved children, and none more than her own two-year-old daughter, Serafina. A resident of Asbury Park, New Jersey, Melissa passed away in September 2018. She leaves her husband, Matt; their daughter, Serafina; her mother, two siblings and many other family members.

### Theological School

**Rena J. (Weller) Karefa-Smart** T'42—the first black woman to graduate from Yale Divinity School, or to earn a doctor of theology at Harvard—was a leader in the international movement to bring churches closer together. She met her husband, John, at an ecumenical conference in Oslo and they were married in 1948. His career took her to live for periods in Sierra Leone and Geneva, and she took up new causes in each location. Rena died at 97, in January 2019, at her daughter's home in Rancho Mirage, California. Preceded in death by John and by their son (John Karefa-Smart Jr. C'73), Rena's survivors include two daughters and five grandchildren.

**M. Maurice Caldwell Jr.** T'48 was drawn to Cuba by his interest in Hispanic cultures,

and he taught there for three years in the 1940s. He then became a minister with the Church of God, and his career included multiple terms of ministry in Mexico and Brazil with his wife of 67 years, Dondeena. Maurice passed away at 95, a resident of Anderson, Indiana, in August 2018. He leaves Dondeena, three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

**Horace M. Frantz** T'48, a Methodist minister, was ordained in 1948 and served many New Jersey churches, preaching full time for 41 years. He died in October 2018 at age 94, a resident of Burlington, New Jersey. Horace was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta, and one daughter. He is survived by one son, two grandchildren, four great-granddaughters and other relatives.

**Harold L. Knappenberger Jr.** T'48, known as Sammy, served 67 continuous years as a Methodist minister throughout western Pennsylvania. An active member of the NAACP, he was chosen for a human rights award. He died at 93, a resident of Washington, Pennsylvania, in September 2018. He leaves a large family, including his wife, Elsie; a brother; and four children and their families, with 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Arthur W. Bloom** T'54,'75 began preaching in 1948 and became a full member of the UMC New York Conference in 1957. He was preceded in death by Margaret "Peg" Reed Bloom C'55, his wife of 60 years, whom he met when he served as an assistant minister for Peg's father. Together, Art and Peg served five Methodist churches in New York state and raised a son and a daughter. Art died at 91, a resident of Groton, Vermont, in February 2019. He leaves his children, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and in-laws, and dear friends, including Miriam and her family.

**Thomas W. Bare** T'55 became a Methodist minister and served many churches in Pennsylvania. He was also an avid woodworker. Thomas passed away at 88, a resident of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in January 2019. Preceded in death by his wife, Joan, and one grandson, he leaves two children and two grandchildren.

**G. Wayne Cummings** T'55 served many UMC churches in a long pastoral career. He began preaching in 1948. Wayne died at home in Johnson City, Tennessee, in December 2018. He was 87. Wayne's survivors include his wife of 66 years, Patricia, two children, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and siblings.

**Jack L. Adams** T'56 began his career in 1950, serving four tiny Methodist churches in the vicinity of Crab Orchard, Illinois. Many other parishes followed, along with civic involvement in each community where he served, and many opportunities for golf. Jack died peacefully in January 2019, a resident of Ballwin, Missouri. He was 87. Jack was predeceased by Mary Lou, his wife of 60 years, and later married Annie, who survives him, along with four sons, two stepchildren, eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren

## Remembering Ron Baenninger

Beloved “first spouse” will be deeply missed.



**Dr. Ronald Baenninger** passed away on March 29, 2019, at 81. He was born in Yokohama, Japan, where his intrepid parents had gone to start their careers. His father was from a small town near Zurich, Switzerland, and his mother was from a farm family in Saskatchewan. Ron was raised in Yokohama until age 5. Ron always remembered the excitement of the family's wartime nautical journey away from Japan under cover of darkness. Ron's upbringing continued in Saskatchewan, then Montreal, and finally in Montclair, New Jersey, where he went to high school and eventually became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Throughout his life, Ron held fond memories of the kindness and caring of his parents' Japanese colleagues and friends.

Ron earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, followed by a master's degree at Carnegie Mellon University (then Carnegie Tech) and a doctorate in psychology at Johns Hopkins University. He then began a 40-year career as a professor and research psychologist at Temple University. Ron was a great teacher and a respected colleague and researcher in the field of inter- and intra-species aggression, serving for more than two decades as editor-in-chief of the journal *Aggressive Behavior*. He also studied common human behaviors that are rarely studied and became known as one of the world's foremost authorities on yawning.

In 1986, Ron married MaryAnn, and they supported each other's careers in higher education for over 30 years. Ron retired from Temple University in 2007 to become “first spouse” for each of MaryAnn's two college presidencies, first at College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and then at Drew.

Ron is survived by MaryAnn, his spouse of 32 years, and his children and their families: Maggie Baenninger Nass and Karl Nass; Dan Moore and Lucy Cucchiniello Moore; grandchildren Lukas and Sela Nass, and Jack and Luke Moore. Ron also leaves his brother and sister-in-law, Martin and Celia Baenninger; nephews Christopher and Olivier Baenninger and their families; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Leah and John Dillon; nieces Meredith and Juliette Dillon, and the extended Kyle and Bänninger families of Canada and Switzerland.

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and six great-grandchildren.

**Robert M. Eddy** T'56 loved a good cause, and this quality emerged early in life when he organized his fellow paper boys into a union. His career in Methodist and Unitarian Universalist parish ministry took him as far as Adelaide, Australia. He also studied family therapy after his time at Drew. He and his wife were avid cyclists, celebrating life milestones with long cycling trips in the U.S. and abroad. Bob was preceded in death by Gerry, his wife of 62 years. He leaves three children, one grandchild and other family members.

**Richard F. Brenneman** T'59 went to the University of Muenster, Germany, on a Fulbright Award. He became a Methodist minister, serving churches in the U.S. and overseas as a Methodist missionary in Vienna and Salzburg. Richard died at 85, a resident of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, in October 2018. He leaves Lynne, his wife of 58 years, four children and 10 grandchildren.

**Paul H. von Tucher** T'61 was born in India and educated in Britain and in the United States, where he was ordained and met his wife, Becky. Paul and Becky settled in the Franconia region of Germany, the home of

his forebears, and he earned a doctorate in theology at Erlangen. He died at 85 in April 2018, leaving Becky, their three children and their families, including grandchildren. His funeral was held in Erlangen, where he had often preached, and he was buried in the graveyard of the Tucher chapel in Simmelsdorf, Bavaria.

**Lon A. Speer** T'63 served for 40 years as a Methodist minister in several Texas parishes. He also worked as an editor at the UMC Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee, for 10 years. “L.A.,” as he was known, passed away at 87, in October 2018, in Sugar Land, Texas. Preceded in death by Mary, his wife of 62 years, and by their daughter, L.A. leaves their son, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Carolyn (Shimp) Van Dine** T'64 met her husband, Paul E. Van Dine T'64, in the train station in Jacksonville, Florida, as both were traveling to a Methodist student conference. They were married three years later, and their shared passion for ministry took them to Drew. Thereafter, Carolyn spent 39 years in Florida, supporting her husband's ministry, raising their children and teaching high

school. They retired to South Carolina. Carolyn died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by family, in January 2019. She was 81 and a resident of Irmo, South Carolina. Her survivors include Paul, her husband of 58 years; three children and their families, including five granddaughters; a sister, nephews and nieces; and four exchange students from around the world.

**Don D. Maronde** T'65 served as a chaplain and counselor after seminary at Drew, then worked in social services and eventually pursued a career in carpentry. A Minnesotan, he loved exploring the outdoors. He passed away at 83, in October 2018. Don is survived by his wife, Beth; his two children and their families, including two grandsons; a step-daughter, two sisters and two previous wives.

**Judith M. Harrington** T'68, a hospital social worker, used determination, compassion and humor to help families navigate medical crises. A resident of South Portland, Maine, she died at 79, surrounded by family and friends, in January 2019.

**Kent D. Estler** T'69 grew up in the Rockaway Valley (New Jersey) UMC and became a minister in 1969. In 1992, he became the founding minister of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Warren, New Jersey. Kent died with his family at his side in January 2019. A lifelong resident of Boonton and Boonton Township, New Jersey, he was 76. He leaves his college sweetheart and wife, Ruth Anne, two children, four grandchildren and two siblings.

**Solomon J. Tivade** T'75, '84 was born in India, the son of a Presbyterian minister. In 1971, he settled in the United States and earned graduate degrees. He had a long career in parish ministry, chaplaincy and counseling. He also founded the National Association of Asian Indian Christians in the U.S. He passed away in October 2018, a resident of Chatham, New Jersey. He was 84. He leaves his wife, Sunita, two children, six grandchildren and other relatives.

**Edward W. Castner** T'76 was a Presbyterian minister who served churches in many states while supporting interfaith efforts to build low-income housing. In the last weeks of Ned's life, he celebrated 60 years of marriage with Wanda, and 63 years of ordained ministry. He finished reading a biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, his Cornell undergraduate classmate, just before his death. He passed away in late March 2019, surrounded by family, a resident of Wallingford, Connecticut. He was 87. Ned's survivors include Wanda, two children, four granddaughters and a brother.

**Leon M. Adkins Jr.** T'78 served over 40 years as a Methodist pastor in New York state. He later managed relief operations across the globe with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and led volunteer missions in three continents. Leon died peacefully in October 2018 at home in Middlebury, Vermont, surrounded by family and friends. He was 92. His survivors include his wife, Bonnie, a sister, four children, three stepchildren, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Leon was preceded in death by his brother and his first wife of 39 years, Molly.

**Rollo A. Michael** T'78 was born in Mumbai, India, and became a minister. He passed away in January 2019 at 89. A resident of Brookhaven, Mississippi, Rollo was buried in the cemetery of the New Hope UMC there. His survivors include his wife, Margaret, four children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**June D. Hewitt** T'79, a Methodist minister, served several New Jersey churches. She relocated to Durham, North Carolina, and was an active parishioner at Resurrection UMC in Durham for the past 30 years. She also served briefly as Resurrection's interim pastor. June died peacefully at her Durham home in December 2018. She was 95. Predeceased by Harvey, her husband of 74 years, and one son, June's survivors include three children and their families, with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Charles D. Hiller** T'79, '88 served in the Army in Vietnam and then served four UMC churches in his career. He was also a Rotarian and served as chaplain for the Vietnam Veterans of America and for a fire department. Chuck died at home in Summerdale, Pennsylvania, in February 2019. He was 71. Chuck is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jane; a godson; three foster children; and five siblings and their families, including numerous nieces and nephews.

**Marlowe S. Furan** T'81 was employed by the New Jersey judiciary and was an avid Civil War reenactor. Marty passed away in July 2015, a resident of West Amwell, New Jersey. He was 59. Marty left his wife, Elizabeth A. Furan T'83, and many relatives, including a brother, a niece and a nephew. In 2018, Elizabeth also passed away.

**Pete Sharber** T'81 was a Baptist minister and a career military man, reaching the rank of colonel and serving overseas in both Vietnam and Desert Storm. Pete died a resident of Leesburg, Georgia, in September 2018. He was 79. Pete leaves Faye, his wife of 56 years, and many family members, including two siblings, two children, several grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

**Elizabeth R. Young** T'81 did her undergraduate work at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and had a long career with the Bureau of National Affairs in Washington, D.C. She passed away at her home there in October 2018, at 67. Elizabeth leaves a sister, many nieces and nephews, and her lifelong friend, Margaret.

**William G. Howard** T'82, a Boston native and Baptist minister, had a long career in parish ministry. He was also a certified pastoral counselor and served in a counseling capacity for over 20 years. William died in March 2019 at 77, a resident of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. He leaves Priscilla, his wife of 54 years, a daughter, four siblings and many other relatives.

**Frank L. Padgett** T'82, a Methodist minister, served the Western North Carolina Conference for 40 years. He founded or served on the boards of many educational and charitable organizations. He was also an avid list maker and talented trumpeter. He died in November

2018 at 74, a resident of Sylva, North Carolina. Frank leaves Allison, his wife of 24 years, a sister, along with three children, a stepson and their families, including five grandchildren.

**Elizabeth A. (Barrick) Furan** T'83 owned and operated a music studio in Lahaska, Pennsylvania. She passed away in October 2018, a resident of Warrington Township, Pennsylvania. She was 61. Preceded in death by her husband, Marlowe S. Furan T'81, in 2015, Elizabeth leaves a brother and a cousin.

**Audrey Vincenti Leef** T'85 was the first woman to earn a master's degree in mathematics at Stevens Institute of Technology. She met Bob, her husband of 70 years, in a vector analysis class there. With a doctoral degree from Rutgers, she pursued a long career as a mathematics professor. In 1985, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of ordination, which had been closed to women earlier in her lifetime. She served churches in New Jersey and was a campus chaplain. She and Bob circled the globe with their ski trips and she trekked in Nepal at 75. Audrey died peacefully at home in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, in December 2018, at 96. Preceded in death by Bob, her survivors include three of their four children and their families, with 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Benjamin R. Chamness** T'86, a resident of Huntsville, Texas, passed away shortly before Christmas 2018. He was 78. A native Texan, Ben served as a Methodist minister in Texas for over 40 years and was called out of retirement in 2011 to serve as interim bishop in Nashville, Tennessee. He leaves Joye, his wife of 58 years; two sons and their families, including six grandchildren; and three brothers and their families.

**William L. Pfeiffer** T'86 served as a Moravian pastor for over 40 years. He passed away at home in Georgetown, Delaware, in January 2019. William was 77. His survivors include his wife of 53 years, Kathleen, and their three children and their families, with five grandchildren.

**Rosemary A. Smith** T'87 served many Methodist churches as pastor. She and her husband retired to Hampton, New Hampshire, and she became active in the Hampton UMC. She died peacefully in March 2019, at 80. Rosemary's survivors include her husband of 52 years, Don, a sister, two children and four grandchildren.

**Richard I. Shamel** T'89, a minister, served in parish ministry and missions for 40 years and then continued as a supply pastor after his 1995 retirement. At Moravian Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, he met June, who would become his wife of 61 years, and their service together included several churches on the island of Antigua. Richard passed away at 88, a resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in November 2018. He was preceded in death by June and is survived by three sons and their families, including six grandchildren.

**Barbara D. Knox** T'90 was a longtime resident of Orange County, New York. She passed away in September 2018 at 89. Survivors include several cousins.

**Steven J. Van Heest** T'90 spent many years in the ministry of the Christian Reformed church and as a hospital chaplain. He passed away at 66, surrounded by family, in March 2019. A native Michigander, he died a resident of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He leaves his wife, Sue, two siblings, four children and eight grandchildren.

**Eddie A. Nilsen** T'91, a Vietnam veteran, entered Lutheran parish ministry and served churches in New York, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was also a pilot. He passed away in November 2018 at 77, a resident of Greeley, Pennsylvania. Eddie leaves Randy, his wife of 51 years; two children and their families, including three grandchildren; and extended family in Norway.

**Susan J. Kaplan** T'06 was an advocate for women's sports. She also used her education to counsel many through the grieving process, working tirelessly with first responders in the aftermath of 9/11. Her 50-year involvement in the sport of judo included a gold medal at the 1977 Maccabiah Games. She passed away in November 2018, a resident of Westfield, New Jersey. She was 77 and was working on a doctoral degree at the time of her death. Susan leaves four children and their families, including 10 grandchildren, and a brother.

#### **Caspersen School**

**Frank R. Van Develder** G'67, A'08 met Mary, who would become his wife of 63 years, as undergraduates in Tennessee. They embarked on a life of missions in Bolivia and Mexico. Frank's Episcopal ministry also included 25 years on the faculty at Virginia Theological Seminary. Frank said his greatest work was raising four thinking and caring human beings. He passed away in November 2018 at age 90, a resident of Woodbridge, Virginia. Preceded in death by Mary, he is survived by four children and their families, nine grandchildren (including Rachel A. Posner C'08) and four great-grandchildren.

**Alexander L. Boraine** G'69 of Cape Town, South Africa, passed away at home in his sleep in December 2018. He was 89. Ordained a Methodist minister in 1956, he became the youngest president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in 1970. Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu mourned his passing, noting Alex's role as cofounder of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Alex also cofounded the International Centre for Transitional Justice and served in the South African parliament.

**Darby Cannon III** G'75 had a career that included Methodist parish ministry, higher education (teaching religious studies at Rutgers), and work as a researcher with the New Jersey state legislature's nonpartisan office of legislative services. He also volunteered on charitable boards. He died at 80, at his home in Lavonia, Georgia, in October 2018. Darby's survivors include a sister and many nieces and nephews.

**Ralph Logan Carson** G'80 was the first African American professor at both Gardner-Webb University and at Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary. Blind from birth, he would volunteer to take minutes at departmental meetings, making his braille records as quickly as the meeting went. He was also a Baptist minister, serving churches in his native North Carolina and in Kentucky. He passed away at 86 in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

**Betty (Nordquist) Sayre** G'89 did her undergraduate work at Wellesley, and then settled in Westfield, New Jersey, working at *The New York Times*. She later established an interior decorating service with a friend and was active in the community in Westfield. She passed away at her home in Garwood, New Jersey, in January 2019. Betty was 87. She leaves her husband of 65 years, Austin, four children and their families, including 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Birdie W. Johnson** G'96, '98 led a life shaped by the love of music. When she was a child, her parents arranged for a used piano to be hoisted into their home through a second-story window. She went on to teach music as an adjunct professor and to serve church and college choirs throughout New Jersey until age 90. George Shirley of the Metropolitan Opera routinely took part in her annual production of the Messiah. She died at 92, a resident of her native Newark, New Jersey, in January 2019. Birdie was widowed after 36 years of marriage to Edward. She is survived by their three children (including Durwin F. Johnson T'11) and their families, including many grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends, including six siblings.

**Angela B. Conrad** G'97, '99, a published author and professor of English, taught at Bloomfield College in New Jersey for 20 years. She loved travel and the outdoors. Angela passed away at home in Flemington, New Jersey, in March 2019. She was 52. Her survivors include her husband, Roberto Osti, two children, her father, two siblings and other family members.

**Ellen Linden** G'97 was a travel enthusiast who taught English as a second language in the Dominican Republic in her early 20s; she later visited over 50 countries and 48 of the 50 states. She taught in several New Jersey school districts until retiring with her husband to North Carolina in 1997. Ellen passed away at 82, in January 2019. She was a resident of Cape Carteret, North Carolina. Her survivors include Alfred, her husband of 58 years, a sister, three sons and four grandchildren.

**Linda L. Baldanzi** G'13 worked as a purchasing agent through the early 1980s, then went to Columbia University to become a social worker. She later pursued a passion for poetry through her graduate work at Drew, becoming an accomplished and published poet. She passed away in October 2018, a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey. She was 78. Linda's survivors include two brothers, seven nieces and nephews, and 12 grandnieces and grandnephews.

**Clifford H. Tyler** G'14, a civil engineer

from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was also an Army veteran, having patrolled the DMZ in Korea as a first lieutenant. He enjoyed a long civilian career in construction management. At 82, he surprised everyone, pursuing his love of poetry by earning a master's degree at Drew. He then taught poetry to veterans in treatment at the Veterans Affairs facility in East Orange, New Jersey. Cliff died peacefully at home while trimming the Christmas tree in December 2018. He was 86. Cliff is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and Marcie, who was with him when he passed away.

#### **Faculty, Staff & Friends**

**Esther D. Walsh** P'81 was a 55-year resident of Florham Park, New Jersey. She spent 14 years as an executive secretary at Drew, and then seven years as a real estate agent. Esther passed away peacefully at home in October 2018, surrounded by family. She was 90. Esther was preceded in death by Robert, her husband of 65 years, and leaves her daughter (Mariellen Keefe C'81) and family, including a sister, two granddaughters, and 11 nieces and nephews.

**Hiawatha Williams**, a native of Green Sea, South Carolina, worked at Drew for 42 years. He retired in 2009. He passed away in February 2019 at his home in Morristown, New Jersey, at 77. Hiawatha's survivors include his wife, Regina; a sister; a daughter and five grandchildren.

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