DREW CLASSNOTES
The College of Liberal Arts

Alumni Day 2022

Join us back on campus as we celebrate all Drew alumni on Saturday, June 4. Register today for a fun-filled day of activities, including the DrewItAgain Festival & Beer Garden, Alumni Achievement Awards, fitness, live music, lawn games, a scavenger hunt, and so much more! Want to join us sooner? Sign up for our Friday evening events on June 3, including the Rugby Hall of Fame Induction and Pints with Professors. To check out the entire schedule and register to reunite on campus with your fellow Drewids, learn more at drew.edu/alumniday.

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I heard from Jean Lord that Harvey VanSciver C’57, P’80 died in December 2021. Howard L. Applegate and Elizabeth Hansen also passed away that same month. Florence Gray predeceased them in September 2021. Clark W. “Jerry” Nicholas passed away in January 2022, and our deepest sympathies go to our fellow Drew alma and his wife of 62 years, Helen Nicholas C’59. Our class is diminished by these losses. Please see In Memoriam, page 12.

Johanna (Zimmerman) Wishart fell in October and broke her left humerus. Other issues cause her to use a walker to get around. She wrote that Drew seems like another lifetime ago.

Our days at Drew were 65 years ago and I hope to go to Alumni Day on June 4, 2022. I hope more of you will also attend while we can still travel and enjoy being together.

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First, a word about our upcoming Alumni Weekend and the 60th Anniversary Dinner for C’60, C’61 and C’62. We are invited to a special dinner in a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain our home base for the weekend. Register for this and other events on June 2—4 at drew.edu/alumniday.

As old age, decrepitude, and senility loom on the horizon we must try to remain young at heart … even as we continue to grow older in other places. Do you ever have the feeling that you’ve seen it all, done it all, and can’t remember most of it? Does your mind sometimes not only wander but seem to leave completely? And then, just when we were getting used to yesterday, along comes today sweeping us through life on a steady amnesic flow. While growing old may be mandatory, growing up may be a choice. Does your mind sometimes not only wander but seem to leave completely? And then, just when we were getting used to yesterday, along comes today sweeping us through life on a steady amnesic flow. While growing old may be mandatory, growing up may be a choice.

The mind boggles when it isn’t reeling! In fact, early this year LLNL published results describing a fusion reaction that briefly sustained itself (for a trillionth of a second). The Three Mile nuclear accident in 1979 doomed the breeder reactor industry and he returned to LLNL to work on nuclear weapons. He is STILL employed full-time at LLNL and is involved in laser fusion research, which after sixty years is beginning to show success. In fact, early this year LLNL published results describing a fusion reaction that briefly sustained itself (for a trillionth of a second). The mind boggles when it isn’t reeling! In his personal life, he divorced his first wife a long time ago. After his divorce he had a lot of time on his hands, so he went to San Francisco Theological Seminary—while working full time at LLNL—and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree. He is still a minister.

He remarried and has a daughter from his second marriage. He and his wife studied karate and achieved the fourth-highest level of black belt. They ran their own karate schools for over thirty years until COVID shut them down. He sent a picture of himself at age sixty-eight breaking what appear to be six concrete slabs with his bare hand. Ouch! In his spare time (What?) he is writing a

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An update on our upcoming Alumni Weekend and the 60th Anniversary Dinner for the Class of 1962 and C’62—we are invited to a special dinner on a private tent on Friday, June 3, 2022. The tent will remain open and we are being followed by a special note from a former student. His name is Stroh who is an MA in English. From there he taught a summer in the Adirondacks. While there he was involved with teacher’s unions, and recognized as the first and last Christmas letter. This means “my world.” We are going to plan a “500” of travel and I expect to look forward to a belated 60th reunion in early June (COVID permitting) and he can join us in that happy occasion.

A few weeks ago we began planning a small reunion at Frances “Elaine” Price Kibbey’s house in Newmarket. She has written books and novels to discuss them with those who

Ken urged Wil to apply for a job at Greenfield. He started there in 1970 and retired from Greenfield in 2001. While he was involved with teacher’s unions. He spent thirty years as union president and served on the boards of numerous community organizations and the Community College Faculty Association. He notes that his 50-year old son-in-law has written thirteen novels and a collection of poems. Until a few years ago he also did community theater. Mrs. Carlin is happily retired at age 65. She notes that he is retired from teaching English and is still very active in the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Association. She is the only one in the wind ensemble as well as a trombone player and as a first-year student in the music program. The church is slowly offering both virtual and in-person services, with COVID precautions like masking and distancing now common sense, not mandatory. This is partly because the remaining COVID outcomes continue. The outcome of the

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Ameteke Sekbe became Professor Emeritus at The New School, Parsons Design Division and is currently teaching at the Art & Design, USA students, and I have been working on the development of a new program for the MFA in Design and Technology. After receiving her Ph.D. in Design Science from the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi, India, she joined Parsons Design Division for a billion. As a scholar in residence there in 2012, she worked on sustainability efforts for teaching and research. She continues to work with various organizations and the Institute for Indian Studies with the expectation to return when the pandemic improves.

Teresa Ruth Lups continues to enjoy her retirement in California and Italy. She had prepared time for research and writing, and she is undertaking a long delayed project on the completion of the renovation. She was back in 1999 her research for a research center and saw her book. She also attended a few conferences and a few publications and papers about Italian women artists of the 1950s. Margo Davis continues to enjoy her friends and other activities in California. She looks forward to spending more time in California and the upcoming conferences.

Caroline (Bos) BoJinck is a frequent speaker and writer on the subjects of arts and culture, and her work has been published in various media outlets, including newspapers, magazines, and online platforms. She is a regular contributor to the arts section of The New York Times and The Atlantic, and her writing has also appeared in The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal. In addition to her writing, Caroline is a prolific speaker, having given talks and presentations at numerous conferences and institutions around the world. She has been interviewed on national and international radio and television programs, and her analysis and opinions have been sought by media outlets on a wide range of cultural and social topics. Caroline is also a respected curator and consultant in the field of arts management and business, having worked with a variety of organizations and initiatives to help bring new perspectives and ideas to the world of arts administration. She is dedicated to using her platform to promote diversity and inclusion in the arts, and she is committed to creating spaces where all voices can be heard and valued. In her free time, Caroline enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as exploring new cultural experiences. She is a passionate traveler and is always looking for new adventures and opportunities to explore different perspectives and ideas.Overall, Caroline is a dynamic and influential figure in the world of arts and culture, and her contributions and insights continue to shape the field and inspire new generations of artists and enthusiasts.
a bit of editing from wife Susan (Stoeber) Ballantine (C'86, P'22) recently writes from Cambridge. Suzanne's 90-year-old father, Joe Stampe, recently died. He mentioned his family life of normalcy. He talked about how the last two and half years of COVID have been challenging for our household and all the organizations associated with the community of period reenacting. He is in his 23rd year of being a member of the Continental Line and mid-Atlantic organizations. He is in his 23rd year of being a member of the Continental Line and mid-Atlantic organizations.

The class of 1988 is looking for a class newsletter. If you are interested in taking the lead, please contact email: alumni@drew.edu.

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Family Album

Kim Harris, Dev (Gupta) Morris, and Steph Komsa, all C’96.

Dawn Digrius Smith C’99 as Dr. United States of America 2022.

Roselyn (Flores) Agar C’02.


Steve VonStetina’s [C’96] daughter and dog.

Rosemary Harnisher C’05.

Mary K. Billingsley C’07.

Victoria Ault C’12, G’14 and her championship basketball team.

Bridget McRory C’14 and Dan, her fiancé.

Adrienne Ganoe C’12 and Sam Markowitz.


James Weiss C’14 and his wife, Shayna, are expecting in August.

Morissa Schwartz C’15.
Mary K. Billingsley is currently serving as president of her professional association, the Council of Science Editors, a dynamic community of editorial professionals dedicated to the responsible and effective communication of science. See photo, page 8.

Erika (Palmeri) Stasio erika.palmeri@gmail.com Victoria "Ivy" (Camp) Walker and her husband are expecting their second child in the spring.

Deidre (Burns) McGrath named a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Fellows are nominated by peers and recognized for distinguished achievement, dedication to the legal profession, commitment to the organized bar and service to the public. Rosemary is set to debut at Panic Fest 2022 in Kansas City in April. Her fourth feature film, Black Milk, is wrapping up production and was featured in Femvue Magazine.

Edgar Gonzalez Jr. married Emilia Domonowska C’13 G’19 on March 18, 2022. Nicholas Klein C’13 was the best man and John McHale C’11 was a groomsman during the ceremony. Edgar continues to work on his sci-fi audio drama podcast Gaels of the Brave that you can check out on YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter via @GPProductions, and where you can listen to it on Buzzsprout. See photo, page 9.

Victoria Ault C’12, C’14 got engaged to her girlfriend, Sharell, this past Christmas and will be getting married in summer 2024. Victoria is the assistant basketball coach at St. Mary’s High School of Lynn, Massachusetts, and they won the MAIA Division 3 State Championship. See photo, page 9.

Bridget McRory and her fiancé, Dan, plan to be married on October 8, 2022. See photo, page 9.

Amy Benedict abenedict@drew.edu Morissa is the award-winning founder of the sci-fi audio drama podcast Galatic Punch Bowl, which you can check out on YouTube, Instagram, and Buzzsprout. She is a senior at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Marc DiPaolo C’02, G’04 has published an autobiographical novel with Bordighera Press and has appeared in the documentary Emma Adapted: Jane Austen’s Heroine (2017) and is an Associate Professor of English at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Caspersen School

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The Drew family continues to grow. Congratulations to Craig Carpel and his wife, Joanna Klein, who welcomed baby boy, Grayson Dilian Carpel in January!

Crystal Taylor mcrystaylor@gmail.com Rosemary Harinarch has been named a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Fellows are nominated by peers and recognized for distinguished achievement, dedication to the legal profession, commitment to the organized bar and service to the public. Rosemary is counsel in the Farrell Fritz law firm’s trusts and estates group. See photo, page 8.

Jonathan Amira joined the faculty of Rutgers Law School in January as an adjunct instructor, coaching the Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Team. The team advanced to the quarter-finals on March 17. Jonathan is a Special Deputy Attorney General/Acting Assistant Prosecutor for Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Amy Benedict abenedict@drew.edu Morissa Schwartz C’15, G’20 was named to Forbes 30 Under 30—Media (2022), recognizing her among the most influential young media personalities in North America. Morissa founded GenZ Publishing, a book publishing company that has produced more than 20 Amazon bestsellers, primarily from underrepresented groups. She is also the owner of Dr. Ryan’s Writing & Marketing, a writing and marketing company in New Jersey. See photo, page 9.

Amelia (Mills) Miller ammills94@gmail.com Rosemary Harinarch has been named a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Fellows are nominated by peers and recognized for distinguished achievement, dedication to the legal profession, commitment to the organized bar and service to the public. Rosemary is counsel in the Farrell Fritz law firm’s trusts and estates group. See photo, page 8.

Dr. World Productions organization, whose motto is: “because...smart is beautiful!” and promotes education, community service, mentoring, and leadership development. Dawn is proud to wear the title of Dr. United States of America 2022 and represent Drew at various events nationwide. See photo, page 8.

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The Caspersen School

Jeffrey J. Richards C’83 G’85 shared the sad news that his wife of 49 years, Debbie, passed away in March 2022. Along with Jeffrey, Debbie leaves their twin daughters, twin grandsons, and her parents and siblings. Debbie and Jeffrey were partners in ministry, and had lived in several states. They spent the past 15 years living in Salisbury, North Carolina, where Debbie was born. Jeffrey also writes that the church where he is pastic, Covenant Church of Statesville, North Carolina, is most mission-minded. They have a sister church in Kyiv, Church of the Gospel, which also houses Kyiv Regional Bible College. Jeffrey recalls the book of Jonah, offering a reminder to listen to the call the first time and willingly follow the Lord’s leading.

Marc DiPaolo C’02, G’04 has published an autobiographical novel with Bordighera Press and has appeared in the documentary Emma Adapted: Jane Austen’s Heroine (2017) and is an Associate Professor of English at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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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

Audie D. Manning C’51 became a teacher at Drew, and then completed a master’s while teaching in New Jersey and Maryland. She married Richard J. Manning C’51 in 1955. Together, they raised four children, and she is survived by her two children and family members including two grandchildren.

Blanche Jabitsky Hirsch C’32 grew up in the small town of Millwood, New York. After studying French literature at Drew, she completed a master’s at Northeastern University. She then found a way to spend six months in Europe, visiting her French before returning to teach in the New York City schools. Blanche married Rudy in 1958, and they retired to Washington, DC, and Blanche worked for the New York City schools. They have three children in Denmark, Great Britain, and Scotland and Greece. Military retirement led her to move to Long Island, where she became a founding member of The Serenity Foundation, Inc. Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, James. Florence died a resident of Dover, New Jersey, in 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, James. Florence was a resident of Whiting, New Jersey, but Morris County’s roots were shared among them with other Drews, which will be remembered and celebrated at Reunion 2022.

Jeffrey P. Nickell C’65 arrived at Drew from North Carolina, the first in his family to attend college. He was a member of the Florida Citrus Bowl football team. After graduation, he entered academia, becoming a member of the Florida Citrus Bowl football team. He served eight congregations in Indiana, a published expert in the history of flags. He moved to Long Island, where he became an active member of the local community. He was preceded in death by one son, he leaves Barbara M. Moeller C’60, his wife, three daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Herbert L. Gage C’67 entered the field of journalism in northern New Jersey, publishing about his love for art and music. He then moved to Long Island and entered academia, becoming a member of The Serenity Foundation, Inc. He was also a published expert in the history of flags. He moved to Long Island, where he became a founding member of The Serenity Foundation, Inc. Herbert was at Drew in an extraordinary time, and he spread the word to the world about his being, and he shared them with other Drewids, which will be remembered and celebrated at Reunion 2022.

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in Newark and was admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He served as historian of the City of Newark and was known to foster civility in the midst of legal public conflict. Mike’s presumed death in 2019, in creating the Fringer Prince Manor Golf Club, is a testament to his love for golf. He was a member of Kendal Park, New Jersey. Glatt’s survivors include his wife, five children, five grandchildren, and other relatives.

Peter C. Gmunder C’78 grew up in Warshau, Wisconsin, and became a tail and wing gunner in World War II and then pursued higher education. He pursued his Master’s in religious studies at Drew, and served principally in New York City, and involvement in the training of others in pastoral counseling. A private plan, he enjoyed his time in the air, but his greatest joy was his time with his children and grandchildren. In an effort to make the world a better place, he was a vegan for over 35 years. He died at age 87, in December 2021, a resident of Flinders, New Jersey. Kenneth was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Gail. He was survived by family, including four children, ten grandchildren, and many other relatives.

William L. "Lee" Kinney C’88, a second-career minister, was a prelate writer and pastoring minister. He was a member of First Presbyterian churches in Pune, Allahabad, and after his time in Japan. He eventually returned to Drew and stayed as a permanent resident. He was well into his career, particularly in the New York metropolitan area, principally in the Borough of Queens, and was known to foster civility in the midst of legal public conflict. Mike’s presumed death in 2019, in creating the Fringer Prince Manor Golf Club, is a testament to his love for golf. He was a member of Kendal Park, New Jersey. Glatt’s survivors include his wife, five children, five grandchildren, and other relatives.

Eugene J. Eberly C’13 was born and raised in Hamilton, Ohio, and graduated from Drew in 1954, and attended the University of Cincinnati. He pursued parish ministry that included churches in Missouri, Pennsylvania, in December 2021, a 75-year-old resident of Springfield, Oregon. He passed away in November 2021. Jim leaves his wife, Diana, and family members including two children, five grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Richard C. Pedigo T’59 was a Methodist minister who served communities in central Pennsylvania, and after his time in Japan. He eventually returned to Drew and stayed as a permanent resident. He was well into his career, particularly in the New York metropolitan area, principally in the Borough of Queens, and was known to foster civility in the midst of legal public conflict. Mike’s presumed death in 2019, in creating the Fringer Prince Manor Golf Club, is a testament to his love for golf. He was a member of Kendal Park, New Jersey. Glatt’s survivors include his wife, five children, five grandchildren, and other relatives.

Robert F. Carter T’87 began his ministerial career with the United Methodist Church in the Vietnam War, and was ordained a deacon in the Harvest Church of Christ, a capital city church. He was a member of the Holston Conference of the UMC. He received degrees in theology and pastoral counseling. He was ordained in the Wesleyan Church, and pursued parish ministry. He passed away at age 59, in January 2022. He was preceded in death by his first wife and daughter, Leaves leaves his mother, three children, and their families, including five grandchildren.

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Robert C. Petersen T’82 earned a teaching degree from the University of Texas, and was ordained a deacon in the Harvest Church of Christ, a capital city church. He was a member of the Holston Conference of the UMC. He received degrees in theology and pastoral counseling. He was ordained in the Wesleyan Church, and pursued parish ministry. He passed away at age 59, in January 2022. He was preceded in death by his first wife and daughter, Leaves leaves his mother, three children, and their families, including five grandchildren.

Larry D. Davidson T’82 earned a teaching degree from the University of Texas, and was ordained a deacon in the Harvest Church of Christ, a capital city church. He was a member of the Holston Conference of the UMC. He received degrees in theology and pastoral counseling. He was ordained in the Wesleyan Church, and pursued parish ministry. He passed away at age 59, in January 2022. He was preceded in death by his first wife and daughter, Leaves leaves his mother, three children, and their families, including five grandchildren.
Peter L. Padró T’03 lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Sonia, and they were members of the One City Church there. He passed away in February 2022.

Michael K. Alston T’20 grew up in Paterson, New Jersey, where he accepted Christ at an early age. He was employed as a social worker at the Passaic County Juvenile Detention Center for 25 years. In 1990, he was licensed as a minister. He served actively with several churches and within the larger Paterson community. His Drew master’s studies included chaplaincy internships in the New Jersey state prison system, and at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Morristown. After graduating from Drew, he worked for the Passaic County Board of Health. Michael died in November 2021, a resident of Paterson. He was 62. He leaves a large family including his mother, three children, and 12 siblings.

Caspersen School
Elizabeth M. Boyle G’77 spent 76 years as a Sister of St. Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey. She earned a bachelor’s at Caldwell University (then Caldwell College), a master’s at Catholic University, and an doctoral degree at Drew. She taught at the elementary and high school levels, and then spent most of her long career as a professor of English at Caldwell. She was a published author and poet. Sister Elizabeth Michael passed away in Caldwell at 94, in December 2021. She leaves sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and her Sisters of St. Dominic.

Ann M. DeVenezia G’90,’00 was a wife, mother, teacher, and poet, living principally in Morris County, New Jersey. She became a teacher at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station and taught at Parsippany High. She traveled the world with her husband and authored three books, the first of which told stories of her ancestors buried at St. Vincent Martyr Cemetery in Madison. She earned a master’s at Drew while teaching, and a doctorate after she retired from teaching. Ann served on the Mountain Lakes Board of Education and was a devoted parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena there. She died in January 2022 at 87, a resident of Mountain Lakes. Survivors include Richard, her husband of 62 years, their six children, nine grandchildren, and other family members.

Remembering Sarah Zeitz Chapman
She enjoyed a long life of engagement and learning

Sarah passed away at age 101 on Valentine’s Day 2022, a long-term resident of Madison, New Jersey. She was lively to the end, with friends driving to meet her for a regular weekly Scrabble match on what turned out to be the morning of her death.

Sarah was born in New York City to parents from Ukraine, who had fled pogroms there. She grew up in Lakewood, New Jersey, and then enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan. At Ann Arbor she met fellow student Robert Chapman, from West Virginia, who became her husband. Robert was a scholar of medieval literature, and he taught English at Drew from 1966 to 1986. Sarah, a lifelong learner, embraced the Drew community, audited classes while raising the couple’s three sons, and also devoted time to civic affairs in the region.

Sarah was known as a formidable Scrabble competitor, and she may have had an advantage, as Robert was editor of the fourth and fifth editions of Roget’s International Thesaurus. One can only imagine the conversations about English language and usage in their home. After the fourth edition, they bought a 26-foot sailboat and called it Thesaurus

Robert passed away 20 years prior, in February 2002, and the Chapman Prize in Poetry was established at Drew after his death, to celebrate Robert’s legacy. The Chapman family graciously suggested that gifts in Sarah’s memory also be contributed to the Prize. Sarah and Robert are survived by two sons, Douglass and Mark, and their families, including three grandchildren. A third son, Geoffrey (named after Chaucer), survived Robert but predeceased Sarah.