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## Sowing Change in Lewisburg



**A**mong the loveliest sights on a summer night in Lewisburg is a family gathering vegetables and working the soil together in a large, leafy plot on the corner of North Water and St. Anthony streets. Not only are our neighbors sharing with one another the kale and carrots they've grown, but they are donating the overflow to programs that help the neediest among us. Together with the half of the garden dedicated to feeding those in need, this little plot produced enough organic food last year — 3,688 pounds — to benefit 11 local food and hot-meal programs. This year's goal is 2 tons.

Now in its sixth season, the Lewisburg Community Garden, a partnership between Bucknell and the borough of Lewisburg that is managed by the University's Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), has become a vibrant and integral part of the community.

The ¼-acre garden not only attracts community members who rent its 40 public plots, but it draws our student volunteers — 164 of them donated 830 hours of service last year — to work the remaining garden plots. Our students also help provide access to healthy food for underserved local residents through their work with the Community Harvest hot-meal program that OCE administers in the nearby town of Milton every Monday. The meals that our students help prepare and serve to 80 to 100 guests not only stave off hunger but introduce some to new healthy foods, such as fresh asparagus. As they break bread together, our students gain an appreciation for perspectives other than their own while experiencing what it means to give back. This is the essence of service learning.

Scientific learning is also ongoing at the Community Garden. Engineering students have developed irrigation systems and Wi-Fi access so our student farmers can immediately seek sustainable gardening and pest-control tips online.

Not only does the garden program benefit our students, but it educates local K-12 students, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. In fact, the Lewisburg model has been so effective in its outreach that other communities now ask for advice on how to start a program. In February, the University hosted an inaugural community garden conference to extend that outreach.

While the Community Garden is, as its name indicates, community focused, we are also considering a new development with a more campus-centric mission.

Professor Mark Spiro, biology, a key adviser to the Community Garden, is leading a group of faculty who are eager to establish a small farm on campus to supply produce to Dining Services year-round and also serve as a living lab where our students and faculty can put theory into practice.

There, students and faculty could collaborate on research that brings together all three divisions of the University — arts & sciences, engineering and management. A campus farm that would provide fresh fruits and vegetables for our dining hall also comports with our sustainability mission.

While a Bucknell campus farm may be on the horizon, you can turn to our cover story on Page 20 to see what Bucknell alumni are already doing to sustainably produce food in their aquaculture and agriculture operations across our nation. This story is just a taste of what you can savor in this food-themed issue of *Bucknell Magazine*.

John Bravman  
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## Letters

### ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO IRON

What a strange archival photo in the spring issue. The young woman seems to be *ironing photographs!*

Well, that's me, and it is exactly what I was doing. It was early winter, 1953, and I was editor of our yearbook, *L'Agenda* (which I believe is still being published). We had a tiny office in the dreary basement of Roberts Hall, down the hall from *The Bucknellian*. Publishing was a complicated, time-consuming process in those ancient days, especially the visuals. Our printer told us the best way to affix photographs to the necessary backing was to iron them on, pressing down with all your might.

I thought editing the yearbook was going to be a writing job, but instead, I spent much of my senior year over a hot iron.

Jane Brown Maas '53  
Charleston, S.C.

### WHEATCROFT'S WAR MEMORIES

In 2006 my Lunar Offensive Press published the late **Jack Wheatcroft '49's** novella *Answering Fire*, together with a reprint of his story "Kamikaze," which first appeared in his 1986 collection *Slow Exposures*. Jack and I had many exchanges over the final form of the book. Not only was he pleased with it, but he told me after its publication and our production of a related video of an interview with and reading by him, that he stopped dreaming about the war. The interview is available on YouTube.

"Kamikaze," based on Jack's experiences under aerial suicide attack and landing on the devastated Japanese mainland in 1945, and the title novella, which depicts the post 9-11 invasion of Iraq by the United States, bracket a history that brings us to our current dilemma of permanent, worsening war, about which Jack's literate reflections bridge eloquently and relevantly between the personal and political.

*Answering Fire* never enjoyed wide sales, but copies were circulated to several book discussion groups around Lewisburg, and I maintained a steady stream for Jack to distribute. Most of the print run remains in storage. The work deserves a wider readership, and I'd be pleased, in honor of Jack's memory to provide a free copy to any-

one who emails their postal address to [swfried@gmail.com](mailto:swfried@gmail.com).

Stephen Fried '67  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

### 'BUCKNELLIAN' STILL BLOSSOMS

So *The Bucknellian* is 120 years old. I was the features editor 65 years ago and wrote a column on music. That experience and other extracurricular activities helped shape the rest of my life.

In 1952, I met with **Mollie Brown '53**, the editor. Mollie asked if I would be editor-in-chief. We had just finished an overnight marathon session to publish a special edition celebrating the election of Dwight Eisenhower (using typewriters, scissors, paste and linotype lead). **Bobbie Roemer Gibb '53** became the next editor, while I took a job at American Broadcasting Co.

Flash forward to 2003, the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1953. By then I was a professor emeritus of journalism. My weekly column, "Historically Speaking," appeared in *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. My second book was reviewed on Page 1 of the *Sunday New York Times Book Review*.

At Reunion, I looked through *L'Agenda* and discovered many of our classmates had worked on the newspaper. Why not use them to publish a Reunion paper?

Meanwhile, Bobbie Gibb recrossed my path, and I mentioned the possibility of a newsletter tied in with Reunion activities. After several calls, we settled on a newspaper tabloid.

The class talent amazed us. Volunteers wrote about topics unassociated with their majors, artists surfaced and poets bloomed. In the end, we had to reject copy and produced a flawless publication of which everyone was proud.

Bobbie Gibb has since died, but the efforts she put into our celebratory issue of *The Bucknellian* live on. More than 10 years after our initial effort, the University still publishes a Reunion issue.

John Manbeck '53  
East Stroudsburg, Pa.

### NATURAL HIGHS IMPORTANT

I'm responding to the recent *Bucknell Magazine* article on the business of marijuana. As a clinical neuropsychologist who speaks to high-school

and college students about alcohol and drug prevention, I have a unique perspective on this.

The under-reported story on recreational marijuana use is how it impacts adolescent mental health. Marijuana use, as stated in your article, has shown negative impacts on learning and memory. Recent neuroscience research also has shown that regular and even casual use by young people decreases IQ, academic performance and mood, and hastens mental illness for those predisposed. One of the most compelling studies I share with audiences is how the hippocampus, the most important brain structure for memory, changes structure in response to regular use. This may sound like the *Reefer Madness* movie of the 1930s, but at a time when highly potent marijuana is being commercialized, I find far too much discussion of money and far too little about the science.

Bucknell first-year students are up to seven years away from having fully developed brains. We owe it to them not to just talk about the negatives, but also the benefits of natural highs (e.g. fitness, meditation, helping others). A longitudinal study done in Iceland in the 1990s showed that when teens had ample access to natural high activities, drug and alcohol use plummeted. Today, Bucknell does an excellent job of providing these activities to students, but making them cool and explaining the mental health benefits is an ongoing effort.

This topic is close to my heart because I founded the Bucknell student group C.a.l.v.i.n. & H.o.b.b.e.s. in 1993. It still exists with weekend events and residential options at its house on campus! When I speak at schools, my talks focus on adolescent brain development, stress reduction and the hundreds of groups that promote natural highs around the country. I also wrote a book called *A Better High* and in November, spoke to Bucknell athletes.

Matt Bellace '96, M'98  
Princeton, N.J.

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# Moore Avenue

News&Notes

## Sculpting a Legacy

Bucknell's first black graduate is prominently recognized on campus

By Paula Cogan Myers

**L**ewisburg resident and Bucknell Black Alumni Association (BAA) President **Kendy Alvarez '06** embarks on her morning walk with anticipation these days. She walks through the Malesardi Quad in front of Vaughan Literature, as always, but when she reaches the southeast corner of the building and looks left, she encounters a new Bucknell landmark. Looking out with dignity is a bust of Bucknell's first African-American graduate, **Edward McKnight Brawley, Class of 1875, M1887**. To see Brawley's bronze likeness "means a lot," she says.



Celebrating the statue's unveiling in May, were, from left, Professor Joe Meiser, Brawley descendant Lee McCray and Professor Carmen Gillespie.

During Reunion, June 1–4, BAA members and guests celebrated the installation of the Brawley sculpture, which is the centerpiece of a new corner of campus that pays tribute to him as well as to a 1958 visit to Bucknell by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Words from King and Brawley are inscribed on the sculpture's pedestal, which is the central element of a new seating area that includes a listening post where visitors can learn about these milestones in Bucknell's history.

Brawley attended Bucknell before the end of Reconstruction, a time when few African-Americans had the opportunity to attend college. Following graduation, Brawley became a minister and religious studies scholar as well as a journalist. He was president of Selma University and Morris College, which he helped found. His son, Benjamin Brawley, was a noted scholar, author, college professor and the first dean of Morehouse College.

**Ed Robinson '86**, founding chair of the BAA, thinks Brawley's connection to Bucknell's Baptist history is important as well. "Our Baptist founders had the ability to

look beyond color and really embrace African-American students, especially early on. To be in a space that recognizes our long history as part of the fabric of the institution is inspiring for current students and alumni.”

In 1993, the BAA established the Brawley Fund, which provides grants to students of color to participate in workshops, research opportunities, internships and off-campus study. One funded project, a black history timeline at Bucknell, was created by **Marissa Calhoun '10**. Her project, Alvarez says, inspired the celebration of the 140th Anniversary of Black History at Bucknell during Homecoming 2015, an event attended by Brawley’s descendants.

These tributes to African-American contributions at Bucknell inspired Professor Carmen Gillespie, English, to propose that Professor Joe Meiser,

art & art history, be commissioned to sculpt a visible and permanent tribute to honor Brawley’s legacy. Support came from from the Office of the President, the BAA, Provost Barbara Altmann, the Griot Institute for Africana Studies, the President’s Diversity Council, Development & Alumni Relations, Communications, Facilities and the Samek Art Museum.

Bucknell, says Gillespie, “was the first extant private school in Pennsylvania to admit an African-American student. It is also equally essential to recognize the inequalities of the past and how much work we must continue to do to ensure that Bucknell becomes the institution Brawley and King both advocated for in their lives and work.”

The sculpture was unveiled in May at a public event for the campus community, preceding the Reunion celebration. The BAA will hold a larger

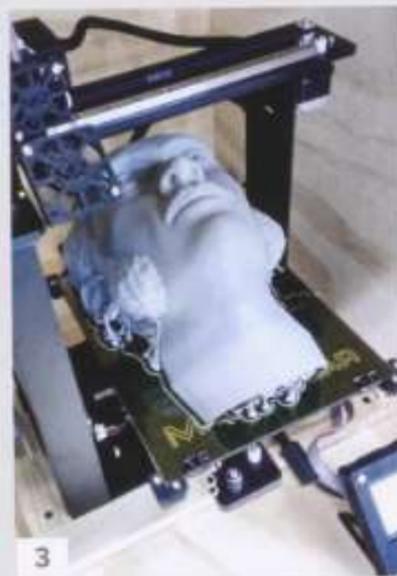
tribute during Homecoming this fall.

“Edward McKnight Brawley began an enduring history of academic excellence among black students at Bucknell,” remarks Alvarez. “The bust being erected in such a prominent place gives students of color a sense of inclusion that is sometimes missing because they don’t always see themselves represented on campus. If you don’t know your history, you don’t really understand whose shoes you’re walking in. It serves as a reminder to all Bucknellians to carry on the legacy of diversity and inclusion so central to the success of our campus community.”

*For more about Bucknell’s first African-American graduate, go to [bucknell.edu/BrawleyBust](http://bucknell.edu/BrawleyBust).*

## A Complex Process

Professor Joe Meiser, art and art history, designed and sculpted the bust of **Edward McKnight Brawley, Class of 1875, M1878**, with input from Brawley’s great-granddaughter, Lee McCray, and other family members. From a scan of Brawley’s sepia-tinted portrait (step 1), Meiser created his initial digital design (step 2). Next, he sectioned the piece into 10 parts and 3-D printed each one (step 3), including the sculpture of Brawley’s face, which took more than 50 hours to print (step 4). Meiser glued the pieces together, then made a mold for a clay version, which he finished by hand (step 5). The bust was cast in bronze by Stratton Sculpture Studios in Philadelphia (step 6).



# A Lifetime of Questions

Graduates urged to never stop exploring

“As Bucknellians, we question,” student speaker **Max Ferrer '17** (pictured lower right) told his peers from the stage at Bucknell’s 167th Commencement, held May 21 on the Malesardi Quadrangle.

In just four words, Ferrer encapsulated a theme that defined his class’ undergraduate experience, a journey of discovery and exposure to diverse perspectives marked by a refusal to accept the status quo.

His theme was embraced by speakers throughout the ceremony, including CNN journalist **Fareed Zakaria** (pictured top right), whose Commencement address presented a powerful defense of the liberal arts and freedom of speech on college campuses, where he said that freedom is under “considerable strain.”

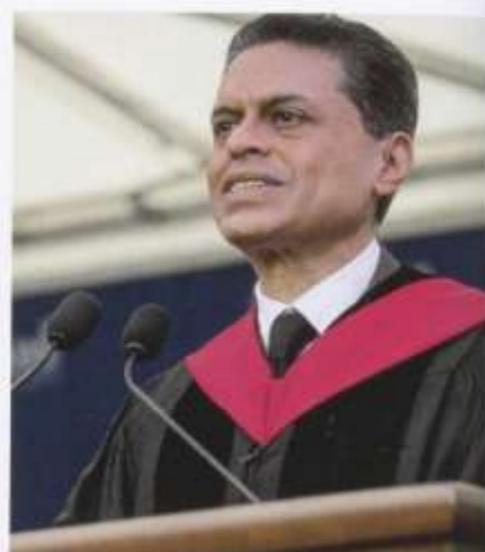
“I plead with you, not just on college campuses but through life, keep yourselves open,” Zakaria said. “Keep yourselves able to listen to, to argue with, to engage with people of wildly differing perspectives, even the ones that you cannot abide.”

The speakers delivered their remarks to nearly 900 graduates and more than 6,000 well-wishers attending the Commencement ceremony. Among undergraduates, 699 received degrees in the arts & sciences (including 123 from the School of Management) and 169 received degrees in engineering.

In concluding remarks, Bucknell President **John Bravman** also implored the new graduates to never stop asking questions.

“Remember to seek out, and strive to understand, an array of perspectives,” he said. — *Matt Hughes*

To see more from Commencement, go to [bucknell.edu/2017Commencement](http://bucknell.edu/2017Commencement).





Director Barry Jenkins describes his life's journey to the Academy Awards stage.

## 'A Melancholy Optimist'

Oscar winner Barry Jenkins leads off Bucknell's second-annual Diversity Summit

By Sherri Kimmel

Fresh from dual Oscar wins for best picture and best adapted screenplay, *Moonlight* director Barry Jenkins gave an engrossing and inspiring talk to a packed house in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts March 28 as part of Bucknell's second annual Diversity Summit. It was, he said, his first-ever talk at a college and his first public address since Oscars night, Feb. 26.

"This is wild. I'm on stage here at Bucknell University talking about my Academy Award-winning film," said the still-incredulous Jenkins about his historic victory — the first film with an all-black cast and first film centered on an LGBT character to win best picture. Jenkins led the audience through his origins in the Miami housing projects to his scholarship-student days at Florida State, where he chose to sit out a year and study foreign films and

still photography before returning to his film-school studies as one of five blacks out of 30 students. He touched on his next project, a series for Amazon on Colson Whitehead's National Book Award-winning *The Underground Railroad*.

Referring to himself as a melancholy optimist, Jenkins reflected on the characters he portrays in his films — marginalized people who don't fit in due to their race or gender. When asked by an audience member how he attracts anti-gay or anti-black audiences to watch *Moonlight*, he responded, "I approach things with an open heart, with a glass-half-full approach, believing that someone will see something that would open them up [to watching]."

To read more about the full Diversity Summit, go to [bucknell.edu/2017DiversitySummit](http://bucknell.edu/2017DiversitySummit).

## Bucknell in the News

(See more at [bucknell.edu/bitn](http://bucknell.edu/bitn))

### A STORYTELLER FOR HER GENERATION

International literary magazine *Granta* selected Professor Chinelo Okparanta, English, for its list of the most promising authors under 40 in the U.S. Okparanta's inclusion on the list, which is published only once per decade, proclaims her as one of the most esteemed writers of her generation. The author of *Under the Udala Trees* and *Happiness, Like Water*, Okparanta also won a 2014 O. Henry Award.

### TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BIRDS

NPR's *Here and Now* interviewed artist and experimental philosopher Jonathon Keats about his exhibition at the Samek Art Museum's Downtown Gallery. Keats' *Reciprocal Biomimicry Initiative* explored the potential for adapting human technologies to address problems faced by other species, such as GPS to help migratory birds whose ancestral breeding grounds have been damaged by climate change.

### AT HOME WITH THE PRESIDENT

Professor Zhiqun Zhu, political science, pointed out an upside to President Trump's oft-criticized decision to host foreign dignitaries at his private club in Florida, Mar-a-Lago, in a story by *Voice of America*. Meeting at the president's home provides a more relaxed atmosphere for Trump and leaders such as China's Xi Jinping and Japan's Shinzo Abe to get to know one another, Zhu observed.

### BEYOND THE NUMBERS

*The New York Times* highlighted work by Professor Jennifer Silva, sociology, as an example of how sociologists can shed light on economic and demographic trends that traditional economic analyses can't fully capture. The story, "What if Sociologists had as Much Influence as Economists?", noted that Silva's work with young working-class adults provides a fuller picture of employment trends and their impact than a standard economic assessment.

## SHORT STACK

Bucknell has joined the **American Talent Initiative**, a nationwide effort to expand college access by enhancing efforts to recruit, enroll and support lower-income students. Supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the initiative has a national **goal of educating 50,000** additional high-achieving, lower-income students by 2025 at the 270 colleges and universities with the highest graduation rates. Member schools will share lessons learned and institutional data, and will annually publish their aggregate progress.

Spring brought showers of competitive scholarships for Bucknell undergraduates. **Lisa Francomacaro '18** and **Mae Lacey '18** earned Goldwater scholarships, among the most prestigious awards for undergraduates studying the sciences, mathematics or engineering; **Savanna Morrison '18** earned a Beinecke Scholarship supporting graduate studies in the arts, humanities and social sciences; and **Dominic Scicchitano '19** earned a Udall Scholarship for leadership, public service and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or the environment.

Experts explored the scholarly side of stand-up at the first-ever **Ethics & Aesthetics of Stand-Up Comedy** conference hosted by Bucknell. The interdisciplinary conference not only brought together students, professors and researchers to contemplate the philosophy of funny, but guests also included a *New York Times* comedy critic, a former *Saturday Night Live* writer and comedian **Paula Poundstone**.

# Management Changes Status

## The school became a college on July 1

The 125-year evolution of business education at Bucknell took a grand step forward with the establishment of the College of Management on July 1. Formerly a school within the College of Arts & Sciences, management will now have greater autonomy in crafting curriculum and degree programs. But greater independence doesn't mean Bucknell's management programs will drift from their liberal arts roots, says Raquel Alexander, the Kenneth W. Freeman Professor & Dean of the College of Management.

"Our mission is to prepare students to serve society and their professions. We will continue to offer small classes that emphasize strong communication, leadership and analytical skills grounded in the

liberal arts," Alexander says. "Bucknell graduates succeed because they can apply an interdisciplinary approach to modern global business issues and lead with integrity."

Alexander says the faculty are also excited about expanding offerings for non-majors and are exploring the possibility of interdisciplinary minors. The college also intends to expand cocurricular learning opportunities while still supporting interdisciplinary offerings, such as the arts entrepreneurship minor. — *Matt Hughes*

*For more on Alexander's vision for the new college, see facing page. For the latest news on the College of Management, including a video, go to [bucknell.edu/CoM](http://bucknell.edu/CoM).*



Professor Matthew Bailey, management, leads a foundation seminar.

# Q&A

By Matt Hughes



Raquel Alexander

In July, Raquel Alexander became the first Kenneth W. Freeman Professor & Dean of the new College of Management. We asked Alexander, who was previously an associate dean at Washington & Lee University, what lies in store for management education at Bucknell.

**Q:** Why is now the right time for the University to expand its management programs as an independent college?

**A:** Bucknell has offered excellent management education for more than 100 years. When we think about how to best serve our students, a College of Management is the next step in that tradition. With dedicated resources, we can provide students transformative experiences such as study-abroad opportunities that allow them to pursue their major in another culture. We can also build programming and curriculum for students in the College of Engineering and College of Arts & Sciences in a way that was not possible before.

**Q:** You've come to Bucknell from another liberal arts school. How does a liberal arts core inform a business education?

**A:** The most important problems we face as a society are not solved by any single discipline. How do you power the planet and sustain the world? How do you build community? How do you address inequity? The answer is not found in any one major. Having a business degree coupled with the liberal arts allows students to have a broader understanding of these problems and look at them through the lenses of different disciplines. Students who aspire to be leaders in

organizations must develop the skills to work with others who have different professional training and personal backgrounds. Bucknell's College of Management takes an interdisciplinary approach to education that will serve its graduates well throughout their lives.

**Q:** What will your first actions be as dean of the college?

**A:** This summer, I will be working with the faculty and staff on plans to welcome students to the College of Management in the fall. I will also be meeting the faculty around campus, visiting alumni and learning more about Bucknell's histories and traditions — but as a University of Kansas graduate, I am already familiar with the 2005 March Madness story, so alumni don't need to bring that up when we meet.

**Q:** When the college's first class graduates in four years' time, how do you think the college will be different?

**A:** We will have developed more experiential programs that build upon the strengths across the University in the humanities, engineering and the arts. There's already a lot of magic that happens in the classroom and on campus. We have an opportunity to enhance cocurricular activities off campus and foster important professional connections between the students and alumni,

parents and friends of Bucknell.

The College of Management will also have a stronger partnership with the arts. With an arts entrepreneurship minor and a growing number of faculty collaborations across arts and management, we are exploring spaces to support and foster connections between these disciplines. The arts inform who we are as humans — our history, our culture, our values — and strengthening the connection between management and the arts would bring further distinction to Bucknell. But what won't change is our commitment to small class sizes, personal connections between students and their faculty advisers, and emphasis on the liberal arts.

**Q:** How else is the college positioning itself to aid graduates in meeting the challenges of today's economy?

**A:** Students should engage in meaningful, high-impact activities before they go on the job market, and we need to provide opportunities for all students to have these experiences. Whether it is working with faculty on research, studying abroad or interning during the summer, students learn about their interests, aptitudes and abilities while developing professional skills that will serve them over a lifetime.

## Persistently Green

Fostering sustainability and community is no wild goose chase at Lewisburg farm

By Erica L. Shames

**F**or the last three years Wild Goose organic demonstration farm has been taking shape on 20 acres outside Lewisburg.

Under the tutelage of Professor David Kristjanson-Gural, economics, and wife Kathy, Bucknell students and the Lewisburg-area community have developed cutting-edge projects to demonstrate the viability of growing local, organic and affordable food sustainably.

Drawing on their experiences with food-related projects locally, in Costa Rica and in western Massachusetts,

the Kristjanson-Gurals teach the importance of sustainability. But their mission at Wild Goose Farm goes further. This family-owned-and-operated membership organization is an experiment in learning and teaching about healthful and sustainable lifestyle practices.

“This struck us as a great remedy for the angst we feel about the fact that

the planet and the climate are changing,” says David Kristjanson-Gural, who is a senior fellow in Bucknell’s residential Social Justice College.

Bucknell students play vital roles on the farm. Last year, students from Net Impact, the on-campus networking organization that matches students with internships and jobs in sustainability, toured the farm to gain insights into its operation.

“Kathy opened our eyes to the importance of the local food movement,” says **Marissa Graham** ’16. “We learned about integrated pest management and how chickens help cultivate the garden. It piqued our interest in larger food systems.”

After reading Richard Louv’s *Last Child in the Woods*, about the divide between children and the outdoors, Kathy was inspired to make the woodland area of the farm more inviting to families and young children. She engaged Management 101 students, led by **Daniella Kotowitz** ’18, to develop an interactive play trail.

“The project fit our company, B’s Gear for Children’s Cheer, since it was hands-on, benefited the local community, left a long-term impact and enabled us to see change,” says Kotowitz.

Last fall, Professor Andrew Stuhl’s environmental humanities class built a green microshelter with timber harvested from trees felled by Hurricane Sandy. Designed to demonstrate the viability of the microshelter movement, the building has a sustainable foundation of compressed earth and passive solar energy gathered through judicious placement of the structure.

Sigma Chi fraternity members helped clear downed trees in prepara-



Wild Goose Farm intern Sierra Meggitt '20 plants rosemary in a brick planter that she built.

## A Fresh Approach to Campus Food

tion for a forest walk and mushroom-growing workshop last spring, and Sigma Phi Epsilon spread wood chips to create a play area for phase two of the trail. Chi Phi also has volunteered at the farm.

This year, the Kristjanson-Gurals welcomed their first Bucknell intern, managing for sustainability major **Sierra Meggitt '20**, who helps with gardening, marketing and logistics for events and research.

*"It's truly inspiring and empowering."*

— Sierra Meggitt '20

"Working at the farm has shown me an alternative to traditional business, and the successful creation of a place for a community to come together and focus on green living, social well-being, health and wellness, artistic expression, learning and inter-generational community-building," says Meggitt. "It's truly inspiring and empowering."

Monthly farm events showcase local, sustainably grown organic food, and campfire sing-alongs encourage connections among the farm's more than 50 members, the Bucknell community and the Lewisburg community at large. Special events, such as mid-June's Beyond Recycling: Building Sustainable Solutions weekend, take learning to another level. There, sustainability experts teach a variety of skills, including how to install drip irrigation to extend the growing season and conserve water, while making growing less labor-intensive.

"The ideas have been embraced enthusiastically by folks who have woken up to the idea that we have to make these changes," says David Kristjanson-Gural. However, he adds, "A lot of people don't want to admit we're in a crisis — so we get a fair amount of skepticism. We've done enough community organizing to know that we have to persist, and as you persist people catch on."

**T**he Bison, a favorite place for students to fuel up before class, has added some new food favorites and extended its hours of operation. Popular items include a "new line of smoothies, juices and bowls in the Bison Fresh section," says Jay Breeding, Bucknell Dining director of retail. Early birds will find new additions in the bowl section, including a vegan chocolate pudding and toasted quinoa. A toast bar allows diners to select and toast breads, then add everything from avocado to salmon to spreads such as butter and jam. Traditional breakfast foods are also available, including eggs made to order at the grill, an oatmeal bar, fresh pastries and coffee.

The coffeehouse feel of 7th Street Café is also getting an upgrade with a new focus on specialty coffees and teas. The new beverage options are locally sourced through a partnership with **Chris Trate '82**, who owns wholesale distributor W.A. Dehart in Mifflinburg, Pa.

If brewed coffees aren't to taste, caffeine cravers can now select a pour-over option. Tea lovers may choose from an expanded hot beverage menu that includes Two Leaves and a Bud, hand-wrapped flowering green tea, ceremonial-grade matcha and seasonal flavored coffees, such as Chocolate Cherry Kiss.

Hungry Bucknellians can still get a hot breakfast at 7th Street Café, along with locally produced snacks, such as Pardoe's nuts, Middleswarth chips and items from David's Awesome Cookies and Pretzels. Orders are now served on ceramic plates unless customers order to-go items.

Students can even save a little cash while advancing the University's commitment to sustainability. If they purchase a \$1 refill sticker designed by **Ashley Vecchio '20**, who serves on the Bucknell Dining sustainability subcommittee, and bring a refillable container of up to 20 ounces to 7th Street Café, the Bison or the Library Café, they get 25 cents off any brewed coffee, iced tea or fountain soda. "The goal is to continue to reduce the use of disposable cups, sleeves and lids," says Breeding. — *Heather Peavey Johns*



Assistant manager Lauren Dubosky makes matcha at 7th Street Café.

## A Full-throated Approach

Choral leader Beth Willer aims for total participation in the creative process

By Paula Franken

**A**s director of choral activities, Professor Beth Willer, music, leads the Bucknell University Choir and Camerata.

"I'm especially interested in exposing students to progressive contemporary repertoire by living composers and juxtaposing those with lesser-known and standard works of the choral canon, dating back to medieval manuscripts," she says. "By making connections between the ancient and new, sacred and secular, we will be able to bring our music to a larger audience."

The Camerata specializes in the performance of contemporary and early repertoires, including concerted and secular works, while remaining committed to the sacred a cappella tradition that spans the last 10 centuries.

"The challenge, and the opportunity, with choral music is that most of it was written for the church — but music becomes more relevant when we present sacred and secular music side-by-side, pulling new meaning from both," she says.

The newly formed University Choir is the cornerstone ensemble of the choral program, performing a repertoire ranging from the 16th through 21st centuries. The ensemble performs in venues across the country and the globe, collaborating with vocal and instrumental ensembles of diverse musical backgrounds and repertoires.

"It's important to me that both ensembles go out and perform in the community, each serving the campus in a unique way," she says, noting that singing has always been one of the most accessible and portable of art forms.

"People sing in churches, basements and auditoriums," she says. "Students' experiences in these ensembles should prepare them for singing on any level, in any venue — professional or amateur, in any community."

Willer brings her expertise to the classroom in courses that range from Arts Entrepreneurship to an advanced seminar in chamber music.

"My priority is to enable students to be both independent and collaborative in their music-making," she says. "I want them to feel that they're actively participating in developing this phenomenal art form."

*For more on Willer and her recent work on Anthracite Fields, see Page 18. Follow the University Choir's global tour @bucknellchoirs on Instagram.*

### FACULTY PROFILE

## Michael James

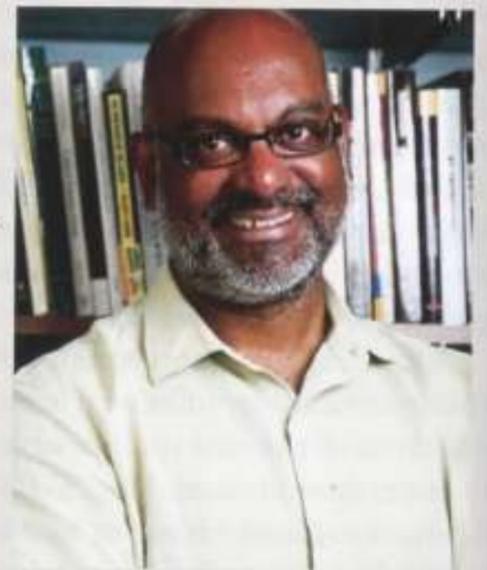
The questions Professor Michael James, political science, asks his students to explore are sometimes challenging — How do minority groups get their interests fairly represented? What counts as fair representation? — but James says discussing these questions helps students learn to think critically and reflectively.

"In order to facilitate discussion across divergent or conflicting perspectives, you must let people speak and understand what they are thinking before you critique it," he explains.

These subjects are debated thoroughly and openly in James' Race, Ethnicity and American Legal Thought class. James argues that racial and ethnic identities, such as African-American and Hispanic, are social constructions, yet are still meaningful and have real effects on people's lives. James' goal is for his students to think about where these

types of identities come from. With these questions explored, the conversation can then move to policy and institutions.

"I break each issue down into three questions — constitutionality, legality and morality," he says. "By giving students a chance to see the best arguments I can find that oppose each other, I expose students to different viewpoints to allow them to construct not an opinion, but a judgment — something that they can understand and defend in light of empirical facts, history and counterarguments." — Matt Beltz





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Student Life & Sports

## Building on Success

Ian Wood steps into role as the third head athletic trainer in Bucknell's history

By William Bowman

**F**ive years ago, Ian Wood embraced the challenge of replacing someone who was regarded as an institution. Now, as he tackles a similar task at Bucknell University — this time as just the third head athletic trainer at Bucknell in 70 years — Wood understands what lies ahead.

Wood replaced Mark Keppler, the University's head trainer for the last 31 years, arriving in February from Colorado College, where Wood also had succeeded a trainer with a more than three-decade legacy.

"It's a challenge following someone who has been here for 31 years," says Wood. (Keppler's predecessor, Hal Biggs, was here even longer — 38 years.) "Obviously, Mark leaves some big shoes to fill. But I'm 6-foot-7.

I have pretty big feet to put into those shoes," he says with a smile.

The transition to his new role as associate athletic director for sports medicine early this year offered Wood the opportunity to observe the program before implementing any significant changes heading into fall. He understands he will oversee an experienced group of trainers at Bucknell. "When you come into a place like this, with so much experience, you don't come in like a bull," Wood says.

Wood was a full-time trainer at the United States Military Academy before shifting to the University of Wisconsin for six years. Wood then spent another six years as chief of sports medicine with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program in Fort Carson, Colo., and then became director of sports medicine at Colorado College.

Spending six years working with the military's Olympic athletes remains a highlight for Wood, who traveled the globe with the Army's Greco-Roman wrestlers. "There is nothing like seeing the Stars and Stripes raised in a foreign country," he says. "It was an awesome experience." He expects his years at Bucknell will be equally inspiring.



New head athletic trainer Ian Wood treats football player Cinjun Erskine '20.

# Standing in Solidarity



The Class of 2017 has left its mark on Bucknell with a senior tribute that has special meaning. In the amphitheater near the South Campus Apartments, a series of plaques articulating the Solidarity Creed acknowledges a significant and painful moment for the class and the University — while serving as a reminder of how the Bucknell community has pledged to grow.

In 2015, after three students were expelled for making racist remarks on air at the campus radio station, Bucknellians banded together to write the Solidarity Creed. “The creed is central to our Bucknell experience,” says Class President **Danielle Taylor '17**. “It’s how we as students responded to that incident.

“I hope people will know the statements in this creed are important to our class,” Taylor adds. “I hope students will take it seriously and take that vow as a Bucknellian. I hope this will be part of the University forever.”

— *Heather Peavey Johns*



President John Bravman joins seniors (from left) Taylor McCready, Danielle Taylor and Jorden Sneed.



Erin Clark '18 has found Common Ground at Bucknell.

## STUDENT PROFILE

### Erin Clark '18

As a first-year student, Erin Clark '18 hadn't considered joining Common Ground, a five-day retreat with a focus on diversity at Bucknell. After hearing the experiences of sophomore peers who were program facilitators, the Schenectady, N.Y., native and managing for sustainability major was intrigued by the program's impact on Bucknell's community. Clark decided to join her sophomore year, and trained to become a program facilitator for the next fall.

Approximately 50 student participants and 15 student facilitators attend the retreat, where team-building activities encourage discussion about race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and socioeconomic status.

“A big goal for Common Ground is to get people to have meaningful conversations about areas of difference on campus,” she says. “There’s a lot of difference that doesn’t get talked about, and that might not be something you can observe until you talk to individuals and hear about their experiences.”

For Clark, the program is a conduit for uniting students from “all different walks of life” and for making new friends and building a support network. “There are some I never would have known unless I did Common Ground,” she says.

Clark, a residential adviser and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, feels that her involvement with Common Ground has positively influenced her other pursuits on campus.

“Common Ground is a group of people who can talk about diversity issues and facilitate conversations not just on the five-day retreat but throughout the year,” Clark says, citing community dinners and involvement with Bucknell's Diversity Summit and Residential Education programming as examples of the program's impact throughout campus.

“Common Ground encourages people to celebrate their differences and to genuinely get to know other people and hear about their lives,” Clark says. “That experience helps to bring people together and create a bigger sense of community, and I think that’s really special.” — *Samantha Nolle '20*

# Legacies Gifts & Giving

## Grounding the Humanities

Appreciation for diverse disciplines and Islamic studies inspires family's gift

By Susan Lindt

**W**hen Hildreth-Mirza Hall debuts next spring as the home of Bucknell's new Humanities Center, its name will honor the mother and daughter who jointly funded the project.

As with most great collaborations, there's a back story, and Hildreth-Mirza Hall's is an exotic one featuring a host of players: Bucknell's ninth president, Horace Hildreth; Dwight Eisenhower; Pakistan's first president, nicknamed "the strong man;" and a bit part played by a glass of pomegranate juice and its timely spill.

It is a shared love of the humanities that prompted Hildreth's daughter Josephine "Dodie" Detmer '52 and her own daughter, Zareen Taj Mirza '79, to make their gift. But individual life experiences also fueled their support.

It was 1949, and Hildreth, who had been Maine's governor, had just become

president of Bucknell. Detmer soon transferred from Vassar College to join her parents at Bucknell, where she studied history. During Hildreth's four-year tenure, he met Penn State University President Milton Eisenhower, brother to Dwight, who was about to ascend to the U.S. presidency. Detmer believes that relationship prompted her father's appointment as U.S. ambassador to a fledgling Pakistan. It forever changed Detmer.

"I was the perfect age to go — 22 years old," Detmer says. "We arrived at a hard time. The monsoon had just hit Karachi. People were literally drowning in the streets. You could hear them crying. Oh God, it was awful. I went out to the refugee camps and passed out milk. That was our initial introduction. But that passed, and then it was a wonderful experience. It was a good time to be there. The country was new, and everyone was excited, encouraged and hopeful."

Detmer attended a party on a Navy boat one night. At her table was the dashing Humayun Mirza, who had recently returned to Pakistan after studying in Britain. Humayun's father, Iskander, was about to become the country's first president and earn the nickname "the strong man." She would soon marry Humayun, sweep-



Zareen Taj Mirza '79 and her mother, Josephine "Dodie" Detmer '52, recently attended the groundbreaking of the new Hildreth-Mirza Hall, shown in background.



Horace Hildreth and family gather around their dogs, Biscuit and Teena, during his tenure as Bucknell's president. From left: Dodie, Katherine, Horace, Katherine, Anne and Horace Jr.

ing her along Pakistan's political ride.

"Humayun was handsome and intelligent. He spilled pomegranate juice all over my dress," Detmer says of that night at the party. "I fell in love with him. We lived there for a few years after my family left Karachi, and that was exciting. It was fascinating watching the political scene unfold. His father later recommended we leave the country — he was a very smart man, and he could see he had enemies who were about to pounce."

The couple moved to New England, where Zareen was born. They eventually divorced, and Detmer settled into a 30-year career teaching high-school history in Portland. She later remarried, but never forgot her experiences in Pakistan, where she came to love Islam.

"It's a wonderful religion. If we understood it better, we would appreciate it more — that's the rub,"

she says in her tidy Maine accent. "If people understood Islam, they might be more welcoming. It's such a global world. We've got to interact, and we've got to do it in an understanding fashion."

This is part of the good she hopes will come from their gift, which also endows the Josephine Hildreth Detmer & Zareen Taj Mirza Professorship in Islamic Studies — Bucknell's first position dedicated to the study of Islam.

"The humanities are important. They make you think about the world and broaden you," Detmer says. "Global understanding is the key to the world existing peacefully. And my daughter was very keen [to make the gift]. She influenced me because she loves Bucknell, and she believes in the humanities."

Mirza was a Russian studies major at Bucknell. When she heard about the

opportunity to fund the project that would transform the former Delta Upsilon house, it jogged her memory of a magical formal there some 40 years ago. "I'll always remember it because it was so exciting," Mirza says. But she also thought the gift could make a difference in the world. After all, her life's pursuits have always been grounded in the humanities.

"I preached, worked in business, painted and taught a little bit of English, so I truly do love the humanities," Mirza says. "And it's a tough time in the world right now. If we can educate people to understand how others think and live at their best rather than at their worst, it can be a background for a conversation — and it will be a much healthier conversation."

*To learn more about the humanities at Bucknell, visit [bucknell.edu/TheHumanitiesCenter](http://bucknell.edu/TheHumanitiesCenter).*

# Creative Collective

Arts & Culture

## A Bang-on Performance

Bucknell's production of 'Anthracite Fields' rounds out a year of coal region-related programming

By Susan Lindt

If there's a perfect musical composition to close Bucknell's yearlong coal series, it's *Anthracite Fields*. Julia Wolfe's Pulitzer-winning, 60-minute oratorio wowed an April 1 audience at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts and seemed custom-tailored for *Coal Collections: Local, National and International Stories*. Spotlights Bucknell's geographic proximity to coal country, the University's production also celebrated the collaborative spirit in a single life-changing performance.

"No matter how stressful rehearsing was, that hour of the performance was unlike anything we've ever done before," says **Justina Bernard '19**, a music education major who sings alto 1 in the Bucknell Camerata. "Experiencing that collaborative process, having the composer right

there to tell you why she did certain things, and seeing so many moving parts come together was incredible."

Weis Center Executive Director Kathryn Maguet loved *Anthracite Fields* when she first heard it in 2014, so she coordinated a Bucknell production and brainstorming sessions

with colleagues in the Place Studies Program to develop coal-related programs. So many ideas emerged, the yearlong *Coal Collections* was born, and *Anthracite Fields* took the lineup's finale position.

"It was a technically challenging piece for us, but I thought we nailed it," Maguet says. "It's like the stars lined up on this one."

Music Professor Beth Willer, director of choral activities, saw the ambitious undertaking as an opportunity for Bucknell Camerata to experience multipronged collaboration with professional musicians.

"I was broadly aware of *Anthracite Fields* when it received the Pulitzer in 2015," Willer says. "The opportunity to work with Bang on a Can All-Stars [the professional ensemble accompanying the performance] was once in a lifetime, and the piece is so relevant to this place, which gives it exceptional meaning. Julia is brilliant, and to have her here and have her feedback — that doesn't happen often for undergraduate students."

Rehearsals began in January. Even



From left: Lycoming Chamber Choir's Emily Robinson and Bucknell's Emily Byers M'18 and Favour Unigwe '20 blend their voices.



Projected archival photos of coal miners formed an evocative backdrop for the performance, directed by Beth Willer on April 1.

for seasoned music students, the minimalist piece was tough.

“Rehearsing was very intense, and it was hard to get a whole picture of the piece with just the singers and a rehearsal pianist,” says **Timothy Lambert '17**, a music education major who sings tenor 1. “But it was an incredibly profound experience for me and others as well.”

The performance, under Willer’s direction, featured 53 singers, including the Lycoming Chamber Choir. In rehearsals, Willer emphasized the end product.

“It’s rhythmically challenging,” Bernard says. “There are a lot of repeated notes and patterns. Just the amount of music — we got this enormous book to learn. It’s easy to make mistakes, so rehearsing was definitely a process, but we were excited and kept the bigger picture in mind.”

The week of the show, the All-Stars rehearsed with students, and Wolfe infused nuance that refined their performance.

“Julia would offer insights about the piece,” says **Karah Barrist '18**, a music education major who sings

soprano 1. “I was grateful she was there to explain little things we may have missed. I didn’t expect to have the emotional connection to it that I felt when we actually performed it.”

Meanwhile, English Professor G.C. Waldrep’s students were experiencing *Anthracite Fields* from another angle. Waldrep used it to demonstrate how Wolfe produced lyrics by recycling existing texts, including children’s rhymes, speeches and even a list of miners’ names.

“Students were very intrigued by the idea of creating artwork out of pre-existing material that’s found,” Waldrep says. “We talked about the creative process and how for most artists, writers and musicians, there’s this terrible moment of facing the blank page and having to make something out of nothing. What if there are other ways to create so you don’t have to face that blank page?”

Pre- and postconcert discussions with Waldrep and Wolfe were captured by a *New York Times* reporter who featured Bucknell’s performance as an entrée into an article about coal’s unlikely propulsion into the

national election and its future.

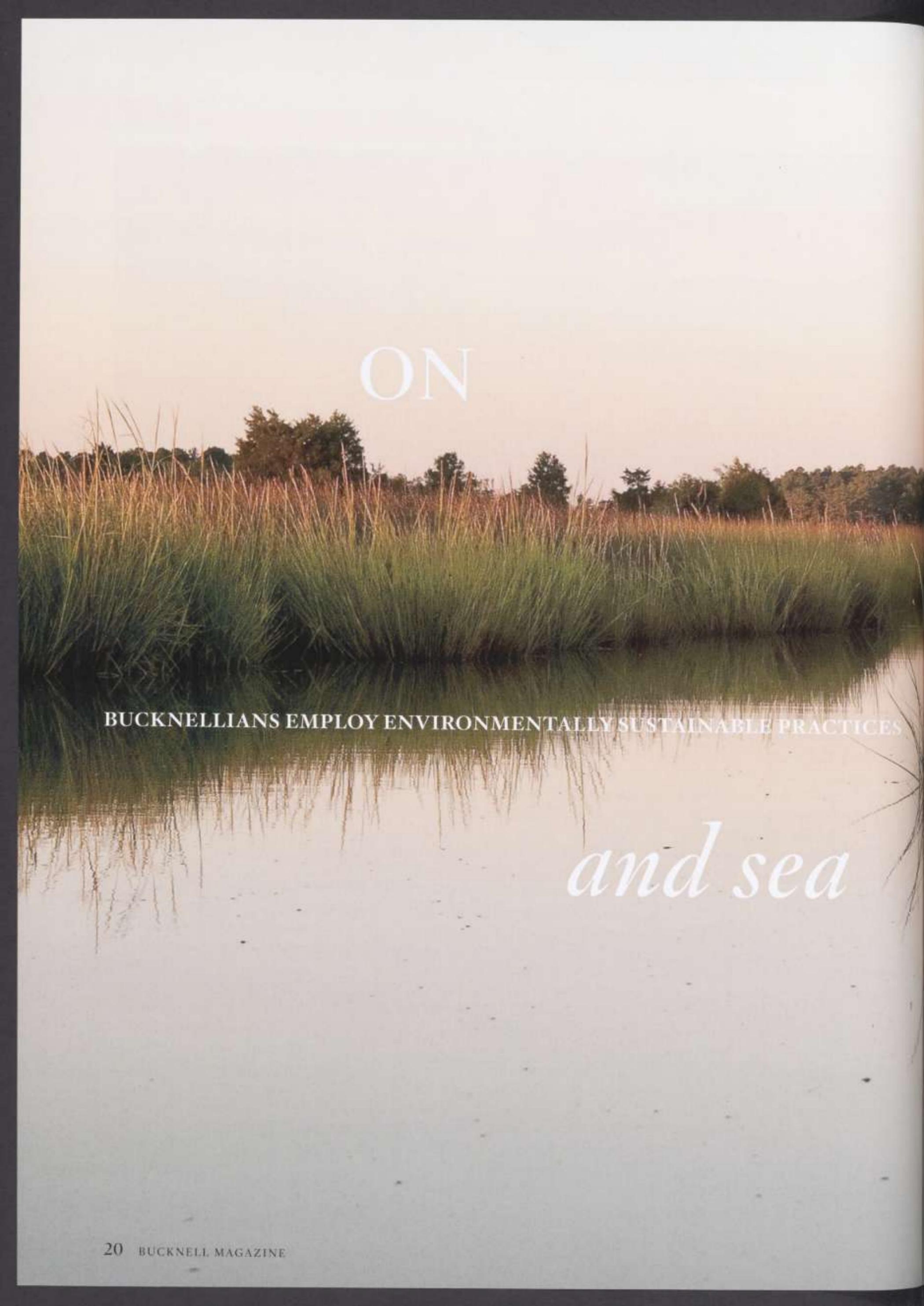
Wolfe says, for students the composition’s novelty (and that publicity) created an excitement in their performance.

“The sound was very strong and unified — I was happily surprised,” Wolfe says. “There’s an energy that comes with a new experience. And then suddenly there’s a major publication interested in it too — that’s exciting and adds to the support for trying new things.”

Wolfe appreciated that Bucknell told coal’s bigger story with related programming, including a photo exhibit and free transportation from the coal region so community members could enjoy *Anthracite Fields*.

“All the attention Bucknell paid to making it a deeper experience adds a dimension that doesn’t necessarily happen out in the world,” she says. “It’s an important and beautiful thing when a university reaches out to connect with its region.”

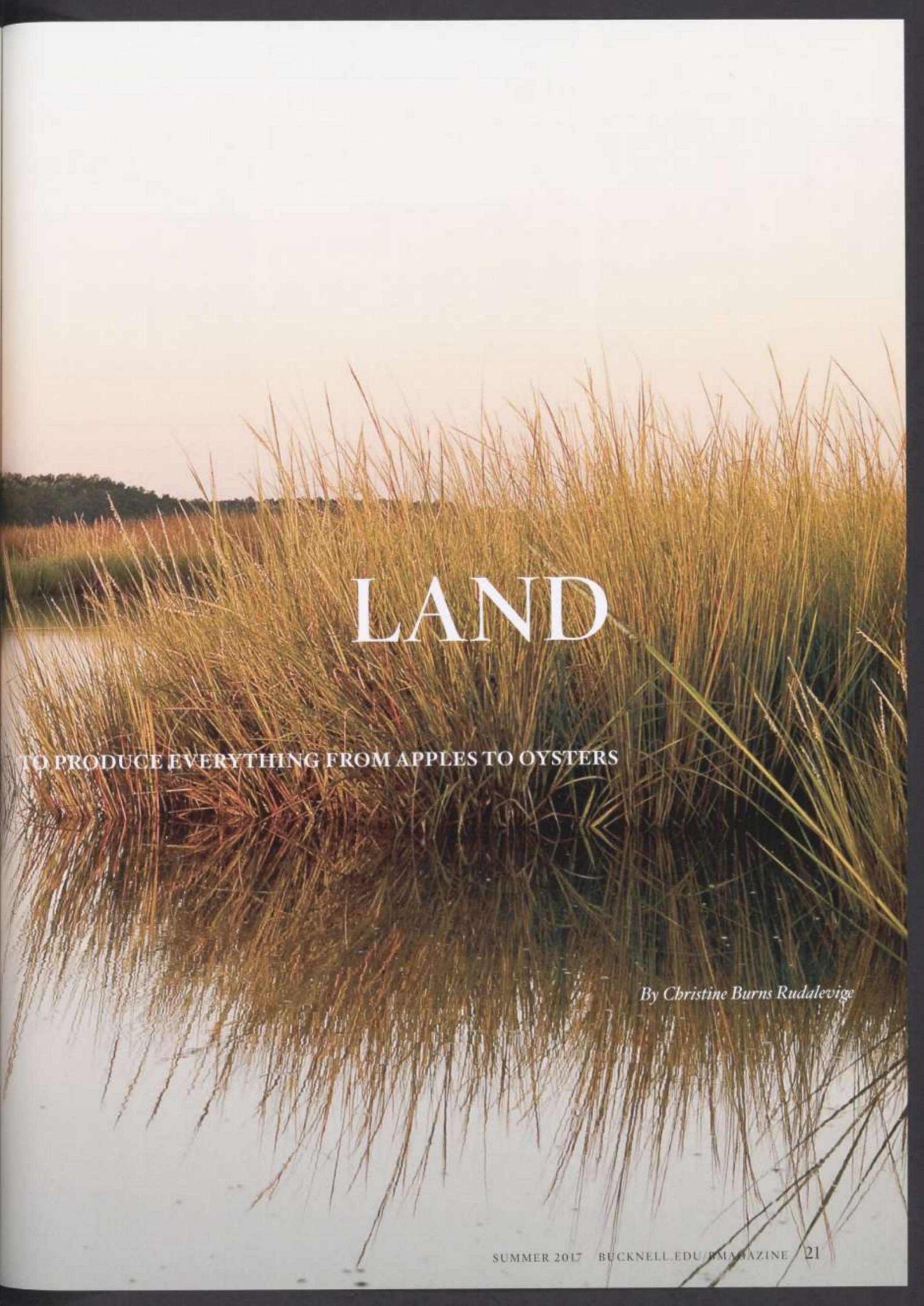
For more on the Coal Collections series, visit [bucknell.edu/TheCoalCollections](http://bucknell.edu/TheCoalCollections).



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TO PRODUCE EVERYTHING FROM APPLES TO OYSTERS

*By Christine Burns Rudalevige*



**“A crucial measure  
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*— John Melick '93*



**F**arm-to-table” is a sizzling-hot movement that promises fresh, unprocessed, tasty, nutritious food brought to eaters from as near as the closest, sustainably minded farm. The USDA says the American local food market grew from \$4.8 billion in 2008 to \$6.1 billion in 2012 and to \$11.7 in 2014. It’s a maxim with many variations: farm-to-fork, trawl-to-table, farm-to-ladle, farm-to-school, pasture-to-plate, to name a few. But no matter how you turn this phrase, it continues to make cash registers sing from Berkeley to Boston, Austin to Anchorage.

But there is also a growing body of evidence concerning sustainable food production practices — the very ones used to satisfy the burgeoning locavore appetite — that demonstrate just how well they add up environmentally.

A host of cross-disciplined Bucknellians who are currently involved in agricultural enterprises tout the environmental merits of the sustainable practices they employ on their farms. But while the apple farmer, cheese maker, sheep breeder and oyster farmer featured below can wax scientifically poetic for hours about which heirloom apples make the best hard cider; how to tumble an oyster just so; the right technique to get a downy white rind on a Camembert-style cheese; and the interesting connection between Tunis sheep and some of America’s founding fathers, they all speak more somberly about the minutiae of making their businesses economically, as well as environmentally, sustainable.

“A crucial measure of any sustainable farm is that it’s still here next year to produce more food,” says **John Melick ’93**, a 10th-generation farmer whose family farm was founded in 1725 by German immigrants about 50 miles west of Manhattan in Bedminster, N.J. Melick says that even while studying at Bucknell and during his 10-year tenure as a civil engineer, he never really left the farm, as he still worked the land nights, weekends and summers.

Now the largest apple grower in New Jersey with more than 650 acres and 30,000 apple and 5,000 stone fruit trees, he’s helped Melick’s Town Farm develop a diversified sales and delivery strategy that sustains the operation’s bottom line. It includes several brick-and-mortar stores selling fruit and vegetables, a healthy wholesale business that serves

supermarkets and regional farm stores, a pick-your-own operation, a community-supported agriculture scheme, a farm winery specializing in hard cider and a regular farmers’ market rotation.

While he tries to minimize their use, market standards for fruit makes it very tough for an operation of his size to quit pesticides whole hog. He can charge \$1.99 per pound for perfect apples but barely earn 10 cents per pound for ones misshapen by fungus or disease.

Melick asserts that ugly apples are still edible apples, an argument reiterated by food waste reduction advocates at every turn, and says increasing their value was also the driving force behind the farm’s on-site cider mill. Central to the mill is a traditional rack-and-cloth cider press used to make fresh cider from imperfect apples and hard cider from a mix of old- and new-world apple varieties specifically cultivated for their tannin level.

Melick used the civil-engineering skills he learned at Bucknell to design his heritage apple orchard with the varieties (Calville Blanc, Ashmead’s Kernel, Chisel Jersey and Dabinett) he wants to use in future batches of hard cider. “It’s exciting to plan how the heritage apples can play into the future of the farm,” says Melick.

In order to cultivate a herd of dairy sheep naturally productive enough to make cheese a profitable venture on her Weston, Mo., farm, **Sarah Hoffmann ’80** had to deal with what she called a “limited genetics” issue.

Hoffmann, a chemistry major who graduated from medical school and pursued a career in infectious-disease research, purchased Green Dirt Farm in 1996 with husband John Spertus, a cardiologist. She started working the land full time in 2000, the first 12 sheep arrived

in 2002, and she began milking the ladies in 2004. When the farm was licensed to make cheese four years later, Hoffmann made 800 pounds.

“We sold every bit of cheese we made in those early years, but we weren’t even covering the fixed costs,” says Hoffmann. “The science of the farm I could easily understand. The business end of the enterprise is one of those continuous learning curves.”

She brought some cow’s milk from neighboring farms into the mix and reduced her flock, keeping her best milkers. She wanted to cross those ewes with French Lacaune sheep, known as the Jerseys of the sheep world because their rich milk is perfect for cheese-making. But there are few Lacaune on this side of the Atlantic.

To get the “improved genetic material” (aka sperm) shipped to the United States, the Dairy Sheep Association of North America had to gain USDA approval. And to get that material deposited into her ewes, Hoffmann needed a one-time artificial insemination dispensation from A Greener World, a respected third-party auditor that certifies livestock is raised humanely and in an environmentally sustainable fashion.

She pays rigorous attention to how her flock grazes to maintain healthy soil and help nutritious pasture grasses thrive. The sheep rotate to a new grazing area every day. Pasture sections, which are divided by portable, solar-powered fences, rest for three months before the sheep revisit them. Hoffmann says carefully tended pastures make happy sheep that yield high-quality, flavorful milk, but she also knows the process prevents soil erosion and helps to build topsoil.

Hoffmann’s farm produced 30,000 pounds of cheese last year, much of it award-winning and distributed nationally. She credits the mix of grasses and legumes her

OPPOSITE PAGE: Clockwise, from left: A Green Dirt Farm (GDF) sheep; shearing the Sojkas’ sheep; the Sojkas’ vintage barn; cheese-making at GDF; a Sojka chicken; John Melick in his orchard; GDF’s creamy cheese; apple blossoms from Melick’s Town Farm. Sojka photos by Emily Paine; Melick photos by Scott Wyant; others courtesy of GDF.

sheep eat, and honors the soil of the Missouri River Valley's rolling terrain and the sheep with cheese names like Dirt Lover (an ash-dusted French farmhouse cheese), Prairie Tomme (a long-aged, Alpine-style cheese) and Woolly Rind (a bloomy rind cheese).

Telling the story of where the food sitting on a customer's plate came from is one of the strongest tenets of farm-to-table marketing. Bucknell President Emeritus Gary Sojka recounts the history of the Tunis sheep that live on Bend in the Creek Farm with him and wife Sandy in Middleburg, Pa.

The first pair of Tunis sheep to set hoof in the United States were a gift to George Washington from the Bey of Tunis, monarch of Tunisia, in 1799. Washington entrusted Judge Richard Peters of Belmont, Pa., to cross the sheep with domesticated New World rams available at the time, resulting in one of the oldest breeds of livestock developed in America, explains Sojka, who has been raising Tunis sheep for more than 20 years. He does so to help preserve the endangered breed, since most of the Tunis sheep were eaten during the Civil War era. His herd stood at a low of 60 sheep this spring, but he wasn't too worried about his numbers, as 40 were pregnant.

Like Hoffmann, Sojka understands the atmospheric and ecological importance of fixing carbon from the air into the soil through rotational grazing regimens, which he practices religiously. But to leave that thriving underground carbon economy undisturbed, in more than 20 years Sojka has never broken the surface of the soil on any of his 17 acres of grass — or 38 acres of hay — except to pull up thistles, a tenacious weed the sheep don't like to eat. He overseeds — a process of spreading seed for disparate grasses over already established grass to give the sheep a salad bowl of greens on which to dine.

Tunis sheep, with their floppy ears, broad tails, cream-colored wool, cinnamon-red faces and legs and friendly disposition, are dual-purpose animals that produce fine wool and tasty meat. Sojka holds an annual community sheep shearing day every spring, sells the wool via the Amish wool pool, and has a long waiting

list of local eaters willing to take the superfluous males off his hands for \$150 per animal, a price he's left untouched for six years.

"But these sheep are also living, breathing, traveling manure spreaders that don't require fossil fuels," jokes Sojka, explaining that sheep droppings are spread efficiently around his pastures with two shakes of a lamb's tail.

As a microbiologist, Sojka is very concerned about agricultural waste runoff making its way into rivers, flowing through watersheds like the one his farm lies in, and out to the ocean where it can create dead zones.

To protect against any runoff from Bend in the Creek Farm ending up in the Chesapeake Bay by way of Middle Creek, he constructed a 100-yard riparian buffer comprising a fence, a swath of grass, a gravel path and a line of trees. The composite buffer sits between any pasture the sheep would frequent and the creek. Studies conducted by the USDA show that these buffers reduce nitrogen from agricultural runoff by 68 percent.

"Given our present light use of the land, that buffer will make sure not a drop of waste makes it to the creek," says Sojka. But thinking about future uses of the land, he adds, makes the measure a sustainable one.

In the world of sustainable agriculture, Sojka says he feels a bit disingenuous, since he and Sandy heavily subsidize their farm operations with their personal resources and take no compensation for their labor. "True sustainable farmers have to be economically as well as environmentally sustainable, which we obviously can't be with our principal aim being to conserve an important part of our nation's livestock heritage," says Sojka.

Just as Sojka works to limit agricultural waste making its way to the Chesapeake Bay, **Scott Budden '07**, owner of the most northerly oyster farm in the bay, has an opportunity to help the bay recover ecologically while feeding the public's ravenous appetite for local oysters. The Chesapeake used to be chockfull of oysters that could each filter 50 gallons of water a day, protecting the bay from being overrun with the microscopic algae oysters eat. But when these

bivalves gained worldwide acclaim they were harvested and eaten into near extinction. Oyster farms are sustainable aquaculture's answer to restoring the ecological equilibrium of the bays up and down the East Coast.

Because Orchard Point Oyster Co. is near the mouth of the Chester River, it lies adjacent to the pristine waters of the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. Budden plants his oysters in off-bottom cages in a subtidal cove fed by a direct inlet to the bay, giving them a fresh supply of food and a salty flush twice daily. The result is an elegant oyster with a slightly briny start and a creamy, buttery finish.

But that's not to say Budden, who grew up along these same shores before earning a degree in economics and international relations, doesn't have to work 12- to 14-hour days to make his environmentally sustainable operation financially viable in the long term.

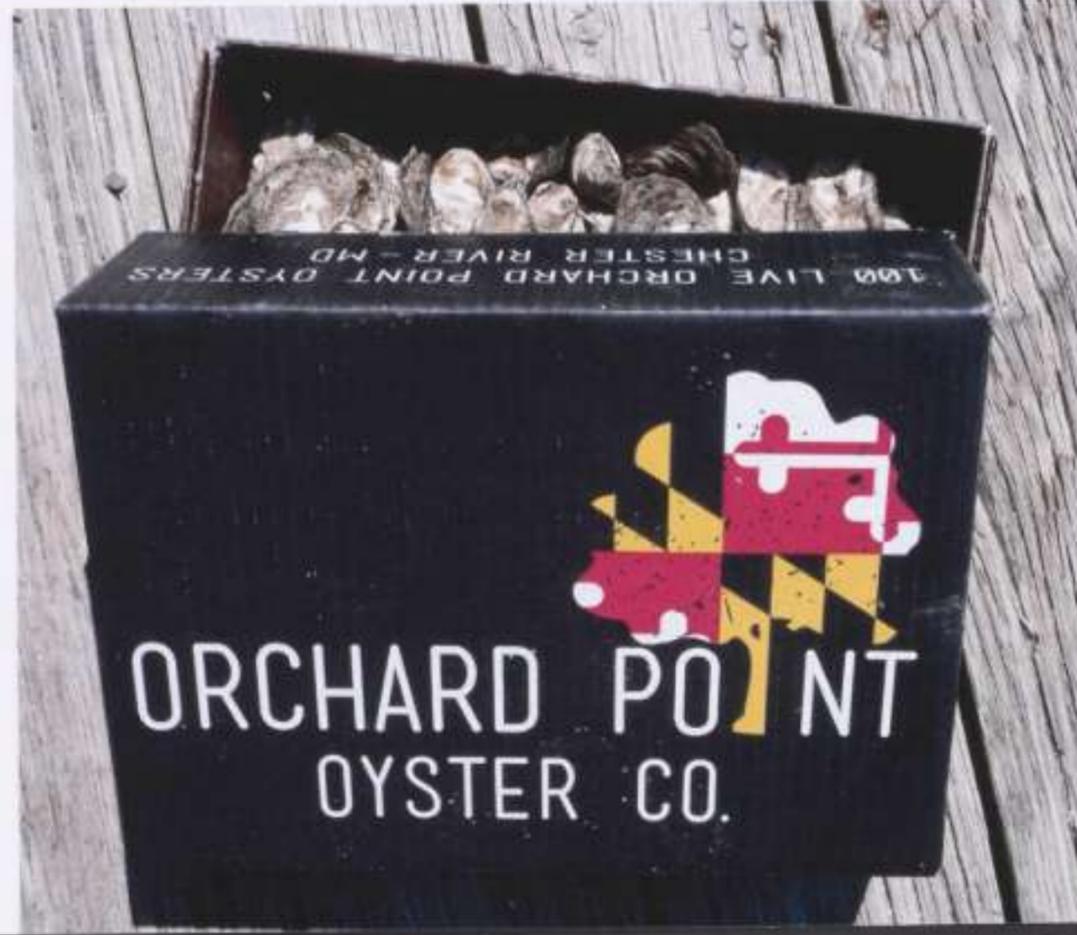
"With oysters, the more times you touch them from the time you plant them until they are big enough for you to plate them 18 months later, the better the end product is going to be," says Budden, who handles his oysters 12 to 15 times in that period, sorting them by size, tumbling them in plastic tubes to help their shells develop desirably deep cups, and cleaning them before delivering them to top Washington, D.C., restaurants. Budden, who was a financial analyst and business consultant in D.C. for eight years before turning to full-time oyster farming, harvested his first 40,000 oysters last fall, and the company is profitable — at least until something mechanical breaks, which occurs frequently, he says. His goal is to sell 1 million oysters annually within the next five years.

Given the culinary fervor for oysters and the net-positive environmental cost to produce them, Budden expects many more oyster farms to come online in the next five to 10 years.

"Yes, a rising tide is going to lift all ships, but I'm working like a dog to be on the ship with the most consistent supply of top-quality oysters available," says Budden. And then he'll still be in the black — even when something mechanical breaks. 



**"I grew up on the water, on the western shore. If I can help restore the health of the bay with a sustainable product like farmed oysters, that's a great opportunity for me, personally and professionally."**  
— *Scott Budden '07*



**Norm Kiken '64** was 30 years into a financial career in Manhattan when he bought 40 acres in the Napa Valley and went with his dreams. "Two years in, we were written up by *Wine Spectator*," says Kiken, whose winery he appropriately named Reverie, awakening him to a new career. Kiken sold Reverie last year after two decades, but is still enamored of his wines, particularly Reverie's Cabernet Franc. "Fortunately, I have so much wine put away, I will be drinking forever," says Kiken, whose story of CFO-to-winemaker was once featured in *The New York Times*. "My joke was that as a CFO, I would have only been on the front page of the business section if I were indicted. This was far better."

**Chuck Zaleski '83** spent his junior year in Vienna, doing a lot of his studying in a winery. "I looked outside at the vines and decided I would love to do a winery in Pennsylvania," he says. He took a slight detour — becoming a urologist — but 20 years later he started growing grapes on his wife's family's farm outside Lewisburg. Today Fero Vineyards and Winery, named after his in-laws, produces a variety of dry wines, and Zaleski is now a part-time urologist and full-time vintner. His favorite Fero wine is a Saperavi, based on a deep, dark-red grape native to the Georgian Republic, which grows well in central Pennsylvania. "It's not all that much of a stretch to say I love the science of winemaking, just as I did becoming a doctor," says Zaleski.

The Penn State extension agent who came to the family apple orchards of **Melinda Hauser Davis '59** was excited about the family's idea. For decades, the Hauser family had sent its apples to the processing plant of the Musselman Co., where her father was president. But the processing market was shrinking due to foreign competition. In addition to converting the land to wine grapes, as the extension agent had originally suggested, Davis and her family decided to make hard cider as part of Hauser Estate Winery. In the decade since, Jack's Hard Cider, named after her father, has become a big seller with a dozen varieties in 10 states. Different areas like different ciders, she says. Philadelphians go for the pear version; Washingtonians are into the original Jack's; locals around Gettysburg, Pa., prefer the new bourbon cider, aged in old Virginia bourbon barrels.

**Missy Blair Wilson '01** was an accountant in Washington, D.C., when the city got the best of her. "I knew I wanted my kids to grow up rural like I did," says Wilson. So she took up her father's offer to go into the wine business he had started — Blair Vineyards — when she was in high school near Kutztown, Pa. "I work just as hard, but there is a lot of flexibility. I can go to the soccer games and bring the kids to the winery in the summer," she says. "I have an appreciation, too, of the agriculture that is saved with it. And it is a community, too. Wine people are just friendly, and it is, to be sure, a fun product."

# Heard It Through the Grapevine

Bucknellians in Pennsylvania, California and abroad are the toast of the wine business

By Robert Strauss

Leave it to Bucknell grads to make the wine business into a liberal arts experience. A number have found their way into viticulture in various ways, but almost all of them started in completely different careers. If the vital nature of a liberal arts education is to be able to pivot at any propitious moment, those alumni who are now in the business of red, white and rosé represent well the ability to nimbly adapt and succeed.

They come from early careers in finance and architecture; medicine and cancer research; engineering and accounting, not quite the resume you expect from your sommelier or wine maker. They all, though, say their previous training actually makes their forays into the wine culture and business all

the more valuable. Wine, they all say, is not only a manufactured product but also a way to get involved with agriculture, retail business, creativity and, to be sure, the pleasure of one of the more celebratory liquids around.

Those who have stayed in or returned to Pennsylvania are excited about the future of wine here. The number of wineries has tripled since the beginning of the 21st century, and the state agriculture hierarchy is encouraging more to come online. The state reminds potential wine makers that it was not that long ago when the idea of California becoming a wine center was looked upon with derision. Pennsylvania has landscape and weather



"I always refer to the wine world as the Kevin Bacon of industries," says **Aline Baly '02**. "It connects in less than six degrees of separation individuals with diverse interests from all over the world." Baly left bioscience marketing in Boston to go to France to work with her uncle at the family vineyard in Bordeaux, Chateau Coutet, a first growth of the 1855 Classification. She also does marketing for several Baron Philippe de Rothschild French wineries. "I have met some amazing people who have inspired my life," she says about those she meets daily in the wine business. "One thing is for sure — with a good bottle of wine, you never have to dine alone, even if you are on the other side of the world from home."

**Jenny Zimmerman '00** was doing what she thought would be her life's work, researching at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, when she realized her life's work was really back at home. Her father had started a winery in 1999, and a decade ago it was time to expand. She has not regretted a day since. The 70-acre Shade Mountain Winery & Vineyards in Middleburg, Pa., about 30 minutes southwest of Lewisburg, is one of the largest independent wine-grape vineyards in the state. It has the requisite Cabernets and Chardonnays, but a favorite of Zimmerman's is the Cabernet Franc. "The grapes grow in areas where the soil is not nutrient rich. It is a hearty, dry red we do well," she says. "We are excited about the future, which is how a business should be. When my dad started, there were only 60 wineries in the state, and there are 200 now. It is the place I want to be."

that is not all that different from parts of Europe that have long produced classic wines. Bucknellians in the business in Pennsylvania say that it has already developed specialties — an example being the Sauvignon Franc, a dry red wine from hearty grapes that grow well in central Pennsylvania's climate.

Like the vines that wrap around the soil making those special grapes, the Bucknell Wine Trail runs through the alumni stories, inspiring others, if not to join the business, then to at least raise a glass with them.

**Cathy Huyghe '95** was on the road to becoming an architect when she moved to the San Francisco Bay area with only a dissertation to finish before earning her Harvard Ph.D. Wanting to "get out of my head" and do something with her hands, she found a job in the kitchen at the famed Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley. "I loved it, and one thing led to another. I went to France to study cooking, and ended up working at Bouchon in Las Vegas, where I got the wine bug," she says. She started writing about it, first in a blog called 365 Days of Wine and then, back in Boston, ran a business, Red White Boston, that companies engaged to do wine tastings for social media influencers. She published a book, *Hungry for Wine: Seeing the World through the Lens of a Wine Glass*. For the last three years, she has written about the business and politics of the wine industry for *Forbes* online and recently co-founded Enolytics, which tracks consumer behavior and data as market research for the wine industry. "I was never going to be a wine maker," says Huyghe, who is not about to return to architecture either. "But I love everything about the business — the people and, of course, the product."

"When you graduate in business management, they naturally steer you to Wall Street," **Jeff Proch '04** says about his Bucknell education. He went to New York for five years, then felt a pull back home, where his father, **Eugene '71**, managed a central Pennsylvania vineyard and winery. Jeff learned from his father, then in 2011, opened University Wine Co. in State College. He buys grapes from the Lake Erie area of Pennsylvania, making a series of whites, rosés and reds, but also a special wine-in-a-pouch, U-Freeze Wine Slush. "You pop it in a freezer, and it is ready for a summer party, based on Concord grapes," he says. "In financial services, you have difficult clients, and they get angry at you. Wine is a fun product, and there is a lot of love around drinking it. I have never once looked back."

"When people ask me how to get into the wine business, I tell them to study mechanical engineering, and it is a straight shot," says **Ed Farver '69** with a hearty laugh. Farver, who earned his MBA at UC Berkeley after a Bucknell engineering degree, was working for the accounting firm Touche Ross when a client asked if he wanted to be the CFO of a Napa Valley winery. He's held fast to that path for nearly 40 years, as CFO and general manager at Domaine Chandon, the California branch of Moët Hennessey, and managing the Jackson Family Wines Napa operations and brands. While his favorite wines are Burgundian varietals, he enjoys a wide range. "Asking which one you enjoy most is like asking which of your children is your favorite," he says. He points out wine's connections to engineering: "As an agricultural product it combines fermentation science, complex manufacturing systems and a touch of artistry — drinking it is a lot more appealing than designing refrigeration systems."

Grapes from Shade Mountain Winery in Middleburg, Pa. *Photographer: Gordon Wenzel*

# FERO VINEYARDS AND WINERY



# SHADE MOUNTAIN WINERY

# UNIVERSITY WINE COMPANY



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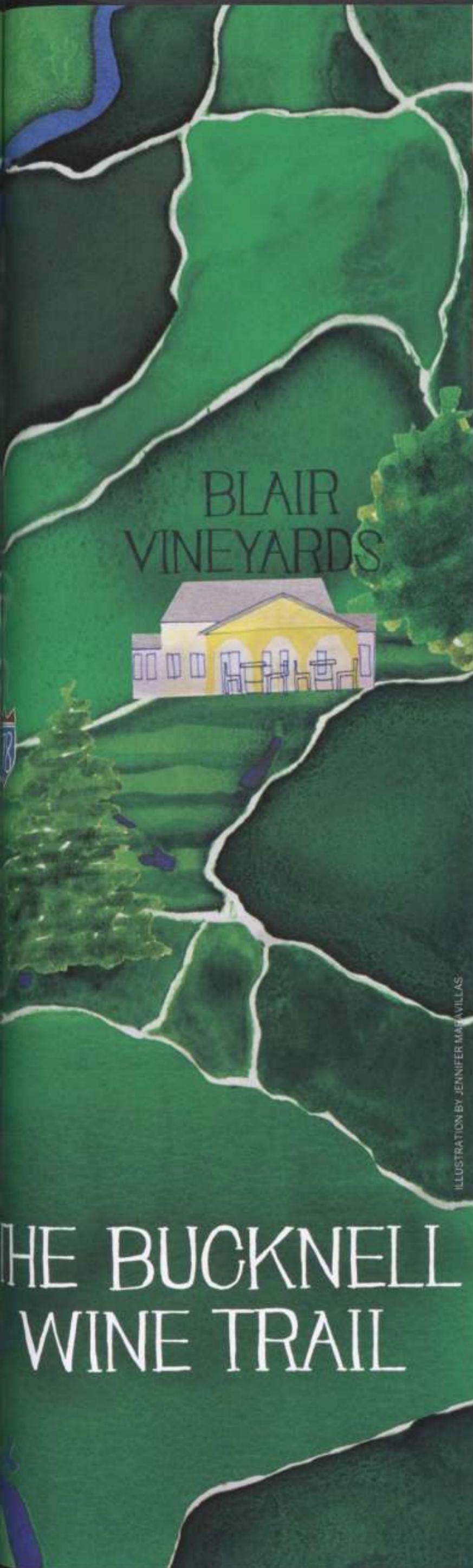


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## Wine and its culture are popular topics on Bucknell's campus

The family of **Can Sarlayan '17** has a small vineyard by its home in Izmir, Turkey, so he always had an interest in wine. He just never expected it to flourish when he came to Bucknell to get his mechanical engineering and management degree.

Then Sarlayan began attending wine tastings hosted by Bucknell's chief oenophile, Professor Gary Grant, theatre, and grew determined to learn whatever he could about viticulture. By last spring, he had become one of Grant's interns through the Kiken Endowment for Wine Studies.

"For one of the tastings, I used my international knowledge, researching wines from places like Turkey, Greece and Israel, which have interesting wines, but are not very well known for it," he says, noting that Grant's tastings are not an excuse to party.

In fact, Grant says, the tastings and other aspects of the endowment began, in part, from Bucknell's efforts to find ways of moderating excessive drinking of alcohol on campus.

"I thought one way was to teach students more about wine and its culture, but in an open and thoughtful way," says Grant. When vintner **Norm Kiken '64** heard about Grant's wine tastings, he started the endowment in 2007.

Now Grant hosts six wine tastings on campus a year, each with 60 students of legal drinking age and with an interest in learning about wine. A dozen or so faculty also attend, he says. At least one or two students, like Sarlayan, intern by researching the wines and helping conduct the tastings, while Grant instructs the students.

Grant also teaches a full-credit course, *From Vine to Wine*, which began this past fall semester and is open to 18 students. Its roster, he says, fills up quickly.

"The students learn about grape varietals and the soils and climate that best nourish them and how each wine can be different," says Grant. Among the featured guests have been local winemaker **Chuck Zaleski '83**. Grant adds that his interest in classical Greek tragedy played into the content as well.

"The god of wine is Dionysius, who is also the god of theater, Grant explains. "All theater productions in ancient Greece would start with a Dionysian ritual, so wine and theater are inextricably linked. When you go to France, for instance, the Greco-Roman theaters are all in wine regions."

When Sarlayan returns to Turkey after graduation he hopes to convince his family to make more sophisticated wines. "I have very much become a red wine person and love a good cabernet," he says. "We only have a simple red blend at home now, but we will see how it goes. The weather is right, so it could happen." — *Robert Strauss* 



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# GLOBAL GUSTO

Diversifying restaurant scene adds panache to Lewisburg dining

By Sherri Kimmel • Photography by Gordon Wenzel

When Bill Conley, vice president for enrollment management, explains the downtown Lewisburg attractions to future Bucknell students and parents, he points out the presence of the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University bookstore but also “the high-quality, owner-operated venues. I say, ‘Please don’t eat at a chain restaurant. While you’re here, get a taste of the variety and quality.’” Restaurant owners in Lewisburg, he tells prospects, are “invested in giving a great experience.”

While Elizabeth’s on Market Street and Reba and Pancho’s on Route 45, which serve upscale American food, have been go-to local eateries for more than a decade, according to Conley, in the last several years there has been an infusion of global tastes to the Lewisburg palate.

Bucknell’s international students — about 6 percent of the study body, with the majority coming from China — especially appreciate the downtown restaurants Siam, which serves Thai food, and Sushihanna, which offers Japanese fare. Two Chinese restaurants, Peking Garden and Yung Ting, outside the

main thoroughfare, enjoy a brisk takeout trade. And another Japanese restaurant, Fuji Steakhouse, recently opened near Country Cupboard.

Chantana Thai, which operates a food truck in Lewisburg, also is popular with international students, according to Jennifer Figueroa, director of international student services. The presence of international restaurants may not be an important factor in yielding students from other lands, “but once they get here, it’s important,” she says.

If students don’t feel like venturing off campus for international food, they can find an increasing array in the Bostwick Marketplace. Or they can cook their own in South Campus Apartments or other apartment-style residences with en suite kitchens on campus, Figueroa says. She notes that grocers such as Weis Markets have done a better job of stocking international ingredients in recent years, but students also order items through Amazon.

“Bring your spices with you,” Marylyn Scott, senior associate dean of admissions, also advises incoming international students. During a recent

virtual open house, a panel of current international students fielded questions that included one about the variety of international eating options in Lewisburg. The students mentioned Siam, Caribbean Connection and Sushihanna as close-to-campus options, she says. “They also referenced how Bostwick provides options.”

Scott also notes that faculty and staff with international backgrounds (such as herself — she’s from Jamaica) offer to cook for students. “They’re responding to the desire to give them something beyond American fare,” she says. “It’s a great opportunity to share with one another.”

Scott also describes special events and festivals that student groups, such as the Caribbean, Asian and African student associations, sponsor. “They cook for one another, and for their big bashes they bring in caterers from D.C. or New York City to provide authentic food for the entire community,” she explains.

Says Conley, “It’s like everything we do at Bucknell. We do it broadly, and we do it well.”

Veteran cook and island aficionado John Benjo in front of his Market Street restaurant. Read more about Benjo on Page 38.



## Yum Woon Sen Salad

Servings: 2

### Salad

- 2 (3-1/2ounce) packages mung bean noodles (bean thread noodles)
- 1-1/2 pounds ground chicken, ground pork, thinly sliced pork, shrimp or shredded chicken (your choice)
- 2 large carrots, cut matchstick style (about 1 cup)
- 2 celery ribs, thinly sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 2 shallots, thinly sliced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 cup green onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1 cup roasted peanuts, unsalted
- 1 bunch romaine or spring mix
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes

### Dressing

- 7 tablespoons fish sauce
- 7 tablespoons lime juice
- 5 teaspoons brown sugar
- 3 fresh red jalapeno chiles or 3 Thai chiles, chopped

### DIRECTIONS

Soak mung bean noodles in warm water for 15 minutes. Drain and cut into short lengths and place in a bowl. Pour hot water over the noodles and soak for another 5 minutes. Drain in a colander. Rinse with cold water to separate the noodles. Let stand in the colander until ready to use.

Cook chicken, pork or shrimp with a little water over medium heat. When brown, drain any excess water, and place in a large mixing bowl. Let cool 5 minutes.

Mix dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Taste for proper balance of sweet, sour, salty and spicy. Adjust if necessary. Pour dressing over cooked protein and toss lightly.

Add noodles and stir until well mixed. Taste and adjust if necessary.

Add carrot, celery, shallot, green onion, cilantro and 1/2 cup of peanuts. Toss well.

Put lettuce or spring mix on serving plates. Place noodle mixture on top, and sprinkle with remaining peanuts and chili flakes.

(Recipe from Nisarath "Poy" Premjai)

## TASTES OF THAILAND RESONATE WITH BUCKNELLIAN

"This is my dream here," says Nisarath "Poy" Premjai, gesturing around the inviting dining room of Siam, the Thai restaurant she and her husband, Adrian Pinter '03, own and manage on Market Street in Lewisburg.

Most nights, sidewalk strollers glance in to see nearly every table filled with smiling diners plunging chopsticks or forks into tasty arrangements of carefully spiced vegetables and tofu, chicken or seafood.

"My husband and I have the same diet [as is served at Siam]," says Premjai. "No MSG, and we don't have red meat. We offer a lot of gluten-free, vegetarian dishes and brown rice. We are trying to create a healthy menu."

The menu has resonated with Bucknellians. Visiting alumni are delighted to discover Thai food has found a foothold in their old haunt, and families flock to the restaurant, especially during Family Weekend and New Student Orientation — Siam's busiest time, according to Premjai.

Not only is Bucknell central to Siam's success, but it is also key to its origin. In 2003, Premjai was studying English in northern Thailand when she met Pinter, a volunteer English teacher at her university. Pinter is a Lewisburg native whose father is Charles Pinter, professor emeritus of mathematics.

Having already fulfilled her mother's dream — to earn an English education degree — Premjai decided to return with Pinter to the United States and chase her own lifelong dream — owning a restaurant.

Growing up in a matriarchal household with grandmas and aunts always busy in the kitchen, Premjai loved to cook from a young age. Her grandmother owns a Thai restaurant in Bangkok, and Premjai helped out during summer breaks from school.

Premjai moved to Lewisburg in 2008, and in August 2011, opened Siam in a smaller space a few doors from her present location. Bucknell's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) helped her develop a business plan, and when, in 2013, she decided to buy the building where she now lives upstairs and operates her restaurant downstairs, she again turned to the center. "The SBDC was very helpful; they helped me get a loan from Mifflinburg Bank," she says.

While some of Siam's recipes are based on the food she enjoyed at home, Premjai gives her own twist to well-known Thai dishes like Pad Thai by using tamarind juice instead of vinegar. Cooking classes and visits to her homeland for a few weeks every year also provide inspiration for Premjai, who still cooks at Siam, along with three other cooks, one from Thailand and two from Vietnam.

Recently, Siam began offering a delivery service in Lewisburg, and Premjai is mulling over plans to add more seating. "Sometimes on weekends we have to turn people away, and we can't take reservations for big parties."

She appreciates the support she's received from the Lewisburg community and reciprocates by buying local ingredients. That means fresh produce from the Wednesday Farmers Market to supplement her own small garden with its Thai basil, eggplant, Thai chili peppers, cilantro and green onions.

Now six years into realizing her dream, Premjai recalls the days she was preparing to open Siam at its original location. "People would pass by and say, 'Thai food? When will you open?' They'd been waiting for a restaurant like this to come to Lewisburg for a long time. I'm glad I made these people happy." — Sherri Kimmel





## LEWISBURG WITH A LEBANESE GARNISH

Ali Kalaban, a mechanical engineer turned Middle Eastern rug and art importer turned local Lebanese food purveyor, likes to describe his journey from Beirut, Lebanon, to Lewisburg as a destiny 30 years in the making.

He first came to the United States in the 1980s for graduate school, but was summoned home when his father fell ill. It wasn't until last year that another important person — his young grandson — lured him back.

Kalaban explains with a smile that helping daughter Amal Kalaban, professor of electrical & computer engineering, care for her baby was the spark that propelled him and wife Afaf to venture from Lebanon to Lewisburg. Having a son who teaches at Villanova University and a daughter who lives in Washington, D.C., added to the appeal for this family of engineers.

But while caring for their grandchild is fulfilling, the Kalabans, used to a bustling international city, sought another outlet for their abundant energy. Afaf says, "I have always enjoyed cooking for children, friends and for parties, but I never had my own restaurant or sold my food."

Then son-in-law David Heayn proposed an intriguing idea. How about

renting a space in the Wednesday Farmers Market on Fairground Road? When Heayn contacted the market's manager, he discovered a counter space was up for rent.

And so Fafa's Kitchen came to find itself wedged between Troutman Meats and the Country Cupboard along the south wall of the market. There, customers bored by the usual cheeseburgers and soft pretzels can sample the Kalabans' tabbouleh, kibbe, hummus, grape leaves, falafel and baba ghanoush, or purchase Lebanese spices, tahini and olive oil.

Every Wednesday the couple wakes up at 3 or 4 a.m. to begin prepping the food. They arrive at the market at 8 a.m. to fry the falafel and assemble the other dishes. Customers start flowing in by 9 a.m. to find the Kalabans waiting with broad smiles and a desire to chat.

Afaf says, "I like to connect with the people. The American people like to try new things. They ask us about our food and tell me it is very, very delicious." She believes she has repeat customers because "the food is really fresh."

Afaf does make some concessions to American tastes, reducing the

amount of garlic, black pepper and cumin she uses in some dishes. "But I keep the spirit of Lebanese tabbouleh," she says.

Like Afaf, Ali enjoys the cross-cultural opportunities the business provides them. "People come in and say, 'What is falafel?' We are introducing people to new things — it is not just a business," he says. "I can say, 'Today 10 people learned about tabbouleh.' People ask me, 'How should I use olive oil?' My response is, 'Always.' Our food is good and healthy."

The Kalabans are eager to expand their business, since the Farmers Market is open only once a week. The countertop they rent also is too small to allow them to produce much food. Ultimately, they would like to own a Middle Eastern grocery and deli in Lewisburg.

And while Bucknell brought them to central Pennsylvania to assist their professor daughter, the University is also the key to their successful adjustment as immigrants and businesspeople.

"Bucknell is behind everything here," says Ali. "It is what keeps the town busy. It is not just the mind, but the heart of the town." — *Sherri Kimmel*

### Beet Hummus

Servings: 4

1/4 pound dried chickpeas  
3/4 cups tahini  
1/2 cup lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon cumin  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
1 clove garlic  
1 medium beet

#### DIRECTIONS

Wash the dried chickpeas thoroughly with water. Soak the chickpeas in cold water for 24 hours.

Wash the beets thoroughly and boil them for 30 minutes or until tender. Drain and set aside.

Place the chickpeas in a large pot filled with water and bring to a boil.

To boiling water add baking soda. Stir to prevent water from overflowing. Reduce heat to medium. Cook chickpeas for 20 minutes.

When the chickpeas are tender, drain and set aside to cool. When chickpeas reach room temperature, blend until very smooth.

As the chickpeas cook, mix tahini with 1-1/2 cups of water in a separate bowl. Stir well. Add lemon juice to the tahini and keep stirring, then add salt.

Peel the beets and blend them with the chickpeas. Finely crush the garlic and add it to the blended chickpeas. Add the tahini sauce to the chickpeas and stir well.

Once everything is well blended, serve the hummus with a pinch of paprika and cumin. Adding olive oil at the end will enhance the flavor even more.

(Recipe from Ali and Afaf Kalaban)



# AMAZI

KITCHEN & ESPRESSO BAR



## A HIT OF THE OLD COUNTRY — THAT'S AMAMI

Davide Della Pietra can tell his espresso apart from its Starbucks counterpart blindfolded. The difference is in the kick, says the Milan, Italy, native and owner of Amami Kitchen and Espresso Bar.

"My espresso here — I notice," Della Pietra says. "I drink a lot of coffee, but I still have to be careful about how late in the day I drink this coffee."

The reason for the extra kick is that Della Pietra buys his espresso from Segafredo, one of the oldest roasters in Italy, which uses a blend of Arabica and the less expensive but higher caffeine Robusta beans. While Robusta may be shunned by most American coffee roasters, Della Pietra says Italians have long craved the extra caffeine jolt the beans provide.

He brews his espresso with a machine and grinder by Nuova Simonelli, regularly used in barista championships. And to top off your authentic espresso experience, it doesn't hurt to be served by someone with an accent like his, Della Pietra says. "I want people to learn because it's my heritage, but it's also like a marketing

tool — you will trust me more because I have an Italian accent," he says.

Alongside traditional espressos, cappuccinos and a few nods to American tastes like dirty chai, Della Pietra serves a limited menu of panini, salads and breakfast staples made fresh with local ingredients, as well as a rotating menu of drip coffees.

"It's a portfolio of coffee that people can try and eventually discover their favorite," he says.

For as fastidious as he is about his product, Della Pietra didn't want Amami — which means "love me" in Italian — to feel stuffy. He wants his customers to linger, and designed the cozy 800 square feet, including the kitchen, with a "casual chic" motif that encourages comfort.

Some walls are covered in reclaimed barnwood, others with a sumptuous black-on-black patterned wallpaper. Above is a hammered tin ceiling that was covered by a drop ceiling for decades before Della Pietra poked through and rediscovered it. The overall effect is a lived-in quality that Amami has had since opening in

January 2015.

"Even when it was new it felt like it had been here a long time already," Della Pietra says. "Some places that open feel too new, and it takes a couple years for them to acquire their identity, their character, whereas here I felt it was perfect."

Della Pietra, who also owns the Kind Café in Selinsgrove, says his first two years in Lewisburg have been much more successful than he'd anticipated. On a sunny spring afternoon you're likely to find a crowd not only inside, but — in true café fashion — idling outside on the corner of Market Street and the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail. The owner attributes much of his success to the Bucknell community. Many Bucknell students come from more urban areas, and the communal atmosphere and swift service at Amami probably feel like home to many, he says.

"I have the sensation that people who come here feel familiar with the food and style," Della Pietra says. "This could be in a city — I feel a lot of the students have that impression of this place." — *Matt Hughes*

### Prosciutto and Burrata Panini

1 hard crust ciabatta bread  
2 oz. sundried tomato pesto  
2 slices of vine ripe tomatoes  
4 or 5 slices of imported Parma prosciutto  
1 burrata  
fresh arugula  
extra virgin olive oil  
salt and pepper

#### DIRECTIONS

Toast the bread, as prosciutto should never be pressed in a panini press because it can get hot and rubbery.

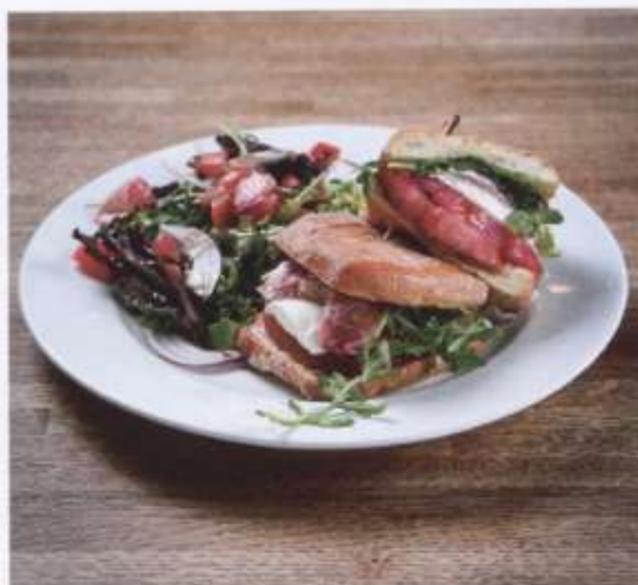
Once the bread is crisp, spread sundried tomato pesto on the bottom half, then add tomato slices and season with salt and pepper.

Fold the slices of Parma prosciutto on top of the tomatoes, then top the prosciutto with burrata cheese and fresh arugula.

Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil and season with more salt and pepper.

Top with the second slice of bread, serve and enjoy!

(Recipe from Davide Della Pietra)





## Roasted Yam Tart

Servings: 4

1 puff pastry  
 1/2 pound sliced yams  
 1/2 cup sliced onions  
 1 teaspoon fresh thyme  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 6 teaspoons olive oil or coconut oil  
 (4 for onions, 2 for drizzling)  
 4 tablespoons goat cheese  
 6-8 crushed pimento seeds or  
 allspice berries  
 1/4 cup hemp seeds  
 1 cup dark rum, Gosling's or Myers's

### Rum drizzle for top, after baking:

Reduce 1 cup dark rum until it reaches syrup consistency.

### DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Coat bottom of a skillet in oil. Caramelize onions.

Bake puff pastry 5-7 minutes in oven on baking sheet until the edges are barely golden brown.

Line a baking sheet or shallow baking dish with aluminum foil. Arrange yams so they are overlapping slightly. Season with salt and pepper and then drizzle olive oil over them as evenly as possible. Bake until tender, about 30 minutes.

Arrange yams on puff pastry, then add caramelized onions, fresh thyme, salt and pepper, allspice berries, goat cheese and hempseed.

Drizzle with olive oil or coconut oil. Bake until golden brown, 6-10 minutes.

Drizzle with rum mixture.

(Recipe provided by John Benjo)



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## CARIBBEAN CONNECTION OFFERS 'GLOBAL AND BRIGHT' ALONG WITH FLAVORFUL FOOD

Blame Bob Marley. Introduced to the iconic Jamaican reggae artist at age 11, John Benjo gravitated toward Caribbean culture from that point on. When a few years later he became an unofficial member of a Puerto Rican family in Chester, Pa., the fix was in. His head has been in the islands ever since.

In January 2016, the veteran cook ("I've been in the kitchen since I was 14," he confesses) decided to bring his own "comfort food" to Lewisburg. Caribbean Connection on Market Street is the candy-colored corner restaurant a few doors down from another ethnic restaurant, Siam. The dishes Benjo crafts are Spanish- and Jamaican-inspired traditional food that he's enjoyed with family and friends.

"Some of it is just too good to change," he says. "It's simple, basic grandma food." He's added a few of his own tweaks. For instance, falafel is normally made with Middle Eastern spices. Benjo instead infuses the chickpea batter with Caribbean spices and herbs.

"The neat thing about the islands is there is such a mix of cultures," he says. "It's a real melting pot, with Jamaica getting some of its influences from England, Puerto Rico getting some from Spain. And there's also French."

Benjo was compelled to relocate from Philadelphia, where he cooked in high-end restaurants, to secure a better environment for his daughter. He had cooked in Lewisburg restaurants about a decade ago and was pleased to see Siam had opened, but felt Lewisburg could use another infusion of culture — "delicious food with

good portions and prices in a relaxed environment." The soft reggae music, plank tables and murals that Benjo created ("global and bright," he calls it) achieve his aim, as does the food, which ranges from jerk and brown-stewed chicken to oxtail, curried goat and slow-roasted pork with lots of vegetables. Benjo, who lives on a small farm where he grows some of his vegetables, buys as much as he can from local producers, but has to import some of the meat and spices.

He finds that "people who are used to Indian, Israeli and soul food really appreciate" the food Caribbean Connection offers. Benjo also enjoys steady business from Bucknell professors, many of whom are from outside the United States or have traveled broadly. Retirees who have learned to love Caribbean food on cruises also stop by for his jerk chicken.

After 18 months in business, Benjo has plans to extend his hours, perhaps catering to late-night student hunger pangs. He also expects to add street-side seating this summer with domino tables like the islanders use for outdoor games. "I want to bring culture to the area," he says. "I'm a big culture nut, and it's neat to see how other cultures interact with each other."

New offerings in the future include fresh juice drinks, smoothies and Jamaican and Cuban coffee. Leaning forward on his elbows as he sits at one of his colorful tables he says, "Who wouldn't want to start their day with reggae and bright colors?"

— Sherri Kimmel 



# DISHING ON FOOD

OUR READERS WRITE IN ABOUT MENUS AND DELICACIES OF YORE

Dear Readers,

We asked, and you answered. In response to our note in the last issue, you served up heaps of yummy memories for this food-themed issue of *Bucknell Magazine*. Read on, and salivate!

Yours Truly,

The editors

## Pie to Die For

This was the Halloween Party scene in Harris Hall, Oct. 30, 1952. Our theme was autumn leaves and rakes. In the front row are **Jeannette Grove '55**, who won a prize for her pumpkin pie, and **Ellie Mackie '55**. Among those in the second row are **Anne Wherry '55**, **Elsie Lee '55** and **Phyl Marcuccio '55**.

Eleanor Mackie Pigman '55  
McMurray, Pa.

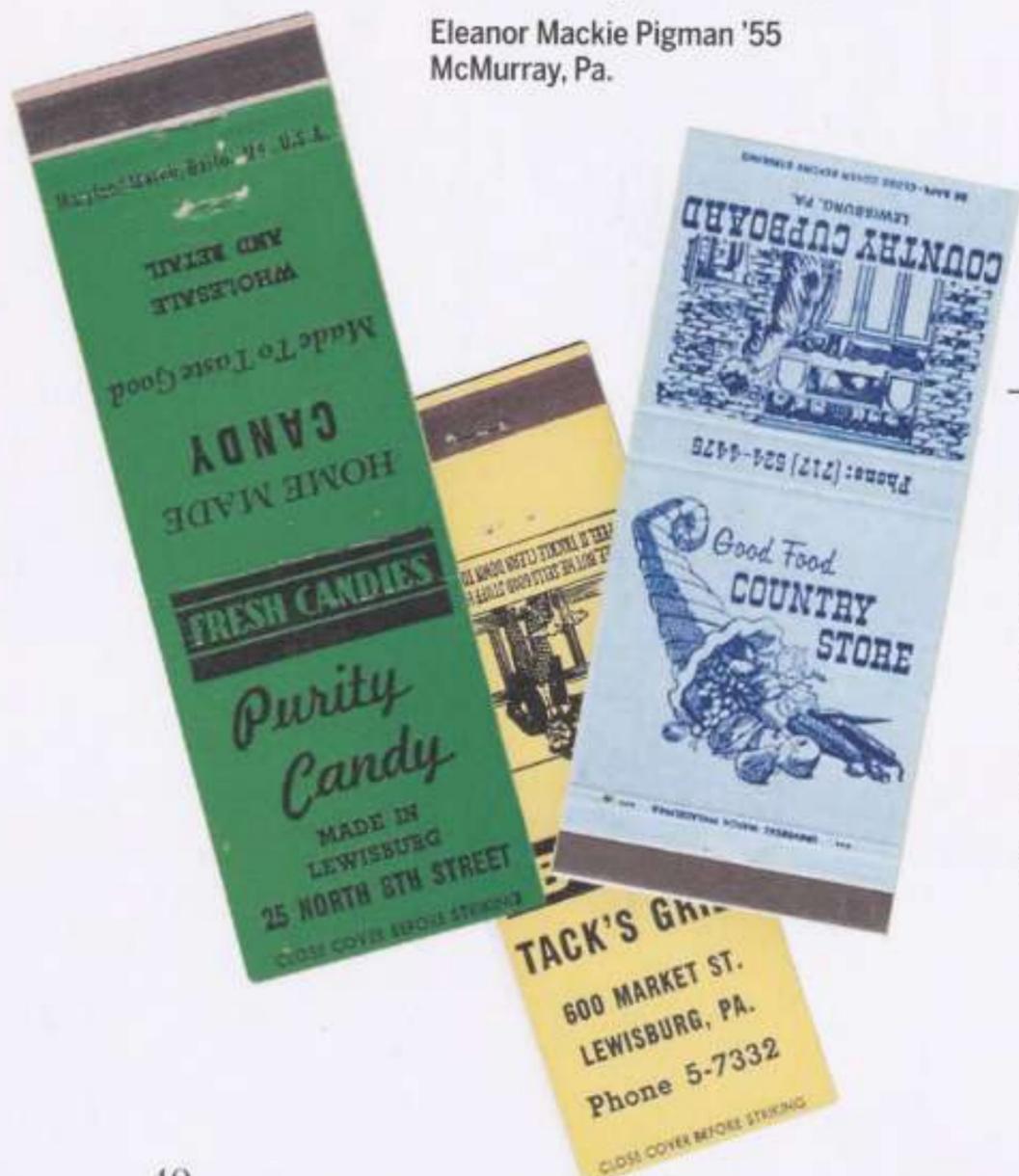


## The Best Grasshopper Pie

During my years at Bucknell there was no better treat than going to Tack's (a.k.a. Towne Tavern) and ordering the grasshopper pie for dessert. It was partially frozen and was too good to be true. I've often seen grasshopper pie offered elsewhere, but never anything like the one at Tack's. Over the years I've been back to Tack's, but it seems their grasshopper pie is a thing of the past!

Stuart Cubbon '78  
Toledo, Ohio

Visit [bucknell.edu/FoodMemories](http://bucknell.edu/FoodMemories)  
for more tastes of days past.





Two female students roast marshmallows in their residence hall.

## A Dining Hall Haiku

Dishroom shift with Ken  
 Some food still looks edible  
 I double dare him  
 (That really happened: sometimes  
 we would finish a chocolate pudding.)

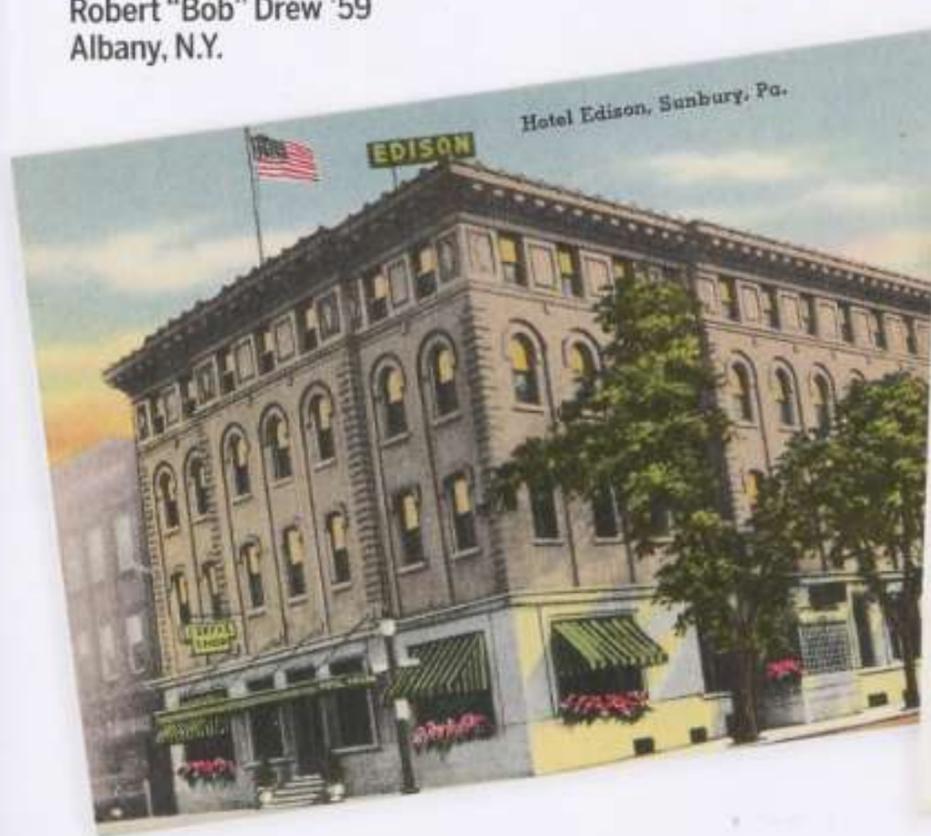
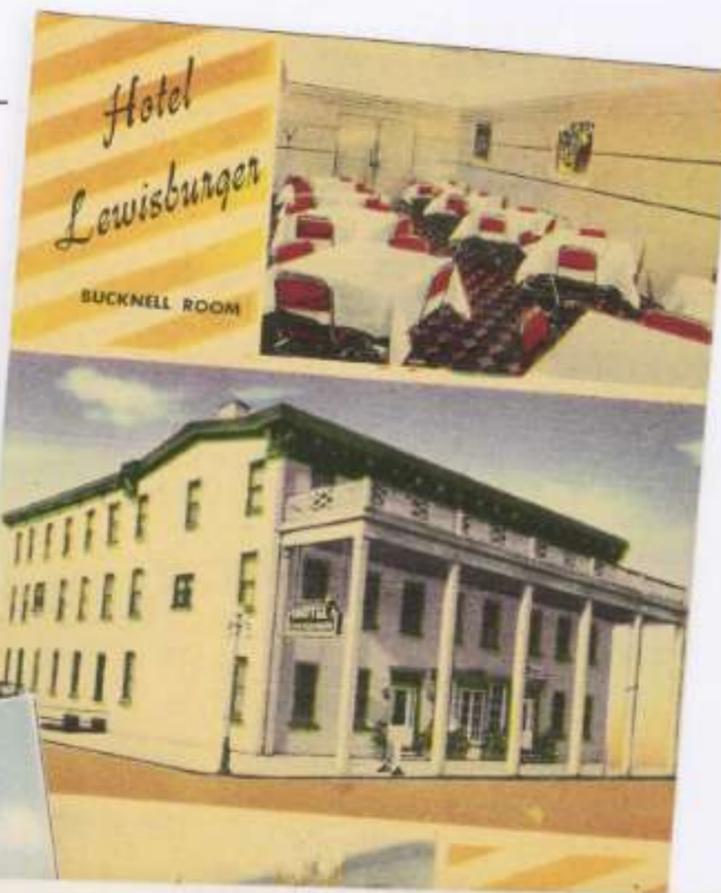
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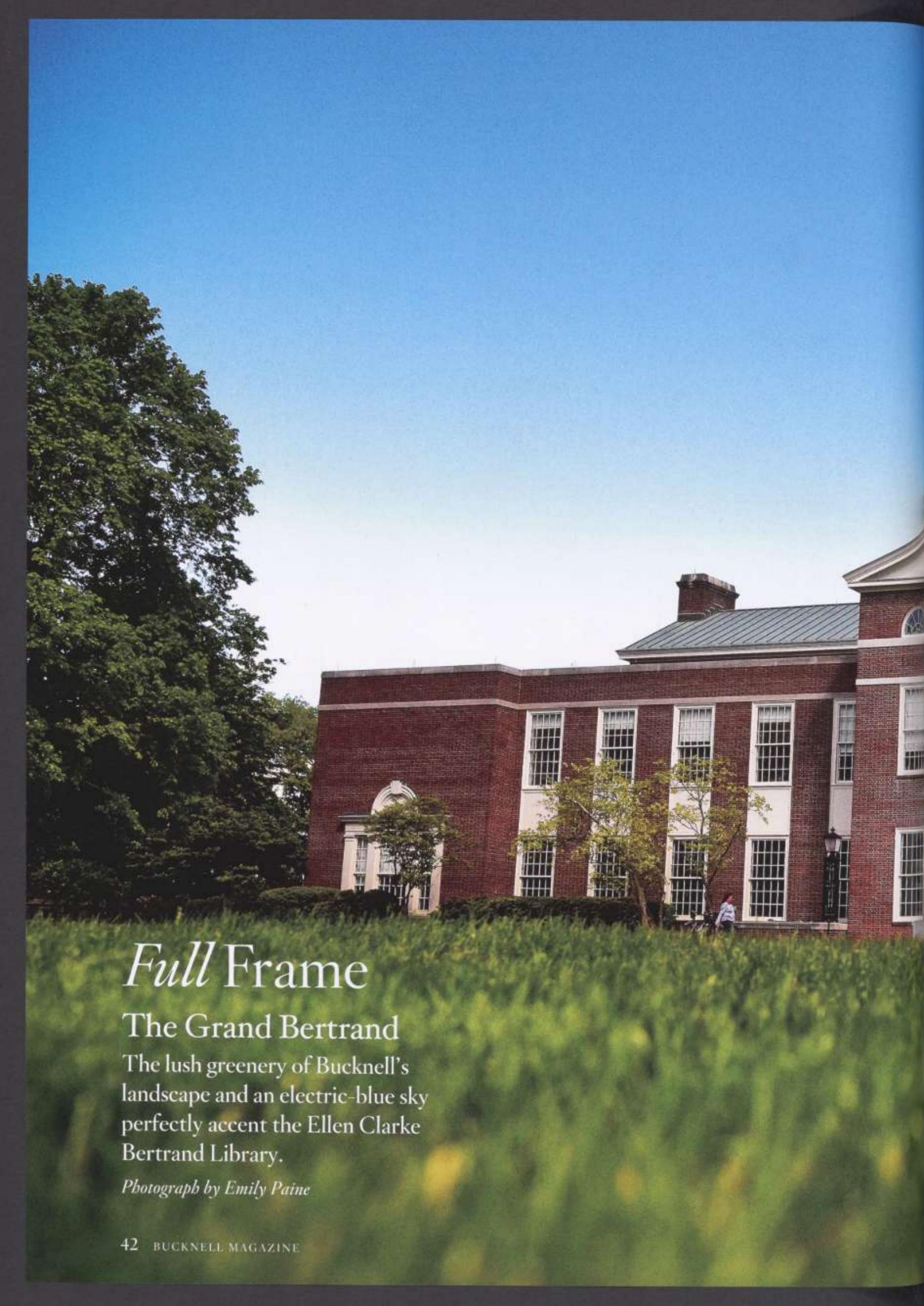
## Hotels Were Tasty Haunts

I'm a deltiologist, which is a person who collects postcards. When I saw your article on food memories in the spring 2017 issue, I went into my postcards collection for Lewisburg and vicinity and found three cards that may be of interest.

1. The Hotel Lewisburger, or "The Burger," not a place to eat but for a beer or two on a late Friday afternoon.
2. The Hotel Milton, for whiskey sours and a steak sandwich at the bar.
3. The Hotel Edison in Sunbury, a place to take the parents for dinner when dear old dad was picking up the tab.

Robert "Bob" Drew '59  
 Albany, N.Y.



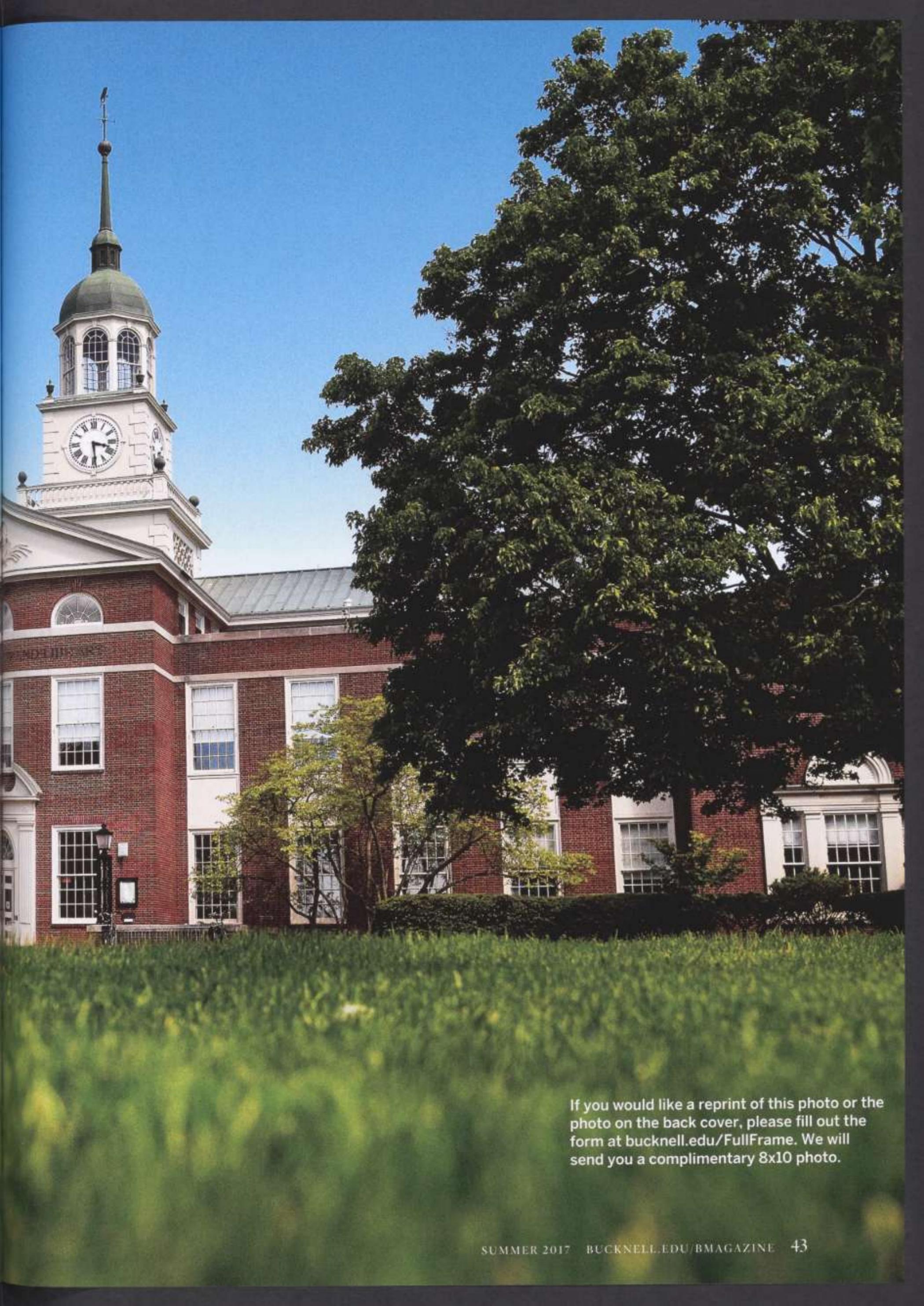


# *Full Frame*

## The Grand Bertrand

The lush greenery of Bucknell's landscape and an electric-blue sky perfectly accent the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library.

*Photograph by Emily Paine*



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# Alumni House

## Opportunities & Events

### Serving Bucknell and the World

Alumni reach deep inside to give their all through work and service

**D**uring Reunion Weekend every year, a select few alumni are recognized for their career accomplishments and contributions to making Bucknell extraordinary. A committee of current and past Bucknell University Alumni Board members, Bucknell Club representatives, previous recipients and Alumni Relations staff choose the winners each year. This year's honorees are:

#### LOYALTY TO BUCKNELL AWARD

**Ron Benjamin '67, P'94, P'98:** A trustee emeritus who served 19 years on the board, Benjamin also was a member of the Bucknell University Alumni Association Board of Directors and volunteer for the Bison Club, the Annual Fund, the College of Engineering and the School of Management. Earlier this year, Benjamin, a former football player, received the Bucknell Alumni Achievement Award from the Bucknell Athletics Leadership Institute.

#### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN A CHOSEN PROFESSION AWARD

**Lori Hartman Greeley '82:** As CEO of Serena & Lily, an upscale home-furnishings brand headquartered in Sausalito, Calif., Greeley is widely recognized for her extensive experience in the retail industry, as well as her skills in merchandising, marketing, brand development and team building. She is the former CEO of Victoria's Secret Stores.

#### SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

**Matthew Karanian '82:** Lawyer, author and photographer Matthew Karanian has dedicated much of his time to promoting human rights and developing the rule of law in Armenia, the ancestral home of his grandparents. His book, *Historic Armenia After 100 Years*, was recognized by the Independent Book Publishers Association as the top history book of 2016. He received Armenia's prestigious Arshile Gorky Medal last year as well.

#### YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

**Muyambi Muyambi '12:** Muyambi is the founder of Bicycles Against Poverty (BAP), a nonprofit lease-to-own organization that provides bicycles to rural African communities to improve access to clean water, health care, schools and town resources. Muyambi has biked across the U.S. and Uganda to raise money for BAP and distributed 2,000 bicycles. He is pursuing a master's of business administration at Dartmouth with a focus on finance and still works with BAP.



From left: Alumni Board President Tara Garrity Lebda '94 with award winners Matthew Karanian '82, Muyambi Muyambi '12, Ron Benjamin '67 and Lori Hartman Greeley '82, and President John Bravman.

# 'Blaming' Bucknell

If not for his opportunities in Lewisburg, artist's work may have languished

By Jose Saavedra '13

When I started at Bucknell, I was a physics and computer engineering major, but I ended up majoring in art.

After some reflection, I realized that it is not one person but a whole institution that is responsible for my transformation. It was the Bucknell University administrative staff, academic staff and my classmates who are to "blame" for my evolution.

First, I took mind-blowing classes about the philosophy of the mind and philosophy of art with Professors Jason Leddington and Sheila Lintott. I also feel grateful to Professors David Schoepf (physics), Ludmila Lavine and the late Slava Yastremski (Russian) and Lisa Perrone (Italian) for their patience with me. Two professors from the Art Department, Anna Kell and Rosalyn Richards, were pivotal mentors.

I also credit the University for allowing me to work in European and Latin

American countries during my summer internships and appreciate that Bucknell brought to campus the likes of choreographer Twyla Tharp, psychologist Howard Gardner and Ke\$ha (my second celebrity crush after Lady Gaga).

This exposure to the natural sciences, mathematics, philosophy, classical languages and Ke\$ha fueled my passion to explore creativity at the interdisciplinary intersection of art, science and culture.

During my senior year, Bucknell provided me a private studio and enough funding to complete a substantial body of work for my senior exhibition at the Samek Art Gallery. I also received the Bison Award in 2013 for Excellence in Co-Curricular Activities. By graduation day, my artistic identity and sense of purpose had gelled.

I returned to Chile to reconnect with my culture, but I gave up art because I could not find opportunities as an emerging artist. I worked in unrelated fields



Jose Saavedra '13

(from prepping chickens for frying to teaching physics) to make a living, but I was not living; I just was surviving.

But the Bucknell community did not let me remain in my metaphorical cave. Professor Kell emailed about residencies and MFA programs, and Barbara Martin, in development & alumni relations, personally helped pay for my return to the art scene. Thanks to my connections with Bucknellians in the states, I am realizing my dream — traveling around the world painting and selling my works and meeting amazing people.

*Jose Saavedra '13 grew up in Santiago, Chile. View his art at [kdashstore.com](http://kdashstore.com).*



## ALUMNI ENTREPRENEUR: JEN MELLON '04

Since the heyday of Pinkerton detectives, the private investigation industry has primarily served Caucasian males and the 1 percent. Trustify, the company founded by **Jen Mellon '04** and her husband, Danny Boice, is out to change that image. "We've democratized the space so it's something everyone can use," Mellon says. "Eighty percent of our consumers have never used a PI before. About 50 percent are women."

Trustify is an online marketplace that connects clients with private investigators based on the information they're seeking and location. Billing is based on actual services performed, not retainers, with payments held in escrow until the job is done. While still serving traditional clients, such as law firms and HR departments, Mellon says the company is expanding

into new markets — such as online-daters looking to vet matches before meeting in person. "We do a lot of that, because it's so affordable," she says.

Since launching in March 2015, the company has built a network of approximately 7,000 affiliated private investigators and a team of 40 full-time employees at its Arlington, Va., headquarters.

Mellon, a serial entrepreneur who also was an executive for legislative nonprofits related to child welfare and adoption, says her company's democratic mission extends to its workforce: 70 percent of her employees are women, and 40 percent identify as a protected-class minority. — *Matt Hughes*

# Class Notes

Alumni Near & Far



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I'm wishing you a sun- and fun-filled summer. A note or call from you would certainly brighten my day. Please send your thoughts my way so I can share with your classmates.  
— A.M.P.

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Did you get 18 inches of snow? A number of us in the East did in March. My son, **Jeff Brown '79**, and my daughter, **Jill Brown Waters '82**, as well as her husband, **Jack Waters '79**, and their daughter, **Jennifer Waters '21**, attended Scholarship Day at Bucknell in early spring. Yes, you read that correctly: Our family will be celebrating a fourth generation at Bucknell. We are so proud.

I received a welcome note from **Florence Kreitler Davis**. She sounds like the traveler of the year, having visited Boston; Cape Cod, Mass.; Florida; Maryland; and Washington, D.C., all in one year. And they say 90 is old. Keep it up, Kandy.

In talking to **Marion "Mack" Wohlhieter**, I learned she shoveled some of her 18-inch snowfall herself.

Last, **Clifford Gross** informed me of the very sad news of the death of his wife, **Eleanor "Sy" Sipler Gross**, in February. I remember her well, as I'm sure you do. Sy was a happy person and always extended her joy to others. I will send our class condolences to her family and friends.

*Note: Eleanor's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.*

If you can't get back to Bucknell, at least send a quick card to an old Bucknell friend. Say, "Go, Bucknell!" I will, too. With good memories — J.G.B.

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It certainly has been a historic year both politically and athletically. **Don and Molly Tompkins Manning** reported in early March that our basketball team had reached the playoffs by beating Lehigh. This was followed unfortunately by a loss to West Virginia, who went on to beat Notre Dame. Bucknell's coach has only been there for two years so much more is probably in store for us.

Out here in the West, we are praying for snow or rain. It has been a very dry winter so far, and the melt is on in the mountains. The young people were anticipating good skiing during their spring breaks, but they were in their summer outfits with sloshy wet snow, which is unusual for Colorado. The pond in my backyard has three koi fish. Three weeks

after there was ice on the pond, the temperature of the water climbed to about 53 degrees, so it's time to start feeding them. Isn't it amazing how the weather can be so different from one part of the country to the other? I have two grandsons at Boston College, and I know they loved all the snow they got since they are from Colorado.

I will not touch the political issue, except to say that legalized marijuana has attracted young people who have changed our perspective and their lives considerably — and not for the better.

Do write or call me, and if I do not answer, please leave a message and I will return your call. — C.K.E.

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**Maury Mufson** sent this update: "My new photography website, mufsonphotography.com, has launched, and I invite you to browse it. I have been a serious photographer for many years. In 2003, I submitted my work to a jury and was accepted into the Tri-State Arts Association in Huntington, W.Va., our hometown since I came to Marshall University as the founding chair of the Department of Medicine in 1976. For more than a decade, my photographs have been juried into several national and regional meetings. Those are included in the section on my website called Exhibition Prints. The website also includes my photographs of Huntington scenes and airshots, taken from commercial flights over several U.S. cities. Occasionally, I add new photographs in each of these sections. You can contact me through the website. I am busy at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine as an emeritus professor conducting research and mentoring — usually about three days each week. I am continuing my

research on pneumococcal pneumonia and vaccines, including genomic studies of a surface protein of the pneumococcus. My wife, Deedee, and I have a busy travel schedule in 2017 including a cruise from Hong Kong to Shanghai with stops in Taiwan, Japan and South Korea this winter, and a riverboat cruise from Budapest [Hungary] to Bucharest [Romania] in the fall."

**Alan Raynor** writes that he "and wife Mary are set to return to Florida living after five years in Michigan. His glass art is not appreciated in the North — he features bold colors and marine subjects. He also noted, from a recent competition, that art with a social message is getting all the attention. He has two new pieces: one on the subject of global warming and another on the Syrian refugees."

From Colorado, **Bill Durland** sends this update: "We hoped to come East this spring but it's canceled again. We are waiting for our son, Christian, and his wife, Laura, to accompany us sometime in the future. Meanwhile, I've written

a new play on President John F. Kennedy (JFK) titled *The Camelot Confessions*. Although I was told it couldn't be done — too depressing, too complicated — it 'came out of me' both humorous and original. I called at the end for a reopening of the investigation revealing facts from the release of 3,000 documents still held by the CIA that are to become public in October. Only the president can delay that. May 29 is the 100th anniversary of JFK's birthday and also the anniversary of the final installation at his gravesite of the eternal flame. Genie and I moved to Littleton, Colo., in January; our new address is: 5250 S. Huron Way, 8-103, Littleton, CO 80120. Our phone number and email remain the same. Our new home is a small, four-room condo with a patio and a beautiful view of woods, parks and distant mountains."

Happy summer to you. And keep those emails or other correspondence coming. — C.H.K.

**Charlie Nesbitt M'53** was inducted into the inaugural

class of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) Hall of Fame in March. Nesbitt, of Lewisburg, was the first athletic director at Southern Columbia Area School District and a charter member of the PSADA. He was also a teacher, counselor and soccer, basketball and baseball coach for Catawissa High School and Southern Columbia Area School District. He retired in 1984 but continues to serve on PSADA's executive council. In 2014, a new gymnasium at Southern Columbia High School was named in his honor. He was also honored at PSADA's annual conference for attending 50 consecutive conferences.

## 1954

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Once again **Diane Slifer Scott** has helped me keep up with the news of our wonderful classmates. It is with sadness I report the passing of another one of us. **Pat Pratt Knodel**, Alpha Chi, was maid of honor in Diane and **Vic Scott's** wedding, and Diane was in Pat's wedding. Her life was dedicated to helping others. Pat was predeceased by her husband, Don, and is survived by two sons and their families.

*Note: Pat's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.*

Please keep the news coming. Please know that we all care and that we all are interested in each of you, just as you enjoy reading about others. — B.M.A.

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# 1956

## PAT GROFF HERSHOCK

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A note from **Bobbie Folk Mynott** said that husband **Geoff Mynott '54** is retiring at the ripe old age of 85. He has loved his job, and we hope that he can learn to rest on his laurels. The couple also have a grandson, **James '17**, who graduated from Bucknell with an environmental engineering degree. They have a number of Bucknellians living in their retirement community, including **Jim Riker** and **Diane Trumbower Mankin**.

A note from **Joe and Claire Hammond Eberhart** told me that while checking out a senior living community in Doylestown, Pa., they ran into **Roland Smith** and his wife doing the same thing. The Eberharts still live in their home of 50 years and are pleased to be there. This June they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to both of you.

**Al and Sally Berry Christenson** are in regular touch with classmates. They moved into a continuing-care retirement community called The Arlington of Naples more than a year ago. At an early get-together of future residents, low and behold, they ran into **Judd and Shirley Hall Carr '57**, whom they had not seen in more than 50 years. Now Shirley lives down the corridor from them in the independent-living tower, unfortunately without Judd, who passed shortly before their move.

**Shirley Laffin Bartholomew** and **Ginny McCully Straub** are among our regular contributors, and they are in touch with **Ed and Anne Smith Janes** in Houston as well as **Sandy and Rol Smith** in New Jersey. They are also in frequent email contact with **Jo Randolph Rott** and **Marjorie Marshall Lawler**. They send their best to all their friends from Florida. — P.G.H.

# 1957

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# 1958

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I requested that our class report on 80th birthday celebrations or thoughts on reaching this milestone.

**Merle Holden Winstead** responds, "I must admit turning 80 is a bit of a jolt. It didn't sink in right away, and then I realized there's nothing I can do to reverse course (and I shouldn't want to)." Merle had a special treat with her three offspring who hosted a luncheon for her with 18 friends.

Frankly, I am totally dreading April 8, but by the time you read this, it will all be in the past. No doubt about it, 80 is old! I realize that most of my time on earth is behind me, but I still play tennis, adore duplicate bridge and have a wonderful "significant other." Therefore, life is good. Lakeway, Texas, has turned out to be an amazing community, and I am now closer to my three sons and families. Wise choice indeed.

**Carol Davies Aronis** writes, "I was so glad to see your column in *Bucknell Magazine*. We're making a trip to San Diego to visit our son, Steve, and daughter-in-law, Leslie. That's our winter break for this year.

"I am still in touch with **Norma Jean Renninger** and **Dick Reed**, who still live near Bucknell. Their physician son lives near the University, and his wife is a doctor at Bucknell. In 2018, if possible, we hope to get back for Reunion.

"This year one of our grandsons graduated from the Naval Academy and has already been assigned to a destroyer based in San Diego. Lucky for him, our son and his wife live in San Diego and will welcome him and his soccer buddies from

the academy to a home-cooked meal.

"Daughter **Rachelle** and family live in Nashville, Tenn., and daughter **Dawn** and family are in Spokane, Wash., and have opened up their family cabin for summer visits.

"Alex keeps working on his practice with meditative prayer and publications about this. He fills in for nearby pastors and mentors several others. I'm engaged with the women's ministries at our church. P.S. Just had my 80th birthday."

**Bill and Phiddy Gilman Scott** write, "As we enter our fourth year in our new place, we are seeing more of our friends moving into life-care communities. It's a clear message that the years are quickly passing but hope to spend several more years here.

Last year "was eventful for our family. In July, we celebrated our 57th anniversary by taking 17 family members to a small town in Tuscany, Italy. We rented a large villa on top of a hill surrounded by vineyards and olive trees. We made day trips to Florence, Siena and other charming hill towns. For many of our family, it was a first trip to Europe, so it was quite an education.

"In October we joined a group from a local Catholic church on a pilgrimage to Israel. We quickly learned the difference between a trip and a pilgrimage as we rose early in the morning and didn't finish until late in the afternoon. We enjoyed unbelievable experiences and learned so much about the country's religious history and unstable political situation. Bill had a chance to swim in the Sea of Galilee, and we also spent time in amazing old Jerusalem. It's a place everyone should visit.

"We have three grandchildren attending college and another in a holding period: Chris is spending all of his time consolidating a successful new company that he recently acquired. Madison is in her third year at High Point University, Catherine is in her first year at James Madison University, and Erica decided she liked warm weather and big-time football, so she is in her first year at the University of Florida.

"Our lives in Berwyn, Pa.,

and Naples, Fla., remain active with Phyllis involved in a Philadelphia Orchestra committee, two book clubs, a bible study and Junior League, along with lots of bridge and golf. Bill plays both team and fun tennis and takes piano lessons. We also both tutor first graders at the Boys and Girls Club in Naples.

"We send our love to all of you and we wish you a healthy and happy 2017. We hope to see many of you during the year." — R.B.S.

# 1959

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**Sarah Kirby Miller** writes, "**Charlotte Gentry Sisler** and **Willi Rilling Stahura** talked me into attending our Reunion. I hadn't been back since 1959. They are travelers. Char introduced me to riverboat cruising. We have been on several together; the most recent was to Iceland last fall. In April I went to the Netherlands, a bucket-list trip. I have been in Sarasota, Fla., for the last five years and Nevada for 25 years before that. In May I will move to Ann Arbor, Mich. It's time to be nearer to my son and daughter and their families who live there, and embrace the four seasons again. I bought a condo at Christmas time and am making it mine."

**Jeanne Anderson Bovard** wrote, "After the blizzard in March, my car totally vanished underneath the mountain of white. Shoveling was good exercise but maybe not so much fun for hours at a time. I am grateful that I can still move and lift and entertain the birds as I go about my business. Thank you for your good connections to our dear classmates. 'ray '59."

**Joan Peregoy Thayer** writes, "Encore Chorale celebrated its 10th anniversary with a free concert at the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., in May. Our director has worked hard to give all 800 singers 'stage time.' Half of us were on stage for half the concert, then

an off-shoot group, Rock and Roll Encore, performed and finally those who had not been on stage took the stage, while the rest of us returned to our seats in the audience. The entire program was recorded and can be viewed at [Encorecreativity.org](http://Encorecreativity.org).

"The March snowstorm was the first snowfall since last year, and I hope it eliminated some of the bugs. The daffodils bloomed at the end of February when the temperatures were in the 70s; they were still standing tall after the snow. The cherry blossoms in D.C. did not survive. Many magnolias that bloomed got frostbite. Crazy year weather-wise."

**Annamarie Neff Anderson** emails, "No news, but I celebrated Bucknell's men's and women's basketball teams' trips to the tournament."

**Dodie Vogeler Jackson** writes, "The hip replacement has helped me a lot, but now I need to start thinking about having the other hip 'done.' My family and I are doing very well. My granddaughter, 13, is learning to compete in small local rodeos. She lives in western New Jersey, so I get to go see her in action from time to time. One grandson, 15, is planning to spend time in Europe and maybe do some studying there after he graduates from high school in Tallahassee, Fla. His brother, 13, is very active in the theater, including costume design and performance (following in grandma's footsteps). Both grandsons are members of the Future Physicists of Florida and are avid beekeepers who give talks about beekeeping at schools, state parks, on the radio, etc. I'm so proud of all three grandkids. Best wishes to all classmates."

**Barbara Fracassi Nodine** writes, "I'm finally retiring from Arcadia University (formerly Beaver College). I loved being a faculty member and spent the last three years in an administrative position. A vital and exciting university environment is hard to leave because of the focus on development of young people and stimulating ideas. My three children and their families are hoping I will be free to visit with them more." — T.E.D.

## 1960

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I have very little news because no classmates sent me any. So, as I promised you some 50 years ago, you will get my news. We arrived in Punta Gorda, Fla., in January. Soon after, **Dick and Cindy Helgren Skelton '68** arrived on their way to Estero and stayed a couple of days until their condo was ready. We played golf, relaxed and were very happy to have left the cold weather behind. Since **Ellis Harley '59** retired in 2000, we had spent 15 years in Palm Coast. We will stop there on the way home. We planned to see **Bob '54** and **Janet Replogle Roberts '56**, **Marjorie Marshall Lawler '56**, **Joanna Randolph Rott '56** and **Ted '59** and **Barbara Boger Leshner**. Our final stop on the "seeing Bucknell friends" tour will be at Atlantic Beach, Fla., to see **Ed '48** and **Betty Spielman P'70**.

I hope some of you will get inspired and send your news.  
— J.S.H.

## 1961

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Congratulations go to Jeanne and **Harry Ritter**, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last October.

After service with the Navy, Harry earned his B.S. in electrical engineering, then worked for Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster, Pa., until he retired in 1994. Jeanne was a registered nurse while Harry went to college and after they moved to Lancaster.

They are another "Bucknell Proud Family" — all three sons are Bucknell graduates: **Gary '79**, **Keith '82** and **Bob '92**.

**Jon Portnof** writes, "I am retired and living in Naples, Fla., married to my wonderful wife, Frances. We have five children and six grandchildren, all doing fine. Hope all is good with everyone."

**Linda Owen Weinmann** writes, "**John '64** and I spent February north of Asheville, N.C. We rented a cabin in a lovely spot that was close to the Wolf Laurel Resort in Mars Hill.

"Our son and his family from Georgia and daughter and husband from Kentucky joined us for a couple of weekends. Our three grandkids were able to snowboard and ski, even though the weather was unusually warm.

"The last week of February we visited the Biltmore Estate and the early spring bulbs, and flowering shrubs and trees were all in bloom. Much to my dismay, we missed the blizzard that hit Bangor just before Valentine's Day, and by the time we got back to Maine, much of the snow had melted.

"It's hard to believe our class will be celebrating its 55th Reunion. I won't be attending but wanted to send my greetings to our class."

**Bill Seidel** writes, "Happiness is being surrounded by Indiana University basketball fanatics when Bucknell is in March Madness and Indiana isn't. I will enjoy this while it lasts and probably for the entire year to come — whatever the outcome. 'ray Bucknell."

**Steve Sugar's** daughter, Kimberly Glyder, has created the artwork for a "She Persisted" line of prints, T-shirts, mugs and bags at Society6, [society6.com/kglyder](http://society6.com/kglyder).

**Carolyn Wilcox Conway** reports, "I had a long phone chat with **Judy Whipp Parkison-Best**. Fortunately, she's finally on the mend and sounds pretty chipper now, but it was a long, hard year for her. Widowed again in the fall, she then proceeded to break her leg, and somehow the complications kept her in the hospital for two months. Finally able to walk with only a cane now, she's feeling like she's 'out of prison' and anticipates getting outdoors.

"Judy still lives next door to the house she grew up in, not far from her son and only a mile or so from her grandson and his wife — plus her granddaughter actually lives with Judy. Since Judy lives in Olney, Md., not far from where I spend my summers, we're planning to get together for a girls' day out come June or July. We've hardly changed since we both lived in French House (on Sixth Street before Vedder Hall was built)."

**Victor Manuele** writes, "Since our last update, the FIJIs have not had an outing. However, **Curt Mull, Bob Theiss '64** and I plan to return to Ireland this fall for another golf vacation. Last year we had a great time in Scotland. **Steve Ruckman** and I spend summer weekends biking in Ocean City, N.J., and catching up with old Bucknell friends; sometimes **Walt Mayer** joins us in our Tour de O.C. I hear from **Ken** and **Gail Carson Twiford** and **Dick Tyrrell '63**. They're doing well.

"I hear nothing but great things about the new Graham Building — **Bill Graham's** world-class wrestling facility and center for student health, counseling and development. This summer I plan to introduce my grandson to Bucknell. Great to see the men's and women's basketball teams advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Regards to all."

**Dave and Dian Embury Goss** write, "We are thriving in our Hertford, N.C., home. Dave still is a part-time economic development consultant to the local county commissioners. We both have been busy with our church activities. Dave finds time to be involved with the local theater board, with occasional parts in plays. We both sing in the choir, plus participate in a three-county chorale that rehearses weekly and performs twice in December and twice in the spring. It's all very satisfying.

"We love visiting family as often as possible. Our daughter's family is in Newport, R.I.; our older son's family is in Virginia; and our younger son's family is in Charlotte, N.C. Keeping up with all eight of our grandchildren is a delight, of course.

"We are still able to play a little golf. I am having fun being an amateur photographer

## THE SKY'S NO LIMIT

**Fred Kessler '62** grew up surrounded by airplane talk. His father was a pilot throughout the 1930s and '40s and always had aviation publications lying around the house, so flying was inevitable. Kessler began taking lessons in 1957, at age 17, and received his private pilot's license two years later. Last year, he received a Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the Federal Aviation Administration, given to pilots who have exhibited professionalism, skill and aviation expertise for at least 50 years.

During his 60 years as a pilot, flying has changed a lot. In its earliest, preradio days, pilots navigated by following landmarks. At night, they followed light beacons. During the 1950s and '60s, VHF and VOR radio navigation became standard. About 30 years ago, GPS navigation came on the scene, which, says Kessler, makes it "impossible to get lost."

Kessler has flown to Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, the Bahamas, Canada and much of the United States. He flies several times a year to a summer home in New Hampshire in his six-seater Beechcraft Baron, and to Florida every winter. His wife, **Gini Reeser Kessler '63**, serves as co-pilot.

"This sounds like we don't work much, but that's not the case," he jokes.

An economics major at Bucknell, Kessler earned a J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law, then a master's in law from New York University School of Law in 1966. He's lived and worked near Lewisburg, Pa., ever since, first as a tax lawyer, now as founder and president of Nottingham Village, a continuing-care retirement community in Northumberland, Pa.

His son-in-law is also a pilot, and Kessler has begun showing the ropes to his 6-year-old grandson, son of daughter **Amanda Kessler '93**. The most important lesson? "There really is no destination," says Fred. "The actual destination is the journey itself." — *Eveline Chao*



will celebrate granddaughter Marjorie's graduation from Penn State and move to NYC. Grandson Evan is near Boston, managing a band and playing in one, as well as working at two recording studios. Grandson Will is working in King of Prussia, Pa., and granddaughter Annie is at Amherst College.

## 1964

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The following were among the disappointed at Bokamper's Sports Bar in Naples, Fla., when Bucknell lost to West Virginia University: **Mike Moore, Karen Abel, Jeff '63** and **Teddy Furst Martin, Chuck and Jackie Pearson Weidenfeller '66** and me. It was all organized by **Flossie Graber Watt**. Orange and blue were proudly displayed, and all attendees looked great.

**Phyllis Heckroth Trager** wrote that the following Bucknell coeds were heading to Las Vegas to start the 75th birthday year celebration: **Dee Sherman Kash, Linda Klein Smith, Nancy Nicholson Yoder, Bobbie Dubin Bliss, Bonnie Cullen Riskin** and herself.

I threw out the question to about 40 members of our class on my email list asking: "What would you do differently at Bucknell if you had a do over?" See below for the responses. (Please feel free to email me your regrets for the next Class Notes.)

**Bob Adolph:** "That's an easy question. I would've pursued the truth at a much earlier age and, thereby, made Jesus my lord and savior much sooner than I did at age 36. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, a fact that is far more important than a college education."

**Phyllis Trager:** "When it gets right down to it, there is almost nothing I would do over. Every stumble and big mistake got me to the person I am now. Every crossroads offers a choice. In 1960 in my madras shirtwaist dress, I could not have known that. My Bucknell friendships have lasted more than 50 years. That was worth the price of admission."

**Kathy Meara Sullivan:** "Your

(spell-check inquired if my misspelled 'amateur' meant 'immature', which also would have been accurate). We hope all is well with everyone."

Bill Graham writes, "In June I celebrated 55 years of working for The Graham Company, an insurance brokerage and consultant firm in downtown Philadelphia. I have been happily married to Fran for almost 40 years, and just adore my daughter, Laura, and my granddaughter, Macy; my son, Quint, my daughter-in-law, Jessica, and my granddaughters, Elizabeth and Caroline.

"At 76, I still manage a full work schedule and enjoy giving back to the people and places that have made an impact in my life. It is important for me to play a part in helping future generations develop.

"I have been a Bucknell trustee since 2005, then became a trustee emeritus in 2013. As an active Bucknell

wrestling program supporter, I attend as many matches as I can, including the EIWA and the NCAA wrestling championships. To the teachers, coaches and programs at Bucknell: you have helped me grow, develop and mature into the person I am today." — S.S. and C.W.C.

## 1963

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**Penny West Suritz** sent the following update:

She and husband Michael move between a condo in Arlington, Va., overlooking the Iwo Jima Memorial, and their small home in Ocean View, Del., near Bethany Beach — two

different lifestyles, both enjoyable. Son Adam is at the Stern School at NYU working on an MBA to join his MFA from Brown University. Clearly he's more of a student than was his mother!

**Bob '62** and **Bobbie Bruns Smith** celebrated the engagement of granddaughter **Megan Smith '15** to **Ian Wellington '15**. Her parents are **Mark '87** and **Beth Wormann Smith '89**. Sister Erin Smith will graduate from Miami University in Ohio. With **Karen Smith McGrath '91**, this is a three-generation (so far) Bucknell family.

**Elle Markunas Heffner** frequently travels with husband Reid, as he has retired from teaching pathology to medical students. They've visited Israel, Florida, California and Washington D.C., where there are grandchildren to see.

**Mary "Polly" Mitchell Savidge** reports both daughters are doing well, and the family

question got me to thinking. 'Of course, I loved my days at Bucknell' was my first thought. I wouldn't change a thing. But that's not absolutely true. I wish I had found time, or made time, to do a semester abroad. Since my high-school experience as an exchange student, I have loved to travel. But I find it impossible to really know a place after a short vacation. I can think of a dozen or more places I would love to have spent a semester. So my current plan is to do it vicariously through my grandkids."

**Jim Hicks:** "It would have been good to have lived overseas sometime during my life to experience a different culture, possibly France or Spain. Of course working in NYC, as I did for more than 25 years, was sort of like an international experience because there are so many different cultures squeezed together there. In my first job with a large bank, I worked in a small group with people from India, Iran, Estonia, the Philippines, Cuba and China. We all got along great, and it was very interesting and educational."

**Teddy Martin:** "My do over would be to learn how to speak Spanish fluently. I've spoken to a few Bucknellians who majored in Spanish, and they said they learned how to read and write in class. But they really didn't learn to speak until studying abroad. For those of you who lived in Spanish House, were you fluent when you graduated? There weren't many options to study abroad for us."

**Beth Smith:** "My do over? I would have been a liberal arts major instead of a business major, and I'd have played less bridge and taken advantage of more cultural experiences."  
— B.W.S.

## 1965

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When I became your class reporter in the mid-1980s, "Where's Waldo?" had not been invented. This is too bad because I wish I had started

writing a "Where's Andy?" subplot for this column. For several years we have followed **Andy Dzurinko** in his travels to really interesting places. The 2017 "Where's Andy?" finds him in Cuba with the Titan Mercury Wrestling Club of California in February. The U.S. team wrestled teams from Cuba, China, Mexico, Peru and Puerto Rico, with The U.S. winning two gold medals and Cuba earning all other gold medals. Andy and his group stayed at the Hotel Palco, about 10 minutes from Havana. Every day the U.S. team was bussed to the Cuban Olympic Center where the wrestlers worked out, and their coaches served as great goodwill ambassadors. Andy said there were lots of old American cars from the '40s, '50s and '60s as well as newer Japanese cars. Bus transportation is big. Each day, after converting U.S. cash to Cuban currency at the hotel, Andy took the bus into Havana where he would sightsee, shop or eat. He also took cabs to visit two famous hotels: Hotel Nationale, where mobsters

Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano stayed while in Cuba; and the Hotel Libre, where both Fidel Castro and Ernest Hemingway stayed and dined and whose lobby is lined with a history of the revolution. After seven exciting days, Andy headed home with cigars, rum and other souvenirs. — L.H.T.

## 1966

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I hope you are enjoying the summer weather after the delayed winter that would not go away — time to be outdoors getting in touch with nature. We can all be very proud of our Bison basketball teams. Not only were they the Patriot League champions, but they went to the NCAA Tournament. The men didn't win their game against West Virginia, but they definitely stayed with them all

the way. In fact, the Bison scored more points against the Mountaineers than did Notre Dame, the next team to fall to them. Another famous Bucknell alumnus, Villanova Coach **Jay Wright '83**, was in the stands watching his alma mater play. He was kind enough to visit the Bison in the locker room after their defeat to encourage them. Most of their best players are underclassmen. I think that they will be back next year and have a very good chance to repeat their tournament appearance. Sadly, Villanova was also eliminated in a surprise defeat by Wisconsin. **Wayne Gibbs '74** and I went to Memphis, Tenn., to watch the University of North Carolina Tar Heels play.

I recently received wonderful news. I am finally going to be a grandmother. My younger son, Jeremiah, and wife Emily, who live in Astoria, N.Y., expect a child in mid-August. It looks like I will travel to NYC more frequently.

**Peter Engler** sent an update just after I completed the spring column in January. He mentioned that he and wife Carole enjoyed the rain and snow that winter brought to parched California. After many years of good health, unexpected health issues prevented them from attending our 50th Reunion. Everything is fine now, and they are busy selling their house in Belvedere, Calif. They will rent the house for the next 2-1/2 years from the buyers, who are in Spain. This will give them lots of time to visit their shared children and grandchildren scattered throughout California. Peter is in the midst of working on his second novel, *Lady of The Lake*, based on Peter's time spent at Lake George, N.Y. It is the story of two brothers who return to Lake Sacramento to lick their battle wounds. They are inspired by the powers of the lake and the intuition and caring of their grandmother. She is one "lady;" the other lady is a Chris Craft "woody" boat, which plays a key role in one brother's redemption. Peter is still coaching college students and mid- and late-career executives on how to "find rewarding work, not just a job." He also started a new business, Company History

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Productions (companyhistory productions.com), which creates attractive and exciting history books for family-owned companies that want to tell their unique story in a coffee-table book. He said that he really enjoys this work. Peter sent his best and announced proudly that he can still fit into his Bucknell jacket — barely.

I sent quite a few emails asking for news, but I haven't received any answers. I hope you are all enjoying your travels and that you will have some time to share your adventures with your classmates soon. Somehow, life seems to be getting busier than ever for me. I feel that after six years, it is time for me to retire from my job as Class Notes reporter. I will gather news for the 2017 fall edition. I want to thank all of you who have shared glimpses of your lives with all of us. It has been such a pleasure to reconnect with old friends and to make new connections. I really enjoyed seeing all of you correspondents at our 50th Reunion. The job is open if you would like to help. Please

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**Candis Boyer Coxe** went back to school sometime after Bucknell and got her Ph.D. in Romance languages. She then taught French and Italian at the high school and college levels for nearly 40 years. She lives in Raleigh, N.C., and is now retired. Her priorities are: family — her daughter and three granddaughters; the

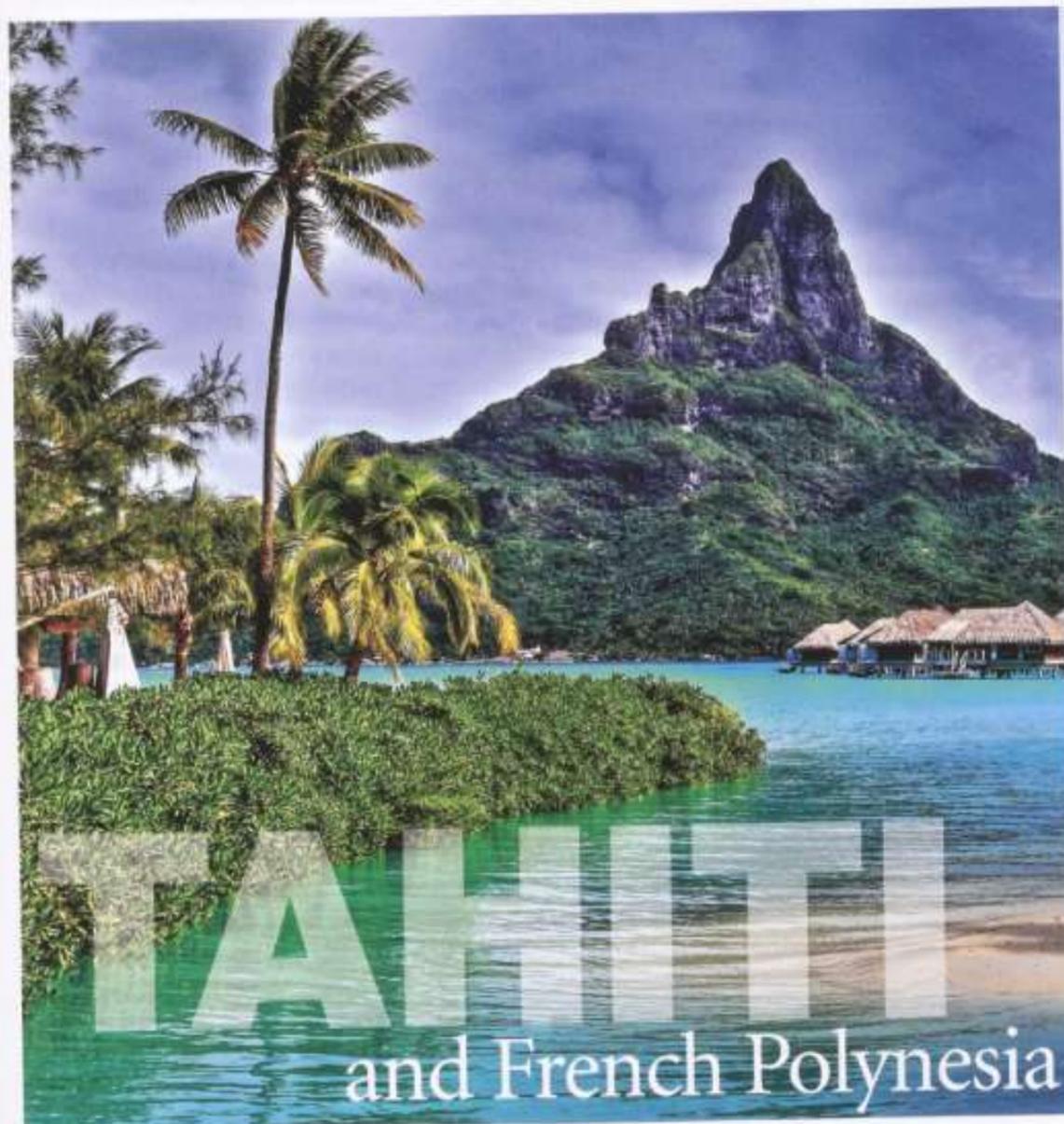
beach — she spends as much time as possible at her place at Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.; and travel. She also has endowed a scholarship for students in the French department at Bucknell to study in Tours, France. She has stayed in touch with **Joe** and **Mary Marsden Browne** and anticipated seeing several of her Sammy friends at the 50th Reunion. You can contact her at [ccoxxe@nc.rr.com](mailto:ccoxxe@nc.rr.com)

**Margo Anderson** was a history major, influenced by many of the stars of that department at Bucknell. She received her Ph.D. in history from Rutgers and has taught history, with an emphasis on interpretation of population statistics, at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee for many years. She has encountered **Dave Nasaw** at meetings of historians but has not kept in touch with other classmates. She is married and has four children. Her website, [margoanderson.org](http://margoanderson.org), lists her writings.

**George Coolbaugh** was in the Navy for several years after Bucknell and remained in the

Reserves after that, retiring with the rank of commander. After active duty, he went into commercial banking and retired from JPMorganChase in 2001. He lives eight months of the year in upstate New York, near the Finger Lakes, and the other four months in Naples, Fla. He serves on several boards and two homeowners' associations and plays "mediocre" golf (which means that he could easily beat me.) He stays in touch with **Roger Weinreber '68** because they are brothers-in-law. He was traveling at the time of our Reunion but would like to hear from some of his Phi Lam (now Chi Phi) brothers. You can email him at [ghcoolbaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:ghcoolbaugh@yahoo.com).

**Carl and Pam Schrader Boerner** are one of the many Bucknell couples in our class. They live in Winchester, Mass. Carl's career was in electrical engineering, and he traveled the world as a troubleshooter for high-voltage installations. He is retired and on the Reunion Committee. Pam was a stay-at-home mother and volunteered for the local library, hospital,



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assisted-living centers, etc. They remain as active as ever. They have remained in touch with many classmates, and anticipated seeing many old friends at Reunion. They can be reached at [chb419@msn.com](mailto:chb419@msn.com).

**Steve Chang** got his Ph.D. in geography at UCLA after Bucknell and spent his career teaching economic development/geography at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He retired in 1999 and has traveled extensively since then. He described many river cruises throughout Europe. After my note about **Jim States** several years ago, Steve was able to make contact with him. He hoped to see Jim at Reunion. Steve has a daughter who attended Bucknell, and he lives in Florida. Contact him at [schang@bgsu.edu](mailto:schang@bgsu.edu).

**Joel Galvin** lives outside New Haven, Conn. He used his business degree in commercial real estate, which he is still doing. In more recent years, he has added a job as a life coach. Between these two pursuits, plus his five children and nine grandchildren, there is very little time for anything else. He has stayed in touch with many of his Bucknell friends and told me that at least 11 of his Sigma Alpha Mu brothers would attend Reunion. This sounded like a challenge to other groups. He can be reached at [joglvn@gmail.com](mailto:joglvn@gmail.com). — C.G.

 Go to [bucknell.edu/JoeFell](http://bucknell.edu/JoeFell) to see a photo of **Gwenn Knapp** presenting a portrait she painted of Professor **Joseph Fell** to this beloved philosophy professor, as well as tributes by alumni and faculty to Professor **Fell**.

## 1968

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Guess what? We're quickly approaching our 50th Reunion, May 31 through June 3, 2018. Funny how time flies (I know you've noticed) and next spring will be here before we know it. Save the date.



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**Jim Reese '69** reported that **Hollis '69** and **Gail Puderbaugh Brown '69** dodged tornadoes and took a respite from the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama to swing by the Reeses' home in New Orleans in January. Jim and Linda Kelley Reese entertained them between bonding with the neighbor's poodle, walking the streets of the city, dining on the famous cuisine, golfing and visiting the National WWII Museum, which they all agreed is a national treasure that everyone should visit. Jim invited other classmates to make the journey to see what that unique city has to offer. He is at [jreesenola@aol.com](mailto:jreesenola@aol.com).

Jim reported on another visit from classmates. "**Ward** and **Kathleen McConnell Anderson '70** noticed in *Bucknell Magazine* that we live in New Orleans, so when they decided to check Mardi Gras off their bucket list, Ward, with whom I played ice hockey in college, shot me an email. Getting requests from friends and acquaintances for advice about Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, the French Quarter, restaurants,

etc., is routine. But getting communication from someone from whom I haven't heard in 48 years was special. And so the Andersons' excellent adventure to Mardi Gras began, and we were able to meet up after all these years. After attending a couple of parades, Ward and Kathleen took the St. Charles streetcar to our home where we spent some time reacquainting ourselves and sharing our career stories. Though we were both naval officers right out of college, Ward's experience was far more exciting. He never shied away from a good fight on the ice, but becoming a naval carrier fighter pilot was a whole different ballgame and impressive. We all went to an evening parade and returned to our home for an impromptu party with friends and neighbors, some good food and, yes, adult beverages. Their New Orleans stay was short but rich with a proper introduction to a very large cultural event. We certainly expect to visit with them again either here, at their Annapolis, Md., home or elsewhere in our respective travels.

Mardi Gras? Who is next?" Ward can be reached at [wanderson1@verizon.net](mailto:wanderson1@verizon.net).

Linda and Jim also visited Louise and me in Florida. While there, we connected for dinner and drinks with Judy Edward and **Bob Rovegno**, who live in Flagler Beach, a stone's throw from our winter getaway in Palm Coast. Just to spice matters up, we attended Bike Week in Daytona Beach. We had sampled it once before with the Reeses, but not on Main Street, the epicenter of Bike Week, which is where we went this year and with Anne and **Bob Haas '67** last year. Spicy is one way to describe it. Pictures on request. Bob Rovegno can be reached at [bobrovegno@yahoo.com](mailto:bobrovegno@yahoo.com).

Louise and I visited Dartmouth College and visited with Sharon and **Jim Morgan**. Jim claims to have retired a second time, this time from a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary, after his first career at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Jim recently rehabbed their home and is looking forward to summers on Lake Fairlee in Vermont. He bragged about hiking the "Whites" (White Mountains of New Hampshire) — no small feat. Email him at [gjmorgan47@gmail.com](mailto:gjmorgan47@gmail.com).

I was on the trail of **Roger Ketcham** and finally caught up with him on the phone. Roger lives in Halesite, on the North Shore of Long Island, N.Y., in the house that his grandfather bought in 1901 and that both his father and he grew up in. He works for a company that produces video equipment used by emergency crews to survey dangerous situations while staying at a safe distance. He has four kids (one in San Diego, one in Paris and the other two close to home) and five grandchildren (the oldest is 12). He attends the various sporting events that his grandkids participate in including basketball and lacrosse. He is celebrating his 50-year anniversary with the Halesite Fire Department. He connected with **Linda Krivanek Ketcham** periodically to celebrate special events with her and their family. He can be reached at [frketcham@gmail.com](mailto:frketcham@gmail.com).

I figured that since I was in the virtual neighborhood, I would connect with Linda.

After convincing her that I was not a telemarketer, we had a nice chat. She reported that her grandchildren are the center of her life. She was recovering from a broken femur and the surgery that went with it. Part of her recovery included daily Zumba. Once fully healed and mobile, she planned to get to Paris to visit their son. After she and Roger returned from Okinawa, Japan, where he was stationed with the Air Defense Artillery, and their family was well underway, she decided to return to teaching, but she wound up in IT doing programming and working for a startup "dot com" and with the renowned Long Island newspaper, *Newsday*. A few years ago, she got together in NYC with several of the Tri Delts, including **Judy Tamm Morton, Mary Jones Miller, Marty Lee Horn, Nancy McGoury Keber** and **Sue Cassidy Lankford**. She follows some of **Barb Mattick Beaver's** activities on Facebook. She is curious about other members of our class, especially the Tri Delts, who plan to attend Reunion. She is a definite maybe on Reunion. Email her at [lmketcham@yahoo.com](mailto:lmketcham@yahoo.com).

I said "Hi" to **George Roenning** while he was heading out the door, bicycles loaded to go to Sanibel, Fla., and get a break from the Wisconsin winter in Sturgeon Bay. George and wife Kristi met on a Wisconsin ski slope and just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Between them, they have four kids and four grandkids. Sturgeon Bay is a small town of about 9,000 at the top of the state. George and I compared snowfalls and the size of our tractors. We speculated that **Chris and Noel Pick Winkler** might either drive to the Reunion in a vintage Porsche or fly his plane to Williamsport, Pa. More on that later. Contact George at [georgeroenning@gmail.com](mailto:georgeroenning@gmail.com).

One of my personal musical highlights is Jazz Fest in New Orleans, where Linda and Jim are gracious hosts. Last year they were late returning from Europe, which meant that we had the whole house to ourselves. Louise and I planned to attend again this year for the second weekend of the festival. We hoped to finally see Stevie Wonder. The last two times we

were supposed to see him rain canceled the show. Last year we practically had to swim from the venue after the Saturday deluge. — G.V.

**Bob Brush** was honored in November as an Entrepreneurial Mentor of the Year by the Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program (HEMP) in Kansas City. Bob worked for 36 years at Hallmark Cards, primarily in product development of lines such as gift wrap and Shoebox Greetings. Since 2010, he has been a HEMP mentor, helping Kansas City business owners as an adviser and strategist.

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**John Buck** reported from Vermont that the highlight of the winter was skiing with **Don Bird** and Molly Ireland for a week in early December in Aspen, Colo., and enjoying dinner with **Peter Louthis** and John Campbell. Having taken early retirement, John is still gainfully employed as the turf manager at Dartmouth College and fixing up a Tunbridge, Vt., farm.

**Mike Cutler** reports, "After living in Brookline, Mass., for 30 years, in 2011, I moved to Northampton, Mass., where I still practice law while aspiring to retire. In 2015 I helped draft the Massachusetts ballot initiative — my state like 27 others enables voters to enact laws, bypassing the legislature and governor — to legalize the nonmedical adult use, regulation and taxation of marijuana. I volunteered with the initiative campaign last year, which succeeded. This winter I lectured on the evolution of marijuana reform legislation at my law school (Boston University

School of Law) and at UMass-Amherst. Also in 2015, son Eli earned his doctorate in economics and is well-employed and launched."

**Alan Chesen** has taught business statistics at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, for 25 years with no plans to retire. Wife Judy teaches history at Clark State Community College, mostly online. Alan still volunteers for Bucknell, recruiting students for admissions, doing about five college fairs a year. He has been reading Advanced Placement exams for the College Board for more than 10 years and has found 10 or 11 other readers with a Bucknell connection.

**Doug Crawford** reports, "I decided in summer 2015 to retire gradually, going from full time to half time on my day job and fully retiring in March 2016. I continue to work a few hours a week in my home business. Barb and I really enjoyed our new freedom (Barb had retired a year earlier), and we did some traveling, played golf and spent lots of time with our kids

and grandkids. Now, we are in Florida, on the 27th floor of our rented condo overlooking the ocean, really enjoying three months at the beach. After nearly 50 years of never taking more than a two-week vacation, it is really great to be retired and on a three-month vacation. We are blessed to have our kids and grandkids as well as several neighbors and friends stay with us at the beach. I have enjoyed returning to Bucknell for several Reunion weekends, and likely will return for our 50th." — L.H.D.



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Andy and I were delighted to welcome **Ginny Reed Demoreuille '73** and husband Bernie to Charleston, S.C., in late December. We had a long, leisurely dinner at one of Charleston's best restaurants to catch up after 10 years. They still live in New Jersey, where we were neighbors for 18 years — and, of course, Ginny is also my sister in Pi Phi. We loved sharing family news with them, and we hope they will come back soon.

I also recently discovered that **Bill Conklin '76** lives just a few houses away from me. He saw my Bison flag when the football team was in town last fall and stopped to say hello. It's nice to have another Bison on the island. — A.S.B.

**Robin Bitterlich Moll** shared news that **Ellen Percy Kraly** was awarded an honorary doctorate by Australia's Curtin University in March 2016. The degree recognizes her efforts to repatriate an invaluable collection of Noongar aboriginal art to its home in Australia. Kraly, the William R. Kenan Jr. professor of geography and environmental studies at Colgate University, worked for nearly a decade to return the collection, which was discovered in storage at Colgate's Picker Art Gallery in 2004. Kraly also addressed the graduates of Curtin University's School of Media, Culture and Creative Arts; School of Design and Art; and Centre for Aboriginal Studies.

## HEALING THROUGH HORSES

**Lisa Schadt '76** is proof that "follow your dream" is more than just a great graduation speech closer.

"Manito," Native American for "great spirit," is Schadt's chosen moniker for her dream: 60 rolling acres of preserved farmland housing 14 rescued horses — the indisputable stars in her dream of helping people with special needs.

Schadt learned early the comfort horses provide, as a 5-year-old riding on her family's Allentown, Pa., farm.

"In my personal evolution, horses were very important in helping me to find my own path to healing, my life's path and the strength to overcome challenges" she says.

The daughter of **Mary Rutherford Schadt '46** came to Bucknell as a prospective German major. But Bucknell widened her world and changed her path. Noncredit yoga and meditation classes stoked her first interest in nontraditional healing.

Schadt transferred to Allentown Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1977 with a registered nursing degree. She worked in nursing and medical practice management for 17 years, and subsequently became a certified equine specialist for equine-assisted therapies. She designed EAGLE, her own distinctive therapy curriculum that incorporates rescued horses' real-life stories.

"It's wonderful to see how the horses' stories of overcoming seemingly insurmountable problems resonate with children," Schadt says.

In 1994, she incorporated Manito Equestrian Center on her family horse farm in Allentown to teach riding and life skills through compassionate interaction with horses. In 2002, she added the nonprofit Manito Life Center, offering therapeutic programs for children (and later adults) with special needs, including social and emotional obstacles, and cognitive and physical disabilities.

Over the years, Manito has been the spot where children spoke first words and took first unassisted steps for the love of a horse.

At 62, Schadt still follows her dream, now aiming for hospital partnerships and designing a succession plan so Manito sustains. She welcomes fellow Bucknell innovators to join her by visiting [Manitocenters.com](http://Manitocenters.com). — *Susan Lindt*



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Spending the month of February in Florida allowed me to rendezvous with two Bucknell friends — **Barry '76** and **Barbara Mitchell Poliner '77** in lovely Palm Coast. Barbara, Barry, my husband and I made the most of this bicycle-friendly community as we pedaled about 20 miles together (well, almost together, as the men lost us halfway through the ride), then enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Funky Pelican, an

iconic Flagler Beach restaurant. We anticipate a return visit next winter as we get closer to becoming "snow birds."

Another of my Class of 1977 friends, **Sue Hunsicker '77**, joined me in Lancaster, Pa., to complete my foursome in our local Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament. She has come from Philadelphia annually for the last eight years to join me on the links and then play a round of golf the next day with my husband and me. It has become a tradition that I cherish.

I hope to hear from more of my classmates in the coming months. — N.Q.B.

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On Nov. 8, **Doug Robison** was elected to a third four-year term as a district judge for Denton County, Texas. He received more than 180,000 votes and won 64 percent of the vote. Doug has found great meaning in being the judge of this court as it handles child protective service cases and significant civil trials. He says, "Nothing is more humbling than having to make decisions that affect the future of children on a near daily basis." Over the years, Doug has received the Jane Graham Award for Outstanding Service to the Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County, the Champion of Children Award from Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County and the Lifetime Jurist Award from the Texas Center for the Judiciary. Doug has been married for almost 40 years to Bonnie, formerly of Oakmont, Pa. His wife is the probate judge for Denton County. They have a 28-year-old daughter who teaches at a local church school. Doug could not convince her to go to Bucknell, as she considers herself a true Texan. Doug does see and communicate with Bucknellians in the area and asks any Bucknellians in Denton on a visit or just passing through to feel free to look him up on the fourth floor of the Denton County Courthouse or contact him on LinkedIn. — G.W.F. and M.L.K.

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I was watching March Madness as I wrote this column, so I must extend my congratulations to the Bison men and women on winning their respective Patriot League titles.

I received a lovely update from **Susan Kveton Mitchell**. Sue, **Leslie Smith Florio**, **Mary Lynn Hedison-Flynn**, **Paula Sykes Menghetti** and **Jeannie Metz** continued their annual Bucknell girlfriends getaway in October with a fun gathering in Annapolis, Md. Jeannie led the exploration of the western and eastern shores of the Chesapeake, including her home in Chestertown, Md. **Missy Hartung DiMassa**, **Denise Shumock Nokes** and **Lynne Uhl** were unable to make the trip. Sue wrote that it was the group's eighth annual reunion. They previously gathered in Stone Harbor, N.J., Jackson, Wyo., Savannah, Ga., Cape Cod, Mass., and Asheville, N.C. They have already planned their next trip to Austin, Texas.

Sue has lived in Winston-Salem, N.C., with husband Peter for more than 16 years, most recently as empty nesters. Her son, **Alex Mitchell '11**, lives in Washington, D.C., where he works for the public relations firm Vox Global. Daughter Caroline is in NYC, working at *The Wall Street Journal*. When not making road trips to visit her kids, Sue is busy with her job at a local garden center.

I would love to hear from you, so please send me an update. — K.M.A.

# Psssst...

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Here in Israel spring was definitely on its way when I wrote this. Now, you might think I measure spring by the weather. Partially true, but my main barometer is the baseball season. With modern technology, I can watch it all live. The problem sometimes is the time difference between here and the states. Night games can start at 2 or 3 a.m. I admit that sometimes I do not see those games live.

**Nancy Kish Gargiulo** asked me to share her email address: [nkg1121@yahoo.com](mailto:nkg1121@yahoo.com).

**Palmer "Pim" Epler** wrote that he has penned the crime novel *Mango*. It's a light read involving a woman just out of college whose business is targeted by a slightly deranged environmentalist. Sounds like a good read, Pim. My novel is completed and is now being scrutinized by my better half,

so maybe one day soon I will join you and the other members of our class who have published novels. Pim added that he is married with two wonderful children. He practices law in the New Haven, Conn., area and started two money-losing — but fun — internet businesses. Pim and his wife plan to move to Delray Beach, Fla., in November.

**Dave Stoddard** is pleased to announce the marriage of daughter Amy to Jonathan Hennigh on Dec. 23. The couple are missionaries in Kenya. Dave wrote that there were hints of Africa throughout the ceremony, from brightly colored fabrics and lively music to the drinking of chai tea. Dave and I spoke by phone — another wonderful gift of modern technology.

Many of us have or will be celebrating the big 60 this year. Remember, 60 is just a number. A Jewish custom is to bless a person so they live until 120. Heck, we still have a whole other half to go. — A.S.

## SPEAKING OF GOLF ...

When **David Marr III '83**, a commentator for the Golf Channel, covered the Masters Tournament this spring at Augusta National Golf Club, he paid a special visit to the Masters Trophy in the clubhouse in honor of his father.

Marr's father, David Marr II, was the runner-up at the 1964 Masters Tournament, and his name is inscribed on the trophy. His name is also on the Wanamaker Trophy, which is given to the winner of the PGA Championship, which Marr's father won in 1965.

David Marr II died of cancer in 1997.

"Dad was a dirt-poor kid who grew up in Houston and loved golf," Marr remembers. "There are so many stories about him. I'm so proud of his accomplishments. Whenever I'm at [the PGA Championship], I go find his name on the Wanamaker Trophy and visit with him."

Marr also reveres his mother and established the Susan and Bruce McAllister Scholarship at Bucknell in 2016 to honor her and his stepfather. When fully funded, grants from the scholarship will assist students with financial need, with preference given to students from New York City.

Marr wasn't on Bucknell's golf team but played many rounds with friends on the school's course. "The coach wanted to know if I could play on the team, but I wasn't good enough," he says, admitting that tennis was more his game.

Though his father later became a golf analyst on ABC and, as a youngster, Marr helped his dad around the studio, he never contemplated following in his father's footsteps until he listened to commentary during the 1998 U.S. Open that irked him more than a missed putt.

"I jumped up from the couch and said, 'I can do better than this guy!'" says Marr. "So I started working on websites to get broadcasting experience, and the next year I was working for an NBC affiliate covering the Ryder Cup." He joined the Golf Channel in 2000, where he also hosts the weekly *PGA Tour Champions Learning Center*. — Benjamin Gleisser



COURTESY OF GOLF CHANNEL

Reunion will have passed.

**Claude Mason** sent me an update. He married attorney Grace Cooper two years ago. After 24 years of being chairman of trauma services at several trauma centers in Ohio, Missouri and Florida, he started a primary-care organization in Sarasota, Fla., in 2006. He opened the 12,000-square-foot Sarasota Medical Center. His organization has four offices, including one on Siesta Key near the beach. He had the good fortune of being rated first out of 124 local doctors for the fourth year in a row. Although he hasn't had the opportunity to get back to Bucknell, he often thinks of the lessons learned there, and has fond memories of his fraternity family (Go, Theta Chi) and all the friendships he made.

**Paul Gutowski** was prompted to write because of the excitement about our 35th Reunion. He reflected that it seems crazy that 35 years have passed — I couldn't agree more. He has lived in Colorado for 23 years. He's an anesthesiologist at St. Anthony Hospital, a large trauma hospital in Lakewood, Colo., and in January, became president of the medical staff. He said that he has quite a few new skills to learn. He has been married for 25 years to Kim, an ophthalmologist. They don't have any kids, so he said that allows them to work way too much but have fun as well. He has been skateboarding for 46 years and still does so several times a week. He has taken several surfing trips, as well. They've raced cars around the country since 1997, although they are doing less of that. He has maintained a very good friendship with **Charlie "Chuck" Carr**, who resides in Maine, so they only get together about once a year. — B.G.K.

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No news this edition. Perhaps classmates have been more focused on Bucknell basketball and the NCAA Tournament than writing. The excitement of March Madness brought back memories of the 2005 defeat of No. 3 Kansas. No doubt, many classmates have watched all the hoops excitement with fellow Bucknellians.

Keep in touch directly or through the Class of 1980 Facebook page. — D.L.H.

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Sorry, but this will be a short column. Once in a while life gets really busy, and I just can't spend time touching base with folks.

Happily, though, I have fun news to share from **Debbie Motycka Downie**. Debbie was with us for Reunion and thought it was great to see everyone. She and husband Tom have, of course, been back to campus a couple of times since then to drop off their daughter, **Jessica Downie '19**, and to attend the Bucknell Dance Company fall show. Son Connor and his wife had a boy, Logan Thomas Downie, Oct. 27.

Thankfully, Connor was able to come home safely from Afghanistan in time to see Logan's birth. The new family lives in Colorado. Debbie and Tom have visited and babysat. They have found being grandparents is an incredible and joyous experience. I am sure there are others in the class who share that feeling.

Enjoy summer and fall.  
— C.C.R.

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I am writing this after receiving 18 inches of snow in the last 10 days, but by the time you read this, summer will be here, and

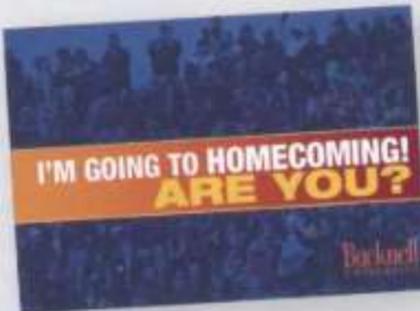
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Congrats to **Eileen McCarthy Born**, who has been named the new managing partner at Dolan and Dolan, her Newton, N.J., law firm.

Crazy "small world" story: Scott and **Margaret "Meg" Barron Born** were at Davidson College in North Carolina watching son Andrew play baseball when Meg spied an adorable golden retriever puppy she just had to meet. Being Meg, she struck up a conversation with the pup's humans. Turns out they were **Gary and Jenny Heine Vidmer '80**. The group discovered the following in this order: the Vidmers used to live around the corner from the Borns in Strafford, Pa.; that Gary and Jenny moved to Davidson when their son was a junior at the college (he graduated last year) because they loved the town so much; both couples have 25-year-old Bucknellian daughters and both daughters worked at the Bucknell admissions office; Meg and Jenny were elementary education majors and Alpha Chis; Jenny was a resident assistant in Harris when Meg lived there our freshman year; and Jenny had a job offer from St. Lawrence University three years before Meg started working there. Talk about parallel lives. Jenny is now doing independent college counseling. Meg is a school counselor and student support coordinator at Cornerstone Christian School in Philadelphia, where most of the 240 children receive significant scholarship support, as their families are affected by poverty and other forms of trauma. Meg reported that her days are fulfilling and humbling. — T.T.E.



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I received a message from **Danielle Ward '93**, **Devin Ward's** sister. She says, "I am writing to share some sad news about my brother in hope that you might share it with his classmates. He was diagnosed with ALS in August 2015. He is battling the disease with great courage, but it has taken much from him. He has significant difficulty walking, talking, eating and breathing, and the disease is ravaging his neuromuscular system. Sadly, there is no cure, so it will ultimately take the life of my beautiful brother. He has created a website to tell his story and offer education about this awful disease:

[purplebeardeddragon.com](http://purplebeardeddragon.com)."

Devin was raising money for an ALS walk in April, and many classmates donated to his cause. You can read more on his website and on our class Facebook page. I know I speak for all the 1986ers in wishing Devin strength in his fight against this awful disease.

That's all the news that was sent to me. Please feel free to get in touch and let us know what Bucknell friends you still see, if you have children attending Bucknell or just to share memories from back in the day. — J.D.C.

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**Steve "Mel" Blount's** update — the first half of which was published in the last issue — continues below.

"I went to Bucknell for **Rob Ryan's** 50th birthday in April

2016 (on the night Villanova destroyed Oklahoma in the national semifinals) and got to hang out with a bunch of '88 Phi Psis: **Dave Miller**, **Todd Schmoll**, **Scott Radcliffe**, **Gary Fritz** and **Don Triolo '89**. We missed old **Henry "Tripp" Hilles** and **Adam Rubin**. Classic Lewisburg weather that early April weekend: We played golf in 60 degrees on Saturday and woke up to high 20s and snow.

"I heard from several people during the recent Dolphins run to the playoffs, most notably **Kevin Stewart** and **Bob Scheurer**. We try to get together for Bucknell sports events when we can, along with **Scott Lillis** (three kids and can still pound the beer in record time), **Harry** and **Janine Fehrreil Buell**, **Brian Mulhall '89** (son heading to Bucknell in the fall), **Matt DeLoca** (two kids), **Bradley "Drew" Lewing** (two kids) and **Jim "Snake" Marshall**.

The New York Rangers have won one Stanley Cup over the last 77 years. With that kind of record, I'm lucky to have my Rangers support group of **Lee Eberding '89** (two kids), **Craig Kelly '89** (still a funny guy) and **Josh Trager '90**. Josh and wife **Sue Dean Trager '90** live in Darien, Conn.

"I was honored to be asked to be FIJI's Pig Dinner speaker in 2012 (I was No. 37 on their list). I was happy to find many buddies come back for the weekend event, including many already mentioned, and others like **Brandy Cohen '89** (first time back on campus since graduation), **Doug Fastuca '87**, **Dave Boyer '86**, **Michael "Ty" Moore '92**, **Jim McCloy '89**, **Tom "Claw" Cremins '85** (I idolized Claw and Ferg when I was a freshman) and **Steve Bauer '84**. Thanks again to Stud, **David "Whitey" Berardinelli '93** and **Peter Cook '92** for the invitation to speak. **Gregory Schiano** and **Ty Moore** have since joined that esteemed list.

"I always hear from the famous '88 Tri-Delta crew of **Stacey Gardner Mullins**, **Maureen "Mo" Carroll** (Kappa), **Jen Jones Ladda**, **Chrissy Glavin Cheo**, **Jill Manuel Coughlin**, **Karen Karlovec Humm** (married to **Toby Humm '87**) and **Corinne Cole Ryan** when they get

together. In fact, as I write, Karen and I are missing another Mullins invite that included this super-fun group. They sent me a video of the group singing the classic 'Come Sail Away' by Styx.

"Just hopping around town or over the summer at the Morris County Golf Club, I'm in constant contact with **Andrew Huntley-Robertson '85** (four kids, one or more hopefully a future Bison laxer), **Jim Topor '87** (who has his own legacy), **Kyra Topor '16**, **Leslie Northrup Long '87** (three kids, but only one more hope for a Bucknellian and maybe a laxer) and **Andy and Cali Williams Yost '87** (Cali has written work-life balance books, but if you need advice, the best time to catch her is between 3:30 and 7 a.m.). **Kathleen Lynch '87** lives about a five-minute walk from our house in Madison, N.J. I ran into Kathleen recently while I walked my dog and she walked her husband, Tim, who is a sports junkie like me. Tim's first comment when we crossed paths was 'nice OT win by Bucknell over Loyola today in men's lacrosse.'

"My golf club partner is **Chris Golding '09**. Chris' father-in-law, **Wes Lang '79**, is one of my favorite people, let alone golfing buddies. He's the guy I want to be with when the course is super-congested, the greens are running 12 and we're looking at a 5.5-hour round.

"I've played many golf rounds with **Tommy Long '78**.

"**Doug Williams '63** (Cali's dad) is my hero and lives next to the Bucknell Golf Club. Drop by for a beer and hot tub if there's a holdup on the seventh tee.

"I played golf with **Roy Carlberg** at Stanwich, the No. 1 course in Connecticut. Roy can still beat me.

"I'm in a fantasy football league that started in NYC in the late '80s. We may not have invented it, but, like the beer-pong game Beirut, Bucknell was definitely one of the birthplaces of fantasy football. I've been competing with **Tom "TC" Collins '87** and **Bob Williams '87** for the last 30 years. TC is the reigning champ (and TC's nephew is **Jack Baker '20**).

"I ran into the full Samek

clan this past Homecoming. It was great to see **Anne Samek Hopkins '86** and **Meg Samek-Smith**.

"Karen and I had dinner with **Bob and Joanna Warner Williams '87** to start the 2016 holiday season. It was the first time Bob had seen Karen in 15 years. He doesn't venture to New Jersey often, but I head north whenever Bob calls for a golf game.

"One of my favorite people just turned 50 — **John "Steakhead" Lewis '89**. He lives in California with his daughters.

"I caught up with **Kurt Kuehner '89** when my sister visited him. He works in his family's real-estate firm based in Stamford, Conn.

"I have crossed paths with **Heather Dahl Martiros '89** in Quechee, Vt., and have seen other Bucknellians ripping the killer slopes at that famous Vermont mountain like **Kristina Haas Desmond '91**, **Paul '88** and **Patty Weber Blodgett '89** and **Ann Seibold Drapeau '88**.

"I ran into **Holly Budny Anhut '88** in West Windsor, N.J., at a lacrosse play day. She was walking about 10 yards ahead of me and turned around and said 'Mel Blount?' I asked how they hell she figured that out with me behind her. She said, 'You were talking pretty loud, and I recognized your voice.'

"I had dinner with **Geoff Sargeant '00**, whom I met during his Bucknell application process. Since then we've had a few beers, and I've added him to my Bucknell speed dial.

"Fellow Bucknellians working at Marsh and McLeannan include **Robert "RJ" Coar '95** and **Mike Gaudet '92**. I also have seen **Tom Rooke '06** and **Leah Getis '10** through my work.

"I flew to Stanford University in 2014 to watch a buddy's daughter play lacrosse and played golf at the Olympic Golf Club with **Jeff Heuer '90**. Jeff and wife **Robin Weisberger Heuer '90** and their two kids joined us for the Stanford lacrosse game. They have been in San Francisco for the past 25 years. Shortly after that, I ran into Robin's brother at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J..

"I say hello to **Mike Mignano**

'89 (FIJI) whenever I pop by Weeden & Co. in Greenwich, Conn., to visit my brother. Mike is the director of human resources at the firm, which means he's a busy man, considering the language used on the trading floor.

"My favorite recent alumni include FIJI laxers **Zach Henkhaus '16** (works for the L.A. Kings), **Dave Dickson '15** (Arch Insurance) and **Billy Eisenreich '12** (I text him about area lacrosse prospects to send to Coach Fedorjaka).

"I played golf at Morris County with **John Heuer '87** when he came into town with **Willy McFarland '86** for a Bruce Springsteen concert. In case you didn't know it, old Will got married in 2012 in LA. It was a great weekend that included many Bucknell guests who have already been named in this column (including Stud). Short story: I left Stud to join the band sing-along that **Toby Humm '87** was building in another room in the bar and it culminated in a truly historic 'American Pie' with at least 40 Bucknellians participating. Priceless moment.

"I tracked down one of my all-time favorite FIJIs at Thanksgiving in 2015 in Washington, D.C., after a 25-year gap: **Rob Canestrari** joined the Secret Service when he was 35, after September 11, 2001. He's a great guy who my daughters (and I) were in awe of as he told us a few of his experiences.

"I was at a Madison High School [MHS] soccer game last fall and ran into **Mark Stanisci '86**, whose son was playing against MHS. On that same day, **Graeme Henderson '86's** son was playing on the next field.

"I joined Bucknell's Alumni Association Board in 2016, and that means that I get to see **Ann Seibold Drapeau** and

**Susan Wallace-Cowell '88** a few times a year. Thanks again to **Tara Garrity Lebda '94** for inviting me despite my underwhelming undergraduate performance.

"**Todd Newcomb** has my dream job in the athletic director's office at Bucknell. **Doug Allen** is a professor at Bucknell, and I played golf with Doug at Bucknell Golf Club four years ago, along with Dean of Students Gerald Commerford and management professor Tim Sweeney. I don't know how I snuck into that group?

"The Blount family went to the 2016 Bucknell/Monmouth NIT game and sat with **Karen Shelton '90** for the first half, and I then stood with **Bobby Cosgrove '87** and his dad, **Ray Cosgrove '62**, for the second half.

"I have also been to a couple Bucknell hoops games with **Sue Holback Evans** when they played Princeton. Sue has twin girls who line up with our youngest daughter.

"On the subject of hoops, while he doesn't know it, **Jay Wright '83** and I have been in the same building dozens of times. I have been a Nova hoops fan since high school. I was at Sojka Pavilion in 2006 when Nova visited Bucknell and escaped with a close win. Most recently, we were just a few hundred feet apart at Villanova's Pavilion for the Xavier top-15 matchup and for my first visit to The Palestra when Nova squared off against LaSalle. Keep an eye out for me, Jay. I always wear a Bucknell orange hat.

Coincidentally, Nova set a record for consecutive wins at the Pavilion (47) — one of their toughest games during that stretch happened to be Bucknell in November 2014.

"I heard from my old buddy **Scott Bojczuk '87** during Nova's epic 2016 run to the

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title. The Boj was our neighbor in Summit, N.J., but ditched the tri-state area for Nashville, Tenn. He and wife Jackie have two kids.

"And, finally, on the Bucknell-Villanova connection, I still text **Bill Cline '85** to share Nova news. We used to go to the Big East Tournament every year, but that tradition died a decade ago. Let's revive it, Bill.

"Lastly, Karen and I were on the 25-year Reunion committee with aforementioned Alumni Association members Ann Seibold and Sue Wallace as well as **Joe Pastore** and **Steve Winiarski**. We anticipate the Class of 1988's 30th reunion in June 2018 and look forward to seeing Ann, Sue, Joe and Steve in 2017 to set the stage." — S.V.P.

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**Kathleen Bailer** is an elementary school principal in West Springfield, Mass. She has a 15-year-old son who attends the Amherst public schools. Like many of us, Kathleen is turning 50 this year, and she plans to celebrate during a vacation to Captiva Island, Fla., with her family. — R.L.B.

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There is exciting news in my household. My son Tommy has made it official and will attend St. John's University this fall. I couldn't be more excited or more proud of him. Now on to the other news.

**Kimberly Dornisch** decided last year to leave the information-technology corporate life and start her own consulting business, concentrating on visual facilitation, which brings facilitation and visual capture of a discussion together in real time, fostering new connections, deeper collaboration and quicker decision-making, consensus and buy-in. You can find out more about this innovative approach and examples of her work at [resultsvisualized.com](http://resultsvisualized.com), and you can contact her directly at [kimberlylynconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlylynconsulting@gmail.com).

**Cathy Henderson** and sister **Kristen Ellis Henderson '92** rocked out with Antigone Rising during Reunion Weekend. They also had the chance to connect and belly laugh at a recent Antigone Rising show in Washington, D.C. with some of the greats from the Class of 1990, including **Suzie Egolf**, **Dana Edwards**, **Amy Fauth** and **Carrie Barody**. Bucknell memories were rehashed. All in all, Cathy said that no one has changed and that it's always great to see Bucknell buddies when the band tours. Check out the band's site, [antigonerising.com](http://antigonerising.com), for tour dates. Cathy invited classmates to come see them when they're nearby.

**Beth Tibet Cholette** reports, "Although I still have my 'real' job working as a clinical psychologist in a college counseling center (SUNY Geneseo for more than 20 years), in fall 2015 I finished a yoga teacher-training program, and now I teach yoga on the side. I teach a weekly noon-time yoga class for staff and students at the college and an evening class at a local studio in Rochester, N.Y., both for beginners. A friend and I also teach a monthly yoga class series at Three Heads Brewing, a local craft brewery — two of the three owners are my husband **Bob's** brothers-in-law. (And don't worry, we drink beer after class) You can find me on Facebook and Instagram as YogiBethC."

**Troy M'97** and **Karen Catanese Werley** shared that daughter Bryn earned a seat in the 2017 Pennsylvania All-State Concert Band in Erie, Pa., after flute auditions at the district and regional levels. This is the first year she was eligible to compete.

That's all for now. Stay safe and be well. — L.M.O.

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I got this wonderful update from **Danielle Ward**: "After graduation I went to veterinary school at the Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine and received my D.V.M. degree in '97. I live in New Castle, Del., with my partner, Judy, and stepson, Cisco. I work full time for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as the dog-law veterinarian. I also work part time in private practice in Delaware on weekends. I was recently honored by my peers and my state veterinary association with the Animal Welfare Advocacy Award.

"The awarding body said: 'The 2016 recipient is Dr. Danielle Ward, in recognition of her tireless efforts to educate the Department of Agriculture's stakeholder communities, improve and protect the health and welfare of the commonwealth's dog population, and lead the enforcement and advancement of the dog and rabies laws.' I enjoyed my time at Bucknell and would love to reconnect with others in my area. Please email me at [pawdoc@comcast.net](mailto:pawdoc@comcast.net)."

Congrats, Danielle. It's so great to see a Bison doing such wonderful work, protecting all creatures, great and small. — C.Z.

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## INVESTING IN U.S. AND CHINA RELATIONS

Nearly a decade ago, **Michael Popp '08** looked to China's burgeoning economy to chart his future. "I went to China to get a piece of the prosperity I learned about in economics classes," he says. "I love the country and am a huge proponent of China."

Popp secured a tourist visa, then a work visa to teach English at Chenggong College in east-central China. Shortly after arriving, Popp met a businessman who directed him to jobs at wood-veneer and hardwood-flooring companies.

"It's not unusual to transition from studying Chinese to finding a job, and from teaching English to finding a job in another industry," says Popp.

Being from Pennsylvania, which Popp claims has some of the best hardwood in the world, "I connected with Pennsylvania business owners to source wood," he says.

Popp relocated to Nachu, in southeast China, home to more than 200 hardwood-flooring companies, to become an independent lumber contractor.

He returned to the United States in 2015 to work at a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit. In January, he leveraged his China connections to launch Pacific Compass LLC, a Lewisburg-based education and cross-cultural consulting company that arranges exchanges among high school and college students, as well as businesspeople in the U.S. and China.

His goal is to further cultural awareness by offering international travel and the opportunity to network, he says.

Popp cites the increasing number of Chinese students who come to the U.S. every year and the need for varied experiences. He recently organized a trip for agricultural professionals from the U.S. to southeastern China, which included a tour of the tea and silk industry in Northern Zhejiang province, a meeting with government officials to better understand the nature of local agriculture, and tours of Shanghai and Hangzhou.

This summer, he's establishing a training center in China to provide international language and cultural training for the growing number of American students and businesspeople who venture to China.

"I see a need for U.S. students and professionals to better understand China for U.S.-China relations to evolve," says Popp. "I want to use my experience to encourage future exchanges and opportunities." — *Erica Shames*



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**Jeffrey Day '06** sent a photo from his wedding to Teresa Huang in Austin, Texas, on Dec. 31, which was officiated by his sister, **Laura Day Rottenborn**. You can see the photo at bucknell.edu/alumniphotos. The wedding picture includes Bucknell graduates spanning five decades (1973–2011). The groom's parents were both graduates who fell in love in 1969 and graduated and married in 1973: **Richard Jeffrey** and **Leslie Keyser Day**. They were joined by other 1973 graduates and their spouses: Shannon and **Tom Myers**, Gary and **Maryanne Brandt Weinstein**, and Judy and **Richard Schiller**. This group of eight has made it to all of one another's weddings and all of the weddings of their children, as well. Jeff and Teresa were joined by many other Bucknellians who helped make this wedding a memorable occasion. — P.N.J.

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Spring has been very busy for our family, and I am sure many of you eagerly anticipated summer. I was happy to hear

from **Gayle Birkelund Kalvert**. She shared that, after nearly 20 years in technology and professional services, she left corporate America to run her own business with Rodan + Fields and could not be happier. Her husband, Dave, runs his own advertising agency in NYC, and they live on Long Island with their three children, Penelope, 8; Weston, 6; and Colton, 3. They enjoyed recent visits with **Jess Mancuso Merida** in Florida and **Heather Smith Cicco** in Michigan. Gayle would love to hear from folks on Facebook, LinkedIn or email: gbkalvert@gmail.com. Feel free to email me your news, or find me on Facebook as **Stacey Mackes**. — S.M.

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Great (and impressive) news from **Bethany Hinsch Wilinski**: "I graduated with a B.S. in elementary education. I went on to teach primary school in Bukoba, Tanzania, for two years. Upon my return, I completed my master's in international educational development at Teachers College, Columbia University. I then pursued doctoral studies in curriculum and instruction and educational policy studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed my Ph.D. in 2014. I am now an assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University. I study early childhood education policy in the United States and Tanzania. My recently published book is *When Pre-K Comes to School: Policy, Partnerships and the Early Childhood Education Workforce*."

Note: For more about Bethany's book, see the Spring 2017 edition of *The Mind and the Muse*.

**Lina Nandy Trullinger** writes, "A proud group of Bucknellians was among the thousands who came to Washington, D.C., for the Women's March Jan. 21. **Joseph Trullinger '03** and I live in the D.C. area, but others came in from all over the country: **Audrey Leous** from Georgia, **Daisy Buranasombhop** from New York, **Cristen Murchison Rescigno '02** from Connecticut, **Chris '00** and **Sarah Hay Horting '02** from Pennsylvania, **Andy Butula '01** from New Jersey and, last but not least, **Valerie Lam** flew in all the way from Honolulu. The years and the distance faded as we gathered together for a cause that concerns us all. The values of integrity, free inquiry and social awareness that our professors at Bucknell inspired in us continue to guide us all these years later, at a time when those values appear to be so threatened."  
**Adam and Michelle Wilkinson Vidoni** had David

## EXPLORING THE FLUIDITY OF GENDER

**Jessica Ann Vooris '09** was enjoying the productive quiet of an obscure academic field, but then things started changing. Her research, into parenting transgender, gay and gender-creative children, now is in urgent demand from parents in search of personal guidance.

"My backwater of a field has suddenly burst open," says Vooris, who is writing a book based on her research into a field that until recently was too esoteric to describe for nonacademics. But as the subject and question of gender gains public attention, she is hearing from strangers, friends and friends of friends whose children see their own gender as fluid, "creative," unconventional or simply optional.

"The issue is, how do we conceptualize children and childhood as different from adults?" says Vooris. "Part of gender-conscious parenting is seeing children as independent beings."

Vooris' career direction was the result of her own need to explore gender and identity. After some searching at Bucknell she settled on a major in women's & gender studies. "So much of it was that I was coming to terms with my queer identity — sexuality and gender are so intertwined," she says.

The study of gender was captivating: how knowledge historically passed from women to women, how birth became medicalized and the province of men, how sexual assault is not only an individual experience but one shared by many women. She was president of the campus LGBT club, joined a *Vagina Monologues* V-day performance and traveled with the Bucknell Brigade to Nicaragua.

The late Fran McDaniel, then director of the campus Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness, was a powerful influence, as was Coralynn Davis, professor of women's & gender studies and anthropology.

After Bucknell, Vooris earned a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, where she teaches women's studies and LGBTQ studies. There she urges students to explore their experiences and identity questions.

"There used to be the idea that only adults could be gay or transgender. Now we have begun to recognize the gay child or trans child," she says. "We are moving towards a sense of that in-between, of living in the gray area. — Marilyn Lewis



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Muir Vidoni Dec. 7. "He is a happy and healthy little guy who looks just like his dad."  
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Gillian Young Bruno and husband Joe had son Jayce

Joseph March 21. They live in Swedesboro, N.J.

**Robin Stevenson Burroughs** writes, "On Feb. 10, **Chris Burroughs** and I had our first child, Henry Joseph Burroughs. He was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 21.5 inches long. We are thrilled with him, as are his grandparents, who include **Scott '78** and **Mary Lou Gurney Burroughs '78**. Our family of three lives in Washington, D.C."

Cash Davis Corey was born March 14 to **Bridget Collins Corey** and husband Jeff. He is named after his uncle, **Davis Collins '11**, and joins big brother Finnegan and big sister

Gretchen. Bridget said all three Corey kids look forward to Reunion next year.

**Katy Lynch Stern** and her husband Phil had daughter Julia Grace Dec. 10 and live in Edina, Minn. — L.C.A.

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**Matthew Chen** was promoted to senior program manager of localization and translation at Amazon in April.

**Nate Contrella** completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Chicago in December 2014. Soon after, he became a senior scientist at Merck, and Nate and **Stephany Danilack Contrella** relocated to New Jersey. Stephany also works at Merck, as an early clinical scientist. They've bought a home in Clark, N.J. On Jan. 8, they had son Maxwell Nathan, who is already excited to be a future Bison — Class of 2039.

**Ashley Behre Munoz** married Gabe Munoz Sept. 25 in West Orange, N.J. Attendees included **Chris '08** and **Gillian Nordquist Roman**, **Nicole Falcaro** and maid of honor **Jessica Hibbert**.

**Christiana Mansueto** is engaged to Conrad Althoff. The couple plans a May 2018 wedding in Leesburg, Va. They will relocate to northern Virginia this summer. Christiana will be a speech-language pathologist with Prince William County Schools.

**Alex Mayer** and **Rachel Axelrod '10** were married at Lake George, N.Y., Memorial Day weekend with many Bucknellians from both classes attending.

**Deirdre Moran** married Paul Barnes at The Union League of Philadelphia Sept. 24. More than a dozen Bucknellians attended. The couple met each other as kids growing up in the Philadelphia area, and reunited 13 years later at a bar in NYC, where they reside.

On July 23, 2016, **May Naldo** married Dwight Harbin. Her maid of honor was **Lady Lockhart '08**, and **Cristina Sacco '10** was a bridesmaid. Attending were a few Bucknell friends, including **Odinakachi**

**Anyanwu, Loretta Miller, Cyril Pickering '07, Lyndon and Zumra Balihodzic Thweatt, Nancy Lee, Thaddeus and Amy Magill Davis '11, Nisan Trotter '05** and wife Yorelis, and **Christopher Opiela '10** and wife, and Posse D.C. 1 mentor, Elaine Hopkins. May and Dwight expected a baby girl in the spring.

**Mary Therese O'Sullivan** married Donald Pordon Dec. 30 in Berkeley Heights, N.J. The wedding was attended by **Danielle Woodhead Foley, Josi Cadieux Gracie, Jackie Martin Matsick and Maureen Gleason '10**. Mary is a real-estate attorney in the NYC office of Fox Rothschild and resides with Donald in Jersey City, N.J.

**Kevin Petersen** married Laura Smey May 28 in Westport, Conn.

**Erin Wolfe** is to be married Sept. 9 at St. Patrick's cathedral in Harrisburg, Pa. She has also gotten her Pennsylvania real-estate brokers license.

**Alex and Jessica Wilkinson Lampley** had their second son, Henry Albert Lampley, Jan. 7.

**Allison Winter** and Patrick Stummer had Adelaide Stummer March 13. — M.L.L.

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Hope you're all well and enjoying warmer weather. Keep those updates coming.

**Chrissy Reilly** writes, "I'm getting married this August to Robert Cecot. Among the attendees will be **Kimi Kitada, Logan Kant, Sara Russo and Sophia Sainteus** (all bridesmaids), **Johnny Picardo '11, Sara Jenks, Devon Mitchell King, Yinan Yu '11, Kelsey Tangel '11, Maya Chase '11** and my cousin **Michael Holoszyk '74**. The wedding will be in the Catskills. We live in Manhattan, and my fiancé is a hedge-fund portfolio manager at Balayasne. I am working on my second novel and teaching at Sarah Lawrence College."

Congrats to Chrissy and Robert. — J.H.

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It's exciting to see classmates doing big and important things. **Muyambi Muyambi** won the Young Alumni Award this year and was honored at Reunion. I can't believe five years has gone by so fast. Our friend and founder of Bicycles Against Poverty is at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. Meanwhile, **Kelly Murphy** received the Success Academy Charter Schools Excellence Award for her excellence, teamwork and humor. She teaches seventh-grade English at a Harlem school in NYC. Some of us are moving on to second and third phases of our careers. **Jenni Whalen Gritters** is an outdoor editor for *The Wirecutter*, the product review arm of *The New York Times*, while still having the flexibility to work from different places in the United States as she did as a freelance writer. **Elise Gorab** joined CBS this year as an account executive; **Justin Witcoff** joined the talent agency William Morris Endeavor, and **Alison Nahra**

was made the lead of a division at Abercrombie & Fitch, where she has worked since we graduated.

There have also been a number of weddings and engagements. **Cara Poli** and **Will Kane** wed at Rooke Chapel in June 2016 and many Bucknellians attended. The wedding party included **Katelyn Melgar, Julia Valentin, Tara Franz, Emily Norton '11, Greg Stevenson, Brian Lynch '14** and **Chris Renaud '13**. Cara and Will live in Pittsburgh, working as an occupational therapist and nuclear engineer. **Lindsey Wittmann** got engaged in April to George Pipala, and **Mike Pressl** proposed to girlfriend Jen Crystle in early spring. I was excited to catch up with everyone at our five-year Reunion. Stay tuned. — S.B.

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By the time you get this note, we will be halfway through 2017 — with less than a year to go until our Reunion. In the age of Facebook and LinkedIn, Class Notes are a unique way of staying in touch with the close-knit Bucknell network. The Notes are *not* published online. As your reporter, I love receiving messages, links and

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photos of the achievements of classmates and relaying them to the Bucknell community. Drop me a note.

**Kate Benenson** won a Success Academy Charter Schools Teacher Growth Award, which recognizes teachers who have exhibited the most significant progress in achieving classroom-wide excellence since the start of the school year. Kate graduated with a degree in psychology and education and teaches first grade at Success Academy Harlem 5 in NYC.

Kate describes how her Bucknell experience helped her career: "As an education major, many of my classes focused on the current status of education and where there needs to be improvement, specifically from a multicultural standpoint. This is where I learned about the opportunity gap, which drew me to Success' mission. I also took a lot of childhood development classes as a psychology major. The very best class I ever took was Multiculturalism in Education with Professor **Sue Ellen Henry P'12**. She created such a safe and supportive classroom environment, while challenging us to have difficult conversations and to see things from different perspectives." Congrats, Kate. — M.Z.



See photos of **Kelly Murphy '12** and **Kate Benenson** with their classes at [bucknell.edu/alumniphotos](http://bucknell.edu/alumniphotos).

## 2014

LIZ WALKER  
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In July 2016, **Katie Wimmer** got engaged to **Levi Schenk**. The couple met the summer between Katie's junior and senior years at Bucknell and has dated ever since. Levi proposed to Katie July 16, 2016, at Penns Woods Winery in Chadds Ford, Pa., while celebrating their two-year

## SHE SAID YES!

Did you catch the wedding proposal in the last issue of *Bucknell Magazine*? On Page 64 in the Class of 2010 column Josh Mann popped the question to class reporter **Jenny Hirsch '10**.

We're thrilled to announce in this issue that she said yes, and to let you know how the proposal came about.

Josh first emailed us in January. We called him back and explained that after a certain point in our production cycle we could not make changes to the magazine and that there would be no stopping the presses at the last minute. Josh assured us he was committed, and we said we'd love to help.

When we sent the final magazine files to the printer in early April, we asked our press rep. to mail Josh an advance copy — overnight, in a plain envelope — so he'd receive a copy before any of our other readers, especially Jenny. He intercepted the package before she could see it at the apartment they share near Boston, and kept it hidden until they went for a walk the following weekend.

"Josh seemed a little distracted and was on his phone a few times, but I didn't think much of it," recalls Jenny. "We sat down on a bench along the Charles River, and he pulled out the latest issue of *Bucknell Magazine*, which he said had just come in the mail. I started flipping through it, read the 2010 column in the back, and froze when I saw what he had printed below the class updates. What happened after that was a bit of a blur, but there were lots of tears and at some point I said, 'Yes.'"

Josh hired a photographer to capture the big moment, and we're happy to share a few pictures from the proposal here as well.

"I can't imagine a more special way to get engaged — it was such an incredible day," says Jenny. — *Matt Hughes*



MEGHA HEGDE

anniversary. While planning the engagement, Levi also planned a surprise engagement party with Katie's parents, their families as well as many friends, including **Braelyn Bankoff** and **Nicole Davis**. Katie and Levi will marry on their four-year anniversary, July 20, 2018, at the Downingtown, Pa., Country Club. — C.H.

## 2016

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## 2017

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Hi, fellow Class of 2017ers! My name is **Avid Khorramian**, and I'm excited to introduce myself as your class reporter. At Bucknell, I was a markets, innovation & design major in the School of Management and a philosophy minor. I'll be bringing you news from the Class of 2017, so please reach out with any updates in your post-Bucknell lives. Looking forward to hearing all about what our class accomplishes! — A.K.

### WHEATCROFT MEMORIAL SET FOR MID-SEPTEMBER

**John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49** was a beloved English professor, colleague and friend to many generations of Bucknellians. Since his March 14 death, plans to honor him have been afoot.

A memorial service will occur at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Stadler Center for Poetry in Bucknell Hall. Following the service, a plaque designating the Wheatcroft Memorial Tree will be unveiled near Bucknell Hall and a tree that he earlier dedicated to his wife, **Katherine Whaley Wheatcroft M'75**.

# In Memoriam

## 1937

**Wilma Rettmer Hubbard**, Pine Plains, N.Y., April 6.

**Thomas Mayock**, Annandale, Va., Feb. 3. A member of the golf team, he was in the Army. He earned a master's from George Washington University and worked for the federal government, retiring from the Defense Intelligence Agency. Survivors include two daughters, one grandson and two great-grandsons.

## 1940

**William McKee**, Fort Worth, Texas, April 5. A member of Kappa Sigma, he was a pilot during WWII, a business executive and Presbyterian minister. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## 1942

**Richard Gray**, Greenbrae, Calif., March 17. A member of Delta Upsilon, Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Sigma Tau Delta English honor society and Chorale, he was in the Navy during WWII, and earned a master's of divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a copywriter, copy director and creative director for N.W. Ayer & Son, university pastor of Portland State University and the founder and president of World College West. In retirement he developed a sustainable later-life design program that became the Presidio Graduate School. He served on boards for San Francisco Theological Seminary, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, the United Nations Association U.S.A., Lewis & Clark College,

the Marin Education Fund, World Centre in San Francisco, the Citizens Foundation of Marin, LifePlan Center and Presidio Graduate School. Survivors include two daughters and three grandchildren.

## 1944

**Nancy Lightner Fekete**, Douglasville, Ga., Feb. 2. A member of Chorale, she graduated from Drexel Institute School of Library Science. She was a librarian at Penn State University. Survivors include a daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1945

**Doris-Jean Ashman P'70**, Mount Joy, Pa., March 7. A member of Kappa Delta, she ran a laboratory at Summit Medical Center in New Jersey and was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, **Alfred Ashman '46**. Surviving are three daughters, including **Dorothy Ashman '70**; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Warren Francis P'77**, Oneonta, N.Y., Feb. 18. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, Band, Christian Association and the Navy V-12 Program, he was in the Naval Reserve. He was a chemical engineer who worked in patents, book editing, sales, management and as a designer and builder of carbon dioxide purification plants. He was a member of the NYC Chemists Club, the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He was also chair of the New Lisbon Planning Board and a member of the Center for Continuing Adult Learning and the Executive Service Corps in Oneonta. Surviving are his wife; four children, including **James Francis '77**; and seven grandchildren.

## 1946

**Josephine Avia Lawida G'13**, Washington Township, N.J., Feb. 3. She was a science teacher at Our Lady of Good Council in Washington Township and worked at CellularOne. Surviving are two children and six grandchildren, including **Beth Eanelli '13**.

**Nathan "Nat" Moss**, Staten Island, N.Y., March 18. A member of Student Government, Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society, *L'Agenda* and *The Bucknellian*, he worked in manufacturing for government contracts and was president of the Staten Island Banner Democratic Association. Survivors include his former wife, six children and six grandchildren.

## 1947

**Denver Cunningham**, Charlotte, N.C., March 26. A member of the Navy V-12 Program, he was in WWII. He was an engineer for DuPont and a contract engineer. Survivors include his wife, two children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Wallace Wah Sing Loui**, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 14. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he earned an M.D. from Temple University. He was a thoracic surgeon and visiting professor of surgical anatomy at The University of Hawaii School of Medicine. He was a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, International College of Surgeons and American Society of Abdominal Surgeons. Survivors include his wife, four sons and 10 grandchildren.

**Everett Beardsley**, Storrs, Conn., March 5. A member of the Navy V-12 Program, he was in WWII. He was an engineer for Pratt & Whitney and a judge for the U.S. Figure Skating Association. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three

grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**Eleanor Sipler Gross P'75, P'77**, Thorofare, N.J., Feb. 16. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi. Survivors include her husband, **Clifford Gross '49**; two sons, **Jeff Gross '75** and **David Gross '77**; six grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

**Florence Bower**, Camp Hill, Pa., March 15. She attended Wilkes College and earned a master's from Shippensburg University. She was a teacher in the Blain Union and West Perry school districts. Survivors include three daughters and a granddaughter.

## 1950

**William Byer**, Clarks Summit, Pa., March 1. A member of Delta Upsilon, Band and Symphony Orchestra, he ran Byer and Son Plumbing and Heating, was an appraiser for Henkelman Real Estate Co. and was a board member and chair for Citizens Savings and Loan. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Margaret Wenger Byer '50**. Survivors include two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Nicholas Roll**, Berwick, Pa., Feb. 20. He was in the Merchant Marines during WWII and the Army during the Korean War. He earned a law degree from Temple University Graduate School of Law, and practiced law in Berwick and Silver Spring, Md., where he was also director of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Transit Authority for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Survivors include his daughter and a grandson.

**John Sieber**, O'Hara Township, Pa., Feb. 14. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, Student Government and soccer, he was in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Survivors include his wife, five children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Harry Culver M'51**,

Lewisburg, Pa., March 13. A member of Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society, Band and Christian Association, he was in the Army Air Corps during WWII and worked for Ball Corp. Survivors include cousins.

## 1951

**Wendell Stainsby**, Gainesville, Fla., March 2. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Alpha Phi dramatics honor society and wrestling, he also studied at Johns Hopkins University, and was a professor in the physiology department at the University of Florida. Survivors include four children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## 1952

**Richard Haberstroh**, Finneytown, Ohio, March 2. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, International Organization, *The Bucknellian* and Christian Fellowship, he worked for Procter & Gamble. He was predeceased by his former wife, **Lois Gleason Haberstroh '53**. Survivors include his wife, two children, one stepson and five grandchildren.

**Janet Clapp Holmes**, Harrisburg, Pa., March 20. She was a member of the Association of Sociology Students, Cap and Dagger, Dance Company, Pi Beta Phi and *The Bucknellian*. She was predeceased by her husband, **Donald Holmes '56**. Survivors include two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Norma Gotwalt**, Camp Hill, Pa., March 19. A member of Cap and Dagger, NAACP, Band, Chorale and Elementary School Tutoring, she worked for the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence and was chairperson of the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission, executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission

for Women, Director of the Harrisburg School District division of elementary education and principal at D.A. Marshall Elementary School. She was a member of the Harrisburg Area Community College Foundation, the executive committee of the Women's Fund of the Harrisburg Foundation for Enhancing Communities, the Harrisburg Girls Club, Children's Play Room and the Art Association of Harrisburg, and was president of the National Women's Educational Caucus, American Association of School Administrators and the Harrisburg-Hershey Zonta Club. Survivors include a nephew and two nieces.

**Frank Marascia**, Smyrna, Ga., Oct. 28, 2015. He was a member of Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honor society and the American Chemical Society. Survivors include his wife and son.

**Ralph Webster**, Agawam, Mass., Feb. 7. A member of Intramurals, he was in the Navy during WWII. He owned and operated George Webster & Son, a petroleum contractor. Survivors include his wife, three sons and two grandsons.

## 1953

**Shirley Kistler Herwig**, Radburn, N.J., Jan. 30. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, Dance Company, Student Government, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian* and Christian Fellowship, she was a teacher for the Fair Lawn Board of Education and Westside Presbyterian Nursery School, director of the Cooperative Nursery School of Glen Rock Community Church, and a real-estate agent for Puritz Harrison and Coldwell Banker. Survivors include three sons and five grandchildren.

**W. Norwood Lowry P'82, G'09, G'12**, Wernersville, Pa., Feb. 7. A member of Delta Upsilon, Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics

honor society, Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society and *L'Agenda*, he graduated from Jefferson Medical College, was a resident at Reading Hospital, operated an orthopedic private practice and was president of staff at Wernersville State Hospital. He was a member of the Wyomissing Hills Board of Health, Berks County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Surviving are his wife; two sons, including **Steven Lowry '82**; and five grandchildren, including **Robert Lowry '09** and **Kerry Lowry '12**.

## 1954

**Betty Ernst Jackson**, Oxnard, Calif., Jan. 30. A member of Pi Beta Phi, *L'Agenda*, Christian Fellowship and Psi Chi psychology honor society, she completed graduate work at the University of California, Northridge, and was an elementary school teacher as well as a docent and board member at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum. Survivors include four daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Patricia Pratt Knodel**, Glen Mills, Pa., March 7. A member of Cap and Dagger, NAACP, Alpha Chi Omega, *L'Agenda*, WVBU and Christian Association, she was the program director for the Wilmington Lutheran Urban Cluster and executive secretary and grants coordinator for the Ministry of Caring. She was president of the board of trustees of Lutheran Community Services of Wilmington, Del., served on boards for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and volunteered for several community service organizations in the Wilmington area. Survivors include two sons and five grandchildren.

**Mary Anne Boessneck Morrell**, March 3, Edgewater,

Md. A member of Cap and Dagger and WVBU, she also graduated from Penn Hall Girls' School and the Katharine Gibbs School. Survivors include three children and two grandchildren.

## 1956

**Barbara Glenn Leva**, Glenville, N.Y., Feb. 22. She was a member of Cap and Dagger, Alpha Chi Omega, Panhellenic Council, Mortar Board academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Intramurals, *L'Agenda* and Christian Fellowship.

**Claudia House Wampole**, Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 11, 2016. A member of Dance Company and the American Society of Civil Engineers, she earned a master's from Temple University and pursued a Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. She worked for General Electric's missile and space vehicle department on the Apollo Project. She is survived by her sister.

## 1957

**Roger Frey**, Woodland Park, N.J., March 5, 2015. A member of Sigma Chi, he was the owner and president of De Tone Travel. Survivors include a brother.

**James Paugh**, Palmer, Mass., Feb. 17. A member of Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers and ROTC, he was a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was vice president of engineering and vice president of operations for Warren Pumps Inc., a design engineer for Ingersoll Rand and a registered professional engineer in New Jersey and Massachusetts. He held two patents, wrote technical articles for *Chemical*

*Engineering* and served on committees for the town of Palmer and the Palmer Public Library. Survivors include four children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Constance Ponzer Farquhar**, St. Louis Park, Minn., Feb. 20. A member of Psychology Club, Pi Beta Phi, Psi Chi psychology honor society, Intramurals, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian*, Politics Club and Christian Association; she also graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She was a science teacher in the Lower Merion School District. Survivors include a son and two granddaughters.

## 1958

**Matthew Botnick**, Southern Pines, N.C., Oct. 20, 2015. A member of Kappa Sigma, he operated two family-owned automotive dealerships and worked for the Broome County, N.Y., Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife, three children and four grandchildren.

**David Nodine**, Bloomington, Minn., Jan. 4. A member of Kappa Sigma, Intramurals, ROTC and Christian Association, he worked for Honeywell and Alliant Tech Systems. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and six grandchildren.

**Nancy Umholtz Pera**, Greenville, S.C., Jan. 20. A member of Kappa Delta, Hunt Hall Council, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian*, Christian Association and field hockey, she earned a degree from Bank Street College of Education. She was a school counselor, international relocation facilitator, professional recruiter, outplacement counselor and organizational development consultant. She is survived by her husband, two children and a granddaughter.

## 1959

**Richard Hess P'86, P'89, P'91**, Pittstown, N.J., Feb. 24. A member of Kappa Sigma, Intramurals and ROTC, he was in the Army. He was the president and chairman of the Hess Group, a collection of companies that began as his family's real estate and insurance business. Surviving are his wife and three sons, **Richard Hess '86**,

**Donald Hess '89** and **Robert Hess '91**.

**Thomas McLaughlin P'96**, Lansdale, Pa., March 10. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society and Electrical and Electronics Engineers, he also earned a bachelor's from West Virginia Wesleyan College. He was a systems engineer for Leeds & Northrup. Surviving are his wife; two children, including **Carol McLaughlin Kennedy '96**; and three grandchildren.

## 1960

**Judith Wheat Watson**, Elizabeth City, N.C., March 8. A member of Delta Delta Delta, Student Government, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian* and Christian Association, she earned a master's from the University of Michigan. She was an elementary teacher for the Albemarle School in Elizabeth City. Survivors include her husband.

## 1966

**Joseph Enos**, Paulsboro, N.J., March 31. A member of History Club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and wrestling, he was in the Marines during the Vietnam War and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was an assistant prosecutor and

prosecutor who mainly worked in juvenile court. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

**Meredith Robinson Rucker**, Dublin, Ohio, April 4. A member of Cap and Dagger and Theta Alpha Phi dramatics honor society, she was a church choir member and soloist. Survivors include her husband, three children and 10 grandchildren.

## 1967

**Douglas Spencer**, Ledgewood, N.J., Feb. 21. A member of Chapel Committee, Christian Fellowship and Interfaith Community, he was in the Army during the Vietnam War. He earned a master's from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He was a math teacher at Bloomfield and Hopatcong high schools in New Jersey. Survivors include his wife, son and three grandchildren.

## 1968

**L. Richard Milner P'92, P'95**, Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 2, 2014. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he was vice president of ALCOA. He was a board member, chair and advisory trustee of the Brother's Brother Foundation, a trustee of Mitchell College and board member for Empire Resources. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, **Claire Milner de Winter '92** and **Katherine Milner '95**; and three grandchildren.

## 1973

**Sharon Crawford**, Monmouth, N.J., Feb. 25. She was a teacher for the Long Branch School System, a systems trainer for NJ Bell Telephone, a receptionist for Birdsall Engineering and scheduler for Monmouth Medical Center. Survivors include sisters, nephews and a niece.

# 1978

**Paul Hill**, Alexandria, Va., June 18, 2016. A member of *The Bucknellian* and WVBU, he was the producer of the Jim Bohannon talk show and associate producer of the America in the Morning news program on the Westwood One Radio Network. Survivors include his wife, **Debra Hoover Hill '77**.

# 1982

**Charles "Buddy" Ferrie**, Yokohama, Japan, Jan. 26. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Cap and Dagger.

# 1983

**Thomas Wilkins**, Shelburne, Vt., March 27. A member of Delta Upsilon and soccer, he worked for IBM. Survivors include his wife and four children.

# 1987

**Sureyya Demir**, Glen Burnie, Md., March 25. She attended Anne Arundel Community College and graduated from Towson State University. She owned Your New Image salon in Pasadena, Md., with her mother. Survivors include her mother and siblings.

# 1994

**J.C. Spink**, West Hollywood, Calif., April 18. A member of Cap and Dagger and Tau Kappa Epsilon, he was an assistant for Zide-Perry Productions before co-founding management and production company Bender-spink with business partner **Chris Bender '93**. The company sold scripts that became the

films *American Pie*, *The Hangover*, *Monster-in-Law* and *We're the Millers*, among others. He was nominated for a Golden Globe for producing *A History of Violence*. Survivors include his parents and two brothers.

# 2011

**Geordan Grieco**, Union City, N.J., April 7. A member of Bucknell Business Leaders, Global Residential College, Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People, College Democrats and Building on Foundations, he was an account manager for FedEx Corporate Services in NYC. Survivors include his parents and siblings.

## MASTER'S

**Doris Geringer Dysinger M'94**, Milton, Pa., March 9. She graduated from Lock Haven State College and was a teacher in the Warrior Run School District and head of Special Collections and the University Archives at Bucknell. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two grandsons.

**John Fagas M'55**, Ridgefield, Conn., Feb. 3. He earned his bachelor's from the City College of New York. He was in the Marines during the Korean War and was director of guidance for Ardsley Public Schools. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

**Richard Kerschner M'57, P'73**, Drums, Pa., April 8, 2013. He was in the Army during WWII, and earned a bachelor's from Franklin & Marshall College. He was a science and math teacher and principal in the Drums area, superintendent of Rock Glen, Pa., schools, and director of elementary education of the Hazleton Area School District. He was also president of the Hazleton Area school board, a coordinator

and instructor of student teachers for Penn State University and a justice of the peace in Butler Township, Pa. He was president of the Hazleton YMCA/YWCA, United Rehabilitation Services Inc. and the Drums Community Cemetery Association. Survivors include his wife and three sons, including **Richard Kerschner '73**.

**John Walters M'51**, Hershey, Pa., Jan. 26. He was in the Navy during WWII and earned a bachelor's from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's from Rutgers University. He worked for the Army Logistics Evaluation Agency. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Gene Bowman**, Sunbury, Pa., April 6. He served in the Army Reserves and was a custodian at Bucknell from 1968 to 2002. Survivors include a daughter and a grandson.

**Karl Patten**, Lewisburg, Pa., April 16. He earned a bachelor's from Williams College and a Ph.D. from Boston University. He was a professor of English at Bucknell for more than 40 years and founded the film studies emphasis within the English department, ran the Hilltop Film Series and was co-founder of the literary journal *West Branch* and the Lewisburg Prison Project. He also headed the Lewisburg chapter of the ACLU and was a widely published poet. Survivors include two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## FRIENDS

**Winslow Adams**, Lancaster, Pa., March 19, 2016. He graduated from Wesleyan University. He worked for Mutual of New York, the development office of Lake Forrest College, Francoeur & Co., Security Benefit and

MetLife. Survivors include his wife, **Carroll Stevens Adams '59**, and two children.

**Walter DeTour P'19**, New Canaan, Conn., Feb. 3. He was an executive for MetaSource. Surviving are his wife and three children, including **Emily DeTour '19**.

**Donald Ely P'93**, Sunbury, Pa., March 13. He earned a bachelor's from Gettysburg College and a divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and a teacher at Shikellamy High School. He was a member of the Northumberland County Republican Committee and the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania. He served on boards for the Sunbury Area YMCA and Greater Susquehanna Valley YMCA, the Northumberland and Snyder county chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Northumberland County Historical Society and the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, and was president of the Snyder County Historical Society. Surviving are his wife; three children, including **Kathleen Ely Lybarger M'93**; and eight grandchildren.

**Roger Fink P'18**, Williamsport Pa., Jan. 29. He earned an associate's from Pennsylvania College of Technology. He was the chef and owner of Pazzo Restaurant and a chef at Morrone's Cafe. Survivors include his former wife and a daughter, **Madison Schemery Fink '18**.

**James Finkler**, Hughesville, Pa., June 27, 2015. He earned a bachelor's from Lycoming College and was an assistant news director for WIQL, worked in admissions and fundraising for Penn College and worked for Backyard Broadcast. Survivors include his wife and a son.

**Martha Grimm**, Columbus, Ohio, May 24, 2016. She earned a bachelor's from Capital University and was a high-school French teacher. She was predeceased by her husband, **J. Paul Riesmeyer '30**, and by

her second husband, a daughter and a great-grandson. She is survived by two stepsons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Susan Hayward P'06**, Woodbury, N.J., Sept. 29, 2015. She was a homemaker and worked at Senior Care in Washington Township, N.J. She was predeceased by her husband, **Elijah Dawes P'06**. She is survived by two sons, including **Daniel Hayward '06**.

**Norman Jay**, Wayne, Pa., March 7. He worked for General Motors. Survivors include his wife, **Leslie Sweeney Jay '80**, and two sons.

**Jonathan Lara P'13**, Essex Falls, N.J., May 28, 2015. He was a pathologist and residency program director at St. Barnabas Medical Center and was past president of the Essex County Medical Society and the New Jersey Society of Pathologists. Surviving are his wife and two children, including **Samantha Lara '13**.

**Susan Norton P'14, P'15**, Boynton Beach, Fla., April 7. She graduated from Meredith College and was a real estate broker with Arvida in Boca Raton, Fla. and a homemaker. Surviving are her husband and three children, including **Stephen Norton '14, Emily Norton '15** and **Gregory Norton '15**.

**Elaine Plasteras P'02**, Eatontown, N.J., Dec. 22, 2015. She worked at Squires Pub in West Long Branch, N.J., and in accounting at Sferra Fine Linens in Edison, N.J., and ran the Marine Grill Beach Café in Sea Bright, N.J., with her husband. Survivors include her husband, two sons and step-daughter **Erin Plasteras Mickel '02**.

**Marilyn Rainer P'79, G'09**, Lake Forest, Ill., March 10. She earned a bachelor's from Antioch College, a master's from Mills College and did graduate work at the University of Rochester, Canisius College and The College at Brockport, State University of New York. She was an English teacher and guidance counselor. Surviving are two daughters,

including **Robin Rainer Zafirovski '79**; five grandchildren, including **Kirk Zafirovski '09**; and one great-grandchild.

**Donald Reinhold P'74, P'77, P'79**, Moorestown, N.J., March 11. He was in the Army during WWII, graduated from Albright College and earned a Ph.D. from Rutgers University. He was a researcher for Merck, Sharpe and Dohme, where he co-authored 38 patents. Survivors include three children, **Donald Reinhold '74, Roger Reinhold '77** and **Marlise Reinhold Bickel '79**, and three granddaughters.

**Michel Richard P'06**, Washington, D.C., Aug. 13. He was a chef, restaurateur and owner of Citronelle in Washington, D.C., as well as restaurants in California, Las Vegas, New York and Tokyo, and designed menus for airlines and Amtrak. He received the 2007 James Beard Award for Outstanding Chef. Surviving are his wife and six children, including **Christophe Richard '06**.

**Dick Smith**, Milton, Pa., Feb. 10. He was in the Army Air Corps during WWII, and was a foreman for Pennsylvania Gas and Water. He served on the Milton Regional Sewer Authority board and the Milton Parks and Recreation Committee. Survivors include his wife, **Joy Wagner Smith '47**; three sons; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

**Donald Stahlin P'16**, Berkeley Heights, N.J., Dec. 13, 2016. He earned a bachelor's from Rutgers University and an MBA from New York University. He was the director of program delivery at National Grid. He is survived by his wife and two children, including **Kerry Stahlin '16**.

**Joseph Williams**, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 9, 2016. He was an electrical engineer for General Electric. Surviving are his wife, **Deborah Dutton Williams '68**, two daughters and one granddaughter.

## & THE WINNERS ARE...



None of the entries to our last archival photo caption contest fell flat or were heavy-handed. Here are our five favorites.

"When it comes to preparing 'pressed' releases, our *Bucknell Magazine* 'desk' editor is right on top of it."

— *Jay Sullivan '69*

"Ironing bored."

— *Caroline McIntyre '66*

"If I can iron this picture as well as my suit, we'll be in great shape!"

— *Pamela Forand McChalicher '96*

"There's a certain irony implicit in believing flaws found in one's photographic image can be repaired, even with an iron."

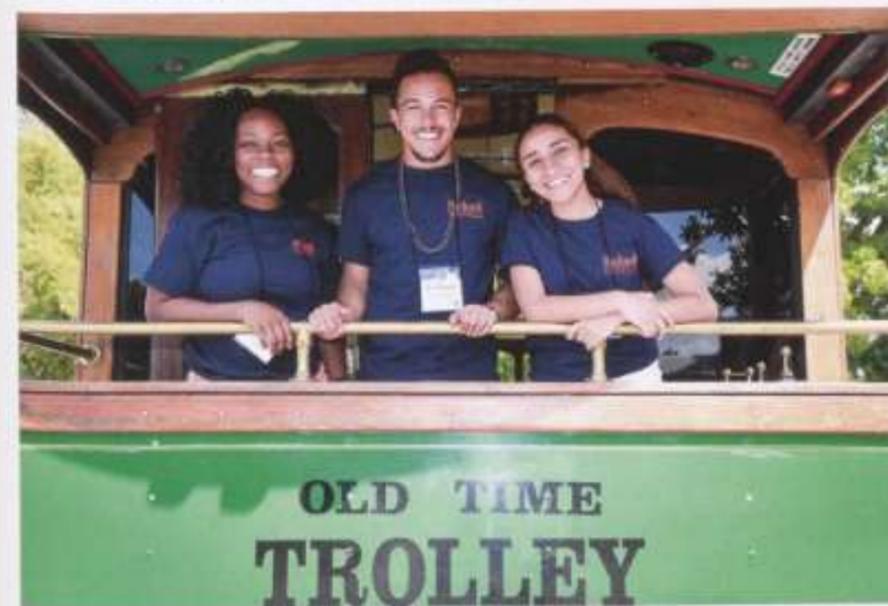
— *Arthur Harriman '48*

"Photoshop: the early years."

— *David Segal '75*

Honorable mentions go to **Betty Kielar Skweir '56, Edward Williams '53** and **Elisabeth Louise Kroeck Zimmerman '56** for identifying the ironing maiden in the photo as *L'Agenda* editor **Jane Brown Maas '53**, and to Jane, for recognizing herself.

## CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS!



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Last Word

## Ironing Out a Path

Balancing dual professions — engineering and athletics — was an ability developed at Bucknell

By Leslie DiMichele Miller '07

**I**t's June 5, 2016, in Nice, France. I'm rolling onto the Promenade des Anglais after finishing a 2.4-mile swim in the Mediterranean and a 112-mile bike ride through the Alps, the first two legs of the Ironman France triathlon. Starting the 26.2-mile run I'm in eighth place, 30 minutes behind the third-place athlete and a spot on the podium. I know there is not much I can do but put my head down and run as fast as I can. More than three hours later I've posted the fastest female marathon split of the day (three hours, five minutes), finishing in fourth place, just 30 seconds behind third. Though I'm disappointed, this is my best performance as a professional triathlete, and I feel it's just a matter of time before I'm stepping onto the podium. Three months later, my hard work and dedication are rewarded with a second-place finish at Ironman Wisconsin.

To understand how I went from a swim-team walk-on at Bucknell to a professional athlete I have to backtrack to 2002, my junior year of high school in Ipswich, Mass. While visiting colleges that offered chemical engineering and competitive swimming programs, I landed in the office of Jerry Foley, Bucknell's swimming and diving head coach. He made it clear that if I decided to try out for the team I'd likely be cut. Though disheartened, I still felt a strong connection with the school. Pursuing an engineering degree while competing at the Division I level remained my dream. Enrolling at Bucknell proved to be a turning point in my life and set the tone for my future.

What started as a personal goal to prove the coach wrong turned into something my soul fed on, as I thoroughly enjoyed my hours in the pool and time spent with teammates. Though I was not one of the team's stars, my four years as a scholar-athlete were fulfilling, as I learned to balance pursuit of a varsity sport with the demands of a challenging undergraduate program.



Leslie DiMichele Miller '07 races to 10th place at the Ironman 70.3 in Puerto Rico this March.

Not surprisingly, as I transitioned from Bucknell to a career in engineering, I continued to seek ways to sustain my identity as an athlete. Shortly after starting at ExxonMobil, I signed up for my first Ironman competition, and as my career progressed, so did my development as a triathlete.

At first, I was racing only one Ironman per year, but by 2013 I was racing three per year along with many smaller races and traveling all over the country. I decided to turn professional in 2015, as I wanted to compete at the highest level, against the best in the sport.

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Not unlike my time at Bucknell, I continue to pursue two demanding careers — as a chemical engineer from 8 to 5 and a professional athlete when I leave the office. I swim, bike, run 20 to 25 hours per week and coach other aspiring triathletes. It can be overwhelming at times, but I've balanced a demanding career and serious athletic competition for 14 years, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's how I'm wired. Whether it's sustainable is anyone's guess, but I have no plans to alter the path set in that Bucknell athletics office in 2002.

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