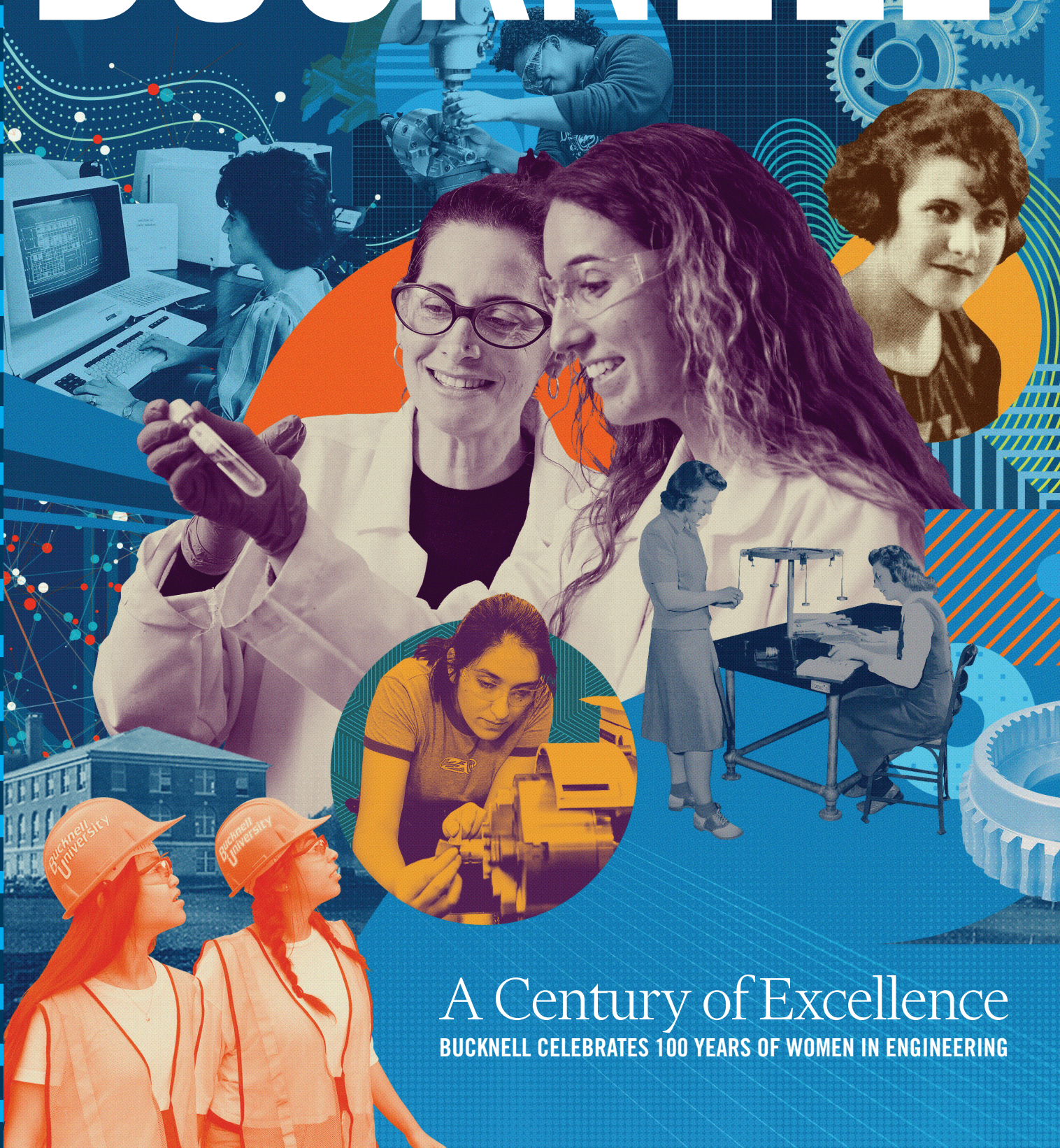


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A fresh coat of snow adds beauty and tranquility to campus.

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PATHWAYS



FROM
BUCKNELL CYCLING

to

TEAM USA

by BROOKE THAMES

Kelly Desharnais Catale '12 came to Bucknell a track and field athlete but left a very different kind of racer.

After a broken femur forced her to hang up her spikes, Catale went looking for a new sport to satisfy her inner competitor.

"One of my friends kept telling me that I'd make a great cyclist, so I bought a bike and decided to join the Bucknell cycling club," says Catale, who majored in biomedical engineering. "I fell in love with being out on the roads, riding through the countryside."

These days, when she's not managing medical engineering projects for Sunrise Labs in Bedford, N.H., you can find Catale claiming first place at major mountain-biking races around the country. As an elite racer, she competes against top cyclists on courses spanning up to 100 miles.

"About four years into my racing career, I decided to take it to the next level," Catale says. "It had always been a dream of mine to represent my country, so I trained as hard as possible to make the national mountain biking team."

That dream came true when Catale represented Team USA at the 2021 Union Cycliste Internationale Mountain Bike World Championships in Italy. Last fall, she again took on some of the best riders in the world at the 2022 World Championships in Denmark.

"It's been an unbelievable journey," says Catale, who placed 36th among 60 racers last year. "It feels full circle in a way; a lot of great things that I've experienced as an athlete are because of what I discovered at Bucknell!"





Kelly Desharnais Catale '12 returned to Lewisburg in October 2022 to participate in unPAved, an off-road race through central Pennsylvania. She took first place among women.

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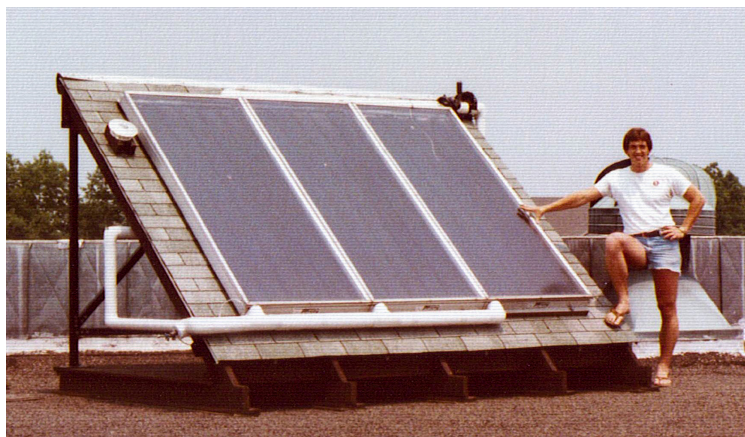
EARLY INNOVATOR

I WAS HAPPY TO SEE on Facebook that Bucknell dedicated a new solar array. Although modest by comparison, here is a photo of one of the earliest, if not the first, solar collectors on campus. It was constructed by mechanical engineering graduate student **Bill Aungst '81, M'81** in 1981 and subsequently used by me for my mechanical engineering master's thesis. It was mounted on the roof of Dana Engineering and supplied all of the building's hot water needs.

GARY FRITZ '82, M'83

Midlothian, Va.

➞ [Learn about Bucknell's newest solar venture, P.15](#)



◀ Gary Fritz '82, M'83 with an early solar collector on the roof of Dana Engineering. Fritz set up an automated system to measure the panels' performance.

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In the 100 years since its first woman engineering grad (Katherine Owens Hayden, Class of 1923, P'48, pictured far right), Bucknell reflects on progress made and opportunities ahead.

FROM THE
EDITOR



Katie Neitz

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'New Year, New You!'

THAT WAS a consistent “main sell line” that graced the January covers of the health-and-fitness magazines I helped publish for nearly two decades. Displayed in a large, bold font and a bright, lively color to capture a sense of energy and possibility, it was an editor’s faithful favorite because, frankly, it was effective. (Newsstand sales said so.)

Indeed, the transition from one year to the next inspires many people to reflect on the past and set intentions for the future. For the readers I once served, those intentions often materialized as lifestyle goals — from the modest (like consuming more plant-based protein) to the momentous (qualifying for the Boston Marathon).

Big or small, each goal held the promise of a better future. Helping people live fuller lives was the mission of Rodale, the publishing company that was my professional home for 18 years, and I embraced it wholeheartedly. I spent most of my career at *Runner’s World* magazine sharing readers’ stories. My favorite features had a common thread: A simple act — putting one foot in front of the other — had a profound impact, enabling people to overcome challenges, unlock opportunities, and find inspiration, purpose and community.

After making a career transition into higher-ed communications five years ago, I realized my work, at its core, remains the same. I share stories that help people overcome

challenges, unlock opportunities, and find inspiration, purpose and community — only now the common thread is the profound, life-shaping power of education. Attending college is one of the most significant, consequential decisions a person ever makes. Education’s tremendous lifelong impact is a compelling story that’s rewarding to share.

As I write this note, 2022 is drawing to a close, and I’m reflecting on the idea of “new year, new me.” 2023 holds excitement and promise as I settle into my role with the talented Bucknell Communications team as the new caretaker of *Bucknell Magazine*. I have tremendous respect for its most recent editor, Sherri Kimmel. Her commitment to editorial excellence and passion for thoughtful storytelling is apparent in each issue she produced.

Storytelling has the power to stimulate us intellectually and emotionally. It informs and educates while also deepening our connections with each other. I recognize that Bucknell is more than just an institution of excellence; it’s a forever home to a passionate community of people who have a special bond because of their shared experiences here.

I am grateful for the opportunity to help strengthen those connections through the pages of this magazine. I look forward to sharing your wisdom, your accomplishments, your memories — in other words, your stories.

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WHERE’S MY MAG?

Bucknell Magazine’s production schedule will be shifting slightly following this issue. One of the benefits of this adjustment is that Class Notes for the Fall issue can now be collected after Reunion.

HERE IS THE NEW SCHEDULE:

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A New Gateway to Bucknell

Bucknell's Gateway Scholars Program funds education for first-generation students

by KATIE WILLIARD

WHEN STUDENTS APPLY to college, the financial uncertainty they face can be daunting. Many must take on sizable loans that are built directly into their financial aid packages.

Bucknell has long been committed to helping students overcome financial hurdles in their pursuit of higher education. And now, thanks to the generosity of **Bob '84, P'16** and **Sue DeMent Gamgort '84, P'16**, Bucknell's incoming Class of 2027 will have additional support via the Bucknell Gateway Scholars Program.



"THROUGH THESE SCHOLARSHIPS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING OTHER FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS SO THEY CAN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AT BUCKNELL."

Bob '84, P'16 and Sue DeMent Gamgort '84, P'16

This new initiative will meet the full demonstrated need of 20 first-generation students each year, eliminating federal loans from their financial aid packages. The program provides more than just financial aid. Each scholarship recipient will benefit from ongoing outreach, mentorship and guidance that will support their success.

University President John Bravman is keenly aware of the impact this program will make. "As a first-generation college student at Stanford, I know the value of persistence, mentorship and opportunities," he says. "I am eternally grateful for those who believed in me as a student, and now I am grateful that the greater Bucknell community is showing their support for future students in a very tangible and life-changing way."

Bucknell Gateway Scholars will be identified through the regular application process. The program will award the most qualified students — chosen for their exceptional academics and robust extracurriculars — with the opportunity to attend Bucknell regardless of their financial capacity.

"This gift allows us to make the commitment to meet the full need of what we know will be an exceptional group of scholars," says Lisa Keegan, vice president for enrollment management. "I'm excited to steward this generosity to the bright young minds waiting to make their mark — first on Bucknell and then on the world."

"Both of our fathers were first-generation college students who earned their way through school," the Gamgorts say. "We appreciate how their sacrifice and hard work changed the trajectory of both of our families and created the opportunity for us to attend a school like Bucknell. Through these scholarships, we look forward to assisting other first-generation college students so they can reach their full potential at Bucknell."

Students in the Bucknell Gateway Scholars program will benefit from the camaraderie of their cohort as well as GenFirst!@Bucknell, a mentorship program that pairs first-generation first-year students with faculty and staff members who were also the first in their families to attend a four-year institution.

The Bucknell Gateway Scholars program is a component of the University's plans for continued growth and evolution. It also provides a model for donors looking to make influential gifts aimed at supporting the student experience. "The goal is to fully endow all 20 of these scholarships over the next four years," Keegan said. "The Gamgort family has provided us with an exceptional opportunity in the foundation of this program. Our job now is to ensure their work will be lasting."

NEWS TICKER

LASER FOCUS

In 2023, Bucknell will be home to a state-of-the-art instrument that will enrich students' ability to study atomic and molecular physics. A \$349,909 National Science Foundation award will fund a frequency-quadrupled titanium sapphire laser, which will enable both Bucknell and Susquehanna University students to study nuclear structures and investigate molecular collisions.

CULTIVATING CURIOSITY

Professor Donna Ebenstein, biomedical engineering, has been named an Engineering Unleashed Fellow, a designation that recognizes leadership in undergraduate engineering education. The Engineering Unleashed program helps engineering faculty across the country work to integrate an entrepreneurial mindset into their practices, their institutions and society at large.

VALUING OUR PEOPLE

Bucknell continues to distinguish itself as a premier employer. In 2022, the University committed to a two-week December-January break and piloted a week-long Thanksgiving break for employees. Tuition benefits and wellness programs are also part of Bucknell's robust benefits package.

'burg and Beyond

In Lewisburg and far afield, Bucknell's students and staff make a positive and palpable difference



▲ Hollie Walters '24 assisted Ukrainian refugees during a Parliamentary internship program.



Lewisburg, Pa.

You might not expect a college student's favorite people to be less than half her age. But as the eldest of six siblings, **Elle Chrampanis '24** is fascinated by the wide-eyed wonder of children — and invested in nurturing their growth.

It's a passion that informs her studies at Bucknell, where she's examining child development through local student-teaching opportunities.

What She's Investigating

A psychology and music double-major from Little Silver, N.J., Chrampanis is crafting an honors thesis on the impact of music education on children's mental and emotional well-being.

"Things like active engagement, relationships and achievement are key to building confidence and happiness," she says. "I'm especially interested in how music can be an

avenue for kids to develop these elements of positive psychology early in their lives."

Last fall, a Bucknell course allowed Chrampanis to take her research into the field. As an assistant teacher at the River Valley Nature School in Lewisburg, she led kindergarteners in music lessons and outdoor expeditions designed to encourage hands-on learning and exploration.

What She's Discovering

From sitting "criss-cross applesauce" on the floor to drafting whimsical lyrics, the music education curriculum at Bucknell challenges Chrampanis to put herself in the shoes of her students.

"We do a lot of experimenting in class, whether it's playing boomwhackers or making up a song about potatoes. Every activity reveals something that we can apply as teachers," she says. "It's awesome to take what I'm learning and share it with kids in a real classroom."

— Brooke Thames



London

Walking past school groups and tourists, **Hollie Walters '24** flashed her pass and waltzed into the Houses of Parliament.

"It's very grand to go into the House of Commons and watch debates and be behind the scenes of government processes," she says. "It was surreal at times, and the best experience."

A global management and political science double-major from Gibsonia, Pa., Walters spent her summer interning for Member of Parliament Tulip Siddiq of the Hampstead and Kilburn constituency in North London. Through Bucknell's Office of Global & Off-campus Education, she identified a partner program through Arcadia University that allowed her to both participate in the internship and take a contemporary British politics class during her experience abroad.

The Work She Did

Alongside Siddiq and her office manager,

Walters handled case-work matters related to housing, passports and visas. Notably, much of her work supported Ukrainian refugees fleeing the conflict in their home country. "It was really rewarding to call them to say 'We've got your visa,'" she says.

She also brought issues and policies important to Siddiq's attention and took notes for Siddiq during formal debates.

"They gave me so much freedom and trusted my abilities," she says. "With the strength of my political knowledge and the communication skills I've developed at Bucknell, I never felt intimidated; I felt prepared."

Her Favorite Part

"The independence, for sure," Walters says. "I was able to be really successful in a totally different place, in a different political system. It gives me a lot of confidence moving forward."

— Katie Williard



▲ Elle Chrampanis '24 puts her child-development studies into practice.



▲ From left: Staff Sergeant Colbey Russell and Officer Shamar Whitmore wear new uniforms and body cameras; their vehicle features a new wrap.

PUBLIC SAFETY WORKS TO ENHANCE CAMPUS RELATIONSHIPS

by MIKE FERLAZZO

SINCE ARRIVING on campus in 2022, Bucknell University Chief of Public Safety Anthony Morgan has instituted several new initiatives to strengthen community relationships and public trust while striving for excellence.

Under Morgan's leadership, Bucknell became one of the first two universities in the nation to implement the Guardian Score law enforcement assessment tool, which was featured in a *Washington Post* story. Public Safety officers now hand out business cards with a QR code following all interactions with members of the community. The QR code leads to a Guardian Score survey that collects feedback on the experience.

"The more data we get, the

better our response to concerns," Morgan says. "We want to make sure we're treating people with equity. This helps to validate our program and highlight areas that we can improve upon."

Some of the most visible changes are apparent when Public Safety officers arrive on the scene for community interactions. They now drive vehicles clad in Bucknell orange and blue and wear body cameras over a more relaxed, less intimidating uniform. The department is testing out the new look, which came in response to student feedback and is designed to break down barriers between the department and the campus community it serves.

"We certainly want to be seen as more approachable, and we recognize from students that our appearance can be a

barrier to relationship-building," Morgan says.

The addition of body cameras to uniforms is a critical aspect of Public Safety's work moving forward. Morgan says the cameras both enhance officers' investigative tools and provide greater accountability.

"Anything that aids transparency and gives a clearer picture of what occurred is important," Morgan says. "I've heard from students the call for greater transparency and wanting to know what occurs within an incident, and this allows us to provide a clear and neutral viewpoint of what occurred."

The community can also now consult the *Public Safety Policy Manual*, which has been updated and posted online. While the internet posting of such manuals is legally required in many states, it is not in Pennsylvania.

Morgan also has added a new assistant director of public safety, community engagement & partnerships role, which will support the community-centered implementation of Public Safety's service delivery model. That person will work closely with the new Campus Safety & Advisory Committee, chaired by students, which began its work in fall 2022.

To enhance communication with students, Morgan is hosting student-only public safety forums and has plans to create a greater social media presence. Morgan is also exploring the creation of a hybrid response model, with a new, unarmed staff member who can respond to non-criminal complaints such as excessive noise, lockouts and dead car batteries.

PRESIDENT BRAVMAN'S LEADERSHIP CONTINUES



▲ President John Bravman's contract extension will make him the third-longest-serving Bucknell president.

by MIKE FERLAZZO

THE BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees unanimously voted in October to extend President John Bravman's contract through at least 2028. This is Bravman's second extension; in April 2018, the board unanimously voted to extend his contract through June 2025.

Bravman became the University's 17th president on July 1, 2010, after a long career at Stanford University, and by the end of his current contract will have the third-longest tenure among Bucknell presidents.

"The length of John's tenure reflects the confidence and trust the Board of Trustees has in him to continue his exceptional leadership of the University," says Board Chair **Chris O'Brien '80, P'18, P'20**.

"It is truly an honor and privilege to continue serving Bucknell as its president, and I am thankful for both the board's continued confidence in me and the extraordinarily talented students, faculty and staff who make this such a special place," Bravman says.

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Historic Achievements

Under Bravman, Bucknell has marked some of the most significant achievements in its history. His contract extension follows two record-breaking years in student enrollment, and comes on the heels of his leadership of the University's successful efforts to remain open and continue its delivery of in-person instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bravman has prioritized the University's efforts to strengthen the campus culture and deepened its commitment to providing students with an exceptional academic experi-

ence that leads to a lifetime of personal and professional success. In 2018, he championed *The Plan for Bucknell 2025*, the University's first strategic plan in 13 years. In support of Bucknell's continued diversity, equity and inclusion goals, Bravman created the position of vice president for equity & inclusive excellence, who will lead the new Office for Equity & Inclusive Excellence.

Bravman guided Bucknell to the successful conclusion of its most ambitious fundraising campaign to date – the \$500 million WE DO Campaign – on July 1, 2017. The University

surpassed the half-billion-dollar goal with \$513 million raised. Bravman has also overseen the two largest philanthropic pledges made in school history – a \$40 million pledge by **Michael Pascucci '58, P'81, P'87, G'21, G'22** in August 2021, and a \$30 million pledge by **Bob Malesardi '45 P'75, P'79, P'87, G'08** and his wife, Doris, in May 2016. Both pledges provided resources to support unrestricted, need-based financial aid endowment.

On the same day the University concluded the WE DO Campaign, it officially established its third college – the Freeman College of Management – positioning Bucknell to build upon its distinctive combination of academic breadth in a highly personalized undergraduate living-learning environment.

"I look forward to working with both the board and the campus community on our strategic goals, which will further strengthen Bucknell's place among leaders in higher education," Bravman says.



▲ Catherine Craig '23's favorite event, the 200-meter breaststroke, relies on strategy – not just speed.

Finding Her Rhythm

by ANDREW FAUGHT

AMONG COMPETITIVE swimmers, the breaststroke is considered the toughest stroke. Arms, legs and head must pull, kick and bob in hyperkinetic sync. It's no easy feat.

You wouldn't know that watching **Catherine Craig '23**. Craig is a breaststroke master who chews up the competition with her strong forward propulsion and smooth, streamlined glide. It's why she was recruited to swim at Bucknell.

Explaining her success, Craig is every bit the technician. "The breaststroke is a major rhythm stroke – it takes power with timing and technique to go fast," says the economics and psychology double-major from Mansfield, Pa. "I've focused a lot on counting my strokes and making sure that I time my walls so that I'm not too far away or cutting off a stroke. But I don't always count during races because sometimes I just want to be present in the pool and go for it."

It's an approach that's served her well as a Bison. The two-time All-Patriot League honoree holds the swim program's second-fastest 200 breaststroke (2:14.23) and the fourth-fastest 100 breaststroke (1:03.76). She also holds the fourth-fastest 400 individual

medley (4:20.66) – thanks to her speediness on the race's third leg. (You guessed it – the breaststroke.) Her speed helped lead the women's swimming team to a nail-biting second-place finish at last year's Patriot League Championships.

Craig has been swimming since age 6, when her parents enrolled her and her sister in a summer league swim team. While she has competed in all strokes, the breaststroke, particularly the 200, is her favorite event.

She notes the sprint mindset of the 100 and explains that the 200 "gives you a lot more control in the race."

"You can take it into your hands. You can decide to go after it right from the first 50, or you might not. There's a lot of strategy in the longer races."

During the season, Craig trains 20 hours per week. Outside the pool, she is a member of the Bucknell Athletics Leadership Institute and its Igniting Leaders program, which brings together student-athletes to discuss topics such as diversity, equity and inclusion, and how to bring those values to their teams.

"I've learned that there is not a one-size-fits-all style for leading and that people

respond differently to different styles of communication," she says. "I definitely aspire to be a leader as I move forward in life."

At Bucknell, Craig has taken advantage of undergraduate research opportunities by studying the effects of COVID-19 on the nursing industry. She worked with Professor Christine Ngo, economics, in summer 2021 to interview nurses around Lewisburg about stressors they faced during a pandemic. The study explored policy options for improving working conditions for rural health care professionals.

"The common themes were that nurses were overworked, tired and burned out, and a lot of them felt unsupported by management throughout the lockdown phase of the pandemic," says Craig, who is considering pursuing graduate studies in health care or public health.

Until then, Craig is focused on her senior season. She's keeping her goals simple and meaningful. "I'm just hoping to soak it in and enjoy the last moments," she says. "I love swimming for Bucknell, and I love my teammates. I just want to love every moment and every race."



INSTANT REPLAY

CAREER HIGHLIGHT

Being part of the Bison women's team that won second place in the 2022 Patriot League Swimming Championships.

WELL-HONED INSTINCTS

"I've raced a lot, so I know what the tempo and rhythm should feel like at each point of the race."

STRONG SUITS

"My kick is probably better than my pull, but you have to have both to make it cohesive."

FINDING INSPIRATION

"I'm heavily motivated by my teammates and coaches. When I see them excited for my races, it makes me want to do well for them."

Bucknell's Presidents Dinner Turns Five

by MIKE FERLAZZO

PRESIDENT JOHN BRAVMAN first had the idea to host a discussion on the critical issues facing higher education with presidents from prestigious, private institutions and members of the national news media six years ago. Since his idea became reality in 2018, The Presidents Dinner has become a must-attend annual event for media and higher education leaders alike.

Created in partnership with the RW Jones Agency, a national firm focused on media relations in higher education, The Presidents Dinner has raised Bucknell's profile and enhanced Bravman's reputation as a thought leader, resulting in interviews with *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Ed*.

Following two years of virtual gathering, Bravman returned to the famed National Press Club in Washington, D.C., to lead the discussion among 10 presidents and

more than 20 national media members.

While Bravman reflected on how Zoom helped preserve the event, he shared enthusiasm about meeting in person again. "I think I speak for us all when I say it's great to not be staring at a screen, and to share in a delicious meal together once again," he said.

This year's presidential participants included Ravi S. Rajan, California Institute of the Arts; Milton C. Moreland, Centre College; L. Song Richardson, Colorado College; Barbara Altmann, Franklin & Marshall College; Nicole Farmer Hurd, Lafayette College; Joseph J. Helble, Lehigh University; Suzanne M. Rivera, Macalester College; Harry J. Elam Jr., Occidental College; and Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Trinity College. Members of the news media included journalists from *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *PBS NewsHour* and *The Economist*, among others. Also in attendance were representatives of *The Chronicle of Higher*

Education, *Inside Higher Ed* and other higher-ed focused publications.

The wide-ranging conversation covered admissions affirmative action; President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness plan and what it says about college pricing; the changing post-pandemic higher education landscape; the decline in math and reading comprehension among incoming students; and the demographic changes ahead as the country's falling birth rate results in fewer prospective college students.

Bravman said he remains confident about higher education's critical place in the nation's future. "Challenges do persist," he said. "But I am optimistic that as we emerge from this [pandemic] period, higher education is well positioned to help lead our society and the world forward in new and exciting ways."

The next Presidents Dinner will be held at the National Press Club on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023.



"I am optimistic that as we emerge from this [pandemic] period, higher education is well positioned to help lead our society."

President John Bravman

▲ President Bravman moderated a discussion between institution leaders and members of the media.

Photo: Emily Paine

Home Sweet Home

A shared nostalgia for life in the Mods connects many generations of Bucknellians

by KATIE NEITZ



hat makes a house a home? Many say it's the people who reside within it.

That's certainly the case for the Bucknellians who called the Bucknell West complex — aka the Mods — home. For 50 years, the distinctive H-shaped housing units accommodated 272 sophomores, juniors and seniors who developed their own homegrown microcosm of the Bucknell community on the west side of campus.

When the units were built in 1972, they were intended as temporary housing to accommodate the influx of the boomer generation students enrolling in Bucknell. It's unlikely administrators of that era would have expected the structures to endure for five decades.

While the Mods were maintained with care over the years, there was recognition that fresh paint and regular repairs can only take a building so far. To fulfill its goal of providing students with a superior learning and living environment, Bucknell is in the process of replacing the Mods with a modernized residential complex.

Four new three-story

buildings will feature the University's traditional red brick exterior and include apartments of varying sizes and configurations to accommodate 280 students. An outdoor recreation area with a fire pit, amphitheater and volleyball court will maintain the complex's identity as a distinct and unique section of campus. Construction begins this spring and is expected to be complete by 2024.

Gary Sojka H'09, who served as Bucknell's president from 1984 to 1995, says it's time. "The Mods were aging in 1984 when I arrived," he says.

"We have needed this for a long time, and I think this is an extremely exciting project.

"We learned that students who lived in the Mods enjoyed feeling some independence, being at a distance from campus. So keeping the new housing in the same location and providing many upgrades will make it a desirable place for future generations of students."

To honor the Mods, we asked residents from different eras to share their favorite Mod memories. The common thread? Over their lifespan, the Mods helped build friendships, spark relationships and strengthen Bucknell's special sense of community.



▲ For 50 years, the Mods provided a homey atmosphere and (almost) independent living to Bucknellians.

John McCoskey '79 spent half of his Bucknell career living in the Mods, calling the complex home for both his sophomore and senior years. McCoskey says securing a Mod was competitive, but one of his three roommates lucked out in the housing lottery. "We really liked living there," he says. "It felt like we had our own apartment. The half-mile walk to campus wasn't so bad — even those times it had snowed and I had to make an 8 a.m. engineering class." McCoskey, who remains close to his Mod-mates, says when they think back to their time there, they remember tossing Frisbees, hitting golf balls, hanging out on the roof and letting the dishes pile up.

Nick Yaeger '05 lived in the Mods his sophomore year. As a baseball player, he liked the

proximity to the diamond and the feeling of independence he had being a bit distant from campus. "Socially it was great," he says. "People who lived there purposely made a choice to be there, and it created this smaller, tight-knit community."

Yaeger acknowledges some mischief. "I remember getting in trouble for frying turkeys, and we used to sneak on the golf course and play a few holes at sunset." He has no regrets though. "Living near the golf course literally changed my life. It sparked a lifelong love of golf for me." The Mods also inspired Yaeger's culinary appetite. "All of us who lived there had to learn some important life skills. For me, that included learning my way around the kitchen, which has become a passion of mine ever since."



▲ Just as the Mods offered spacious grounds for Frisbee and fun, the new housing complex will include outdoor recreation areas for social activities.

Chad '08 and **Lauren Teschemacher Glasser '08** credit the Mods for bringing them together. Lauren remembers exploring the Mods with her friends and selecting Mod 16 as her first choice. "Something about it just felt right," she says. As fate would have it, a group of football players, including Chad, ended up on the opposite side of the Mod. They shared many laughs and special memories together, capturing each other's hearts.

"We've been happily married for more than 12 years and have three kids," Chad says. "Our children have visited the Mods and sat on the connecting porch that we used to sit on, and they know our story."

Arnie Mascali '88, P'17 is also grateful for the relationships formed at the Mods. His

Mod-mates are still so close that seven of them Zoom together every other week. "It was our little sanctuary out there. We had the best time," he says. Before moving to the Mods for his senior year, Mascali lived in a fraternity house. "Back in that time, you didn't venture out of your fraternity, so moving to the Mods became this great opportunity to meet a whole other group of people you wouldn't have otherwise known."

The Mods also connected Mascali to his wife, **Elizabeth Adams Mascali '89, P'17**, who lived there her junior and senior years. Arnie and Elizabeth had the opportunity to relive their Mod memories together when visiting their daughter **Ally '17**, who was also a Mod resident.

Amanda Mitchell '25 is surprised by how quickly she's developed an attachment to her Mod. "My roommate and I didn't plan to live here; we expected to live in a dorm," she says. "But we've quickly become really fond of our living situation. We decorated our kitchen, and we started having friends over for 'family' dinners. One of us will cook for everybody, or we'll make something together. It's been really nice to have had this experience."

➔ [Enjoy more images of the Mods at magazine.bucknell.edu](https://magazine.bucknell.edu)

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The Mods provided a home away from home for thousands of Bucknellians. Here are two ways you can commemorate this special part of campus history.

Share Photos: We're creating a digital photo compilation and need your help showcasing the decades of memories made in the Mods. Submit photos at bucknell.edu/alumni or alumniandfamilies@bucknell.edu. You'll receive a digital photo compilation and a commemorative Farewell to the Mods decal.

Own a Piece of the Mods: Building number placards from the Mods will be made available in 2023 through an online auction. Visit bucknell.edu/alumni to learn more.

The Problem with Salesmen

An NSF grant opened the door for computational exploration and a big discovery

by **KATIE WILLIARD**
photo by **EMILY PAINE**

A TRAVELING SALESMAN stands at a train station in St. Louis, carefully considering his path. He must make stops in Chicago, New Orleans and Mason City, Iowa, among others, before returning home. And he wants to be efficient about it. So how can he plan the best route, visiting each stop only once and traveling the shortest distance?

It's a question that has existed for centuries – with applications ranging from route planning to DNA sequencing – and each new discovery only provides more possibilities to explore. That's what makes it so intriguing to Professor Sam Gutekunst, the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Data Science, and his student researchers.

Supported by a National Science Foundation grant, Gutekunst is exploring the famous Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) with help from

Asta Rustad '23, Yacine Bouabida '24 and Austin Beal '24.

The group plans to publish its findings, which the members presented at the world's largest mathematics gathering, the Joint Mathematics Meeting, in January. "The impressively large amount of data generated from my students' computational work, and the new theory and algorithms they've developed, give new insights into the TSP," Gutekunst says.

The way the problem scales makes it notoriously difficult. "If we have five cities, we can try every single path," Bouabida says. "But as you add destinations, it becomes infinitely more complex." Case in point: With just 100 cities, the number of possible routes exceeds the number of atoms in the known universe. That's a lot of lines on the map.

Always Be Calculating

In spring 2022, Rustad began tackling the TSP, working to break down the complexities of the problem and identify a

simplified starting point. "With problems this hard and famous, there's a community of researchers working together, many of whom work on special cases of the problem," Gutekunst says. "We're working with the circulant TSP, a special case with more mathematical structure." Their work laid the foundation for a breakthrough.

When Beal and Bouabida took over in summer 2022, they developed experiments and ran billions of trials, hoping to create algorithms that worked every time. "We took up a lot of whiteboard space," Bouabida says. "We drew lots of graphs, bounced ideas around and got frustrated."

The pair embraced the challenge as an opportunity. "Once, Sam casually shared that this is Ph.D.-level research, and I don't even have my B.A. yet," Bouabida says. "Sam prepared us for the type of thinking that we need to employ. Our computational and theoretical work has given me tools to expand the way I think."

They also found an answer to

the problem (a version of the problem, at least). Using a prime-squared number of cities as a limiter, the team identified an algorithm that always determines the best route. "We've proven it. We know it works," Bouabida says. "And since there's an infinite number of prime numbers, we've solved an infinite number of cases."

The Next Leg of the Journey

Rustad has returned to the problem and is extending the work by focusing on twin primes. "This small twist makes it much harder," Rustad says. Understandably – the number of twin primes is unknown, with estimates surpassing 800 trillion.

Gutekunst is optimistic that Rustad is on the right track for solving yet another intriguing case of the problem. "If Asta's work gives an algorithm for over 800 trillion numbers of destinations, I'll be pretty content – for now."

From left: Professor Sam Gutekunst, Asta Rustad '23, Yacine Bouabida '24 and Austin Beal '24



BUCKNELL'S BRIGHT FUTURE

BUCKNELL TOOK A STEP CLOSER to achieving its goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2030 with the installation of a new 1.76-peak megawatt solar array. The installation, which sits between the Bucknell Golf Club and the Art Barn complex, was built in partnership with Encore Renewable Energy of Burlington, Vt., under the direction of **Chad Farrell '92**, Encore's founder and CEO. In addition to supplying up to 7% of the University's electricity and providing Bucknell with price certainty on energy rates for the next several decades, the array also will serve as a living lab for students. The project demonstrates Bucknell's commitment to reducing emissions and supporting renewable energy.



Our curious questions about nature, history, human behavior and more are the essence of Bucknellians' everyday work. Why do we put frosting on cake, especially when "naked" cake is simply delicious? Professor Margot Vigeant, chemical engineering, has the answer.



Professor Margot Vigeant
chemical engineering

WHY DO WE FROST CAKE?

THERE ARE THREE PRIMARY REASONS why we've come to add decadence to a food that's, frankly, perfectly fine on its own. The answer is partly in history, partly in materials engineering (OK, aesthetics) and partly in chemical thermodynamics.

Historically, sugar was an expensive commodity, so using it not only as a basic ingredient but as added flair on the outside of the cake enabled the affluent to tout their wealth.

Aesthetics come into play with decoration. There's a fair argument to be made for sugar being easier to manipulate than cake itself. It's much harder to carve cute, colorful roses out of cake than to sculpt them with frosting. It provides the opportunity for refinement and detail that molds and carving can't reach alone.

Finally, and most interestingly for me, icing's high sugar content makes it preservative in nature, so mold and bacteria cannot grow on it. And that's because of a thermodynamic concept called water activity. This refers to the amount of free water available to participate in chemical or biological purposes, and it impacts the shelf life of foods. A food like cake will keep longer and resist spoilage if it's covered in sugar-laden frosting because the frosting has a low level of water activity.

And so, frosting allows us to wrap our cakes beautifully for safekeeping. What could be sweeter?

Adapted from 'Food for Thought: Let Them Eat Cake,' *Chemical Engineering Education*, 2022, by Margot Vigeant

MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER

Bucknellians collaborate to create an opera with a timely (and timeless) message

by MARK RAY

Ashi Day '04 sees a not-so-golden thread woven through human history: witch hunts, in which persecutors exert accusations of wrongdoing against powerless victims. "This is a thing that societies keep doing over and over again, and we are failing to learn from it," she says.

Day tackles this abuse of power through a one-act opera she composed, *Waking the Witch*. She workshopped the opera in

December in Washington, D.C., with director **Lee Cromwell '05** in preparation for an eventual premiere performance. The duo forged both their friendship and creative partnership while studying together at Bucknell.

Waking the Witch received funding last year from OPERA America's Opera Grants for Women Composers: Discovery Grants program, supported by the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation. "It gives you some funds to pay musicians, rent space, pay for music copying or whatever it is that you need in order to transform the piece from an idea in your head into something you could bring to opera or theatre companies looking to produce new works," Day says.

Turning Traditions Upside Down

Day and Cromwell's creation looks and sounds nothing like the grand operas people either love or loathe. They use a single character – a witchfinder from centuries ago. He is the only singer on stage, and he's played by a countertenor, not a booming bass as one might expect. (Day crafted the part for Min Sang Kim, assistant professor of music at Austin Peay State University, who specifically requested she write a piece in which he would get to play a villain instead of a baroque hero as he's usually cast.) There are only five musicians – a Pierrot ensemble of flute, clarinet, violin, cello and piano – and they appear on stage, not in the pit.

And the alleged witch? That would be the audience. "It's going to have a 360-degree inclusionary feel in the way he's interrogating them," Cromwell says. Audience members

might even be asked to move around the performance space, mimicking the way accused witches were kept walking during days-long trials.

Some of the musicians double as "animal familiars" – furry accomplices of the accused who pop up in the audience in surprising ways (the flutist, for example, portrays a mouse). "This element of playfulness contrasts with what's happening and hopefully will add a sort of dynamic where the audience not only feels like an accused witch but also feels the absurdity of the situation," Day says.

Day and Cromwell further buck tradition by blurring the line between their roles. "What's great about our collaboration is that I'm not just coming in at the end when it's fully formed and creating this production," Cromwell says. "Because we live near each other, because we're friends, I've been a sounding board along the way."

On Parallel Paths

The friends have been sounding boards for each other ever since they met at Bucknell, when Day was a sophomore major in composition and Cromwell was a first-year music and theatre double-major. "If you're in music and theatre, which we both were, you kind of inevitably spend a bunch of time together," Days says. "We just became really good friends as people who were straddling both of those disciplines."

One of their earliest collaborations occurred when Cromwell was performing in a musical called *Gutter Balls* that an alumna was workshopping on campus. "I was part of a group that sang a whole song about Lee's character and how swoon-worthy he was," Day says.

After graduation, the friends followed parallel paths. Both earned master's degrees from Westminster Choir College of Rider University, both launched careers (first in teaching and then in producing) and both migrated to Washington, where they both work for the Washington National Opera.

Day arrived in D.C. while Cromwell was completing his MFA at Indiana University. "Every so often, I would get a



▲ A Bucknell friendship takes center stage as Ashi Day '04 and Lee Cromwell '05 bring an opera to life.

message from Ashi like, 'If you lived here, we could use these free tickets to the Alvin Ailey show tomorrow' or 'I found this great new place to eat Ethiopian food,' " he says. "Just these subtle hints — maybe not so subtle, actually."

Lessons in Self-discovery

Day and Cromwell's career paths aren't the only parallel they've shared since their days at Bucknell. They were both on the receiving end of influential guidance that helped shape who they are.

Day's composition teacher, the late Professor William Duckworth, instilled in her the confidence to heed her own voice, even as she listened to other people's feedback. His empowerment led her to compose music for two mainstage productions, which went far beyond the course requirement of her theatre minor.

Meanwhile, Cromwell's choral mentor, Professor Emeritus **Bill Payn P'00**, helped him develop as a conductor — something that was never on his radar. And he was able to lead actual choral and theatrical performances long before his senior year. "It wasn't like you got to your senior year and that was your one chance to do something," he says.

The personalized instruction the pair got at Bucknell prepared them well for graduate school and beyond. "Because the departments of music and theatre at Bucknell



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Lee Cromwell '05

are kind of small, they really can make things bespoke for you," Day says.

There was plenty of crossover between the disciplines, which made it "really exciting to bring different ideas together to help shape and inform a unified artistic idea," Cromwell says.

It's all shaped their perspectives as they work together to illustrate the challenges of society today through the eyes of a witchfinder of yesteryear. And if the work helps to ease those challenges, it will be a grand opera indeed.

Behind the Tiny Desk

At NPR, **Jill Britton '19** helps produce concerts for a delightfully creative corner of the internet – the Tiny Desk Concert Series. The unplugged, intimate performances are recorded live behind the working desk of series creator Bob Boilen at the NPR headquarters in Washington, D.C. Behind the cameras sit the desks of other NPR music staff – including Britton. Her work delivers music to the ears of over 7 million subscribers.

1. Which Tiny Desk artist has made the biggest impact on you?

- a. **Carla Morrison**
- b. Allison Russell
- c. Randall Goosby

Britton cites Morrison's expressive nature as the reason for her definitive choice. The song that made its mark on Britton, "Encontrarme," was written in Spanish. When Morrison explained the lyrics, she talked about "coming home to yourself, whatever that means to you," Britton says. "There weren't many dry eyes in the room."

2. What makes entries to the Tiny Desk Contest stand out?

- a. **Raw talent**
- b. A unique sound
- c. Musicianship

All are factors. Through video submissions, new musicians compete for the chance to perform live at the Tiny Desk. The staff at NPR seek out entries that evenly balance originality and strong musical talent. "When artists play the Desk, there's no autotune, no in-ear monitors and no amplification of vocals," says Britton. "We look for originality, and we look for artists or bands that exhibit true musicianship."



◀ Jill Britton '19 hosted singers Vedo, Usher and Eric Bellinger at NPR.

➔ See a YouTube playlist of Britton's favorite Tiny Desk concerts at magazine.bucknell.edu

3. Which artist left you most starstruck?

- a. Regina Spektor
- b. The ladies of *SIX the Musical*
- c. **Usher**

"He was just as cool as you'd expect him to be."

4. How has your perception of music, its creation and its impact on society changed through your work with NPR?

- a. **It's deepened my interpersonal perspective**
- b. It's made me appreciate the quiet
- c. I've learned the power of music

Britton has made personal connections with the artists who come to play the Desk. "It's given me a great perspective on the actual humans behind the music," she says. She also has learned how music bridges gaps, acknowledging the power of resuming in-person performances following two years of virtual sessions. "Being surrounded by music reminded me of how healing it is," she says. "It brings us together."

5. What is the toughest challenge of your work?

- a. A-listers demands
- b. **Shoot day to-do lists**
- c. Technical difficulties

Concert days are a heavy lift. "I'm usually running around like a madman," she says. "It can be exhausting, but I truly enjoy every second."

6. What is your favorite prop?

- a. A metal straw used by Alicia Keys
- b. A box that held a piece of birthday cake given to Joe Jonas
- c. A pair of 3D movie glasses

All of the above! But the collection of items that surround the workspace aren't props. "It's a working desk in a building where artists just happen to come to play and record for the internet," Britton says. "The trinkets on the shelves are things artists have left behind – setlists, sunglasses, cups."

7. How did Bucknell prepare you for a life behind the Tiny Desk?

"Collaboration and teamwork were a huge focus in the markets, innovation & design major. Every day, I interact with others and communicate with multiple stakeholders, and I've quickly found that I thrive on a team. Bucknell also taught creative problem solving, and I 100% do that during shoot days. When asked questions I don't know the answer to, I usually find myself saying, 'I don't know, but let me figure that out for you!'"

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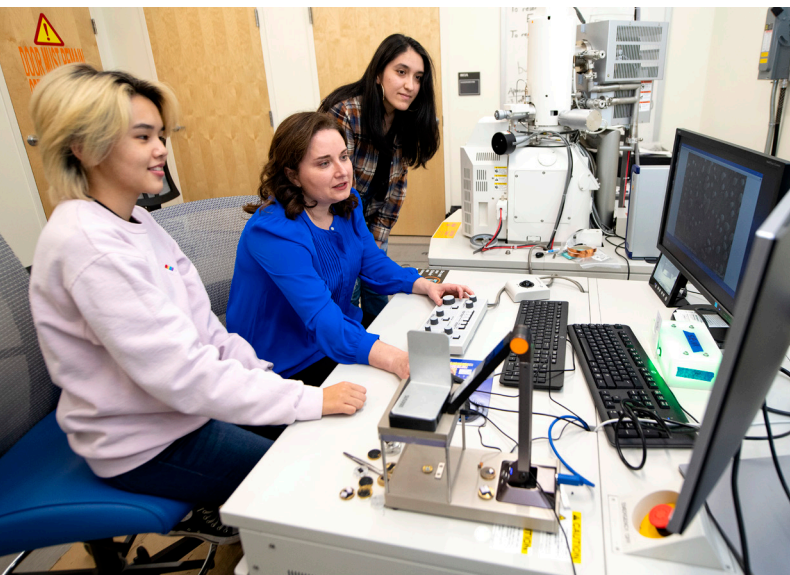
ENGINEERING THE FUTURE — FOR GOOD

In the 100 years since its first woman engineering graduate, Bucknell has undertaken an evolutionary journey to equip all students with the skills and confidence to thrive and make an impact

**by KRISTIN BAIRD RATTINI
photos by EMILY PAINE**



Previous page, from left: Demi Gonzalez '26, Melanie Gamboa '24 and Professor Deborah Sills, civil & environmental engineering, test water in the Susquehanna River.



From left: Grace Lostak-Baker '23, Professor Wendelin Wright, mechanical engineering, and Jazmin Ramirez '23 examine images collected from a scanning electron microscope.

THE 1920s MARKED A PROGRESSIVE PERIOD in women's history. After years of petitioning and picketing, women finally won the right to vote at the start of the decade. World War I had provided momentum for the political victory: Wartime broadened employment opportunities available to women, which empowered them to consider other possibilities to break new ground — including in the classroom. In the years that followed, college became the prerogative of more and more women, forever changing the demographics of higher education.

Katherine Owens Hayden P'48 was one of the trailblazers of this era. In 1923, she became the first woman to earn an engineering degree from Bucknell University. Though Bucknell had been co-educational since 1852 — notably just six years after its chartering — engineering was the last domain on campus for women to access.

"The 100th anniversary of Hayden's graduation is significant," says Erin Jablonski, associate dean of engineering. "Other schools have recently celebrated 50 years of women in engineering, which coincides with Title IX. That means they *had* to accept women. Bucknell was progressive, and we should celebrate and be proud of that."

Hayden may have been a new student, but she wasn't new to campus or a stranger to faculty. Her father, **William Owens, Class of 1880, H'35**, headed the chemistry department and helped create the chemical engineering program in which his daughter enrolled. But his connections didn't earn her any favor. "I was the first gal in the course, and the boys all liked to play tricks on me. Even the professors liked to give me things that didn't work," she told *Bucknell World* in 1993. In fact, mechanical engineering professor **Frank Burpee P'31, P'35** even refused to let Hayden into his mechanical drawing class.

Although Hayden ultimately didn't pursue an engineering career, her willingness to push boundaries, withstand naysayers and persist through challenges demonstrates an engineering mindset that was progressive for her time.

In the 100 years since Hayden's graduation, thousands of women have followed in her footsteps. Today, women comprise 31% of Bucknell College of Engineering students, compared to just 24% nationally. Trailblazing alumnae conduct cutting-edge research and make life-changing discoveries while also creating opportunities for other women in the field (see "Claiming Their Place in Engineering," P. 28). Many have broken barriers in traditionally male-dominated roles at companies like SpaceX, Google, Amazon, Johnson & Johnson and Merck.

For all their successes, however, women still remain underrepresented in engineering occupations. Though women account for a majority (53%) of all undergraduate and advanced degrees, 86% of science and engineering professionals in the U.S. are men, according to the National Science Foundation.

Bucknell's faculty and administrators are taking intentional steps toward parity to consistently broaden the story of who is successful in engineering. To help all Bucknell engineers thrive, there is an understanding that the educational experience needs to go beyond acquiring knowledge and developing technical skills. Jablonski says students have the best outcomes when they have hands-on, meaningful learning opportunities within a welcoming, empowering environment, and that experience builds a foundation that carries them into successful, fulfilling careers.

Cultivating Community

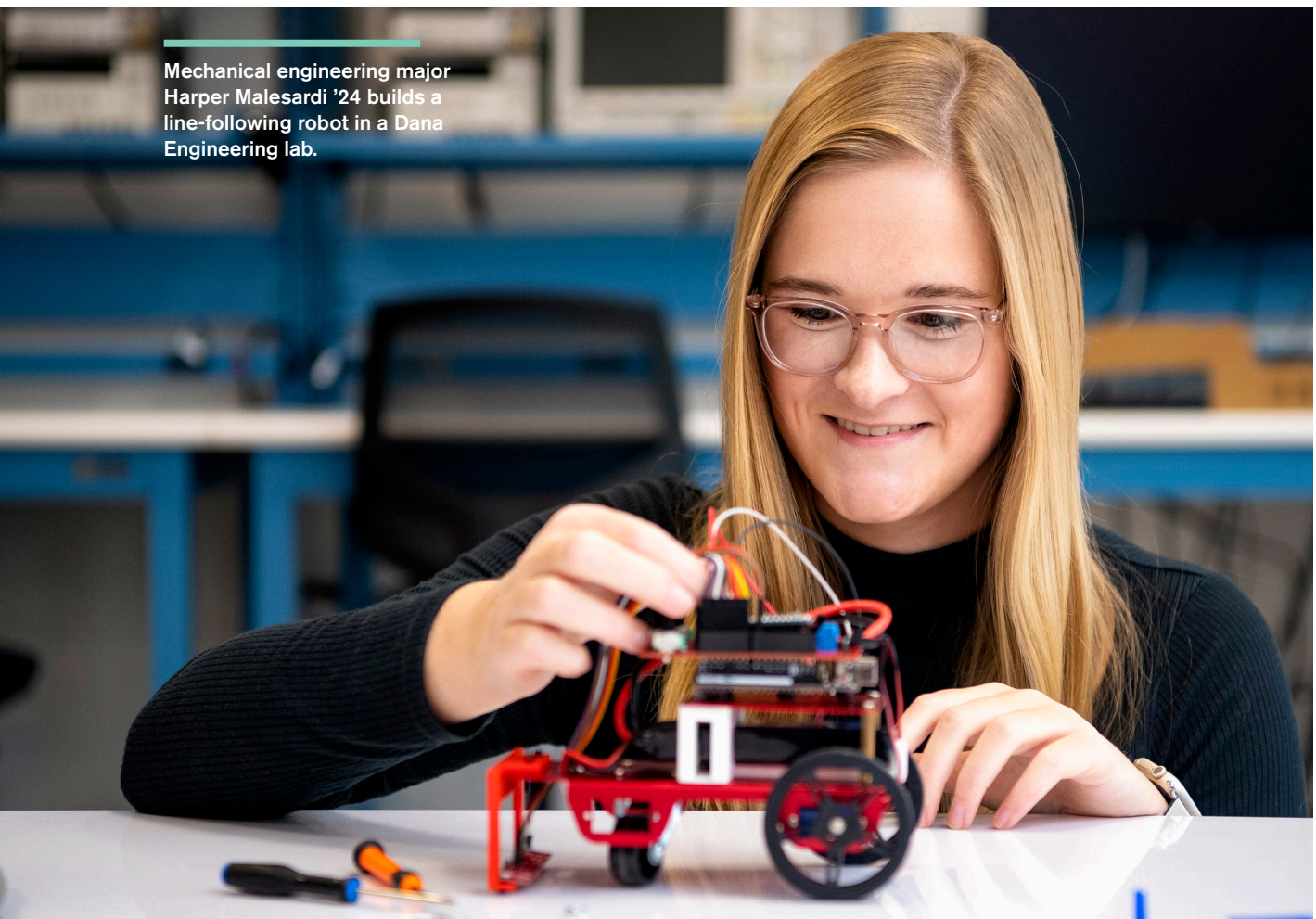
Although many decades separate her from Hayden, Terri Norton still knows what it's like to be the first. The associate dean for students & strategic initiatives and

professor of civil & environmental engineering was the first woman to graduate with a doctorate from Florida A&M University's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. She was also the first woman professor to join the construction engineering program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Being the first or only comes with a great deal of responsibility, which can sometimes be heavy to carry," Norton says. "Expectations can be high; the community you represent is being judged by how you perform. It also means that you are the maker of the roadmap, not fully aware of what lies ahead, including the challenges that arise from being considered outside the conventional norm."

When Norton arrived at Bucknell in 2018, she was grateful to be in the company of so many women faculty members. Women comprise 30% of the College of

Mechanical engineering major Harper Malesardi '24 builds a line-following robot in a Dana Engineering lab.



Engineering's faculty, compared to 19% nationally. In addition, two of the six engineering department chairs are women: Professor Wendelin Wright in mechanical engineering and Professor Donna Ebenstein in biomedical engineering.

"To be in a college with so many women was really poignant to me," Norton says. "It is healthy and helpful for me — and for our students — to be in an environment where that representation is visible. It is important because it challenges the idea of what an engineer should look like by providing a first-hand model for young women who also aspire to be engineers."

Such mentorship matters. It creates a culture of inclusion for women and has been shown to have a positive connection with success in engineering. A 2017 study conducted by researchers at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst found that women in engineering who had women mentors felt more confidence, less anxiety and a greater sense of belonging. They were also more likely to remain in the field.

Bucknell has several programs that provide students with support, mentorship and camaraderie — from the time they are admitted through graduation day.

The University's chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), which was founded in 1979, rolls out the welcome mat for incoming students during Bucknell's Admitted Students Day, hosting a dinner that gives newcomers the opportunity to meet current students and faculty members.

Aditi Vijayvergia '21, M'23 says the opportunity to meet professors while still in high school influenced her to attend Bucknell. "Throughout all the interactions I had with faculty, I could see how eager they were to get to know each student; they were committed to helping them succeed."

SWE also hosts social and professional events throughout the year, from study jams to interview workshops. The underlying theme is always fellowship. "We create a community that women engineers can turn to," says mechanical engineering major **Harper Malesardi '24**, co-president of Bucknell's SWE chapter. "The experiences and connections I made with upperclassmen as a freshman in SWE made me want to become an officer so that I can continue working to provide those opportunities for others."

Peer mentorship is also at the heart of the Garman Guides program, which pairs first-year engineers with older peers to build their sense of belonging and identity as Bucknell engineers.

Additional camaraderie among women is fostered through the college's many engineering clubs, such as the Biomedical Engineering Society and Bucknell's chapter of



Professor Erin Jablonski, associate dean of engineering, provides guidance to Matt Vallely '23, chemical engineering.

the Association for Computing Machinery-Women (ACM-W). ACM-W has sent Bucknellians to the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing and the Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference, both of which are premier events that provide immersive learning and networking experiences.

"Our active student organizations like SWE and ACM-W do a great job of supporting, celebrating and building community among the women in our college," says Lea Wittie, associate professor of computer science and computer science associate department chair. "The unique opportunities and intentional connections help to create a welcoming atmosphere for our students to learn, live and reach their potential."

Finding Purpose

A strong aptitude in math and science is often what leads women toward engineering programs, but proficiency in a field of study isn't always enough. For students to remain in the field for the long haul, they often must identify a path in which their work contributes to the greater good.

Ebenstein, chair of the biomedical engineering department, sees this in her students. "Medicine and biomedical engineering seem to be spaces where the impact of one's work on other people is evident."

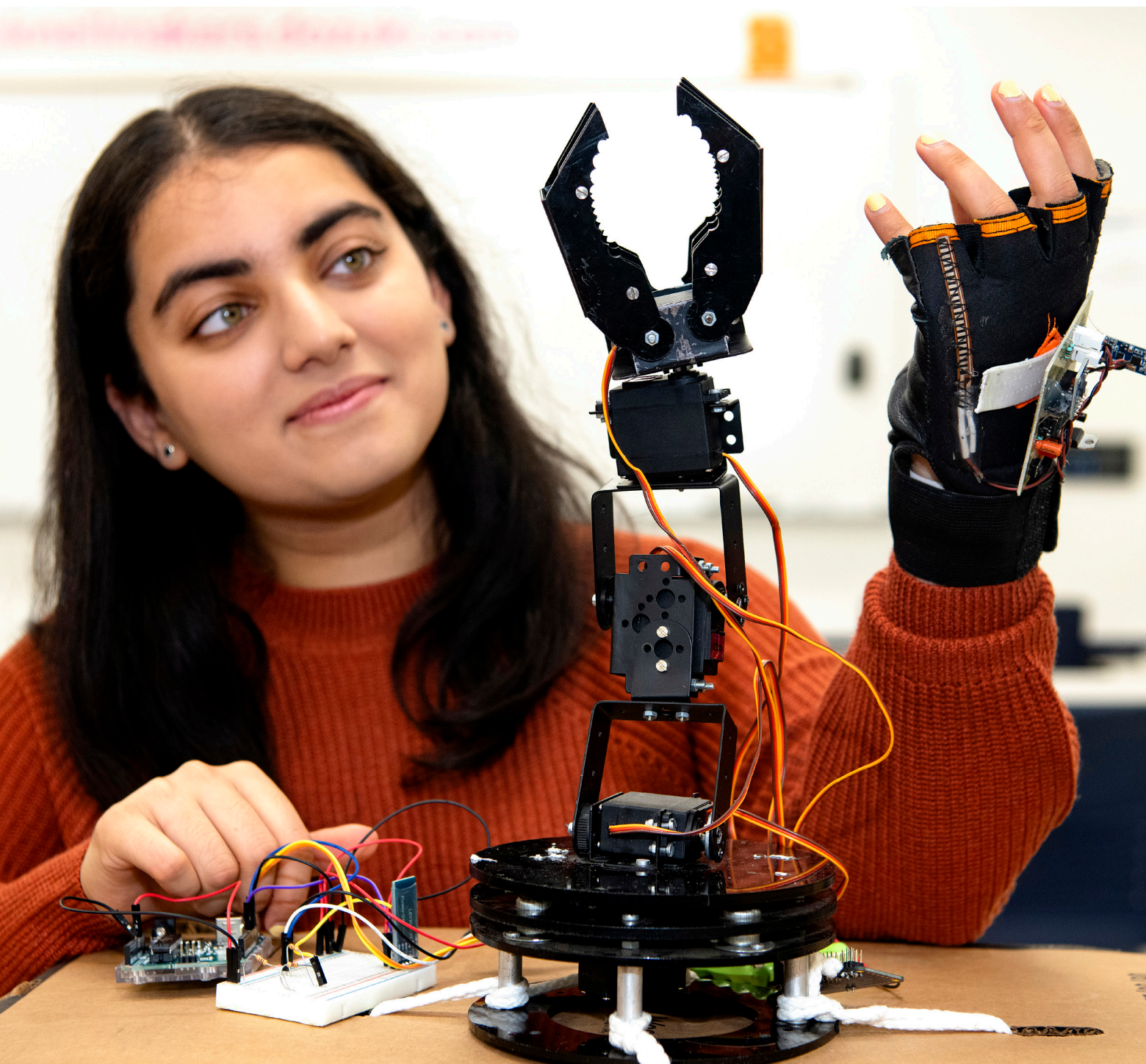
That resonates with biomedical engineer **Simbi Maphosa '23**. Inspired by her grandmother's struggles with asthma, the Zimbabwe native developed a portable asthma drug-delivery device that helps patients with limited access to electricity and health care facilities. "This research project was unique in that it was totally Simbi's idea," says Ebenstein, who is Maphosa's research mentor.

Aditi Vijayvergia '21, M'23, electrical engineering, develops a robotic arm in the Maker-E makerspace in Dana Engineering.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

To mark the 100th anniversary of Katherine Owens Hayden's historic graduation, Bucknell has established a scholarship fund to support students enrolled in the College of Engineering. Backed by gifts from the Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association and the generosity of other donors, the scholarship will help future engineers carry on Hayden's legacy.

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Simbi Maphosa '23 created a portable asthma drug-delivery device under the guidance of Professor Donna Ebenstein, biomedical engineering.

It's the perfect example of what can happen when altruism drives innovation.

"I grew up with the mindset that an engineering education would teach me everything, and by becoming an engineer, I could do great things," Norton says. "Today students arrive with an entrepreneurial mindset and ideas for how they want to make an impact on communities, society and humanity. They're saying, 'I know I am going to do great things,' and they see engineering as the way to help them do it."

Learning by Doing

By the time women engineering students start at Bucknell, a lifetime of cultural influences have shaped how they approach their time in the classroom and the lab.

"The vast literature about how social norms and media influence the way parents, teachers and classmates interact with boys and girls from a very young age manifests when students enter the lab and we see a woman pick up the pen and a man pick up the tool," Jablonski says.

In these situations, Jablonski asks students to swap implements and their roles to ensure women aren't solely focused on taking notes for the group while the men are "doing the engineering."

She also has collaborated with her engineering colleagues to take a purposeful approach to advancing equity in the classroom.

"We intentionally make sure women's voices are heard and that they have the same opportunity to gain hands-on experiences," Jablonski says. "Every engineer who engages in a research or design project has to consider more than just the application of the technology or engineering solution they're developing. There is always a societal context, an environmental impact and ethical considerations. Including diverse perspectives in the design of engineering solutions is critical."

Research experiences also often connect students to lab groups, which can provide a sense of purpose and belonging.

Professor Dabrina Dutcher, chemistry and chemical engineering, vividly remembers struggling to feel confident in college until she started working in a lab her sophomore year. "I found my academic home," she says. "I stopped struggling when I found the motivation for why I was studying what I was studying. It changed everything for me. It's so important for me to offer that same experience to my students because I want them to feel like they have a home and a purpose."

In 2019, Dutcher's lab made national headlines by publishing the first evidence that carbon monoxide can be produced when e-cigarettes are used at higher power settings. "That project was so special to me because we had six women authors on our paper," she says. "That had never happened in my career before."

In recent years, the Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Research Scholars Program provided women studying engineering and physical sciences at Bucknell with a high-caliber summer research experience under a faculty member. Establishing CBL was a passion project for Professor Karen Castle, chemistry, and Mechanical Engineering Department Chair Wright. Both women had participated in a prestigious CBL program for faculty when they were assistant professors. "Once you're in the program, you are always in the program," Wright says. "It has been a great thing for my career."

While the program is on pause until another funding source can be identified, its legacy remains. Of the 19 CBL Scholars who have already graduated from Bucknell, 12 of them (63%) are enrolled in graduate programs. "We still struggle to get women into engineering faculty ranks; to do that they need to go to graduate school," Wright says. "Our explicit goal through the CBL program was to increase the number of women pursuing graduate degrees, and a much higher percentage of our scholars compared to the institutional average have done so."

The work Mona Mohammed '16, M'20 did in a Bucknell civil & environmental engineering lab prepared her for a position with the United Nations Environment Programme.

Planting a Seed

As a leader in engineering education, Bucknell is in a position to influence and inspire the next generation of women engineers. Introducing girls to STEM education at a young age can give them equal opportunities to pursue and thrive in STEM careers later on in their lives. This progress helps narrow the gender pay gap, enhances women's economic security and ensures a diverse workforce. Bucknell's College of Engineering has developed several engaging initiatives to boost its efforts toward equity by sparking early interest in the profession and helping those on the cusp of their college career get off to a strong, confident start.

Engineering Camp brings middle- and high-school students to campus during the summer for a weeklong, hands-on introduction to the field. A survey of last year's participants showed that 95% are as likely or more likely to study engineering, and felt the same about confidence in their ability to solve engineering problems.

Bucknell's STEM Scholars program invites 10 talented incoming first-year students to participate in a five-week summer program, laying the foundation for their future research interests and relationship with faculty and peers. "The focus is on building early identity and self-efficacy," Jablonski says. "It's an excellent early introduction to being a STEM researcher."

Engineering EXCEerator is a five-week summer program that kick-starts the classroom experience for first-year students, enabling them to use makerspace tools, develop engineering design skills and take introductory calculus and physics coursework to help them start their first semester feeling confident. In 2022, 18 incoming first-year engineers participated.

And in 2020, Norton spearheaded the launch of the Backstage Act II re-orientation program through the Engineering Success Alliance (ESA), which supports entering engineering students from under-resourced high schools. ESA provides targeted academic support, mentoring and professional development opportunities to help these students gain confidence, feel a sense of belonging and thrive.

In the 100 years since Hayden's graduation, Bucknell's College of Engineering has undergone a dramatic transformation. Today's engineering students join a welcoming environment with encouraging mentors and programs that support their success. For all the progress that has been made, the evolutionary journey isn't over. The college's ongoing collective efforts to advance inclusion and representation will ensure its legacy of excellence for the next 100 years — and beyond. ■



MORE THAN A MENTOR

Professor Deborah Sills, civil & environmental engineering, says the best part of her job is seeing her students go on to do great things. Watching **Mona Mohammed '16, M'20** leverage her Bucknell education to land a dream job with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Paris is more than a point of pride for Sills. "It's a highlight of my teaching career," she says.

As a student, Mohammed collaborated with Sills on wastewater treatment research. They explored how to provide wastewater treatment to places in the world where there isn't reliable electricity, while also reducing the environmental impacts of the treatment process. Their investigation of a low-cost technology that can remove methane from anaerobically treated wastewater was published in *Environmental Science: Water Research & Technology*.

Mohammed says the research experience gave her a competitive advantage when applying for her position with the Life Cycle Initiative hosted at UNEP. And it provides a valuable foundation for the work she does to support the organization's mission of ensuring that decisions by public and private stakeholders are science-based and account for positive and negative environmental, social and economic tradeoffs throughout the lifecycle (manufacturing, use and disposal) of goods and services.

Mohammed draws on lessons learned in Sills' lab to conduct these environmental and social lifecycle assessments. She and Sills are still collaborating and expect to publish a second paper that will incorporate a social lifecycle assessment into their results.

Mohammed says she is grateful for the tangible skills she developed within Bucknell's College of Engineering and for the special role Sills played in preparing her for success. "Engineering is a very difficult field, especially for BIPOC [Black, Indigenous and people of color], international individuals and women," Mohammed says. "What really helps in this atmosphere is having both a mentor and an advocate. The difference between the two is that a mentor is someone who tells you what to do and how to navigate things. An advocate is someone who would go to bat for you in the places where decisions are being made. In my relationship with Deborah, I was lucky to find both."

CLAIMING THEIR PLACE IN ENGINEERING



Susan Furman Walter '84, P'14
oversees engineering projects
that help communities become
more resilient and sustainable.

ENGINEERING

Meet six women making an impact in industry, academia and society, using skills cultivated at Bucknell

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1. TURNING A GRAND VISION INTO REALITY

For decades, New York City leaders have dreamed of “closing the loop” on Manhattan’s waterfront — turning the entire 32-mile perimeter into walkable and bikeable green space for the public. Now, Stantec, a global leader in sustainable design and engineering, is helping to close one of the last remaining — and most difficult — sections along the east side of Midtown Manhattan. The East Midtown Greenway project is adding 1.5 acres of land to expand waterfront access and give more park space to an area deprived of both, while also helping the city become more resilient to climate change.

As Stantec’s executive vice president of infrastructure, **Susan Furman Walter ’84, P’14** leads the business division in charge of the project’s design. Walter oversees 4,500 employees across North America in Stantec’s billion-dollar infrastructure arm, and has worked on such high-profile projects as Atlantic Yards, which contains Barclays Center, home to the NBA’s Brooklyn Nets.

“I’m influenced completely by Bucknell’s curriculum,” says the civil engineering major, whose senior design project was a conceptual structural redesign of Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. “I remember the curriculum being really hard. But I had great summer internships and awesome professors who spent a lot of one-on-one time with their students.”

Walter is one of many Bucknell alumnae helping to build essential infrastructure, deliver vital solutions to industries and communities, and educate the next generation of engineers — all while improving representation. Women still only hold around 25% of computer jobs, 15% of engineering jobs

and 27% of overall STEM positions, according to 2019 Census figures — though for context, women comprised just 14% of STEM workers in 1980.

“Our College of Engineering has always done a great job of preparing women engineers to fill the wide variety of roles in industry, academia and society,” says **Helen Reetz ’78**, president of the Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association. In 2020, the college received bronze-level recognition from the American Society for Engineering Education Diversity Recognition Program for its work toward improving diversity and inclusiveness.

“Many of us followed traditional engineering career paths, while others took advantage of opportunities in medicine, law, finance and management that were made possible, at least in part, by the emphasis on problem solving, critical analysis, teamwork and communication skills at Bucknell,” Reetz says.

Those skills have served Walter well. She says she loves the organizational and operational challenges of completing huge-scale projects on time and on budget, and often tells younger people in the field asking for advice that being a good communicator is essential to her work.

Like many of her fellow engineering alumni, she is passionate about doing work that has a tangible impact on the world. “I loved the environmental compliance part of it; the surveying, the water resources — all the stuff that is so incredibly important today with regard to resiliency and sustainability,” she says. “I attribute so much of my engineering success to my Bucknell roots.”



2. ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A strong technical background and passion for community advocacy recently helped civil engineering graduate **Winnie Okello '10** land a position as the strategic community relations coordinator in the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) at Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The office seeks to better involve historically marginalized, economically disenfranchised and minoritized groups — which often bear a disproportionate share of adverse environmental impacts. The OEJ seeks to proactively address these inequalities for more sustainable and resilient communities. “What we do, as engineers, impacts the community for generations, especially when we are talking about the environment,” she says. “Air, water and other resources in minoritized communities are often linked to chronic health effects. These are generational issues.”

Okello's favorite aspect of her work is interacting with community members and broadening their knowledge of the DEP's work so that they understand in very practical terms how it affects their day-to-day lives. “My skill set is in the human element of engineering — understanding that engineers not only design the built environment, but they impact individuals and communities. The technical aspect of engineering is all right, but I'm all about the people.”

3. BUILDING CONNECTIONS ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND COMMUNITIES

“I get to talk about engineering every day,” says **Dana Denick '01**, who majored in mechanical engineering. Now a program director for the Division of Engineering Education and Centers at the National Science Foundation, she spends her days liaising with research centers around the country that are engaged in multidisciplinary projects with universities, community partners and industries. From her discussions with experts, she helps make funding decisions that advance the federal government's investments in engineering research. “Those are the ways engineering connects to society and to people,” she says. “That's the most exciting part for me.”

Denick especially enjoys working on programs focused on expanding engineering education and making the field more diverse, “so the engineering community can better reflect the diversity of our country and be poised to address the large-scale challenges the engineering community faces,” she says.

While a student at Bucknell, Denick volunteered as a Girl Scout troop leader in Lewisburg. “I remember looking for ways to empower women,” Denick says. “I'd plan events that would expose the troop to new experiences, including activities with the Society of Women Engineers at Bucknell.” The experience helped steer her toward teaching at the secondary and university levels. She earned a master's in physics education at the University of Virginia and a doctorate in engineering education at Purdue University.

“Engineering provides a skill set and way of thinking for understanding the world around us and how to change it.”





4. OPENING DOORS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Tali Sason '13 was the first woman to graduate from Bucknell with a degree in computer engineering. She went on to become the first woman to serve on the internal executive board for the e-commerce company Wayfair. These experiences have made her acutely aware of the importance of cultivating more female engineers. "When you enter the field of technology as a woman, it's hard to see yourself represented in those who are successful. That makes it really challenging to see a path forward," she says.

To address the issue, Sason started a new hiring and onboarding division at Wayfair called Wayfair Labs, which helped the company hire more people from diverse backgrounds, including women.

Today, as an engineering director at Google, Sason oversees organizations in Google Search and serves as the site lead for Google Cambridge, an office of more than 2,500 employees. She coaches engineering managers to "help them grow and be great leaders." Sometimes she finds herself coaching women who tell her they are tempted to give up. "I would suggest women going into

this field are clear about why they want to be working in this space and the impact they are hoping to have, and to stick to their values," she says. "The field is still so male-dominated that it's easy to start to change who you are to adapt. But they don't need more people like them — they need more people like you."

5. "The things I do today in my job as a process engineer — designing oxygen-generating plants that purify air to make oxygen — directly applies what I learned at Bucknell. Thermodynamics, mathematical modeling — it's classic chemical engineering. I came into the profession feeling that I was properly prepared."

Carolyn Taylor Zelson '89, process engineer, Air Products

6. CREATING TOOLS TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY

Bucknell's biomedical engineering program was a natural fit for Botswana native **Patience A. Osei '14**. "I have always been a problem-solver, and I always knew I wanted to work in health care," she says.

Osei is now a human factors project manager at the Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, where she helps engineer solutions that improve patient safety by considering how people interact with technology. "One of my proudest moments was working on a team that redesigned personal protective equipment for health care workers during the Ebola outbreak," she says. Osei is now doing similar work related to COVID-19.

At Bucknell, Osei had a full college experience, becoming a class representative for the Society of Women Engineers, an International Orientation Assistant, a resident assistant and president of the Voices of Praise choir — roles that helped her develop leadership skills she relies on today. She credits Bucknell's faculty for supporting her through the rigorous engineering curriculum. "Biomedical engineering professors Deborah Ebenstein, Eric Kennedy, Dan Cavanagh and James Baish played a huge role in guiding me and inspiring creativity in me," she says. "Studying engineering at Bucknell was one of the best decisions I made." ■



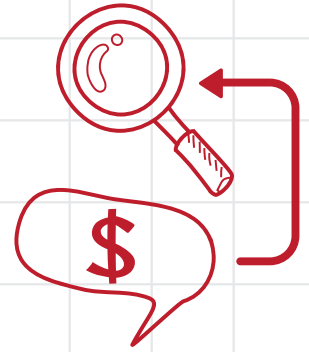


TAKING A RED PENCIL — TO — CORPORATE SPEAK

An accounting professor separates fresh insights from hot air

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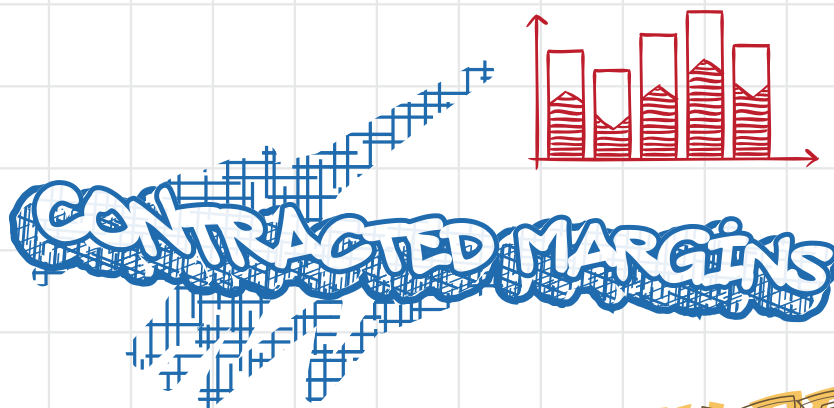
efore becoming a professor at Bucknell's Freeman College of Management, Kate Suslava worked as an auditor for accounting giant Ernst & Young (EY). It was a job that involved listening to plenty of companies' quarterly earnings calls. Like her EY colleagues, Suslava paid careful attention to the numbers companies reported — things like revenue, expenses and the ever-popular earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA).

But she also paid attention to the words chief executive officers and chief financial officers (CFOs) spoke, especially euphemisms like "headwinds," "rightsize" and "transition period."

"I noticed that any time things were not going great, managers would switch to this type of language," she says. "When things were going well, there was none of that."

That observation fueled her doctoral dissertation, which involved teaching computers to parse the text of corporate disclosures for those euphemisms (a possibility that advances in natural language processing had just begun to make feasible). Her continued curiosity led to several recent, groundbreaking studies she authored or co-authored, most of which focused on how corporate executives speak during earnings calls. What she found was the clear effect those executives' words have on analyst perception and stock performance.





REBASING DIVIDENDS

GROWTH PROFILE



WHAT I MEANT (NOT) TO SAY

In one study, published in *Management Science*, Suslava analyzed the transcripts of more than 78,000 earnings calls held between 2002 and 2016. She looked for euphemisms like those she once heard at EY and that appear in books like Oxford's *Dictionary of Euphemisms*.

Not surprisingly, the terms from the glossary she compiled were plentiful, cropping up in 70% of the transcripts she studied. Usage increased during the global financial crisis of 2008 and when companies had disappointing news to report, like negative earnings surprises.

Of course, investors and analysts are more interested in numbers than words, so Suslava compared the use of euphemisms with companies' stock prices. "Euphemisms are negatively associated with the stock returns on the day when the conference call happens," she says. "If there is a conference call and an executive uses a lot of euphemisms, the stock will react negatively. So, investors take this as a sign of bad news."

But that's not the whole story.

Suslava found that the stock of a euphemism-happy company will continue to drop over the next three months. Although analysts know a euphemism when they see one, interpreting the bad news these words are disguising takes awhile. "Numbers are numbers; you can plug them into a model and quickly see what happens," Suslava says. "But when it comes to words, it takes investors and analysts a longer time to decipher what they really meant." (This also may explain why people are slower to react on days when lots of companies report earnings.)

In a second study, published in *The Journal of Financial Data Science*, Suslava and two colleagues took a similar approach with clichés — those trite, often wordy phrases like "quite frankly," "forward momentum" and "at this point" that are often devoid of any real meaning. Unlike euphemisms, clichés aren't necessarily associated with bad news, but they can still raise questions. "When somebody says 'to be honest,' it's strange," she says. "Was this person dishonest before that?"

As with the euphemisms study, Suslava and her colleagues found that the use of clichés had a measurable impact on a company's stock price, probably because investors view clichés as a negative signal. They even constructed a stock portfolio that included some companies whose executives had used no clichés on their most recent earnings call and some whose executives had used at least four clichés. Over 142 months, the portfolio of no-cliché companies proved to be more profitable than the cliché crowd. An investor holding long positions in the first set of companies and short positions in the second set would have enjoyed an average monthly return of 2.05%. (A long position means buying and holding a stock; a short position means betting that the stock will lose value.)

"If you invest in companies that have more clichés, it's more likely they will deliver more negative returns," Suslava says, although the impact only lasts a few days after an earnings call. "If you have powerful software to count how many clichés and run this analysis right away, then you could make money off this strategy."

A WOMAN'S TOUCH

Suslava's research on euphemisms and clichés looked at words used by both male and female executives on earnings calls. Her latest research, which is pending publication, is different.

In the new study, she and two colleagues considered gender differences in the language used by CFOs. At publicly traded companies, about 10% of CFOs are women. "My gut feeling was that I wouldn't find any difference because by the time a man or a woman gets to the CFO position, they have been polished so much by trainings and coaching and their experience that they probably speak the same," she says.

Surprisingly for Suslava, that's not at all what the researchers saw. When they crunched the numbers, they found significant differences across five verbal characteristics. On the whole, women were more concise and less optimistic in their presentations. They used less complex language, fewer euphemisms and clichés and more hard numbers. In short, they used

what the researchers termed “careful verbal behavior.” “I didn’t expect any of that,” Suslava says.

The researchers also found that analysts appreciate the way female CFOs (and male CFOs who use careful verbal behavior) communicate. “The stock price tends to react positively to women’s verbal patterns,” Suslava says.

MAKING BANK

Although Suslava’s research is both intriguing and important, she’s quick to point out that it would be hard to get rich on the stock market by only applying what she’s learned – and she’s certainly not quitting her job to become a day trader. The fundamentals of investing still matter, of course, as do factors like the tenure of corporate board members, another topic she has studied. (The sweet spot, by the way, seems to be an average of around nine years per board member. At that point, board members have enough corporate knowledge to monitor and advise management effectively but haven’t yet become complacent.)

What’s more, corporations are well aware of the research people like Suslava are doing, and some are

adjusting the language they use to compensate. “You need to always keep following what corporations are doing next because they also read our research and react to it,” she says.

FROM BELARUS TO BUCKNELL

None of the letters behind Suslava’s name – MBA, CPA, CFA, Ph.D. – have much to do with words. But her interest in the language of business makes sense when you know her background.

A native of Belarus, she holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in linguistics from Minsk State Linguistic University, where she learned how to teach people new languages. After moving to the United States two decades ago, she took a job at a local community college teaching English as a second language. She eventually moved on to accounting so she could

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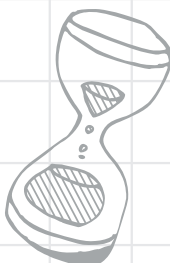
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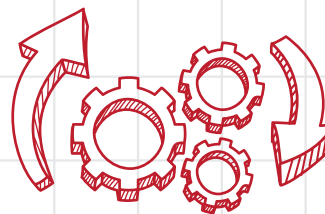


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Transitional Quarter

SUSLAVA DECODES BUSINESS BABBLE



WHAT THEY SAY	WHAT THEY MEAN
"On the whole, revenue was flattish across product segments during the quarter."	<i>"Revenue was down across the board, but not quite so far down that we feel like we have to admit it."</i>
"We're taking a wait-and-see approach to the impact of new entrants into the marketplace."	<i>"We'll be lucky if our new competitors leave us a few customers next year."</i>
"Beginning with the new fiscal year, we'll be rebas ing dividends to better support our growth profile ."	<i>"We're whacking our dividend in half so we can keep the lights on."</i>
"The combination of cost growth and pricing pressures has contracted margins more than we would like."	<i>"We're losing money on every single product we sell."</i>
"We view this as a transitional quarter for the company."	<i>"The slide to insolvency has begun."</i>
"Like many players in the sector, we were caught by surprise by the fluid situation created by market conditions across the industry."	<i>"We just hope those other guys report even worse results than us next week."</i>
"Given some headwinds and cloudy near-term visibility , we're not comfortable pinning a target date on our return to profitability."	<i>"If you want to know what our future holds, you might as well consult your friendly neighborhood psychic."</i>
" Quite frankly , we're bullish on our ability going forward to go over and above our commitment to our shareholders and associates."	<i>"Disregard everything after the first two words in this sentence."</i>
"Looking ahead, we will focus our attention on flattening the hierarchy and rightsizing the organization."	<i>"Our employees should start polishing their résumés."</i>

both pay the bills and have health insurance. "I quickly realized that accounting is also a language," she says. "It's just a language of business, but it's kind of similar to learning a foreign language."

After crunching numbers at EY for several years, she discovered what she was missing from her former life. "I learned a lot during my years in the corporate world, but I never forgot about my passion for teaching. I missed that a lot," she says. So she enrolled in a doctoral program at Rutgers University, learned about textual analysis technology through her collaboration with an asset management firm, and dedicated her dissertation to the study of "corporate jargon."

Suslava chose Bucknell for its interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research. "When I interviewed here, I immediately realized this is where I can make a difference," she says.

When she's not teaching, she is researching the audit letters that accompany corporate filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These letters have evolved since her years at EY, giving auditors a chance to share their views about so-called "critical audit matters."

Studying what auditors say may soon give investors one more tool for discovering the meaning of the words they read. ■



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Looking Back, and Looking Ahead

IN 2010 I made a decision that would change the course of my family's life when I accepted the offer to become president of Bucknell. After 35 years at Stanford — first as a student from New York, then as a professor and administrator — I hadn't been looking to leave. My wife, Wendy, taught engineering at Santa Clara University, and she is a native Californian with family in the area. What's more, we were expecting our first child together that spring.

Nonetheless, I soon found myself engaged in lengthy conversations with **Ken Freeman '72**, then chair of the Board of Trustees and perhaps the ultimate ambassador for his alma mater. I quickly understood

two things: Bucknell is an extraordinarily tightly knit community, and its undergraduate-focused mission holds boundless potential. As the first in my family to go to college, I know the life-changing power of a bachelor's degree, and I saw the opportunity to lead Bucknell as a way to give back. That summer, Wendy and I arrived on campus with our two-month-old son, Cole.

Fast forward to October 2022, when I gratefully accepted the invitation of the Board of Trustees to continue my presidency through at least 2028 — a proposal that gave me an opportunity to reflect on why I love Bucknell so much. It comes down to people and potential.

I'm privileged to work with an exceptionally accom-

plished faculty and staff, many of whom have been with the University for decades. Their roles vary widely, but they share an intrinsic motivation to do their very best by our students because they truly believe in our mission. I'm thankful to be part of this community, and our relatively small size means we know each other well as colleagues, and many as friends. I want to strengthen this special environment in the years ahead by making sure Bucknell adapts with the times as an employer. The world of work has changed with the pandemic, and we are committed to ensuring that Bucknell remains a place where talented people want to build thriving careers, so that our students have the best experience possible.

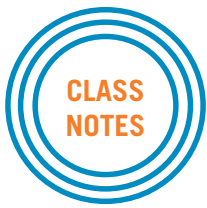
As we teach, guide and nurture our students today, we are equally committed to future generations. That's why our top institutional priority is meeting financial need and making Bucknell more accessible to tomorrow's students. I could never have afforded to go to college without scholarships and financial aid, so one of the most fulfilling parts of my job as president is advancing initiatives that will help more qualified students from all backgrounds attend Bucknell. We recently announced a new program, the Gateway Scholars, which each year will provide 20 first-generation students with the funding they need to attend Bucknell — and we are putting into

place supports to ensure they will have the resources they need to thrive throughout their four years here. I thank **Bob '84, P'16** and **Sue DeMent Gamgort '84, P'16** for funding the program for the next four entering classes, and I look forward to helping even more deserving students reach their potential in the years to come through our upcoming comprehensive campaign, which prioritizes need-based financial aid.

When I finish my tenure as president, Cole could well be a member of the Class of 2032. I've treasured every moment of this job, even the most difficult, because of my deep belief in Bucknell's power to change lives, and the world, through our mission. We inherited an incredible foundation from the Bucknellians who came before us, and we take seriously our obligation to steward this legacy for those who will follow.

Every day brings fresh challenges, some daunting — but also great joy and amazing opportunities to shape the future with the help of our alumni, parents and friends. I can't wait to see how the years ahead unfold.

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JUNE BURNS BOVÉ '52 writes this tribute to her late husband, who died March 22: "**JOHN L. BOVÉ '49, M'52**, a member of Theta Chi, was professor of chemistry and environmental engineering at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York. He chaired the Department of Chemistry from 1990 to 2010 and was vice president of The Cooper Union Research Foundation, 1975–78.

"After serving in the Army during the Korean War, he earned a master's in chemistry from Bucknell and a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He taught at the State University of New York Maritime Academy at Fort Schuyler, was employed as a research chemist at Scientific Design Company and was a partner with his cousin in building houses on Long Island, N.Y.

"He joined the faculty of Cooper Union in 1958, leaving in 1967 to be deputy director of the New York City Air Resources Department. Back at Cooper Union in 1970, he was known for his encouragement of research by undergraduates and for many publications. He was senior air quality

consultant for the Westway Project and was a consultant for the New York Department of Air Resources.

"In 1957, he married [June] who survives him along with daughters Adele and Catherine and two grandchildren." – N.C.T.

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ALAN RAYNOR remembers **EARLE "BUD" BRETZ**, who died May 16. "Bud married his Bucknell sweetheart, the late **BARBARA "BOBBIE" TREDENNICK BRETZ '52**. He was active in varsity baseball and track. After college, he went into the Army and trained as a pilot; after his service, he had a career as a sales engineer in Michigan. He took early retirement and spent 30 fruitful years on the coast of Florida. He was prominent in the Civil

Air Patrol (CAP), plus played senior softball in Venice, Fla., where his team won a host of tournaments. Bud was a booster of the Englewood (Fla.) Moose Club, and he and Bobbie had many a dinner-dance there. A Florida friend said that Bud was "one of the more amazing aviators," and he was very helpful to the CAP squadron and others in aviation. Bud is survived by two sons and grandchildren.

Are you curious about how many of our classmates married other classmates? Would you believe that there were at least 24 couples in which both partners were members of the Class of 1953? If you look through your *L'Agenda*, the faces and names will bring back many memories of those campus romances. We were able to locate a few of those couples. **DON** and **DORIS MCCRODDAN SOULE** have downsized to a condo near their home in Massachusetts. One of their many joys is gathering with their extended family on New Jersey's Long Beach Island, where Don fishes. **JIM** and **GINNY NICELY HEINRICH** are in Kitty Hawk, N.C., where they are active in the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. **ROBERT** and **PATRICIA FOULKES HUSTED** live in South Carolina, and son **DAVID '76** attended Bucknell. **FRANK** and **ANN LEWIS MEREDITH** moved from their retirement home in Rehoboth Beach, Del., to a senior retirement community in Virginia to be near their daughter

ELEANOR '81 and son-in-law. **DAVID** and **PEGGY CAIN STORY** are in Ohio.

CLAIRE VOGELSONG PEASE, a longtime resident of Anchorage, Alaska, died in July. She and her late husband, Ted, moved in 1960 to Alaska where he established his legal practice. Claire was a busy mother and volunteer. She was active in the outdoors and teaching her children and grandchildren to ski, skate and swim. Her volunteer activities included the League of Women Voters and advisory committees to several school boards. Her main interest, however, was creating the first bike path in Anchorage. She served six years as director of boards and commissions for the mayor of Anchorage. She was a gourmet chef and gracious host to friends and strangers who visited Alaska. Claire and Ted bicycled through Inner Mongolia, Vietnam, Tasmania and Eastern Europe, and they had a small cabin with few amenities on an island, whose final addition was one solar panel to power one light bulb and charge their cellphones. They enjoyed Massachusetts in the spring, during the muddy season in Alaska, and in the fall with the changing colors. Claire is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

THOMAS FORCE, who was an OB/GYN for 34 years in northeastern Philadelphia, died July 31. During his career, he practiced at Jefferson Frankford, Northeastern and Jeanes hospitals, all in

Philadelphia. For 12 years before his retirement, he was director of OB/GYN at Frankford. Tom was active in the community and helped to expand the Jenkintown (Pa.) Food Cupboard, one of the largest in the area. Tom enjoyed sailing and water skiing at his vacation home, and his love for speed showed in his ownership and racing of his three sports cars. He and his wife of 69 years collected art, and he sang both publicly and often at the dinner table as well as at his daughter's wedding. He is survived by his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

TRUDY KNUTZEN POWELSON and **CHRIS HILL KILLOUGH** are already planning to attend our Class Reunion in June. How about you? – C.H.K. and J.M.

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Your classmates are thinking of you. This magazine is a reminder to them and of the good old days at Bucknell. Some of them remember you and the times you shared. Most of us are in, or approaching, our 90s. Doesn't seem possible, does it?

For the second issue in a row, there was no class news submitted to me. Imagine the challenge to write about nothing? It would be wonderful to hear from you. – B.M.A.



Paying Tribute to Wilma Soss: An Unsung Hero to Business Women

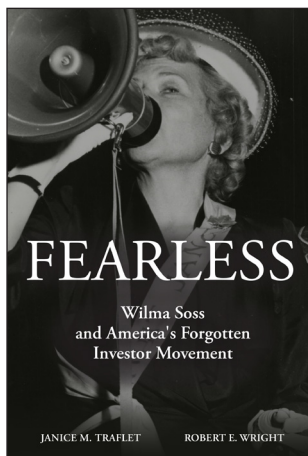
by MIKE FERLAZZO

THE PROPORTION of women in senior management roles globally grew to 31% in 2021, the highest number ever recorded, according to a report by Grant Thornton, one of the world's largest professional services networks. The research found that 90% of companies worldwide had at least one woman in a senior management role as of 2021.

Business women may have Wilma Soss to thank in part for those gains. A shareholder activist who rocketed to fame while fighting for the rights of the individual investor, Soss agitated for a host of corporate reforms that advanced equal opportunities in all areas of corporate America, including boards of directors and executive positions.

Freeman College of Management Professor Janice Traflet has teamed with Robert E. Wright, senior research fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research, to uncover Soss' contributions for a new generation. Their new book, *Fearless: Wilma Soss and America's Forgotten Investor Movement*, may give Soss her belated due.

"Unfortunately, popular memory of Soss' rich legacy faded in the decades after her death, even though during her heyday she was so popular that a Hollywood movie [*The Solid Gold Cadillac*, 1956] was loosely based on her extraordinary life," Traflet says. "Wilma Soss was truly ahead of her time. She was a pioneer financial journalist with millions of devoted followers listening to her NBC radio show, *Pocketbook News*. She saw the importance of ordinary Americans increasing their financial literacy and getting involved in the stock market."



A Champion for Equal Opportunity

Using archival documents, the authors tell the story of how Soss came to embrace the shareholder activist path as a creative route to achieve an astonishingly broad vision of equity for women in the workplace. She and a handful of other "corporate gadflies" also campaigned for other meaningful corporate governance reforms that would benefit little investors — male and female alike.

Soss was well known for her antics at annual stockholder meetings. She used megaphones and wore costumes carefully calculated to make both headlines and profound points about executive privilege and malfeasance. In mid-20th century America, every major CEO in the country knew and feared Soss' name, according to Traflet.

"I want the reader to walk away thinking that this woman [Soss] was remarkably successful and happy in the career she pursued in shareholder activism," she says. "She proved that you can achieve success and happiness even when the playing field is not level. Moreover, one person can make a real difference in making the path easier for others who follow."

Traflet believes the book will appeal to a wide audience and hopes there will be a movie remake of *The Solid Gold Cadillac* — one that more accurately captures Soss' life. "In this case, the true story is even more riveting than anything even Hollywood could dream up," Traflet says.

Fearless: Wilma Soss and America's Forgotten Investor Movement. All Seasons Press, August 2022

ALUMNI BOOKS

Jim Zervanos '92, M'94

That Time I Got Cancer: A Love Story (Koehler Books, 2022)

Zervanos' memoir takes readers on the intimate journey of his 2011 cancer diagnosis and recovery, detailing how his support system enabled him to "experience joy even in desperate times." Zervanos is a Philadelphia-based writer, artist and teacher whose award-winning short stories have been published in literary journals and magazines. While at Bucknell, the English and art & art history double-major and baseball player received the William Bucknell Prize for English and was named Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Theodore Burnes '00

Handbook of Consensual Non-Monogamy: Affirming Mental Health Practice (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022)

Burnes, a psychologist and professor of clinical education at the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education, provides the "first comprehensive, intersectional examination of consensual non-monogamy." This handbook contains evidence-based research and insights from leading experts in this emerging field to help provide information to a client population that is often stigmatized.

Nana Foulland '18

Through the Lens of a Game: How Basketball Was My Ticket to the World and the Lessons It Taught Me (self-published, 2022)

At Bucknell, Foulland was a star basketball player who led the Bison to two Patriot League titles and two NCAA Tournament appearances. After graduating, his dream to play professional basketball led him overseas. Over the next four years, Foulland played on courts in Israel, Romania, Poland, Italy and France. Foulland is now back stateside, working as a video analyst with the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder. In his memoir, he describes lessons learned — "the ups and downs of this once-in-a-lifetime experience."

1955

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FREDERICK OLESSI

released on Vimeo the film *Moses – Greek, Egyptian and Jew*, which introduces a new Moses. He has written and produced numerous films. To find others, search for “Fred Olessi films” and be sure to listen to Fred read from *Lament* to understand the depth of his writing.

When connecting with a Bucknellian of the classes around 1955, one word can evoke a host of memories and laughter.

There are fewer of us now, so keep in touch with your Bucknell buddies and enjoy hearing each other’s stories. It’s good medicine.

I’m sad to report a good friend **ED SPEER** passed away Aug. 18 and will be missed. I had dinner with his wife, **NANCY BEASTEN SPEER ’56**.

Send me a word or phrase from our time on campus to make us smile and remember. Most of us were not traveling for Homecoming this fall, but we can have some fun this way. – E.M.P.

1956

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I volunteered to take on the job of class reporter because I didn’t want to see the great Class of 1956 go unrepresented. However, I can’t do the job without input from you. I enjoy hearing about the accomplishments and

adventures of all of you, with whom I enjoyed four years of comradeship starting some 70 years ago. So, please, search your memories and send me some anecdotes. – J.E.

1957

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In 2020, the Lenkers attended the graduation of **CAROL WANAMAKER LENKER’S** granddaughter, **KATHRYN LENKER ’20**, the 15th (and last) close family connection with Bucknell. It was a great celebration, but sadly, they all went home with COVID. Kathryn is a third-year student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Carol, meanwhile, made a big move to Shannondell, a retirement community in Audubon, Pa., just down the road from Valley Forge. “I’m calling this move ‘my children’s peace of mind.’ As much as I didn’t want to move, I’m glad I didn’t wait until I was 90.” As much on the go as ever, she got together in Ocean City, N.J., with **MARTHA GREEN MEAD**, **ALICE FROST PLUMP** and **BILLIE JANE BOYER MAUL**.

MARGARET KELLY KRAFFT reports, “I slipped and fell while walking. Next thing I knew, I had broken my right femur and

required surgery.” This bit of bad luck is obviously going to keep her off the golf course for a while. Have you tried playing Wordle, Peggy? It’s a lot easier on the bones.

In my continuing efforts to get a conversation going, I posed this question to a dozen or so classmates: If you had it to do over, what would you have done differently at Bucknell? Change your major, take other courses, sign up for different activities?

I got an immediate response from **STEVE NEUVILLE**: “I have a ready answer because I have thought about it many times. I would have majored in psychology or history or maybe double majored. I quickly learned that better understanding the people I was dealing with was important, and history offers a lot of lessons that help in decision making. I have recommended to anyone interested in business – who would listen to me – that a liberal arts program plus an MBA is the best way to go.”

Steve was CEO and owner of a family business, Neuville Industries, which manufactured men’s socks. The company had exclusive domestic rights to products with major brand names such as Spalding, Keds, Dickies and Wrangler. More than 600 people were employed at plants in Hickory, N.C., and Niota, Tenn. The company was sold in 2003.

Speaking for myself, I [Carol] wish I had gotten involved in Cap and Dagger. For the past year,

I’ve been traveling to cities around the country with The Moth, the nonprofit group based in New York City dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling. (If The Moth comes to your city, go to a performance. You can also listen to Moth stories on NPR.) After more than 60 years as a writer, I’ve discovered how much I enjoy performing in front of an audience. I wish I’d learned that many years ago.

If you have some burning question you’d like to explore, let us know, and we’ll put it out there. – C.M. and C.W.L.

1958

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MERLE HOLDEN WINSTEAD, CHARLOTTE GENTRY SISLER ’59 and I cruised the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to St. Louis. Our ports of call included Winona, Minn.; Dubuque, Iowa; Davenport, Iowa; Fort Madison, Iowa; and Hannibal, Mo. I had never been to any of these cities, and the tours were informative and special. The theme was Mark Twain, and our resident “Mark Twain” was an incredible and informed actor. To make the trip even more special, we met another Bucknellian, **BARBARA BURRITT CHRISTMAN ’56**, a Phi Mu. She was married to **BOB “CHRIS” CHRISTMAN ’54**, a Theta Chi, who passed away in 2000. Barbara lives in Cincinnati, and was travelling with daughter Nancy McDon-

nell.

On Aug. 5, I lost my wonderful brother-in law, my late sister **VIOLET BAYER RIEGEL ’56’S** husband, **CHARLES “BUD” RIEGEL ’54**, a Sigma Chi. He was 90. I miss them so very much.

I’m always ready and eager for news from you, so please take a minute to email your activities. – R.B.S.

1959

If you are interested in being the Class of 1959 Reporter or have news to share, please email Heidi Hormel, Class Notes editor, at hjh006@bucknell.edu.

1960

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1961

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It’s rewarding to hear from several friends, two of whom lived with me in Edwards House our freshman year, and a third who was part of our junior counselor and head resident crew.

FRED M’63 and **JEAN LAMBERT HILLS** finally resumed traveling after the COVID pandemic. In May, they saw lots of wildlife – by land and by sea – in Alaska. In August, they spent two weeks in the Colorado Rocky Mountains with Fred’s sister, **KATHY HILLS GROSHONG ’65**,



Thanks to the efforts of Jay Citron '58, Louis Armstrong and Velma Middleton performed at Bucknell in 1958.

WHEN SATCHMO PLAYED DAVIS GYM

In the winter of 1958, **Jay Citron '58** brought the great Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong to Bucknell's campus for a mid-week show, breaking barriers and pushing the strict social limits of the times. "I look back now, and I say, 'Gee, I wonder what gave me the courage to put this thing together.' I don't know what it was, but I'm glad I did it," he says.

1. How did Louis Armstrong end up on Bucknell's campus?

I was president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and an Armstrong fan. I contacted his agent and we discussed him coming, but we couldn't come to an agreement about the fee. I came up with the bright idea for a Thursday night show, and we worked out a deal where IFC would pay half down and then pay Louis Armstrong the balance from ticket sales. So I signed the contract and we put the program together.

2. What was the biggest challenge of managing the event?

In a way, it was like breaking new ground. At that time, everything was very structured and serious. The University had never had an event during the week, and women, especially, had a strict curfew. But I had to pay the balance of the fee to Armstrong, so I had to open as many doors as I could to get students to the show.

3. With their curfew, how were women able to attend the concert?

I knew the secretary of the Women's Student Government Association very well, and so I talked to her. The members of the association ended up writing a letter saying that they approved a midnight curfew extension for any woman attending the concert. And they wished me luck. There's no way those girls would have been able to go to the concert without that permission.

4. How many people attended the show?

I have an article that was published in the local paper, and it says over 1,800. Obviously those weren't all students, but I think since curfew was lifted, the student turnout was pretty good.

5. Did you get to meet Armstrong in person?

I did, and I had to introduce him and his band members. I remember him, of course, and Edmond Hall, who played clarinet. And Velma Middleton, his co-singer, was a wonderful woman. She was very, very good.

and her husband, **RICK '65**. Jean and Fred hope to get back on campus next year for Scholarship Day.

THELMA TITUS

THOMPSON brings us up to date, "I'm enjoying life in Bucks County, Pa. I have much to be thankful for in the aging department; I'm able to keep active playing tennis, gardening, being editor of my community newsletter, ringing hand bells at church and keeping up with my son and his family in California and my daughter and her family in New Zealand."

CHRIS PHARES FALK

writes, "Seventeen years ago, Steve and I sold our home in Bucks County and moved to York, Pa., to be near our son and his very young children. We built a home overlooking the Susquehanna River and stayed for 13 years. When we turned 80, living a mile into the woods with only one neighbor and lots of gardens and upkeep no longer made sense. So we sold our home and moved to a condo townhouse in an older neighborhood with big trees and a good-sized area where I have a garden full of flowers. I play tennis and so does Steve, and he also golfs. We are fortunate that we're busy socially and with family: three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren. I stay in touch with **JANET "YOGI" COMER BRYARS, CARR BATEMAN ALLGAIER, SUE BROWNE BOWSER** and **KATIE GIBSON EATON** through Christmas cards, but that is my only connection to Bucknell. Steve and I stay close to many high school friends as that was the basis of

our life together. Four years at different schools were kind of hard for us, although I loved my years at Bucknell. I feel as though I could pick up with all the counselors and head residents exactly where we left off."

It's so good to find out what people have been doing all these years. Let me hear from more of you.
— J.P.

1962

STEVE SUGAR, who is stepping down as class reporter, writes, "How things have changed. Case-in-point: I envision the travel company Priceline's motto — 'Every trip is a big deal' — as every trip (oops, ouch) is a big deal for us older folks. And, yesterday's favorite fragrance, Old Spice, is replaced by 'Clammy Old Man.'"

"Now I join my colleagues inflicted with Parkinson's, which transforms the simplest of typing chores into a one-hour task. So, I am looking for assistance. Anyone?"

"**WALTER DUFFY M'65** 'wishes for the best of health.' **MIKE FEIGEN-BAUM** writes, 'I am still looking for the bright side.' **NANCY RICHARD PATRICK** writes, 'best of luck.' **JOHN ENGEL** adds, 'best always.' **NORA GALLAGHER TEEPLE** writes, 'Best wishes.' While **BETTY KORDES SAMUELS** and **JIM SAMUELS** wished for the best of health. **JOHN SALISBURY** writes, 'Keep your sense of humor.' **ED**

PICCOLINO simply writes: 'Hugs.'

"**SETH KAMINSKY** writes, 'I am hangin' on.' **ELLIS PAYNE** writes, 'Every day Joan and I are so thankful.'

"**BOB and DIANN PATERSON DECAMP** write, 'We are parents of three and grandparents of eight.'

The University wants to thank Steve for his years of service as Class Reporter.

If you are interested in being the Class of 1962 Reporter or have news to share, please email Heidi Hormel, Class Notes editor, at hjh006@bucknell.edu.

1963

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After graduating from Bucknell, **VINCE COUGHLIN** attended grad school at the College of William and Mary, then was a design and development engineer with RCA in Lancaster, Pa. In 1975, he enrolled in the University of Toledo (Ohio) law school, graduated and rejoined RCA in Princeton, N.J., as a patent attorney for eight years before returning to the company's plant in Lancaster as resident patent counsel. GE purchased RCA, and then sold the color television business to the subsidiary of a French company. Vince stayed in Lancaster as GE's only employee and continued providing patent services to the new owner, Thompson Consumer

Electronics. He retired from GE in 1998 and moved to Hilton Head, S.C., with his wife, Connie, whom he met at grad school. They moved to Aiken, S.C., where he became involved with the University of South Carolina and Aiken's Academy for Lifelong Learning, where he served on the curriculum committee and two terms as president while teaching law-related courses. In 2010, they relocated to a continuing-care community in Macon, Ga. Vince continues his interest in lifelong learning with Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning, where he is president and taught two courses in the fall and will teach one in the spring semester.

BARRY JOHNSON and his wife have lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., for over 50 years. He worked in public health in environmental engineering. His life has included marriage, two children, a grandson and a granddaughter, travel, Korea, graduate school, adoptions and retirement.

LEO KANAWADA has published a book on Gov. George Clinton and the American Revolution. He received his master's in American history at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in history at St. John's University, Staten Island, N.Y. Leo served in South Korea and Vietnam, and returned home to teach for 30 years. He has written many books, including *Holocaust Diaries* (five volumes), *Captain, Infantry: A Vietnam War*

Memoir and The Jubilee Jamboree: A Personal Boy Scouting Memoir. Leo and wife Carol live on Long Island, N.Y. — P.W.S.

1964

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KATHY MEARA SULLIVAN writes **SILKY (PAUL SULLIVAN '62)** and I have taken the big step of selling our home and downsizing to a condo, which is about half the size of the house, plus no garage, attic nor storage rooms. However, there's no yard to cut, weed, mulch, etc., and no panic to install hurricane shutters every time a storm threatens. It's still a work in progress, but we know it's a good move for us. The new development has lots of amenities: golf, pickleball, a fitness center, a great pool, three restaurants, etc. Plus we're still on Marco Island [Fla.] near our family. We even downsized our pet. After having six Irish setters, we now have Buddy, a 13-pound Coton de Tulear."

KAREN ABEL JONES writes, "I'm getting together with **BOBBI DUBIN BLISS** and **FREDERICKA "RICKY" FOX BROWN** in September for a mini reunion. We first met in Leiser House and lived together in 2nd Harris and Taylor House sophomore and junior years. Bobbi and I live about 45 minutes apart near Philadelphia. But Ricky lives on the white sands of Destin, Fla.
"Bobbi and husband **LARRY** are avid bridge

players and are in touch with **LINDA KLEIN SMITH**, **PHYLLIS HECKROTH TRAGER** and **NANCY NICHOLSON YODER**, with whom they play bridge online."

JACKIE PEARSON WEIDENFELLER '66 reports, "My husband **CHUCK** very sadly had a tragic bicycle accident May 1 and did not survive. It was a horrible way to lose my best friend of nearly 60 years, but I'm grateful that Chuck had just celebrated his 80th birthday with all the family. Chuck and I were able to enjoy 20 years of biking excursions all over the United States and the world. He had a stellar business career, marketing supercomputers to his favorite customer in Fort Meade, Md. He offered the best products, which Control Data and Cray Research provided, to help our country stay safe. Chuck will be interred in the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium."

Also, sadly we report the death of **SAM DAVIS '63** April 21. — B.W.S.

1965

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As I wrote this column, it was Labor Day weekend. The world still was dealing with the pandemic, but this column is dedicated to the wonder of Bucknell friendships and the need to stay in touch. **JIM ROWBOTHAM** shared an Aug. 5 post in *The New York Times* by David Brooks called, "What Is It About Friendship That Is

“‘Why, Oh Why, Didn’t I Take That Second Semester of Bio?’ was sung by all elementary ed majors when they discovered that Bucknell required another science for on-time graduation.”

so Powerful?”

JULIUS “JULES”

BRANDES passed away May 26. In high school, Jules performed a Homeric goal to win a basketball game and was a championship amateur golfer. He earned a bachelor’s in chemistry and was a member of SAE. After graduation, he earned an MBA and owned and operated American Nu-Color and Lenape Industries, spending his entire career in the plastics and pigments industry. He was an excellent cook and an avid Yankees and Mets fan. Jules is survived by son **ROBERT ’92**, daughter Karen, former wife **JEAN DICKINSON MANSUR**, and longtime friend Jeanne Mann.

DENNIS SHEER, who passed away July 1, earned a master’s in English literature from the University of Virginia and taught English as a second language and rhetoric at Goldey-Beacom College, Wilmington, Del., where he served as assistant to the president and vice president for development. He raised operating and capital funds for the construction of the Joseph West Jones Center. From 1995 until his 2013 retirement, Dennis was director for Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware. He joined Kiwanis International in 1985 and helped develop 28 wells in Africa. He is survived by wife **BONNIE HARRISON SHEER**, a son and two granddaughters.

SUSAN JOHNSON ZELLMAN, who passed away Aug. 13, majored in

elementary education and was a member of Delta Zeta. After earning a master’s at Columbia University, she became the executive director of the Housing Partnership, Dover, N.J., and was elected as a Sussex County commissioner and was a trustee on the New Jersey Transportation Authority. She is survived by husband Doug, daughter Aimee and grandson Jake.

Six Delta Zeta sisters, who had Zoomed monthly with Sue for almost two years, shared their memories. **JUSTINE BODLEY PONIKTERA**, who shared a room with Sue in Edwards House, said Sue was a good friend with a vibrant personality. In September 1961, they and two other Edwards freshmen, **E. LYNN MERKLE MEEHAN** and **JEAN HAMMOND**

ZIMMERMAN, crawled out the window onto the roof to work on their suntans. Jean remembered that Sue always was busy with a smile on her face.

BARBARA STELL HATHEWAY reminded us that we called Sue “Goggles” because of the thick glasses she wore in the dorm before switching to contacts when she left for the day. **MARY**

BRECHT MCGREADY shared that the ditty “Why, Oh Why, Didn’t I Take That Second Semester of Bio?” was sung by all elementary ed majors when they discovered that Bucknell required another science for on-time graduation.

PAT PRIESTER MCKEON admired Sue’s continued involvement in community affairs, and shared that she’d never have had the gumption to take on the tasks Sue did.

I [Linda] remember

visiting Sue in Netcong, N.J., in the summer of 1963 to visit a school that used initial teaching alphabet. In the summer of 1964, we met to decide which science course we each would take and at what college. On July 31, 1993, Sue and Doug were married after they met on a New Jersey planning commission. For the wedding, the couple had taken up ballroom dancing. It was neat to see them glide across the floor.

Please make the effort to reconnect; texting is so impersonal. Text classmates first to find out a good time to call, and make that call while you can. — L.H.T.

1966

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First, I’d like to thank the many kind and wonderful people who have offered condolences on the loss of my husband, yet have also managed to warm my heart with stories and great memories of times shared with him/us. I’m sorry to say that I’ve been informed of other Bucknellians in or near our class who have passed away. **JUDY BLATT WARREN** wrote to say that her Pi Phi sister, **CHERYL “CHERIE” NICHOLS ANDERSON**, wife of **KENNY ANDERSON**, passed away in March after an illness. Cherie’s obituary speaks of her as a free spirit, someone who loved nature, anything artsy, animals of every sort and any person she ever met. She and Kenny have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Judy, a friend of mine from high school as well as at Bucknell, lives in Boston but often comes to Washington, D.C., with husband Ace to visit their daughter and grandchildren.

CHRIS ROJAHN wrote with additional news about celebrations of life for the late **JIM RAWSON**. Chris and wife Stephanie came from California to Florida for two events. One was a military funeral, which DU brother **MILTON “BILL” BARISH** also attended. At this event, Jim was honored for his service in Vietnam (1968–69). There was also a celebration of life party the next day

PROFILE

SPORTS MEDICINE PIONEER

John Bergfeld '60, P'86 keeps athletes in the game

by PATRICK BROADWATER

John Bergfeld '60, P'86 was just looking to make a few extra bucks. Little did he know an impromptu gig as a sideline physician at a high school football game would shape his professional life. Bergfeld and his wife, **Wilma P'86**, had just graduated from Temple Medical School in 1964 and moved to Wilma's hometown of Cleveland, where they accepted internships at the Cleveland Clinic. To help make ends meet while they started a family, Bergfeld took moonlighting jobs in emergency rooms. One night, he saw a flyer recruiting physicians to cover high school football games.

"I went to the first game, met the coach and took care of minor injuries," says Bergfeld, who lettered in football at Bucknell. Despite the fact that sports medicine wasn't yet a widely accepted area of practice – it wasn't formally recognized as a subspecialty under the American Board of Emergency Medicine until 1992 – Bergfeld was hooked.

"I was at the right place at the right time," he says.

He continued to support local high school football teams and became team physician at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland while finishing his orthopedic residency. When he joined the Navy in 1970, he treated injured Marines returning from Vietnam and became team physician for the Midshipmen in Annapolis, Md. By the time he returned to the Cleveland Clinic in 1973, its sports medicine program had gotten off the ground, and Bergfeld became one of its foremost experts. He served as team doctor to a handful of organizations, including the Cleveland Browns (1976-2003), Cleveland Cavaliers (1986-2001) and the U.S. Nordic Ski Team (1982-92), while also mentoring generations of orthopedic and sports medicine fellows who would go on to have great careers of their own.



John Bergfeld '60, P'86 built a career caring for the well-being of athletes.

During his nearly 60 years at the Cleveland Clinic, Bergfeld served as the head of sports medicine and as senior surgeon. He also was named president of the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. He received honors from the city of Cleveland and the NFL, and was bestowed several lifetime achievement awards for his service to the orthopedic profession.

Meanwhile, Wilma built a remarkably distinguished career as a world-renowned expert in clinical dermatology and dermatopathology, becoming the first woman president of the American Academy of Dermatology. "Our friends like to say that she is the famous Dr. Bergfeld," he says.

Accolades aside, Bergfeld is particularly proud of the six surgeries he performed on his former Bucknell teammates and coach, Hall of Famer Bob Odell. "I'm honored that someone who knew me as a sweaty, bloody football player would trust me in that way," he says. "That's a very special thing."

aboard a yacht in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Chris was able to share wonderful tributes and kind words about Jim from **JOHN UHLER, EDWARDS FLEMING, BOB MOYER, Bill Barish, MARV GOLDBERG, DAVE HUMPHREYS M'69, BILL LEBOV, STEVE SMITH** and **PHIL STERNER M'68**, as well as **ED HEGMANN '65, CHRIS PECHIN '64, JEFF SCHAEFFER '64** and **CRAIG FREEMAN '67**. All spoke of Jim's kind and fun-loving – yet quiet and stoic – character. Chris mentioned, as had Marv in a previous post, that any DU brothers are welcome

to convene once or twice a year for lunch in Laguna Beach, Calif. For those interested, contact Chris at chrisrojohn44@gmail.com.

JERRY ROTHENBERGER '65 had a heart attack and passed away Aug. 21, following a great round of golf with friends, dinner with childhood sweetheart and wife of 57 years Dixie, and his daily phone call with daughter Sharon. Jerry, 83, was older than his classmates because of his military service prior to Bucknell. He was a FIJI brother and a great athlete in all sports, especially baseball, playing first

base.

I attended a celebration of life for a dear friend who was not a Bucknellian, though it provided me the chance for a reunion with **LINDA PECHEUR DONOHUE '67** and **JANE CHIDESTER FIORAVANTI '69**, along with Jane's cousin, Mary Lou, who is practically a Bucknellian because she was married to the late **BOB BOUCHER '68**, who died of a brain tumor. Another recent loss for our class was **BART FRAME'S** wife, Joan, who passed away in January after a long battle with cancer. Bart lives both in California and

Maine, and he and his son and daughter and several grandchildren have held three wonderful celebrations of Joan's life. I'm sorry to bring you so much sad news, but this is what happens at this stage of our lives. We must be grateful to have been able to enjoy so much good living and sharing of wonderful times during all these years since graduation.

I apologize to **TODD JENNER** for giving incorrect information previously. In our phone call I had understood him to say he had not attended our 50th Reunion but had

met up with some Phi Psi brothers at a later time. In fact, he did both, and had been to the 50th, along with wife Wendy. The highlights for him were visiting with **DOUG** and **INTA ESMANIS WALKER** and **JIM DUSENBURY**, as well as a dinner conversation with **REYNOLDS HAHN**, who was also a high school classmate. Todd is a great outdoorsman, and he and Wendy relished the "big canoe ride on the Susquehanna as well as other delightful excursions."

Keep your spirits uplifted and your lives busy and fruitful by

connecting with old friends whenever possible. Then, be sure to share your stories with all of us in these notes. — J.P.W.

1967

PRESTON "PRET" HADLEY '68 shared his final Class Notes column: **KEN** and **RUTH DURFEE GILBERT** write from Champaign, Ill., "We're always glad to host visitors to the University of Illinois, where Ruth worked as part of the Extension IT office for many years. Ken still works two days a week doing online psychiatry with nearby community mental health centers, but he gave up the practice that specialized in support for people with trauma-related symptoms. In May, Ken graduated with a master's of divinity. His final year of course work was done online at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. The 'what next' question remains unanswered, but interesting options for an 'experienced' (i.e., pretty old) M.D., MDiv are sure to arise."

RON BENJAMIN writes, "A lot has changed in the world over the past few years. The same is true for wife Pat and me. On June 30, I sold GreenEarth Cleaning, a company I formed in 1999 to provide a healthy and environmentally safe dry cleaning alternative. There are over 6,000 licensed locations in 20 countries using our patented technology and brand — the largest in the industry. Our team,

including minority shareholders Procter & Gamble and General Electric, is proud to have changed the world a bit for good.

"Given that I started my first of seven companies in seven different industries in March 1972, this marks the end of 50 years of self-employment. I only wish people like Coach Bob Odell, **DICK SKELTON '60, M'70**, President Charles Watts, and many others from the 1960s were still around to thank. They were instrumental in allowing me to come to Bucknell and to stay on a football scholarship. Even though I didn't contribute much to the scoreboard, they honored their commitment, something that has stayed with me over the years. Other than Pat, my family and the many associates who joined our companies over the years, I owe Bucknell a huge debt of gratitude.

"Pat and I moved from Scranton, Pa., to Kansas City, Mo., after our marriage in 1969 to have three children (including **BRENDEN '94** and **JONATHAN '98**) and eight grandchildren grow up in the Midwest, and to have had more than a thousand associates join our seven companies and bring their strong Midwest work ethic with them. It's been a gratifying ride for which Pat and I are very grateful."

The University would like to thank Pret for his service to Class Notes.

If you are interested in being the Class of 1967 Reporter or have news to share, please email Heidi

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1968

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ROBERTA CARRAINE GLASER writes, "In June, a long-awaited four-day mini reunion of classmates took place at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt. Having all met as freshmen, we have maintained close friendships for 54 years. Our group included **ALICE WOLTZ DURKIN, JUDY KERR ELLIS**, Roberta, **JUDY PITTS GRIFFITHS, MARILYN OLSON PARKS, LINDA GOODWIN POWELL** and **KAY GLAZIER TURNER**, plus most of our spouses.

ARLENE ADAMS MANNING joined us virtually. We enjoyed cool weather, delicious meals, a scenic cruise around Lake Champlain, sightseeing, shopping, etc. Access to a living room with a fireplace provided a site for large and small group discussions from early morning to late evening.

"The pandemic inspired us to create a monthly Zoom meeting plus a book club. However, we all agree that being together in person was the most valuable aspect of this trip. We treasure how precious our friendships and support are as the years go by." Roberta and husband Ron travelled from Albuquerque, N.M., where they moved in 1974 for Ron's work. Both retired, they are contemplating the next chapter,

especially with kids on different coasts. Roberta is at bertag@comcast.net.

Marilyn writes, "In June, a group of '68 and '69 Pi Beta Phis got together in Eagles Mere, Pa. Included from our class were **SUSAN WEINGARTNER ELKO, JEANNE KURTZ CONNELLY** and I. Unfortunately, two who were packed and ready to come had last-minute exposure to COVID, so the group missed having **ALICE BAHRMAN SEXTON** and **KATIE STRAYER SCOTT. SUE BARNEY MATHIAS '69, M'91** organized the outing. Other '69ers included **LYNN DURYEA '69, MOLLY MURRAH '69, NANCY MORAWE STEELE '69, BETSY HURD ROCHE '69** and **SUZANNE SMITH DUNN '69**. This was the fourth time this group has gotten together since 2005, with people flying in from as far as the West Coast to keep in touch."

Marilyn asked me [**GEORGE**] to co-chair the 55th Reunion Committee with her. We're anxious to have a good turnout. It will be difficult to match our 50th, but we can try. Even though we'll be grouped with other emeritus classes, we will also have events of our own.

Louise and I had a delightful visit at our home with **SUSAN MITCHELL SCOTT** and husband Ray. They came to Vermont to visit two of her children and her brother and his family. They booked an Airbnb less than a mile from me, not knowing that they were in the neighborhood. Susan and Ray were celebrating their first

anniversary and live in Doylestown, Pa. She has published a book, *Still Praying* (stillpraying.com).

Susan shared a story about her summer of 1967: "Prior to our 50th Reunion, **MARILEE SHEPLER COLE** and I spoke about our experiences in Crossroads Africa, which was a precursor to the Peace Corps. We were each sent to different countries where we toiled alongside local young people on a work project. I was one of seven students from the United States and Canada that traveled to southern Togo. We worked with Togolese people to build a small schoolhouse in the town of Glidji. Being an amateur folk singer with a guitar, I learned African songs that became the musical lubricant for our shared life and common endeavor.

"After Bucknell, I was employed as a children's music specialist and taught many of these songs. As a college instructor, I taught them to adults. Those musical seeds from West Africa were scattered far and wide. That adventure contributed to my understanding of geopolitics, seeing the enduring impact of colonialism and the mixed blessing of missionary activity. We learned how international corporations sought to profit from the continent's natural resources.

"In my second career as a health care chaplain, the experience helped me gain the trust of people from that part of the world, whether they were a

patient or a health care worker. In 2019, I hosted a reunion at my home, attended by six members of my Crossroads group, some of whom came from the West Coast and Canada. We all agreed that we never saw the world the same after that summer of '67 in Togo." Susan is at scmrscott@gmail.com. – G.V.

1969

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The August edition of the Harvard Medical School's *In Vivo* magazine featured a sculpture series by neurosurgeon **BOB MARTUZA** titled "Passion of a Surgeon." It consisted of four bronze and marble sculptures portraying the life of an academic surgeon: teaching, patient care, research and, finally, retirement. – P.D.

For more about Bob Martuza's artwork, see *My Favorite Thing in the Spring 2022 issue*.

1970

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ELAINE GOLDEN KENNY died July 31 in Reno, Nev., and is survived by husband of 51 years William, four children and eight grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega. – L.H.D.

1971

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SANDIE OULD BETLYON reported the passing of husband **JOHN BETLYON** Aug. 17. Look for more information in the spring issue of *Bucknell Magazine*. Read his obituary at dignitymemorial.com.

Heeding my call for Class Notes, **BARRY HOFFMAN '69, M'71**

writes, "While I graduated from Bucknell with a bachelor's in chemical engineering in 1969, I delayed active duty with the Army and stayed on at Bucknell to earn my master's in chemical engineering in 1971. Upon graduation, I joined Mobil Oil in its Buffalo, N.Y., refinery, where I held several engineering positions, managing three production units and 35 operating personnel.

"In 1977, we struggled through a blizzard, were stranded in the refinery for days and had to operate the production units and thaw out lines. Then came Mobil Research and Development Corp. and a move to Princeton, N.J., for the design and operation of worldwide refinery projects. In 1979, another move to Mobil Exploration & Development in Dallas, where for the next 20 years, I was involved in a

number of major oil and gas projects (e.g., onshore gas plants, large offshore platforms).

"Then it got really interesting when we went on a number of task-force assignments (e.g., months in Sumatra, Indonesia; St. John's, Canada; Quebec; Paris, etc.). After nearly 30 years with Mobil, I retired at the time of the Mobil-Exxon merger. I then created BEH Consulting in 2001.

“Marilee Shepler Cole '68 and I spoke about our experiences in Crossroads Africa, which was a precursor to the Peace Corps. We were each sent to different countries where we toiled alongside local young people on a work project. ... We all agreed that we never saw the world the same after that summer of '67.”

SUSAN MITCHELL SCOTT '68

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"For the next 15-plus years, I provided on-site engineering and consulting services on east-coast Canada offshore oil and gas projects. All were jobs where I had participated in the original designs and developments as a Mobil representative, including as lead process engineer. Due to the economic conditions of Canada and U.S. oil and gas projects starting in 2014, I closed my company in October 2016. I retired after a total of 45 years in chemical engineering.

"In 2008, after nearly 37 years living away from Pennsylvania and raising two sons in remote locations, wife Linda and I moved back to our hometown, Northumberland, Pa., a mere eight miles south of Bucknell. Besides fostering kittens for several animal groups in the area, we have

traveled several times a year in our RV to see our kids and grandkids in Texas, Florida and Oregon. We were married in Rooke Chapel in December 1968, and, to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, we took an Australia and New Zealand cruise in December 2018.

"In October 2021, I received a phone call from a former client. Most of their main projects were back online, and they requested my help again. So, it looks like I will be able to continue to apply my chemical engineering expertise, even though I'm 'retired' and working remotely.

"Many thanks to my past chemical engineering department professors, advisers and friends, and to Bucknell, in general, for preparing me for the start of my long engineering

career. You can reach me at barrhoff@gmail.com."

I asked Barry if he has any gas discount cards from Exxon that he could share. I'm still waiting to hear from him. — L.K.

1972
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I'm awaiting news from those of you lucky enough to attend our 50th Reunion.

In the meantime ... with cocktails, dinner and dancing, Dale and **PAM SILKWORTH FINN** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in style in Greensboro, N.C., in August with about 150 of their friends and family at Starmount Country Club. While some of their Bucknell friends were

unable to attend, a "quorum" of **JUDY DISERAFINO HUEY**, **LORRIE CANGELOSI ZORBO**, **ALAN SHARPE** and Andy and I [**ANNE**] ensured Bison representation. Alan and I also attended the wedding 50 years ago! The night before, Pam and Dale had family and some out-of-town friends over to their home for a Southern-style barbeque dinner. They had put *lots* of photos around, including a basket of gems from our University years. It was a great weekend.

STEVE KNIGHT wrote that he was sorry he missed Reunion weekend. His wife passed away at the beginning of June, so he was not able to come. He's interested in staying in touch with classmates and asked that anyone in the New York City area who would like to get together to contact him at steventrox@yahoo.com or 347-880-1419.

Andy and I enjoyed a long weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains to celebrate our 40th anniversary. I also was looking forward to seeing a great group of Bucknellians in Asheville, N.C., in October. Send news because I'm awash in Tar Heels down here. — A.S.B.

1973
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JEFF MAREK checked another item off his bucket list. He went to the Peruvian Amazon rainforest and hiked to Machu Picchu via the Inca Trail. The altitude was very challenging, and a rail and bus strike prevented him from riding back, so he had to hike part of the way. He made it back and is looking forward to this year's Class of '73 Reunion. — S.L.C.

1974
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I learned of the April 19 passing of **MINA HALE VARNEY** April 29, who had a long battle with ovarian cancer. She leaves behind husband Earl, children Roger and Hilary, and twin brother Bill. Earl can be reached at evorney2@comcast.net.

Best Lawyers in America named **ALAN GROCHAL** Lawyer of the Year in Baltimore for his bankruptcy/creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation practice. He is a partner in the firm of Tydings & Rosenberg. — N.C.

1975
NANCY QUAY

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Thank you to **JOHN COLLIER** for sharing the sad news of the death of our classmate **PETER BEVIS** on July 12. John writes, "Peter was famous in Seattle as the man who bought the Motor Vessel Kalakala, brought the Lenin Statue to Fremont [Wash.] and as a foundry owner and sculptor extraordinaire. Perhaps some of you may recall that his years at Bucknell were memorable as he walked the campus with

his pet goats and dogs." His obituary in *The Seattle Times* is worth reading, as it captures his larger-than-life presence and shows how he "continued to be an amazing life force until the end" (tinyurl.com/2p8euhj8)

Please consider sending me a brief email to let your classmates know what you are doing and where you are living at this lifestage called retirement. – N.Q.B.

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I [**SUSAN**] had a nice chat with **DAVID DESIMONE** at our Reunion in June. As promised, he sent me a writeup of the second-

annual FIJI brothers' hiking trip. **MARCUS DUDA '78**, **MARK GENEST '80**, **DAN DESIMONE '82** (Dave's brother) and Dave met in August to explore Colorado and Wyoming. In Colorado, they hiked the West Portal in Winter Park, which featured Moffat Tunnel and Crater Lake. On the second day, the group hiked two of the five Flat Irons in Boulder. In Wyoming, the quartet ventured into the Titcomb Lakes Basin where Gannett Peak and Photographers Point are located. Mother Nature didn't cooperate as the FIJI brothers encountered rain, hail, thunder and lightning. Their last hike was up Taylor Mountain in Grand Teton National Park. The foursome's combined effort totaled 50 miles of hiking and 10,000 feet of climbing. – S.H. and B.K.

including Oppenheimer, Credit Suisse, RBC, Sterne Agee, Frost Bank and MKM Partners, I was offered a job by my largest client, Barrow Hanley, to work on their equity trading desk." Bob added that this offer has been a fantastic way to end his career. He moved to Dallas in 1993 and raised his daughters there. Divorced eight years ago, Bob is an active dater. Although it's been many years since he visited Bucknell, he hopes to do so in the future.

BRUCE VAN SAUN was named as a Top CEO by Barron's. His leadership at Citizen's Bank has helped the company grow significantly.

GLENN WEISS has lived in a 55-plus community in south Florida for 10 years. He is managing a public art program for Boynton Beach, Fla., and rides his bicycle seven miles to work twice a week.

On that last note, I do hope all of you who are physically able are doing some type of exercise program on a regular basis. We can keep our senior bodies in great shape if we make the effort. I walk an hour four times a week, followed by aerobics for another half-hour. On Fridays, I play softball in our local league. If you haven't yet committed to an exercise program, today is the day to begin. – A.S.

1980
DEBORAH L. HENNEL

It seems my plea for news reached some ears in our class. **ROBERT NASI** writes from Dallas, "After a 40-year career working for various brokerage firms,

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REUNION

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Even though some of us are retired (not me), it seems that everyone is too busy to give any life updates. The Facebook group, however, is filled with great photos of classmates getting together close to home or far away – Iceland, upstate New York, Massachusetts, Seattle, Johnstown, Pa., Lewisburg, and unnamed gathering spots. The overwhelming theme is a sense of gratitude for friendships begun 46 years ago.

So, if more and more of us are retired, what is everyone doing in this next chapter? Kids and grandkids? Moving closer to family? Volunteering? Travel? That bucket list? We'd all love to hear.

By the time this reaches you, it will be winter, so happy 2023. Keep in touch, and be well.
– D.L.H.

1981
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May 2023 be a special, healthy and fun year for you and your families. I wrote this column in August and still had a few updates left over from our fabulous Reunion.

A special shoutout to a few people who came a long way to attend our delayed 40th Reunion: **JOHN DIFFENDERFER**, who flew in from a vacation in Southeast Asia (though he lives in Miami),

SUE ATKINSON NOACK, **LIZA MIRAN RIDGWAY** and **JIM ZIMMERMAN**, who flew in from California. We had a cameo appearance from **JEFF DOHERTY** and wife Dee as they happened to be "driving through" Lewisburg (is that possible?) on their way to Pittsburgh.

I was pleasantly surprised to run into **ERIC SUBER** and his wife at the Saturday barbecue, as the June Reunion was his first time attending any Reunion. Also at the barbecue, I had a chance to catch up with **LISA GRELE BARRIE**, who hadn't attended a Reunion for quite some time. Her Tri-Delt sisters encouraged her to come. Lisa lives in the Raleigh, N.C., area and is executive director of Raleigh City Farm. Previously, she served in a variety of roles at the North Carolina Theatre, eventually becoming its president and CEO. It was great to chat with a classmate who so clearly has enjoyed her careers and passions, and is still involved in projects she cares about.

I was so thrilled **RAY MONASTERSKI** decided to make the trip from Atlanta with the support of his best friend, **ERIC HOERNER**. Ray lost wife **BETH BATTIN MONASTERSKI** May 8, 2021, so it was an emotional challenge for him to join us in Lewisburg. We chatted often before and after we were together, so I know that Ray was really glad he attended, and he felt the love from classmates. Ray, I am certain friends and classmates continue to

keep you and Beth close in their hearts.

Here are some random tidbits from the weekend: **DAVE SHEHADI** made the trip to Lewisburg for the weekend but, sadly, most of us never saw him because he blew out his knee playing golf Friday. **JIM HOLLEN** missed Reunion as he came down with COVID the week before while attending his son's wedding in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The weather Saturday morning was about 20 degrees colder than forecasted, which left Jim Zimmerman and John Diffenderfer freezing in their shorts and short-sleeve shirts during the campus tour. **BILL CUSICK** came to their rescue as he keeps extra gear in his car in case he needs it while coaching.

I'm happy to report that our class Facebook page was full of mini reunions throughout the summer. It's just great to see folks working hard at staying connected. I will mention before closing that there is a decent cadre of people who think we should get together again in two years so we don't let so much time go between gatherings. I'm all for it. – C.C.R.

1982
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At the end of August, **TOM GANTER '81** and **KATHY NEMES CASSIDY '81** held a reunion in Manasquan, N.J., for local Bucknellians. **GEORGE '81** and I made a long

weekend of it so we could spend Friday with Tom, Kathy and **LARRY D'AMICO '81** and wife Blair. Tom lives four blocks from the beach, and some of us spent the morning there. There were people there from the classes of 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1986. The party was in the middle of a heatwave, so many of us took advantage of the pool in Tom's backyard.

I caught up with **DOUG SMOOT** there and heard tales of some wild behavior from freshman year in Larison. He and **MARY CHILD SMOOT '81** were due to become grandparents in early September. **JIM CAWLEY**, **GLENN O'BRIEN**, **ED STARK** and **TOM LODGE** were there too. Ed has become a pickleball enthusiast and is at the courts in Lavallette, N.J., every morning. I talked about spending the winter in Florida with him in his Vero Beach place, although we never thought we'd be those people who moved to Florida – but it sounds better every winter. **LAUREN SHIFFRIN HUELSEBUSCH** and I told **TIM '83** and **DONNA PETTY CHRISTIE '83** about our trip to Nova Scotia, Canada, in August. Donna recalled there was an economics class on Canadian business economics, and Tim told us about paper manufacturing in Nova Scotia. He was traveling there in September. Also, their oldest daughter was getting married in Oxford, Miss., in December.

I was delighted to see Hillary and **BOB ROOF '81**, who became

grandparents during the weekend. They left the reunion to meet their new grandson. We didn't make it to George's Reunion this year, but that didn't stop **AMY VIENER '81**, who drove up from D.C. for the party, from giving George a hard time about it. **SUE HAINES ZAHARCHUK '81** was visiting the Smoots and was at the party too. Here's a shoutout to **MIKE PAGE '81** who always loves to see his name in *Bucknell Magazine*. **ALAN SIGLER '81** drove up from Philadelphia and managed to stop and buy a vintage Corvette on his way – and still arrive in time for breakfast Saturday.

VAL CEVA '81, **JANE BOULDEN '81** and **CATHY SAMRA SMITH '81** (along with Tom, Kathy, Larry, Blair, Alan, George and me) arrived early Saturday morning so we could go to the beach. It's always nice to meet a new Bucknellian, as I did with Val, and talk with Jane and Kathy, whom I have not seen since we were undergraduates. Val gave us an update on what it's like to live in New York City during and post-COVID. Jane left the party early because she was competing in a triathlon the next day (she placed third in her age group). Cathy lives near Tom in Manasquan, but she and her husband had lived in downtown Boston before returning to New Jersey.

The reunion reminded me how lucky we were to spend our college years at Bucknell. It has created a bond that is still here today, even if we didn't really know each other as undergraduates.

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Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Drop me a line with news of you and your friends. — B.G.K.

1983



REUNION

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There's no news for our class, but I will include what I have from the Class of '82. **JIM EICK '82** heard from **JAMES NICOL '82**, who was doing Ride Across Britain in September. He was raising funds for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, which wife Molly runs.

James states, "It's a wonderful organization entirely funded by donations and volunteerism, and, as you can guess, has been and will continue to be a vital resource for many in eastern New York, from the Canadian border to Westchester. The ride is 980 miles in nine days, over 100 miles every day, and more than 50,000 feet of climbing. It will be quite a challenge." Contact James at jnicol12211@yahoo.com to congratulate him or support this worthy cause.

In March, when Jim and I were on his oft-postponed awards trip to Maui, Hawaii, we spent time with Gale and **DAVE WOODS '82** during the business part of the trip. (Jim and Gale are colleagues, such a small

world.) The four of us enjoyed a sunset catamaran happy hour and a lovely beach dinner. Dave was happily anticipating his retirement from Lockheed Martin, where he has spent the bulk of his career. — T.T.E.

1984

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ANTHONY PICARIELLO wrote in his first-ever update that he's semi-retired and living in the metropolitan New York City region. He bounces back and forth between his mother's home in Suffolk County, the Queens co-op that he shares with his partner,

John, and their recently acquired house (his one-time childhood home) in Ditmas Park, Brooklyn. Anthony has enjoyed catching up by email with **MARK '85** and **LEE SANTINI MCDONALD** and would love to reconnect with others at a.r.picariello1962@gmail.com. — A.A.C.

1985

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Since my last deadline, I have not received any information from our classmates. I'm hoping this very empty column will prompt some of you to email an update about yourself or some of our classmates. I hope this

latest edition of the *Bucknell Magazine* finds you doing well. — C.R.T.

1986

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JIM SISTO and **ANDREW RAU** provided updates on a gathering of friends. Jim says, "The 1st Trax 1982 Core 4 (Andrew, **WOODWARD 'SKIP' CORKRAN**, **KENT BLAIR** and Jim) were together again in June to celebrate Kent and Beth's 25th wedding anniversary. All had a good time with our wives and many other Bison alumni. The eight of us will reassemble in mid-September at our Jersey Shore home for our

annual long weekend of beach time, pickleball and many drinks."

Andrew confirmed a good time was had by all in Ridgewood, N.J., as the Blairs celebrated 25 years of marriage with many Bucknellians and related families in attendance, including Jim, **GRAEME HENDERSON, RICH '84** and **ROBIN WYTAS CALLAGHAN '84** and **MELISSA ORME VON SUMMER '91**.

We received a letter from Bruce Corrie, who was an employee of Bucknell and the father of **BONNIE CORRIE ESTES M'86** and uncle of **SUE CORRIE DEL-CID '83**. "I am sad to report that my wife of 65 years, Jane B. Corrie, passed away July 15. She was under hospice care at Catawba Valley Medical Center in North Carolina.

"I was hired by Bucknell in 1978, as the first director of athletics and chairman of the Department of Physical Education for both men and women. The second year we were there, Jane drew up a plan for planting flowers and shrubs in the closed end of the football stadium. This included a big 'B'. During the summer, faculty members and townspeople joined us in painting the other parts of the stadium. We had a great town atmosphere.

"Jane and I moved in the spring to Abernethy Laurels, a senior living community, in Newton, N.C., not far from our two daughters and their families."

I'm sure many of us remember the Corrie family. Condolences to


Bonnie on this loss.

PATTI PICARDI writes, "I am director of missions at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Conn. I help members serve locally and abroad, providing basic human needs, building community and sharing God's love. I enjoy exploring new places, hiking and creating mixed-media art. My almost-launched sons, Owen and Jaspar, are carving out their careers in architecture and dance. It was so good to be at the Beta Gamma reunion in April and to be 'roomies' again with **LAUREN RHODES '85**."

That is all the news I have; please send me an email when you have a moment. — J.D.C.

1987
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1988
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REUNION
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After seven extra years on campus through my Bison children, another chapter of my Bucknell experience has come to an end. It was priceless. I will forever enjoy the P'19 and P'22 that follow my name on all Bucknell mailings and name tags. Mark your calendars for Reunion: June 2–4.

STEVE "MEL" and KAREN BAILEY BLOUNT have started a (perhaps) unprecedented ninth-consecutive year with a daughter on campus, with a 2020/2022 double-graduation weekend this past May, and with youngest daughter **KATHRYN '26** starting her freshman year. Mel had dinner with **JOSH '90** and **SUE DEAN TRAGER '90** and **CHRISTY MITCHELL SCHIANO '90** at the Bull Run Inn the night before move-in day. Josh and Sue's son, **BRAD '26**, is also a freshman, while **GREG SCHIANO** and Christy's daughter, **KATIE '25**, a sophomore, plays on Bucknell's soccer team.

Mel writes, "In other summer news, we went to Maine in July for two weeks and hung out with **LINDA FLEMING ZOLPER, PAUL** and **CINDY PHILLIPS FREUD, DAVE FEHNEL** and **ANDE GABRIEL, KATIE SIMPSON CASTE** and **KAREN DETWILER BASCOM**. Later in July, I went back to Bucknell for the annual Ranck-Gadd Golf Outing and played with **BOB NESSELBUSH '86, JOHN SULLIVAN '86** and **DON DIMITROFF '87** along with our professional caddies **ELLERY CRISSMAN** and **MARK DAWSON '87**. We had our playoff hole against Dirty Rotten Sigs: **WILL MCFARLAND '86, DAVE HENRY '86, BRIAN CALLAHAN '86** and **JOHNNY HEUER '87**."

Mel also had a golf outing hosted by **JOHNNY BYREN '87, MARK STANISCI '86** and Dave Henry. Mel relates a funny story about Dave, who

"arrived at the club, dropped off his bag and went into the locker room and texted John he was there. John texted he was also in the locker room but couldn't find Dave. Dave had gone to the wrong club."

Karen and Mel went to Cape Cod, Mass., with **LESLIE NORTHRUP LONG '87** and husband Steve to see a mutual friend and stopped off in Rhode Island to stay with **BOB '87** and **JOANNA WARNER WILLIAMS '87**. While there, Bob, Steve and Mel played golf with **BOBBY LE BLANC**.

On the way back from golf in eastern Long Island, N.Y., in late August, Mel had dinner with **KEVIN '87** and **STACEY GARDNER MULLINS**. He finished off the summer by attending the Rutgers at Boston College football game on Labor Day Saturday with **SCOTT LILLIS, JIM MARSHALL** and **MIKE MIGNANO '89**. Greg was also in the arena, "but he refused to sit with us since he was busy coaching Rutgers to a stirring 22-21 victory." — S.V.P.

1989
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My husband, Kevin, and I continue to enjoy our new life on Lake Greenwood in Greenwood, S.C., where we have lived for two years. We own a home improvement business and several short- and mid-term rental properties. We've enjoyed visits from

JANINE CASSIDY KEARNEY and **LAURA STARK**.

BETH SKOCZEN and wife C.J. Powell announced the birth of daughter Mimmy Wren Skoczen-Powell in December 2021. The family lives in Seattle with their dog, Niji. Beth works as a manager/senior program manager for Adobe Inc.

After 28 years working in the global automotive industry in the U.S., Latin America, Russia and Egypt, **JOHN STECH** started his own automotive consulting company, Shiftgate Consulting, in New York City. He "visits" two to three continents per day on video calls with clients. With a partner, John also started Left Lane Pepper Company, an automotive-themed food brand. This gourmet, small-batch hot sauce company is "parked" at the intersection of car enthusiasts and hot sauce lovers (leftlanepeppercompany.com). John is at john@leftlanepeppercompany.com or john.stech@shiftgate.consulting.

MARK '87 and **BETH WORMANN SMITH'S** son, **RYAN '25**, is a sophomore mechanical engineering major. Beth and Mark enjoy having an excuse to return to campus after their daughter graduated in 2015. During a recent Family Weekend, they hung out with freshman roommate **JULIE MACDOUGALL MORGAN**, who was on campus visiting son **PHIL '24**. Around that same time, Beth and Julie met up with other (mostly) Delta Gamma sisters **JESSICA FREED-HAITZ, SUSAN**

BECK MEADOR, LINDA
BENDER, BETSY
BURNETT HARRIOTT,
LYNN CARLSON
TOOMBS, LINDA
KRAMME WALKER, PAM
SEALEY WALKER and
SUE WEBSTER EMMICK.

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1990

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Yours truly is officially an empty nester. It's taking some getting used to, but I'm looking forward to this next chapter.

JEFF DORST'S

daughter, **CARA '26**, was enjoying her freshman year in Swartz Hall. Her twin sister, Nicole, spent her first semester abroad in Greece with Northeastern's international program. Jeff was adjusting to his empty nest by keeping busy in the Financial Restructuring Group at Houlihan Lokey in New York City and playing lacrosse each spring and summer.

Keep those updates coming. — L.M.O.

1991

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CINDY LYMAN ROGERS

shares, "**TODD** and I celebrated our 29th anniversary. We live on Long Island [N.Y.] in Merrick with our two sons and black Lab. Son **ALEX '22** graduated from Bucknell with a computer engineer-

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

by PATRICK BROADWATER

John Henry '95 has always been a strategic risk-taker.

After Bucknell, he attended the Washington and Lee University School of Law, and before turning 27, he established himself as a real estate attorney for one of the largest law firms in the world. But the status (and the paycheck) wasn't the pinnacle for him.

When the opportunity arose, he traded Washington, D.C., for Syracuse, N.Y., and joined one of the largest developers of private shopping centers in the country. A year later, Henry was breaking ground on a 400,000-square-foot mall in Carlisle, Pa. "It was empowering," he says. "I needed to know how the deal was cut. That was the piece I was missing. I took a huge pay cut. Everyone thought I was crazy."

Like many entrepreneurs, Henry's road to success was not linear. He built two successful, traditional careers, gleaning from them the knowledge and skills that allow him to pursue the purpose-driven work he now leads as the founder, chairman and CEO of two Philadelphia-based social impact firms.

While working on affordable housing development across the Southeast in the early 2000s, Henry was struck by the multitude of factors that contribute to and reinforce poverty in low-wealth communities. He recognized energy and telecommunications as two sectors where disparities seemed the greatest. Marshaling his background in law, finance, real estate and infrastructure, he created two companies to help solve those issues.

In 2010, he started Chariot Companies, which creates public-private partnerships focused on telecommunications, energy, health care and real estate to direct funds and resources to low-resource communities. Then in 2015, with **Jared Brody '95**, he built upon Chariot's efforts to found Grace3 Technologies, a nationally certified minority small business. The firm specializes in manufacturing and reselling critical networking and communications equipment to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, departments of public safety and first responders, among others. Grace3 commits no less than 20% of its net profits to deliver reliable connectivity and



John Henry '95 built two successful careers fueled by his desire for purpose-driven work.

STEM education programs focused on drones and cybersecurity to communities of color throughout the United States.

"Digital inequity and the digital divide really irritated me," Henry says. "To learn 21st century skills, you need reliable internet, and communities in rural and urban areas were not being served with reliable broadband they could afford. That's why we entered into the fray."

In addition to providing technology solutions to keep first responders and communities safe and well-informed, Grace3 gives local students opportunities to participate in cutting-edge science and design education programs. For example, Chariot Scholars is a free after-school intensive program that challenges students to build an enhanced computer network to research indoor air quality. And the Xtreme5 Teen Tech Summit introduced 160 Philadelphia students from underserved backgrounds to emerging technologies, drones and artificial intelligence.

Henry has shown he's willing to take risks to fill in knowledge gaps and create opportunity — even if it's the less conventional path.

"During my journey, I noticed that in certain spaces there were very few people that looked like me. I wanted to change that. I've been very fortunate to have people in my life who have inspired me," Henry says. Those people include Ernest Green, a member of the Little Rock Nine; W. Wilson Goode, the first Black mayor of Philadelphia; Darius Jones, the founder and president of the National Black Empowerment Council; and friends and mentors who embraced Henry later in life.

"I have a mindset: Thoughts become things," he says. "Good energy attracts good energy. I've been fortunate to have a lot of good energy around me. It makes life a lot more fun."

ing degree. He moved to Manassas, Va., and is a systems engineer for Lockheed Martin. Our son Pete is a sophomore at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. He is a civil engineering major and plays baseball for the school's Fightin' Engineers." — J.C.R.

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VANESSA JONES writes, "In short, I became a teacher. I taught middle and high school English and theatre, most recently in a public school arts magnet program. I also

raised a wonderful son who is in high school. But what I've always wanted professionally was to be an artist. I'm pretty bad at drawing and painting, but I'm pretty good at acting and writing. So, at 49, I'm coming into my own as a voice actor and writer. I have my own voiceover business, specializing in commercials, e-learning and educational content. I'm also a poet, and I wrote a nonfiction book on attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. You can hear me joyfully doing what I love at vanessajonesvoices.com." She is at vanessajonesvoices@gmail.com. — J.B.B.

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2000

ANN BONNER O'BRIEN writes, "It has been a pleasure being our class reporter for the last 12 years. My predecessor, **MEREDITH ELLIOTT ROWLEY**, handed me the reins when we ran into one another at our 10-year Reunion. At the time, she felt a decade was a good enough run, and I'm now feeling the same. I'm happy to pass the torch to a willing classmate. If you're interested in being our new class reporter (doesn't have to be for a decade), please email me at bonner6@yahoo.com.

Now, on to sharing some news: **THEODORE BURNES** is a professor of clinical education at the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California. He published a new edition of *The Handbook of Consensual Non-Monogamy: Affirming Mental Health Practice*, of which he is both an editor and contributor."

The University thanks Ann for her years of service as the Class of 2000 Reporter.

If you are interested in being the Class of 2000 Reporter or have news to share, please email Heidi Hormel, Class Notes editor, at hjh006@bucknell.edu.

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PARSONS and husband Ben had twin girls in May. Lily May and Mila Rose were born early at 35 weeks but are both very healthy. The family lives in Fort Collins, Colo., where they enjoy boating, camping and seeing live music. When not working with her husband at his State Farm agency, Lauren sings with a few different

bands in town and can't wait for her little ones to be dancing in the crowd in front of her. — N.H.O.

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STACEY KNEPP shares that she married Tucker Stapleton Oct. 22, 2021, in Falls Church, Va., with an intimate gathering of family and friends, including **MARY PAN-COAST '06**. Stacey is a project manager at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Tucker is a director of consulting at CGI.

2008



REUNION

LINDSAY CARTER ALLEN files her final report, "Thank you to the Class of 2008 for sending me your updates for the past 15 years. I asked to become our reporter just before graduation so I could have at least one thing to occupy my time in case I never got a job, and I wanted to be sure to keep in touch with friends and

classmates as we started the rest of our lives. As it turned out, I started my publishing job the day after my graduation party in June 2008 and have a very fulfilling career. It turns out my friendships would've stayed strong even if I wasn't the ones passing along these notes, but it has been a pleasure

to announce your weddings, jobs, moves and babies. I started my notes with the weddings of **DAN** and **DENISE PETERSON ANDERSON** as well as Joe and **GILLIAN YOUNG BRUNO**. Now I'm stepping down while announcing births. Reunion will be a rewarding and fun time to

catch up with anyone who can attend. I feel so honored to have such strong personal connections in my life. My family, my friendships and my work are all shaped by those formative and rewarding years at Bucknell – much love to you all, whether you're listed here today or not."

STEPHANIE CONSOLI CRUZ, husband Mauricio, and daughter Charlotte welcomed Alexandra Rose Aug. 4. They live in Cranford, N.J., where Stephanie is an independent college counselor and Mauricio is co-founder and CSO for CABRA Sports.

ALLISON HIRSCH ASCOLESE and husband

Jimmy had daughter Hannah Elaine May 9. She joins sister Hailey, 6, and brother Jason, 3.

Also in 2022, **EMILY MANCUSI DWIVEDI**, **KIMBERLY KANE** and **KAT MORGAN** welcomed sons into their families.

Lindsay adds, "It has been my pleasure sharing our class's greatest joys

PROFILE

BEHIND THE SCREEN

Suzanne Méjean Pinney '03 made art about artists and wound up with two LA Emmys

by **KATIE WILLIARD**

UNDER BRIGHT LIGHTS and with bated breath, **Suzanne Méjean Pinney '03** watched the envelopes unfold. She had only prepared one speech but ended up garnering accolades twice in one night as her work was recognized at the Television Academy's 2022 Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards.

A creative filmmaker, Méjean Pinney served as producer and lead editor for a series titled *California Graphic Design 1960s – Present*, which aired as part of local news network KCET's Emmy-winning *Artbound* series. Her efforts won in two categories: best informational series (more than 50% remote) and best arts programming.

Having worked on a freelance basis with the station for 10 years, Méjean Pinney was contacted to step in after production had been tabled due to COVID-19. "They reached out and said, 'We have a project that needs some reformatting and vision. Can you take a look?'"

She found herself with material on five prolific, Southern California-based graphic artists whose work set the stage for political and social activism: Sister Corita Kent, the pop-art nun; Black Panther artist Emory Douglas; *The Endless Summer* film poster creator John Van Hamersveld; activists Melanie Cervantes and Jesus Barraza of Dignidad Rebelde; and artist Ernesto Yerena Montejano, whose work focuses on justice initiatives for Latinx and Indigenous people. In each episode, Méjean Pinney features the work of an artist and employs their design aesthetics as a visual language for telling their stories.

Her love of storytelling through film was born at Bucknell. An art history major, she gained mentorship from Professors



Suzanne Méjean Pinney '03's work on *Artbound* also won a Golden Mike award and two Los Angeles Press Club National Arts & Entertainment Journalism Awards.

Christiane Andersson, art history, and Tulu Bayar, art. Upon presenting her final project – a sculptural photography installation – Bayar encouraged her to "check out the International Center of Photography (ICP)."

"Tulu saw in me what I hadn't seen yet," Méjean Pinney says.

She joined the ICP Certificate Program and then headed to CalArts, pursuing a dual MFA in film and photography and eventually building her first documentary.

Now, even as she celebrates her Emmy success, she knows there are more stories to tell. "I've worked on a lot of different projects, but my gut instinct always leads me to documentaries. That's what I really love."

PROFILE

MUSEUM ON THE MOVE

Stacey Knepp '07 is ensuring an important exhibit reaches a wider audience

by KATIE WILLIARD

IT'S ASSUMED that before the mid-1940s most Americans were unaware of the Nazi atrocities occurring in Europe. An exhibit by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum set out to challenge that idea and examine what Americans knew – and when and how they responded.

Initially, seeing *Americans and the Holocaust* required a trip to Washington, D.C. Thanks to the efforts of **Stacey Knepp '07**, the exhibit and its compelling message (which inspired the 2022 Ken Burns documentary *The U.S. and the Holocaust*) have a far greater reach.

From 2021 through summer 2026, the exhibit is traveling across the country, appearing at 100 university and public libraries from Bangor, Maine, to Kapolei, Hawaii.

Knepp joined the museum in 2013 as its first project manager and became the center point of the massive educational initiative in 2015 – three years before the exhibit came to life in the museum and seven before it hit the road.

"The museum's work is complex," Knepp says. "A lot of projects are mammoth, multi-year efforts. Stewarding projects first requires setting clear goals and educational outcomes, and then it's a lot of consensus-building and decision-making to get it to the finish line."

In her role, Knepp relies on the communication, critical-thinking and creative problem-solving skills she developed at Bucknell as a classics and comparative humanities double-major. She found a love for languages under the influence of professors Stephanie Larson, classics & ancient Mediterranean studies, and Katie Faull, Presidential Professor of German and Comparative Humanities. A



In her work as a project manager, Stacey Knepp '07 is consistently reminded of the value of her interdisciplinary Bucknell education.

study abroad opportunity allowed Knepp to learn classical Greek at University College, Oxford. "Learning a classical language really pushed me outside my comfort zone," she says. "I started collecting languages; I learned German then Arabic. I was just so fascinated by the worlds that languages open."

After Bucknell, she continued her study of languages at the Center for Translation Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas, which led to an opportunity as a project manager for a global software company and eventually to her role with the Holocaust museum.

"Guiding strategic thinking in a museum setting requires me to take in a lot of different aspects of our work," she says. "I draw from the fields of history, education, management, communications and financial planning on a daily basis. It forces me out of siloed thinking. The interdisciplinary perspective of Bucknell has been really essential in my work."

and accomplishments!"

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STEPHANIE RINK and her husband had son Nico

Giuliani July 18 in Paris. Also, Stephanie launched her virtual nutrition clinic, Little Sprout Nutrition, which specializes in family nutrition from planning to preschool (littlesproutnutrition.com).

SUSAN HORSTMANN MILLER and her husband had daughter Faith Felicity July 9. She joins brothers Euston, 3, and Bruce, 19 months.

MEREDITH CHAMBERS LANGE and husband Ted welcomed their second son, Peyton Scott, Aug. 28, who joins brother Theo, 2.5.

In September, **ERICA LOPATOFSKY KRYST M'09** started as executive director of career services at Cornell University.

– N.S.I.

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KURT '10 and LEIGH

BRYANT SKVARLA had Dean Nicholas Skvarla in May, joining brother Benjamin, 3. Everyone was healthy and getting a

decent amount of sleep. Congrats on the Bucknellian-to-be. – L.M.

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HALLIE WALD married July 23 in Philadelphia with many Class of 2014 Bucknellians in attendance. – L.W.

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CAROLINE GUTHRIE is a producer for *Good Morning America* and *ABC News*. SEAN CONWAY moved to Los Angeles to continue his career as a film actor and stand-up comedian. Since Bucknell, he has starred and played a significant role in *Dead Till Death*,

which is available on Amazon Prime, and *Ellipses and Semi-Colons*, which premiered in select theatres in October. In June, REBECCA ROSENBERG launched the ReBokeh app, which is available in more than 20 countries. She credited much of its success to the Bucknell community, and planned to continue to involve Bucknellians as the app grows. JULIA STEVENS is spending the 2023–24 academic year teaching English in Cyprus on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program grant.

LILLY COURTS began an accelerated bachelor's in registered nursing, and DAVID BOUDER started his second year at Georgetown University Law Center. LAUREN ZIOLKOWSKI started a Ph.D. program in English at the University of Connecticut, where she also teaches first-year writing courses, and JEMMY MOREIRA started her Ph.D. in educational leadership & policy studies at the University of Denver. She joined EMMA DREYER and AN PHAN at the Museum of Ice Cream in New York City.

RAEANNE GEFFERT started a doctoral program in the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy and got engaged to TOM LANPHIER. I ran into MEGAN KAROLY who started grad school this fall at Yale School of Medicine Physician Associate Program.

Classmates continue to find new interests, including KATHRYN CANTAGALLO, who built two PCs this year. I'm learning to ride a

PROFILE

ON A MISSION

Kelsey Herrmann '09 is orchestrating a critical moon operation for NASA

by BROOKE THAMES

THE MYSTERY AND WONDER of the solar system spark space-exploration fantasies for many children – Kelsey Herrmann '09 included. Long before she majored in mechanical engineering at Bucknell, Herrmann dreamed of becoming an astronaut.

In time, she realized she didn't need to physically be in space to reach for the stars. There is an expansive universe of technicians, designers and engineers deeply involved in the operations that enable missions to happen. And today, Herrmann is one of them.

As a NASA flight director, Herrmann is working on the Artemis lunar rover, the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER). In 2024, VIPER will embark on a 100-day mission to collect information about the water at the south pole of the moon, which will help scientists better understand what resources are available for future human missions.

Herrmann has always loved building things, which made engineering a natural pursuit. Bucknell offered a strong and supportive engineering program, which lured Herrmann across the country from her hometown of San Mateo, Calif.

When tragedy struck – Herrmann's brother passed away from cancer her junior year – she says Bucknell's faculty, particularly Professor Keith Buffinton, mechanical engineering, provided compassion, flexibility and support that enabled her to stay on track and graduate on time.

Herrmann eventually went on to pursue her master's in aerospace engineering at the University of Washington. While there,



Kelsey Herrmann '09 is helping NASA explore one of the coldest spots in the solar system.

she landed two internships with NASA, which solidified her ultimate career goal: "After that, it was like, all right, it's NASA or bust."

Since joining NASA in 2016, Herrmann has held several operations positions for the International Space Station (ISS). "Working in operations is as close to being in space as you can get while being on the ground," she says. "You're talking to the astronaut or the space vehicle from a control center, helping them solve problems."

It's work that satisfies her hunger for discovery: "I like the endless possibilities of space," she says. She also likes knowing her work can help the greater good. "A lot of the research on the ISS is medical-related," she says. "They are hoping to help us better understand things like heart disease, Parkinson's and cancer."

"Being part of that is pretty cool. It's hard for anything to be cooler than space exploration."

motorcycle in addition to creating programming with Riverside Adventure Company in Danville, Pa., for kayak and paddle rentals. — C.H.

2021

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It was wonderful to see everyone at Homecoming in September and so bizarre to think it was already our second time returning to this event as alumni.

The season of engagement has begun with **LAUREN KINNEE** and fiancé Jeremy Dericks, **KALLIE KOCINSKI** and fiancé Kevin Crawford, **BRYAN GIELLA** and **MARGOT ODELL '18**, and **REBECCA EPSTEIN** and fiancé Cameron McIver.

As the members of the Class of 2023 begin to apply for positions in the "real world," I reflect on my own experience finding a job that has allowed me to do the advocacy work I care about and connect my multi-disciplinary passions. In the world of the pandemic, I felt a calling to education, but didn't know how to enter the field without a degree. I spoke to Dianne McDonald, the now-retired pre-law adviser, who introduced me to AmeriCorps. The opportunity to teach for one year provided the flexibility I needed while enabling me to be fully invested and a meaningful and substantial part of students' lives. During my time at Match Middle School in South Boston, I continued to develop my love of learning and was inspired by the dedication, joy and commitment to social justice of my co-workers. I'm attending the Harvard Graduate School of Education for my

master's of education and continuing to work to close the education gap and advocate for policy change within schools. If someone had asked me at the beginning of senior year what I would have done straight out of college or a couple years out, I would not have predicted this future. Following my passion has led to unanticipated successes and joys.

MADDY WALES, an international relations and French double-major, also joined AmeriCorps after graduation. "My professors and classes at Bucknell really helped to shape my career goals and sparked my love and interest in the complicated dynamics of today's political and social issues, including how to tackle them. What stands out the most were the engaging debates and discussions that took place during my senior year, particularly in classes with Professor Emek Uçarer and Professor Amine Zidouh, which helped me to find a clearer voice to be a more effective advocate. Upon graduation, I wasn't entirely sure what direction I wanted to take. I decided to serve my community while continuing to reflect on my next steps. I joined AmeriCorps and was placed in a Washington, D.C., charter school. I worked daily with kindergarten students so they would be better prepared for first grade and perform at a higher reading level. Although it was sometimes challenging, it taught me patience and bolstered my communication skills and love for teaching. The school community also welcomed me with open arms, and it was incredibly rewarding to see how much progress my students made and how proud they were of themselves at the end of

the year. I am applying for jobs related to my other passion: international relations."

Almost two years post-graduation, many of us are changing our jobs and even our fields. There's no one right answer to happiness and success, and as we reflect on where we want to be in the next one, two, five or 10 years, we can take comfort in knowing we aren't alone. Aside from support from friends and family, we can take advantage of the Bucknell Alumni Career Services network as well as the thousands of alumni connections we have access to. It's never too late to start what brings you joy. — M.G.

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2022

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IN MEMORIAM
Remember your friends, family, classmates and others by posting a comment on our online Book of Remembrance. Go to bucknell.edu/bmagazine.

1945

SALLY GOULD LEWIS, Aug. 11, Freehold, N.J.

1946

FRED PHILLIPS, July 3, Dalmatia, Pa.

1947

RAY FORNWALD, Dec. 16, 2020, Southington, Conn.

1948

GLADYS KURTZ ANDERSON, Aug. 4, Loveland, Colo.

JANE FARR MAYFIELD, Nov. 25, 2021, Norwalk,

Conn.

1950

LEONARD DYKINS, June 22, Montoursville, Pa.

1951

JOHN HESS, June 26, Dunedin, Fla.

GEORGE OLESKY, June 30, Maple Shade, N.J.

1952

ROBERT GRICE, Aug. 10, Loudonville, N.Y.

1953

THOMAS FORCE, July 31, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

CLAIRE VOGELSONG PEASE, July 28, Anchorage, Alaska

MARY VANEK SITES, July 10, Atkinson, N.H.

1954

BARTH BROOKER, July 6, Kingsport, Tenn.

DALE FERNANDES, Sept. 6, Carlisle, Pa.

NELL MANNING GILMORE, Aug. 25, Gainesville, Va.

NELSON KORB, June 23, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

JOHN LASHBROOK, May 26, Eugene, Ore.

CHARLES "BUD" RIEGEL, Aug. 5 Wilmington, Del.

FRAN HARVEY ROSS, June 13, Montague, Mich.

CHARLIE STANTON P'79, March 12, Gibsonia, Pa.

ALICE-MAE BUELL SUITS G'12, Aug. 17, Beachwood, Ohio

MARY JANE RHODES WILSON, Aug. 24, Greensburg, Pa.

1955

SANDY SOWERS DUNN, Aug. 24, Bay Village, Ohio

GEORGE STEESE, June 25, Mifflinburg, Pa.

1956

MARGIE MARSHALL

LAWLER, June 28, Palm Coast, Fla.

KARL MALLORY, July 12, Jamison, Pa.

JOANNA SULLIVAN, July 28, Easton, Pa.

1957

G. WES MANUEL P'88, June 23, Stuart, Fla.

DONNA "DEE" DAVIE WINTERS P'83, July 21, Media, Pa.

1958

MELVIN BERNSTEIN, March 1, New York City

RUTH HEIDEMANN DROZIN M'63, P'82, Aug. 31, Lewisburg, Pa.

ARTHUR HARTWELL, June 25, Roswell, N.M.

1959

MARY BALFOUR BACHNER, June 20, Dryden, N.Y.

DUANE BERRY, June 21, New Port Richey, Fla.

BETSY KILBURY FOSTER P'94, July 9, Mantoloking, N.J.

JOHN HENTOSH P'85, P'86, P'90, July 2, Pflugerville, Texas

MARY BRENDA ENGLE WILMES, July 25, St. Louis

BOB WRIGHT, Aug. 19, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1960

TOM TRAINER, June 17, North East, Md.

1961

DAVID BAIRD, June 9, Atlanta

CAROL BAAY BRIGGS, June 9, Rochester, Mich.

NORM GEORGE, July 24, Boca Grande, Fla.

TED GIRVAN, July 14, Georgetown, Texas

JOSEPH O'CONNOR M'75, April 30, San Mateo, Calif.

1962

WILLIAM "JAKE"

JACOBSON, June 16,
Northbrook, Ill.

1964

MARY IRETON, Aug. 26,
Haddon Heights, N.J.

1965

JOHN BARRON P'90, Aug.
1, Telford, Pa.

JERRY ROTHENBERGER,
Aug. 21, Camp Hill, Pa.

DENNIS SHEER, July 1,
Wilmington, Del.

**KAREN DICKENSON
SMALSTIG P'91**, July 4,
Carmel, Ind.

**SUSAN JOHNSON
ZELLMAN**, Aug. 13,
Bluffton, S.C.

1967

BOB MORROW P'02, June
22, Lake Ariel, Pa.

NANCY BYER ROME, July
18, Bowie, Md.

1968

**SUSAN RAYMALEY
CRABBE**, July 19, Tucson,
Ariz.

TERRY HUBKA, July 13,
Bridgton, Maine

ROBERT LAUER, Aug. 17,
Upton, Mass.

1969

KENNETH HOOKER, June
20, Wales, Mass.

BROOKS SHEIFER, April
21, Mendocino, Calif.

WARREN WHITNEY,
March 30, Macungie, Pa.

1970

FRED BROWN, July 25,
Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif.

ELAINE GOLDEN KENNY,
July 31, Reno, Nev.

KARL MARCHENESE,
Aug. 2, Canandaigua, N.Y.

1971

JOHN BETLYON, Aug. 17,
State College, Pa.

STEVE SCHIER, May 23,
2021, New York City

1974

NANCY BUCKWALTER,
Aug. 23, 2020, Madison,

Wisc.

RICH KOLODGE M'74,
June 28, Wilmington, Del.

1975

PETER BEVIS, July 12,
Coronado, Calif.

1978

WILLIAM OSTRUM, July
19, New Orleans

1980

DAN ADAMS P'10, July
28, Fort Washington, Pa.

1983

PAUL WINDERS P'09,
P'11, Jan. 14, 2022,
Allentown, Pa.

1985

**KAREN BODINE TUPPER
P'16**, July 19, Harrisburg, Pa.

1992

KIM STRUBE SCARTELLI,
Aug. 10, Canton, Mich.

2005

JOE PULLANO, June 25,
New York City

2009

CHUCK VOLKERT, July
26, Emmaus, Pa.

MASTER'S

CATHERINE BLAIR M'02,
July 25, Lewisburg, Pa.

RICHARD CARUSO M'66,
Aug. 12, Villanova, Pa.

WILLIAM CLEAVER M'59,
June 13, Orangeville, Pa.

EARL GOOD M'61, Aug. 8,
Montoursville, Pa.

GEORGE HERMAN M'64,
May 30, Selinsgrove, Pa.

HENRY KULIK M'53, June
21, Lansdale, Pa.

**MARCY NAGORSKI-
WALDOW M'61**, July 17,
Pittston, Pa.

MYRON SMITH M'61,
Aug. 2, Hughesville, Pa.

**RAYMOND TOMAINE
M'80**, June 22, Cliffside
Park, N.J.

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES TURNURE SR. P'82, PROFESSOR EMERITUS, ART HISTORY



Professor Emeritus **James Turnure Sr. P'82**, art history, died Oct. 22, 2022, leaving an indelible mark on Bucknell through memories of his dynamic lectures, passion for art and its origins, and influence on the Samek Art Museum.

Turnure came to Bucknell in 1968 to serve as department chair. Professor Emeritus William Lasansky, art, and his wife, Jeannette, remember his immediate impact. "He was

quite a teacher and affected all students — not just art majors," William says. "He opened the door to art history in a way and at a scale that was amazing."

His introductory course Art in the Dark — which covered classical, Roman and Greek art and progressed through the modern era — sparked art appreciation in the hearts of countless Bucknellians. The course was so popular, the Lasanskys say the registrar moved it to a less desirable time slot. "They made students get up early for him," Jeannette says.

His teaching went far beyond opening the door to art appreciation. "He saw the importance of students learning about art by viewing objects," says Professor Emerita Rosalyn Richards, art & art history. "His course Analysis of Art showed students materials like lithography stones and tools so they understood the art-making process."

Turnure's passion contributed to the establishment of what is now the Samek Art Museum. He championed the importance of a permanent home for Bucknell's collection as well as space for exhibition and instruction. He served as the acting director of the Bucknell Center Gallery (now the Samek) from 1992 to 1995.

In 2020, he donated 110 items from his personal collection to the Samek, including prehistoric hand tools, Greek and Roman lamps, Greco-Roman statuary and Egyptian artifacts. "Each piece was carefully packaged with handwritten notes based on his research," says Theresa Engelbrecht, registrar and exhibition manager of the Samek Art Museum. "He strongly believed in the power of students learning from object study."

Turnure received the William H. Cooper Distinguished Teaching Award twice (1986 and 1992) and the Christian R. & Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1974, among other accolades. He also served the greater Lewisburg community as chairman of the board of directors and trustee for the Packwood House Museum in addition to holding other notable arts-leadership positions.

He is survived by his son, **James Turnure Jr. '82**.

FACULTY AND STAFF

JOHN ANDERSON, July
11, Orlando, Fla.

ELIZABETH HUNTRESS,
June 21, Dallas

ROD OBERLIN, Feb. 2,
2020, Grove City, Pa.

MARY SCOTT, Aug. 2,
Lewisburg, Pa.

NORMA JEAN WENDT,
July 5, Oxford, Miss.

FRIENDS

**RICHARD WILLIAMS
P'20, P'23**, June 20,
Johnstown, Pa.

WILLIAM BUCKNELL,
Sept. 20, Little River, S.C.

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Mark Your Calendar

Exciting news: This fall, Bucknell will debut the inaugural **Homecoming & Family Weekend.**

**Join us for an expanded on-campus experience featuring your favorite Bucknell traditions
Sept. 22-24, 2023.**

EXPLORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bucknell alumni have access to a private job board with a variety of career opportunities posted by alumni, for alumni.

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CROWDSOURCED

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR COLLEGE NICKNAME?

I was a hyper little freshman in 1988 and loved the group Public Enemy! A senior on the football team called me "Flavor Flav" during practice, and it stuck!

MJ Harrison '92

In baby bio lab my freshman year, someone noticed that the lab tissues were called Kimwipes. So several friends called me "Wipes" all through my college years and beyond.

Kim Smith Knipe '86

Bucknell rugby gave me the nickname that has stuck through nearly a decade and became a military call sign: "P-Tow." I wish I could say it was because my teammates thought I looked like a TOW missile launching out of the scrum to tackle Lehigh's scrum-half. The real reason? I guess we'll never know, but I bet it's a lot less entertaining.

Patrick Towery '13

Upon joining the soccer team as a freshman, my teammate's shortened my last name to "Mattie" to avoid confusion between myself and KristaLee Mellott '08.

Christa Matlack Peters '11

CAPTION
CONTEST

Photo: Glenn Riling '72, P'09

SUBMIT YOUR CAPTION BMAGAZINE@BUCKNELL.EDU / [FACEBOOK.COM/BUCKNELLU](https://www.facebook.com/BUCKNELLU)
Compose a clever caption. The five best sent by Feb. 28 will win a cool Bucknell T-shirt.

SUBMIT A PHOTO HAVE A VINTAGE BUCKNELL IMAGE THAT DESERVES CAPTIONING?
Send high-resolution (at least 10 megabytes) images to bmagazine.edu for consideration.

Celebrate an Engineering Milestone

Bucknell's College of Engineering will host its annual National Engineers Week — or E-Week — Feb. 19-25. E-Week celebrates the accomplishments of students and faculty in Bucknell's six engineering departments and also commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first woman to graduate from Bucknell with a degree in engineering. The festive week will culminate with a Friday dinner — alumni are invited to attend.

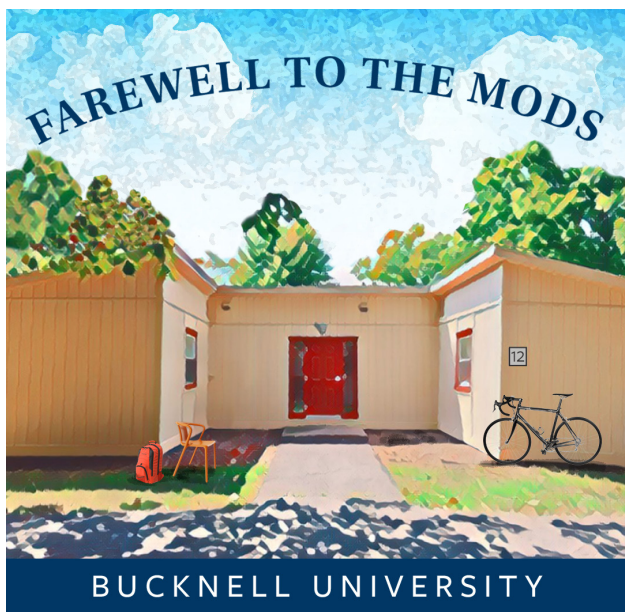
➔ bucknell.edu/WomenInEngineering

ATTEND THE BUCKNELL FORUM

Thought leaders from across the political spectrum are joining President Bravman to discuss "The State of American Democracy." Forum events are free and open to the public (tickets required). John Kasich and David Axelrod will speak Feb. 28; Barbara F. Walter '86 will speak April 4.

➔ bucknell.edu/forum

REMEMBER THE MODS



The Mods have withstood the test of time for 50 years, offering students a distinctive living experience. As we look to the future with the construction of four new Bucknell West residence halls, we want to reflect on our experiences and memories made across Route 15. We invite you to join us in saying farewell to the Mods. Here's how you can participate:

SHARE PHOTOS FROM YOUR TIME IN THE MODS

We're creating a digital photo compilation and need your help showcasing the decades of memories made in the Mods. Submit photos at bucknell.edu/alumni or alumniandfamilies@bucknell.edu. You'll receive a digital version of the photo compilation and a commemorative Farewell to the Mods decal.

OWN A PIECE OF THE MODS

Building number placards from the Mods will be made available in 2023 through an online auction.

➔ [Visit bucknell.edu/alumni](https://bucknell.edu/alumni) to learn more.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jay Wright '83 – a CBS Sports college basketball analyst who retired in April as a highly successful men's basketball coach at Villanova University, where he guided the program to two NCAA championships and four Final Fours – will deliver the keynote address at Bucknell University's 173rd Commencement Sunday, May 14.

Wright became head coach of the Villanova men's basketball program in 2001 and posted a record of 520-197 (.725) in 21 seasons, which included national championships in 2016 and 2018. In his final season, Villanova advanced to the fourth NCAA Final Four of Wright's tenure. He also coached Hofstra University from 1994 through 2001, winning 642 games during his coaching career.

"I am humbled and honored to return to my alma mater Bucknell University – a place I love – to deliver the commencement speech to the Class of 2023," says Wright. "Bucknell prepared me for my professional life, opened my eyes to the world and provided me with the most valued lifelong friendships. I hope I can impart some value and wisdom to the Class of 2023 that can compare in a small way to the education and life lessons I learned in my four years on the beautiful Bucknell campus."



➔ [Learn more and watch a livestream of the ceremony](https://bucknell.edu/commencement)
bucknell.edu/commencement

Witty Winners

Here are our favorite caption submissions from the last issue.

"Can someone please tell the brass section the song ended five minutes ago?"

Lisa DeSantis Hipple '83

"Alex learns he passed organic chemistry."

Steven Prasinos '75

"If I hit a C three octaves above middle C, Mr. Flock has to give me an A!"

Bryan Snapp '72

"CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

Pret Hadley '68

"This marked the start of chiropractic care at the campus health center."

Aimee Gallagher Cheung '03

➔ Submit your caption for the retro photo on Page 61 to bmagazine@bucknell.edu or facebook.com/bucknellu by Feb. 28.





Pave the Way

Bucknell's Center for Career Advancement launches a new approach to career exploration

by KATIE WILLIARD

BUCKNELLIANs now have a new map to help them find their most meaningful career path.

Launched in fall 2021 by Bucknell's Center for Career Advancement (CCA), Career Communities introduce students to six industry-specific career groups: Business & Consulting; STEM; Creative Arts, Media & Communications; Government & Public Interest; Law; and Health. Students can join as many communities as they desire – starting their first year at Bucknell – while they discern their best path forward.

The fresh approach is a differentiating factor in the way Bucknell does career coaching. Career coaches help students break down and identify their career interests, recognizing students' preferences may fall outside what might be obvious for their major.

"Just because you study engineering or English doesn't mean that the person sitting next to you with the same major will choose the same career path," says Emily Dietrich, associate director of industry connections & experiences. "Career Communities offer students the opportunity to build community outside their major with others who are interested in a similar career path."



Bucknell's new Career Communities are based on industry rather than major to help students explore opportunities.

Communities are led by members of the CCA staff who – in addition to serving as industry-specific career coaches – prepare biweekly email newsletters that highlight jobs, internships, programs and events, including on-campus networking events that directly align with hiring cycles. From panel discussions with alumni in the field to vetted internships and job postings, students can explore myriad opportunities.

Students recognize the benefit. "We are afforded direct access to resources that have been scouted and endorsed by Career Communities leaders," **Lauren Sullivan '23** says. The economics and psychology double-major from Chatham, N.J., found her path through the Law Career Community. "After a

year of working with our pre-law adviser, I fully realized my interest in the field. From there, I was able to utilize my Career Community to explore opportunities and land an internship at a law firm."

Propelling the program's success is the vast, extended network of the Bucknell community. Parents, alumni and friends of the University consistently look for ways to give students a boost, and Career Communities provide specific, intentional topics for which the CCA can solicit expert opinions, insight and open roles.

Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General **Ben Sirolly '07** participated in a career panel co-sponsored by the Department of Physics & Astronomy and the STEM Career Community in March 2022. "It helps students

gain important perspectives about careers beyond Bucknell," Sirolly says. "Often, students choose a career path with little or no knowledge about the day-to-day experience. This program will help students better understand their post-college options and broaden their horizons."

Students aren't the only ones benefiting from the experience. "Talking with students about their future plans energizes and inspires me," Sirolly says. "And being back on campus feels like coming home."

It's that Bucknellian spirit that propels the final goal of the program. While career direction and effective networking are top priority, Dietrich and her team hope the intentional, connection-focused program fosters a culture of helping others. "Having students find ways to give back to their peers, sharing opportunities or helping to make connections – those are the things that will make this more than a career program."

Be on the lookout for calls for participation from the CCA – career coaches may be seeking an expert in your field.

Photos: Emily Paine

REUNION WEEKEND

JUNE 2-4, 2023



Celebrating the Classes of
2018, 2013, 2008, 2003,
1998, 1993, 1988, 1983,
1978, 1973, 1968, 1963,
1958, 1953 and all other
emeritus classes.



Photo: Emily Paine

Reunion Weekend is a favorite tradition of Bucknell alumni, filled with opportunities to reconnect, reminisce and reflect on the shared Bucknell experience. Enjoy class events, interactions with students and faculty, educational sessions, recreational activities and so much more. Save the date to celebrate your Reunion!

More information is available at go.bucknell.edu/reunion. Update your contact information to ensure you don't miss out on communications about your Reunion. Registration and the complete schedule of events will be available in April.



Share your excitement on social media with
#BucknellReunion.

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The Bucknell Bison were crowned 2022 Patriot League Women's Soccer Champions, which earned the team a spot in the NCAA's DI Women's Soccer Championships in November.

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