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PATHWAYS



FROM CENTER STAGE

to

MOUNTAIN TOP

by AMY DOWNEY

Reid Fournier '24 recognized Bucknell as a place where his diverse academic interests and passions could share the spotlight.

Bucknell has helped the aspiring actor develop his range – from the complex Petruchio in *Taming of the Shrew(s)* to the witty Oscar Wilde in *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*. In 2022, he received the Juliet Shield-Taylor '83 undergraduate theatre summer research grant, which enabled him to attend intensive training at the Tom Todoroff Studio conservatory in New York City. "I've always been fascinated with being on stage and taking on someone else's life," says Fournier, a theatre and political science double-major from Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Fournier's ambitious nature keeps him reaching for new heights, and not just in academics. In 2022, he summited Mount Kilimanjaro with Bucknell's Outdoor Education & Leadership team. "For acting, you have to be completely in the moment, and then in the moment after that. When you're climbing a mountain, it's the same thing," says Fournier, who has his sights on Argentina's Aconcagua and California's Mount Whitney. "As a student, I'm often pulled into lots of directions, so it's nice to completely home in on one goal and throw my whole being into it."

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FROM TEACHING STUDENTS

to

SUPPORTING FACULTY

by KATIE NEITZ

Since joining Bucknell in 1986 as a French & Francophone studies professor, Angèle Kingué has earned a reputation as a renowned scholar and an admired mentor.

In 2016, Kingué faced a crossroads. A university in St. Louis offered her husband a position and was eager to create one for Kingué. The prospect prompted reflection. “It became clear to me that if I had received more mentoring and support from Bucknell, I might have been more aware of opportunities available to me and could have navigated the academic world better,” she says.

Kingué shared this with President John Bravman, who responded earnestly, asking, “What would it look like to create an environment that supports underrepresented faculty here?”

The exchange eventually led to Kingué becoming special adviser to the provost for faculty development and, most recently, Bucknell’s first associate provost for retention & inclusive excellence.

In her mentoring role, Kingué provides personalized support to faculty members from underrepresented groups. “When I first meet with faculty, I tell them they are the best — Bucknell only brings the best,” she says. “My job is then to help them meet the demands and expectations of their academic work so they can do their best teaching and scholarship. Our space is still under construction — it’s not perfect — but we are committed to building a community where faculty want to stay and put down roots.”

To learn more about Kingué’s work, see “Cultivating a Talented, Diverse Workforce,” P. 24.



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GROWING UP

THE BLOOMING CENTURY PLANT featured in the spring issue of *Bucknell Magazine* ["Botanical Buzz"] is a tiny cousin to our Century Plant here in Scottsdale, Ariz. Our plant is approximately 33 years old, and the stalk that it just put out six weeks ago is over 20 feet tall now, with 19 flowering branches protruding from that stalk.

When it finishes flowering (in the next three to four months), the entire thing will keel over and crash to the ground, uprooting and killing the mother plant in the process. (It will die anyway, even if we cut off the stalk beforehand.) This *Agave americana* has put out dozens of baby plants ("pups") that we've harvested and replanted in various places around our property. It's amazing what nature has created!

ROBERT "LANCE" HICKS '73
Scottsdale, Ariz.



A LASTING LEGACY

I WAS SADDENED to learn of the passing of **Professor James Turnure P'82** ["In Memoriam: James Turnure Sr. P'82," winter 2023]. He was my adviser in the late 1970s, and I was extremely fortunate to have his advice and his precise knowledge during my college years. As a freshman, no one wanted an 8 a.m. class, but Art in the Dark was my favorite class, one in which I discovered "that magical experience and love for art" that he worked so hard to ensure. Although art is not my profession, my love and appreciation for art has endured all these years later.

At one of our class reunions, Professor Turnure gave a class in art history that my friend and former roommate, **Sara Thurber Marshall '80**, and I attended. I was astonished when I walked into the classroom to have Professor Turnure remember me by name. Reading about his lifetime accomplishments, I guess I shouldn't have been so surprised.

KATHLEEN TORRANT SHERRILL '80, P'15
New Haven, Conn.

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Bold dreams and bright futures are ahead for the Class of 2023.
Photo by Emily Paine

FROM THE EDITOR



Katie Neitz

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MIND THE GAP

IT'S BEEN SAID that a life well-lived is a life without regret. A different perspective is that experiencing regret can be beneficial — if it motivates change and inspires growth.

I regret not studying abroad in college. I grew up in a single-parent household and relied on aid and loans to support my education. In college, I was conscious of my finances and serious about accumulating experiences I viewed as directly transferable to a future career. With this narrow mindset, I didn't even consider studying abroad. I dismissed it as too expensive and frivolous.

In my 20s, I traveled abroad for the first time to visit my younger — and wiser and more resourceful — sister who pulled together the necessary finances to spend a semester in Europe. During my stay, it was apparent she was collecting more than passport stamps. She was interacting with people from different cultures, trying new foods, navigating maps and train schedules (before smartphones!) and accumulating a wealth of priceless experiences. No regrets (aside from her short-lived eyebrow piercing, a

souvenir from London).

Bucknell understands the incredible value of studying abroad — and also that the cost of these experiences can be prohibitive. This past spring, with support from the Office of the President, a pilot program enabled eight first-generation students to explore the art and culture of Amsterdam. I had the pleasure of speaking with a few participants, all of whom called the opportunity “life-changing” (learn more in “Artistic Journey,” P. 8).

This program is just one example of how Bucknell is expanding access and opportunities to its students. Bucknell is working to ensure students of all backgrounds are able to take advantage of programs and resources that will help them learn, grow and thrive (read more in “Equity Drives Success,” P. 20).

Bucknell alumni are actively involved in developing and supporting these efforts, which enables the University to be even more successful and reach more students. It's a worthy endeavor, ensuring that future generations can enjoy a full, rich Bucknell experience — no regrets.

Comeback Kids

PRESIDENT BRAVMAN'S first semester at Stanford, which he wrote about in the spring issue of the magazine [“From the President”], could well have been mine at Bucknell — an A, a B, a C, a D and a letter from then academic dean Leon Pacala about my “spotty” grades. I'm really glad you are so actively addressing that all-important first year!

HEATHER WILSON '70
Pittsburgh

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Critical Conversations

Notable authors, activists to discuss 'Freedom of Expression'

by MIKE FERLAZZO

WITH THE ESCALATION of book bans and challenges being brought against the content shared in school curricula, there is a growing national dialogue about censorship and free speech. Bucknell will contribute to this important conversation with five events on the theme "Freedom of Expression" during the Bucknell Forum 2023-24 speaker series.

"Issues related to freedom of expression have increasingly drawn scrutiny on campuses, and been the topic of great debate across the country," President John Bravman says. "We are proud to be providing this forum to discuss one of our most cherished American ideals with prominent individuals who have all encountered freedom of expression experiences."

The 2023-24 lineup includes:

GEORGE WILL, SEPT. 19

Will is the country's most widely read political columnist. His column for the *Washington Post* syndicate reaches 300 newspapers throughout the United States and Europe, and his voice has reached millions more through ABC's Sunday political show *This Week*, on which he has served as a commentator since 1981.

JON A. SHIELDS, OCT. 17

Shields is a professor of American politics and chair of the government department at Claremont McKenna College, where he teaches courses on issues such as policing, free speech and America's culture wars. He is the author or co-author of three books on the American right. He has also been published in a range of outlets, including the *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New Republic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

JODI PICOULT, JAN. 23

The No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 28 novels, Picoult has had books translated into 34 languages. Four of her novels — *The Pact*, *Plain Truth*, *The Tenth Circle* and *Salem Falls* — have been made into television movies. *My Sister's Keeper* was adapted into a film.

GEORGE M. JOHNSON, FEB. 27

An award-winning Black nonbinary writer and executive producer, Johnson is author of the *New York Times* bestselling Young Adult memoir *All Boys Aren't Blue*. Johnson was listed as one of *The Root's* 100 Most Influential African Americans in 2020, as well as one of *Out's* 100 Most Influential LGBTQ People in 2021, and in 2022 was honored as part of TIME100 Next, a list of the most influential people in the world.

JANE FONDA, MARCH 19

Known as a Hollywood icon, Fonda is the recipient of various accolades, including two Academy Awards, seven Golden Globe Awards and a Primetime Emmy Award. Fonda was a political activist in the counterculture era during the Vietnam War and has also protested the Iraq War and violence against women. In 2023, she picketed with writers during the Writers Guild of America strike.

THE BUCKNELL FORUM

Since 2007, the Bucknell Forum has featured leaders, scholars and commentators who have examined issues from diverse viewpoints. All events are free and open to the public.

➔ For more details about upcoming Bucknell Forum events, visit bucknell.edu/forum

CELEBRATING FIRSTS

Bucknell is now home to Alpha Alpha Alpha, or Tri-Alpha, a national honor society that recognizes the academic achievements of first-generation college students. Bucknell inducted 26 students — as well as President John Bravman and three staff members — into the society in March.

HEAD OF THE CLASS

Professor Janet VanLone, education, was awarded an Innovative Teacher Prep2Practice grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to support a program she developed called Developing Culturally-responsive Aspiring Teachers. VanLone invited teachers from the Lewisburg, Shikellamy and Milton area school districts to attend two three-day campus training sessions this summer. Bucknell faculty are using the sessions as an opportunity to conduct related research on teacher retention.

IT ADDS UP

Bucknell ranks No. 18 among private colleges nationally for accounting salaries, according to a ranking compiled by the Burning Glass Institute, a nonprofit that researches employment trends. A Bucknell-educated accountant can expect to earn \$10,000 more per year than the median graduate working in accounting.

'burg and Beyond

In Lewisburg and far afield, Bucknellians make a positive and palpable difference



Lewisburg

Meet Doug, a two-year-old golden retriever born with three legs. **Mary Ann Sigler Stanton '89**, who works as a director in University Advancement, and her family took in Doug after his previous owners could no longer care for him. When Stanton's veterinarian said a prosthetic could reduce Doug's risk of developing arthritis in his weight-bearing front leg, she knew just where to turn for help — Bucknell's College of Engineering.

Their Challenge

Grace Adams '23, biomedical engineering; **Will Carcieri '23**, mechanical engineering; and **Emma O'Shea '23**, biomedical engineering, had experience creating human arm, hand and finger prosthetics as members of Bucknell's chapter of e-NABLE, a national organization that creates 3D-printed prosthetics for those in need. Designing a leg for a high-energy canine presented

a unique set of challenges.

Their Work

The team initially fit Doug with 3D-printed prosthetic models. After having Doug test different prototypes, the engineers made adjustments for function and fit before transitioning to a prosthetic made from a plaster mold.

Good Boy

The engineers appreciated their model patient. "It's been great working with Doug," O'Shea says. "He is happy and playful and always brightens our day. We hope this device improves his long-term health."

Their efforts will help other Bucknell engineers make additional modifications as needed to ensure the prosthetic continues to be a good fit for Doug's active lifestyle. —*Katelyn Collins '23*



See more images of Doug at magazine.bucknell.edu.



Playgrounds Nationwide

Parents around the country can thank Professor Eric Kennedy, biomedical engineering, for helping to keep their kids safe. Kennedy is an injury-prevention specialist who conducts research on playground safety. He collaborates with organizations, including ASTM International, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the National Program for Playground Safety, to ensure play spaces across the country are designed and installed so kids can climb, swing and slide — and stay out of harm's way.

What He's Done

One of Kennedy's students, **Drew Filchner '22**, completed an honors thesis that reported playgrounds to be the leading location of school injuries, making up one-third of all elementary school injuries. They recently published their findings in the peer-reviewed journal *Clinical Pediatrics*. "It's

Owner Chelsea Stanton holds Doug while Emma O'Shea '23 creates a cast for fitting the prosthetic.

not our intent to say that playgrounds are inherently dangerous — they are absolutely not. Most of the injuries are very minor," Kennedy says. "But it does go to show that we might take these spaces for granted and often overlook risks. Design decisions, utilization practices and supervision all play a role in helping to mitigate injuries."

What He's Doing Next

The Lewisburg Area School District recently solicited Kennedy's advice as it looked to update

its Kelly Elementary School playground. "It cannot be overstated that the playground is first and foremost an engaging space for our children to be active, where they are stimulated through play and social development," says Kennedy, a father of two. "Our approach should be focused on risk management, rather than elimination of risk — and done so in a way that unobtrusively makes these spaces inclusive and enjoyable for children."

—*Mike Ferlazzo*



Professor Eric Kennedy, biomedical engineering, helps to mitigate playground injuries at schools across the country.

Artistic Journey

A pilot study-abroad program puts a transformative learning opportunity within reach for first-generation students

by KATIE NEITZ

The value of studying abroad is priceless. Navigating an unfamiliar environment, becoming

immersed in a new culture and interacting with people with different perspectives broadens students' understanding of the world while helping them become more insightful, adaptable and empathic.

But the cost of studying abroad can be significant – and therefore prohibitive.

Bucknell wants to close that gap. In March, the University launched a new pilot program – Art in Amsterdam – that enabled eight first-generation students to spend spring break exploring the vibrant artistic culture of the Netherlands for less than \$500. With support from the Office of the President, students' travel, housing and most meals were covered. Out-of-pocket expenses were limited to passport fees and spending money for souvenirs and incidentals.

Rick Rinehart, director of Bucknell's Samek Art Museum, and Professor Sally Koutsoliotas, physics, accompanied the students and led the educational excursions, which included tours of museums, art organizations and private collections.

The itinerary included a visit to the home of Renée and **Bob Drake '73** in Wassenaar, where the couple shared their vast collection of contemporary art.

Other highlights included a private tour of the Museum Voorlinden, arranged by **Bart Dura '88**, who also lives in the Netherlands, and a day trip to Brussels.

"We designed the program to have an interdisciplinary approach that went beyond the appreciation of art," Rinehart says. "We positioned students as global citizens who are developing a holistic view of art's connection to society. Students were given rare behind-the-scenes access to learn how the art world works from the perspective of artists, collectors and dealers. We discussed topics such as how sustainability and artificial intelligence are influencing art."

First-generation students from all majors were encouraged to apply. For those selected, the experience was illuminating, in different and unexpected ways.

Changing perspectives

Katie Schadler '26, an English – literary studies major from Reading, Pa., says the program, which was her first time abroad, challenged her assumptions. "I always felt intimidated by the art scene because I felt you had to be really astute about it," Schadler says. "But Bob and Renée made the point that anyone can become an art collector by buying a piece that interests them. It doesn't have to be what society considers 'good art.' I like that concept – that art can have value by speaking to you."



From March 11 to 16, students had the opportunity to visit several Amsterdam art collections, including NDSM (above), the Van Gogh Museum, the STRAAT Museum and the Nxt Museum.

Inspiring wanderlust

"Before this trip, I wasn't sure if I wanted to study abroad for a full semester, but now I 100% know it's going to happen," says

Tales Carneiro Passos '25, an international relations major. "I was born and raised in Brazil, but this was completely different

from anything I've ever experienced. I have a whole new appreciation for art and travel and new people and places. It was life-changing."

Finding direction

For **Malika Ali '26** of Carteret, N.J., the program exposed her

Photos: Courtesy of Rick Rinehart

to many firsts – including flying in an airplane. “This trip completely changed my perspective on what I’d like to achieve in life,” she says. “The art industry is filled with affluent individuals, which is a stark contrast to my background. I never imagined that I would have the chance to step foot into it. This program was not only an educationally enriching experience, but it has motivated me to become part of this world in some way. It’s the driving force in my decision to now major in classics & ancient Mediterranean studies.”

➞ Follow the students’ European adventures. Find additional images at magazine.bucknell.edu



A Bucknell study-abroad pilot program enabled eight first-generation students to explore Amsterdam and Brussels and experience the cities’ sights, cultures and cuisines.

The Art of Acquisition

A GIFT FROM Wendy Quest Trevisani ’92, P’26 and her husband, Peter, is enabling the Samek Art Museum to expand its collection – at the direction of Bucknell students.

Through the new Trevisani Art Acquisition Program, members of Bucknell’s Samek Museum Art Club will coordinate the effort among students to select a piece of art each year for inclusion in the Samek’s permanent collection. The program will help students learn about art valuation, negotiation, acquisition and conservation through trips to art galleries and museums as well as on-campus visits by art experts. Students will review and analyze the pieces under consideration for purchase and engage in discussions that will ultimately lead to the selection of a new work of art.

“I have been passionate about art since taking Art in the Dark at Bucknell,” Trevisani says. “Not only for what art brings aesthetically, but also the history, research and analysis, diversity and evaluation of art as an investment. I’m honored to be part of introducing these dynamics to students.”

This spring, the first student-selected artwork was added to the Samek collection. *Becoming – Yellow* by Damien H. Ding aims to spark conversations about transformation. “In our review, we considered the mission of increasing representation of BIPOC and LGBTQ artists in the collection,” says **Camoni Mullins-Warren ’25**, president of the Samek Museum Art Club. “Through our purchase, we helped convey the message of change we want to see in the world through art.” – *Kate Williard*



▲ **Wendy Quest Trevisani ’92, P’26** and Rick Rinehart, director of the Samek Art Museum, with *Becoming – Yellow*, which premiered in the Freeman College of Management dean’s suite in Holmes Hall.



Rising to the Occasion

by ANDREW FAUGHT

COMPETING AT the Big Apple Invitational in Staten Island, N.Y., in February, high jumper **Abigail Kates '24** cast a steely gaze at the bar 52 feet away. She had cleared her first three tests – 5 feet, 1 inch; 5 feet, 3 inches; and 5 feet, 5 inches – all on the initial try.

Now, with the encouragement of Coach Beresford “Ozzie” Brown II, she was attempting a new personal best: 5 feet, 7 inches.

“I leaned back, stood up on my toes, and stared down the bar,” Kates says. “I was motivated and amped up.”

And then, the markets, innovation & design major made magic. Using a technique called the Fosbury flop, Kates sprinted to the bar in a curve, or J formation, before launching head first backward into the sky, arching over the bar. It was the fourth-best jump ever by a Bucknell woman.

The performance eclipsed Kates’ previous best – 5 feet, 6.5 inches – a mark she set as a first-year student during a second-place showing at the Patriot League Championships. Since then, Kates has bettered her personal best to 5 feet, 7.75

inches, the second-best jump in Bucknell track-and-field history, earning her recognition as the Patriot League’s Field Athlete of the Week.

Kates’ high-jumping career stretches back to the fourth grade, when she decided to try track and field because she was a fast runner.

“Once I was on the team, I realized that there were field events,” says Kates, who stands at 5 feet, 11 inches. “I was pretty good at basketball and volleyball – jumping was kind of my thing. I did the long jump first, and my coach said, ‘You’re tall. You should try the high jump.’”

The early results weren’t encouraging. Jumpers who are right-handed, like Kates, typically launch themselves over the bar from their left foot. She says her jumps were “really bad” until she challenged convention and leaped from her right foot. Improvement was immediate.

Kates, who grew up in Aston, Pa., saw Bucknell as a place where she could hone her jumping on a grander stage while also being challenged academically. “I wanted to get a great education while also

▲ For a successful jump, Abigail Kates '24 needs acceleration in her approach and explosiveness in her launch.

being able to continue track and field,” says Kates, who finished fourth at the Patriot League Championships in May.

She brings equal energy and ambition into her other activities, including her role as marketing manager of the Bucknell Small Business Development Center. The center helps budding entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. This summer she’s building upon that experience as a marketing intern with Barclays Bank Delaware in Wilmington.

When she returns to campus as a senior, she aspires to become captain of the track and field squad. She wants to lead the team to new heights – namely, a Patriot League title. “Although we have over 100 athletes who compete in different events, we are one big family,” she says. “Coach [Kevin] Donner always says we are ‘under one umbrella,’ and I look forward to helping grow those bonds.”



INSTANT REPLAY

PROUDEST MOMENT

“In April when Karen Hull '24, Olivia Boyce '24, Maddie Lehker '26 and I were ranked the 11th-best high jump squad in the NCAA.”

FINDING THE MIDDLE GROUND

“You want to jump in the middle of the bar, because that’s where it’s lowest and sags. It’s also the safest place, so you don’t kick the standards holding up the bar.”

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO FLY

“Some people are speed jumpers, some people are power jumpers. I find myself more of a speed jumper – but without overaccelerating and blowing through my takeoff.”

MAJOR OPTIONS

“Majoring in markets, innovation & design in the Freeman College of Management enables you to go into marketing, design, entrepreneurship, consulting and much more. I’ve always loved being involved in a variety of disciplines.”

The Great Connector

by BRYAN WENDELL

JOHN GRIFFIN III '08 REMEMBERS taking the court in Sojka Pavilion before what he says was a “loud, sold-out sea of orange.” The crowd had plenty of reasons to cheer. During Griffin’s playing career in Lewisburg, the 6-foot guard from Philadelphia helped deliver the only two NCAA tournament victories in Bucknell history. The first — a March 18, 2005, upset win over the third-seeded Kansas Jayhawks — is considered by many to be the program’s proudest moment.

As the 20th anniversary of that victory nears, Griffin sees himself as a bridge between that monumental moment from Bucknell’s past and what’s possible for the program’s future. If anyone is equipped to carry the team into a new winning era, it’s Griffin. He’s been a part of four of Bucknell’s eight NCAA tournament appearances — two as a player and two as an assistant coach. By focusing on a three-part plan, Griffin sees success on the horizon.

Recruitment

As he scouts potential recruits, Griffin isn’t just looking for talent. He’s looking for student-athletes with a balance of academic curiosity and a coachable growth mindset. When he finds a promising prospect, he crafts a pitch that reflects his overall approach. “They’re coming here to not only get a nationally recognized degree,” says Griffin, who studied economics. “I want players to come here

John Griffin III '08 returns to Bucknell with sights set on bridging the program’s headline-making past to its promising future



▲ Before returning to Bucknell, John Griffin III '08 was associate head coach at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, his hometown.

thinking, ‘I want to play professionally, use my degree, get to the NCAA tournament and become part of something bigger than myself.’”

Promotion

Returning the “the sea of orange” to Sojka starts in the community. As a player, Griffin had a hard-working, energetic persona fans loved. “I was a wild competitor — I was loud, unapologetic and confident, and this community embraced that.” Griffin will tap into the community and personally invite people to return to the stands and bring their friends. He’ll encourage students to attend, hoping they’ll see Bucknell basketball games as a core part of their collegiate experience.

Style of Play

If Griffin’s plan works, opponents should peer down their schedule and feel a bit queasy

at the sight of Bucknell. “I would like us to be identified as a team that makes our opponents uncomfortable,” Griffin says. “I’d like us to be a little bit scary defensively.” He envisions an energetic team that’s tough on defense, impossible to scout and that makes timely 3-pointers, and wants to make Bucknell men’s basketball games one of the most exciting ways to spend a Wednesday or Saturday night in Lewisburg. And winning, Griffin knows, is the finest form of marketing. “I think we have the combination of facilities, history and fan passion,” he says, “to be at the top of the league.”

► “Sojka can be one of the most exciting places in college sports,” says John Griffin III '08. “I am on a mission to create that excitement for the students.”

GET TO KNOW GRIFFIN

FAVORITE SPORTS MOVIE

“I’m a Philly guy, so I’ve got to say *Rocky*.”

BISON BUZZ

“On reading day before finals, our team partnered with Bucknell Dining to offer free hot and cold coffee to students at 7th Street Café. The staff members there have great energy. Whenever I grab an afternoon coffee at the café, they always give me a boost that lasts the rest of the day.”

CAREER REBOUND

“After graduation, I played professionally in Germany. I tore my ACL. When that happens, you have to pivot. I didn’t pivot immediately. I still tried to hang onto the dream. After rehab, I played in Slovakia, but it didn’t work out. I ultimately landed on my feet as a video coordinator for the Indiana Pacers. It was quite a whirlwind of experiences at a young age.”

FAMILY GUY

“My wife, Brianna, played Division I basketball and lacrosse at Mount St. Mary’s before coaching women’s college basketball. We have three amazing, energetic boys whom you’ll see running around Sojka. I’d like children in the community to come to games and connect with the players.”



The New, Nimble Robot

Student-designed engineering projects test advances in soft robotics

by **BROOKE THAMES**

photography by **EMILY PAINE**

Today's robots may not be the hospitable humanoids or shape-shifting Autobots of past imagination, but engineers are well on their way to producing machines that can walk, swim, crawl and climb as well as any living organism.

These advances are the hallmark of soft robotics, an advancing field that utilizes pliable materials to replicate muscular movements – from octopus-inspired tentacles to fingerlike grippers. In Bucknell's Dana Engineering labs, researchers are designing their own devices inspired by the swift zigzagging of eels and the traveling-wave motion of caterpillars.

"There are so many interesting animals in nature that have flexible bodies that can move in all kinds of directions through different terrains," says Professor William Scott, mechanical engineering, who

oversees a small group of student engineers exploring soft robotics. "We're right at the early stages of creating mechanisms, figuring out how they can work and discovering their potential."

Scott's collaborators include **Caiden Covell '25**, a mechanical engineering major and Presidential Fellow whose robot employs fluid mechanics to snake through water.

Measuring approximately 12 inches, the device features a series of 28 hollow, rectangular "ridges" connected along a spine. Pumping water through isolated ridge sections activates an oscillating motion "that's similar to how a fish moves, but it's the whole body – not just the tail," Covell explains. "The challenge is figuring out how much water to apply at what time to achieve the best movement."

To calculate the optimal water pressure, Covell uses an array of high-tech tools, including microcontrolled pumps, cameras

to record the robot's agility and computational modeling software that helps him compare real-life results to theoretical projections. Once that element is fine-tuned, the next phase is testing the device's prowess in the water.

"We've gotten some great movement out of it, but navigating an environment is the real experiment," Covell says. "Once we get this prototype swimming, that's when we'll be able to measure what our machine can really do."

Swimming isn't the only capability they are investigating. Since his sophomore year, mechanical engineering major **Harry Shi '25** has been studying how a soft robot might walk via an intricate system of motors and cables.

His design, influenced by the curvature of caterpillars, comprises six bendable, arched segments connected by small devices called actuators. When activated, the miniature motors that power each actuator wind

a cable that increases flexion in the soft segments, then propel the robot forward as the cable is released.

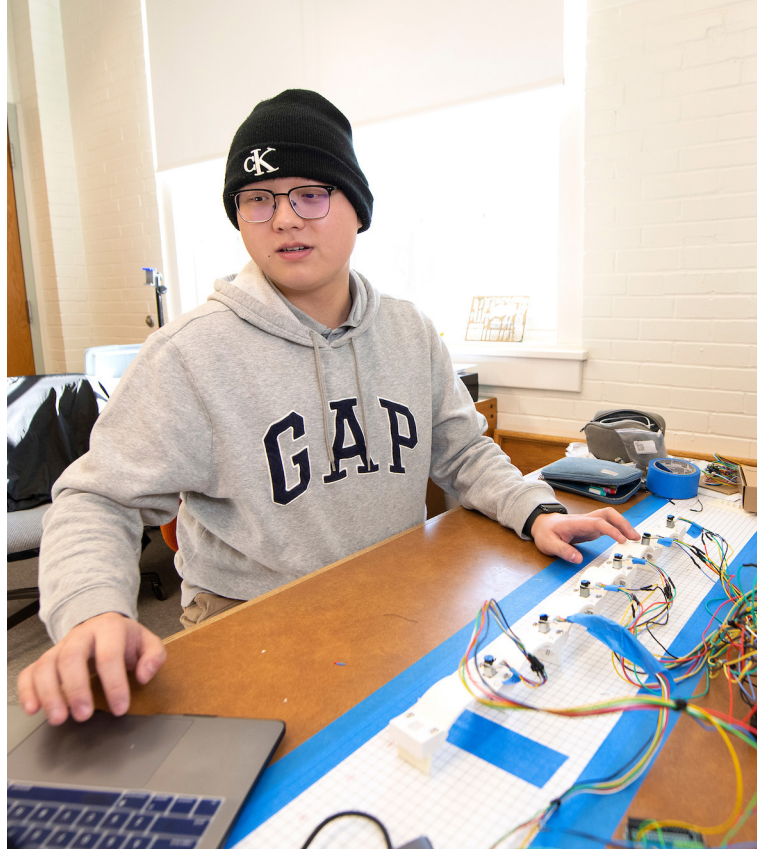
Like his labmate, the key to Shi's research is discovering the right combination of tension and release for swift, smooth motion.

"It's a process of adjusting the speed at which the actuators are working as well as when they run," Shi explains. "How does the robot move when the motors are spinning at the same time and speed versus differing intervals? That's what we're on our way to figuring out."

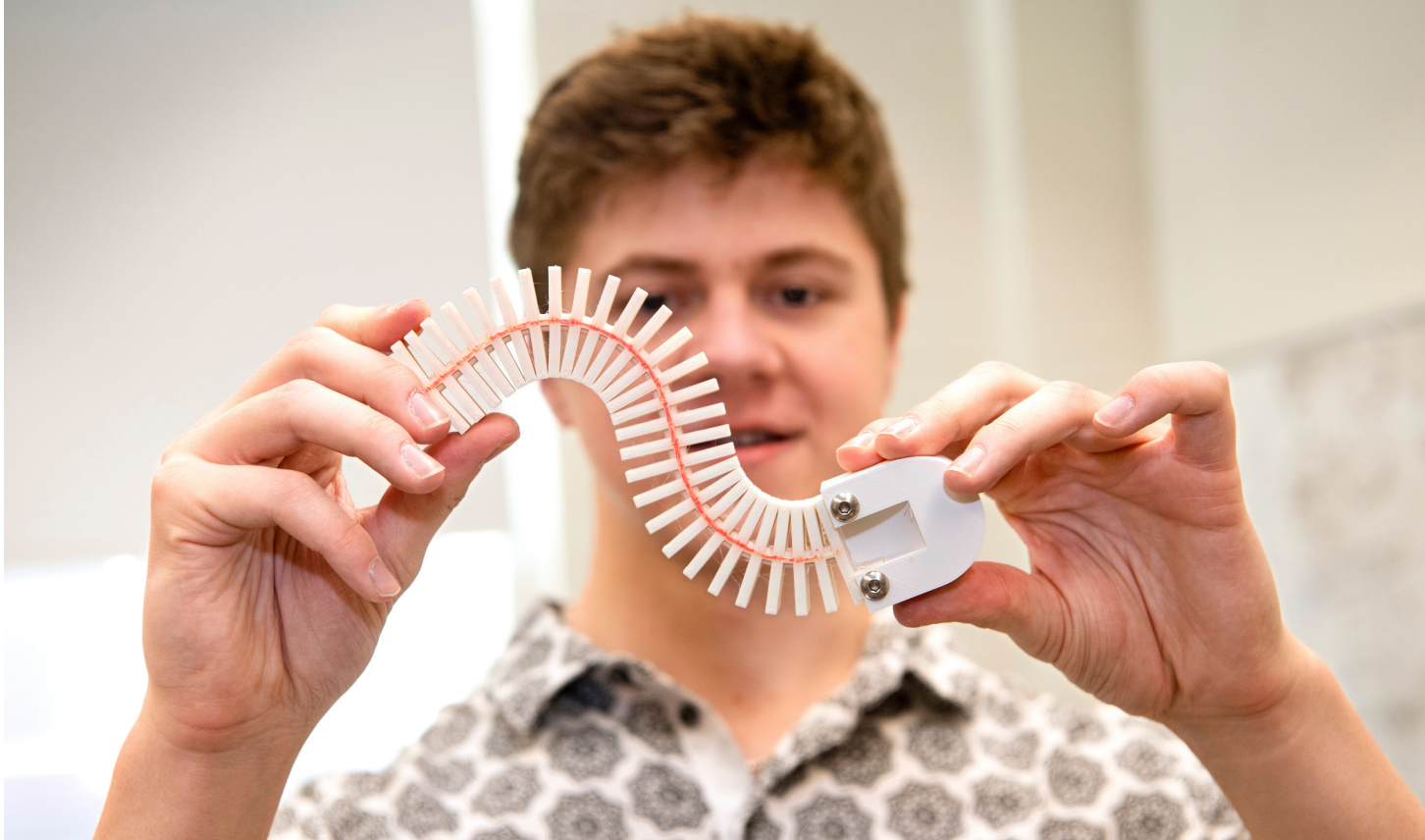
Powerful Potential

Both Shi and Covell's devices are constructed from Filaflex, an elastic material that ensures their robots are not only limber but also incredibly resilient.

"What's attractive about soft robots is their ability to interface with a highly unpredictable environment," says Scott, who worked on similar robotics



▲ Harry Shi '25, a mechanical engineering major, is using a motorized cable system to design a caterpillar-like robot that can crawl.



▲ Mechanical engineering major Caiden Covell '25 is designing a swimming robot that will mimic the oscillating motion of an eel.

projects at the University of Maryland prior to joining Bucknell in 2020. “A traditional robot may be able to achieve amazing precision, but that means its expectations have to be just as precise. The minute it bumps into something unexpected, it turns itself off.”

Soft robots, on the other hand, can recover in rugged terrain and uncertain conditions, making them the ideal tools for bold and risky operations. A swimming robot like Covell’s could explore hazardous underwater depths. Equipped with grippers, Shi’s robot might climb up or through areas where humans can’t.

“One of the most common uses being proposed right now is in search and rescue, especially in hurricane or earthquake disaster areas,” Scott says.

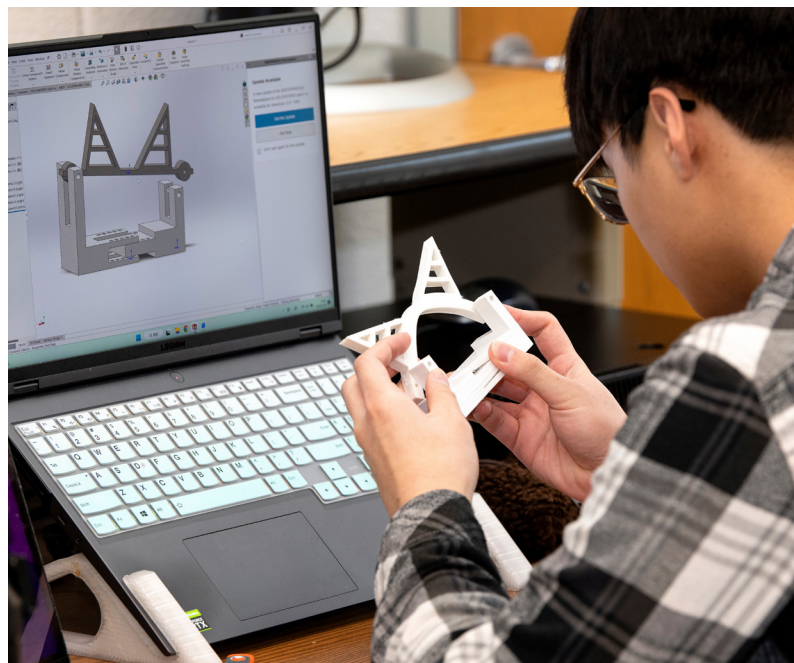
But the structural flexibility of these innovative machines isn’t without its setbacks. Creating functional parts from the Filaflex material was perhaps the most

arduous task for the student-faculty engineering team. Both Covell and Shi spent months imagining and reimagining their devices before settling on workable prototypes.

“Everything is 3D printed, so there was a lot of calibration needed to get the filament to layer exactly right,” says Covell, who kicked off his project in 2021. “At first, a lot of our designs didn’t hold water. We also wanted the pieces we printed to be usable right away without any other processing, so that took a while to achieve as well.”

Despite early challenges – and those that may lie ahead – Scott says he’s excited by his students’ progress in this experimental field.

“They’re so creative and eager to learn how to make things work on their own,” Scott says. “The way they run with ideas and come up with solutions I would’ve never thought of – it’s all really fun.”



“What’s attractive about soft robots is their ability to interface with a highly unpredictable environment.”

Professor William Scott, mechanical engineering

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HATS OFF THE CLASS OF 2023 CELEBRATES ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AT BUCKNELL'S 173RD COMMENCEMENT

photograph by EMILY PAINE



Creating an **INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE** *Community*

A RECENT SUPREME COURT RULING WILL AFFECT HOW U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS GO ABOUT DIVERSIFYING THEIR CAMPUSES.

While admissions processes will change, Bucknell's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion will not.

by KATIE NEITZ

What's happening?

In June, the Supreme Court ruled that race-conscious admissions policies can no longer be used by higher education institutions. This ruling came as the result of two federal cases argued before the court in October 2022: *Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA) v. University of North Carolina (UNC)* and *SFFA v. Harvard*. In a consolidated case, the court considered whether race-conscious admissions policies at UNC and Harvard are lawful under federal law and the U.S. Constitution. In 2022, Bucknell joined more than 40 other private, highly selective residential colleges in signing an amicus brief supporting race-conscious admissions processes as a compelling institutional interest.

The Supreme Court's decision overrules legal precedent that allows admissions offices to consider the race of qualified applicants as one factor in their work to create a diverse learning environment for the benefit of all students. The ruling prohibits affirmative action in university admissions and disregards the educational benefits of a diverse student body and the societal benefits of ensuring graduates are effectively prepared to make meaningful contributions in the world.

"Bucknell's commitment to diversity and equity is essential to our educational excellence, and will not waver with this ruling," says President John Bravman. "As educators, we have an obligation to ensure that our graduates are equipped to succeed in life, personally and professionally. To thrive in a diverse society, they have to seek and respect perspectives and experiences of others. If we fail to create and nurture a campus community that celebrates our differences, we will not only fail our students — we will also jeopardize Bucknell's future as a leader in higher education."

What's changing? What's not?

"Bucknell will abide by the ruling and make the necessary adjustments to our admissions application," says Lisa Keegan, vice president for student enrollment, engagement & success. "It's important to note, however, that the ruling impacts just one aspect of our multifaceted admissions process, and it will not derail our efforts to attract and retain a diverse student body. We are well-equipped with an array of strategies that will enable Bucknell to continue to attract, enroll and graduate exceptional students from all backgrounds." (See "Preparing for the Future," P. 18).

Why?

It's who we are.

Bucknell's mission is to educate students for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity and imagination. Bucknell strives to foster an environment in which students develop intellectual maturity, personal conviction and strength of character informed by a deep understanding of cultures and diverse perspectives.

None of this is possible in a homogeneous environment, says **Vernese Edghill-Walden '87**, Bucknell's vice president for equity & inclusive excellence. "Educational excellence cannot be achieved without different opinions, different perspectives and different lived experiences coming together," she says.

It's where we are going.

Bucknell is committed to building and sustaining a diverse community in which all students, faculty and staff experience a sense of belonging supported by a foundation of inclusion, equity and access. This is a core component of the University's strategic plan — *The Plan for Bucknell 2025* — which guides Bucknell in preparing students to confront global challenges.

It's what's best for all students.

Research supports that diversity on college campuses improves intellectual engagement, self-motivation, citizenship and cultural engagement — for all students, regardless of race.

It's the future — and the now.

Our nation is becoming more diverse every year. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2020 the U.S. population under age 18 became “majority minority,” meaning members of multiracial and racial and ethnic minorities outnumbered those who are white. By 2044, it is expected that the entire U.S. population will reach that status, and that by 2060, white individuals will make up an estimated 43.6% of the U.S. population. When a university makes a commitment to diversity, it's making a commitment to being prepared for the future.

It's a fact: Diversity and academic excellence go hand in hand.

All Bucknell students are admitted based on merit. To receive an offer of admission, a student must demonstrate that they are capable of excelling in Bucknell's rigorous academic programs. It's important to note that Bucknell's focus on increasing diversity has also increased its appeal to the brightest students from all backgrounds, which has increased the University's selectivity. Bucknell's acceptance rate dropped from 37.5% in 2020 to 34.5% in 2021 and then 32.6% in 2022. In those same years, the University saw increases in both enrolled students of color and first-generation students, seeing an average growth of 5% and nearly 65% year-over-year, respectively. This indicates that qualified students who in the past were not aware of Bucknell due to lack of recruitment in their area or who felt excluded from Bucknell's community are now seeing a path to their future on our campus.

As universities and colleges across the country begin their work to minimize the consequences of the court's decision, Bucknellians can be assured that our institution is well-equipped and prepared to continue our pursuit of diversity as part of our commitment to excellence.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Ensuring equitable access prepares all graduates for successful outcomes

RECRUITING STUDENTS who represent different backgrounds, geographies and perspectives isn't just about expanding opportunity for a select few. It's about providing a richer, more valuable educational experience for all students — which leading institutions recognize as essential to their continued relevance and ability to compete in a crowded marketplace.

“Bucknell prides itself on providing an outstanding education that prepares students to be successful in any endeavor in the world — a world that is becoming more and more diverse,” says **Kevin Mathes '07**, assistant vice president & dean of admissions. “To do that, it's important for Bucknell to be a microcosm of that world, a place where students can learn to effectively collaborate with people from Houston, New York City and Mumbai, India, as well as rural towns across America. By doing what is needed to best prepare our students, we are fulfilling Bucknell's educational mission and ensuring the University's legacy of excellence.”

Admissions offices have to be more nimble and strategic than ever about their recruitment, enrollment and retention efforts. Bucknell's admissions team has been expanding its footprint and sharpening outreach efforts to make high-achieving students from geographically diverse areas and wide-ranging socioeconomic backgrounds more aware of Bucknell and what it has to offer. Just as critical: They are creating a cohesive network of resources to ensure that once students are here, they want to stay.

The efforts have been effective. The incoming Class of 2027 is expected to be one of the most diverse in Bucknell's history (see “Class of 2027 Snapshot,” right).



The strategic efforts of Bucknell's admissions recruiters are enabling Bucknell to achieve its enrollment goals.

Photo: Emily Paine

Here are just a few of the strategies behind that success:

Forming the Gateway Scholars Program: Forty members of the incoming Class of 2027 will be part of the new program, which offers scholarships to support high-achieving, first-generation students, eliminating the inclusion of federal loans from their aid packages. Participants benefit from ongoing research, mentorship and guidance to support their success, including GenFirst!@Bucknell, which pairs first-generation students with faculty and staff members who were also the first in their family to attend a four-year institution.

Creating the Center for Access & Success: The Gateway Scholars Program is just one of Bucknell's five signature and

“As a first-generation, low-income college graduate from a Puerto Rican family, I have a special place in my heart for college access. I love helping students overcome the challenges of college admissions. My favorite interactions are with students who hadn’t heard of Bucknell and leave our discussion with a new college on their list.”

Jose Ramos, regional associate director of admissions

national pathway programs that will fall within Bucknell's new Center for Access & Success. When it becomes operational in the fall, the center will provide mentorship and other forms of support to help students from underrepresented backgrounds have a positive Bucknell experience throughout their four years. (Learn more about the center on P. 20.)

Building partnerships in strategic locations: Bucknell has developed and expanded relationships with charter schools and community-based organizations in such cities as Philadelphia, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New York City and Los Angeles. Recruiters actively engage with educational leaders in these communities to identify outstanding students.

Expanding recruitment areas: Admissions officers are making an intentional effort to tap talent from new areas. “If we notice a strong application from a student who goes to a school that has a large percentage of first-generation students or a high percentage of students who benefit from free or reduced-priced lunches, we consider building a relationship there,” Mathes says. “It has opened the door to areas we weren’t previously targeting. Our goal is to maintain a minimum of 10% of our visits in these types of new locations with a goal of increasing this over time.”

Facilitating travel: Many students say their college decision was solidified during a campus visit: “It just felt right.” In order to ensure that students from all areas and backgrounds have a chance to experience Bucknell's campus, the University offers Journey to Bucknell, a program that covers travel and accommodations for a two-day visit. Bucknell recently expanded the program so that each invited student may travel with a parent or guardian. In addition, Bucknell launched a new event — the Affirming Diverse Identities Reception — as part of Admitted Student Days and provides students

Class of 2027 Snapshot

For the last three years, Bucknell has attracted the largest application pools in its history — with more than 11,000 applications each year — while becoming increasingly more diverse and selective. The admit rate has declined from 34.5% in 2021 to 32% in 2023 while the percentage of students accepting the offer of admission has increased from 26.5% to 30.8%.

International students	25% increase*
Students of color	7.6% increase
First generation	8.7% increase
Pell-grant eligible	1.4% increase

*Enrollment increases over previous year as of May 2, 2023.

wishing to attend financial assistance if needed.

Giving a taste of Bucknell life: The Bucknell Academy Summer Experience is an opportunity for high school students to spend a week living on campus, interacting with faculty and experiencing hands-on learning. Bucknell actively recruits participants from diverse communities.

Tapping technology: Bucknell recruiters use data-collection and analysis tools to identify academically strong students who may face barriers to education, based on attributes such as low median family income, household education levels and participation in lunch-assistance programs.

Diversifying the team: “One thing that we hear in our profession is that students want to see themselves on an admissions team,” Mathes says. “So as we grow our professional staff, we want to make sure that we are attracting top talent while also being mindful of diversity. Having people with different backgrounds not only helps on-the-road recruitment, but also informs how we communicate to students.”

EQUITY DRIVES SUCCESS

New center goes beyond just opening doors

Bucknell is working to create a truly equitable community — where students feel fully part of campus life, where they have space and access to opportunities that will enable them to learn, live and thrive. Launching this fall, Bucknell's new Center for Access & Success will bring the University closer to that goal by providing a cohesive system of mentoring and support to enhance students' ability to excel at Bucknell.

The center's programming will ensure that students from first-generation, low-income and underrepresented backgrounds have mentorship, academic enrichment resources and a supportive community that will help them pursue their personal and professional goals and become active, engaged members of the campus community.

The new center is a response to the recognition that not every high-achieving student who meets Bucknell's selective standards arrives on campus with the same foundation of support. The center will aim to bridge that gap to ensure all students have the resources they need to excel and flourish throughout their four years, says Lisa Keegan, vice president for student enrollment, engagement & success at Bucknell.

"Bucknell has a long tradition of recruiting students from diverse backgrounds, but their success requires a commitment to support their entire Bucknell experience," Keegan says.



Bucknell is taking steps to ensure students have supportive programs and resources to help them thrive.

"This center will allow the University to better serve underrepresented students through a more robust, cohesive and strategic approach."

The center will serve students enrolled in Bucknell's five national and signature pathway scholarship programs: the Gateway Scholars Program, the Charles T. Bauer Scholars Program, the Posse Scholars Program, the Langone and Langone-Walling Scholarships and the Bucknell Community College Scholars Program. By taking a relationship-based approach, the center's staff will work to strengthen the students' sense of belonging and provide services tailored to meet the needs of these students and their families.

Caro Mercado, associate dean of admissions & director of partnerships, has overseen the Bucknell Community College Scholars and Posse Scholars



Lisa Keegan, vice president for student enrollment, engagement & success

programs since 2016. She is transitioning into a director role within the center, where she will support students from all five pathway programs and Chris Brown, the **Andrew Hartman '71, P'00 & Joseph Fama '71** Executive Director for Access & Success.

"I was a first-generation student and relate to the imposter syndrome some of these students feel," Mercado says. "They arrive with so much talent and promise. They often need reassurance that they belong here — and they do. I receive feedback from faculty members that students from these programs are intellectually curious and bring perspectives that add value to their classrooms. So our goal is to build a supportive community and foster an environment of belonging so they can be successful."



Caro Mercado, associate dean of admissions & director of partnerships

IMPACT IN ACTION: Bucknell Community College Scholars

How a six-week program transforms lives

Bangyan Li '22 says two pivotal moments shaped who she is today. The first: Enrolling in Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) in 2018 after moving to the U.S. from China. The second: Applying for the Bucknell Community College Scholars Program (BCCSP) in 2019.

BCCSP was launched in early 2000 to help high-achieving, low- to moderate-income community college students who want to take their education beyond an associate's degree. What sets BCCSP apart is that it is more than a pipeline program. BCCSP provides the opportunity for about 20-25 community college students to immerse themselves in life at a residential university by staying and studying on campus for six weeks each summer.

Bucknell recruits from six schools: HACC, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Montgomery County Community College, Community College of Philadelphia, Reading Area Community College and Garrett College.

Participants are paired with a faculty

mentor and take two summer classes, which enables them to earn credits that can be applied to their home institution — or toward a four-year degree. After they successfully complete the summer program, they may apply to Bucknell for transfer admission and financial aid.

"It's about giving students, many of whom come from non-traditional backgrounds, an opportunity to see what might be possible," says Caro Mercado, associate dean of admissions & director of partnerships. "The message isn't necessarily 'attend Bucknell' — although about 90% do — it's really about helping them realize their potential. They come eager to learn and to extract as much as they can. They recognize the value of the education they are receiving."

As Li experienced, that value extends beyond academics. "Before the BCCSP, I was very introverted and quiet," she says. "I was self-conscious about having an accent. At Bucknell, people wanted to talk to me. They asked me what I needed and what they could do to make my experience better. I learned that

people in the program cared about me genuinely and were invested in me."

Li returned to HACC with new-found confidence — and a voice. She became outspoken and began taking on leadership positions on campus. When she applied to Bucknell, she decided to major in education. At Bucknell, she became a diversity intern with the admissions office, seizing an opportunity to interact with prospective students and share her experience as a first-generation, international and transfer student. When a full-time admissions job opened up at Bucknell just as she was graduating in 2022, she says it felt karmic. Li worked as an admissions recruiter until July. In August, she moved to Boston to pursue her doctorate in education at Boston University.

"Many students want to make a difference in society and contribute to the world," she says. "I think what makes this program special is that it awakens people's inner, true self and helps them see their value and potential."

"When I'd speak to high school students, I could feel that they were stressed and overwhelmed about the college process. I'd share my story — that I was the first in my family to go to college, and that I worked for the University. I think it opened people up and helped them see themselves here."

Bangyan Li '22, former admissions recruiter



Bangyan Li '22 will pursue a doctoral degree in education at Boston University beginning this fall.

THE CHANGE MAKERS

Bucknellians take meaningful steps to support social change

The Role Model

Vernese Edghill-Walden '87

In July, Edghill-Walden became the University's inaugural vice president of equity & inclusive excellence, a role in which she will lead diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts across campus. For Edghill-Walden, it is an opportunity to continue what she started as a student.

Her efforts as a student led to the establishment of the Multi-Culture Center (now called Multicultural Student Services) in 1986. Nearly 40 years later, Bucknell students from all backgrounds — including international cultures, identities and religious faiths — are benefiting from its robust network of events, programming, affinity groups, leadership development and learning opportunities — all of which trace back to Edghill-Walden's initiative.

"At Bucknell, I fell in love with being a student leader and recognized that I wanted to pursue a profession in higher education," she says. "I realized Bucknell didn't have many role models who looked like me. It is easier to see what is possible for yourself when you have guidance from someone who identifies with your own lived experience."

Seeing that was lacking, Edghill-Walden wrote a research paper about the importance of providing support systems to students of color. She presented those recommendations to President Gary Sojka, which led to Bucknell approving space for a multicultural center. "I'm thrilled that I'm returning to Bucknell, the place that shaped who I am. I hope students will be able to see themselves in me and know that they can help transform a culture."



Vernese Edghill-Walden '87 returns to Bucknell to lead equity and inclusion efforts.

The Community Builder

Marissa Calhoun '10

In 2010, Calhoun and a "small but mighty group" of fellow Bucknellians came together to found the Bucknell Black Student Union (BSU). Across the country, BSUs had been forming at predominantly white institutions since the 1960s in recognition that students of color, particularly Black students, could benefit from the opportunity to connect with peers who shared cultural identities and campus experiences.

Calhoun, a Posse scholar and English — film/media studies and women's & gender studies double-major, was the inaugural president of Bucknell's BSU. Under her leadership, the BSU had a

"groundbreaking first year" in which it organized social events as well as educational and cultural programming to benefit the entire campus. One notable achievement of that first year: Calhoun and her peers revived the Black Arts Festival, an event that had enjoyed a long and rich history at Bucknell since its founding in the 1960s but had been on a 10-year hiatus.

In the 13 years since Calhoun and her classmates stepped up, Bucknell's BSU has become a thriving organization responsible for not only enhancing the campus experience for its members, but also for promoting a campus culture that respects and appreciates different backgrounds, ideas and identities.

"In addition to reviving the Black Arts Festival, we created community and dissolved much of the separateness between organizations of the Black diaspora at Bucknell," says Calhoun, who now works in global creative marketing at Netflix. "I believe the success of cultural events at Bucknell is crucial in order to foster a community where all students feel represented by campus



Marissa Calhoun '10 helped launch Bucknell's Black Student Union and served as the campus chapter's inaugural president.

“As a liberal arts college, Bucknell has really taught me how to keep an open mind, experience many different aspects of learning and create my own path to success.”

Reece Pauling '24

life and to create an environment where all students are exposed to the diverse perspectives of the world.”

The Advocate for Justice **Jerra Holdip '23**

Holdip, a critical Black studies and political science double-major and Posse scholar, knew in high school that she wanted to fight injustice as a constitutional lawyer. An internship in Washington, D.C., exposed her to the difficulty people of color experience in accessing legal services. On Bucknell's campus, she saw a similar gap for pre-law students of color. So in 2020, she took a leadership role in the newly created Minority Undergraduate Law Society, which provides hands-on learning opportunities for pre-law students of color.

Eager to do more, she participated in the Bucknell-Mauch Fellowship Program, in which she helped prepare students to vote in the 2020 election by leading in-depth discussion forums on crucial issues. For all these efforts — and her leadership as an executive

board member of Bucknell's Black Student Union — Holdip was honored with a 2022-23 President's Diversity & Inclusion award.

“Before coming to college, I had loose ideas of how laws and policy surrounding issues like these are created,” Holdip says. “What I've come to realize in my courses here is how much diverse communities are directly affected.

“Engaging with students who are motivated to learn and actively participate in politics and government has further encouraged me to go out and be the change I want to see. My ultimate goal is to receive my J.D. and practice law. I want to be instrumental in institutions and enforcing laws that really protect and serve everyone.”



Reece Pauling '24 was named a 2023 Campus Sustainability Champion for developing a gardening program at a local prison.



Jerra Holdip '23 received a 2022-23 President's Diversity & Inclusion award for her efforts to bridge equity gaps on campus.

The Nurturer **Reece Pauling '24**

Pauling, a Posse scholar, is interested in combining her majors in environmental studies and critical Black studies to make a lasting impact on others.

As soon as she arrived on campus, Pauling started volunteering at Bucknell's farm, where she developed an appreciation for the empowering experience of growing food and feeling connected to the earth. In 2022, an opportunity arose for her to pursue a research project with the State Correctional Institute — Coal Township. She began investigating horticultural therapy — how green initiatives, such as farming and gardening, can benefit people's mental and physical well-being while also helping them to develop useful vocational skills.

CULTIVATING A TALENTED, DIVERSE WORKFORCE

Student success relies on a fully inclusive campus

Her work eventually led to the creation of the Prison Garden Project, a program in which incarcerated individuals plant, grow and harvest flowers that are then donated to residents of local nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. The project is still in early stages, but Pauling hopes it will blossom into a permanent fixture at the prison. For her efforts, Pauling was recognized as a 2023 Campus Sustainability Champion by the Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium.

“My personal experience working with Bucknell’s farm definitely shaped my passion for this project and guided me in understanding how important gardening can be,” says Pauling, who spent the spring semester in Kenya conducting research to benefit wildlife conservation and local communities. “Environmental practices and activities are extremely beneficial and should be available to all people. For those who face time in prison, rehabilitation and successful releases should be the goal. Because of my majors, I hope that I can address the injustices seen in environmentalism and bring to light the intersectionality of it and how there are layers to the environment when involving different groups of people.”



Angèle Kingué, associate provost for retention & inclusive excellence, is committed to the success of underrepresented faculty members.

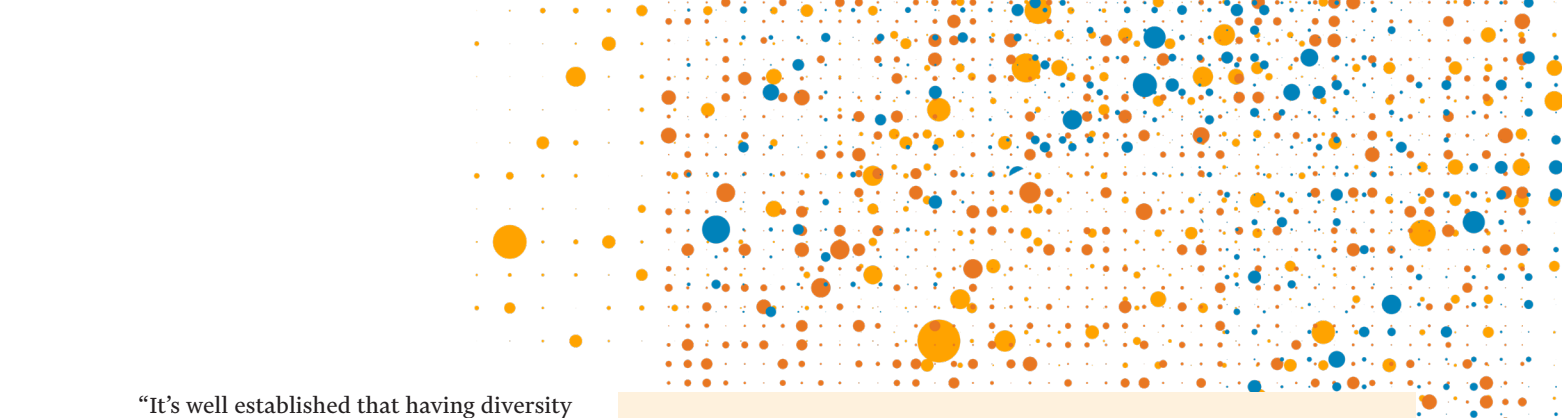
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS can't only focus on growing diversity in student populations. Efforts to promote inclusive excellence need to stretch into faculty and staff recruitment and retention strategies. Having representation campuswide — across divisions and departments — helps students from underrepresented backgrounds feel a greater sense of belonging, provides opportunities for meaningful mentorships and enhances retention and graduation rates.

Targeted programming, professional development and affinity groups certainly help these efforts (see “Growth Opportunities,” right). But as Nicole Whitehead, vice president for human resources, and Angèle Kingué, associate provost for retention & inclusive excellence, know, those efforts will only be effective if diversity and inclusion are at the heart of an institution’s mission, operations and ethos.

“I see my job as making it clear to faculty members that they can grow roots here, and there is a network around them that is here to support them. It’s a human-centered approach, and they are at the center. I want them to know that they belong here. It’s a way of saying, ‘I see you, and you matter.’ ”

Angèle Kingué, associate provost for retention & inclusive excellence

Photo: Emily Paine



“It’s well established that having diversity at all levels of an institution fosters student success,” Whitehead says. “In my role, I need to ensure that every individual we hire best supports our students — that is the reason we are all here. So, given both those things, it’s very clear why DEI is a priority at Bucknell. I don’t see DEI as something you accomplish with a single hire or with a training session. I see it as a collective experience, part of the University’s infrastructure. DEI isn’t something we do. It’s who we are.”

Kingué, who also serves as a professor of French & Francophone studies, understands the struggles faculty of color experience as they navigate a predominantly white university. Over the past four years, her role at Bucknell expanded to focus on promoting faculty engagement, particularly the recruitment and retention of faculty from underrepresented backgrounds.

Kingué begins meeting with prospective faculty members during the hiring process, and continues working with them throughout their careers at the University. She wants them to be aware of the support systems and mentoring resources available to them at Bucknell. But these conversations do more: They convey that Kingué — and Bucknell — care about them as people. That can be a differentiating factor for a professor considering multiple competitive job offers. Kingué takes an active role in the trajectory of their professional lives as soon as they arrive on campus and works with them to map out individualized plans for success. Her goal is to deliver two messages: I am on this journey with you, and we’re going the distance.

“I see my job as making it clear to these faculty members that they can grow roots here, and there is a network around them that is here to support them,” says Kingué, who says taking genuine interest in people and having ongoing meaningful interactions with them helps to foster a space of belonging. “It’s a human-centered approach, and they are at the center. I want them to know that they belong here. It’s a way of saying, ‘I see you, and you matter.’” ■

Growth Opportunities

Bucknell fosters an inclusive culture that promotes faculty and staff success through a variety of programs. Here are just a few.

Richard E. & Yvonne Smith Postdoc-to-Tenure-Track Fellowship: Designed to promote pedagogical excellence, the program specifically recruits underrepresented early-career faculty members to join Bucknell and receive support and guidance as they further develop their teaching and scholarship.

The Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Gender: Supports faculty development, scholarship, interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration on issues of race, ethnicity and gender as well as intersections with other aspects of difference.

The Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives & Cultures: Provides faculty and student intellectual and creative engagement with the interdisciplinary investigation of the cultures, histories, narratives, peoples, geographies and art of Africa and the African diaspora.

University DEI Councils: All across the University, division- and college-level diversity, equity and inclusion councils meet regularly to discuss opportunities for improvement and growth within their areas.

President’s Diversity Council: An advisory and leadership team responsible for developing, overseeing and monitoring University-wide efforts to achieve Bucknell’s commitment to diversity as a core institutional and educational value. Whitehead and Kingué are council co-chairs.

Equity & Inclusive Excellence Faculty Fellows: An interdisciplinary team of faculty members from all three colleges works closely with the provost’s office to enhance diversity strategies across campus.

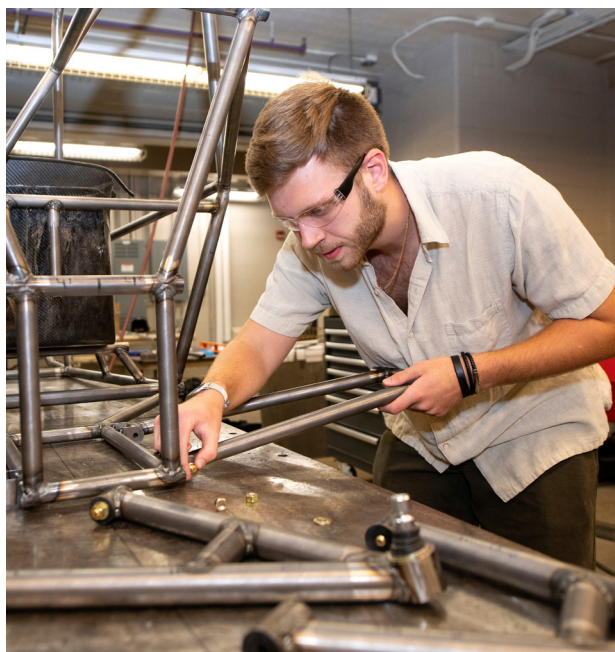
Equity & Inclusive Excellence Council: Representatives from nine administrative departments work together to advance DEI initiatives.



ONWARD

Commencement marks the end of a college career – and the start of a promising future. From designing cars at Toyota to researching pediatric therapies at a children's hospital to pursuing an advanced degree at Harvard, members of the Class of 2023 are ready to make an impact. **Here, five grads share their next steps.**

photography by **EMILY PAINE**



Driving Innovation

ELLIOT THORP '23, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

NEXT STEP > BODY DESIGN ENGINEER FOR TOYOTA

Ever since I decided to become a mechanical engineer, I have maintained two career goals: to work on cutting-edge technology that pushes the boundaries of what is possible, and to use my skills to improve the lives of others.

I feel extremely fortunate to start my journey at Toyota, a company that is focused on creating safe cars using sustainable engineering principles. In my role, I'll be designing features such as body panels, seats, lights and airbags for newly manufactured vehicles and also building prototypes and testing the safety of new vehicle components.

"Bucknell taught me how to be a supportive leader, to work in a collaborative environment and to have confidence in my decision-making."

The design experiences I acquired at Bucknell prepared me well. I spent two semesters designing sheet metal body shields for Professor **Craig Beal '08's** [mechanical engineering] electric vehicle research project. For my

senior design project, I competed in Baja SAE, an undergraduate design challenge in which teams design and manufacture an off-road vehicle that they then race in a multiday competition. My role entailed designing, optimizing, manufacturing and testing the vehicle's rear suspension system. Overseeing a project from start to finish and working as part of a team was extremely valuable and enhanced my educational experience.

◀ Bucknell's Class of 2023 leaves campus prepared to lead, innovate and make meaningful contributions across a variety of fields.

Advancing Discovery

APRIL HURLOCK '23, CHEMISTRY

NEXT STEP > RESEARCH ASSISTANT
AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
OF PHILADELPHIA (CHOP)

I'll be joining the lab of **Wesley Baker '05** at CHOP. He develops tools and techniques to study oxygen and blood flow in the brain. It's an important area of research that can inform treatment for children who suffer from brain injuries or babies who are born needing life support.

The research integrates neurology with physics and engineering and will prepare me for my ultimate goal of becoming a physician-scientist with a pediatric specialty; I think there is a real opportunity for me to make a difference.

At Bucknell, I didn't have to wait to get research experience. I was accepted into the STEM Scholars program, which lets incoming first-year students start working in a lab the summer before their first semester. I was paired with Professor Douglas Collins [chemistry], who encouraged me to launch an investigation to study the chemical makeup of thirdhand smoke — pollutants left on surfaces following exposure to a cigarette. The research was daunting at first, but it became my focus for the next four years and taught me how to be a scientist.



"Bucknell prepared me to be a scientist — and a leader. I broke out of my shell and grew more confident. My Bucknell experience has been truly transformative."



"I hope to inspire my students to keep going forward and never be afraid to take a risk or a big leap in life."

Transforming Lives

CHRISTIAN MELGAR '23, ENGLISH — LITERARY
STUDIES AND EDUCATION

NEXT STEP > HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION

Through Harvard's Teaching and Teacher Leadership (TTL) program, I will gain teaching experience while earning a master's in education. TTL is designed for teachers who are interested in advancing equity and social justice in the classroom.

An influential high school teacher told me that success is not defined by others but by ourselves. I took that to heart. It inspired me to step up academically and to pursue a degree that would enable me to influence lives as part of the public education system.

Bucknell's secondary certification teacher preparation program enabled me to gain classroom experience right away as a first-year student. And Buck-

nell's supportive faculty helped me connect with opportunities to dive deeper into my passion for equity in curriculum.

As a student-teacher, I learned patience, responsibility, and that while you can't change your past, you have the power to shape your future. I'll carry that into my own teaching.

Influencing Behavior

JAMIE TSAO '23, MARKETS,
INNOVATION & DESIGN (MIDE)

**NEXT STEP > PERSONAL BANK AND WEALTH
MANAGEMENT ANALYST AT CITI**

I've always been interested in pursuing a career related to people, and the combination of a MIDE major and psychology minor gave me a broad understanding of consumer behavior and how marketing influences people psychologically. I am entering a two-year program at Citi that has three rotations. Being able to experience several departments within personal banking and wealth management will allow me to continue to learn and to see what will be the best career path for me. I'm eager to see how my background in psychology can contribute to marketing strategy and to learn more about consumer advertising and data analytics.



"Bucknell gave me the opportunity to be involved in activities outside the classroom that benefited me. All of those things will help me in my career."



Bringing Truth to Light

JAXON WHITE '23, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
ENGLISH — CREATIVE WRITING

**NEXT STEP > STATEHOUSE REPORTER FOR
LANCASTERONLINE**

A few weeks into my first semester at Bucknell, one of my professors suggested I submit a class assignment to *The Bucknellian* as an op-ed. Looking back, I realize it was a pivotal moment in my life. I ended up writing op-eds the entire year, and then advanced to become the paper's opinion editor. I enjoy talking to people, learning new things and uncovering stories. That curiosity enabled me to transition into news writing — and eventually into the role of editor-in-chief of the paper.

As my interest in journalism grew, Bucknell's Center for Career Advancement helped me find an internship with the Center for Media Innovation


at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, which kickstarted my career. That led to another internship with the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents' Association. I remember working on a story about legislative pay raises and was initially worried about it. I was facing a bit of imposter syndrome. But I listened to my editors, learned from other reporters, and when it was time to pull the story together, what I learned on the job — plus the toolkit I had from Bucknell — helped me be successful. ■

"Bucknell has really shaped me as a person. The professors have always been supportive in fostering my interests."

➤ **Nine months after graduating, 94% of the Class of 2022 reported being employed, attending or preparing for graduate school, or volunteering. Learn more about graduate outcomes at bucknell.edu/meet-bucknell/bucknell-outcomes**



WELCOME *to the* HERD



The 56,000-strong Bucknell alumni community is now nearly 900 stronger. On Sunday, May 14, Bucknell awarded 894 degrees to students from 37 states and 20 countries at the University's 173rd Commencement ceremony. The Class of 2023, whose educational journey required tenacity, grit and grace, is ready to contribute to the University's tradition of excellent outcomes, forever united by the Bucknellian spirit.

photography by **EMILY PAINE** and **DOUGLAS KILPATRICK**



▲ Kaia Rendo '23, an English – creative writing, political science and Spanish triple-major from Elmwood Park, N.J., was selected as the Class of 2023's student speaker.

➡ Relive the excitement of Commencement 2023. You'll find photos and videos, including a video of the full ceremony, at bucknell.edu/commencement.

'You Make Me Proud to Be a Bucknell Bison'

IN PERHAPS the most coachable moment of their Bucknell experience, members of the Class of 2023 listened as Commencement keynote speaker **Jay Wright '83** delivered a rousing pep talk before sending them off to storm the court and take on the world. Known for his standout career as head coach of the Villanova University men's basketball team, Wright gave graduates a glimpse into the passion and vision that helped him guide the Wildcats to two NCAA championships and four Final Fours.

His holistic Bucknell experience informed the four-point coaching philosophy that has defined his career: "*Hard*: Work hard every day, bring enthusiasm and your best effort in everything you do. *Together*: Live your life for others. Be kind and selfless. *Smart*: Be a lifetime learner. Never stop growing. Always be open to new ideas. *Pride*: Take pride in being part of something bigger than yourself rather than focusing on personal glory."



▲ Commencement keynote speaker and legendary coach Jay Wright '83 encouraged grads to work hard and bring a positive attitude to all that they do.





Muyambi Muyambi '12 is tackling the most famous cycling route in the world — and he's doing it to forward a mission he started at Bucknell

by MICHELLE HAMILTON

photo courtesy of GFNY BOGOTÁ

TOUR DI

In July — as this magazine was heading to press — **Muyambi Muyambi '12** was pushing the limits of his physical strength, mental fortitude and tolerance for pain. He was midway through one of the world's most notoriously challenging endurance endeavors — something only the world's fittest athletes ever attempt: cycling the Tour de France route.

On July 2, Muyambi set off on his quest to finish the 2,115-mile, 21-day stage event by trailing the elite racers by one day. While he's not an official competitor, he is covering the exact race course — which means pedaling 100-plus miles a day, over grueling mountainous terrain, in sweltering heat for three weeks. It's an extreme test of athleticism that demands equal parts physicality and tenacity.

Muyambi's ambition is rooted in his long-standing commitment to Cycle Connect, a nonprofit he founded in 2012 as a student at Bucknell. What started as a club — initially called Bicycles Against Poverty — has evolved into a full-fledged organization (thanks to Bucknellian support, see "Bucknell Roots," right) that has provided thousands of bikes to Ugandan farmers so they can transport their products to market and earn an income.

For most of his life, Muyambi viewed bikes as utilitarian. As a child in rural Uganda — miles away from hospitals, without access to a vehicle — Muyambi watched as people in need of medical care, including his own mother, received treatment only because someone could hoist them on the back of a bike and pedal them to a doctor. He saw

farmers haul water for irrigation and transport crops to market and watched children pile on for rides to school.

His view changed in 2012 when Muyambi and **Molly Burke '10** cycled from California to Boston to raise funds for Cycle Connect. As he pedaled day after day, Muyambi began to notice the unexpected mood-altering effects of his effort. "It felt like freedom," he says. "It was joy."

After that cross-country journey, Muyambi, who double-majored in civil engineering and economics, settled into a career (first as an engineer, then as an investment officer) and kept riding. He hooked up with cycling clubs during the week and logged hours in the saddle every weekend.

As his enthusiasm grew, he became transfixed by coverage of the Tour de France each July. He was fascinated by the elite cyclists and their ability to attack big climbs in epic heat, day after day. "I was baffled by what the human body could do," says Muyambi, who works at the International Finance Corporation in Washington, D.C., and sits on the board of Cycle Connect.

In 2022 when he started contemplating another fundraising effort for Cycle Connect, he decided it was time to do something significant. "I wanted to put my body on the line, to show my commitment," he says. "Cycling the Tour route seemed perfect."

He began training in earnest in January 2023 with a strong fitness base. But he knew a task of this magnitude required next-level preparation. He reached out to **Kelly Desharnais Catale '12**, an elite mountain biker, for advice. Catale connected Muyambi with **Benjamin Turits '03**, a former

professional cyclist who now coaches endurance athletes. Turits ensured Muyambi departed for France physically ready for the challenge ahead.

When he needs to dig deep, Muyambi said he'll channel inspiration from Cycle Connect's farmers. "Our clients have a vision," he says. "They ask, 'What is it that I want to achieve?' and then they work to achieve it. I'll follow their lead."

Bucknell Roots

Muyambi Muyambi '12 credits his fellow Bucknell alumni for turning Cycle Connect into the successful organization it is today. **Molly Burke '10**, who served as CEO from 2012 to 2022, grew the nonprofit to serve 12,000 farmers — half of whom are women — increasing their incomes by 30%. Five Bucknellians currently sit on the board of directors: chairman **Bill Morrow '70**, **Erick Davis '01**, **Charlie Kreidler '12** as well as Muyambi and Burke.

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PREPARED TO GO THE DISTANCE

THE CONNECTOR

Muyambi Muyambi '12 and elite mountain biker **Kelly Desharnais Catale '12** knew of each other while students at Bucknell, but their connection deepened when Muyambi got more passionate about cycling after graduating and would reach out for training advice.

THE COACH

Benjamin Turits '03, a former elite cyclist and the founder of the Endurance Collective, wanted to elevate Muyambi's fitness without risking injury or burnout. Turits put him on a structured 12-week program that included interval work during the week, back-to-back long rides on the weekend, and focused hill training in Shenandoah National Park.

THE SPONSOR

Bill Morrow '70 learned about Cycle Connect back in 2014 when *Bucknell Magazine* first wrote about Muyambi and **Molly Burke '10**. Morrow, a senior adviser at Integral Venture Partners in the U.K., wanted to get involved. He became the organization's board chairman, a post he's held for seven years. Morrow is covering 50% of Muyambi's expenses; Muyambi and others are covering the other half so 100% of the funds raised will go directly to Cycle Connect.



MUYAMBI

MUYAMBI VS. THE ELITES



**2022 WINNER
JONAS VINGEGAARD**

17 MILES PER HOUR (MPH)	AVERAGE SPEED	25 TO 28 MPH
8 TO 10 HOURS	HOURS IN THE SADDLE	4 TO 6 HOURS
25 HOURS (PEAK WEEK)	WEEKLY TRAINING VOLUME	30 HOURS (AVERAGE WEEK)
FOAM ROLLER	RECOVERY TOOL	PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE THERAPIST TRAVELS WITH THE TEAM
FUNDRAISING GOAL \$200,000	EARNINGS	WINNER RECEIVES \$554,000



THE ROUTE

DISTANCE: 2,115 MILES

LONGEST CLIMB: 17.4 MILES

STEEPEST CLIMB: 5,544 FEET WITH A 7.7% GRADE

TOTAL FEET CLIMBED: 180,728



TIME

AVERAGE MILES DAY: 100

LONGEST DAY: 129 MILES

"6 a.m. to 6 p.m. is the worst-case scenario," Muyambi says.



STAGES

21 STAGES: 8 FLAT • 4 HILLY •

8 MOUNTAIN CLIMBS • 1 INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL



FUEL

DAILY CALORIES: 4,000 TO 6,000

DAILY FLUIDS: 240+ OUNCES

MUYAMBI'S FAVE: RICE WITH PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY



Learn how Muyambi Muyambi '12's endeavor went at magazine.bucknell.edu

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BROTHERS IN
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50 AND FABULOUS THE CLASS OF 1973'S REUNION PROCESSION

photograph by APRIL BARTHOLOMEW



Our Commitment to Equitable Access and Outcomes

ACROSS SOCIETY as a whole — and higher education more particularly — diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) is a subject of increasing division and debate. Every week seems to bring new headlines about attempts to limit the ability of colleges and universities to incorporate equity initiatives into areas ranging from student recruitment and classroom discussions to employee hiring and training. The June Supreme Court decision ending the consideration of race in college admissions has significantly impacted higher education and American society at large.

The growing DEI debate denies my fundamental sense of what our core commit-

ments must be as an institution of higher learning, including service to society, penetrating yet respectful discourse, deep and open inquiry, and cultural humility. Those who oppose ensuring equitable access and outcomes for all are missing two key points.

First, we as educators are obligated to prepare our students to move fluidly and confidently in a global society. Our students are on campus for only a few years, but they are citizens of their communities *forever* — communities that are filled with people with vastly different experiences, abilities and identities. As the spouse of someone with a permanent physical disability, I have

seen firsthand how community can work well in the face of difference, and what the effects are when it does not.

At Bucknell, we take seriously our responsibility to prepare students to become critical thinkers, skilled communicators and involved citizens. We design their academic and residential experience to equip them with the tools they need to successfully navigate an increasingly complex world. We must ensure that all talented, well-qualified students have the opportunity to attend Bucknell, and that they graduate ready to meet anyone, in any situation, and engage with openness, acceptance and understanding. And to be clear: *Bucknell's success depends uniquely on our graduates' success.*

Second, and even more important, it is vital that we view our campus — and the world — through a lens of *equity*, which focuses on ensuring equal access, resources and opportunities that allow everyone to thrive. Note that equity is different from diversity, which at least risks an overemphasis on meeting quotas and doesn't address the underlying issues that unfairly limit opportunity for some individuals. As Bucknellians, we hold ourselves to a higher standard. We must redefine the challenge at hand — ensuring that we are a truly *equitable* place to live, learn and work — if we are to continue as a leader in education.

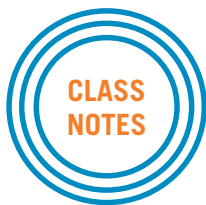
That is why our commitment to equity and access is a

strategic University priority, and why you'll see a shift in the way we talk about a diverse campus. We will continue to encounter many challenges as we determine the best way to ensure that equity of *all* types becomes an organic part of what we do. This is demanding work, and there will be bumps — but the goal itself is not up for debate. I'm looking forward to the summer arrival of **Vernese Edghill-Walden '87**, our inaugural vice president of equity & inclusive excellence, who will guide these critically important efforts.

Some may question whether Bucknell can effect authentic change. I acknowledge too that some will question if we *should*. We may not be able to change society at large, but we can make structural and operational changes to help ensure that all students, faculty and staff have an equal opportunity to *thrive* here. We can redouble our efforts to learn and model inclusive values in our daily interactions on campus, and expect our classmates and colleagues to do the same. And we can demonstrate grace and seek out the *best* in each other during this process, all a part of making Bucknell an even stronger institution.

John C. Bravman
President

▶ To learn more about Bucknell's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, see "Creating an Inclusive, Equitable Community," P. 16.



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The following obituary was submitted by **JEFFREY SYME '77**: "**JESSE SYME '47** died Jan. 26 at the age of 101 in San Marino, Calif. He majored in economics and was a member of Sigma Chi and the boxing and track teams. His time at Bucknell was interrupted by service in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He is survived by three Bucknell alumni, son Jeffrey and granddaughters **MAGGIE '11** and **ANNA '15**."

GERTRUDE "TRUDY" VOGEL GRAHAM '48

passed away Jan. 18. She received her bachelor's from Bucknell in education and continued her education at Yale University School of Nursing, earning her master's in 1951. Seven days into her job at Grand Canyon Hospital, she met husband Tom, who had an ankle injury. They were engaged after only three weeks and married after 10 weeks. The couple was inseparable for 54 years. They resided in Tempe, Ariz., and had five children, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Trudy was awarded the Phoenix Jaycees Good Government Award and the Red Cross Nursing Service Badge for her hard work and dedication in the nursing field. – N.C.T. and A.M.P.

1950

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CATHERINE CORCORAN

'84 shares the sad news that her father, **LEWIS "LEW" CORCORAN**, passed away in April. She writes, "He was 97, just a month shy of his 98th birthday. He came to Bucknell on the GI Bill after serving in WWII in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in the Pacific. Bucknell was a special place to him since it was there that he met my mother, **MARGARET FATZINGER CORCORAN '48** (who passed away in 2020). He graduated with a bachelor's in commerce and finance and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon." – H.H.R.

1951

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TED STARK JR. of Edina, Minn., passed away Jan. 4 in Phoenix, where his family enjoyed spending winters to avoid the snow

and chill of Minnesota. Ted served in the Marines in South Carolina following college, and it was there during his spare time that he learned to love golf. As a highly skilled golfer, he won several state and club golf titles. He was a long-time member of the Minnesota Golf Association Board of Directors and served two terms as president of the association in the 1980s. Following a career in accounting, he became the owner of a cleaning supply business in Minneapolis. Ted was very much a family man and left his business to his son and sons-in-law. He is survived by wife **PAT MCCOLL STARK '54**, three children and seven grandchildren.

In January 2023, **BARBARA GEORGE FRAZER** died at her home in Waverly Heights, a retirement community in Gladwyne, Pa. She was predeceased by husband Ted and son Teddy, who died in an automobile accident while he was a college student. Barb is survived by her daughter and three grandchildren. She loved nature and the outdoors, enjoying skiing, golfing, hiking, canoeing and gardening. Barb was committed to her community, her library, her church and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She was a frequent visitor to Vail, Colo., and Amelia Island, Fla.

In 1992 Barb organized a reunion of the girls who lived in Bucknell Cottage's second-floor lounge, including herself, **MONA ROGERS LARRABEE**, the

late **CAROL "BINKY"**

KIRK BUTLER, NANCY

SCHREINER HUBLEY,

MIMI FUSSELL LANG

and the late **NANCY**

BOYER DANAHEY. Three

of the women live nearby, while Nancy Schreiner Hubley drove down from Cape Cod, Mass., Nancy Boyer Danahey came in from Pittsburgh with Binky traveling from California. Since this was the first time they were together since college, they were grateful to Barb for organizing the reunion.

ALAN RAYNOR has had an interest in Art Deco since going to the New York World's Fair as a boy of 8. He attended the Jan. 13–15, Art Deco Weekend in Miami Beach, Fla., as a lecturer on the history of Art Deco.

An informal and incomplete survey indicates that many of us have one or two great-grandchildren. **BETTY QUICK "QUICKIE" HILL** shares, "I am the proud great-grandmother of 4 ½ – two girls and two boys, with another girl coming soon." **JOAN JENKINSON HAAG BEITER** says, "I have five very special greats." And **TRUDY KNUTZEN POWELSON**'s eight great-grandchildren are scattered as far away as Colorado and France. The survey is wide open for other proud great-grandparents to add to this impromptu survey. – C.H.K. and J.M.

1954

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PAUL GANZ M'62 writes, "During the football season, I was lucky to see a great game between the Bison and Georgetown in Washington, D.C. It ended in a tie, and the overtime was thrilling because Georgetown was marching toward a winning touchdown when a Bison interception stopped the march and won it for Bucknell. There were two 50-yard field goals by the Bison kicker." Paul added that he and **BRUCE MACCLARY** connect almost weekly, and they trade the ailments of 90-year-olds. He also said that **JACK GRESHAM '57, M'60** lives in the same high rise as Paul. Jack is the leading tenor in the community choir.

BETTY HEALD SCHURMANN wrote that she started her life at Bucknell in 1950 at Sixth Street with her elite group, a counselor and a house mother. Those were the days. She taught in different locations, ranging from Camden, N.J., to Maracaibo, Venezuela. After getting her master's at Rutgers, she became a counselor for 25 years in Abington, Pa. Betty lives in a retirement village in Marlton, N.J. – once a Jersey girl, always a Jersey girl.

PAM HERSHBERGER JENSEN '85, elder daughter of **HAROLD "BUD" HERSHBERGER**, wrote that he passed away in February. Less than a



Forced to Shift

by KATE WILLIARD



WHAT HAPPENS when the life that you plan to live isn't the life that you can live? **Sara Reisman Staggs '02** has experienced that reality. When she was forced to step away from her successful law practice, she felt

lost and uncertain. By channeling her thoughts and fears into her writing, she uncovered a new career path.

Debuting in May 2023, Staggs' first novel, *Uncontrollable*, draws upon her journey from civil litigator to published writer — an unexpected transition resulting from her living with epilepsy. She describes the book as being in the “own voices” movement: a term coined to identify when a story's protagonist and the author share a marginalized identity.

“Epilepsy is so underrepresented in the media and literature and also very dangerously misrepresented whenever it is talked about,” says Staggs. “Yet it's the fourth most common neurological condition in the United States. This book gives an accurate view, through fiction, and brings epilepsy into the light.”

Staggs has managed the disorder for most of her life. After successfully completing degrees in political science and Spanish at Bucknell, she went to law school and established a law practice in Portland, Ore. But during her second pregnancy in 2014, her seizures became more frequent and concerning. “All my doctors said, ‘You have to stop litigating. It's too stressful, and it's not good for the baby,’” she says. “Eventually I stopped practicing.”



Staggs delivered a healthy baby, but the seizures worsened. In 2017, she underwent rigorous testing and surgery to remove the area of her brain thought to cause her seizures. In 2020, doctors performed a second surgery to implant a responsive neurostimulation device, which senses and stops neural changes in the brain before a seizure occurs.

Uncontrollable evolved from the journals she kept during that time. “I started writing as a way to get all the trauma out of my head,” she says.

The story follows Casey, a 36-year-old civil litigator and mother of two. Like many working parents her age, Casey is balancing career pressures with the complexities of family life — all of which is further complicated by her epilepsy. As her seizures increase in intensity, Casey is faced with the choice to continue litigating or prioritize her health.

“The characters' backstories and their personal and professional journeys are fictional,” Staggs says. “But the majority of the medical scenes — pretty much any interaction with a doctor — are based on things I experienced.”

At its core, *Uncontrollable* is a story about navigating unexpected transitions, the choices that come at those crossroads and the power we both surrender and take back. “Everyone has these visions for what their life will be. But then you find yourself at a T,” she says. “This is a book with a big theme that I hope a lot of people can relate to. It's a book about transitions in life, especially unexpected ones.”

Uncontrollable: A Novel, Sara Staggs '02, Black Rose Writing, 2023.

ALUMNI BOOKS

Donald Green '61

Jefferson Davis's New York City: The Romance Between New York and the South (Palmetto Publishing, 2022)

In his new book, Green details connections between New York City and the South — two regions that are considered culturally and politically distinct. “It seems New York City wasn't the liberal bastion that it is today,” Green says. One example: “The city made so much money from the cotton trade that it voted against Lincoln in the elections of 1860 and 1864.” Green conducted extensive research, tracing back to the pre-Civil War era, to better understand the history of his native New York. While he draws parallels between the two regions, Green says he hopes the book also tells a story of change.

Theodore Burnes '00

Essential Clinical Care for Sex Workers: A Sex-Positive Handbook for Mental-Health Practitioners (North Atlantic Books, 2023)

Burnes, a psychologist and professor of clinical education at the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education, is a “sex-positive therapist” who aims to break down what mental-health providers need to know to work with sex workers. He and co-author Jamila Dawson wrote the book as a guide to help clinicians uncover their own biases and create safe spaces for clients.

Sydney Johnson Dunlap '91

It Happened on Saturday (Jolly Fish Press, 2023)

In 2015, Dunlap left her 18-year career as an elementary school teacher to fight human trafficking. She joined Traffick911, a Dallas-based nonprofit, and led a team that took a trafficking awareness and prevention program into juvenile detention centers. Dunlap's interactions with young victims inspired *It Happened on Saturday*, which tells the story of a fictionalized 12-year-old girl who is lured after a seemingly innocent online exchange. “After witnessing the devastating impact of trafficking on its young victims, I decided to write a novel to help children learn about the risks so they can make careful decisions and stay safe, especially when they go online,” Dunlap says. The novel, which is written for a middle-school audience, includes a Q&A and discussion guide to facilitate conversations.

month earlier, Joyce, his wife of 60 years, died. Harold was a leader in many Williamsport, Pa., community activities. Surviving are his two daughters, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. — B.M.A.

1955
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I hoped to get some more alums to send me memoir statements about their time at Bucknell in the '50s. The last issues of *Bucknell Magazine* have been informative and interesting. Good reporting and writing is going on. — E.M.P.

1956
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On Feb. 15, I fell and fractured my hip. I've been rehabbing since, so that I now can walk nicely with a cane. But as a result, the Eberhart tribal council met and determined I should move to Arizona, where I will be closer to my family and great-grandchildren. So on or about May 15, I will be in residence at La Siena, 909 E. Northern Ave., Unit 407, Phoenix, Ariz. 85020. Should you ever find yourself in the vicinity, I hope you'll stop by for a visit.

This was not an easy decision. I made my life and career in Bucks County, which all began when my late wife, **CLAIRE HAMMOND EBERHART M'57**, taught the son of the local family practitioner while I was still in medical school.

I had a nice note from **EVELYN STEELMAN DOANE** mostly about her late husband, **DAVID DOANE '57**. While at Bucknell, he was on the golf team. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga. He then went into the reinsurance business, retiring in 1986 to Chatham, Mass. His ancestors had been among the earliest settlers on Cape Cod. He spent his retirement years placing lobster pots, tinkering with antique cars and cruising his boat around Pleasant Bay.

In addition, Evelyn told me they enjoyed some fabulous trips abroad. She recalled her days working in the dining hall, especially the time she spilled a tray with four bowls of hot spaghetti sauce. She is active in the local historical society, her church and country club. She earned a master's degree in counseling, after which she served as a guidance counselor in Abington High School. Later she got her Realtor's license, which led to a career she found most rewarding. She has spent the last 17 years wintering in Naples, Fla. — J.E.

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Let it be known that **PEGGY KELLY KRAFFT** did *not* break her leg, as erroneously reported, and has filled us in on other

matters. In answer to an earlier question, she writes, "I would not change any of the courses that I took at Bucknell as I felt well prepared for my master's in electrical engineering and computer science from George Washington University in 1984. I worked at the Naval Research Lab in D.C. for 20 years at an extremely interesting job." (This was after Fred retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years and 16 moves.) "We moved to Viera, Fla., in 1997 and live on the 10th hole of the golf course — a dream come true for us both." It's not all golf, of course.

Peggy was an organist for a couple of years, eventually retiring from that and subs as an organist and pianist and plays in a handbell choir. Their three sons are scattered across the country but visit often, when their parents aren't off cruising out of Port Canaveral.

ANN HARRIS HUNNEWELL asked if I'd send a \$200 Amazon gift card to her niece for the

niece's birthday. Ann couldn't do it, she said, because she was in the hospital with arthritis of the knee and ankle. Obviously, Ann's email had been hacked, but I decided to play along by writing: "I thought you told me your niece was doing time on drug charges. Is she out now and doing OK? It would be bad to send her money that would just go to bad stuff, right?" I didn't hear back from the fraudster, but Ann and I enjoyed our perverse little joke. (If you've dealt with an internet scammer, please tell us about it — especially if there's a happy ending.)

MOLLY BUTZER '80, M'85 sent us this tribute to **JOEL BICKELL** who died Jan. 14: "Joel 'J.B.' Bickell was a true friend to so many. You need not have been his classmate to appreciate his delight of lively conversation, international travel, the arts and a resounding belly laugh. His greatest love was his family, but if you were lucky enough to be his friend, you had luck

enough. He was one in a million." Molly worked with Joel for many years through Bucknell's development office.

This brings us to the sad news of the passing of **BARBARA BERGMANN "BERGIE" PAHREN** in February in her Virginia Beach, Va., home. She was married to the late **HUBS "NORTON" PAHREN** who died Jan. 27, 2011. Here are excerpts from Bergie's obituary: "A teacher for many years, she enjoyed playing tennis as well as traveling around the country. While raising their three boys, she excelled at planning and executing road trips across the country with the boys in the back, Hubs driving and Barbara directing which road to take next. More recently, she loved doing jigsaw puzzles, reading and spending time with her family. She and Hubs purchased a beach house back in the 1980s in Bethany Beach, Del. Later, she and Hubs retired there. Eventually, she moved to Virginia Beach, where she was an





active part of the community.”

I read with interest the article in the *Bucknell Magazine*’s winter 2023 issue by **JAY CITRON ’58** “When Satchmo Played Davis Gym” in the winter of 1958. There must have been another challenge in making that happen that Jay didn’t mention, such as where did Louis Armstrong stay that night? I heard him play in Ephrata, Pa., in 1952, and there were few hotels that would let a Black man – however famous – stay overnight. The girls got their curfew extended that night, but Satchmo probably had to drive to Philadelphia after the concert. – C.M. and C.W.L.

1958

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It’s been very quiet from y’all. I made a commitment that I would not leave our column empty, so you will have to put up with my wanderings. I have a timeshare in Florida near the Disney complex, and each year I enjoy a week

of total irresponsibility. The restaurants are great, pools refreshing and I always wander through Disney Springs with its many stores. Annually, some of my friends join me for a few days, and we spend hours catching up and playing bridge. This year we did more chatting than bridge. After my week in Orange Lake, I traveled to New Smyrna Beach, Fla., where I spent a few more days with “old” friends. It’s always a special time for me.

I barely returned home when I was off to San Francisco for a Bay-area seven-day wine cruise. I had a great time on the Napa Valley Wine train that traveled through the valley passing many well-known wineries. Sacramento, Calif., was a special treat. I always meet the most amazing folks on these trips. I had a super birthday with my wonderful family. I never anticipated having great-grandchildren but I’m going on six! Life is good. Let me know your news please. I miss hearing from you. – R.B.S.

1959

NANCY WEHLE WORSHAM

writes in a Christmas letter shared with the University, “We moved from Long Island, N.Y., to Toms River, N.J., to a 55-plus retirement area with over 20,000 homes. The speed limit on all of the streets is 25 m.p.h., which may have something to do with our auto insurance being reduced to one-third of what we paid in New York.

“It is quiet here so visitors are welcome. The good news is that at 86 and 87, we are still living on our own. Branch has been writing a monthly column for the Brookville Reformed Church back on Long Island, something he has enjoyed doing for 30 years. We have been attending the church via Zoom and enjoy that.

“Branch and I went on a family cruise in July. Everybody had to test negative for COVID-19 to get on the boat but people got sick anyway. Branch’s brother, Bud, got sick on board and had to spend the rest of the trip in a quarantine cabin on a different deck. Branch got a mild case of COVID-19

when we got home, however he got over it very fast.”

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.

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1962

MARTHA JAMES

NICHOLS writes, “Our graduation seems like only yesterday and my experiences in Bucknell’s Liberal Arts program instilled in me a strong desire to continue learning at every opportunity. Today, I live with approximately 2,000 interesting and amazing residents in an Erickson Senior Living complex.

“During the fall semester, I had the pleasure of communicating with a delightful student from Loyola University Maryland’s class of 2023. As part of her writing minor, she was taking the Loyola Gendered Rhetoric Class. Her assignment was to spend an hour each week gaining an understanding of what life was like during my 82 years so that she could write a brief biography. We both learned so much from each other.

“I was very touched by these comments from her final document: ‘As I was

speaking with her, I began to understand that learning is one of the most important acts of life and that it is a privilege to be able to do so. ... Meeting people, attending college and having the resources to educate yourself should never be taken for granted. Learning can help us grow no matter the age, time or place.”

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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I’m enjoying the proximity to the beach and my pleasant little house in Ocean View, Del., a quiet beach town in the winter and a busy, crowded resort area in the summer. I’m adjusting to a new reality of life. I’ve also been trying to collect news from you all. Since I began as class reporter, I’ve emailed and sent letters by post, but if I have not yet reached out to you for news, don’t wait to send it in. Surely we don’t want this column to be empty? – P.W.S.

1964

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JEFF ’63 and TEDDY FURST MARTIN moved to Boulder, Colo., and she writes, “In 2020, a few months into the pandemic, **BETTY MOOD BARRON** reached out to several of us who lived in Hulley House as juniors to set up

a Zoom reunion. Since then, it has grown to 14 members located from New Hampshire to California. We've been meeting once a week for two-and-a-half years and usually get six to eight of us any given week. We have celebrated our 80th birthdays, mostly virtually, but in October 2022, four of us met at **LIZ LEVITAN BLACKWELL**'s shore home in North Carolina for a celebration. Those attending were **PENNY MULLIN MITCHELL** (North Carolina), **WENDY STEVENS MCIVER** (Maryland) and me (Colorado). Husband Jeff was also there but disappeared during the day to do his own thing. Also in the Zoom group are: **NATALIE "NICKI" SMITH COFFARO** (Florida), **BOBBI PLANTAMURA RODGERS** (Tennessee), **JANET ZAKRYK CONGDON** (Missouri), Betty (Pennsylvania), **MARGIE MAIRE GAUSS** (New Jersey), **IRENE**

BULLINGER MINICH (New Hampshire), **MARY LOU ROPPEL GARRITY** (Florida), **PEGGY OSBORN LUTTMANN** (Kentucky) and **LINDA LENHARD** (California). Also joining us is **DEE SIEGEL ROSENSHEIN '62** (New York) who was some of our members' junior counselor when we were freshmen. We look forward to our weekly discussions that range from vacation destinations to health issues to book suggestions, to name just a few topics." – B.W.S.

1965
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We owe a great debt to **LINDA HAIGH TOZIER** for being our class reporter for 38 years, until her death. In addition to reporting for Bucknell, Linda held many leadership positions with the American Association of

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University Women and received numerous awards from them.

In the last few years, I've had so much fun at Reunions, reconnecting with classmates — those I knew on campus and those I got to know — that I volunteered to be the class reporter to hear from more of you. So, please send news about you and your friends.

TOBY DECKER stays feeling young by following Clint Eastwood's advice: "I just get up every day and keep going, not letting the old man in." Proof: Toby happily took up golf in his 70s and regularly plays in Needham, Mass., in the

summer and Naples, Fla., in the winter. He carefully selects golf buddies who emphasize being social over being competitive. "I laugh so much with one friend; our scores aren't worth keeping."

On the serious side, Toby works with a team of educators developing programs to help dysfunctional and traumatized families in inner city and suburban schools.

SKIP MYERS moved from Massachusetts to a retirement community in Boca Raton, Fla. He stays in touch with several Bucknellians and had a visit from **DON GRAYBILL**

and emails from **NORM SCOTT** (Iowa), **BARRY STRAUS** (Atlanta), **JIM TOWNSEND** (Florida), **DALE MARTIN '66** (Washington state), **TOM DRESSER '66, M'68** (Missouri), **TERRY HARTZELL** (Pennsylvania) and **GUS BEHR** (Massachusetts).

Skip may be our most widely traveled classmate. He's been to 77 countries and all 50 states and went on 22 ocean and seven river cruises. He and his wife were headed to Alaska in June, the Canadian Maritimes in August and going back to the Caribbean in January. He says, "We've got to do it while we can. On the bucket list are Iceland and Greenland."

While Skip may hold the record for most travelled classmate, **FORREST** and **VALERIE SILBERNAGEL CHILTON '65** must hold it for the biggest Bucknell family. Their granddaughter, **TABITHA '22**, was the 33rd family member to go

to Bucknell. The tradition started in 1910 with Forrest's grandfather.

Forrest, our reunion chair, encouraged everyone not to wait for our 60th in 2025, but to come every year. Thank you, Forrest, for your tireless work on our behalf.

TOM '63 and **ELISSA RICHARDS KARN** hiked mountains all over the Southwest. After losing him this year, Elissa continued to enjoy desert walks where giant saguaro cacti grow near her home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Retired lawyer **LINDA HEILMAN** stays mentally and physically fit by playing tennis, paddle tennis and bridge. She walks with her Portuguese water dog on a nearby beach in Rye, N.Y. Linda keeps up with **MARILYN WERNANDER PEAY**, who moved to Maine after living many years in Australia.

DON NIDDRIE wrote old friends about the passing of **RICHARD "DUKE" SHELDON** and **JULES BRANDES**.

Through this sad process, Don reconnected with **JAY GIARDINA** and **JOE FLEMING**.

A friend reported that Jules once beat Billie Jean King at tennis. One of my favorite stories about Duke is that he consulted marketing expert **JIM ROWBOTHAM** on a project to sell chicken waste as fertilizer with the brilliant brand name Cock-A-Doodle Doo.

Don has a full life on Long Island, N.Y., with his wife of 57 years, golfing and painting. (He sent a portrait of Duke to Duke's son.) Don suggested we all meet at Bucknell Reunions to remember those who have passed and enjoy those who are still with us.

In addition to those mentioned in these notes, we will miss **DICK COLLITT** and **BOB LADD**.

Jim, still active in marketing and branding in Manhattan, suggested launching a new Class Notes feature called Your Favorites. He started with

his favorite current book, *George VI and Elizabeth* by Sally Bedell Smith. (Full disclosure: Sally is Jim's sister.) Jim's favorite TV show is *Blue Bloods*; and his all-time favorite film is *Animal House*.

Please send along your favorites, which can also include travel destinations, recipes, restaurants and Bucknell faculty. Or you can even vote for which fraternity most resembled the one in *Animal House*. – J.H.P.

1966
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Some of us had the pleasure of a luncheon with President Bravman in February at a lovely new restaurant on Naples Bay, Fla. John is always a dynamic, yet down-to-earth speaker and we all enjoyed the meal and his remarks about present-day Bucknell. There were many more younger attendees than has been typical, but we had some '60s grads there as well, including myself, **FLORENCE "FLOSSIE" GRABER WATT, NORM '63, M'64** and **MARY LOU ROPPEL GARRITY '64, LAWRENCE KLOCK '69, MICHAEL MOORE '64, ROBERT POLINER '64, BETH WEHRLE SMITH '64, RICHARD STEWART '65** and **SUZANNE STRUBLE ZELINKA '61**. We were reminded that it was Norm who convinced John to come to Bucknell from Stanford, and we are grateful that he did.

TOBY DECKER '65 and my brother-in-law, **BILL WEIDENFELLER '65**, both missed the President Bravman event, so we had

our own get-together for lunch one day before Toby headed back to Massachusetts. We sat for several hours reminiscing about our Bucknell days and beyond – recalling the time that Toby was reportedly killed in Vietnam. **SKIP BOULDIN '65** had even gone to Toby's house to tell his mother how sorry he was, only to learn that, at that very moment, Toby was down the street playing basketball. That was one "death" that turned out to be a false alarm, but, unfortunately, we have had others reported recently that were all too true.

FRED BESHORE wrote to say that his wife of 53 years, **MARJORIE "JO" MANTZ BESHORE**, passed away days after her 79th birthday following a long illness. She'd led a full life, living in Cuba as a young child, then working as nanny for some of the Rockefeller grandkids during high school. She and Fred met at Bucknell and married during his Army years. An elementary education major, Jo taught school in her first career, raised sons Greg and Eric, was a bookseller at Barnes and Noble for 20 years and became an accomplished sailor in her later years.

Another recent loss was **JACK DORR**, husband of **JUDY BERK DORR**. **DICK PACE** reported that Jack had been ill for some time and described him as "kind, generous and handsome; someone who would give you the shirt off his back." Jack was Dick's roommate at Bucknell and lived with him again in New York after returning from Vietnam. I recall that in our sophomore year French class, Jack and I sat next to one another,



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and when our cute, young professor would call on “Jacques,” we would both shrink down in our seats, hoping that the other would answer whatever question had been posed.

WILLARD “OLLIE”

RAYNOR '64 called to tell me that he lost his wife of 58 years, **MARY ANN “BONNI” VASILAWSKY RAYNOR '64**, following a long and difficult illness. Ollie and Bonni met at Bucknell and married soon after graduating. She was first an English teacher and then earned a master's in social work. Bonni was integral in creating the first in-house employee child-care center in Pittsfield, Mass., and was also a court appointed Special Advocate for Children. The couple had two children, Charles and Andrea. In recent years, the Raynors volunteered with **JIM MCCLOSKEY '64's** Centurion Ministries in the massive research that needs to be done to prove the innocence of wrongfully incarcerated prisoners. Ollie also informed me of the death of **STEVE WHITESIDE '65** last fall. In addition, **MARY TAYLOR HUBER** and

SUSAN ASHTON

SCHNEIDER have both lost their husbands of many years, Ernie Vigdor and Jim, respectively.

This time in our lives is a real challenge. If you might be interested in passing down your family history (while you can still remember it), one fairly painless way to do so is through the Storyworth project. Our son, **JEFF '94**, gifted this project to the late **CHUCK** and me in 2022, and we have two hardback books containing many stories and photos for our family records. A question to guide the storytelling is sent weekly by email for a year, and if you don't like the question, you can change it to anything you'd prefer. It's a lot of work, but not nearly as bad as creating it all from scratch. For us, it was fun to share our stories with each other as we wrote. You might want to give it a try.

— J.P.W.

1967

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1968

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BRUCE CAWLEY reported that **RANDOLPH “RUSS” ROGGE** passed away in December. “He was a boating and sports enthusiast. He retired to St. Michaels, Md., after serving as a lieutenant in the Navy, earning his MBA at University of Virginia and subsequently joining Richardson Vicks and then Proctor & Gamble until his retirement. A Lambda Chi at Bucknell, he was a caring, faithful brother to the end, and will be sorely missed by wife Nancy, his sons, including **MATT '19**, grandchildren, and many friends and fraternity brothers.”

MARK AND SUE CASSIDY LANKFORD swung off the highway on

their trip up and down the East Coast to meet Louise and me for lunch in Flagler Beach, Fla. We had lots to talk about and had a delightful visit. I looked forward to seeing them at the Reunion in June.

One of the benefits and byproducts of being on the 55th Reunion Committee was having an excuse and opportunity to reach out to folks, some of whom I rarely connect with and some of whom I see more often. Included in both categories are

CHUCK CARROLL, ED FAGAN, RICH GREENE, DAVE and FAY HANEY DEYSHER, BOB BRUSH, KATHY FENTON WAGNER, PATTI BURKE KUHN, SHELLEY WEISBERG, BOB '66, M'73 and MARILYN OLSON PARKS, DAVE AIKENHEAD, Mark and Sue, BILL JACKSON, MIKE LEWIS and PEGGY SMITH-LEWIS, BOB ROVEGNO, BOB BARTUNEK, GEORGE ROENNING, GEORGE WELTY, STEPHANIE WEST, BOB HAAS '67, BRENDA CROUTHAMEL ADAMS, BILL OGDEN, CAROLYN BIRCH MAREK, STEPHEN YEATMAN, KIP LEWIS '67, SUSAN MITCHELL SCOTT, JIM VARGA '69, BOB MARTUZA '69 and several others. Of course, everybody has a story, especially at our age. I was looking forward to seeing many of them at Reunion as well as folks not named. I'll have more to report after Reunion.

— G.V.

1969

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Kathy Baker, wife of **JIM BAKER**, writes about her husband's passing, “Jim just was a Bucknellian through and through. He proudly wore his Bucknell jacket and hat everywhere. Jim and I were honored to serve on the Parents Board at one point. Jim's funeral service was a testament to his work. Four of his Chi brothers were in attendance: **JOHN KOLAYA '70, GERALD FRANK, WILLIAM BABER and RONALD LACEY**. Our daughter, **ELLIE BAKER STEENSON '01**, and her husband, **JON “RICK” '95**, are proud Bucknellians, too!”

Jim, a dentist, passed away Oct. 30. He and Kathy, who he was introduced to by a fraternity brother, married in 1972. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he pursued a dental career, graduating in 1978 from Temple University (now Kornberg) School of Dentistry and joined his father in dental practice. He also taught dental residents. Jim remained in private practice for 40 years with his daughter joining the family business in 2008. Jim continued to teach dental residents part-time until his retirement in 2013. He was a member of the American Dental Association, the Delaware State Dental Society, and the Academy of General Dentistry, and was a fellow of the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Jim, who swam as a Bison, was a lifelong

member of Timberlane Swimming Club, where he served as president of the board for 12 years.

The Rev. **BEVERLY LUGRIN PORTEUS**, age 75, died Aug. 8, following a lengthy illness. For 20 years after graduating from Bucknell, she worked in television production in Manhattan. Then, in 1988 she married the love of her life, Christopher, to whom she was married 33 years when he died Dec. 12, 2021.

In December of 1988, after receiving her certificate in Anglican studies, she fulfilled her calling and was ordained by Bishop Paul Moore.

Most of her ordained career was in the leadership of the Diocese of Easton. She also served at the Episcopal Church in Kennett Square, Pa.; Saint Peter's Church in Salisbury, Md., and All Saints Church in Delmar, Del. In 1995, she became rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Elkton, Md. — the first female rector to serve a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Easton. Beverly was also the first female clerical president of the standing committee and served on the Diocesan Council as well as being a chaplain for Daughters of the King.

Retiring in 2011, she still loved being in church and singing with her classically trained voice. She loved being with friends, playing Scrabble, and had the best laugh, best hugs and a heart of gold. Beverly is survived by her stepdaughters, brothers-in-law and their families, including many nieces and nephews and a great-niece. — P.D.

1970
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LAURIE SMALL NOURSE writes, "We are sad to report the passing of **MARILYN "LYN" EMERICH** Jan. 13. She lived in Chapel Hill, N.C., and had a long and rewarding career in physical therapy and rehabilitation hospital administration in California, Norway and Texas. Her love of travel took her to all seven continents and many places in between. Her enthusiasm, her love of nature and her generous spirit will be missed by all who knew her."

ART MIELKE in Richmond, Calif., writes, "Over the years, we haven't been exactly a good class for contributing alumni news. It was nice to see **ANDY MEYER** celebrated for his concert chops during our time at Bucknell. And I remember watching you (**LOU**) play lacrosse. Some years later, while working on a Ph.D. at Syracuse University, I watched [at the university's] Gait brothers [Reporter's note: they were two of the very best to ever play the game of lacrosse.] do their magic in the Syracuse Carrier Dome."

"I am a third-generation Bucknellian. I majored in philosophy and stayed in touch with my mentor, [philosophy professor] Joe Fell, for over 45 years, until his death. He told me once during my time as a student that I could reflect and I could write and that I

should consider building on those strengths — what wonderful encouragement. I did post-graduate work in divinity, counseling, psychology and religion. An impossibly tight market for college teaching jobs meant that I turned for financial stability to driving 18-wheelers — a job I enjoyed before earning a Ph.D. in religion — and one I returned to with gratitude after years of being unable to secure a full-time college teaching job. Fortunately, over the past 20 years, I've been able to teach as an adjunct, most recently, in the Behavioral Sciences Department of the College of Marin in California. Bucknell put me on an intellectual journey that continues to enrich my life. I have absolutely no regrets about what I chose to study."

Sadly, daughter **LINDSAY MORTON '05** reported the passing of her father, **JOSEPH THOMAS "TOM" MORTON** of Ringwood, N.J., March 28. Tom enriched the lives of many through his unconditional support of his family, exuberant approach to friendship and lifelong career in education. After earning a bachelor's at Bucknell in mathematics and education, he received a master's of education in administration and supervision which was followed by a doctor of education from Rutgers University. Tom is survived by and will be greatly missed by his three daughters and sons-in-law and his six grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife of 39 years Susan, with whom he built their family home in 1975. In this home, they celebrated countless events and holidays, including his

acclaimed gingerbread parties and always challenging egg hunts. Tom's competitive side led to the many fun games that he played with family and friends, and his Christmas decorating was unrivaled. He enjoyed many amazing adventures with multiple ski trips per year, annual family beach vacations and travels from Italy, France, and Croatia, to Alaska and Hawaii, and even to the Galapagos Islands and Israel. Tom was widely known for his keen intellect, love of nature and openness — characteristics that we hope his loved ones will cherish in their hearts forever. — L.K.

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I have some sad notes to report for this issue; our condolences to our classmates on the loss of their loved ones. **LIZA EDGELL VOYIATZAKIS** regretted she was not able to attend Reunion after the sudden passing of her husband. **KATHERINE "KITISIE" ORBISON MORRIS '76** shared that her former husband **JOHN ZACHARA** passed away in June 2021 from an aggressive form of leukemia. He was a chemistry major at Bucknell. John was passionate about life, family, his work and the mountains. — S.L.C.

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REUNION

1974
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1975
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Self-described as a "long lost classmate," **BILL VITRIOL** writes about "plans for a 50th reunion of Bucknell rugby players from our class as well as those from 1974 to the current day. It's on campus Oct. 13–15. We are still finalizing the weekend festivities and a formal invitation will go out well in advance. We are reaching out to everyone we can, but I'm sure there are some we are missing. So, consider this a save-the-date announcement, and if you want to attend but haven't heard from anyone, please email me at vitriol100@gmail.com."

"All are welcome whether you played or not — just an interest in the club is sufficient. If you recall, our field was across Route 15 by the 'monkey cages.' They were among our first and most ardent supporters, and we are contacting them and convincing them to come."

According to Bill, "It's a challenge running down some of these guys since they've been lost for 50 years or so. I feel a little like Kurtz going down the river to the heart of darkness searching for them. The horror, the horror ..."

Bill and many others of us hope to see you in the fall.

NANCY EVANS ARMSTRONG in Roanoke, Va., has been celebrating retirement with some new endeavors. Among her favorites are playing pickleball, hiking the Appalachian Trail, volunteering at a wildlife rescue center and traveling. Last spring Nancy enjoyed the rare gift of girl time in Florida with **CAROLYN COURTRIGHT WIERDA, SHARON LITCHFIELD SPENCER** and **KAREN GOLDSTROM BENNETT**. She and husband Jeff eagerly

anticipate the next trail biking adventure with **NANCY QUAY BRADLEY** and her husband, Jeff. Even more notable and exciting is having her first book published and for sale on Amazon. The whimsical rhyming book for ages 3–6 is a mother-daughter collaboration titled *Can a Critter in a Hat Do That?* Nancy's daughter Becky brings the critters to life with illustrations to amuse youngsters and introduce them to a new hat style or two. (Having purchased several copies of this book for my grandchildren and nephews, I can attest to

the joy it brings.) Nancy would be happy to hear from classmates at narmstrong34631@gmail.com. — N.Q.B.

1976
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FOSS KAUFFMAN and wife Louise relocated to their retirement home in San Clemente, Calif., in

2016 after 30 years in Evanston, Ill. Reacclimated to California living and finished with home renovations, Foss underwent mitral valve repair surgery in 2018. Unfortunately, the procedure triggered a stroke, leaving him without the use of both hands and his left leg as well as loss of his peripheral vision. He spent 36 days in the hospital, followed by months of outpatient rehab. Four years later, he's adapted to limited sensation on his left side and remains upbeat. Foss has put his strengths to good use: mentoring teens

at his church, participating in support sessions for stroke survivors and volunteering at their library's bookstore. The stroke damage provided one surprise — a competitive one-handed golf game.

JOHN GOLDMAN did a solo bicycle tour across the U.S. He left from the Wonder Wheel at Coney Island Beach, N.Y., Aug. 8 and ended at the Pacific Wheel at the Santa Monica Pier Oct. 22. The total distance ridden was 4,151 miles. John kept a daily journal at www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/24450.

PROFILE

BRAIN POWER

An innate curiosity has fueled neuroscientist Christopher Walsh '78's career of discovery

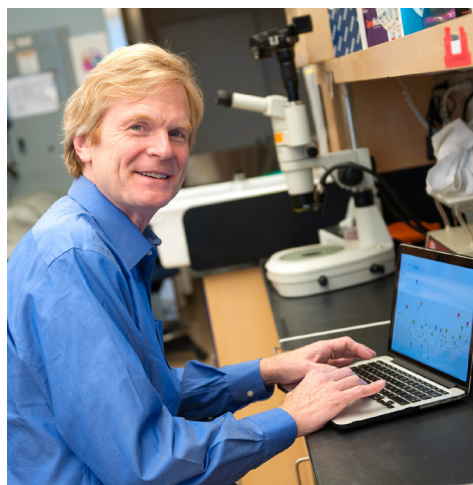
by NICOLE GULL MCELROY '00

CHRISTOPHER WALSH '78 found all the direction he needed when he arrived at Bucknell — and it came through two classes that appeared on his very first schedule: organic chemistry and psychology.

"Organic chemistry presented a beautiful logic," he says. "Psychology revealed that everything uniquely human — from language to art to music to consciousness — emerges from a brain that follows chemical rules. My career has bridged those two courses from that first semester."

Today, Walsh is a celebrated neuroscientist who studies the genes that influence the cerebral cortex, the part of the brain responsible for functions such as memory, reasoning, personality traits and language. He serves as the chief of genetics and genomics and director of the Allen Discovery Center for Human Brain Evolution at Boston Children's Hospital. Over the course of his career, he has identified 35 neurological disease genes. In 2022, he was awarded the Kavli Prize in Neuroscience for his work uncovering genetic mutations that can cause epilepsy and autism spectrum disorders.

Walsh is driven by an innate curiosity that compels him to continually dig deeper into his discipline. Studying the brain, he says, often feels so familiar, because he's been doing it his entire adult life. Yet just when the work feels predictable, something miraculous emerges that he didn't expect. "It's endlessly fascinating," he



Christopher Walsh '78 is credited for identifying more than 40 neurological disease genes over the course of his career.

says. "It doesn't feel like work."

Walsh says every step of his academic and career journeys has been about solving a problem or exploring a curiosity. Research has always informed his path — even as a chemistry major at Bucknell. "I was co-author of two different papers at Bucknell," he says. "That was unusual to get that kind of opportunity, but it's what sets Bucknell apart — students having a chance to work in labs."

Walsh says the most inspiring parts of his job are the children and families he meets. "I'm inspired by kids with all kinds of challenges, and especially by their parents," he says. "Having a child with a cognitive disability defines their entire life and influences every decision the parents make. I'm so inspired by the people who take on that challenge in ways I'm not sure I could."

John was able to see a couple of our classmates on the trip. He stayed his first night with **NORM CHESTER** in Bradley Beach, N.Y., and really appreciated Norm's hospitality. John's wife Liz, daughter Susan and her fiancé (wedding in late 2023) and other relatives greeted John on his arrival in Santa Monica. His son, Michael, and first grandson Zoomed in from the East Coast. In Santa Monica, John and Liz stayed with **HOWARD HEITNER**, who he'd not seen since graduation. John and Liz then took a train to Oakland, Calif., to visit relatives. As if his cross-country bike trip wasn't enough, John then biked from the Golden Gate Bridge back to Santa Monica.

BRAD CHAZOTTE and wife Nancy continue their retired life in Chapel Hill, N.C. Their daughter, Bryanna, was finishing her second year of medical school in Bradenton, Fla., and they will help her

move when she begins her clinical rotations in St. Augustine, Fla., at Flagler Health+ for her third year of medical school. Brad has stayed in touch with Jackson Hill, Bucknell retired professor of music. Jackson visited the couple several years ago in Chapel Hill when Jackson's son was at the University of North Carolina, and they have stayed in touch.

Finally, I [**GAIL**] have the sad job of informing classmates of the passing of my husband, **RAY FERRI**. If you knew him well, you would know that his health had declined over the years due to radiation treatment for cancer. He lived life to the fullest, and especially loved his years at Bucknell. His friends there stayed in touch with him and his time with them was among his fondest memories. He went the corporate route with IBM and then pursued his dream of being a dentist. He brought up two

extraordinary girls, and later found time for road biking, raising koi and traveling – not to mention his Corvettes. Except for the COVID year, he never missed a Reunion, and we often stopped by on our way north. A big 'ray from him to you. – G.W.F. and M.L.K.

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ROBIN SUYDAM is very busy with a wide range of volunteer activities, such as serving on the local Environmental Commission, as development chair for the State Theatre in New Brunswick, N.J., and as a volunteer at her 300-year-old community church. She is also a board member of Creation Justice Ministries in Washington, D.C. She and husband Paul Corkery

travel to their vacation townhome in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in spring, fall and winter. This year they plan to visit old breweries in England, number one on home brewer Paul's bucket list. "I still fiddle around with French, German and a little Italian when I can. Living on a 300-acre farm, 30 miles from Manhattan as the crow flies, has its advantages. Join us on the porch for a beer."

HOLLY PUGLIESE KIMMEY writes, "Last month I had a '77 mini-reunion in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., while on vacation. **LIZ FEARING CLEMENT** and husband Dan, along with **SHARON PETERSON**, met me and my husband, Dennis, for dinner. Liz and I hadn't seen Sharon for many years, and it was like no time had passed since college. (Of course all of us looked *exactly* the same.) I have been retired from medical equipment sales for almost four years and am loving my life. Now that my husband is finally retiring this summer, I'm deep into making travel plans. It was so good seeing everyone last summer at our 45th, and I'm looking forward to the 50th!"

PETER ANDERSON is still working as a financial adviser and enjoys helping others achieve their goals.

I [**SUSAN**] volunteer every year at the Philadelphia Flower Show, held in early March. It is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event. I've served in several roles over the 12 years I've volunteered, but my favorite is checking in the plants entered for judging. Last year, I became vice-chair of this function. The job involves

managing volunteers, preparing for the three plant entry days and lots of troubleshooting. It's exhausting but fun.

We'd love to hear from all of you. Let us know what floats your boat these days. Send us your news now while you're thinking about it. – S.H. and B.K.

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As you read this column, we will have returned to Bucknell for our 45th Reunion. I was looking forward to seeing everyone. My next report will hopefully bring everyone up to speed.

If you were unable to attend Reunion, please get in touch and let us know how you're doing. I had a wonderful telephone conversation with **TOM MCLEAN** (during March Madness appropriately). We reminisced about the Mods (I'm still grieving over its tear-down), Davis Gym, basketball coach Jim Valvano, teammates, friends and how wonderful our years were at Bucknell. I will provide a more detailed update after Reunion as I intend to grab Tom at our Class Dinner and get a good chronology of his post-Bucknell life. – K.M.A.



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ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT



1979

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I received a nice email from **LYLE DEATH**. He and I were floormates in Larison sophomore year. Lyle and **ELLEN MARSH DEATH** have been married for 32 years and live in Orchard Park, N.Y., not far from Buffalo. What I remember about the winter of '77/'78 was the huge amount of snow that the Buffalo area received. New York City sent sanitation trucks to Buffalo to help with snow removal. Lyle and Ellen keep in contact with **BOBBY CHIUMENTO, LEE and ANNE MORELLI EDWARDS, MARCUS SCHWING** and **COLTON O'DONOGHUE**.

The couple have two daughters — one lives in Orchard Park and the other in Chicago. They have seven grandchildren (one boy and six girls), ranging in age from 1.5 to 9. Lyle and Ellen are semi-retired with the plan to fully retire sometime this year. Ellen's dad, **TALLIE MARSH M'64**, received his master's from Bucknell. Lyle's sister, **PEGGY DEATH BOURLIER '88**, also graduated from the University. Their two daughters, **AMY DEATH '10** and **SARA DEATH THOMPSON '06**, also attended Bucknell and it was where Sara met husband **BAKER '06**.

I also received a nice email from **JIM SCHOTT**. He and wife Renee had returned from a six-week



A GIFTED GROUP

by **NICOLE GULL MCELROY '00**

The four Bucknellians behind custom gift company Well Told hold backgrounds that feel like the greatest hits of a liberal arts education. The collective experience of the company's leadership team spans computer science, economics, engineering, English, history and mathematics. Those far-reaching disciplines inform the strategy, design and technology behind their personalized gift business.

In 2009, **Brian Johnson '02** was working as a mechanical engineer for the Army when he started a side hustle creating home goods, such as picture frames and DVD holders, out of recycled materials. By 2012, Johnson, who originally called the company Uncommon Green, had developed a line of engraved city map barware. His idea was to illustrate a personal connection to a place or experience, using a functional, everyday item as a canvas.

Johnson designed the products himself but needed help expanding the business, so he convinced a few Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brothers — **Colin Woodworth '01**, a computer science and history double-major; **Dave Reddy '02**, an economics and mathematics double-major; and **Neil Angis '02**, an English major — to join his company.

Woodworth, who serves as chief technology officer, saw an immediate opportunity. "We thought these would make great closing gifts for real estate agents, but at the time we only had 25 cities," he says. Woodworth developed custom code, enabling a shift in automation and

Colin Woodworth '01, Neil Angis '02, Brian Johnson '02 and Dave Reddy '02 (L to R) honed skills and built friendships at Bucknell that are the keystone of Well Told.

scalability that completely changed the business. It allowed the company to offer barware and a growing assortment of gift items with detailed maps of virtually any location in the world.

"We talk about ourselves as a tech company disguised as a consumer products company," says Angis, chief marketing officer. "We have custom night-sky products: a view of the stars and constellations from any time and any place. That wouldn't have been possible with the way we were designing our products in the beginning."

In 2019, with a more nuanced understanding of the company's strategy, the team renamed the business Well Told. "We create products that tell your story," Angis says.

Along the way, the alumni have continued to grow the charitable side of the business. Through its Well Told GIVES program, the company donates 10% of proceeds to nonprofits across the country. "To date, we have supported more than 250 nonprofit organizations of all sizes and causes, from local animal shelters to public schools to national organizations like Habitat for Humanity," Johnson says.

Well Told recently launched in Barnes & Noble stores and continues to explore ways to extend the brand and product offering. "We're transforming ourselves from 'that map glass company' to a national personalized gift business," says Reddy, chief financial officer. "As long as we can learn, we'll get better and stronger. We aren't afraid to try new stuff."

trip to celebrate their 65th birthdays. Jim visited his roommate **MARK MILLER** and electrical engineering classmate **JEFF MCQUAID**.

They also visited Lewisburg on the way to see **GREG GREGO** and his wife, who lives in Blackwell, Pa., where he designed and built a 200-yard cable car to cross the creek to his cabin. Jim and Renee made stops to see family in Fanwood, Cranford, Hoboken and Summit, N.J. In California, they made stops in Napa, Palm Desert and Manhattan Beach. Jim asked that I mention his father turned 101 and still lives alone and likes gardening, weekly work at Scout camps and oil painting. His dad worked 35 years at Bell Labs in New Jersey, including early research with fiber optics.

Gail and **JOHN WEITZ** wrote from their retirement home in St. Petersburg, Fla., where their adult children live. They may be retired but the Weitzes continue their exercise regimen including biking, swimming and going to the local gym. Gail volunteers at synagogue, performing Torah readings, chanting and singing for the congregation. Both Gail and John attend adult classes at the synagogue. John did poll worker training, and then helped set-up for and worked the long day at the November general election. Among the monthly meetings that Gail and John attend are with the Republican club, condominium association and Isle club.

Please send me your news. — A.S.

1980 DEBORAH L. HENNEL dhennel@aol.com

BOB and **MINDY TYLOR INNERS**, who relocated from York, Pa., to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., were looking forward to warmer weather, more outside play and becoming first-time grandparents in July. Bob and Mindy were hoping to connect with Sunshine State alums as well as welcoming snowbirds.

Otherwise mail was light, but the Facebook group still had posts of great mini-reunions. Is everyone too busy celebrating this big birthday year? Cheers to us, and keep in touch. — D.L.H.

1981 CAROL CHRISTIE ROSNER ccrosner@aol.com

BOB POLLOKOFF reports, "Amy and I have been spending time in Naples, Fla., the last few years. At our Reunion last June, I learned that several others spend winter months there, too. We had a nice outing with several 3rd Kressers and wives including **LARRY D'AMICO**, **GEORGE KANGOS** (with wife **BECKY GOODWIN KANGOS '82**), and **TOM GANTER**, accompanied by **KATHY NEMES CASSIDY**. Also joining us were **PAUL ADKINS** and **BRENDA LAPINSKI HORWITZ**. We've since learned that others are in Naples, so we hope to expand the outing next year. If anyone's interested, let me know." How fun is that?

I don't usually like to write much about myself,



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but Steve and I had some fun Bucknell connections during the past few months that I'd like to share. We had a wedding to attend in Miami in mid-January so we took the opportunity to have lunch with **JOHN DIFFENDERFER**. **AMY VIENER** was spending the winter in Jupiter, Fla., so John invited her to join us. Amy kindly provided chauffeur services for us from our Ft. Lauderdale hotel to John's — a condo in Miami Beach with amazing views. As you can imagine, there was lots of laughter and John became our chauffeur for the weekend.

Steve and I were on St. Croix again for the winter and had the chance to spend some time with **BOB '78** and **TORY LUCE KALLIN '83**, who vacationed for a couple of weeks on the island. You can be sure that many of your names came up as Bob was an RA our freshman year (1st Kress, I believe). Bob and I also worked in educational fundraising, so we had lots of mutual friends and experiences. It was great to get to know Tory better in a very relaxed setting.

Soon after Bob and Tory left, we had the pleasure of giving Ann and Tom DiStefano, former Bucknell staff and faculty members, respectively, an island tour when they spent a day on St. Croix from their cruise ship. Ann worked with our class on our 15th and 20th reunions. Perhaps we will see more Bucknell friends on St. Croix in the coming years.

Enjoy your summer and fall and be in touch!
— C.C.R.

1982 BECKY GOODWIN KANGOS rgkang@aol.com

BOB DESOUSA has a new job at the national law firm of Eckert Seamans where he will be Government Affairs counsel in the firm's Harrisburg, Pa., office. Previously, he was state director for U.S. Sen. Patrick Toomey, with whom he served for 12 years. Bob also served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for 28 years and has held numerous positions of leadership, including as State Judge Advocate.

He's also been CEO of The Vartan Group Inc.; general counsel for wealth management firm R. E. Harper Associates, and an attorney with Dethlefs Pykosh & Murphy.

In addition to his bachelor's, he earned his law degree at the Dickinson Law School, Penn State University and a master's of strategies studies at the U.S. Army War College.

I haven't heard from anyone else so I'm forced to write about myself.

GEORGE '81 and I became grandparents before I was writing these notes. We are very excited with the new addition to our family. Our son, **STEVEN '12**, and his wife, **MAGGIE CASIN '12**, are both Bucknell graduates. I figured out that our granddaughter would be the Class of 2045 — scary thought. We were snowbirds in southwest Florida for a few weeks in March. We had a fun week with **LARRY D'AMICO '81** and his wife, **TOM GANTER '81** and **KATHY NEMES CASSIDY '81**. We all had dinner with **BOB POLLOKOFF '81**, **PAUL ADKINS '81** and their wives after having birthday drinks with

BRENDA LAPINSKI HORWITZ '81 and her husband. Quite a nice showing of Bucknellians in Naples, Fla. We also saw **AMY VIENER '81** and **ROY MCKINLEY '81**. I was feeling distinctly outnumbered as the sole member of the Class of 1982 so let me know if any classmates are living or wintering in the area. — B.G.K.

1983

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In anticipation of our 40th Reunion, I heard from **THOMAS BRYANT** with "just a quick update from North Texas. As I write this, I'm looking forward to seeing classmates at our 40th Reunion, especially from 2nd Kress and those Bucknellians who were commissioned as Army officers. For those commissioned in 1983, please check in with the current professor of military science because he needs our class information. In addition, for those commissioned in 1983, our professor of military science, retired Lt. Col. James King, is in assisted living. Please remember this great soldier in your thoughts and prayers.

"As I look back, it's hard to fathom that we are finishing our 40th year of post-bachelor's degree work and education. My professional work since leaving Bucknell includes 36 years of government service (32-plus with the U.S. Army and four years as a flight test pilot with the Federal Aviation Administration [FAA]) and about four years of flight testing with the L3Harris Technologies. Working

with the FAA as a flight test pilot in 2019 was very rewarding. The FAA is devoted to providing the safest overall flight experience for the flying public worldwide, and it was great to be on a team with such an important and difficult set of missions." Thomas is at thomas.hbryant@yahoo.com.

JIM '82 and I were in the Providence, R.I., airport in February when I spotted a nice young man with a Bucknell sweatshirt while Jim waited in the Dunkin' line. **BRANTLEY HOOKS '11**, a highly acclaimed Bison wrestler, and his wife were on our flight to Atlanta. They relocated from Charleston, S.C., in 2020. This is small-world stuff.

On a personal note, Jim and I welcomed our fourth grandchild on Easter Sunday (which happened to be Mark and **LAURIE HOLBEN FINE'S** 40th wedding anniversary). James Russell Eick arrived a bit early but healthy. His sisters, Kensey (4-1/2) and Porter (3), along with his parents and grandparents, are over the moon. How many of you have entered grandparenthood — the best club ever? — T.T.E.



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1984

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KEVIN FITZGERALD wrote with a sobering account of his career and resignation in 2014 from

his position as vice president of Airbag Inflator Engineering at Takata Corp., the now-shuttered maker of automobile airbags. Kevin's testimony for the U.S. government led to the massive expansion of the airbag recall, the indictment of three Takata executives and the company's eventual demise in 2017. Kevin and a friend, David Schumann, co-wrote a book, *In Your Face: An Insider's Explosive Account of the Takata Airbag Scandal*, (self-published in 2019) in hopes of speeding the repair and awareness of this dangerous product. Kevin continues to work to get the message out about the

dangers of the nearly 11 million Takata airbags that remain unrepaired and in vehicles on the road today. He encouraged automobile owners to take recall notices seriously, check vehicle identification numbers for open recalls and review the list of vehicles with Takata airbags.

HARRY MATHIAS M'96 was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2023 by the Columbia Montour (Pa.) Chamber of Commerce. Since retiring in 2019 after 35 years at Central Columbia School District (the last 19 as superintendent), Harry has been consulting and this past year was contracted by the Columbia County

Commissioners to advise and manage their American Rescue Plan COVID relief fund distributions. He also worked four months as interim superintendent at Danville (Pa.) Area School District. He has served on the board of the Community Giving Foundation and as president of a charitable foundation formed by his family in 2020 in memory of his late father.

My husband, **JEFF '82**, and I had the sad privilege of attending the memorial service for Greg Michael, the husband of **WENDI HIPKINS MICHAEL '85** and father of **ELLIE '26**. Greg passed away Feb. 6. Joining us to pay respects

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were: David and **MARY SYROKWASH EARL '85**, Jeanne and **DOUG HOBBS '85**, **JEFF MANNIX '85** and **ANNE CHAPIS HIRN '85** who flew in from Colorado. The service, held on a perfect winter day without a cloud in the sky, was one of those experiences that made us each carry something long-lasting in our hearts about what life, family and legacy mean. — A.A.C.

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I follow **MARY SAMORI MORAN** (shout out to Swartz 3B hallmates) on social media, and I've been in awe of what she and her husband have done in support of their

son. She took a situation with no good alternatives and created her own — and it's turned into an amazing resource.

In desperate need for the best autism program for their young son, Mary and husband Robert along with four other families co-founded REED Academy in 2003, a school for children with autism. Since then, REED has grown and expanded into REED Autism Services, a collection of programs serving individuals with autism across their lifespan.

The nonprofit includes REED Academy for ages 3–21, REED Next Adult Day Program and REED Next Residential Services for adults and Greens Do Good. The organization serves more than 100 people across New Jersey annually. Mary says, "We are so proud of REED and never could have imagined that a little school that started in a church basement would grow into something so far-reaching

in the autism community." For more information, visit reedautismservices.org.

Next year many of us will celebrate a milestone birthday. Do you have any plans to mark the occasion? Will you try to get together with classmates from 38 years ago? If so, please share an update. — J.D.C.

1987
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KATHY FERLAN JACKSON wants to give a shout out to her fellow "Green Slummers"—**CINDY BESS MORAN**, **JULIE LINWOOD**, **ANNE STILE**, **SUE CHAUNCEY ROMAGNOLI** and **ROMY GRANT CALLAHAN**. After all of these years, Kathy would love to hear from all of you and find out how you're doing. She is at kandajax@aol.com.

Kathy also wrote that she graduated from the

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. Her veterinary practice is in Woodbridge, Conn., and she lives in New Haven, Conn., with husband Andrew and their three children. — L.S.W.

1988
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It's hard to believe that by the time you read this, our 35th Reunion will be behind us. I had the action item to create the Class of 1988 Trivia for the June 3 dinner with 35 questions (of course). I wanted to let you know that the most popular Class of 1988 women's name (26 classmates) is Sue/Susie/Susan/Suzanne and variations thereof, and the most popular men's name (24 classmates) is John/Jon/Jan. And, incidentally, according to the MGMT 101 Late Night with Bucknell University "Top-Ten" T-shirt, the No. 1 reason to attend Bucknell University was "What else would I do with \$60,000?"

Please note, I welcome the contributions of anyone who would like to feature their news in this column. Email me details about you and your Bucknell circle; we would love to hear from you!

For now, we hear from **MEL BLOUNT** who is checking back in after a lightning-fast quarter that included a lot of weekend trips for him and wife **KAREN BAILEY BLOUNT**.

He saw **BILL CLINE '85** for the first time in 15 years, even though Bill lives in Brooklyn and Mel in New Jersey and both

men work in Manhattan. "I texted Bill telling him I was going to the New York Athletic Club for the first time in 25 years that night (Bill sponsored me into the club in 1990) and wondered if he might be there. He was not planning to be there but would be at the University Club so I said I would walk there. It was just great to see him, and I will report back later this year if I am able to coerce him into playing golf with me."

In late January, Mel and Karen went to Naples, Fla., to see Dan and **KATIE SIMPSON CASTE**, along with Karen's brother and his wife who are Dan and Katie's neighbors in Pittsburgh. It was "a wonderful, low-key weekend, and I was FaceTimed by **MAUREEN "MO" CARROLL** while I was lounging in the hot tub. Mo and her buds, **STACEY GARDNER MULLINS**, **ERIN O'CONNELL LANGTON** and **JEN JONES LADDA**, were all shivering in Boston ... They needed the hot tub."

In early March, Mel was at Lehigh for Bucknell's Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament game and sat with **BOB SHAFFER '91** who he hadn't seen since Bucknell. Bob's daughter, **EMMA '23**, was a senior on the team. Mel says, "The result on this March night wasn't what we wanted, but it was worth the trip."

Later in the month, he traveled to Yale for Dartmouth women's lacrosse and watched the game with **BOB NESSEL-BUSH '86** whose daughter was a senior on the team. "Another great surprise Bucknell connection on this Dartmouth team is



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HR STAR

For Dawn Kleinman Klinghoffer '91, managing people effectively is both a science and an art

by KATIE NEITZ

IN THE AFTERMATH of the COVID-19 pandemic and the “great resignation,” many employers have had to reevaluate how they retain employees and ensure they feel empowered and energized about coming into the office – or logging in from home.

Dawn Kleinman Klinghoffer '91 leads that effort at Microsoft. As vice president of human resources business insights, Klinghoffer oversees a global team that compiles and studies “people analytics.” Using a detailed biannual employee survey and other employee listening tools, they collect data to help the company’s leadership improve the employee experience and support HR priorities such as global diversity and inclusion, talent management, and learning and development.

Under Klinghoffer’s leadership, Microsoft switched its focus from employee engagement to employee thriving – an intentional shift that focuses on building meaningful relationships between managers and employees to boost employee energy and prevent burnout. “Our goal is to help our human resources leaders use data to make better decisions,” she says. “We do that while retaining the ‘human’ element of HR by ensuring the data has context behind it. In this way, we bring art and science together to make the best holistic decisions for our employees.”

For her efforts, Klinghoffer was named an HR Rising Star of 2023 by *Human Resource Executive*, a media outlet that covers strategic issues in HR.

Klinghoffer, who majored in mathematics at Bucknell, started her career at Microsoft 25 years ago. Working for the tech giant was a lifelong dream. “As a student at Bucknell, I remember being fascinated by the growth of Windows and impressed by Bill Gates, who was such a visionary,” she says. “Then, in my first job as an actuary for an insurance company, I was introduced to Excel.



Dawn Kleinman Klinghoffer '91 oversees people analytics at Microsoft, where she helps managers help employees thrive.

It was incredible software. I could see the tangible impact that Microsoft made on a global scale, and I wanted to be part of it.”

She eventually got her shot. In 1998, she accepted an accounting job with Microsoft. A few years later, when she was expecting her first child, she asked to move to a part-time role. In an era when companies were not known for their flexibility, she credits Microsoft for being accommodating. She switched to a part-time position in HR, where she was able to combine her background in statistics with her interest in organizational psychology.

Her work makes a real impact on employees’ lives. For instance, when her research revealed that after-hours email can have a negative impact on employee perception of work-life balance, her team worked with the product groups to create a delay feature and to nudge you when you were about to send an email to someone after core working hours.

“We provide data and insights that help managers make decisions and help their employees,” she says. “I love helping people bring their best selves to work every day.”

➔ [Listen to Dawn Kleinman Klinghoffer '91 discuss her work at magazine.bucknell.edu](https://magazine.bucknell.edu/discuss-her-work-at-magazine.bucknell.edu)

KRISTINA HAAS

DESMOND '91 whose daughter is a sophomore for the Big Green. Dartmouth lost 11-9 but hit the post with 50 seconds to go and was so close to pulling off a major upset.”

At the end of March, Mel was in upstate New York for a New York Rangers and Buffalo Sabres hockey game with **DON DIMITROFF '87** and his family, who live in the area. The next morning, he drove to Ithaca, N.Y., to meet up with Karen and **LESLIE NORTHRUP LONG '87** to watch Leslie’s son play lacrosse for Cornell University.

“Lastly, we went to Easter Sunday church service and were psyched to see **ANDY '87** and **CALI WILLIAMS YOST '87**, their daughter, **EMMA '20**, and Cali’s dad, **DOUG WILLIAMS '63, P'87**, one of my favorite people on the face of the Earth.” Mel also was looking forward to seeing the Bison football squad that he predicted would bring home “our first Patriot League title since 1996.” – S.V.P.

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ANTHONY MARINIELLO chairs the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Congratulations! **LAURA WEYANT KEARNEY** opened her own law firm called LWK & Associates. They are a boutique firm focusing on estate planning and estate administration. Congratulations, Laura! Stay safe and be well. – L.M.O.

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FROM PASSION TO ACTION

Jessica Scott '08 is working for the planet — from the state of Maine

by NICOLE GULL MCELROY '00

JESSICA SCOTT '08 doesn't do anything halfway. In addition to working as senior climate adviser in the Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, she's also spending her summer moonlighting as a crew member aboard a historic schooner to get a crash course in sailing. "It feels appropriate," says Scott, a New Hampshire native who moved to Maine two years ago. "Everyone here is a boat person or is boat-adjacent. I thought I should embrace the cultural history of this place."

Scott's intensity is fueled by a work ethic and an interest in leaving things better than she found them. While studying animal behavior at Bucknell, Scott began pulling strings on her career in environmental policy. She helped establish the Bucknell Center for Sustainability & the Environment and was responsible for getting solar panels installed on the building that houses the center. She was also key in orchestrating a daylong teach-in on climate change.

In her job, Scott is intimately involved in executing the state's first climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*. The plan, she says, has set a framework to "pave the road for meaningful climate action in Maine." The state has set goals in terms of clean energy use, clean energy job creation, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increased land conservation, heat pump installations, home weatherization and more. With more than 90% of the state covered in forest, 3,500 miles of coastline and more than 2,000 square miles of inland water, Mainers are tethered to an understanding and appreciation for the environment. "When we talk about climate change, it's impactful here," she says.

That's why Scott sees Maine as an inflection point for so much of what's happening in climate policy across the country. It's also



Jessica Scott '08, pictured in Rockport Harbor, Maine, is helping the state carry out its climate action plan.

why she finds working on the state level so powerful. "I see how policies we make actually change lives around me," she says. "I call Maine one big small town because that's how it feels. Doing this work, it feels like I'm doing it for my neighbors. And that is exactly the right way for me to have an impact."



REUNION

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DEBRA ZAPOTOCKY RIZZI and her marketing company, Rizco, received National Women's Business Enterprise Certification from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. This certification

makes Rizco a nationally recognized woman-owned business.

KRISTA ZACCARIA FINEGAN and the rest of the O'Rourke Finegan Group at Morgan Stanley were named one of Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Management Teams in Pennsylvania for 2023.

MICHAEL THOMAS was featured in the *Los Angeles Times* 2022 *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility* magazine as a DEIA Visionary. The magazine highlighted prominent thought leaders in the California business community who prioritize diversity, equity and

inclusion policies within their respective sectors. He is a principal with the employment law firm Jackson Lewis in its Orange County, Calif., office. Michael focuses his practice on representing employers on various employment law and corporate diversity matters.

Big congratulations to all of them and their professional successes! — S.A.S.

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REUNION

1999

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GILLIAN HAMP-DEN-THOMPSON M'99

will be a principal of the Josephine Butler College at Durham University, England, and professor in the School of Education, beginning in July. She has 25 years of experience in U.S. and U.K. education

and has spent her career working with young people and students as a secondary school teacher, a sports coach, a college governor, a university lecturer and a researcher.

Since 2014, Gillian has been at the University of Sussex, England, serving as head of the School of Education and Social Work. Prior to her role at Sussex, Gillian was the director of research in the Department of Education at University of York, England, and a research analyst at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C.

She has a Ph.D. from Penn State, a master's from Bucknell and earned her bachelor's from Leeds Beckett University in England.

2000
BRIAN BAXTER
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CASEY BARBER writes, "In 2022, I was selected as an artist-in-residence at Acadia National Park in Maine – the first food writer in the 30-year history of the program. My residency project, *Maine*



PROFILE

VALUE ADDED

Tyler Greene '17 helps vulnerable populations shape positive futures

by **NICOLE GULL MCELROY '00**

TYLER GREENE '17 has built a career in nonprofit and social services management by relying on his empathy for others and desire for fulfilling work.

Greene works with homeless and at-risk children and young adults at Valley Youth House, a social services organization that offers emergency shelter, counseling and mentoring at 300 residential sites across Pennsylvania. In his role as director of quality, Greene ensures the myriad of programs across all levels of care meet the organization's goals, and looks for opportunities for continuous improvement.

Greene arrived at Bucknell with intentions of becoming an engineer, but his first semester revealed it was an ill fit. Greene, who wrestled at Bucknell, ended up finding his academic footing in an unexpected place: an Introduction to Sociology course. "It was the best course I ever took," he says. Immediately enthralled, Greene switched his major to sociology and began cultivating an interest in public policy and social work.

His first nonprofit job – as a case manager for a Poconos human services agency – was reaffirming. "I spent my time connecting people who were homeless and had mental health diagnoses to resources they needed to live a better life," he says. "That's where I fell in love with human services."

Greene says the work brings up all sorts of emotions. He recognizes that while he goes home to a comfortable life, others



At Valley Youth House, Tyler Greene '17 is part of a nurturing community that provides support to young people.

are still in the trenches. It's that realization that drives his ambition. He is midway through a master's in public administration at Marywood University and ultimately aims to pursue a doctoral degree so he can continue to advance in the nonprofit management field.

"If you had asked me about my work back when I was a case manager, I would have told you how hard it was," he says. "But looking at my career trajectory, I see how continuously putting in the work, being curious and building relationships pay off. That's the biggest takeaway I can offer. The approach always needs to be the same: Create value, stay curious and treat people well."

Ingredients: Recipes Inspired by Acadia National Park, features illustrated recipes and essays celebrating the ingredients and landscape of the park and its surrounding regions. You can view it at caseybarber.com/publications."

THEODORE BURNES is the co-author of the new *Essential Clinical Care for Sex Workers: A Sex-Positive Handbook for Mental Health Practitioners*, which was published in January.

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2008
JEN GRANT BUDACKI writes, "**LIZA KABANOVA** was diagnosed with stage-4 cancer and is bravely fighting with the support of her closest Bucknell friends."

If you are interested in being the Class of 2008 Reporter or have news to share, please email Heidi Hormel, Class Notes editor, at hjh006@bucknell.edu.

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2009
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JEFF AYRES and wife Jackie had Olivia Pauline April 3. He reported that mom and baby were doing great.

SOPHIA LEONG GRANT and husband Jerome were launching Mahal BBQ, their first restaurant concept, and also a tasting counter, Kuwento, in June in northwest Washington, D.C.

JEREC RICCI was

scheduled to graduate from general surgery residency in June from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, after completing seven years of residency, including two years of research. He and wife Lindsay will move to Greenville, S.C., this summer. He will start a new job as a general surgeon at Bon Secours Mercy Health in Greenville; and his wife will start a new career as an executive national account manager with Michelin at their North American headquarters in Greenville. Jerec reported that there are lots of changes for his family this year, but they are excited to begin this new journey.

BRITTANY SINGER SHIRLEY and husband Matt had their first child, Edward Hayden, Jan. 21. He was happy and healthy, and made his parents smile every day. Brittany accepted a new role at T-Mobile for Business as head of its Executive

Engagement Program in Washington, D.C.

Be well, Bucknellians.
– N.H.I

2010
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It was so good to hear from members of the Class of 2010 with exciting updates.

In Cleveland, **DAVID** and **NIKKI SEAMAN ISELIN '09** have kept busy with their son Jacob's T-ball and swim lessons, and are getting ready for kindergarten in the fall. They enjoyed stopping by Bucknell's campus and stocking up on new gear from the bookstore following a family vacation in the Adirondacks (with David's sister, **CYNTHIA '12**).

SAMANTHA DEFFLER

shared that she received tenure at York College of Pennsylvania, where she teaches in the psychology department and co-chairs the Institutional Review Board. She also gave birth to Elsie in July 2022, who joined brother Henry in their very chaotic household.

JOE HOPKINS moved to Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, and started a new job as the minister of Streetsville United Church.

Matt and **ELIZA MASSIE DOOLEY** had Helen in February, who joined siblings Miles (4) and Rose (2).

LAUREN MAST has been farming her family's new acreage in Texas, adding new crops this year as well as a flock of Icelandic chickens, all while homeschooling her children and working remotely on environmental consulting. She also shared that she was expecting baby no. 5 this fall.

CHRISTINE REILLY CECOT had daughter



Photo: April Bartholomew



Anabelle Cosette last July with husband Rob.

In October Bryce and **ABBY ATKINSON CHINAULT** moved from Arlington, Va., to Newtown, Conn., where they bought their first home. Abby works remotely for the General Services Administration, and they were excited to raise their two children, Lucy (4) and Jude (1), in Abby's hometown.

ALTHEA MARR graduated from Rutgers Business School with an MBA with a concentration in supply chain management and strategy.

PETER '12 and **CAROLINE MCLOUGHLIN DAVIS** had their third child, James Hollis Davis, March 26. Brother William (5) and sister Caroline (2) were extremely excited about their new brother. The Davis family lives in Potomac, Md., where Peter is an engineer and Caroline is vice president at Smathers & Branson. They are so thankful they met at Bucknell and are proud to be a part of the Bucknell love statistics.

On April 22, **NOOR WHITE** married Matthew Carreiro on a sailboat in

St. Michaels, Md. The ceremony was a surprise for their family. It was followed by a wedding mass at their home parish of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church and a honeymoon in Europe. The couple bought a home in Bowie, Md., and are looking forward to all that the future holds. – J.H.M. and D.I.

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It is our 10-year Reunion year, and as of early April, many had already made plans to see each other on campus this summer. As I write this – having just signed up for the exciting Class Dinner and tent

party events with friends – I hope to have much to report in the next column.

For now, here is an update from one of our classmates. **HARRY RUDO** and wife Rachel have two daughters, Shira Jean born in January 2022 and Abigail Janet born in February. All are doing well and have already been decked out in orange and blue many times.

Write to me with your Reunion stories; and if you couldn't make it, why not send a personal update to share with classmates. – M.Z.



2014

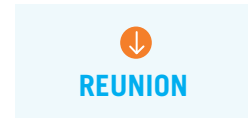
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IN MEMORIAM

1942

DON EISTER P'70, March 7, Williamsport, Pa.

1945

TREVERIAN WILLIAMS SPEICHER P'71, March 15, Sherrill, N.Y.

1947

JEANNE STERN MANNING, April 13, Westwood, Mass.

JOYCE HAUCK MARTIN, April 3, Gastonia, N.C.

JEANE MORGENTHAU ROBERTS P'74, Dec. 18, Southbury, Conn.

JESSE SYME P'77, G'11, G'15, Jan. 26, Pasadena, Calif.

1948

FLORENCE "KANDY" KREITLER DAVIS, April 3, Blacksburg, Va.

TRUDY VOGEL GRAHAM G'21, G'24, Jan. 18, Tucson, Ariz.

DOROTHY SEESHOLTZ MULLESTEIN, March 30, Kennett Square, Pa.

1949

JESSE BIER, Jan. 20, Hoboken, N.J.

NANCY ROE CROWELL, Jan. 7, Middletown, N.J.

LEON FIDRYCH, March 14, Lincolnshire, Ill.

BILL MARKLEY, March 16, Sebring, Ohio

THOMAS ROBERTS, Jan. 30, Greenwood, Del.

RICHARD RUBENOFF, March 18, Atlanta

JAMES SMITH, Jan. 30, York, Pa.

DOUGLAS CANDLAND



Homer P. Rainey Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Animal Behavior Douglas K. Candland, who is remembered for making a significant impact on Bucknell over his 41-year-long teaching career, died April 16.

Candland was instrumental in establishing the animal behavior program and laboratories at Bucknell, which provided many generations of students the opportunity to study primate behavior. Housing groups of rare and sometimes threatened species allowed students to observe behavior that had not been previously documented.

Throughout his career, Candland published approximately 100 research

papers, many of which included student collaborators as co-authors. His legacy as a teacher-scholar continues via the Douglas K. Candland Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. The position was established by his former student **Glen Tullman '81**.

Candland wrote several books, including *Psychology: The Experimental Approach* (1968), which served as a text for schools offering courses in experimental psychology. His book *Feral Children and Clever Animals: Reflections on Human Nature* (1993) found a broad audience outside academics and led to extensive media coverage. He appeared in documentary films and television segments produced by the BBC, National Geographic, Discovery Channel, ABC and CBS, among others, in which he shared his expertise on animal behavior, animal rights and the history of human interactions with animals.

After retiring from Bucknell in 2002, Candland remained an active contributor to his field, serving as editor of the *Review of General Psychology* for 12 years, providing television commentary in Africa, Europe and the United States, and reviewing books for Phi Beta Kappa's *The Key Reporter* and the American Psychological Association's *PsycCRITIQUES*.

Candland is survived by his sons, Kevin and Christopher Candland; their spouses; and three granddaughters.

A celebration of life for Candland will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.

1950

JEAN MCDONALD CONCKLIN, Dec. 17, Willow Street, Pa.

LEW CORCORAN P'84, April 9, Catasauqua, Pa.

1951

WALTER BARRETT, Dec. 28, Manchester, N.Y.

MARIAN HEADLEY MELVILLE P'88, March 10, Aspen, Colo.

JO ARMSTRONG

SATTERWHITE, March 12, Pottstown, Pa.

1952

JEANNE JAKUES INMAN P'84, Feb. 9, Clarksburg, Md.

MARTY KAYE, Feb. 10, Houston

VERTIE DAGGS KUNKLE M'53, Feb. 20, Port Norris, N.J.

IRA LEVIN, March 11, West Hartford, Conn.

JACK RICKART, March 8, Gibsonsia, Pa.

BRUCE ROSSITER, July 4, 2022, Spring Hill, Fla.

1953

BARBARA BELL, Dec. 3, 2021, New Bern, N.C.

BARB GEORGE FRAZER, Jan. 24, Gladwyne, Pa.

SUE JOOS HENDRIXSON, Feb. 19, Blue Bell, Pa.

BILL JOHNSON, April 9, Hagerstown, Md.

ART LLOYD, March 22, Union, N.J.

DON RIEGEL, April 1, Huntersville, N.C.

TED STARK JR., Jan. 4, Edina, Minn.

1954

BUD HERSHBERGER P'85, Feb. 8, Williamsport, Pa.

FRED POND, March 25, Medford, N.J.

BOBBIE HODGKINS SMITH, Jan. 11, Macungie, Pa.

1955

JOHN BAIR, Feb. 5, Framingham, Mass.

KATHERINE ALIMISIS CHIRONNA, Feb. 6, Denville, N.J.

JOHN FREDERICK P'83, P'84, May 2, 2022, Lawrenceville, Ga.

NANCY "NAN" NICHOLS LEISTER, Jan. 8, Warren, N.J.

ROBERT NIENDORFF, March 7, Kingwood, Texas

LYDIA HINES RITTINGER, March 16, Maple Knoll Village, Ohio

CAROLYN DAVISON TUCKER, Jan. 31, Cheshire, Conn.

1956

PHYLLIS HUFF BOLLMEYER, Jan. 26, Freehold, N.J.

TOM WHITE, March 22, Bogota, N.J.

1957

JOEL BICKELL P'88, Jan. 14, Gladstone, N.J.

MARY TODT LETVENKO, March 5, Doylestown, Pa.

BARBARA BERGMANN PAHREN, Feb. 21, Virginia Beach, Va.

1959

LEE BELFORD, Feb. 5, Naples, Fla.

1960

NORM EDGETT, Sept. 8, Hilton, N.Y.

BETTY HAUCK FOELL, March 30, Lutherville, Md.

NANCY WHITE HOLST P'94, P'98, Jan. 19, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

GAIL WHITEHEAD KAGLER, Jan. 24, Cincinnati

1961

NEVIN ALTLAND, March 18, Middletown, Pa.

JIM BANNAR, Jan. 6, The Villages, Fla.

JANE TILTON BENA, March 12, South Plainfield, N.J.

LINDA SEASHOLTZ RUTH, Feb. 10, Pittsburgh

JOHN YERKES, Feb. 19, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

1962

JOHN HASSENPLUG, Dec. 31, Carnelian Bay, Calif.

PHIL HUBLITZ, April 9, Allentown, Pa.

MARY JANE WILLIAMS LANDRIEU, Feb. 2, Bethlehem, Pa.

BETTY BURROWS MCCOY P'89, Jan. 11, Lancaster, Pa.

STEVE RUCKMAN, Feb. 7, Ocean View, N.J.

GAIL CARSON TWIFORD P'86, Feb. 6, Lancaster, Pa.

CAROLYN CAPELL WILKINSON P'87, P'90, Jan. 10, Tucson, Ariz.

1963

PAM MORRISON BOCHINSKI, Aug. 21, Weston, Conn.

DICK FIDLER M'65, April 4, Lower Gwynedd, Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

JIM SCHUBAUER '56, P'81, G'12, G'15



Trustee emeritus **Jim Schubauer '56, P'81, G'12, G'15**, who was a part of the Bucknell community for seven decades, died May 3.

As a student at Bucknell, Schubauer studied civil engineering and was active across campus. He participated in ROTC and the American Society of Civil Engineers, and he earned membership into Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, and Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society. Schubauer was also a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and contributed to *L'Agenda*, Bucknell's yearbook.

After graduating, Schubauer began working as a project engineer for Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation in

Boston. He then served as a first lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers Reserves. In 1959, Schubauer earned his MBA from the University of Michigan and moved to Long Island to join Schumacher & Forelle, a regional general contractor. He was named CEO in 1974. The company flourished under his leadership and became an international leader in the design and construction of corporate manufacturing facilities.

He retired in 1992 and turned his focus to volunteerism and philanthropy. Schubauer was elected to Bucknell's Board of Trustees in 1989 and served as chair of the board from 1996 to 2001, when he was elected chair emeritus. He also was a member of the Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Engineering Centennial Lead Gifts Committee, the Sesquicentennial Campaign Regional Committee, and the campaign cabinet for The Bucknell Campaign. Schubauer and his wife, Barbara, established the Schubauer Family Scholarship in 2000.

Beyond Bucknell, Schubauer and Barbara were dedicated supporters of the Tanzanian Children's Fund. The Schubauers traveled to Tanzania and Kenya to volunteer at the Rift Valley Children's Village, and Schubauer served as a trustee for the nonprofit.

Schubauer is survived by his wife; three children, Gretchen Ann Schubauer, **Kirsten Schubauer Heinemann '81**, and James William Schubauer II; their spouses; and six grandchildren.

1964

ENOS FRY, April 26, 2022, Potomac, Md.

RICHARD HILL, Jan. 5, Royal Oak, Md.

MARY ANN "BONNI" VASILAWSKY RAYNOR, March 1, Jamestown, R.I.

1965

BARBARA JONES CRAWFORD, Nov. 13, Mineral, Va.

RICHARD "DUKE" SHELDON P'93, March 18, Salisbury, N.C.

TOM SUMAN, Oct. 16, Blue Bell, Pa.

LINDA HAIGH TOZIER M'78, Feb. 18, Pittsburgh

1966

MARJORIE "JO" MANTZ BESHORE, Jan. 25, South Duxbury, Vt.

JOHN "JACK" DORR, Feb. 13, Montclair, N.J.

CHERIE KING FOX, March 18, Gainesville, Ga.

LEE MORRIS PHILLIPS, Nov. 29, Fountain Hills, Ariz.

1967

MARILYN MILLER GINSBURG, April 16, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

JOANN RHODES GROSE, Feb. 7, Harmony, N.C.

1968

CHUCK BULLOCK, Nov. 26, Alexandria, Va.

DICK KAUFMANN P'98, Feb. 18, Henderson, Nev.

SUE MEYERS SANDERS, March 7, Plainwell, Mich.

CHRISTOPHER WHITNEY, Jan. 20, Landenberg, Pa.

1969

ANTHONY MARPLE, Jan. 24, Whitefield, Maine

BEVERLY LUGRIN PORTEUS, Aug. 8, Elkton, Md.

KATHY BRINER SPATAC-CINO, May 11, 2022, Norristown, Pa.

1970

ROBERT JEFFERS, Jan. 11, Bristow, Va.

ELLIN STORM MAXSON, March 20, Atlanta

1971

MARILYN "LYN" EMER-ICH, Jan. 13, Chapel Hill, N.C.

TOM MORTON P'05, March 28, Ringwood, N.J.

MARC POSNER, Jan. 11, Glen Allen, Va.

1973

GINNY REED DEMOR-EUILLE, Jan. 4, North Caldwell, N.J.

JOHN ZACHARA, June 1, 2021, Bellingham, Wash.

1976

RAY FERRI M'76, Feb. 25, Cary, N.C.

1981

SCOTT TAYLOR, Jan. 18, Lewes, Del.

1982

PETER CRABTREE, March 1, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.

1991

CHRISTINA CROWLEY, Feb. 24, Great Mills, Md.

1993

JASON RANDALL, April 1, Naples, N.Y.

2005

TAMARA COLBERT, Dec. 24, Enola, Pa.

2012

STUART AINSWORTH, Jan. 18, New Canaan, Conn.

MASTER'S

GEORGE COTTERALL M'64, Jan. 31, Sunbury, Pa.

CATHY SHOOK KEENE M'66, March 20, Muncy, Pa.

RICHARD MERGEN M'69, Feb. 20, Southampton, Pa.

AL NACE M'68, March 2, Creamer, Pa.

WAYNE NEWTON M'68, G'06, G'18, March 24, Montoursville, Pa.

JAMES RANDECKER M'78, Jan. 31, Lewisburg, Pa.

CAROL BRUSHKOSKI REHN M'66, Feb. 19, Montoursville, Pa.

ROBERT TILLISCH M'65, Feb. 5, Harrisburg, Pa.

EDWARD WHITE M'61, Jan. 9, Tunkhannock, Pa.

FACULTY AND STAFF

MARETA DIGAN, Feb. 18, Lewisburg, Pa.

DARLENE HAGENBUCH, March 2, Sunbury, Pa.

STEVEN HORNER, March 27, Brentwood, Tenn.

LINDA RANCK, Jan. 10, Milton, Pa.

FRIENDS

A. EUGENE KOHN P'81, March 9, New York

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Save the date

Brian Stolarz '95 spent eight years fighting to prove the innocence of death-row inmate Alfred Dewayne Brown. On Nov. 2, Stolarz and Brown will share their experience with the Bucknell community. The in-person event will be accessible online. You can learn more about their story by watching episode eight of the Netflix documentary series *The Innocence Files*.

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WHAT BOOK CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

"*Many Lives Many Masters* by Brian L. Weiss. I recommend this book to people I care about who are elderly or ill because it truly removes any fear of death."

Lisa Vaccaro '07

"*The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. I read it first in Richard Fleming P'90, P'05's [philosophy] class in 1986 and about a dozen more times since."

Brian Lundberg '88

"*Who Not How* by Dan Sullivan. Complete game changer for me."

John Lawton '90

"*Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. It helped me realize that 'success' as it's typically measured isn't just due to raw talent but also the intersection of opportunity, luck and social skills."

Jethro Tannis '08

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ALUMNI HONORED FOR REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

DURING REUNION WEEKEND, four Bucknellians were recognized by the Bucknell University Alumni Association for the impact they've made through their contributions to the University and society. This year's recipients exemplify strength of character, leadership, intellectual exploration, creativity and imagination — all hallmarks of the Bucknellian spirit.

Cynthia A. Mason-Posey '78 **LOYALTY TO BUCKNELL AWARD**

As a member of the Cornerstone Society and through invaluable leadership, Mason-Posey continuously contributes to Bucknell. She served as class ambassador for her 40th Reunion, a committee member for her 45th, and supports social science research on and off campus as an advisory board member of the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy. In addition, she led the Bucknell Black Alumni Association from 2009 to 2015, championing awareness of Edward McKnight Brawley, Class of 1875, M1878, the first African American graduate of Bucknell. Through her leadership, the University held Bucknell 140 to celebrate the 140th anniversary of Brawley's graduation.

Michael C. Pascucci '58, P'81, P'87, G'21, G'22 **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN A CHOSEN PROFESSION**

Using the finance foundation he built at Bucknell, Pascucci has pursued many successful business ventures throughout his career. He has founded companies in automobile leasing and finance, commercial television and cybersecurity, and currently serves as the chairman of Duck Pond Associates, a private investment company, as well as of Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. He is also a principal investor in Duck Pond Realty.

Pascucci is involved in numerous charitable and philanthropic causes and organizations, serving the Catholic Faith Network, the Viscardi Center, the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation, St. John's University, the Knights

of Malta, and St. Francis Hospital in varying capacities. His 2021 pledge of more than \$40 million to Bucknell was the largest one-time commitment in the institution's history.

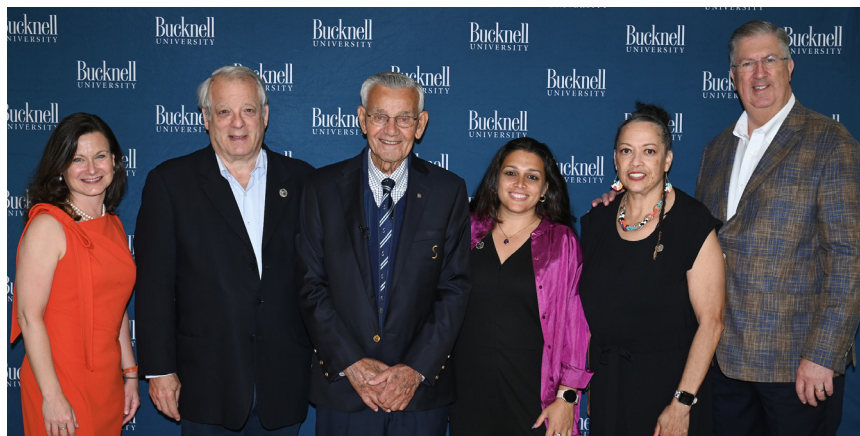
Bob Drake '73 **SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD**

Committing his life in service to others, Drake, along with his wife, Renée, has made a global impact, working closely with organizations in Israel, South Africa and Holland for the advancement of research, child welfare, and art and culture. He was named chairman of the International Board of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, effective November 2023. At Bucknell, the Drakes endowed the Ekard Artist-in-Residence program, support The Ekard Residency in the Netherlands, and have loaned numerous pieces from their own art collection to help educate

students and expand art appreciation (see "Artistic Journey," P. 8).

Antoinette Klatzky '08 **YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**

Klatzky is a facilitator, intrapreneur and strategist dedicated to radical regeneration for people and the planet. She has co-created social enterprises, innovated on philanthropic strategy and hosted and helped activate local, national and global movements. She serves as the vice president of programs and partnerships of the Eileen Fisher Community Foundation and on the boards of Presencing Institute, Tides Network, Women's Funding Network and Westchester Community Foundation, and serves as an adviser to various networks on systemic and strategic action for racial equity and justice.



REUNION 2023 • Christine Zapotoczky Kelleher '91, president of the Alumni Association Board, Bob Drake '73, Michael C. Pascucci '58, P'81, P'87, G'21, G'22, Antoinette Klatzky '08, Cynthia A. Mason-Posey '78, and President John Bravman (L to R).

Celebrate the Bison

It's been 100 years since Bucknell adopted the Bison as the University's official mascot. Prior to 1923, Bucknell's athletics teams were sometimes nicknamed the wildcats and timber wolves. **William Bartol, Class of 1872**, a former athlete and head of the math department, advocated for a consistent approach and nominated the Bison.

To commemorate this milestone, the Center for Alumni & Family Engagement will hold a special Bison celebration as part of **Homecoming & Family Weekend, Sept. 22-24**.

➔ For more information, visit go.bucknell.edu/homecomingandfamilyweekend

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Witty Winners

Here are our favorite caption submissions from the last issue:



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"Dear Mom and Dad, books have gotten really expensive. Thank goodness my school ID serves as a credit card."

Deb Morgan Watkins '82

"In their ongoing debate regarding the best album ever made, he appears to have the upper hand!"

Matthew Ecker '70

"If you thought the music midterms were tough, wait til you take the 'vinyl' exams."

Jay Sullivan '69

"NOOOOOO, BRENDA! NOT THE YACHT ROCK! STEELY DAN IS FINE, BUT YOU SHOULD TRY THIS LEONARD COHEN ALBUM INSTEAD."

Jairus Rossi '02

"Hey Gary, aren't these covers kind of elaborate given that all that's inside is a weird Frisbee?"

Peg Black '74



▲ President John Bravman (center) with members of the Class of 2023 who orchestrated the creation of a new gathering area in the Grove.

➔ Gather and Connect

Senior tribute encourages togetherness to boost student well-being

by DAVE BLOCK

THE CLASS OF 2023'S college experience was unlike anything they could have expected. When the pandemic struck during the students' first year on campus, they needed to adapt to not only online learning but also virtual socializing. The experience enhanced their appreciation for in-person connectedness – and the outdoor spaces that enabled them to come together again.

With their senior tribute – a social gathering space within Bucknell's Grove – the Class of 2023 wanted to honor its unique campus experience while also benefiting future generations of Bucknellians.

"It's a serene, peaceful place on campus that we wanted to supplement by creating a spot where people could meet, do work and hang out," says Class President **Nabeel Jan '23**, who

double-majored in English–film/media studies and international relations. "During the pandemic, a lot of classes were held outside to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We thought this would be a fitting tribute as a remembrance of how those spaces helped us and other classes."

The octagonal space adjacent to the Gateway Residence Center was created by clearing a grass area and installing pressure-treated timber edging and pea gravel, says Brian Fritz, associate director of building maintenance & projects. River stones and boulders were placed outside the seating area, which features composite outdoor furniture consisting of a table, Adirondack chairs and lounge chairs. "Four timber posts with decorative black covers to match the nearby existing light poles were installed as a

framework for overhead string lights," Fritz says.

The senior class officers were interested in making a functional contribution to the campus along the lines of the powered pergola space added through the Class of 2022 tribute. "We were looking at areas on campus where there was a lack of outdoor space that can be utilized," Jan says. "We looked at research on how being outside helps your mental health and well-being."

The class officers provided their rationale, basic design inspiration and key concepts in their proposal to President John Bravman and his senior leadership team for approval.

"The Grove is a special place, and we hope that by adding this gathering space, students will cherish it even more," says Vice President **Andrew Finegan '23**, who majored in civil engineering.

"During my time here, simply chatting with fellow classmates has produced some of my favorite memories, and I hope this space will do the same for future generations."

Class Secretary/Treasurer **Taylor Armstrong '23**, who studied economics and political science, says she is grateful to those who brought the students' plan to life.

"The Bucknell facilities staff, as always, did an amazing job making our dream a reality – while offering some insightful suggestions along the way," she says. "I am excited to return to campus in the years to come and remember all the hard work and dedication that the Class of 2023 Student Government members put into this tribute. Hopefully, its intended purpose of bringing our community even closer is fulfilled."

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The sun sets on the traditional pre-Commencement candlelighting ceremony as the Class of 2023 marks their final night as undergraduate students.

photo by EMILY PAINE

