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Meet Your New Coworkers

Gen Z has arrived — at work. See what you can learn from this tech-savvy and social-change-driven generation.

Gen Zers Nikhil Patel '24, Keri Gilligan '24 and Abigail Kates '24 are stepping up to new professional challenges, P.26.



BY WAY OF BUCKNELL

POETIC INSPIRATION

Creativity and beauty converge at Bucknell Hall, home of Bucknell's Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts. Learn about a new poetry program the center launched this spring on P. 7.

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CURIOSITY



PATHWAYS



FROM RUSSIA

to

ABU DHABI

to

BUCKNELL

by **BROOKE THAMES**

photograph by **EMILY PAINE**

By the time she applied to Bucknell, **Anna Lajos '25** had lived in three different countries and spoke as many languages.

The Poland-born daughter of Russian and Hungarian parents, Lajos grew up paying yearly visits to family across Central Europe — amid a packed extracurricular schedule.

"My mom put me in every activity I could possibly do. Ballet, piano, horseback riding, swimming," says Lajos, who spent her childhood in Russia. "I started playing tennis, and for some reason, that stuck with me."

Lajos began playing tournaments at eight years old and was soon training at tennis academies in Spain during the summer. Then a career change for her father took the family to Abu Dhabi, where she attended high school.

When searching for colleges, Lajos wanted to attend a school on the East Coast of the U.S. "I spent some Christmases here with my family and came to love the country," she says. "Tammy Cecchini [Bucknell's women's tennis head coach] was one of a hundred coaches I emailed, and she called me the same day. I ended up being the first international student she ever recruited."

Lajos is now pursuing a major in international relations at Bucknell — alongside her position on the women's tennis team — with the goal of someday working within the United Nations.

"I've had so much experience living in different places. I want to continue to be in an atmosphere filled with different languages, cultures and political views," she says. "The UN is an organization where there are so many opportunities to make a difference."



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**FROM
TEACHING MATH**

to
DESIGNING SPACES

by **KATIE NEITZ**

photograph by **EMILY PAINE**

Chrissy Haney Scheimreif '16 knows how to make a leap — and land on her feet.

She arrived at Bucknell set on a pre-law track. But a sociology class inspired her to reconsider that plan. “We learned about educational disparities in different parts of the country, and it really interested me,” she says. “It was like I had an awakening.” When a Teach for America recruiter visited campus, “I decided to jump in with both feet.” After graduation, she moved to Boston and spent the next five years teaching seventh-grade math. “It was hard but meaningful work.”

In 2020, the pandemic and a second baby on the way prompted her and husband **Jesse Scheimreif '16** to reassess their goals. “We were grinding, and we realized we wanted a different environment for raising our kids,” she says. So in 2021, they returned to Lewisburg.

The relocation enabled Scheimreif to lean into her lifelong love of interior design. She had never considered it a career option — until now. When her local Lowe’s was hiring a kitchen designer, she went for it. “It was a steep learning curve, but I loved it,” she says. “I knew this is what I wanted to do.”

Scheimreif connected with Bucknell’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which helps aspiring entrepreneurs develop thriving businesses. With the SBDC’s guidance, she launched Highland Design by Chrissy in 2023. From her Lewisburg home office/studio, Scheimreif helps clients transform their spaces into personalized reflections of style and functionality.

“I’m lucky I had the opportunity to do this,” she says. “Taking a big risk to follow my dream wouldn’t have been possible without the support I had.”

LETTERS

AN AGRICULTURAL LEGACY

I READ WITH INTEREST President Bravman's letter ("Sustainable Success") in the Spring 2024 issue, in which he discussed Bucknell's commitment to sustainability. I'm proud of Bucknell's leadership and track record in this important endeavor.

While President Bravman may have imagined himself a farmer as a young boy, one of his predecessors was a real farmer. **Charles H. Watts II '79, P'80**, who served as Bucknell's president from 1964 to 76, grew up on a farm in Freedom, N.H. Called High Watch, it was a large and prosperous farm that employed many farmhands from the surrounding area. At his father's insistence, Charlie was one of those farmhands during the summer months when he returned home from boarding school, and later college.

In 1955, while on the English faculty at Brown, Charlie and his wife, **Patricia P'80**, purchased a farm near High Watch and called it High Meadow Farm. More than a "hobby farm," High Meadow Farm operated for over 45 years, primarily selling eggs, apples, wood and hay. High Meadow Farm was the Watts'

favorite getaway where they both enjoyed being outdoors and contributing physical labor to the farm's operations. After leaving Bucknell in 1976, Charlie and Patricia split their time between High Meadow Farm and a home in Boston. As fate would have it, Charlie suffered a fatal heart attack while working at the farm in September 2001 at age 74.

The Bucknell Farm is a great example of Bucknell's commitment to sustainability. It's a wonderful interdisciplinary space for academic connections, sustainable food production, student life and wellness, and community engagement. I can't help thinking how the Bucknell Farm reflects the values that Charlie and Patricia Watts embodied and that guided their work as lifelong conservationists. And I smile when I imagine how pleased they'd be to know that a working farm has been integrated into the life of our beloved university. Perhaps unknown to its developers and volunteers, the Bucknell Farm is a fitting and living tribute to one of our greatest presidents.

DAVE STACY '73
Middletown, Del.

DISC JOCKEY

I LOVED the feature on **Harvey Edwards '78** ("In a League of Their Own") in the Spring 2024 issue of *Bucknell Magazine*. I'm a former Ultimate Mudsharker as well. I played from 2002 to 06. Oddly enough, I did not know the origins of how the team started until I read this article. I'm grateful to Harvey for creating such a lasting team sport at Bucknell.

R. CHRISTOPHER STOKES '06
Los Angeles

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Nikhil Patel '24, Keri Gilligan '24 and Abigail Kates '24 are members of Gen Z — a generation that is bringing new perspectives and priorities into the workplace.

Photo by Emily Paine; illustration by Michael Iver Jacobsen

DEFINING DATA SCIENCE

I VERY MUCH LIKED Matt Jones's article on data science in the Spring 2024 issue of *Bucknell Magazine* ("The Data Science Revolution"). It reminded me of "What is Data Science?", published in the May 2024 issue of the American Statistical Association publication *Significance*. The latter describes an insightful analysis comparing statistics and data science, and it closes with "perhaps the real question in need of answering is: What is statistics?"

I first learned what statistics is from **Paul Benson '34, M'34, P'68, P'78's** Intro to Statistics course during my sophomore year at Bucknell. Our course text was a book published by **Bill Mendenhall '45, M'50**, who taught mathematics at Bucknell from 1959 to '63. In Chapter 1, he wrote, "The objective of statistics is to make inferences (predictions, decisions) about a population based upon information contained in a sample" and "statistics is an area of science concerned with the extraction of information from numerical data and its use in making inferences

about a population from which the data are obtained."

My training and experience as a biostatistician before the origin of "data science" heavily involved the broader set of activities concerning data quality, interdisciplinary approach and reliance on complex computer algorithms, which are often cited to distinguish data science from statistics. That experience included many consulting sessions at Merck with Princeton Professor John Tukey, a renowned mathematician and statistician. He stressed the importance of concern about the origin and nature of the data, and of learning about the client's science and context of his/her problem, as essential parts of practicing statistics. This further supports that statistics could have been called data science from the outset; then there wouldn't be a dispute between those two terms.

JAMES BOLOGNESE '74
Woodbridge, N.J.

BEFORE INTERNET SURFING



THE CAPTION CONTEST photo shows me and **Chris Curti '94** in a freshman orientation icebreaker! I'm surfing on Chris. Chris and I were both at Reunion, and we reenacted the photo!

**KELLEY PALSA
JOHNSTON '94**
Aliquippa, Pa.

I RECOGNIZED the Caption Contest photo on P. 62 of the Spring 2024 issue right away. During the Class of 1994's freshman orientation in 1990, we had an event — I think it was held in the gym, possibly — that was fun and combined humor and music. At one point we were asked to partner up with a classmate and "surf" on their backs. It was a way to get to know each other and laugh and be goofy.

CHRISTENA JOHNSTON-PULLIAM '94
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Sam Gutekunst, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Data Science, will contribute to the new major.

More to Learn

Bucknell's course catalog offers new courses of study this fall

by **BROOKE THAMES**

Three new majors and minors will bring fresh opportunities for interdisciplinary learning, creative thinking and career readiness.

THE MAJORS

Data science: This new interdisciplinary co-major underscores Bucknell's commitment to ensuring students are prepared to tackle data-driven problems. A bachelor of arts degree in data science will be available as a co-major to students whose primary major is business analytics, computer science, statistics or mathematics, enabling students studying those fields to dive more deeply into an area central to their major. The curriculum will complement the programs and initiatives offered through Bucknell's Dominguez Center for Data Science.

Chinese and Japanese: Previously offered as concentrations within the East Asian studies major, these areas of study will now be available as separate majors for students aiming to develop comprehensive language skills and a deep understanding of Chinese and Japanese heritage, history and social dynamics. These new offerings allow students to specialize in a particular area of study while enabling the East Asian studies major to evolve and offer a broader cultural competency in both China and Japan.

THE MINORS

Community-engaged leadership: Developed in partnership with the Engaged Bucknell Coordinating Council, this new minor will enhance students' ability to work with community partners, lead with empathy and initiate social change in preparation for work in public policy, advocacy or media. The program's five-credit requirement includes two interdisciplinary foundational courses centered on engaged leadership topics as well as 260 hours of community service.

Health humanities: Housed within the College of Arts & Sciences, this program will draw upon history, philosophy, cultural studies and the social sciences to create a well-rounded, humanistic understanding of health and medicine. The curriculum includes 30 courses, five of which are required to complete the minor. The program was developed over the past two years with funding from a \$150,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

Markets, innovation & design (MIDE): The Freeman College of Management is expanding access to its MIDE program by introducing it as a minor available to students University-wide. This will allow a broader range of students to develop an understanding of consumer behavior that can help drive innovation across industries.

NEWS TICKER

BRIGHT MINDS

Bucknell has been named a "top producer" of Fulbright students by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Four Bucknellians, chosen from approximately 10,000 applicants nationwide, are studying, conducting research and teaching abroad as part of the 2023-24 Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

EXCELLING & INNOVATING

Bucknell's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) received Pennsylvania's 2024 Small Business Development Center Excellence and Innovation Award. Since it was established in 1979, the SBDC has supported more than 8,000 entrepreneurs and small business owners, including 40 new clients this past year.

CLEARING THE AIR

As part of its commitment to public health, starting Aug. 1, the University is implementing a new policy prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco products across all campus facilities and properties.

'burg and Beyond

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

➔ **Lewisburg**
Poetry can be a powerful tool to stimulate children's intellectual curiosity, promote emotional growth, and enhance language and vocabulary skills. With those benefits in mind, the students, faculty and staff of Bucknell's Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts approached Lewisburg Area School District with the idea of launching a series of poetry workshops for students in first through 12th grades, timed to National Poetry Month in April. Their goal? To make the literary art accessible and fun while building the imaginations and confidence of budding writers.

What They Did
Bucknell students, accompanied by Jessica Nirvana Ram, Stadler Center publicity & outreach manager; and Professor Joe Scapellato, English, director of the Stadler Center, led the workshops, which were tailored to the grade levels. In each classroom, Bucknell students led the young students

in analyzing poems and writing their own.

The Impact
After the workshops, Lewisburg students were invited to submit their original poems to the Stadler Center. One student from each grade level was invited to read their poetry during a public event May 1 on campus. The Stadler Center received 194 entries, spanning a wide range of ages.

"Students don't often get a chance to write creatively; we spend most of our time writing academically and formally in school," says John Haussener, a 6th grade teacher at Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School, whose students participated in the workshop. "Almost every one of my students submitted a poem for the public reading."

Based on their initial success, Ram and Scapellato intend to make the program an annual spring tradition. — Megan Collins '24



Julia Schaer '26 guided Lewisburg Area School District second-graders through a poetry-writing workshop.

➔ **Peru**
When **Alondra Freundt Olaya '27** moved to the United States from Peru in 2011, she did more than just cross borders. She entered into a new world of opportunity. In rural Peru, due to lack of support systems, only about 36% of girls graduate from high school. In America, Freundt Olaya realized her access to resources could help to close that gap.

What She Did
In 2019, as a 9th grader at The Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pa., Freundt Olaya was introduced to the Young Entrepreneurs Academy of Philadelphia, a program that helps students obtain funding to launch their own company or initiative.

Freundt Olaya developed a pitch for what became *Unidos para las Niñas* (United for Girls), a nonprofit that provides underprivileged girls in Peru with school supplies and empowerment programming. "I believe that passion for learning comes from positive role models

and having supplies to succeed," she says.

Forming a partnership between two Peruvian all-girls schools and Baldwin, Freundt Olaya launched a pen-pal program and fundraised to purchase school supplies and backpacks. She delivers the supply-filled backpacks to girls in Peru over her summer, winter and spring breaks from Bucknell.

"It's important for the girls to know there are people here who care," says the biology and political science double-major. "The program also helps our high school students become

more aware of their privilege and the things they have access to."

The Impact
Freundt Olaya has delivered \$55,000 worth of school supplies to Peru, and continually recruits guest speakers who provide inspirational talks to the girls, either in person or over Zoom. For Freundt Olaya, it's about more than just providing tangible resources; it's a way to reaffirm the importance of education and the worth of each student.

— Megan Collins '24



Alondra Freundt Olaya '27 collects school supplies and delivers them to students in her native Peru.

A Bison Stronghold

by KATE WILLIARD

photography by EMILY PAINE and JAMES T. GIFFEN

The Michael C. Pascucci '58 Team Center, a 16,000-square-foot training hub tailored for Bucknell's Division I student-athletes, opened in April.

The center was funded by **Michael '58, P'81, P'87, G'21, G'22** and **Jocelyn Pascucci P'81, P'87, G'21, G'22**, whose \$40 million pledge in 2021 stands as the largest single gift in the University's history. Of their commitment, \$10 million developed the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex, enhancing the area around Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Supplemental support for the complex ensured the project was 100% donor-funded.

Earlier phases of the project included the installation of a modern LED video board at the south end of Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in 2021 and the completion of a turf practice field in 2022.

"The initial phases of the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex have already had a significant positive impact on student-athlete performance and the game-day atmosphere at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium," says Jermaine Truax, vice president, director of athletics & recreation. "We are incredibly excited about the completion of the Pascucci Team Center. The modern training facility will even further enhance the student-athlete experience for multiple Bison programs. We are profoundly grateful for the support of Michael Pascucci and all of the donors who helped make this team center a reality."

The remaining \$30 million of the Pascucci pledge supports unrestricted, need-based financial aid.



At the dedication ceremony in April, Jermaine Truax, vice president, director of athletics & recreation, said the new center is one of the finest facilities in the Patriot League.



President John Bravman officially opened the Pascucci Team Center with Bucknell leadership, athletics staff and Bison student-athletes.



The new center stands prominently between the turf practice field and the north end zone of Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.



An expansive weight room features 12 custom-made weight racks and turf flooring (above). The center also features a new, modern locker room for the men's lacrosse team (right).





Annie Seibold Drapeau '88 is the new chair of the Bucknell Board of Trustees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS NEW CHAIR

by MIKE FERLAZZO

Annie Seibold Drapeau '88, a seasoned leader and trustee since July 2019, was unanimously elected the Board of Trustees chair in April.

Drapeau's tenure as a trustee has been marked by significant contributions, including chairing the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Resources Subcommittee, as well as serving on various other committees. She has also been an advisory board member for the Freeman College of Management and is an active participant in alumni and admissions activities.

Drapeau, who studied chemical engineering at Bucknell and received an MBA from Dartmouth, is an executive coach who most recently served as chief people officer at Toast, a Boston-based software company. Beyond her professional endeavors, Drapeau serves on the board of directors of the Posse Foundation, a nonprofit providing scholarships and leadership training to students from diverse backgrounds. She also chairs the Posse Boston Advisory Board, demonstrating her commitment to education and community engagement.

"Bucknell's distinctive academic depth and breadth, vibrant community and dedication to ensuring every voice is valued and heard make it a truly exceptional institution," Drapeau says. "I am excited to work alongside President Bravman and the talented faculty, staff, students and fellow trustees to further advance Bucknell's mission and ensure its continued success."

Drapeau succeeds **Chris O'Brien '80, P'18, P'20**, who served two terms as board chair and helped the University navigate the COVID-19 pandemic while being a champion for the University's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, and freedom of expression.

A FRESH TAKE ON DINING

New partnership aims to foster community around the table

by MIKE FERLAZZO



An artist's rendering of Chartwells Higher Education's plans for updates at MacDonald Commons.

Bucknell's dining halls and cafés are places where ideas are exchanged and bonds are formed, fueling students' success in and out of the classroom. With that in mind, Bucknell entered into a contract with Chartwells Higher Education, a dining partner committed to building community while advancing inclusivity and sustainability.

"Dining is a critical part of the student experience. It's important to not only meet our students' nutritional needs, but also to fully integrate dining into the residential educational experience," says Lisa Keegan, vice president for student enrollment, engagement & success and co-chair of the Dining Steering Committee.

Chartwells intends to reimagine Bucknell's dining program. A newly created position of campus culinary liaison, for

example, will work closely with students in cultural clubs and organizations to create a dining experience reflecting students' preferences and backgrounds.

By offering diverse food options and supporting initiatives that ensure access, Chartwells aims to help Bucknell foster a more equitable dining structure.

The company also prioritizes sustainability and will use locally sourced food, including produce grown at Bucknell Farm, as much as possible to create delicious and nutritious meals for the campus community.

Chartwells, which serves more than 300 colleges and universities, was selected after a yearlong process that included campus presentations and tastings. The vendor was the top choice of students, faculty and staff.



COOL
CLASS

How to Be Alone: *Religion, Solitude and Loneliness*

Professor John Penniman, chair of religious studies, brings students together to explore the historical significance and modern dynamics of social isolation

"My hope is that this course brings to life a fascinating historical phenomenon, making its complexity more tangible for my students," says Professor John Penniman, chair of religious studies.

EARLY IN THE COVID-19 pandemic, most of us spent stretches of time physically isolated from our communities. I thought a course on religious histories of solitude could help students think critically about loneliness and solitude as facets of a contemporary health crisis and as crucial elements in a much longer religious history. The first half of the course is dedicated to ancient and medieval histories of social withdrawal. The second half explores responses to the modern loneliness epidemic from different disciplinary perspectives.

When I taught *How to Be Alone: Religion, Solitude and Loneliness* in spring 2021, it was clear that the students were invested in the conversation from day one. They exhibited a proactive curiosity that usually takes weeks to develop. We wrestled with questions for which there are no clear answers: What is the

cause of loneliness? How does it differ from solitude? Does a religious tradition amplify or alleviate one's sense of disconnection from the world? Why, in the age of the internet, do Americans seem lonelier than ever?

Students develop a deeper sensitivity to how religion shapes and is shaped by our world through exploring long-standing questions about social isolation. But they also sharpen a set of mental habits that will serve them beyond the classroom. For example, I encourage them to engage in a range of "solitude exercises" — eating alone at the cafeteria, sitting alone on the Quad, going to a movie alone, or writing a letter to a friend — without a phone nearby.

The goal is to help students develop a posture of critical sympathy to the subject. How might we better understand the psychological conditions, the social crises and the cultural contexts that

lead some people to choose a life of radical withdrawal? What kinds of transformations might that withdrawal have prompted in these ancient figures? What role do these stories play in the historical development of Christianity? And how might these histories speak to our own modern crisis of being both more connected and so lonely?

I think many of us avoid solitude because it can trigger feelings of loneliness and separation anxiety. But without regular, deliberate time alone, we become disconnected from ourselves. Do I really like the things I like? Are my aspirations and fears truly my own — or are these characteristics I have been fed by some combination of my social context and an internet algorithm?

Only in solitude can we begin to trace the outlines of this "self" within us and distinguish it from the world around us.

DANNY GEVIRTZ '16

A Life Like a Movie

Danny Gevirtz '16 began making YouTube videos as a way to share knowledge with others and build an audience for his passion projects. By the end of 2020, independent filmmaking was his full-time career. His first feature film, *I Think I'm Sick*, was released on June 7 after an impressive nine-festival run. The movie – a dark comedy about a high school senior redoing his final year after an attempted suicide – won eight of its 11 award nominations, including Best International Feature and Best Narrative Feature.

1. In which historic cinema house did the film make its big-screen debut?

- a. Campus Theatre, Lewisburg
- b. TCL Chinese Theatre, Los Angeles
- c. Music Box Theatre, Chicago
- d. Keswick Theatre, Glenside, Pa.

Featuring Bucknellian cast members and myriad references to Gevirtz's experiences as a Bucknell sprinter, the film was first screened at the Campus Theatre in April 2023 for members of the men's and women's track and field teams.

2. Of the nine festivals that featured the film, which was the most memorable?

- a. San Francisco Independent Film Festival
- b. New York Film Week
- c. Philadelphia Film Festival
- d. Manchester Film Festival

"Manchester tops the list," says Gevirtz. "Winning Best International Feature at a festival where our film was sold out was pretty special."

3. Which Bucknellian gave the best performance in the film?

- a. Tia Tardy '21
- b. Sean Conway '20
- c. Richard "Coach A" Alexander '03

All of the above. "Making movies is difficult, especially when you're working on a feature film," Gevirtz says. "It's important to work with people that you love to be around." *I Think I'm Sick* stars **Tia Tardy '21** (who won a best actress accolade at the



Danny Gevirtz '16, who studied markets, innovation & design at Bucknell, got his start in filmmaking during a summer internship with rapper, comedian and actor Lil Dicky (whom you might recognize from FX's *DAVE*).

Garden State Film Festival), with **Sean Conway '20** in a supporting role. Bucknell track and field coach **Richard Alexander '03** delivers an authentic portrayal of the coach in the movie.

4. What films inspire your work?

- a. Dystopian action movies like *Mad Max: Fury Road*
- b. Classic fantasies like *Star Wars*
- c. Star-studded blockbusters like *Barbie*
- d. Sad realism underscored with humor like *Manchester by the Sea*

"I like movies where life happens," he says. "In *I Think I'm Sick*, there are a lot of scenes that you just have to sit through and be uncomfortable, and a lot of moments where you're unsure if you should be laughing or not. That's very intentional. I think it's the best way to get your message across — by showing real, little moments of life."

5. What is the primary message you want people to take from your film?

"That everyone, for the most part, has either gone through or knows someone who struggles with their mental health," he says. "Being able to talk about it bluntly helps. And it doesn't always need to be the most serious conversation, even though it is a serious problem. Sometimes we need to make room to laugh about it."



See a few clips of Danny Gevirtz '16's films at magazine.bucknell.edu

I Think I'm Sick is unrated and intended for adult audiences. It contains mature themes about mental health and suicide, strong language, brief nudity and crude humor.



Ready for Launch

by BRYAN WENDELL

WHEN YOU GROW UP in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., just a 20-minute drive from the famed Atlantic City Boardwalk, the ocean is your playground. It was there that **Kona Glenn '25** found her rhythm while rowing.

Glenn was initially drawn to the solitary freedom of single sculling. "You can go wherever you want, do what you want and everything is on you," she says. But when she arrived at Bucknell, she found synergy with varsity eight, an eight-person boat.

"I really, really love the eight," she says. "It's such a cool feeling when you have all eight people rowing in perfect sync. It's the epitome of a team sport because every person has to be on the same exact page."

The computer science & engineering and applied mathematics double-major also appreciates her sport's connection to her academic pursuits.

"Rowing is a very scientific and calculated sport," she says. "When we're in the boat,

I'll think about how to move the boat faster. If I get my blade a certain height off the water or if I adjust the angle of my oar, will that help us move through the water more efficiently?"

Once those calculations are made, instinct takes over, which is when something special happens. "It's an amazing feeling — it feels like you're flying," Glenn says.

That's what she remembers happening on May 13, 2022, on the Cooper River in New Jersey at the Patriot League Varsity 8 Grand Final when she was just a first-year student.

Bucknell was expected to finish third or fourth, but Glenn and her teammates pulled off a surprise upset. Sitting in her usual seat in the middle of the boat, Glenn helped power Bucknell to a gold medal, beating powerhouse Boston University by more than seven seconds and earning 2022 Patriot League Boat of the Year honors. It was the first time Bucknell won the race since 2012.

Kona Glenn '25 (center) powers through the water with scientific precision and an in-sync team.

"I remember we woke up that day, and we were just kind of joking around because none of us were expecting to win," Glenn says. "Honestly, I think that's what made us do well because we weren't as nervous. We were so in sync."

That same year, Bucknell's varsity eight team beat Harvard for the first time in the University's history at the Ivy League Invitational.

At the 2023 and 2024 Patriot League Women's Rowing Championships, Bucknell fell short of its 2022 high-water mark, finishing third and fifth, respectively.

But Glenn, who is going into her senior year, will have another shot at glory in 2025. Glenn believes the team's ethos — defined by an unwavering work ethic, resilience and love of the sport — will keep her teammates in sync, both on and off the water.

➔ **Lean more about Kona Glenn '25 and her love for the water on P. 64.**



INSTANT REPLAY

MY DEVELOPMENT

"At Bucknell, I've become physically stronger. I also think I'm a better leader because I've gained a lot of confidence as a rower."

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

"If we're cleaning up boats after a race, I'll be sure to do all that before I go say hi to my family. It's putting the team's needs before my own."

TIME MANAGEMENT

"I feel like you can make time for whatever you want to make time for.

Just schedule it.

If you schedule something, it's more likely to happen versus just having a to-do list."

FIRST LIGHT

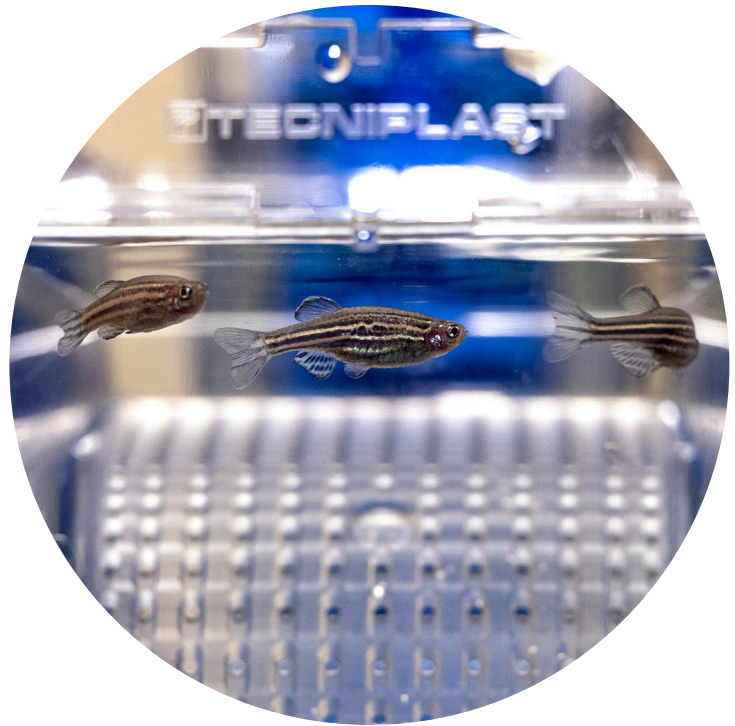
"In the spring, we typically end up on the water before sunrise, and it's so peaceful. I like being up and watching the sunrise from the water."

A Clear View of Science

To the untrained eye, larval zebrafish aren't much to look at. But a closer examination reveals why they're ideal organisms for scientific study.

by MATT JONES

photography by EMILY PAINE



To really appreciate the zebrafish, you have to look closely. Because at first glance, the diminutive member of the minnow family appears to be a perfectly ordinary, if not unremarkable, organism. The adults possess a restrained style, with characteristic horizontal stripes that adorn their small bodies, but the newly hatched aren't much to look at — literally — because they're only a few millimeters long and nearly fully transparent. However, under a microscope, the zebrafish emerges as a model organism for biological research, both at Bucknell and throughout the world.

"Students can use model organisms to explore questions ranging from the molecular level, like how individual neurons are built, all the way up to the systems

level, like how neural circuits drive specific behaviors," says Professor Matthew Clark, biology. "There are all these different kinds of model organisms, like mice, zebrafish and fruit flies, that can be studied to better understand how more complex networks of cells and neurons are working together to perform particular functions."

Under a microscope, the see-through bodies of larval zebrafish unveil intricate details that help researchers study everything from the movement of the circulatory system to the resolution of individual cells, which can be observed to gain insight about how cells communicate to generate specific behaviors.

To answer questions about whether certain behaviors are intrinsic to zebrafish, Bucknell students also study betta fish to draw comparisons between the two species. Of

course, to be able to study these organisms side by side, **Capri Mills '26**, a Presidential Fellow and biology major, had to learn the ins and outs of fish husbandry.

"With betta fish, it's actually really complex," Mills says, noting that the male and female bettas have to be closely monitored so courtship doesn't lead to death. "He will essentially wrap his body around her and squeeze her eggs out while fertilizing them as they come out. Then the male will blow a bunch of bubbles called a bubble nest and pick up all of his eggs from the ground and place them in the bubble nest so they float."

As Mills learned, breeding zebrafish is a bit more straightforward, which is just one of a number of reasons that make them ideal research subjects. They share 70% of their genes with humans, and 84% of the genes responsible

for human disease have a genetic counterpart in zebrafish, meaning that discoveries about these fish might lead to breakthroughs in treatment. They also possess a remarkable capacity for regeneration and can fully recover from a variety of injuries. Though it is the optical clarity of the embryonic and larval fish that really gives scientists a window into their inner workings.

In her work with fish, Mills has gained a deeper interest in the field of neuroscience and a greater appreciation of the precision and scrupulousness required in laboratory research.

"It only makes me admire other people's work more because of the amount of time and dedication it takes to gather data for an experiment, analyze it and publish a paper," says Mills. "Being able to perform this work with a team has helped prepare me for what comes next."



In the lab, Capri Mills '26 practices fish husbandry to breed zebrafish for further study.



Capri Mills '26 and Sam Thompson '25 examine larval zebrafish, studying their development and behavior.



Pomp It Up!

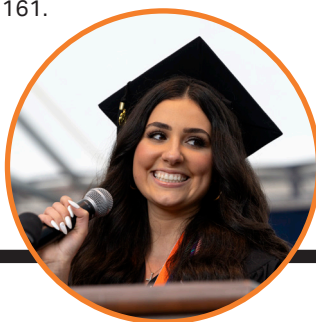
The Class of 2024 gets its long-awaited cap-and-gown moment at Bucknell's 174th Commencement ceremony

photography by **EMILY PAINE, JAMES T. GIFFEN and APRIL BARTHOLOMEW**

The Bucknell community gathered on Malesardi Quadrangle Sunday, May 12, to celebrate the academic achievements of the Class of 2024. In keeping with Bucknell tradition, the graduates proudly marched through the iconic Christy Mathewson Gates. However, this year's ceremony departed from the usual script as "Pomp and Circumstance" — typically played at high school graduations — echoed across the Quad. The song was chosen for the occasion by Professor William Kenny, music, as a special nod to members of the Class of 2024, who likely missed out on traditional high school graduation ceremonies because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Amid light rainfall, the University conferred 874 degrees — 864 bachelors' degrees and 12 master's degrees — to students from 32 states and 21 countries. The College of Arts & Sciences conferred 544 undergraduate degrees, the College of Engineering conferred 157, and the Freeman College of Management conferred 161.



Relive the excitement of Commencement 2024. You'll find photos and videos, including a video of the full ceremony, at bucknell.edu/commencement



▲ Keynote speaker Nadia Sasso '11 told graduates to be persistent in the face of adversity and seek help from Bucknell's alumni network. "Building a supportive community is key. With the right people around you, any challenge can become a stepping stone to success," she said.

◀ Alexandra Slofkiss '24, a biology major from Marlboro, N.J., opened the ceremony by singing the national anthem.



▲ Lea Tarzy '24, an accounting major from Medford, N.J., provided the class response, reminding her classmates of the strength and resilience they showed when faced with hardships and challenges.



What's Next for the Class of 2024?

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EMBRACING THE FUTURE TRUSTEE DAISY AUGER-DOMÍNGUEZ '95 LISTENS — AND LEARNS — FROM NEW HIRES

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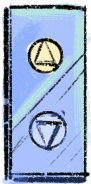




From Boomers to Zoomers

Each new generation brings fresh ideas and expectations to the workplace, and the latest crop of young professionals makes a

compelling argument for change. Their desires — more flexibility, inclusivity, security and purpose — hold potential benefits for all. Here, five Bucknell employee-relations experts offer insights for bridging generational gaps at work.



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THE GENERATIONS

Traditionalists

Born: 1927-1945*

Baby Boomers

Born: 1946-1964*

Generation X

Born: 1965-1979*

Millennials

Born: 1980-1996*

Generation Z

Born: 1997-2012*

*These ranges vary slightly among demographers.

Today's modern workplaces boast unprecedented diversity that extends beyond race and ethnicity. Age diversity is more pronounced than ever as five distinct generations are working together for the first time in history. At one end of the spectrum, there are people who are living — and working — longer. At the other, there is the most populous and diverse generation on earth whose oldest members began entering the workforce around 2019.

As this broad intergenerational mix of people converges in conference rooms and on Slack channels, it's clear that its different communication styles, perspectives on career success and expectations of leadership are already shaking up workplace dynamics.

Generation Z, which includes our newest alumni (see "Oh, The Places They're Going!" P. 26), is frequently burdened with negative stereotypes regarding its work ethic. These employees are often seen as being overly attached to their phones, having short attention spans and lacking loyalty to employers. The truth, of course, is more nuanced (see "Stereotypes vs. Reality," P. 24). Like the generations before them, their preferences, skills and behaviors have been shaped by external factors beyond their control, including economic conditions and technological advancements.

The good news is that multigenerational workplaces are better — for everyone. "Research shows that when diverse groups work together in an environment of mutual respect, there is greater

innovation due to the intermingling of various perspectives and life experiences,” says Udayan Dhar, Bucknell’s Sidney L. Miller Career Development Professor of Leadership.

Fortunately, within the Bucknell community, we have alumni and faculty with expertise in human resources, talent acquisition and organizational psychology, who can shed light on the impact this new generation will have on workplaces. Their insights can benefit new graduates beginning their career journeys, as well as seasoned managers who want to hire, motivate and retain young talent.

What Gen Z Wants

PURPOSE & MEANING

“Gen Z places a greater emphasis on ethical values, community and mentorship and thinks about how the workplace can be a space for inclusion and acceptance,” says **Esha Sharma ’20**, a Gen Zer who works in human capital at global investment firm KKR. “There’s also a greater desire for a work-life balance and resources to support mental health.”

Sharma’s perspective aligns with findings from Deloitte’s 2023 and 2019 Gen Z and Millennial Surveys, which found that Gen Zers prioritize interesting work as much as high salaries. They are also more committed to environmental and social causes, value workplace diversity and readily seek mentorship and growth opportunities.

Gen Zers also show a preference for secure employment over potentially risky opportunities, which is likely influenced by growing up amidst economic instability and housing affordability challenges from the 2007-08 financial crisis. The Deloitte surveys revealed that cost of living is a top Gen Z concern.

STABILITY & FULFILLMENT

Other studies have indicated that the escalation of mass shootings, the climate crisis and social media have had negative impacts on this generation’s mental health. When compounded by factors like ongoing wars and the pandemic, there emerges a “yearning for work that is less taxing and depleting and more meaningful and purposeful,” says **Daisy Auger-Domínguez ’95**, a human capital executive and member of Bucknell’s Board of Trustees.

FLEXIBILITY

The COVID-19 pandemic’s lingering influence on workplaces is undeniable. For many Gen Zers, their entry into the workforce was shaped by it. They found themselves navigating a professional landscape characterized by remote work and nontraditional schedules. “People are saying, ‘Why shouldn’t I be able to work when I feel I am at my most productive?’ And after four years of being successful with flexible arrangements, I have a hard time arguing against that,” says **Matt Evans ’02**,

head of employee experience at software company Qualtrics.

Evans says companies need to adapt to the evolving expectations of the workforce, including flexible working hours. “I think it creates unnecessary friction to have an overly rigid approach to work,” he says. “Plus, there are plenty of other opportunities out there that will provide Gen Zers the flexibility they are expecting.”

And with job-hopping no longer as taboo as it once was, Gen Zers will move on, he says. “Twenty years ago, if you saw somebody with a couple of 12- to 18-month stints on their resume, it was a big red flag,” Evans says. “Today, particularly in industries like technology, it’s just how people manage their careers.”

That’s not to say Gen Zers are office averse.

Dawn Kleinman Klinghoffer ’91, head of people analytics at Microsoft, says that the company’s newly graduated hires express a preference for a mix of office and remote work. “Our data show that

The Experts



Esha Sharma ’20 works in human capital at global investment firm KKR, where she is involved in talent acquisition for the firm’s summer intern program and junior full-time roles. She discovered she had an interest in the field during an introduction to human resources course at Bucknell.



Matt Evans ’02 is head of employee experience at software company Qualtrics, where the median worker age is below 30. Evans helps to lead the company’s global survey on employee experience trends.



Daisy Auger-Domínguez ’95 has led human capital practices at companies including Disney, Google and Viacom as well as Vice Media, where some 80% of employees were age 40 or younger. She just authored her second book, *Burnt Out to Lit Up: How to Reignite the Joy of Leading People*.



Dawn Kleinman Klinghoffer ’91 is the head of people analytics at Microsoft. Through surveys and other employee listening tools, her team collects data to help the company’s leadership improve the employee experience.



Udayan Dhar, the Sidney L. Miller Career Development Professor of Leadership at Bucknell, teaches Leadership Theory & Development and People in Organizations in the Freeman College of Management. His research focuses on development and change in individuals and organizations from a positive psychology perspective.

early-in-career talent prefers more in-person time than remote work, but they thrive when they can work when and where it's best for them," she says. "So flexibility is key."

TRANSPARENCY

As digital natives, Gen Zers have a great deal of access to information, which in turn shapes their expectations around subjects that were once little discussed. For example, partly due to information-sharing online, people have become more open about compensation. "Folks coming into the workplace have a good idea of where they sit in relation to their peers and what their compensation and benefits packages should look like," Evans says.

Stereotypes vs. Reality

"The reality is that we aren't as different as we might seem," says **Daisy Auger-Domínguez '95**, a human capital executive. "We all want our work to reflect our dignity and worth. While our reasons may differ, at heart, we all want to work at places where we feel seen, valued and understood."

Traditionalists and Baby Boomers

STEREOTYPES: Stuck in the old ways. Driven by loyalty to a singular company.

REALITY: Willing to embrace new ways of doing things if they understand how it's beneficial to themselves and the company. In some cases, they simply don't know what they don't know.

Generation X

STEREOTYPES: The sandwich generation. Worked hard to climb the ladder. Now is stuck between Boomers who aren't retiring and the younger generation eager to take their place.

REALITY: Open to change, but they didn't necessarily have flexibility or transparency modeled for them by their own bosses. Still feel young and vibrant with a lot to contribute.

Millennials

STEREOTYPES: Entitled and coddled.

REALITY: Want to drive change and be leaders in the workplace. Still saddled with the negative stereotypes always attributed to youth even though they're now grown with kids and mortgages.

Generation Z

STEREOTYPE 1: Distracted. Addicted to technology and obsessed with silly videos.

REALITY: Comfortable with technology, yes, but using it to enable more connection and communication with others.

STEREOTYPE 2: Activists who want to break down the house.

REALITY: Not here to break down the house — here to remodel it. Focused on developing diverse portfolio careers rather than staying at a single company.

In his role as a manager, Evans also notes a great desire for feedback among his younger employees, which he speculates may also be related to their digital upbringing, where they had constant communications and validation from parents and peers via texting and social media. "I think having folks hungry for feedback, in more depth and frequency, is a benefit to organizations," he says.

The Manager's Dilemma

Bosses who manage Gen Zers likely ascended the ranks in traditional workplaces characterized by a "pay-your-dues" mentality, where the newest hires aim to fit in and conform. They may have been molded by the norms of the Baby Boomers or Traditionalists and find themselves straddling the line between fulfilling corporate imperatives while leading employees with very different expectations regarding workplace culture.

"You've got the younger generation demanding better work conditions — better hours, more pay, more safety and respect," says Auger-Domínguez. "Then you have the senior leaders, who might have had to go through the awfulness of never having any of that, saying, 'Yeah, but work is still work.'"

Managers may understand the need to adapt and evolve. However, managing employee expectations, which can encompass anything from requests for relaxed dress codes and pet-friendly office spaces to demands for corporate activism on social and political issues, can prove complicated, especially without a model to follow.

Collaborating vs. Clashing

Auger-Domínguez says managers can build harmonious professional relationships across generations by being open communicators who demonstrate a willingness to hear and consider new ideas — even if they can't act upon them or fulfill every request. When she was leading a team, Auger-Domínguez says she would frequently ask colleagues questions like, "How are you experiencing me? How is my tone in emails?" Building trust by listening and being consistent and thoughtful, she says, lays the groundwork for being met with understanding when a manager later has to explain why a request is impossible to deliver on.

Dhar's research supports that tactic. He recommends those supervising Gen Zers cultivate a "coach-like managerial style." In 2022, he published a study in the *Leadership & Organization Development Journal* describing this approach. "It involves asking more than telling, being an active listener, helping the team member recognize their strengths and trusting them with challenging tasks while providing a safe space to make mistakes," he says.

For Microsoft's "university hires" (its term for fresh grads), Klinghoffer emphasizes the importance of providing strong managerial support and



increased face-to-face interaction, particularly in their first months of employment. This engagement enables managers to get to know their employees and develop relationships while also helping to set clear expectations and establish an understanding of the company's policies and culture. "This not only facilitates quicker onboarding but helps set them up for growth within the organization," Klinghoffer says.

Embedding employee-friendly practices into company culture through clear and consistent policies is ideal. This ensures uniformity across all levels, preventing situations where flexibility varies between

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DAISY AUGER-DOMÍNGUEZ '95

managers. Auger-Domínguez cites the example of a creative agency founder who incorporated measures to prevent burnout directly into employment contracts, including prohibiting meetings early on Mondays and after 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Klinghoffer also suggests that companies wanting to retain up-and-coming talent conduct annual "career check-ins" designed to help managers better understand and support employees' career goals.

Furthermore, Klinghoffer recommends companies invest in systems that promote regular

engagement and feedback. While quarterly surveys may be appropriate for some companies, she recommends more frequent ones, even daily "pulse" surveys, which can provide valuable insights into employee sentiment consistently.

Auger-Domínguez acknowledges that managers may find some of that feedback surprising. She stresses the importance of adopting a mindset of continuous learning, as unconventional ideas could prove beneficial. "I still remember the first time one of my employees asked for a mental health day," she says. "I wondered, 'What is that? I've never heard of it. But I think I need that too!'"

Gen Zers should also take proactive steps to enhance their job satisfaction, Dhar says. He studies the concept of the "ideal self" — an aspirational vision of one's best possible self that serves as a driving force for career development. He says engaging in diverse experiences both in and out of the workplace — such as joining cross-functional teams or participating in a volunteer activity with colleagues — contributes to this vision.

Sharma, for example, leverages her firm's employee resource groups to develop connections that extend beyond work. "I'm building a network of people who I don't just talk to about work, but about hobbies, passions and struggles," she says. "This community I've built for myself allows me to feel accepted for who I am." This approach has enhanced her career satisfaction and has helped her feel more empowered. "As a Gen Zer helping to hire other Gen Zers, I feel like I bring a unique perspective to the table, and this experience has helped me better appreciate my unique contributions." ■



Amber Cutler '24

The psychology major and English — creative writing minor is pursuing an MFA in creative writing at the [University of Nevada, Reno](#).

"Before Bucknell, when I told people I wanted to be a writer, I'd hear that I should pursue a 'real job.' The Bucknell Community College Scholars Program gave me access to resources that enabled me to pursue my creative endeavors and manifest my dreams. I found a nurturing environment within Bucknell's English — creative writing department, and interning with Bucknell's literary journal, *West Branch*, gave me valuable practical publishing experience."



Emma Lamberti '24

The music education major is pursuing a master's of music education at [Indiana University Bloomington's Jacobs School of Music](#).

"From conducting the Bucknell University Choir, to being the student manager of the handbells, to engaging in the Voice Lab and directing the acapella group Two Past Midnight, my Bucknell experiences have been instrumental in shaping me into the musician I am today."



Taylor LaMantia '24

The computer engineering and management for engineers double-major is now a software engineer for Netflix in [Los Angeles](#).

"Thanks to my electrical & computer engineering design courses, I was prepared for the technical challenges of the Netflix interview process. It's clear that Bucknell has prepared me for reaching my career goals."

Graduates of the Class of 2024 are spread far and wide, each stepping into their next phase with optimism, intellect and a skill set honed by their Bucknell experience. This group gives just a glimpse of the breadth of experiences new grads are having as they make their first marks on the world.

Oh, the Places

Keri Gilligan '24

The business analytics major is a business technology analyst for Deloitte's government & public services consulting practice in **Boston**.

"The Department of Analytics & Operations Management equipped me with problem-solving skills and the ability to be comfortable with the uncomfortable. My coursework in humanities and social sciences helped me become a more curious and practiced critical thinker with the confidence to tackle challenges."

Nikhil Patel '24

The finance major is an analyst with LLR Partners in **Philadelphia**.

"The holistic nature of the Freeman College of Management's curriculum has been extremely beneficial to me. While I initially wanted to focus purely on finance classes, getting exposure to all aspects of business made me stand out as a job candidate. Even in my finance role, I'll be using things I learned in my marketing and business analytics classes."



Lucas Hill '24

The international relations major is now an armor lieutenant with the Army initially stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky and eventually reporting to **Fort Moore in Georgia**.

"The Bucknell Army ROTC Program shaped my personal development. ROTC provided access to opportunities like the Project Global Officer Arabic program, which immersed me in studying Arabic. I received consistent guidance from Lt. Col. Jason Rock, who helped me become a better leader. Professor David Mitchell, political science and international relations, provoked my intellectual curiosity and interest in national security."

Abigail Kates '24

The markets, innovation & design major is now a graduate analyst for Barclays US Consumer Bank segment in **Wilmington, Del.**

"Something extraordinary about Bucknell is the faculty's attentiveness to students. I always felt comfortable approaching my professors with questions and ideas. This has given me the confidence to speak up in meetings to offer new perspectives."

They're Going!



Between Service and Student

While balancing classes, extracurricular activities and the many social opportunities that beckon college students on the weekends, a core group of students finds the time to volunteer at William Cameron Engine Company while pursuing EMT and firefighter certifications. From left, Danielle Kuck '27, Christopher Oko '26, Kathryn Wrynn '26, Olivia Jaye '26, Matt Otto '24, William Burson '26 and Isabel Byrnes '27.



CALLED TO SERV

Bucknellians have always served their community in unique and necessary ways. Now, a group of students is bringing back a decades-old club that prepares the next generation of emergency service responders to provide critical support in communities at Bucknell, in Lewisburg and beyond.

by MATT JONES
photography by EMILY PAINE

BY THE TIME **KATHRYN WRYNN '26** arrived on Bucknell's campus as a first-year student, she was already a nationally certified emergency medical technician (EMT), and she was hungry for opportunities to put her skills to use while connecting with other community-service-minded students. There was just one problem. "I realized that there wasn't a club for students who had a background in emergency medical care and wanted to make a difference in the community," says Wrynn, a Montvale, N.J., native and

a computer science & engineering major on a pre-health track.

The solution was simple: start a club of her own. Or, rather, revive a club that has, over the past four decades, and under the banner of different names — Volunteer Services, Bucknell Emergency Services Team, University Emergency Medical Services — been a hub for students who want to help people while preparing for careers in medicine. With the help of **Olivia Jaye '26**, a cell biology/biochemistry major from Hopkinton, Mass., Wrynn relaunched a medical services club in 2022. Student Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV) is an education and community outreach organization that gives students hands-on training in EMS, fire and rescue by partnering with Lewisburg's fire and EMS provider, the William Cameron Engine Company.



The Bucknell Emergency Services Team, here in 1993, was composed of student volunteers who collaborated with the William Cameron Engine Company to serve as a campus resource group.

Photo of Bucknell Emergency Services Team: Susan Naughton Chong '96, P27





Stoking a Passion

Danielle Kuck '27, international relations (far left), and **Isabel Byrnes '27**, undeclared (left), first learned about SERV at Bucknell's annual Activities Unlimited Fair that takes place during New Student Orientation. "I volunteered in my hometown on Long Island as a probationary firefighter," says Byrnes, who wants to earn her Firefighter I certification, a

Pennsylvania standard that meets the minimum requirements to function as part of a firefighting team. Kuck didn't come from a firefighting background, but she was motivated by a passion to help her community. "At William Cameron, we've learned how to put on our protective equipment, use air packs and run hoses to and from the fire hydrants," says Kuck.



Visit magazine.bucknell.edu to learn about alumni who got their start in medicine as student EMT volunteers.



The Competencies of Care

EMT training means that SERV members must acquire specific, practical skills, such as CPR and spinal immobilization. Above, **Matt Otto '24**, chemical engineering, Wrynn, Jaye, and **Christopher Oko '26**, pre-health biology, demonstrate how to properly secure **William Burson '26**, geography, on a backboard. An EMT needs to be able to assess a patient's condition, administer basic first aid and triage patients, both at the scene of an incident and en route to a health care facility. "Your first call can be really scary, which is why there is a lengthy process between when you start and when you're alone in the back of an ambulance," Otto says.





Heeding the Call

Through interactions with a variety of patients, SERV members cultivate leadership skills, critical thinking and compassion that will benefit them in a variety of medical settings. "You learn how to talk to patients and comfort them," says Oke. "These experiences are helpful whether you want to work as an EMT or go to medical school." Looking forward, Wrynn and Jaye will seek to expand SERV membership and offer more training, education and outreach opportunities to students. In doing so, they hope to build back an organization that has served a critical function in creating a community of care at Bucknell and beyond. ■





A FLAIR FOR INNOVATION

Bucknell students use their data expertise to assist volunteer firefighters



by **MIKE FERLAZZO**
photograph by **EMILY PAINE**

Alec Sanders '25 (left) and Donovan Coleman '26 created a database to facilitate real-time documentation and tracking of vital volunteer firefighter statistics.

IN HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE, Brooks Stahlnecker, a firefighter and emergency medical technician from Milton, Pa., witnessed the dwindling of Pennsylvania's volunteer firefighting force. Between 1970 and 2018, the state's volunteer count fell from 370,000 to 38,000, as reported by the Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute.

Stahlnecker attributed the decline to a lack of incentives. To address this, he founded the Rapid Intervention Team First Responder Benefits program, a nonprofit designed to offer insurance benefits to retain and reward volunteer first responders. However, to effectively issue these benefits, he needed an up-to-date database of volunteer firefighters across the state.

That's when he turned to the Bucknell Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and two of its student consultants. Within five months, Ian Proud, Bucknell's SBDC engineering

innovation manager, **Alec Sanders '25**, a computer science major, and **Donovan Coleman '26**, a computer science & engineering and management for engineers double-major, had a solution. They created an online tool that serves as a database for Stahlnecker, allowing for real-time documentation and tracking of volunteer firefighter statistics.

The database is collecting data from volunteer fire companies across five local counties — Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia — and has been designed to be scalable and include data from beyond that five-county region.

"We finally have an accurate account of our first responders," Stahlnecker says.

Sanders, who extended his SBDC student consultant work through summer 2024, reflected, "It's been inspirational to work on a project that benefits the community."





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Finding Your People

COMMENCEMENT is the best day of the academic year, filled with the joy of students and families celebrating a milestone achievement. For graduates, it is the culmination of meeting four years of relentless challenges — academic and personal, small and large. While many factors must align to make this moment possible, our recent ceremony for the Class of 2024 was a beautiful testament to the powerful role that community plays in student success.

Times may change, but many of the difficulties faced by past generations of students are the same for today's collegians. After I arrived at Stanford in 1975, I quickly discovered that I was completely

unprepared. I had no idea how to study and nearly flunked out. The worst part, though, was feeling overwhelmed and alone on the huge campus, so far from my native New York.

I'm grateful that I found a mentor who gave me academic and career direction. The true key to my ability to stay in school and succeed, however, was connecting with a group of friends. Being part of a peer group with shared values and goals — put simply, "finding my people" — saved my undergraduate experience and shaped the course of my life.

I thought about that at Commencement while listening to our keynote speaker, **Nadia Sasso '11**. The daughter of immigrants, Nadia made the



Nadia Sasso '11 and President John Bravman at Bucknell's 174th Commencement.

most of her time at Bucknell, leading student organizations and winning a \$10,000 Projects for Peace grant to provide birth kits to expectant mothers in her parents' native Sierra Leone, among other accomplishments. She went on to earn a master's degree and a doctorate, and she established herself as a successful entrepreneur, storyteller and filmmaker who advances important cultural conversations about diversity.

Nadia came to Bucknell through our partnership with the Posse Foundation, a nonprofit organization that identifies talented young scholar-leaders in urban areas across the country. Posse is built on the idea that we all need a support system, or "posse," to succeed. In a competitive application process, the program recruits scholars and places them in groups of 10 to 12. Together they spend a year preparing for the adjustment to college life before they arrive at one of Posse's nearly 100 partner schools, where they are mentored by dedicated faculty and staff.

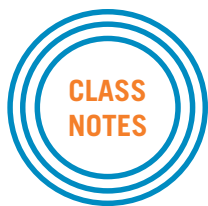
In Bucknell's 19 years of partnership with three Posse city programs, we have hosted

50 student cohorts. Nadia was part of our third Posse group from Washington, D.C., which she lauded in her speech.

"Without this incredible support system, I can't say for certain where I would be today," she said. "I definitely would not have graduated Bucknell without my Posse. Together, we made a pledge that all 11 of us would enter and graduate as a college unit. And I'm proud to say that we achieved that goal — and that accomplishment speaks volumes about the power of community."

Nadia's gratitude for her Posse experience made me appreciate my own support system anew. I invite all Bucknellians to rededicate themselves to nurturing their connections, which only gain more importance as technology advances. When we lift each other up in a community of genuine care, there is no limit to what we can accomplish together.

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Carol Wondowski wrote to share that her mother, **ELEANOR "TISH" DELONG CONRAD '46**, passed away Dec. 12 at 97 years old. She graduated with a major in French and was a life member of the Mu Phi Epsilon music society. Eleanor's obituary reads, in part, "A talented flutist, Eleanor performed in the Bucknell band and orchestra and played in the Frankford Symphony Orchestra of Philadelphia through the 1940s. Eleanor also was a member of the [student government] at Bucknell. In 1947, she graduated from the Peirce School of Business Administration in Philadelphia.

"Eleanor's career began in 1948 with the Long Island Railroad. In 1949, she served at the Temple University Technical Institute. From 1950–52, Eleanor was a secretary for the DuPont Co., Rayon Division. In 1952, she and husband Henry Franklin Conrad married and relocated to Augusta, Ga., near Camp Gordon where he was stationed. While in Georgia, she served as secretary to the general while her husband finished his training. In the

early 1950s, the Conrads settled in Reading, Pa. Eleanor dedicated her life to supporting her husband and raising her three daughters." — A.M.P. and N.C.T.

1950

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At our 25th Reunion, the Class of 1953 established a lectureship. That fund now has a market value of \$230,000 with an annual income of more than \$10,000, according to the University's annual statement. The first lectureship sponsored by our fund was a CBS program because several University staff members had connections to executives at CBS television. The lectureship was able to secure broadcast talent for a highly successful

program. Since then, there have been other events with unique approaches. Thank you, classmates.

We were sorry to learn that **ARTHUR LLOYD III** died in March 2023. He was one of the very lucky classmates who found the love of his life in the Class of 1953, the late

DOROTHY "BUGS" HARVEY LLOYD, whom he married soon after graduation. Before returning to New Jersey where he was raised, Art served two years in the Army. He subsequently had a long career as a real estate appraiser and was employed with the New Brunswick Savings Bank, retiring as vice president and head real estate appraiser. Art was an aficionado of antique cars and enjoyed repairing and rebuilding them. He traveled to many races, including the Indianapolis 500, the Italian Grand Prix and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. A skilled craftsman, he, along with Dorothy, who died in 2003, built doll houses. Art is survived by his son and daughter. — C.H.K. and J.M.

1954

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At my deadline for these Notes, I hadn't received any news from classmates. I believe there are many of you who check

Class Notes before you read the rest of the magazine. You may think you have nothing to say, but all we're looking for is a "hi" from you. If you text me hello or email or call me, I promise your classmates will read about it. You're important to us. — B.M.A.

1955

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Let's have a Class Notes reunion using our minds to "Zoom" as we read and remember our collegiate years, like watching Bucky Bison dance, walking up the hill to class, "Art in the Dark" and the Men's Glee Club Spring Tour.

Remember meeting in the Homecoming tent, serving dinner in Larison Dining Hall and going to the infirmary. Did you order the *L'Agenda*, meet others at Guy Payne's or go to dance programs for pledge formals and visit The Lyons Shop? We walked the bridge over the Susquehanna River.

There was a Modern Dance Club meeting at the gym. Did you have art in the Olin building with the late Professor **BLANCHARD GUMMO, CLASS OF 1925**? Did you listen to WVBU's "The Light Side of the News" for women? We studied in the stacks of the Bertrand Library, and some of us went to the ROTC cadets' Military Ball as well as

Bechtel's for ice cream.

The stores and restaurants we visited included Donehower Sporting Goods, the Dutch Pantry and the Lewisburg Hotel.

We had the Sigma Chi Sweetheart and danced to "Blue Moon." For those of us in education, there was student teaching in Mifflinburg, Pa.

We sat in the window when we heard the men marching in and singing. Remember Mrs. Richard's spaghetti at the Phi Psi house or fencing in the attic of Harris Hall? How many Wednesday chapel credits did you have?

Thanks to classmates and their memories. I hope you send me more and that you enjoyed our "reunion" as memories fond go trooping by. — E.M.P.

1956

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1957

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I sent this message to a random selection of classmates: "If you're reading this, it means that you're a super ager, a term that's become popular during the presidential



The Accidental Collection

by MATT JONES

Patrick Henry M'10 didn't set out to write a story collection. Rather, it was over the course of years and across multiple graduate programs, in between taking classes and teaching his own, that he found small pockets of time to write. It was only in retrospect, upon reviewing the work he'd produced in discontinuous and fragmentary moments of creation, that he recognized a pattern.

"When I started to reread all of these pieces, I noticed I'd been working on a lot of really similar themes. I've been writing stories about loneliness, about loss, about the ways these things shape and haunt our lives without us always recognizing that they're in the background," says Henry. "I didn't sit down to write a bunch of stories that were really thematically linked, so I think of this book in many ways as an accidental short story collection."

Practice for Becoming a Ghost, his debut story collection, is a work of magical realism, a genre that blurs the boundary between fantasy and reality by incorporating fantastical elements into otherwise familiar narratives. The 16 stories were composed across different eras of Henry's academic career, though he traces some of the most impactful advice he received to his time as a student in Bucknell's Master of Arts in English program.

"[Professor of English — creative writing] G.C. Waldrep was on my thesis committee, and one of the things he told me when I was in his poetry workshop was, 'Stop waiting to write the things you want to write,'" says Henry. "You can get a lot of great advice, but the lessons have to teach themselves to you in their own time. It took a good six or seven years to realize I should have followed G.C.'s advice much sooner."



Patrick Henry M'10

He started to follow his instinct for magical realism through his doctoral program at the George Washington University and into his current role as an assistant professor of creative writing at the University of North Dakota. With some input from his students, he figured out how to sequence his stories in just the right order. His writing journey came full circle when he found a publisher in his undergraduate alma mater: Susquehanna University Press.

Henry has an abiding respect for university presses, in part because of the two years he worked as an editorial assistant for Bucknell University Press. "One of the reasons why I've always wanted to publish with a university press is because of my time at Bucknell," he says. "It was just incredible to have that kind of experience as a master's student because I got to see how the press operated and functioned and learn how important the work they do is to literature, the humanities and institutional life."

While Henry's collection may have taken shape as an accident, its final form is one rooted in intention and constructed with care. *Practice for Becoming a Ghost* served as a teaching tool for publishing and editing students at Susquehanna University, where undergraduates learned about the editorial and publishing process by helping edit and market the book before publication.

Practice for Becoming a Ghost is set to be published in August. Henry's book on literary criticism, *The Work of the Living: Modernism, the Artist-Critic, and the Public Craft of Criticism*, was published in April by Clemson University Press.

Alumni & Faculty Publications

Richard A. Zmuda '79

The Mole of Vatican Council II: The True Story of "Xavier Rynne"

(ACTA Publications, 2024)

Zmuda offers a historical fiction narrative based on the real-life experiences of Father Francis X. Murphy, known as "Xavier Rynne," during the Second Vatican Council in 1962. Through the eyes of Father Murphy, readers witness the political intrigue and power struggles within the Vatican, as well as the challenges faced by Popes John XXIII and Paul VI in steering the council's course. The book delves into the efforts of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office to uncover Rynne's true identity and his perceived disloyalty. It portrays the unlikely election of Pope John XXIII and the realization of his vision for the Second Vatican Council.

Mario Chiappelli '22

Preserving the Pennsylvania Wilds: The Rebirth in Elk Country

(The History Press, 2023)

In his first book, Chiappelli takes a holistic look at Pennsylvania's elk herd history and the conservation movements that have shaped it. Drawing from the state's rich industrial past and hunting culture, Chiappelli examines the forces that contributed to the evolving landscape and wildlife of Pennsylvania. At Bucknell, Chiappelli double-majored in computer engineering and history. During his senior year, he decided to pursue a research project on Pennsylvania's elk herds, a topic that he felt a personal connection to since he grew up in Elk County. Following graduation, he remained committed to the project, and he expanded his research into what became this book. **Tabitha Chilton '22** collaborated as Chiappelli's editor.

race. So, what's your secret? Long naps? Lots of broccoli? Wordle?"

Here are the replies, edited for brevity, clarity and ... whatever.

RUTH ANN MYERS: "I've been a psychotherapist for more years than I care to remember. I'm still seeing patients in my home office, and I can still remember who's sitting across from me. I don't see kids anymore as it's too hard to get up off the floor. I went from full time to two days a week. I have no time or interest in Wordle but love generational research. I've written several essays about family histories so they won't get lost when I'm gone. I've had two knee and one shoulder replacements that have kept me mobile."

SALLY BOTSAL claimed that the challenges of the electronic age and the aging process keep her going — like, say, parking lots. "You drive up to the entrance and there is a barrier, which will rise and let you in if you roll down the driver's window, punch the button and retrieve the ticket. But, to reach the button and ticket, you risk having your side view mirror hit the ticket dispenser, so you unbuckle your seat belt and scoot left. You still can't reach the button, so you open the door to get the ticket. You close the door, go through the entrance and the seat belt alarm begins to clang. You find one of the few parking spaces, but there are SUVs on both sides, making it

almost impossible to get out of your car. After slithering back into your car, you creep out of your spot and approach the gate with ticket in hand. It's pouring rain, the ticket gets soggy and won't go in the slot. Everyone behind you is getting outraged.

"And what about those car radios that go off frequency while you're waiting for a light? Punching the button doesn't help, but inching closer to the car ahead might — unless you make that driver nervous. In which case, you'd better hope the light changes soon. [This must be one of those D.C. problems.]

"Then, there are those shelves that suddenly seem much too high. You raise your heels. You have to find a footstool. Or, God forbid, call for help. Relax," Sally advises. "Have a glass of your favorite libation."

J.J. JAMES reported that after 30 years of teaching U.S. history and psychology in public high school, volunteering in the community (animal shelter and hospice house), playing a lot of bridge (she's a Ruby Life Master) and writing a history of her township, she's living the quiet life with her faithful cat and staying connected to the world through her computer. She signed her emails with this bit of wisdom: "Play the game for more than you can afford to lose ... only then will you learn the game." Sounds like a bridge player, doesn't it?

As for me [**CAROLYN**], I was in the midst of rehearsals for my third solo show, *Motherhood. What a Bitch!*, opened April 28, at a small theater in Albuquerque, N.M. I hoped that I would remember most of my lines for my hour on stage. (My first show, *Don't Call Me Young Lady!*, ran for a couple of months in 2021, followed by *The Old White Lady Tells It*.) I do the broccoli-and-Wordle thing plus a daily walk but no naps. My real secret of being a super ager is marrying a guy who's 10 years younger than me.

I'm sorry to have to end with a sad note. **LIBBY ESTEY BUTLER** died Feb. 21. Her obituary reads, in part, "As a working mother, Libby was a role model of determination, hard work and loving kindness. Her career at Johnson & Johnson as a human resources professional fit with her passion for helping others. She was adored by her significant other of 30 years, the late Charles Lucas." — C.M. and C.W.L.

1958

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There was no news from "you guys," but I know you are out there. Please drop me an email.

I overdid my travel schedule this year, knowing that my travel days may end soon. My travels started late December with a New

Year's Eve cruise along the East Coast. We visited Jacksonville, Fla., Amelia Island, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Hilton Head, S.C., Beaufort, S.C., and Charleston, S.C.

I was home for two weeks before I made my annual trek to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where I have a timeshare. It's always reunion time as I've been going for 15 or so years. Unfortunately, many of my friends no longer visit. Again, I was home only for two weeks before another cruise on the Florida Gulf Coast and Keys. The itinerary included Tampa, St. Petersburg, Marco Island, Key West and Punta Gorda, places I'd never been. I was barely home for a week when I left again for Florida. I have a timeshare in Kissimmee. A friend from Lakeway, Texas, joined me for a couple of days and then three of my old friends from Connettee Falls, N.C., arrived for their annual visit. I took a quick trip across Florida to New Smyrna Beach to visit more friends and concluded my Florida visit, but shortly I was to be off for a lower Mississippi River cruise. I will be there for my birthday, which just happens to be eclipse day. Little did I know that the best view would be right here in Lakeway — bad planning. I have several more trips this year, but they will be included in the later issues.

While I was on an American Cruise Line trip

of the lower Mississippi, I met **JIM KAUFMAN '60**, a DU brother. He promised to give me extensive input for the next issue. He's had six marvelous careers, and Bucknell was a foundation and inspiration for it all.

Meanwhile, my classmates, I sorely need news from you. — R.B.S.

1959

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1960

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STEVE FLAMHAFT retired as an attorney after 60 years, during which he was a state prosecutor for five years and then had a private practice. He played pro soccer in New York until he was 35 and recently met Bucknell's head soccer coach in NYC, who congratulated him for being the only Bison player to be a member of the U.S. Olympic soccer team.

JOHN FISHER has lived in Winston-Salem, N.C., since 1973, except for four years in Miami in the late '80s. "I've been married since 1964 to Gail, and we have two children (Jack and Tom), who live in Chicago and Portland, Ore., respectively. Both are tenured college professors. We

also have three grandchildren. Despite some back problems, we're doing well."

JACK WOERNER has lived in Charlotte, N.C., for 40 years, where he's run his business, Travel to Hilton Head Island. He often meets up with former Bucknell women's golf coach Brad Tufts for golf and catches up on Bucknell people.

LARRY CLAYCOMB '65 writes, "My wife, **ANN CAMPBELL CLAYCOMB** '61, and I live on a farm in Carlisle, Pa. I've kept busy as chairman of our township's planning commission for the last 20 years. We're both in good health."

MARTIE LAUVER SAMEK reports, "**ED '58** and I are healthy, happy and spend summers in Southwest Harbor, Maine. In late October we head to Manhattan for the winter months. Our three daughters and their families love Maine life, too, so it has become the family gathering place. Ed and I keep busy with volunteer work. Two of our eight grandchildren are students at Bucknell. Three others have graduated, and I was thrilled and honored to give them their diplomas. Ten of our 15 family members are Bucknell-ians."

NANCY SPENCE MOORE remains in touch with her Bucknell roomie, **JOYCE LARAMY BENFER**. Joyce moved from Florida to Pennsylvania to be near her daughter and family. Nancy writes, "I've been living in Fredericks-

burg, Va., since 1965, where I had a rewarding career as a reporter and editor at the local newspaper. What else would I do with a degree in chemistry? After retiring from that job in 2009, I went to work at the local library in its history and genealogy section."

SALLY ANDERSON BROWN lived in Summit County, Colo., for many years and has moved to an Erickson Senior Living Community, Wind Crest, in Highlands Ranch, Colo. She writes, "There is so much to do here. My golden retriever, Breezy, keeps me company, and family is not too far away. I'm still skiing and spent a week at Keystone Resort in Breckenridge and Copper. Now, I'm waiting for golf season. I'm getting my bucket list checked off with ocean and river cruises, a week of water rafting, knee replacement and being with family and friends."

BILL MCCONNEL writes, "Kiki and I are doing well in Pittsburgh and spend three months in Naples, Fla., where we enjoy pickleball, swimming, biking and a lot of walking on the beach. After graduation and flying in the Navy for four years, I taught and coached track and cross-country at the Blair Academy for four years. Then, I moved to the Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, where I finished up teaching and coaching these same two sports in 2008, after 41 years."

GINNY NOTARI FISHER says, "As members of 1% (of the U.S. population), we should continue to make our voices heard. My husband, David, and I moved into the Brightview senior living community in Shelton, Conn. We're adjusting to a new way of life. It's as fun and as busy as we want it to be."

I received a note from Lynn Taylor that husband **BRUCE TAYLOR** had passed away in July 2023. Lynn writes that Bruce, her husband of almost 55 years, "was a proud graduate of Bucknell. He so loved the University that when his granddaughter, **ATHENA HERNANDEZ '27**, was admitted, he cried. Our son, **WILLIAM '93, M'98**, also attended Bucknell. Bruce was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and made lifelong friendships with his fraternity brothers, including **ART SAUNDERS '57**, **CHRIS HERMAN '62**, **RON FISHER '58** and **RALPH ABBOTT '62**." — P.F.

1961
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I had a lovely phone conversation with **PENNY KAFCHINSKI ROMERO**, who led an adventurous life of world travel with husband Paul, who passed away two years ago. With no kids, no pets and no plants, they were free to travel and live abroad for several years. Penny sold their second home in California and

lives in Clark, N.J., where she line dances and stays in touch with friends by phone. — J.P.

1962

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1963
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BOB TERIO reported the death of his freshman roommate, **DOUG WILLIAMS**, Feb. 18. A memorial service was held in the Rooke Chapel March 16.

VINCE COUGHLIN retired from General Electric in 1998 as senior patent counsel and moved from Lancaster, Pa., to Hilton Head Island, S.C., where he and wife Connie lived for seven years. He took up golf but soon realized that he could dock and undock a boat better than he could drive and putt a golf ball, so he joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and participated in weekend safety patrols around Hilton Head. After relocating to Aiken, S.C., he and Connie then moved to a continuing-care community in Macon, Ga. Vince worked with the administration of Wesleyan College to establish an Academy for Lifelong Learning and teaches at least one

course a year, is on the Curriculum Committee and served several terms as academy president.

SALLY MATTHEWS NEUMANN reported the death of her husband, **ROBERT NEUMANN**, in September. He was CEO of Erie Materials and transformed a modest warehouse into a regional building supply powerhouse with 375 employees and 11 locations in New York and Pennsylvania. He and Sally had been married 60 years. They enjoyed spending their winters in Jupiter, Fla. In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by daughter Leigh, son Chris and six grandchildren.

As I wrote previously, in October I welcomed grandson Ryan, who is the firstborn of my son, Adam, and his wife, Meghan. Adam is a senior manager for Amazon Prime Video Channels where he manages partnerships with content providers such as Showtime and A+E Networks and is negotiator for potential partners. Meghan is senior director of competitive intelligence and strategic insight at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

A note of correction: The long story about **BARB POTTS KELSHAW**'s move to Delaware was not her move but mine. — P.W.S.

1964

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JEFF '63 and **TEDDY FURST MARTIN** live in Colorado, loving the snow and living close to two grands, ages 3 and 1. They were doing outreach for our 60th Reunion, and I so hoped there was a good crowd. I wrote this note in March, and Teddy had gotten yeses from **WENDY STEVENS MCIVER**, **BUZ JONES** and **PEGGY OSBORN LUTTMANN**.

SILKY '62 and **KATHY MEARA SULLIVAN** renewed their wedding vows on their 60th anniversary by having a

party for family and friends. Mickey, their best man, was there to once again support his brother. They had a lot to celebrate as a year ago Silky was under treatment at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. — he's doing well.

DEE SHERMAN KASH went to San Luis Obispo, Calif., to see a grandson in college and spent the weekend with **LINDA KLEIN SMITH**, who Dee said looked fabulous, and plays a lot of tennis.

What a treat it was to welcome **JEFF NEMEROV** to the west coast of Florida when he showed up at a Bucknell alumni gathering hosted by **RYAN**

SMITH '92 at Seasons 52 in Naples. Jeff had his work cut out for him as he was solo (wife Susan was not feeling up to par), so it was incumbent upon him to carry the hospitality load for ladies on their own, including **KAREN ABEL JONES (BEN '62** was in New York), **FLOSSIE GRABER WATT '66** (whose husband was picking up kids at the airport), **JACKIE PEARSON WEIDENFELLER '66** (because sadly, **CHUCK** is no longer with us) and me (my husband has dementia). Ever the gentleman, Jeff, looking much younger than his age, handled the situation with grace and style. We

all hope he'll come back next year.

In January, I received snail mail from **MACK DAY M'64** explaining his lack of correspondence over the last few years. His beloved wife, Yvonne, died in September of 2018. After their 43 years together, her death robbed him of his joie de vivre, and he withdrew. Finally, with the persistence of family and good friends, he has come out of his shell, being grateful for and concentrating on the memories of the fabulous life they shared. In the spring of 2015, the late **JEANNE MELIS MILLS**, **KATHY MEARA SULLIVAN**, the late **BARBARA POST WALTON '63**, **KAREN TUKEVA GILES**

and I were guests of Mack and Yvonne and enjoyed Asheville, N.C., at peak azalea and rhododendron season. We were feted royally and all in good health — so we thought. If anyone had forecast three of the six (Barbara, Jeanne and Yvonne) would be gone in two years, no one would have believed it. Mack is considering transitioning to living in an Episcopal retirement home.

I lost my Bucknell distribution list, so if you wish to help me restore it, please send your contact info to me, and I'll happily reinstate you. — B.W.S.

1965

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I'm writing this as we're all contemplating the bizarre fact that next year will be our 60th Reunion. At our age, some have decided it's best not to delay joy, so they're joining Reunion fun this May and will probably return next year, too. We're always welcome as emeritus grads.

Some classmates had good excuses for not coming to Reunion this year. **BARB STELL HATHEWAY**'s grandson is graduating from Middlebury. **TOBY DECKER**'s son was getting married, but Toby plans to come next year and sent the following story: "At our graduation, I was trying to unzip my gown to bare my U.S. Army uniform and be commissioned, but the zipper was stuck. An unknown woman beside me helped me unzip it, causing quite a stir among those sitting around us at Davis Gym. Even members of my family from the stands wondered what the heck was going on with this woman kneeling in front of me trying to unzip the gown.

"For half a century, I wondered who that woman was — even name searches couldn't tell me. Finally, **JEANNE DEREDITA HENDERSON** approached me at our 50th Reunion to relate the story — a 50-year mystery was solved."

JACK FRAZIER writes,

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"I began at Bucknell with the Class of 1965 and later transferred to Cornell University, where I went on to graduate and then continued my formal education at Oxford University. I have spent most of my professional life out of the U.S.

"In 1986 (after spending over a year in India on an Indo-American scholarship), I made a short trip to Burma (now Myanmar) where I was fortunate to meet up with **U YE 'ROLAND' HTOON '61**. We had a fantastic week in Yangon thanks to his incredible generosity and help, as well as his critically important place in Burma. He is a friend of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and his father had been attorney general of Burma after liberation from Japanese occupation.

Over the years, until his untimely death, I met with U Ye in Burma as well as his sister, who married an American and has lived in the U.S. for decades now. From what I can perceive, the once-important Bucknell-Burma connection has been lost."

He also was interested in reconnecting with his former girlfriend, **MAGGIE MOORE**. As your reporter, I have access to contact information but am not allowed to share it. So, I wrote to Maggie and hope she contacted Jack. And, Maggie, please share where your life has taken you after Bucknell.

We all like to hear about classmates' travel experiences. Here's one that's very different from Jack's from **BEV SMITH RYERSON**: "My husband, **GENE '67**, and I took our

son and his 10-year-old twins to Sweden for their heritage trip in July 2022, where we met up with 27 of my relatives. I'm so happy we got to do that. And I'm so sorry that we won't see **FORREST CHILTON**'s fabulous outfits this year at Reunion."

Forrest will be there next year, Bev. And does anyone know what happened to the Burma-Bucknell connection? — J.H.P.

Editor's note: The Burma-Bucknell Award is given annually to a University community member who has made contributions to intercultural and international understanding. You can find a list of the recipients at go.bucknell.edu/burma-bucknell

1966

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MARVIN GOLDBERG does not seem to have aged, judging by his active lifestyle. "After 22 years in Denver, we have moved to Boynton Beach, Fla. It was time to get out of the cold, give up skiing and rock climbing, and join the 55-plus community. Pickleball has become my new passion, and our new community has 11 beautiful courts. We're also closer to our son, **CRAIG '92**, and family who live in Virginia. Craig is the U.S. deputy chief postal inspector. **CHRIS ROJAHN** had an 80th birthday party in La Quinta, Calif., and several DU brothers came. Besides me, **DAVE HUMPHREYS M'69**, **BOB**

MOYER and **BILL LEBOV** and wives were on hand. Chris's daughter, **GINEVRA "GIGI" '20**, who followed in her father's footsteps as a civil engineer at Bucknell, was also there. We had a great time in a beautiful resort."

JERRY THIMME checks in: "After moving to Nashville, Tenn., last year to be closer to children and grandchildren, my wife, Jane, and I decided we would spend some of the winter farther south and settled on Vero Beach, Fla., near Jane's sister. We invited a number of people to visit our temporary home, including some of my FIJI brothers. Naturally, **DICK PACE**, who loves a party, jumped at the opportunity and swore he knew half the people in Vero. A January highlight was a

great day of golfing at John's Island Club with Dick, **BOB PUFF '67**, **LORRY HATHAWAY '65** and me. Afterwards, Lorry and wife Barbara hosted all of us, plus Bob's wife, **NANCY LARZELERE PUFF '69**, for adult beverages, followed by dinner at a wonderful restaurant. We had one laugh after another. A few days later we repeated the fun when **JOHN SKIAVO M'68** joined Bob, Lorry and me for another day of golf and dinner. It was such a memorable time that we plan to repeat it next year."

ALLAN '64 and **PAMELA SCHOLL STEWART '67** were excited to have all 20 of their three generations plus two fiancées with them for Christmas in their "cottage" in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (which is more like a small mansion). Hooray for another great matchup of Bucknell grads.

Not to be outdone in reunion partying, some Naples, Fla., area grads have had several small group get-togethers. **TOBY DECKER '65** and wife Judy invited **BEN '62** and **KAREN ABEL JONES '64** and **BILL WEIDENFELLER '65** and me to join in a lovely dinner and evening outdoors at the club where they were renting. The old stories came out and made us all laugh and feel young again.

There are certainly more Bucknell alums from our era in Florida than I see when I'm in D.C. over the summers. The Bucknell happy hour in Naples at Seasons 52 was lively, with **FLOSSIE**

GRABER WATT, BETH WEHRLE SMITH '64, Karen, Toby, **JEFF NEMEROV '64**, **MICHAEL '64** and **CAROLYN MORTON MOORE '65**, and **LINDA LAWRENCE NUTTAL '69** joining me in attending. The weekend before this gathering, Bucknell had played Colgate in the semifinals of the Patriot League basketball championship. I was glued to this game because Bucknell, clearly the underdog, was amazing throughout the entire game minus the last two minutes, in which Colgate, the favorite, managed to pull out the win. It was so exciting to watch while Bucknell was up by double digits, sinking many threes and playing great defense. I was so proud of our team.

BILL "OLLIE" RAYNOR '64 got tired of the winter weather in Rhode Island and flew to southern Florida to visit friends. Fortunately for Bill and me, he included a stop in Naples for a long memory-filled lunch before heading to Ft. Myers to see **JIM LITTS '65** and wife Lennie. Ollie had been the roommate of my late husband, **CHUCK '64**, freshman year and married the late **BONNI VASILOVSKY RAYNOR '64** shortly after graduation, so there was lots of catching up to do.

Happy 80th birthday to all celebrating this year or next. Anyone who has made it this far must have so much for which to be grateful. As my upbeat aunt used to say, "Just keep on continuing," and

we shall try to do so. Please send me your news. — J.P.W.

1967
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LARRY ROST lives in Montoursville, Pa., on the edge of a forest where he frequently sees deer, bear and other wildlife. He retired from his real estate management company but assists his daughter in her rental business by being her Mr. Fix-it and helping to maintain the rentals. He owned and ran a restaurant in Williamsport, Pa., for several years. He owns acreage in the mountains that includes a hunting lodge, where he meets with several friends every Sunday. We commiserated at length about getting old, which, not surprisingly, is a common thread among most of these kinds of phone calls.

TOM CANN retired from his life's work as an internist and hospitalist and lives in West Chester, Pa., with wife **BARB WERNER CANN '69**. His professional life was very similar to mine, with a residency in internal medicine followed by work in hospital medicine. He described himself as being "not spry" after some surgeries. He has two daughters, one of whom is also a physician. He's not heard from any Sig Ep brothers recently but would like to.

D'ANNA FORTUNATO left Bucknell after two years to attend the New England Conservatory of Music. She has worked her entire life as an operatic soprano, having performed with several of the world's premier orchestras and as a New York City Opera soloist as well as having appearances in Europe and Japan. She's lived in Boston since her Bucknell days. I Googled her and was even more in

awe of her reputation as a soprano. She would like to be in contact with her roommate **CANDIS BOYER COXE**.

CHARLIE FOX went to Widener law school after Bucknell and has practiced law in his hometown of Apollo, Pa., specializing in wills and estates. He still works part time with his son, who is one of his partners in the law practice.

DIANE NOVY EXARCHOS and her husband owned and operated a restaurant in the Penn State area for many years and can hear the roar of the crowds at football games from their porch. They no longer have the restaurant, but she busies herself with gardening and family. She taught math after graduation and has three Bucknell friends she keeps up with.

DAVE GORDON attended law school at Columbia after Bucknell, practiced real estate law in central New Jersey and

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Akash Kaul '11, Tom Sprague '12 and Cory Bishop '12 (from left) are modernizing how people care for loved ones.

MODERNIZING ELDER CARE

Three Bucknellians took an innovative approach to help families manage loved ones' care

by NICOLE GULL MCELROY '00

Akash Kaul '11, Tom Sprague '12 and Cory Bishop '12 are the team behind Unio, an app that helps family members stay informed about loved ones in long-term care facilities.

The idea was born from Kaul's personal experiences. As a child, he volunteered at a local nursing home in Livingston, N.J., with his father and brother. They'd spend hours playing bingo and keeping the residents company at meal times. "My dad wanted to instill an appreciation and respect for elders in us," he says.

After graduating from Bucknell as an anthropology major, Kaul decided to attend medical school. But life threw him a curveball when he found himself in the position of being the legal guardian for a family member in a nursing home. "Juggling intensive care along with medical school was one of the most difficult things I had done," he says. "I couldn't imagine how overwhelming it could

have been without professional familiarity with medicine."

Motivated to ease the burden for others, in 2020, he decided to leave medical school to launch Unio. Through the mobile app, families can view vitals and medications, get an alert when there is a change in care and communicate with nursing home staff and health care providers.

Kaul needed help to fully realize his vision, and Bishop and Sprague were eager to join the venture. Bishop, who had double-majored in economics and computer science, brought his expertise in software development and design. Sprague, who studied political science and had built a career in real estate lending, became Unio's chief operating officer.

With an initial round of seed funding from family and friends, Unio capitalized on a program with PointClickCare, a health care software company. It listed Unio's app on its marketplace, allowing the startup to tap into the company's established customer base and run a successful pilot program at a care facility in Maryland.

"Our technology is a relatively new idea to care communities, and there can be hesitancy about adopting new technology," Sprague says. "However, the demand for innovative solutions like Unio will surge as younger generations take on caregiving responsibilities."

It is gaining recognition: Unio was a finalist in the Pittsburgh Technology Council's 2023 Tech 50 Awards. Now the company is in growth mode. "Unio is actively seeking partnerships with other tech and health care companies," Sprague says. "We are also collaborating with patient and family advocacy groups to gain deeper insights into the needs of families and establish ourselves as a trusted solution within the long-term care community."

still works part time in his firm. He stays in touch with several of his Sammie brothers and told me stories about his roommate **LARRY** from Dave's first two years at Bucknell. Dave's son, **GERRY '94**, graduated from Bucknell. — C.G.

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It was good to hear from **JACK PHILLIPS**, who was elected chair of the board of directors of CurePSP, a nonprofit dedicated to facing the challenges of progressive supranuclear palsy, which affected Jack's late wife, Linda. He

has served in many capacities with the board. Linda and Jack traveled with fellow DU brother **WADE WEBSTER '69** and his wife, Joan, to South Africa.

Jack received an MBA in international business from George Washington University. He was a vice president with Owens Corning and had

assignments in Greece and Brussels, where he developed business in the Middle East, Africa and Europe. He retired from the company in 2002, after which he and three others started Wind Energy Corp., which offered a hybrid wind-and-solar product designed for businesses.

Jack had a visit from

RON and LYNN SCHAEFER PETERSEN, who live in England. He lamented the losses of DU fraternity brothers **CHRIS WHITNEY** and **RUSS FLEURY**. Jack lives in Naples, Fla., and can be reached at fjphillips@buckeye-express.com.

We had a very pleasant visit with **LYNNE HUNTS-BERGER KILLHEFFER**,

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who was making a Florida swing in January. The Palm Coast area was her last stop on a multi-town tour that included visiting **NANCY WEBER VETTER** and **JENNY PAYNE REESE**, as well as a couple of other friends. We covered a lot of ground while she was here including walks on the beach and seaside dining at our favorite fish shack and a visit to our local farmers' market and craft fair. Many of you know that Lynne lost Peter, her husband of 40 years. She lives in Hood River, Ore. (when she's not on the go) and can be reached at lkilleffer10@gmail.com.

I've managed to connect with several of my Theta Chi brothers including **SHELLEY WEISBERG**, **STEPHEN YEATMAN**, **FRED BISSELL**, **BOB ROVEGNO** and **JIM REESE '69**. **BOB MARTUZA '69**, **JIM VARGA '69**, I and a few others have been Zooming monthly. What a handy invention. — G.V.

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PHIL JOHNSON chairs the Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform, a group of American manufacturers who rely on their investments in research and development to create innovative products that can be

protected by U.S. patents for limited periods of time. In connection with this work, which he does pro bono, he testified as an expert in response to a bipartisan invitation before the U.S. Senate Committee for the Judiciary, IP Subcommittee, on the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act. — L.H.D.

1971

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ERIC RIESS writes, "We live a quiet life in the San Francisco Bay area, although it seems busy. I continue to work in our health care business, Wellness Management Consultants, using naturopathic and integrative techniques to help people detox and achieve healthier lifestyles. Much of the work is via phone so we help people all over the country. We also work one day per week at a health clinic in Marin [Calif.].

"I wouldn't know what to do if we retired completely. We travel to Yosemite, Calif.; Sedona, Ariz.; Santa Barbara, Calif., and, occasionally, Hawaii when we need a break. I've had COVID twice and recovered pretty well. But it has left us a bit unwilling to travel via plane; we are lobbying for that long bridge to Hawaii from San Francisco. All of that keeps us pretty busy."

Eric has stayed in touch with **BETSY SANDAL**, who used to live blocks away



but moved to Sonoma, Calif., not long ago.

He also keeps busy with his gardens, having almost 150 rose plants in addition to perennials, etc. "As I tell people, it's easy to get down on my hands and knees to weed, but getting back up can be a real production. I use the roses as my daily memory test. As long as I can remember all the names, I figure finding my car keys will be a snap. I also do volunteer work at a local monastery that is home to a group of Carmelite sisters who have a large number of roses that I tend.

"I had a great visit with **JANE HOWE** and **DEB JURAN**. Jane flew from frozen Cape Cod, Mass., for a bit of rest and relaxation in California with Deb [who retired in December]. I drove down from Kensington (near Berkeley) to join them for an afternoon at Deb's spacious new home in Seaside (just north of Monterey).

"We reminisced about Bucknell, looked at Jane's photos from

Reunion and tried to match 74-year-old classmates with their freshman photo book pics. We covered most of the normal topics from health to politics and beyond and paused to raise a glass to classmate **BOB WENDEL**, who passed away about a year ago."

BILL LIVENGOOD wrote that his wife of 51 years passed away after being struck by a distracted driver on her daily five-mile walk (tinyurl.com/ymp2b5uc). Bill also reported that a great-nephew, who attended a lacrosse camp at Bucknell, was applying to the University with a 3.9 GPA and wants to play lacrosse.

Finally, **JIM BERRIE '73** wrote about the passing of **HELEN KOONS** March 17. Before retiring, Helen was a senior vice president of Kankaku Securities, USA. At Bucknell, she majored in Japanese studies, was fluent in Japanese and was offered a translator position at the United Nations. She was a

member of the First Congregational Church of River Edge, N.J., where she was the very active head of the Mission Team and involved in every aspect of its outreach ministries, including with Family Promise of Bergen County to help provide meals for more than 200 people on a regular basis and organizing the Hike for Hope fundraiser. She ran the church's All Wrapped Up Program to provide Christmas gifts for those in need. Helen was tireless in her efforts at the church's annual Pumpkin Patch, where she could be found from early morning to evening, in every sort of weather, working the patch, whose proceeds benefited the farmers of the Navajo Nation as well as the church. Helen was also the church's webmaster, social media guru and Zoom engineer. — L.K.

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FLUENT FUTURES

Inspired by her love of languages, Yani Lettman Peyton '93 created a program that preps young children for life as global citizens

by KATIE NEITZ

Yani Lettman Peyton '93 arrived at Bucknell with a clear plan to pursue a career in medicine. But as she delved into her science classes, doubts crept in. Was this truly her passion, or was she merely conforming to her parents' expectations?

Following her heart meant pursuing a different path. She became a management major, earned her MBA and found success and satisfaction in positions at MetLife, Bankers Trust and T. Rowe Price.

But six years into her career at T. Rowe Price, she had another change of heart. "When I had my twins in 2003, I realized I wanted to share my love of language and culture with them," Peyton says.

Peyton was raised in a bilingual household by Costa Rican parents. She says she always had an appreciation for her parents' heritage, language and culture, but it became more pronounced when she had children.

"I started looking in my area in Baltimore and realized there weren't language programs for young children," she says. "That's when it occurred to me that there was an opportunity here."

While still working at T. Rowe Price, Peyton began researching language immersion programs. "I felt this strong pull toward this," she says. "It came from having children and knowing what I wanted for them. If it didn't exist, I would need to build it. I built the curriculum. I built everything. I had this fire in me to make it happen."

Seventeen years later, Peyton is the founder and director of Fun with Foreign Language, a program that teaches Spanish and Mandarin to children as young as two years old in the Baltimore area. "The ability to learn another language is tremendous when



Yani Lettman Peyton '93 created a language immersion program to teach Spanish and Mandarin to children as young as two years old.

you start young," she says. "Young children's brains are flexible; they aren't yet hardwired to have a preference for only one language."

As her program blossomed, Peyton built partnerships with local schools to bridge cultural divides and help parents navigate their surroundings. "We work with a lot of Spanish-speaking families who are new to the country and trying to make their way and figure things out," she says.

Peyton has seen the benefits in her community and with her children. Her twins, now 20 and in college, are fluent in Spanish.

"The value is that you are creating global citizens," she says. "When these kids go to college, they are interacting with kids who are not like them. To be able to see the world from more than one perspective, to have cultural sensitivities and a greater understanding of the world, creates more compassionate people."

1972

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JERRY MARTINEAU writes, "In February, my wife, **BEV SACKRIN MARTINEAU '71**, and I hosted a gathering of Bucknell Sigma Chi brothers, wives and significant others at our home in Coral Springs, Fla. It was an evening consisting mostly of what the Lovin' Spoonful described in their song 'Old Folks' as 'shuffling

through our deck of bein'.' It's amazing how the stories get a little better each time we tell them. We were glad to welcome **JOHN KLENOVIC, DON LAPUTKA, JAMES WILEY, DOUG BIDEN, BRUCE GROTEFEND, BILL RHEY** and **RON MARSILIO '71**. Many were already in south Florida for an annual golf pilgrimage organized by Don."

I'm sure many other gatherings of Bison should be reported, so type away. I'm always

happy to hear from you.
— A.S.B.

1973

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DONNA MCNEAL SANNICANDRO has been kept busy in retirement by volunteering with the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Oasis Free Clinics, including the Brunswick in Bloom garden tour as well as a

local beekeepers' group. She has hives and hoped to get her bees in May. Donna also keeps busy working with her 3-year-old, 135-pound great Pyrenees dog.

SCHLEY WRAIGHT BRANDT and husband Ralph had a winter escape to Florida for a wedding and also met up with five gals from the Class of 1976 who were freshmen in Harris Hall in 1972. On the couple's way home to Chicago, they stayed with her roommate, **JOANE**

SAPOLSKY, and her partner, Paul. Even after 50 years, **SCHLEY** said it seemed like yesterday that they shared a freshman hall in Larison, a room in International House, a hall as freshmen counselors in Harris and an apartment in downtown Lewisburg.

Condolences to the families and friends of these classmates. **JUANITA BROWNE** lived on 3rd Harris our freshman year and passed away Nov. 23. She

left Bucknell and graduated from Drexel.

WINIFRED KIME SWISS passed away March 1. She was a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

SUSAN STYER DAUTEL and **BILL HAMILTON** reconnected at our 45th Reunion and have had lots of adventures and travels since then. They are based in a beachfront condo on the barrier island of South Hutchinson off the east coast of Florida. They had a great time at the 50th Reunion last year, catching up with many classmates and campus changes. They spent two weeks in Italy, followed by a three-week expedition to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia

Island and Antarctica. Bill grew some whiskers to help keep warm among the penguins and elephant seals. They're planning travels with Bucknell classmates while they enjoy retirement (Bill from teaching; Susan from law). They're thankful that Bucknell brought them together — if a bit belatedly — to enjoy the world together.

The Wayward Bison karaoke troupe was so successful at the 2023 Reunion that it was invited back for the 2024 Reunion. The Bison (**TOM HANNAN** and **KEN PHELPS**) invited all classes to bring their voices and spirits to the Bison Cafe the Friday of

Reunion. Tom and Ken host karaoke monthly in the Baltimore-Catonsville area and always welcome Bucknellians to attend. — S.L.C.

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Having followed online **ANN LOAR BROOKS's** amazing adventure, I was excited to have her share this brief synopsis. If you have a chance, please take the opportunity to read her blog posts.

"Last spring and summer, from coast to coast, border to border and everywhere in-between, Ann traversed the lower 48 states — her way of celebrating her 70th birthday. Over the course of 70 days, she logged over 15,500 miles behind the wheel of her Prius, hiked about 365 miles and never went a day without hiking at least 3 miles, no matter the weather. Her trip started and ended in San

Francisco, where she was living at the time. Two Bucknellians hiked with her on two separate days. In pouring rain, **BOB CORDARO** joined Ann on the Crabtree Falls Trail east of Charlottesville, Va., and **DOTTY SCHNURE** slogged up and down a muddy, buggy Vast Trail Loop near Hinesburg, Vt., with her. While Ann had favorite states (Utah, Colorado and Oregon, especially the Oregon Coast), she was generally enthralled every day of the trip.

"Along the way, Ann posted daily blogs at medium.com/@annloar and was named a top travel writer by Medium for the time she was



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posting. She'd like to know how other classmates are observing the entry into our eighth decade and hopes to read about their adventures in Class Notes. Ann and her husband, Steven, are enchanted by the multitude of hiking trails near their new hometown, Williamstown, Mass., and would love fellow hikers to explore them with her."

Many Bucknellians seem to be drawn to snow-birding in Florida. Enticed by the sunshine, warmth and beaches, along with the myriad of options for outdoor activities, like biking, golf, pickleball and boating, I have loved my mini-reunions with Bucknell classmates. In January, **PATTY ROTHERMEL MCKENZIE, PHYLLIS GUNN, CHRISTINE TSCHOPP BRENNAN, SCHLEY WRAIGHT BRANDT '73** and I

gathered at a Vrbo property for four days. Then in February, **CAROLYN COURTRIGHT WIERDA** organized a luncheon (complete with Bison decal favors) at the Deep Lagoon in Osprey, where **NANCY BUCCINI JENNINGS, NANCY EVANS ARMSTRONG, JOANN PATRICK-EZZELL** and I shared a special time.

In the coming months, I would relish hearing from more of our classmates. — N.Q.B.

1976

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BOB MULDERIG wrote that the Christmas

season always gets him thinking about all the great people at Bucknell, both students and staff, who have had such a positive impact on his life. He retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in August 2022. He described it as a great job, where he worked with dedicated and skilled staff focused on improving public and other assisted housing through refinancing, capital development and innovation. Now that he and wife Karen are retired, they have more time to spend with son Patrick in Philadelphia and daughter Emily at the University of Vermont. They're also more involved with their community in D.C. He would be glad to hear from fellow Bucknellians at robertmulderig@gmail.com or 202-420-8182. — G.W.F. and M.L.K.

1977

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DAVE DESIMONE and his brother, **DAN '82**, attended the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships hosted by Bucknell in early March. The EIWA is the nation's largest Division I wrestling conference. They saw many fellow former wrestlers, including **TOM SCOTTON '78, BOB MARCHINEK '76, RICK STROUSE '78, TOM ECKHARD '78, LARRY MEANS '79, BARRY ZAISER '80, CHRIS TRATE '82** and Coach Bob Ferraro.

KURT WATERS took a 25-day trip to southeast Asia in February and March. Having taught world history and about this region for the past 40 years, he fulfilled a lifelong dream to see the land of Vietnam, the temples at Angkor Wat, Cambodia, and the beaches of Thailand.

CHARLIE SCHWARZE traveled with **JIM CUNNINGHAM, CRAIG MACLATCHIE** and their spouses to Mission Beach in San Diego for a relaxing vacation in March. From San Diego, they headed to Catalina Island, Calif., to explore the island for a few days. The history of the legendary (non-gambling) Catalina Casino built by chewing gum magnate William Wrigley Jr. was fascinating. It was the first

completely circular building at the date of its completion in 1929.

TAD THAYER has been very busy preaching as a substitute for the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and at Peace Lutheran in Smyrna, Del. He plays tenor sax and soprano recorder in the praise band and joined another band, Soul Chase. He looked forward to a fun time with the band's reggae and funk experience and planned to play alto, tenor and baritone saxes as well as his Irish penny whistle.

Tad adds, "My wife, Carol, and I spent our 40th wedding anniversary at The Explorealan Kohulich in Yucatan [Mexico]. I encourage anyone who wants to explore Mayan archeological sites to book a stay at this marvelous all-inclusive resort.

"It was great being back on campus last year for the 50th reunion of Bucknell Jazz & Rock Ensemble and playing with all my old band-mates. Hats off to **TOM YUSCHOK '80** for getting us the sheet music and sound recording. **PETER WILLIAMS '78** and I made many recordings of campus music. Some may remember our group, Cerberus, with Pete, **RITT HENN '79, BOB GALLO-WAY '80, RICH CIECIUCH '81, DAVE HLADKY** and others. They even had a recording of me playing with Richard Brockhaus, my philosophy professor and BJRE bandmate — may he rest in peace.

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THE BIG PICTURE

Senior Producer Jeesoo Park '07 works behind the scenes to combine cinematic storytelling with breaking news coverage

by **MATT JONES**

In between her junior and senior years at Bucknell, **Jeesoo Park '07** took an internship with NBC's *Today* show and realized that she wanted to pursue a career in journalism. At first, she was intrigued by the idea of working in morning news as an anchor or correspondent, but she soon discovered a different calling. "To me, the power lay more behind the camera as opposed to in front of it," says Park, who majored in English — literary studies before going on to complete a graduate degree at Columbia Journalism School.

Following stints as a producer at ABC, CNN and National Geographic, Park is now a senior producer at *The New York Times*, where she manages a field-reporting team and guides visual storytelling. It's her job to not only commission and assign news stories, but to oversee her team throughout the editorial process. "I am always asking questions, making sure we're getting the answers we need and talking to the right people. And so I serve as collaborator and editor," says Park.

The proliferation of video media outlets and formats over the last decade has allowed Park to find her career "sweet spot," one in which she balances the unpredictability and chaos of



As a senior producer at *The New York Times*, Jeesoo Park '07 tackles breaking news and crafts cinematic stories.

breaking news with the breadth and depth of cinematic storytelling. In her work with the *Times*, she is neither limited by topic nor geography, and she regularly collaborates with different news desks and freelance teams to tell stories about everything from the lack of oversight on child migrant labor to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

Even though Park never imagined she'd end up in her current role, she had an inkling that her English major would bolster her career pursuits. "At Bucknell, I really jumped full force into writing because I think good writing skills come in handy regardless of what you're doing in this field," she says.

"Seeing all the new buildings and all the great additions to campus was amazing. But Tacks and Dunkels are still there, as are the quaint alleys and relaxing porches. Seeing Kappa Sigma, our old apartment at 201 N. 4th St. and putting my feet in the Susquehanna River after all these years was wonderful. I'm looking forward to the 50th reunion of the Bucknell Chorale in October. The trip we made to Hawaii is etched upon my mind.

"Carol and I love it here in Milton, Del. We have a house with plenty of room, so if any Bucknellians are in the neighborhood, please stop by. Love to all crispy critters

— you know who you are. Goodnight, **PETER LESTER '78**, wherever you may be."

I [**SUSAN**] spent nine days as a volunteer at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's annual Flower Show in Philadelphia. I'm co-chair of the group that checks in the plants that exhibitors bring for display and enter for judging. My work included troubleshooting and a lot of walking and standing on concrete floors, plus several late evenings followed by early mornings. Although quite tiring, my contribution to its success is very satisfying, and the show is always beautiful. Early March in southeastern

Pennsylvania is the perfect time to see indoor flower and garden displays since it's too early to experience much in the great outdoors.

As always, we would love to hear what you've been doing. Please write and get your name in print. Retired, new grandchild, big trip, mini-reunion of fellow Bucknellians — send in your news to share with your classmates. — S.H. and B.K.

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As you all know, Israel has been at war since Oct. 7. My two sons and a son-in-law have served in the Israeli military over the last few months. Our youngest son, who'd been visiting southeast Asia, was to return at the end of April after being ordered back by the military reserve. Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. There is not much news from you all, but I do expect lots of news following our 45th Reunion. It was great seeing and visiting with so many of you back in

2019, but I wasn't able to attend this time.

JOHN WEITZ and wife Gail enjoyed their first full year of retirement in 2023, but they still have an active life. They moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., and among the new sports that John began is golf. Way back when, John and I were regular jogging partners at graduate school in Knoxville, Tenn. At Bucknell, we both jogged, but we did not really know each other. John and his wife are active in the local synagogue. Gail is a prayer leader, and John is learning Hebrew.

It would be nice to hear from our other alumni, both retired and still

HONORING A LEGACY

Rooke Family Receives William Bucknell Philanthropy Award

by KATE WILLIARD

In recognition of their generosity and loyalty, **Robert C. Rooke H'10, G'06, G'07, G'12**, and his wife, **Natalie G'06, G'07, G'12**, have received the prestigious William Bucknell Philanthropic Award. This award, which has only been bestowed once before — to **Ken '57, P'83** and **Elaine Langone P'83** in 2019 — was announced at Reunion 2024.

"The name Rooke is synonymous with our University," says President John Bravman. "This award celebrates not only what they have done very concretely with bricks, but it also recognizes Bob, Natalie and the Rooke family legacy. Our University is a stronger, more vibrant institution because of their generosity."

The Rooke family's impact is evident across Bucknell's campus — from the Robert L. Rooke Chapel to the Rooke Science Center. Bob and Natalie have backed more than 30 initiatives, with their contributions nearing \$15 million. They have supported infrastructure, giving generously to the Bucknell University General Building Fund and the Holmes Hall building project, and bolstered Bucknell's music program through gifts to the Sigfried Weis Music Building, the William A. Payn Music Scholarship, the R. C. Rooke Chapel Music Program and the Rooke Chapel Organ Assistants Fund.

In the College of Engineering, Bob and Natalie have contributed to the Robert L. Rooke Chair in the Historical Context of Engineering endowment, which supports two faculty positions that bear the Rooke name: the Robert L. Rooke Chair in Engineering, held by Professor Ryan Snyder, chemical engineering; and the Robert L. Rooke Professor in Engineering, held by Professor Kat Wakabayashi, chemical engineering.

Bob's father, **Robert L. Rooke, Class of 1913, H'51**, laid the foundation for the family's legacy. To date, the Rookes have



President John Bravman presented Bob Rooke H'10, G'06, G'07, G'12 with the William Bucknell Philanthropic Award at a private event in July 2023.

committed a combined \$31.5 million to the University. Bob's late brother, **William Rooke G'12**, sister Dorothy McCulloch, sons **Thomas Rooke P'06** and **Robert C. Rooke Jr. P'12** and late daughter **Marianne Rooke Fairall P'07**, grandchildren **Thomas Rooke Jr. '06**, **Robert R. Rooke '12** and **Gwenn Fairall Knox '07**, nephew **Andrew Rooke P'12** and his wife **Margie P'12**, and grandnephews **Andrew "Kreamer" Rooke '06** and **Schuyler Rooke '12** have all made significant contributions in honor of their patriarch's dedication to the University.

Both Bob and his father were honored with Bucknell's highest distinction, the Stephen W. Taylor Medal. Robert L. earned the accolade in 1975, followed by Bob in 1997, who was also named an emeritus member of Bucknell's Board of Trustees that same year.

Future events, including the William Bucknell Society event in New York City in November, will further recognize Bob, Natalie and the Rooke family for their unwavering commitment to the University.

working, about changes in their lives and life milestones, so please help keep your semi-retired class reporter busy in the coming months. — A.S.



REUNION

1980

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With not a lot of news from classmates, even on the Facebook page, I think that people are traveling, spending time with new grandchildren and generally enjoying retirement or work.

GWYN ENGLISH NIELSEN '81 is moving to Los Angeles for a new life adventure, so if you're on the West Coast, she would love hearing from you.

If you live in western Michigan, you might be able to see the two different music groups in

which **THOM JAYNE** performs. In addition to the trio Whorled, he plays guitar in the Trillium Irish Band. Both groups highlight Celtic music, among other styles, with a hint of African, Latin and Thom's other influences. Clips can be found on YouTube in addition to the bands' websites.

Even though it's a year away, don't forget to mark your 2025 calendars for May 30–June 1 to celebrate our 45th Reunion. Since we lost out on the 40th because

of COVID, let's make it a big one. What else are you all up to? Keep in touch. — D.L.H.

1981

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1982

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Many thanks to all of you who responded to my plea for news on Facebook.

DONNA FALETTO-LORINCZ celebrated the first birthday of her first grandchild, Jude, Sept. 3. Her son and daughter-in-law live about 35 minutes from Donna in central New Jersey, so she sees them often.

SUE WILLIS sent me pictures from an artist's reception for an outdoor mural she completed for Indigenous economist Rebecca Adamson. Sue

was thrilled to have **MELANIE DOEBLER** and **CAROL DUNCAN QUIN** there to help her celebrate. The installation is on private property in northern Virginia. She has pictures on her Facebook page.

LONNIE JONES PERA and her husband moved from their home of 32 years to retire in Georgia. They have finally unpacked all their boxes and were getting ready for spring. In other 4th West news, **RON** and **KRIS HARRIS ELWELL** left Stowe, Vt., and relocated to Healdsburg, Calif. The weather is better, and they're closer to their daughter and new grandson. (The wine is a bonus.)

MIKE JOHNSTON messaged me from a snowboarding trip to Mammoth Mountain, Calif., with **STEVE CRAIG '83**. Mike graduated from the University of Utah and is an architect in Salt Lake City. Steve's older son is a junior at The College of New Jersey. His younger son is a senior at The Pennington School and will attend Bentley University this fall.

AMY FORTGANG CONNOR and her husband are counting down to retirement in the next two years. For now, Amy runs the drama program at a local high school, directs at community theaters and gets a little performing in at an Equity theater that is a seven-minute walk from her house. Her twins are in college (Georgia Tech and the Culinary Institute of

America) and her oldest is about to move to Los Angeles for an animation job. In the meantime, she has a very large file on her laptop dedicated to all the places she and her husband plan to travel to in retirement.

In April 2023, **BOB DESOUSA** accepted a position as counsel at Eckert Seamans, specializing in state, government relations and the practice of law.

I can always depend on **ERIC ALLGAIER** for news, and he didn't disappoint. His focus of late has been on raising money for the Alzheimer's Association as a co-chair of the Ride to End Alzheimer's Nation's Capital, and he also captains Team Bucknell. The team includes **DON HARRIS, JEFF CROSS, HELEN REETZ '78, BILL KROKOWSKI '84** and **CHRISTOPHE RICHARD '06**. Eric writes, "I was proud to earn the #3 bib with \$21,050 raised. And Team Bucknell is rocking the team fundraising with \$50,419. To put our fundraising in perspective, our team has raised a total of \$495,612! We are closing in on half-a-million dollars raised for the Ride."

Eric spent four days in late January in New Orleans attending the Alzheimer's Association Community Leaders Summit, representing the Ride to End Alzheimer's Nation's Capital, and found it inspiring.

He spent a January weekend celebrating the too-short life of one of his friends and fellow

Bucknell University Alumni Association board members, **SCOTT SINGER '87**. Eric commented that Scott left us too soon, but those gathered reminisced all weekend and will always remember his fine qualities, spirit and the great times they had together. Those gathered for the weekend included **BRIAN '84** and **SUE LENKER HITCHINGS '84, BILL KROKOWSKI, KATIE MALAGUE '94, CHRIS SPRINGER '96** and **SCOTT STIELER '87**.

Eric also noted that daughter **KIT '17** had been accepted to a couple of schools in London and will pursue a master's there.

SCOTT ARMACOST moved from Oakland, Calif., to Eagle, Idaho, and was exploring and learning his new area.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. — B.G.K.

1983

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PETRA KOENIG WELLS

and husband Mark have been in Knoxville, Tenn., on the Tennessee River since 2004. She started rowing in her late 40s and has been active in the sport ever since. She even went back to Bucknell for the 40th anniversary of rowing in the fall of 2023. She writes: "I have to admit that I enjoyed this get-together immensely, even though I didn't know a soul before I arrived. I also hadn't been back to campus since 1988, except for a brief drive through in 2014 when our rowing club went to a sculling camp on the Susquehanna. Boy, have things changed and grown." Petra is at petra@markwells.net. — T.T.E.

1984

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By the time this issue of *Bucknell Magazine* hits your mailboxes, our 40th Reunion will be in the rearview mirror. For those of you who attended, I hope you brought home a suitcase of happy memories with plans to stay engaged with our Bucknell community in whatever form or fashion suits you best. Please consider dropping me a line. — A.A.C.



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1985

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JEFF POTE visited **JEFF MANNIX** for a long weekend in July, highlighted by seeing one of Billy Joel's residency shows at Madison Square Garden. In September, **PAUL SCHWER** met Jeff in Reno, Nev., and they went to the 59th and last Reno Air Races. Jeff volunteers at the Mid Atlantic Air Museum in Reading, Pa., and is working on a project to install a GPS-based navigation system in a vintage Beechcraft.

TAMMY SINGLETON-ENGLISH was nominated as treasurer for the Estate Planning Council of Pittsburgh and was elected to the council for the Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association. She is an estate planning attorney, CPA and founder and owner of Singleton-English Law Offices.

DOUG NELSON reported that Laurie and **MARK SANGIMINO '84** hosted a mini-reunion in July. "Our crew solidified during the week between finals and graduation during our junior and senior years on the Jersey Shore and have met occasionally in Philly, D.C., Hartford, Conn., Pittsburgh and NYC, including **ROB** and **SETSUKO ITO MCNABB**, **GRAHAM** and **JODI NOW ROBINSON M'94**, Gretchen and **TOM LANGAN M'87**, Adrienne and **DOUG ROBINSON**, Abby and **RANDY SCHWARTZ**, Kristin and **BILL MORROW**, Meg and **JIM EISENHARDT '84**, **M'86** and Sharon and

LENNY SANCILIO M'86."

Doug Nelson in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has a clinical counseling practice, consulting a few hours weekly for Florida International University's (FIU) Office of Employee Assistance and unwinding over weekly Sunday dinners with **JOE THOMPSON**. He also met up with Jodi and Graham in Miami when she attended a conference at FIU. Doug invited Bucknellians to "break bread" with him if they visit southeast Florida; he is at dnelson1800@gmail.com.

For those who sang in the Rooke Chapel Choir, a reunion is planned for Oct. 4-6 at various locations throughout campus. This event will be led by music faculty Caleb Hopkins and William Payn and will feature the world premiere of a new piece by Jackson Hill commissioned by Bucknell Choirs. For more information, contact Bucknell's Music Department

I received an email from Brad Hoffman about his brother, **JEFF HOFFMAN**, who died Feb. 16 after a two-year battle with stomach cancer.

TIM DICKENS reported on the wedding of Megan, the daughter of **KRIS BRUNS CHENWORTH** and the late **GEOFFREY CHENWORTH '84** in Puerto Rico. "The Bucknell 'red brick house' Tri-Delts, a spirited group of friends who've been there for each other through thick and thin, gathered to celebrate the nuptials, making it a

weekend to remember.

"The Grand Rio Mar resort provided the backdrop for a weekend of laughter, love and some traditional Puerto Rican dancing. The resort even had a macaw named 'Geoff' that greeted guests at the entrance.

"The Tri-Delt squad, comprised of Kris along with **NANCY MCMAHON DICKENS**, **CAROLYN GATES CONNORS**, **CAMMIE REINHART ROWNTREE**, **LISA BROPHY HAEDRICH** and **NANCY BLINN WILLIAMSON**, along with some Bucknell husbands, including me, **KIRK WILLIAMSON** and **MARK HAEDRICH '81** in tow, turned the wedding into a reunion of epic proportions. It had been 41 years since they first crossed paths in the Tri-Delt suite in Hunt Hall, and they were determined to make Megan and Luis's wedding weekend as memorable as their time at Bucknell.

"The adventure didn't stop at the altar. The daring group embarked on a rainforest hike in El Yunque National Forest. Nighttime brought a whole new set of thrills with a bioluminescent bay kayaking expedition. Of course, this being a Bucknell reunion, there had to be some twists including lost car keys and COVID, but the Bucknell spirit is as resilient as ever, and they made the best of unexpected situations.

"As the Tri-Delts bid farewell to each other and to Puerto Rico, they did so

with hearts full of love, laughter and a lingering touch of bioluminescent glow. The group is already planning their 2024 get-together. 'ray Bucknell!'

Thank you to those who wrote in. Please keep the news coming. — C.R.T.

1986

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My mailbox was empty, but I'll share a "small world" story with you. **ROBB** and I were in NYC for the day to see a show. As we left the theater, I heard someone call my name. It was **KATHY FERRARA BAXLEY**. It was fun to see her and meet her friends. You never know who you'll run into in the largest city in the country. Let me know if you have a "small Bucknell world" story. — J.D.C.

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REUNION

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JENNIFER COCKCROFT ROTH writes, "After 33 years as your class reporter, I've decided to move on from my role. I'm thrilled to pass the torch to **LISA DUBUSC MILLER**. I couldn't think of a more spirited person and excellent writer to keep us connected. Please join me in congratulating Lisa and consider sending her an update.

"To say that so much has changed after 33 years is an understatement. I still remember being voted in as your class reporter and was so excited to write my first Class Notes. In the early years, updates came through phone calls, road-trip visits, letters and Bucknell events, like Homecoming. Then, we stayed connected via email, texts and our class reunions. We also reconnected through many personal and professional life events. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as our Class Notes Reporter. It is an experience I will always treasure.

"I'll close with my own updates. In late March, I

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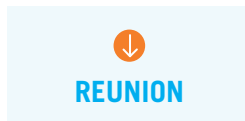
had lunch and an awesome catch-up with **ANDREA APUZZI MORTATI** at Moderne Barn in Armonk, N.Y. My family and I were looking forward to son Rob's graduation from Clemson University in May. I shared with him how there was a 'clock' on the downhill side of the Elaine Langone Center that counted down the final 100 days until graduation. Our daughter, Anne, is finishing up her freshman year at the University of Connecticut. We enjoyed every minute of March Madness." — L.D.M.

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KEN PHILLIPS wrote last year to celebrate his son's acceptance to Bucknell. He ultimately chose another school, but Ken says, "It was a fun flashback to when I received that same letter over 30 years ago." He and his wife have lived outside Sacramento, Calif., for more than 23 years as business owners and real estate investors. They look forward to traveling a lot as they become empty nesters. He is at ken@mepcpa.com.

It seems like lots of us have kids applying to and receiving acceptance letters to Bucknell these days. 'ray Bucknell. They

might not be at Bucknell, but our son and **TARA HOOPER CONTILIANO**'s son are roommates at the University of Virginia for the second year. They've known each other since they were a few months old, so it's really cool that they have connected in this way at college. Tara and I chat often about their comings and goings.

In September, **CHRIS** and I were thrilled to see **CHUCK '86** and **JODY MACARTHUR JOHNSON** in Boston for a quick lunch and wander through the city. We never have enough time together, but it's always a joy when we can sneak in a visit. Their daughter had been accepted to Bucknell's Class of 2028.

In November, **BRIAN STOLARZ** returned to campus with Dewayne Brown to share their story of exoneration and friendship. The announcement of this event reads: "An innocent man convicted of capital murder, a tenacious attorney committed to reversing the sentence and a key piece of

missing evidence that would lead to exoneration — these sound like the ingredients of a sensational crime thriller. But the story of the eight-year battle alumnus and attorney Brian Stolarz fought to reverse the death-row conviction of Alfred 'Dewayne' Brown is anything but fiction." Although the event has passed, anyone interested in learning more can watch episode 8, "Hidden Alibi," of the Netflix series *The Innocence Files*.

For the first time in four years, we spent New Year's with some of our other favorite Bucknellians: **DAVE** and **COLLEEN TAYLOR LUKENS '94** and **KATIE MALAGUE '94**. We love our time together and were so happy to celebrate with them. Katie and I had dinner in March; it was great to see her again.

Chris and I spent a weekend in Lewisburg with part of his Chi Phi crew. **DAVE NEWCOMB '93** and wife Jean organized the weekend around a Bucknell basketball game. It was so great to catch up with him, **DARREN LOEW '93**, **JAY "BOOG" CARROLL '93** and wife Rene, **MATT** and **WENDY SCHWIEGER MCTAMMANY**, **MIKE** and **VIRGINIA DOUGLAS DIGUGLIELMO '97**, **M'04** and Dave and Colleen. Darren's daughter, **KATIE LOEW '25**, did a great tour for Katie Lukens and Tucker Carroll as they prepare for the college application process. We had so much fun reconnecting and remembering our time in

Lewisburg. What great friendships we built while we were there.

As I write this, preparations are beginning for our 30th Reunion in 2025. I hope everyone is ready to return to campus to celebrate. — J.B.B.

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KRISTEN SANDEL was inaugurated as the 174th president of the Pennsylvania Medical Society Jan. 20. She is the medical director and chair of the Emergency Department at WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital and serves as the president of the medical staff.

ANDREA MAAS co-authored *Music Education on the Verge: Stories of Pandemic Teaching and Transformative Change*, which was published in August 2022 by Rowman & Littlefield. She is the program coordinator and senior lecturer in music education at the University of Vermont. — H.M.L.

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APRIL MCCLELLAN and husband Brad had their first baby, Savanna June, Feb 19. — N.S.I.



REUNION

2010

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It's always so good to hear from members of our class with updates from their lives.

JENNY HIRSCH MANN wrote that she, husband Josh and daughter Noa welcomed Talia Malka in March 2023. Jenny

shares, "It's hard to believe she's already a year old. I've so enjoyed being your class reporter over the past years, and I'm grateful to **DAVID** for taking over so seamlessly. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Reunion in 2025."

CHRISTINE REILLY CECOT and husband Rob had son Arthur in January. He joins his sister, Anabelle, who is 18 months older. Christine reported that having two under 2 was chaotic but blissful.

LINDSEY SCHLOSS and **KEVIN RECIO** had their first child, Violet "Letty" Recio, in January. Mom, Dad and baby were doing great.

MICHELE LEDDY and husband Antonio Paz welcomed Valentina Isabel Paz in March. **KATE ODELL SLOAN '13** is her godmother.

PETER BACH married Chelsea in September in Lake George, N.Y.

YULAN "JESSICA" LI and Kristofer Munn got engaged in November. They met in Hudson Valley, N.Y., through mutual friends. The wedding will be held at Clermont State Historic Site in Germantown, N.Y., in June 2025. Congratulations to the couple.

I'm sending best wishes to the entire Class of 2010. — D.I.

2011

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2012

JAMEY ROBERTI, who earned a master's in education and has worked in diversity and inclusion and academic success, published his undergraduate thesis as a book as well as several other articles regarding hip-hop culture and history, which Jamey studied at Bucknell.

KRISTINA KALKANIS and **JONATHAN PODNIESINSKI** welcomed their first child, Sophia Rose Podnieinski, June 28, 2023. They look forward to one day showing her Bucknell's beautiful campus.

If you are interested in being the Class of 2012 Reporter or have news to share, please email Heidi Hormel, Class Notes editor, at hjh006@bucknell.edu.

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Spring was around the corner as I wrote this column, and I hope that you have fun summer plans. All is well here in Amsterdam, and we were looking forward to seeing the famous tulip fields (for the first time not as tourists) this spring. **GREG EPREMIAN '12** and I have settled in and would be happy to hear from classmates who might be traveling this way. Please know that you always have "local" Bucknellians to show you around.

DAVID GORMAN published his sixth

children's chapter book, *The Jumbled Jewels*. His Waldameer Mystery Files series for 8–12-year-olds is about kid detectives solving mysteries at Waldameer, one of the country's oldest amusement parks in Erie, Pa. David is at davidwritesbooks.com.

I look forward to hearing from you. Write anytime. — M.Z.

2014

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LINDSAY ZAJAC and husband Alexander Adams had daughter Avery Frances Sept. 6, who joined brother James Joseph, who is 2 years old. — K.M.



REUNION

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LEAH CHOWENHILL

earned two master's, one in electrical and computer engineering and the other in engineering and technology innovation management, at Carnegie Mellon University in May 2023. She moved to Washington, D.C., to work

as a system engineer for Alstom to develop North American high-speed rail systems. She's been awarded three technical patents since graduating from Bucknell.

BLAKE SHERWYN

moved to Greenwich, Conn., from Miami and is working on producing his first feature film. **LAUREN O'CONNOR** and **ADIT**

ACHARYA got engaged in

October after meeting at the start of our junior year. Adit proposed exactly five years to the day after he asked Lauren to his fraternity date party in the middle of senior year.

DANYON FISCHBACH

earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Maryland. **DANA GETKA** received two master's, one in

history and one in library and information science, from the University of Maryland. — E.R.



REUNION

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ALUMNI PROFILE

BRIDGING THE GAP

Colbey Russell '24 is Bucknell's first Public Safety officer to graduate from the University

by **SARAH DOWNEY '25**

Like any nervous first-year student, **Colbey Russell '24** meticulously studied his schedule and planned his route around campus before his first day of classes. Russell made a point to arrive early to each class so he could personally introduce himself to students. As a member of Bucknell's Office of Public Safety, it was important for him to establish a connection with his classmates. "I wanted to be transparent about my position," he says. "I didn't want my presence to make anyone uncomfortable or cause somebody to not fully engage in a classroom setting."

In May, Russell became the first Bucknell Public Safety officer to graduate from the University. Russell, who completed degrees in education and psychology, began working at Bucknell in 2014. He had always envisioned himself becoming a secondary education teacher in physics and mathematics. "After high school, I attended two semesters of college before life took me in a different direction," he says. "I wanted to have a positive role in my community, which led me to Bucknell's Office of Public Safety."

Working on a college campus reignited his interest in education. But the idea of being an adult learner with a full-time job and family responsibilities was daunting. "It took me years to muster up the courage to finally fill out the application," he says.

As a student, Russell brought a unique perspective to classroom discussions. "In an education or psychology class, I could provide a parent's perspective," says the father of two. "It also helped me get to know the students. Now there's a group of students who will ask how my daughters are doing."

His coursework helped him develop a greater sense of purpose in his work. In 2020, Russell developed an equitable



Colbey Russell '24 graduated from Bucknell in four years while working full-time in Bucknell's Office of Public Safety.

and student-centered campus safety model that has since been adopted at Bucknell. The model, SEE Safety Networks, was informed by conversations Russell had with students, and his related research has been published in two national journals. "I hope to help other universities create equitable, inclusive safety measures," he says.

As a Bucknell alumnus, Russell will continue his role as deputy director of Public Safety, a leadership position in which he works to build community rapport and trust between officers and students. "As a student, I gave it my all to have meaningful interactions with students," he says. "Whether hosting a dinner to encourage conversations or creating unique video projects showing my outside experiences with raising children, I worked to humanize myself and foster connections," he says. "I look forward to continuing to strengthen those connections with students in our community."

I hope everyone is having a great summer and happy one year before our first Reunion. We hope to see everyone back on campus reuniting at Towne soon. Remember to book hotels and Airbnbs early because they go fast. As always, if you have any news or stories you'd like to share, please email me. — M.G.

2022

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2023

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The following classmates have moved abroad to continue their studies and begin their careers.

In Brussels, **KENDALL**

ROBERTSON is an English teaching assistant on a scholarship through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

NINA SIGETY is an English language teaching assistant through the Teaching Assistant Program in France. She works in public middle and elementary schools assisting students in their English classes and helping out with lesson plans and activities.

CALLIE SULLIVAN is studying at Maastricht University in the Netherlands in the international business program and specializing in strategy and innovation. Callie is also doing work for a consulting company there.

NADINE ANDERSON is a lead analyst at a recruitment startup in London. She partners with businesses in the creative industries to find them top-tier finance and operations talent. — K.C.

2024

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IN MEMORIAM

1944

JUNE CHAPMAN WOOD, March 18, Port Washington, N.Y.

1947

MARY ANN GREGG SCOTT, Feb. 8, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

JOSEPHINE PIERCE SIERER, Jan. 19, Fort Collins, Colo.

1948

HELEN GILMOUR HUBER, Feb. 14, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

1950

BOBBIE LENOX MILLER, Feb. 10, Dover, Del.

ROBERT ROTHERMEL, March 29, Danville, Pa.

CARYL SCHMIDT WILLIAMS, Dec. 25, Tempe, Ariz.

1951

DAVID KAHN P'98, Jan. 23, Bronx, N.Y.

DALE RANCK P'77, Jan. 16, Milton, Pa.

1952

LU SWETLAND CARMAN, Jan. 23, Minneapolis, Minn.

MARY JANE BROKAW SWANSON, March 10, Hendersonville, N.C.

IN MEMORIAM

STUART BERELSON '59, P'85, P'91



Devoted Bucknell supporter **Stuart Berelson '59, P'85, P'91** died May 20.

After graduating from high school at age 16, Berelson attended Bucknell, where he was a member of ROTC and joined Bucknell's inaugural men's swimming and diving team. He went on to earn a law degree from New York University School of Law and served two years in Germany as a military police officer for the Army. Following his military service, he began his distinguished law career. He specialized in taxation and estate planning, representing a wide range of clients in commercial and residential real estate and construction.

Berelson was a dedicated and generous alumnus of Bucknell, serving on the Board of Trustees and as an emeritus trustee. In 1993, he established the Berelson Center for Jewish Life at Bucknell, creating a vibrant space for Jewish life on campus. His contributions were recognized with the Alumni Association's Loyalty to Bucknell Award in 2009.

Berelson is survived by his wife, **Betty P'85, P'91**, four children, including **Joel Berelson '85** and **Wendy Berelson '91**, and three grandchildren.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Berelson Center for Jewish Life at give.bucknell.edu.

1954

GLEN MILLER, Feb. 24, Tumwater, Wash.

BARBARA DAVENPORT NEVILLE, Feb. 19, Center Tuftonboro, N.H.

1955

FRED AMSLER, March 5, Northumberland, Pa.

DEAN BEUGLESS, Feb. 2, Warminster, Pa.

ELISE MUELLER BRUNO G'09, March 14, Cranbury, N.J.

MARY GIBBONS GEHLE P'78, G'04, Jan. 24, Windsor, Conn.

1956

CAROLYN BROWN CHAAPEL, March 1, Rochester, Minn.

ALAN CHRISTENSON, Oct. 9, Naples, Fla.

JEAN UHLER JOHNSON, Oct. 16, West Palm Beach, Fla.

JOHN SKIFF, Feb. 18, Rochester, Mich.

1957

LIBBY ESTEY BUTLER P'82, Feb. 21, Westfield, N.J.

BILL HAGERMAN, Feb. 1, Ocean City, N.J.

ALVINA "BUNNY" LAVERY HEINE, Feb. 11, Laconia, N.H.

BILL MOYER, Feb. 21, Newville, Pa.

1958

CHET BELSKY M'59, March 24, East Greenville, Pa.

BOB BURNETT, Jan. 1, Scottsdale, Ariz.

LORIAN RODI DEUEL, Feb. 19, Annapolis, Md.

1960

TONY CONSENTINO, March 10, New London, N.H.

DENMAN SWEETMAN, Jan. 30, Cape May, N.J.

1962

WILLIAM STURGIS, Aug. 30, 2023, Newport News, Va.

1963

GINI REESER KESSLER
P'93, March 30,
Lewisburg, Pa.

DAVID ULP, Dec. 18,
Dover, Del.

DOUG WILLIAMS P'87,
P'92, G'20, Feb. 18,
Lewisburg, Pa.

1965

LETTY ROUSH
CORTELYOU, Jan. 31,
Lakeland, Fla.

1968

RUSSELL FLEURY, Jan.
20, 2022, Raleigh, N.C.

1969

HAL EMRICH, Jan. 28,
New Hope, Pa.

JIM HERBERT, Jan. 1,
Canton, Mich.

1970

PETER BOYNTON, Dec.
30, East Falmouth, Mass.

1971

HELEN KOONS, March 17,
Paramus, N.J.

1973

WINIFRED KIME SWISS,
March 1, Randolph, N.J.

1974

JEFFREY QUINZER, Jan.
24, Bridgeton, N.J.

1979

BOB BURDICK, March 14,
Winter Garden, Fla.

SUSAN LEWANDOWSKI
YORK, March 9, Bowie,
Md.

1982

THOMAS DEPRez, Feb. 7,
York, Pa.

LAURA CAMERON GUE,
Dec. 29, Marana, Ariz.

1985

JEFFREY HOFFMAN, Feb.
16, Flemington, N.J.

1999

CHAUNA WEINBERG,
March 13, Schenectady,
N.Y.

2024

CHRISTIAN SAMAY,
March 30, Mountain
Lakes, N.J.

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL "MICK" SMYER



Michael "Mick" Smyer, emeritus professor of psychology, former provost of Bucknell University and dedicated advocate for environmental sustainability, died May 3.

During his tenure as provost from 2008 to 2015, Smyer distinguished himself as a visionary leader, overseeing academic and student affairs with a blend of wisdom and compassion. His expertise in psychology, particularly in understanding the aging process and its societal implications, earned him national recognition. Beyond academia, Smyer was committed to leveraging the influence of older individuals to drive positive change in

environmental policy, a cause to which he dedicated his later years.

Following his time at Bucknell, Smyer embarked on a new chapter as the founder of Growing Greener, an organization devoted to empowering individuals and groups to take meaningful climate action through psychology-informed strategies and engagement tools. Additionally, as a senior fellow in social innovation at Babson College's Lewis Institute (now the Institute for Social Innovation), he continued his work to apply entrepreneurial thinking to address climate challenges.

Smyer is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Pat Piper-Smyer, two sons, a daughter, and four grandsons.

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MASTER'S

SHIRLEY BERESFORD
M'59, Jan. 26, Bradford,
Vt.

JOHN GRIMM M'60, Feb.
21, Hershey, Pa.

LAWRENCE LUNDWALL
M'66, Jan. 28, Westmin-
ster, Mass.

BEVERLY CAPPS LYON,
M'63, Jan. 19, Lakeland,
Fla.

JAY MCCORMICK M'66,
P'92, Feb. 29, Williams-
port, Pa.

LYMAN MILROY M'69, Feb.
9, Montoursville, Pa.

FACULTY AND STAFF

PATRICIA BEST, Feb. 2,
Lewisburg, Pa.

CAROL ERDLEY, March 6,
Lewisburg, Pa.

JANET SMITH P'88, March
13, Turbotville, Pa.

FRIENDS

CHARLES FISHER, Jan.
22, Lewisburg, Pa.

KELLIE WALLERSTEIN
P'82, P'25, March 12,
Akron, Ohio

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WHAT SONG
REMINDS
YOU OF
YOUR
COLLEGE
YEARS?

"I look back fondly on my days playing music on the campus radio station 90.5 WVBU and jamming with my friends to 'Cbat' by Hudson Mohawke, which was featured on *Workaholics*."



Tom Murphy '17 DJ'ing in 2013.

"'Rather Be' by Clean Bandit. This song played during my first days at Bucknell, specifically during Arts Everywhere Pre-Orientation (now Arts First), and it became one of those core memories of being with a bunch of wonderful people in what seemed to be a timeless moment."

Livia Somkuti '18



SWING BY CAMPUS FOR A SWING

As its senior tribute, the Class of 2024 collaborated with Bucknell's Facilities team to have four A-frame bench swings installed on campus. The swings, which have been placed in the Grove and at the South Campus Apartments, are aimed at fostering a sense of community among students. One swing honors the memory of their classmate **Christian Samay '24**.

"Dave Matthews Band's 'Under the Table and Dreaming' — one of the soundtracks to my Bucknell experience."

Becky Natiello '97

"'Crazy Train' by Ozzy Osbourne and 'Holiday' by Green Day. I had so much fun playing those two songs at the Bucknell basketball games with the Bison Band!"

Morgan Thomas '23

"'Africa' by Toto because the Bison Chips always sang it."

Elisabeth Hulette Daugherty '03

"'Glory Days' by Bruce Springsteen. The *Born in the U.S.A.* album released shortly before my freshman year, and the song captures my wistful feelings for Lewisburg!"

Justin Tillinghast '89

Photo: Emily Paine

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SEE THE WEIS CENTER'S NEW LOOK!

The Weis Center for the Performing Arts has unveiled its lineup for the 2024-25 season, boasting 23 performances spanning genres such as world music, contemporary dance, cirque, jazz, classical, Americana/folk and family-friendly shows. Subscriptions are now open for purchase, offering a 20% discount on five or more performances. Single tickets will be available for purchase starting Aug. 8.

In addition to preparing for upcoming performances, the Weis Center is also undergoing renovations this summer. The center's HVAC and architectural lighting systems are being updated with new LED lighting and energy-efficient heating and cooling systems to align with the University's sustainability practices. When the center reopens in the fall, you'll notice some updated features of the Weis Center atrium lobby.



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Alumni Recognized for Dedication and Service

During Reunion Weekend, the Bucknell University Alumni Association lauded four Bucknellians for their notable contributions to the University and society. These individuals embody the Bucknellian spirit, marked by their leadership, strength of character, intellectual exploration, creativity and imagination.

by KATE WILLIARD

Loyalty to Bucknell Award

Michael Sinkus '74, M'76, P'90

Sinkus routinely engages with alumni to encourage others to give back to the University. He has served on the Bison Board for Athletics, the Bucknell University Alumni Association Board of Directors (including the executive committee) and multiple Reunion committees. He is a member of both the William Bucknell Society and the Bertrand Society. Throughout his 45-year career at the fundraising firm Marts & Lundy, Sinkus used his knowledge of higher education to advocate for financial aid, the liberal arts and programs that encourage critical thinking.

Outstanding Achievement in a Chosen Profession

Robert J. Gamgort '84, P'16

Throughout his 38-year career in consumer products and entertainment, Gamgort has led various iconic brands and blue-chip companies. He serves as CEO of Keurig Dr Pepper, one of North America's largest beverage companies, and moved into the role of executive chairman in 2024. In addition, Gamgort is a director for Chobani and NVA and Ethos Veterinary Health companies. He and his wife, **Sue DeMent Gamgort '84, P'16**, financially support the Gateway Scholars Program.

Service to Humanity

Richard Pollard '74

After joining the Peace Corps post-graduation, Pollard taught in a Nepali village, where poor sanitation motivated him to pursue a master's degree in water resources management. He led sanitation, research and policy advisory efforts across the globe through the Water and Sanitation Program at the World Bank, serving in Lesotho, Pakistan, Nepal, India, Bangladesh and Indonesia, as well as across Central Asia and the Middle East. In retirement, he volunteers at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and as a court-appointed special advocate for children.

Young Alumni Award

Eric Diamond '09

Diamond founded MainLine Solar as a post-graduation entrepreneurial venture, then transitioned into military service as a Chinook helicopter pilot. Subsequently, he worked for Uber, Etsy, Tesla and the federal government before joining Green-castle Consulting. As president of the implementation firm, Diamond contributes to the company's military influenced approach to project management, change management, process improvement and business intelligence initiatives.

Witty Winners

Here are our favorite caption submissions from the last issue:



"Living in land-locked Lewisburg, Laura learned body-surfing, loving it. Brad became board." John D. Ingersoll '75

"When you're from Hawaii, and you go to college in central Pennsylvania, you have to be creative in practicing your surfing moves." Meredith "Pretzel" Black Cachuela '82

"Just another smart Bison combo: virtual surfing major with chiropractic minor." Bradford Yates M'74

"I DON'T CARE MUCH FOR THIS MATING RITUAL." Elliott Merrill '61

"This wasn't exactly what I had in mind when I signed up for body-surfing lessons." Margaret Witherup '91

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On the Susquehanna River



“I grew up on the Jersey Shore, so being on the water makes me feel at home.”

by **KONA GLENN '25**
photograph by **EMILY PAINE**

For Kona Glenn '25 (second from the front), rowing is more than a sport; it's a source of serenity.

When I started rowing in high school, I discovered that it was more than a sport. It has been a source of tranquility and has made me a calmer person. Through rowing, I have learned that the best way to get through rough, choppy water is to stay calm. The more tense you are, the shorter your stroke and the more unbalanced the boat will be, making the water harder to get through. By staying calm and relaxing your shoulders and hands, the boat will be more balanced, and it almost glides through the waves. I have taken this mindset off the water, and now find myself relaxed in almost any situation.

Spending so much time in nature has allowed me to practice gratitude. Because the water is such a quiet place, the smallest aspects of nature become amplified. Whether it is the way the sun is hitting the water, or the sound of the water flowing,

or the way the hills frame the river in just the right way, it is all so incredible and gives me a deeper appreciation for this planet we live on.

My favorite time to be on the water is at sunrise, when the world is quiet. It allows me to find a sense of peace and focus before beginning my busy day. I love being able to see where the starry night meets the orange glow of the sun, and then it emerges into some amazing colors that are different each day. The stunning backdrop of the morning sky makes the sacrifice of sleep worth it.



Read more about Kona Glenn '25 and her accomplishments on the water on P. 13.

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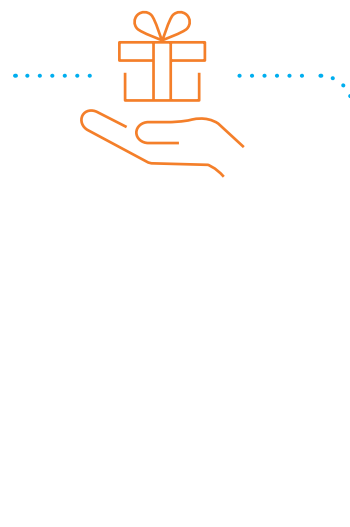
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In June, Bison track-and-field star Evie Bliss '27 placed sixth in the javelin at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore. The rising sophomore set a personal best of 183 feet, 2 inches. She'll compete at the World U20 Championships in Lima, Peru, in August. You'll be able to learn more about Bliss in the Fall 2024 issue of *Bucknell Magazine*.

photograph by HOWARD LAO

