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Bucknellians rose to pandemic challenges — and emerged stronger

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# PATHWAYS



FROM THE  
COMMENCEMENT STAGE

to

PENN CAREY LAW

by SARAH DOWNEY '25

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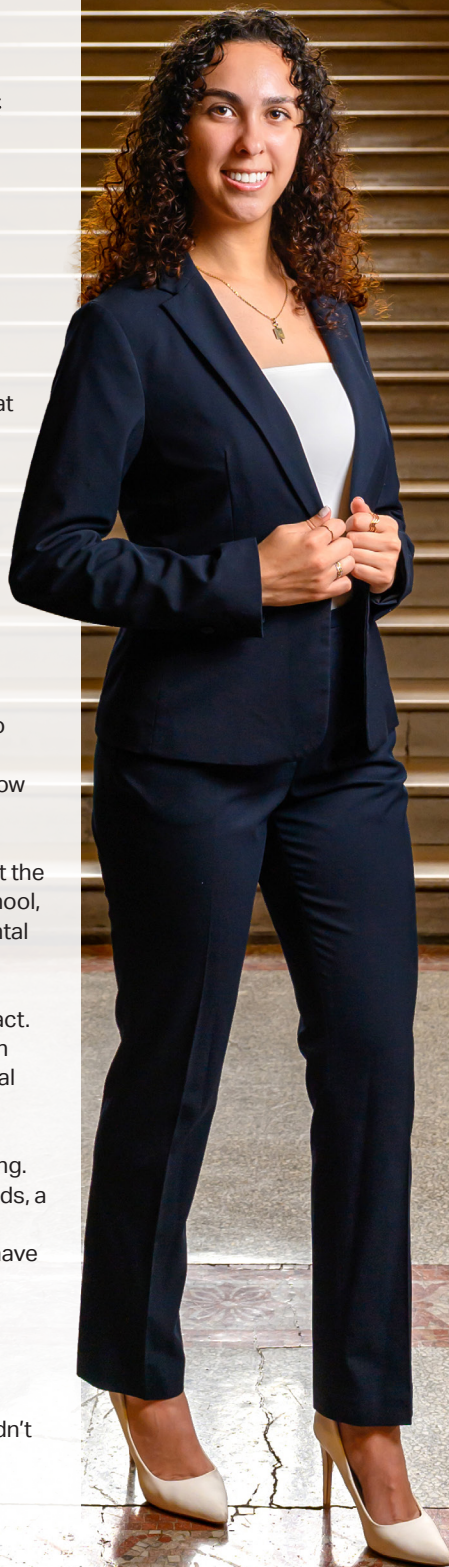
**Kaia Rendo '23** took advantage of just about every opportunity she could while at Bucknell. She worked in the Office of the President as an undergraduate executive intern, was president of the mock trial team, worked as the chief copyeditor for *The Bucknellian* and as a peer writing consultant at the Writing Center, all while triple-majoring in political science, Spanish, and English — creative writing.

When the chance to audition to be the Class of 2023's student speaker at Commencement arose, Rendo decided to embrace the challenge.

"I was so excited to be able to express how much I had loved my time at Bucknell," she says.

Now, Rendo is a second-year student at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, focusing on international and environmental law. As the daughter of immigrants from Uruguay and Poland, Rendo is especially interested in making an international impact. After her first year, she interned at a firm in Japan and at the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York City, where she worked on cases involving renewable energy, congestion pricing and international fishing. Next summer, Rendo will work at Freshfields, a top U.K. law firm.

Rendo says her Bucknell experiences have been crucial to her success. "Law school requires a lot of creativity and so much writing," she says. "My work at the Writing Center and the time management skills I developed while juggling different majors and campus roles helped in ways that I didn't anticipate."





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FROM  
SILICON VALLEY

to  
THE COMMENCEMENT  
STAGE

by SARAH DOWNEY '25  
photograph by EMILY PAINE

Great ideas can change the world — but only if they have the support to take off. Without early investment, companies like DoorDash and Airbnb might never have become household names. One key figure behind their success is **Jessica Livingston '93** — entrepreneur, investor and Bucknell's 2025 Commencement keynote speaker. (See P. 30 for Commencement coverage.)

As an English major, Livingston never imagined a future in startups. "When I was in college, I had no idea what an entrepreneur was," she says. After graduation, she joined an investment firm but struggled to find a career that excited her. Inspired by Jerry Kaplan's book *Startup*, she started writing *Founders at Work*, which became a bestselling account of Silicon Valley's early success stories.

That led to Y Combinator, one of Silicon Valley's most successful startup accelerators. Since 2005, it has funded over 5,000 companies. Livingston, often called "the social radar" for her ability to read people, co-hosts the podcast *The Social Radars* withCarolynn Levy. She now sees how unpredictable career paths can be. "It's important for students to remember," she says, "your future career might not even exist yet."





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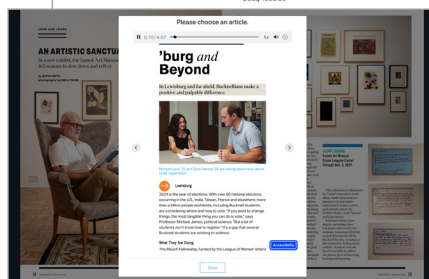
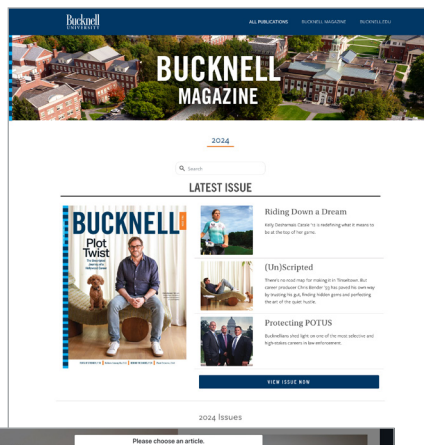
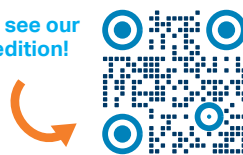
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# Celebrating 10 Years of @iamraybucknell: A Decade of Real Student Stories

by KATIE NEITZ

For prospective students navigating the college search process, glossy viewbooks and finely tuned emails offer an introduction to an institution. But often what high school students really want is a glimpse behind the curtain. What's the everyday student experience like? What's the vibe on campus? What makes this place feel like home?

That's the idea behind @iamraybucknell, an Instagram account created and managed by Bucknell's Division of Marketing & Communications as a tool to connect prospective students to life on campus through the eyes of those living it.

Launched in August 2015, the account invites a different student each week to share their Bucknell experience in real time. There are no scripts or approvals — just students showing what it's really like to be a part of the Bucknell community.

"Today's prospective students seek authenticity — they want to hear directly from their peers about what it's really like

to live and learn at Bucknell," says **Kevin Mathes '07**, interim vice president of enrollment management.

## A Decade of Authenticity

Since the account's inception, nearly 600 Bucknellians have participated in an @iamraybucknell takeover, using the platform to share a week in their lives through photos, videos and personal reflections.

## From One Student to 10,000 Followers

The account has showcased student life from all over the globe — including takeovers from the Olympic Village in Tokyo, study abroad experiences on multiple continents and, of course, countless hidden gems in Lewisburg.

## Celebrating 10 Years

Bucknell will host a celebration in August and feature alumni takeovers, archival highlights and chances for current students to engage with and reflect on the account's impact.

## NEWS TICKER

### TOP WORKPLACE

Bucknell is ranked No. 7 among midsize employers (those with 1,000 to 5,000 employees) in Pennsylvania, first among colleges and universities in the state, and is No. 214 among all organizations nationally in Forbes' 2025 list of "America's Best Midsize Employers."

### SUMMING UP 100 YEARS

Bucknell's chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It was chartered in 1925 as the Pennsylvania Beta chapter, the second in the state and eighth in the nation. The milestone is sparking historical research and celebratory planning by faculty and students. Contribute memories and photos: [go.bucknell.edu/mathmemories](http://go.bucknell.edu/mathmemories)

### BOTANY BOSS

Professor Chris Martine, David Burpee Chair in Plant Genetics & Research, has been elected president of the Botanical Society of America, the nation's oldest scientific society dedicated to the advancement of plant biology.



# 'burg and Beyond

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



## Europe

In the fall of 2021, **Kate Ellis '25** came across a group of students tabling at the Elaine Langone Center for their annual drive in support of NMDP, formerly the National Marrow Donor Program or Be The Match. Their pitch was simple: “Swab your cheek. You could save a life.” The markets, innovation & design major from Pennington, N.J., swabbed, signed up and moved on.

## What She Did

Two and a half years later, in May 2024, Ellis got an unexpected call from the donor network: She was a potential match for a leukemia patient in Europe. After initial medical screenings, she waited for months with no updates. Then, in October, she was informed she was indeed a perfect match. Things now moved incredibly quickly — she had just 16 days to prepare for donation. Ellis says she received unwavering support from Bucknell’s faculty,

who allowed her the flexibility to miss classes for the procedure and its rigorous preparatory steps.

Ellis underwent peripheral blood stem cell donation, a nonsurgical process requiring five days of injections to boost stem cell production. The side effects were intense, causing bone pain and fatigue. Ellis then flew to Wisconsin, where her blood was cycled through a machine to extract stem cells. Within 24 hours, a courier delivered them to the recipient overseas.

## The Impact

Donations are anonymous, so Ellis doesn’t know the recipient’s identity. “I just hope they’re OK,” she says. “I hope my cells gave them a fighting chance.”

Ellis calls the experience life-changing. “Being entrusted with something so powerful puts things into perspective,” she says. Would she do it again? “Without a doubt. In a heartbeat.”

— *Katie Neitz*



## Pennsylvania Zane Hensal

'26 got his first taste of politics in ninth grade when he job-shadowed a member of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives in Harrisburg. It ignited his interest in public service. Since arriving at Bucknell, the political science major has been putting that passion into action.

## Centered on Service

Hensal serves on the school board of his hometown district in Houtzdale, Pa., and on the board of Central Pennsylvania Community Action, a nonprofit supporting Centre and Clearfield counties with weatherization programs, food banks and affordable housing. “This nonprofit is often the first stop for those in need,” he says.

On campus, he has sought opportunities to deepen his commitment to community-focused work. For an independent study project, he partnered with the Bucknell Center for Sustainability & the Environment to develop a

▲ *Kate Ellis '25 donated her stem cells through NMDP, offering hope to a leukemia patient she has never met.*

community resilience plan for Kulpmont Borough that will help the town apply for grants related to energy efficiency and waste management.

He also serves as a research associate with Bucknell’s Center for Community Engaged Leadership, Learning & Research, where he supports nonprofits by conducting research that strengthens volunteer engagement as well as promotes equity in underserved communities. In addition, he provides grant

writing assistance to organizations like the Mature Resources Area Agency on Aging.

## What's Next?

This fall, he’s interning with the Pennsylvania State Senate, continuing to lay the foundation for a future in public office. “There are so many issues that most of us don’t realize exist until we start listening. That’s what drives me: being able to hear people who feel frustrated and helping them find a path forward.” — *Katie Neitz*



▲ *Zane Hensal '26 is combining his political science studies with hands-on public service.*



# ‘More Than Just a Paycheck’

by KATIE NEITZ

➔ Corporations that prioritize efficiency, productivity and high performance can’t afford to ignore workplace culture. Employees who feel connected to their work, colleagues and an organization’s mission aren’t just happier — they’re also more effective. In his new book, *Building Community at Work*, Neil Boyd, the David J. ’85 & Deborah West Professor in Management, explores how leaders can nurture a sense of belonging and shared commitment. Boyd offers actionable insights for creating environments where employees thrive and businesses perform at their best.



WHY IS FOSTERING  
A SENSE OF COMMUNITY  
AT WORK SO  
IMPORTANT?

Employees need more than just a paycheck and a safe work environment — they need to feel connected, valued and heard. A strong workplace community helps fulfill these psychological needs. People want to feel included and acknowledged, not just as workers but as individuals. They thrive on shared emotional connections, which often form through collaboration, shared experiences or personal interactions. And just as important, employees need to feel they have a voice — that their input matters and can influence their workplace.

WHAT MOTIVATES  
EMPLOYEES TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO A  
POSITIVE WORKPLACE  
CULTURE?

It’s one thing for employees to feel like they belong, but true workplace community goes deeper — it includes a sense of responsibility for the well-being of others and the organization as a whole. This is what I call “community responsibility.” It’s the idea that people give to the collective not because they expect something in return, but because they genuinely care. In strong workplace communities, employees naturally support one another, step up when needed and go beyond their job descriptions to contribute to a positive culture.

HOW DO LEADERS  
AND MANAGERS BUILD  
COMMUNITY?

It starts with showing unconditional positive regard for employees and genuine care. This creates an environment where people feel safe and valued. Managers who adopt a supportive, empathetic leadership style are more likely to foster a thriving community. Leadership needs to support this at an organizational level, integrating community-building practices into the overall infrastructure of the company. This includes support and intervention from executives, potentially changing organizational structure and requiring accountability.

HOW CAN  
ORGANIZATIONS  
MEASURE THE  
IMPACT OF  
COMMUNITY-  
BUILDING?

While traditional metrics focus on productivity or employee satisfaction, there are additional factors that need to be assessed, such as psychological safety, inclusion and the sense of community responsibility. Climate surveys and feedback mechanisms should include questions related to these dimensions. Also, it’s not enough to simply gather the data. Organizations need to take action based on the feedback, identifying areas that need improvement and ensuring that leadership and managers are equipped to make the necessary changes.





COOL  
CLASS

Bucknell students  
Zoomed weekly with  
Queen's University  
Belfast students in  
Northern Ireland  
as part of a  
psychology course.

## Innovative Learning — Across the Atlantic

In an international classroom stretching from Bucknell to Belfast, students examine inequality, injustice and mental health

by KATIE NEITZ

**Course:** International Collaboration: Psychology Toward Global Goals connects students from two different continents and cultures in a dynamic, cross-cultural learning experience. Together, they explore pressing social issues — inequality, injustice, mental health — to gain insights that deepen their understanding of these complex topics.

**Locations:** Bucknell University in Lewisburg and Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

**Professors:** Jocelyn Dautel '05, who majored in psychology at Bucknell, has dedicated her career to researching children's social categories, particularly across ethno-religious lines. Now a psychology professor at Queen's University, Dautel credits her Bucknell study abroad experience in Northern Ireland as a pivotal moment in her academic career. "That experience sparked my interest in my area of research and prompted me to relocate to Northern Ireland to continue fieldwork."

Professor Bill Flack, psychology, helped develop the original study abroad program that influenced Dautel's academic path.

**Format:** The hybrid course combines an in-person class at Bucknell with remote participation from Queen's University Belfast. Throughout the course, students engage with guest lecturers from various fields, such as education, policing and health. Students spend a portion of each class split into breakout rooms for conversations on these topics.

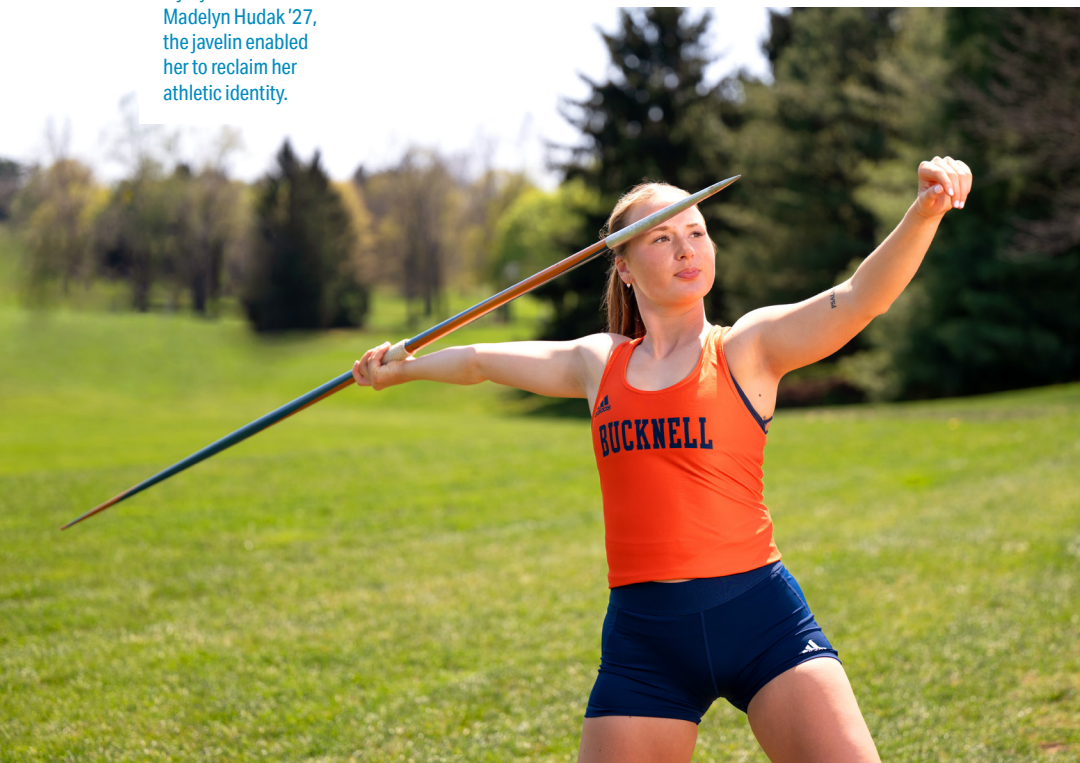
**Outcomes for Students:** Students gain a global perspective on social issues while learning how psychology can be used to address them. "Students critically engage with how these challenges affect individuals and communities differently based on context," Dautel says. Flack adds, "It's powerful to watch

our students realize that while these problems might look different in Northern Ireland compared to the U.S., the core human experiences are often the same."

**Outcomes for Professors:** "It's a privilege to teach alongside Jocelyn," Flack says. "Her work inspires me." For Dautel, it's a full-circle moment. "Teaching with Bill reminds me of the impact Bucknell's liberal arts education had on me — and now I'm passing that on." Their collaboration has also sparked ideas for future research on how psychology curricula shape students' views of individualism and social justice. "I'm excited to see where our next steps take us," Flack says.



When a serious ACL injury sidelined Madelyn Hudak '27, the javelin enabled her to reclaim her athletic identity.



# Thrown Together

by BRYAN WENDELL

**IN TEAM SPORTS** like basketball or softball, camaraderie is baked in. Nothing unites a group like a timeout huddle or a dugout cheer after a big comeback.

**Madelyn Hudak '27** thrived in that “we’re all in this together” environment as a basketball and softball player in high school in Portage, Pa. But when she tore her ACL during her junior year, she began to question her athletic identity. As she faced ACL reconstruction surgery and nearly 10 months of rehabilitation, everything suddenly felt uncertain.

“I became very insecure in my abilities,” she says. “I just wasn’t the same athlete anymore.”

Now it was time for Hudak’s big comeback — but it would be in a completely different sport: javelin.

Throwing a 1.3-pound javelin (about the weight of a basketball) wasn’t easy. “I had horrible technique,” Hudak says of her first attempts. “It was just more of: Am I throwing it farther each time?”

Unlike in basketball or softball, where every play is a shared effort, javelin gave her full control over her progress. She saw how much she was improving — down to the inch — and trained with her dad, a track coach, to push her distances.

Despite starting years later than most javelin throwers, Hudak threw far enough to catch the attention of Bucknell’s coaching staff — to her surprise. “I didn’t have much confidence,” she says. “I kept telling myself, ‘I’m not a javelin thrower.’”

But her coaches saw things differently — her raw ability

made her highly coachable, an athlete with potential.

At Bucknell, Hudak quickly found the support she needed to boost her confidence. “A lot of my insecurities went away because of my new teammates and coach,” she says. She discovered that track and field could feel like a family — just a bigger one than she’s ever known. Bucknell’s women’s track and field team has about 85 members.

Looking forward, Hudak hopes to make the Patriot League Championships and eventually throw at the NCAA Regional Championships. A biomedical engineering major, she’s considering law school to assist doctors in patenting prosthetics for elite athletes.

“I want to make the most of every opportunity,” she says. “I want to be proud of where I’m going next.”



## INSTANT REPLAY

### AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

I never imagined myself as a Division I track athlete. But being an athlete has always been a core part of who I am. I’m thrilled to compete at a high level — even in a sport I never planned to pursue.

### THE POWER OF A SMILE

My coach always tells me to smile because I get really uptight before I throw, and that makes all my muscles tight. If I smile, it helps to put me at ease so I can perform better.

### THROW

I was building up, hitting all my steps, and as soon as I hit my block and got my hips through, it just felt so good. It kind of validates everything that you’ve put into it.



## BRADLEY DAVIS '05

During the pandemic, board games surged in popularity as people sought ways to connect with each other at home. **Bradley Davis '05** saw an opportunity. Blending his lifelong love of board games with insights from his animal behavior studies at Bucknell, he pitched a game concept to a publisher in 2022. *Lynx* immerses players in an 18th-century fur-trapping society, layering historical, economic and ecological themes. “Bucknell helped me think about things from different perspectives, which is crucial in game design,” he says. His journey shows that childhood passions can grow with you. — *Katie Neitz*

### 1 The core gameplay of *Lynx* is:

A. Cooperative play: Players work together with a shared goal.

B. Social deduction: Players must figure out who among them is secretly working against the group.

C. Simultaneous action: Players choose their actions at the same time.

D. Point-to-point movement: Players move along a path dictated by dice rolls or card draws.

“With simultaneous action selection, there is no down-time — players don’t take turns,” Davis says. “I like that because everyone is active in the game at the same time. This also means your strategy is based on what other people are doing, which I think makes for a better experience.”

### 2 The hardest part of selling *Lynx* to publishers:

A. The board game market was in a downturn.

B. The game is complicated with a lengthy rulebook.

C. The game lacks variability and feels predictable.

D. The focus on the fur trade.

“Some publishers were uncomfortable with the theme,” Davis says. “That’s why the historical context is so important. It’s not about an activity that is part of modern society. But fur trapping was part of the Canadian economy from the early 1600s through the mid-1800s. The ecological concept of predator-prey cycling is the heart of the game, and the fur trade theme became integral.”



### 3 Board games should take how long to play?

A. 15 to 20 minutes

B. 30 to 45 minutes

C. 60 to 90 minutes

D. Two to three hours

“Part of game design is keeping the players invested,” Davis says. “If the game is too long, someone’s interest will fade, and they won’t want to play anymore. But if you make the game too short, you won’t have enough time to build a compelling story arc. It’s also important to have time for players who start off poorly to rebound and have a chance to win.”

### 4 My favorite board game of all time is:

A. *Azul*

C. *Blokus*

C. *Clank!*

D. *Dominant Species*

“Asking me to pick my favorite board game is like asking me to pick my favorite child,” says the father of three. “I can’t.”

### 5 The greatest joy of this experience has been:

A. Seeing people play *Lynx* in Germany at SPIEL, the world’s biggest board game convention.

B. Testing the game with my kids.

C. Creating something that brings people together.

D. The affirmation of many years of effort.

E. All of the above.

“SPIEL draws tens of thousands of game designers, publishers and fans,” he says. “It was exciting to see people experience *Lynx*. The board game community is one of the most welcoming I know. Board games give us something screen-based games can’t: a real human connection and the tactile experience of moving pieces around a board while sitting together.”





# The Misunderstood Mammal

They're not villains or vermin. Professor DeeAnn Reeder P'16 wants you to see bats for what they really are: extraordinary.

by MATT JONES

**B**ats get kind of a bad rap. From their folkloric associations with vampires and their mythological roots as tricksters, to their reputations as carriers of deadly diseases, these winged mammals tend to be seen as either pests or threats. There is perhaps no one who understands this

better than Professor **DeeAnn Reeder P'16**, biology, a world-renowned expert on bat biodiversity, pathogens and diseases. In her new book, *The Lives of Bats: A Natural History*, Reeder constructs a comprehensive profile that reveals novel insights and dispels misconceptions about an often misunderstood mammal. Here are a dozen insights

about the author and her favorite subject.

## **Bats Are One of the Most Diverse Mammals on Earth**

With over 1,400 species, bats make up nearly 20% of all mammal species worldwide. They range from the tiny bumblebee bat, which weighs less than a penny, to the flying fox (aka fruit bat), which can have a wingspan of over five feet.

Photo: Steve Gettle, Nature Picture Library





A pallid bat takes a drink mid-flight at night in Arizona (left); straw-colored fruit bats roost in a Ugandan tree (above); Professor DeeAnn Reeder P'16, biology (below).

### They Play a Critical Role in Ecosystems

Bats are nature's pest control, consuming thousands of insects per night, including mosquitoes and crop pests. Some species are also pollinators, transferring pollen as they feed on nectar.

### Bats Get Blamed for Disease, But They're Not the Problem

Bats can carry viruses, but they don't cause outbreaks. Reeder emphasizes that disease spillover is a human-driven issue. When bat habitats are destroyed, they come into closer contact with humans, increasing the risk of disease transmission. Protecting their environments is actually a preventative measure against future pandemics.

### Their Immune Systems Are Extraordinary

Bats have exceptionally strong immune systems, allowing them to carry viruses like coronaviruses and rabies without getting sick. Scientists, including Reeder and her frequent collaborator, Professor Ken Field, biology,

are studying their immune systems to better understand disease resistance in humans.

### Myths About Bats Are Everywhere — Even in Photography

While writing her book, Reeder discovered that many commercial and stock photos of bats were either photo-shopped or mislabeled. She worked closely with a photo researcher to ensure that every bat species in her book was correctly identified.

### Bat Conservation and Disease Research Can Be at Odds

There's a tension between researchers who study bat-borne diseases and those focused on bat conservation. Some worry that acknowledging that bats carry certain diseases could lead to fear-driven bat eradication. But Reeder argues that conservation efforts are key to preventing spillover events.

### Reeder's Passion for Bats Began in Costa Rica

Reeder's fascination began during her undergraduate

There's tension between disease research and conservation — but protecting bat habitats is one of the best ways to prevent future pandemics.

studies in zoology at the University of California, Berkeley. She had the opportunity to study in Costa Rica — an experience that introduced her to bat field research.

### Reeder's Research Has Taken Her Across the Globe

Her work spans both the United States and East Africa, where she studies biodiversity and disease ecology. In South Sudan, she focuses on bat conservation through habitat protection and community outreach.

### She's Invested in Others

She's committed to mentoring Bucknell student researchers and advancing African scientists' careers.

### She's Passionate About Public Education

Reeder says she loves engaging with the public, teaching

about bats' ecological value, their biology and the importance of protecting them.

### Reeder's Research Made the Cover of *National Geographic*

Reeder and Field conducted research on how Ugandan bats carry Ebola without falling ill. Their work was featured on the cover of *National Geographic* in August 2024, further cementing her reputation as a leading expert.

### Her Book Brings Cutting-Edge Science to the Public

Unlike her technical books, *The Lives of Bats* is meant for a general audience. It incorporates the work of hundreds of papers and presents the scientific insights in an accessible way, making it one of the most comprehensive books on bats available today.





# Access Granted

Technology is embedded in nearly every aspect of our daily lives. But Bucknell researchers wonder: Is it built for everyone?

by **MATT JONES**  
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Aura Chuck Hernandez '27 (left) and Professor Annie Ross team up to make websites and digital devices more accessible.





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ife in the 21st century means that the world — and all it has to offer — is at your fingertips.

Pull up a web browser on your phone and find answers to burning questions in a matter of seconds, or fill a virtual cart full of groceries from your laptop and wait for them to be delivered to your front door. In less than half a century, the internet has given most people on Earth quick access to almost anything they can imagine. Now, Bucknell professors and student researchers are working to ensure that an increasingly digitized world is also one that advances accessibility.

### Enhancing Digital Accessibility

Professor Annie Ross, computer science, specializes in human-computer interaction and accessibility for people with disabilities. Her research explores what makes technology accessible — or not — by examining the tools we use, the broader digital culture and legal frameworks that shape accessibility. Since Ross arrived at Bucknell in 2021, she and her students have examined how small, local businesses can make their digital presence more accessible.

While access refers to the ease with which digital

content can be located, Ross says accessibility ensures that digital content and technology can be effectively used and understood by people of all abilities.

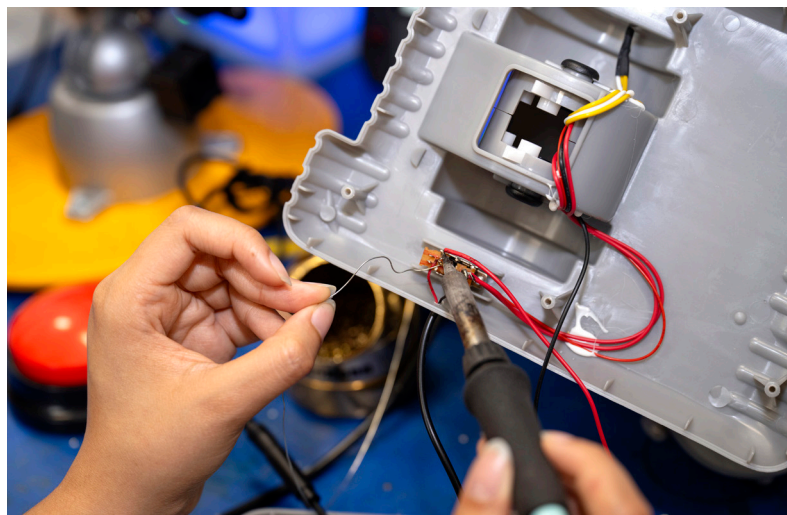
"I helped conduct accessibility audits for small businesses in the Susquehanna Valley," says **Aura Chuck Hernandez '27**, a computer science and English — literary studies double-major and Bucknell Community Engagement Scholar from Pittsburgh.

As a Bucknell-Boulder Just Tech Computing Fellow — a program that connects researchers with the Mozilla Foundation to explore the intersection of civic engagement and technology — she partnered with Ross and Bucknell's Small Business Development Center to work with local businesses to achieve two goals: to figure out how to make their websites and e-commerce stores more accessible and to better understand barriers to improving accessibility.

Chuck Hernandez consulted with area business owners about their websites and offered digital solutions. The results of their research, which were presented at the Susquehanna Valley Undergraduate Research Symposium in 2024, provided some encouraging insights.

"Business owners saw better SEO and higher sales with more navigable and

"I want to contribute to making a more accessible world, and I think what I'm learning will help me do it." **TIDUO "TITUS" WENG '26**



Tiduo "Titus" Weng '26 (top) developed a camera-based program that translates Chinese Sign Language into American Sign Language. Modifying hardware (bottom) is just one step Professor Annie Ross and her students take to improve accessibility.

accessible websites," says Chuck Hernandez. "They also gained confidence in using evolving technologies."

### Bridging Language Barriers

Student researchers are also exploring how novel technologies can be used to enhance accessibility offline. **Tiduo "Titus" Weng '26**, computer science & engineering, is developing a program that translates Chinese Sign Language into American Sign Language using extended reality (XR) technology.

"We use cameras and a machine learning framework to capture hand gestures and extract them into 3D points that are then stored as CSV files," says Weng, who has been working with

Professor SingChun Lee, computer science.

Unlike some XR programs that require users to purchase or wear a special glove, Weng's approach uses only a camera, which makes the technology more accessible.

Weng says he hopes to integrate this data into XR platforms to enable real-time sign language translation through VR glasses or headsets. He sees existing facial recognition technology as a strong indication that this innovation is possible. "I want to contribute to making a more accessible world, and I think what I'm learning can help me do it," he says.





**PAVING THE WAY** SENIORS GIFTED BUCKNELL A NEW BRICK PATHWAY. SEE THE BACK COVER FOR DETAILS.

photograph by JAMES T. GIFFEN



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# Five Years Later

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**COVID-19 CHANGED EVERYTHING. NOW, BUCKNELL ALUMNI ACROSS INDUSTRIES REFLECT ON HOW THEIR WORK — AND THEIR WORLDS — WERE TRANSFORMED.**

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**illustrations by JIM TSINGANOS**

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In March 2020, the world hit pause. The COVID-19 pandemic upended daily life, disrupting every industry and reshaping routines overnight. Now, five years on, we revisit that turning point through the eyes of five Bucknellians. Together, these personal narratives reveal how a time of global uncertainty became a proving ground for leadership, empathy and transformation — and how Bucknellians continue to shape a future still unfolding.





Jameson  
"Jamie"  
Kelleher '99  
helped guide  
The Met  
through  
pandemic  
challenges.



Jameson "Jamie" Kelleher '99 walks through The Met, where she worked to help the museum expand digital programs and strengthen community connections.



**Marble statue of a bearded warrior**  
Marble statue, about 100 B.C. to 100 A.D.  
This is a Greek warrior statue, a copy of a lost original.  
The statue of this man has not been identified with certainty.  
The warrior is shown in a dynamic pose, with his right arm raised and his left arm bent, as if he is in the middle of a fight or a dance.  
The statue is made of marble and shows signs of age and wear.  
The statue is displayed in a museum gallery, with other exhibits visible in the background.

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## Art & Culture: Reimagining Museums for a Postpandemic World

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by **JAMESON “JAMIE”  
KELLEHER ‘99, CHIEF  
OPERATIONS OFFICER AND  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,  
THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM  
OF ART, NEW YORK CITY**

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When The Met finally reopened in August 2020 after five months of closure, the first visitor to walk through the door, masked and with arms outstretched, joyfully exclaimed, “It’s open! We’re back!”

This moment perfectly captured the overwhelming gratitude and relief felt by so many visitors and The Met team and, of course, by me. In the days and months to follow, the museum welcomed thousands of New Yorkers back into its galleries, where they could find community, heal through art, and — perhaps most importantly — find hope during an exceptionally challenging time.

While the rest of the world was shut down, I was fortunate to occasionally spend time in the museum. There, I witnessed the steady hum of essential frontline staff who kept the institution going, because a place like this never truly closes.

On any given day, a few hundred staff members, including security, building and collection care staff, worked around the clock to keep the facilities running and the art safe. Working alongside them filled me with hope and personal resolve that this period would someday end.

The pandemic brought dramatic changes to the museum, many of which persist today. We invested in digital and virtual programs to reach audiences who couldn’t visit in person. Virtual tours, online exhibitions and

interactive programs help us stay connected to loyal visitors while reaching new audiences worldwide. These efforts have made The Met stronger than it was before the pandemic, thanks to the commitment and agility of our staff and community.

As we reopened and adjusted to a shifting world, we renewed our focus on local engagement. Community outreach programs, local partnerships, special events, artist collaborations and educational workshops have only gained strength in the years following the pandemic, deepening our connections with our neighbors. Today, a higher percentage of our visitors than ever before are New Yorkers — a sign of how much we need our city and how much our city needs us.

**“The pandemic reminded me that art sustains communities during difficult periods.”**

Five years later, I carry many lessons from that time. The pandemic reminded me that art sustains communities during difficult periods, technology is essential to bring stories and art to people who cannot travel to museums, and nothing is possible without investing in your people.

We continue to build on that foundation by improving galleries, visitor services and the staff experience while exploring new technologies.

To use the words of one of our building managers when asked if our HVAC system and airflow would protect us against COVID-19: “The museum’s air is better than hospital grade. It turns out what’s good for art is good for people!” This motto holds true on so many levels, and it’s a lesson I’ll never forget.





## Telehealth Innovation: Expanding Access, One Virtual Visit at a Time

by **TEJAL RAICHURA '09**,  
DIRECTOR OF TELEMEDICINE,  
CHILDREN'S NATIONAL  
HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

In 2017, I was managing the innovations and research team at Geisinger, focusing on expanding telehealth when adoption of telemedicine was still less than 1%. We saw the potential for growth — though we could never have predicted what was coming.

Before the pandemic, Medicare and private insurers limited telehealth, allowing billing only in rural regions. Urban patients faced barriers because insurers weren't required to reimburse virtual visits. In Pennsylvania, lack of payment parity meant virtual

care was often under-reimbursed — or not covered at all.

Still, we pushed ahead. Between 2018 and 2020, we recruited providers from outside Pennsylvania to reduce wait times for high-demand specialties. Geisinger, with its own health plan, had the flexibility to experiment with care models that prioritized outcomes over billing. For example, we worked with surgeons to replace certain post-surgery follow-ups with virtual visits. Patients recovering from knee replacements still needed in-person incision checks, but later follow-ups could be conducted remotely when appropriate.

By early 2020, adoption was growing slowly. In February, recognizing the looming crisis, we prepared our behavioral health teams for a shift to virtual. When lockdowns hit, our eight-person team trained 2,000 clinicians in two weeks. Virtual visits jumped from 1% to nearly 60%.

The sudden shift required rapid problem-solving. We streamlined appointment reminders, embedded telehealth links into the scheduling process and provided technical support to patients. We tracked emergency policy changes to adapt in real time.

Despite the chaos, our preparation paid off. Prepandemic, we consolidated multiple telehealth platforms into one system integrated with the electronic medical record. This foresight allowed us to scale quickly, handling tens of thousands of virtual visits per month. Patient satisfaction surveys revealed unexpected benefits — some patients, especially those with anxiety or mobility challenges, preferred virtual care. While telehealth usage declined post-pandemic, we aimed to stabilize at a sustainable level.

Now at Children's National in Washington, D.C., I see a similar trend. Most health systems have settled into a 10-20% telehealth rate. At Children's National, we've embraced telehealth in creative ways, like equipping over 200 schools with telehealth carts so school nurses can connect students with providers for immediate care, reducing absences and ensuring timely treatment.

A top priority is bridging the digital divide. Digital health must address real-world obstacles, from weak rural service to spotty urban reception. The future of telehealth depends on balancing innovation with accessibility. By listening to both patients and providers, we can refine virtual care models to be not only convenient but accessible for all.

▶ **Tejal Raichura '09** played a key role in scaling telemedicine, turning a niche service into a vital care option.



Photo: Amrith Krishnakumar



## Mental Health & Wellness: The Rise of Digital Care

by **CHRIS MOSUNIC '94**,  
**CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER,**  
**CALM, SAN FRANCISCO**

When COVID-19 struck, the world changed, and our mental health was pushed to its limits. Uncertainty, isolation and loss triggered a global surge in anxiety and exhaustion. As in-person support became harder to access, digital tools stepped in, not as a distraction, but as a lifeline.

I remember one evening in March 2020 — my phone buzzed nonstop. At the time, I worked at Vida Health, a health care platform, and demand for our virtual therapists skyrocketed. Our app downloads suddenly doubled daily. It was a tangible reflection of the collective struggle.

Soon after, I attended a virtual conference where an executive from Calm shared how thousands of people were finding solace in the app's guided meditations and sleep stories — soothing, narrated bedtime stories designed to help listeners fall asleep. The scale of impact resonated with me, and I joined Calm soon after.

Like many, I experienced my own disorientation and anxiety. The sudden shift to remote work, the relentless news cycle and the social isolation took a toll. I turned to Calm's tools myself, using sleep stories to quiet my racing mind and the daily meditations to stay grounded. It wasn't just professional; it was personal.

The pandemic didn't just create new mental health challenges; it exposed gaps in our care systems, particularly in underserved communities. Nearly half of U.S. counties lack a single in-person psychologist, and for the 129 million Americans with chronic conditions, mental health is often overlooked. Digital tools have helped close these gaps, bringing support to people who had none.

Workplace mental health has also evolved. What started as a crisis response became a long-term strategy. Employers initially sought quick relief for stressed employees, but digital tools have since become core benefits.

Today, Calm partners with more than 3,500 organizations and has launched Calm Health, available to over 15 million people for free. It offers evidence-based, personalized support and helps improve engagement with existing resources.

Another shift is our relationship with sleep. Before the pandemic, hustle culture downplayed rest. But the global pause prompted people to reevaluate. Sleep hygiene became a mainstream wellness focus, and Calm's sleep content saw massive growth — today, more than half of our users rely on it.

Looking ahead, I believe mental health care is becoming as expected as physical health

care. Digital tools won't replace therapy, but they'll complement it — expanding access, reducing stigma and enabling early intervention. The opportunity is to ensure these tools remain trusted, effective and human centered.

What excites me is the potential to democratize mental health care, making it accessible to anyone, anywhere. I envision a future where seeking help is as routine as going to the dentist and where technology helps us build a more resilient, mentally healthy world.

Chris Mosunic '94 is expanding access to mental health support, guiding people toward calm in turbulent times.





## Higher Education: Resilience & Reinvention in Academia

by **KATHERINE BLACK '90**,  
**PROVOST AND VICE  
PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS; UNIVERSITY OF  
HARTFORD, CONN.**

Like most industries, higher education was forced to convert to online work almost overnight in March 2020. Some faculty, staff and students lacked the technology needed at home, and many faculty were not prepared to teach fully online. Universities drew on emergency funds to purchase laptops and video platform licenses, while massive training efforts helped upskill faculty and staff.

At the same time, many juggled illness, caregiving responsibilities and makeshift workspaces. A colleague described the

stress and exhaustion of teaching online while helping her young children learn remotely, all from the dining room table. She said the pandemic reinforced her desire to be both a professor and a mom, just not simultaneously.

By fall, as campuses reopened, new problems arose. Social distancing reduced classroom capacity. Enter hybrid learning, where half the class attended in person and half remotely. Absenteeism and disengagement increased. Student life was not much better, with most extracurricular activities paused.

Universities reviewed medical accommodations, tracked vaccinations, swabbed students' noses and set up quarantine spaces. It was a relief when case numbers dropped and campuses fully reopened.

Still, the fallout lingers. Faculty and staff experienced significant burnout, and some left the profession. Students lost

▶ Katherine Black '90 supported her campus through rapid change and recovery.



valuable academic and interpersonal opportunities, which impacted their learning. As we emerged from the pandemic, we were slow to re-engage with each other. Some students delayed or abandoned college, and institutions are still trying to recruit them back. Meanwhile, millions of K-12 students experienced learning gaps they now carry into college.

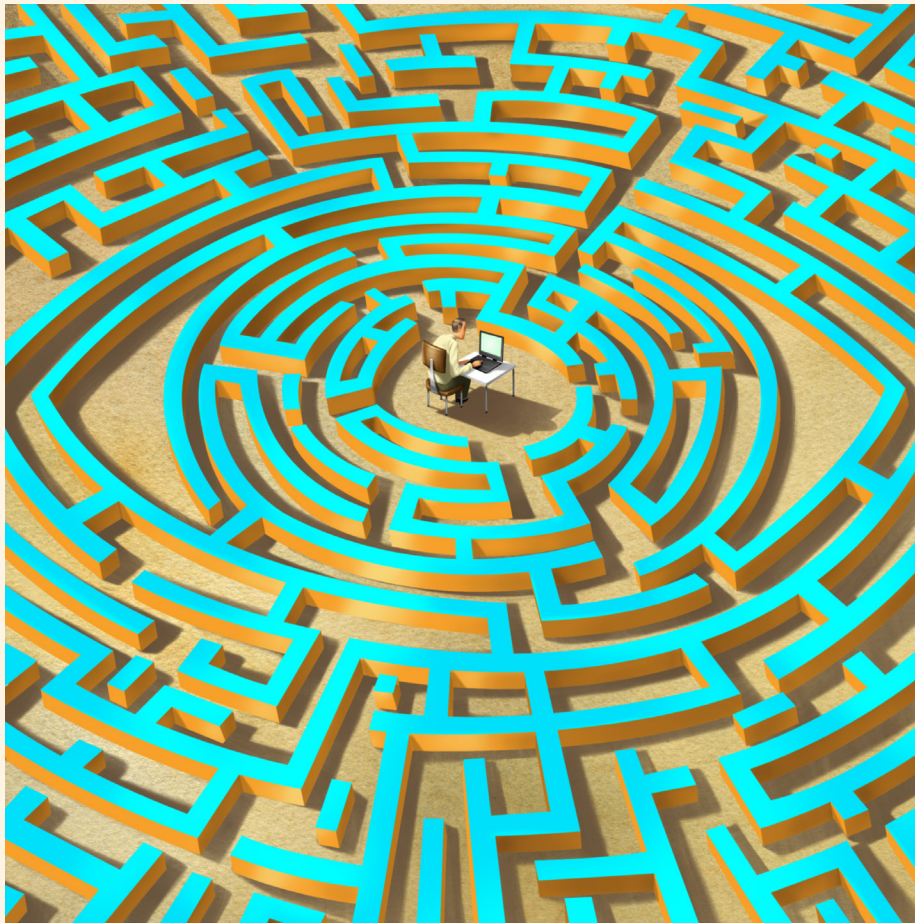
On the plus side, higher education proved more agile than expected. Some faculty who had never taught online found they enjoyed it, leading to an expansion of virtual programs. Video conferencing has made collaborating easier. The pandemic also heightened awareness of global health disparities, prompting universities to prioritize equity and inclusion.

As mental health concerns rose, universities responded with expanded programming and more counselors. At my university, we provide intentional education on mental health awareness and suicide prevention, and Teddy the Comfort Dog has become a well-loved presence.

Ironically, after five years of avoiding the virus, I contracted COVID-19 while writing this essay. Just as personal recovery isn't linear, higher education's path forward will have triumphs and setbacks. But the pandemic taught us to focus on what is really important. The value of higher education to individuals' development and the public good is unquestionable. Higher education plays a critical role in helping us engage with, understand and learn from each other.







without thoroughly vetting them for vulnerabilities.

The pandemic highlighted how critical it is to not only protect data but to understand it in real time. With a distributed workforce, data became more valuable — and more exposed. The challenge extended beyond volume to visibility: how to distill vast streams of data from users, devices and systems into actionable insights.

This is where data science plays a vital role, powering tools that process, analyze and surface relevant signals for timely decision-making. New frameworks and techniques, such as zero trust, are data driven and built using the principle of “never trust, always verify.” These techniques continuously evaluate users and their behavior, rather than using a one-time validation, before granting access.

Looking ahead, the intersection of cybersecurity and AI will be even more significant. Technologies such as large language models can detect patterns across vast datasets, allowing for faster detection and response and reducing costs. However, they also bring new risks as adversaries learn to leverage the same tools.

Ultimately, the pandemic revealed just how interconnected — and vulnerable — our systems have become. Security is not just about recognizing evolving threats; it’s about anticipating and preparing for them. That’s how organizations can build trust, maintain continuity and accelerate their missions in an increasingly digital world. ■

## Cybersecurity & Technology: Securing a Distributed Digital Future

by **ARJUN RAMAN '09**,  
**CHIEF SCIENTIST, BOOZ ALLEN  
HAMILTON, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

The COVID-19 pandemic was a turning point for organizations across industries and government, fundamentally changing how they operate. As a chief scientist at Booz Allen Hamilton, I have had a front-row seat to these changes. Booz Allen leverages advanced technology to tackle complex cyber and artificial intelligence problems for government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. I lead teams focused on data processing, advanced analytics, security operations and developing cutting-edge cybersecurity infrastructure.

At the pandemic’s onset, we experienced a rapid, dramatic shift. The workforce, once concentrated in secure office environments, became distributed as employees transitioned to remote work. Cyber teams had to adapt to new ways of working with users, customers, assets, networks and data. One major impact was an expanded surface area of the networks and data. Instead of securing a centralized network, we now had to secure a more complex ecosystem of interconnected systems and users.

An example of this challenge was the Log4j library vulnerability, discovered in 2021 as a zero-day exploit, meaning it was an unknown flaw with no immediate fix, leaving systems exposed. This security flaw, which affected millions of Java-based applications, allowed attackers to perform a remote code execution. It underscored the risks of relying on widely adopted software libraries

▶ **Arjun Raman '09**  
helps agencies  
and corporations  
navigate security  
efforts in a  
complex digital  
landscape.





# WHERE THEY GO FROM HERE

## THEIR BUCKNELL JOURNEY PREPARED THEM FOR WHAT'S NEXT — AND WHAT'S POSSIBLE

For Bucknell graduates, the path to an exciting future is shaped by the experiences of their four years on campus. As they step into meaningful careers and top graduate programs, these new alumni reflect on what made Bucknell the launching pad for their next chapter.

by KATE WILLIARD

illustrations by JULIAN RENTZSCH

### SETTING SAIL JOE DOX '25

“I’m excited to work for Disney because their product is what they do: create artistic entertainment heavily supported by state-of-the-art technology and stories that are uniquely Disney.”

For **Joe Dox '25**, the connection between art and technology has always been clear. “From a young age, I’ve been captivated by how things function behind the scenes,” he says. “How technology works to create moments that feel like magic but in reality are created by a complex system hidden from view.” He majored in computer engineering and minored in design & technology in the theatre department, blending precision with creativity. “Whether working on the circuitry behind stage lighting or fine-tuning the acoustics of a sound system, I’ve discovered a career path that lets me live at the intersection of logic and imagination.”

Dox is setting sail on a Disney cruise ship as a general technician, setting up, operating and striking audio, video, lighting and other technical systems for ship-based and island events. As part of a team of technicians, he delivers the Disney magic to various theatrical entertainment and dining experiences, fireworks displays and theme nights.

Bucknell prepared Dox well for the role. “The academic flexibility allowed me to pinpoint the technical side of the live entertainment industry as the next step for my career,” he says. “I took courses like Lighting Design and an independent study in Advanced Sound Design, worked as a stage electrician and gained entertainment technical experience.”

With support from Bucknell’s Center for Career Advancement, Dox explored off-campus opportunities. A 2023 trip to the United States Institute for Theatre Technology conference confirmed his interest, and he made his first Disney connection at a career day.

“I wouldn’t be pursuing a Disney career without Bucknell’s support,” he says. “Working with exceptional faculty, staff and peers who share my passion for live entertainment technology made it possible for me to go and make magic.”



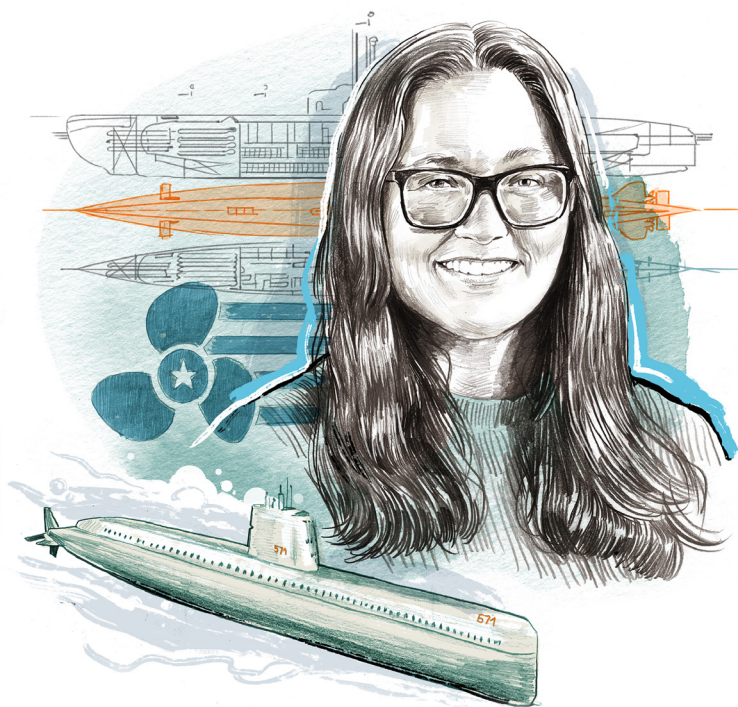


*THE  
HAPPIEST  
JOB ON  
EARTH*





**“Coming from a community where education is seen as a privilege, I have been determined to open opportunities for students with similar backgrounds. Bucknell enabled the experiences that opened my possibilities.”**



**“Underwater environments introduce obstacles you just don’t face on land. I’m excited by the problem-solving that comes with overcoming them.”**

## ADVANCING EQUITY

### LEONEL “LEO” CASTRO ’25

As a first-generation student from rural South Texas, **Leo Castro ’25** chose Bucknell with some trepidation. “I had no idea then what I was capable of,” he says. “But seeking an education far from home felt essential for my personal growth.”

Now, he’s preparing to help others develop a similar mindset by continuing his education at the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development at Boston University.

At Bucknell, Castro majored in political science and immersed himself in public service. Through the Bucknell Public Interest Program, he interned with Congressman Vicente Gonzalez, working on initiatives for underserved students in Texas, and later with Susquehanna Legal Aid for Adults and Youth, advocating for rural communities in Central Pennsylvania.

While working on his graduate degree, he’s serving as a case manager for Cayuga Centers, helping undocumented minors access education and navigate complex family law cases. “I look forward to helping underserved students reach education as a means to break generational poverty.”

## GOING DEEP

### KONA GLENN ’25

**Kona Glenn ’25** discovered a passion for undersea engineering during a summer research experience that introduced her to the unique engineering challenges presented by submarines. Now, she’s a combat systems electronics engineer for the U.S. Department of Defense at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine, where she’s tasked with modernizing the advanced technical systems on the Navy’s nuclear-powered submarines.

Glenn chose Bucknell for its strong academics and its culture of teamwork. She double-majored in computer science & engineering and mathematics and took part in signature Bucknell experiences like undergraduate research and Senior Design — the College of Engineering’s capstone course — where she learned how to apply classroom learning to real-world problems.

She credits her experience on the women’s rowing team and as a leader on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for helping her develop resilience, discipline and leadership — qualities that will serve her well in the military engineering world.





**“Accounting, with its complex problem-solving and analytical nature, offers the perfect environment to challenge myself and apply my skills on a deeper level.”**

## CRUNCHING NUMBERS TAHDAI CREWS-HARRIS '25

When people face big financial decisions, they need clarity, strategy and someone they can trust. That potential for real-world impact drew **Tahdai Crews-Harris '25** to accounting.

With her degree, Crews-Harris joins Cohn-Reznick Advisory, LLC, in Baltimore as a tax associate, a detail-oriented job that requires both the technical knowledge and strong communication skills Crews-Harris built at Bucknell.

Courses in accounting and data analytics gave her a solid technical foundation, but it was the hands-on roles — as a teaching assistant in the Freeman College of Management and a study group facilitator with the Teaching & Learning Center — that helped her grow as a leader.

“It’s the collective impact of my Bucknell experiences that taught me how to bring that all together to guide others through complex ideas,” says Crews-Harris, who interned with CohnReznick in summer 2024, which led to the full-time offer. “Bucknell gave me the freedom to explore opportunities and prepare for a future I’m excited about.”



**“In today’s world, access to energy shapes everything from our jobs to our daily interactions. I want to be part of building a more reliable, equitable and sustainable energy future.”**

## POWERING PROGRESS COLTON JIORLE '25

Tackling the complexities of the global energy landscape demands a wide perspective. **Colton Jiorle '25** brings that mindset to his role as an electrical design engineer with Constellation Energy, where he’s working to recommission Unit 1 at the Three Mile Island facility — now the Crane Clean Energy Center.

A triple-major in electrical engineering, management for engineers and classics & ancient Mediterranean studies, Jiorle credits his broad foundation with shaping his technical skills and his understanding of energy’s social, political and economic dimensions.

“Bucknell makes it easy to push yourself out of your comfort zone — so much so that I’m a fundamentally different person than who I was coming into college,” he says.

After connecting with Constellation at a Center for Career Advancement career fair, he completed back-to-back internships with the company before landing his full-time role. “I care deeply about the social and political implications of my work, as well as the technical and economic impact,” he says. “Now, I get to be a part of a future of change.” ■



# Onward!

## BUCKNELL CELEBRATES ITS 175TH COMMENCEMENT

by MATT JONES // photography by EMILY PAINE

Under sunny skies on Malesardi Quadrangle, Bucknell held its 175th Commencement Sunday, May 18, conferring degrees to 939 graduates.

**Jessica Livingston '93**, co-founder of Silicon Valley startup accelerator Y Combinator, delivered the keynote address, reflecting on the unpredictable path to personal and professional fulfillment. Livingston shared how at her own graduation, she was uncertain about the future. She encouraged the Class of 2025 to embrace ambition, actively steer their own paths and remain open to reinvention. (Learn more about Livingston on P. 3).

**Doris Fischer Malesardi S'45** was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of her continued commitment to the University. Doris and her late husband, **Bob Malesardi '45, P'75, P'79, P'87, G'08**, the namesakes of Malesardi Quadrangle, expanded access to Bucknell by supporting merit and need-based financial aid.

Student speaker Gabby Diaz '25 (above) and keynote speaker Jessica Livingston '93 (right) addressed graduates.







President Bravman with honorary degree recipient Doris Fischer Malesardi S'45.



Juliana Capizzi '25 kicked off Commencement with a rendition of the national anthem.







Pat Behan '10 offered insights to Coach John Griffin III '08 from his D.C. apartment.





# STILL IN THE GAME

AT AGE 34, **PAT BEHAN '10** HAD HIS CAREER CUT SHORT BY ALS.  
BUT HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH COACH **JOHN GRIFFIN III '08**  
HELPED HIM FIND HIS WAY BACK TO BASKETBALL.

by MATT JONES // photography by DANNY SANTOS II





## *When I meet Pat Behan '10*

and his wife, Nataly, in their one-bedroom apartment in Northwest D.C., barely 24 hours have passed since Bucknell's upset loss against Navy in the Patriot League semifinals. The whir of the oxygen concentrator fills the room where Behan's bed looks out at a copse of trees in a nearby park. The Behans' little dog, Rory, tosses his stuffed lamb toy up into the air before chasing it down again. The six TVs mounted on the wall are silent and black, though it's easy enough to imagine them pulsing with sound and color the day before.

"We played a very tough nonconference schedule and battled early injuries and really took off in Patriot League play," says Behan. "Obviously, it was a disappointing conclusion to a great season. Any time a run ends, it leaves you with a lot of emotions."



A team of nurses and caregivers flits deftly through the small space, cleaning the floors, fluffing pillows and adjusting the screen suspended over Behan's bed. "The screen has a sensor that reads his eyes," says Nataly, working with a nurse to shift Behan's 6-foot-8 frame in bed. To speak, Behan relies entirely on eye gaze technology. An eye-tracking screen attached to his bed sends out infrared light reflected in his corneas and retinas, and the screen's cameras use those reflections to determine exactly where he is looking. It makes communicating somewhat exhausting for Behan, as his eyes are required to hunt down each thought, letter by letter.

On the walls above Behan's bed hang two photos. In one, Behan is in his Bucknell Bison gear, the ball in his hand as he drives past an opponent and toward the hoop. It could be from any of the 119 games he played during his four years on the men's basketball team. In the other photo, it is 2023, and Behan, head coach of the St. John's College High School basketball team, is celebrating with his players after clinching the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Championship. On the surface, the image is the epitome of what it means to win. What is less obvious is that it is also a portrait of loss,

Behan with wife Nataly (opposite page); on the court in Sojka Pavilion (below).



Photo: Marc Hagemeyer

as it captures what would be Behan's final season as a head coach, his body already a year into the battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

## The Competitive Spirit

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease. Given ALS' incurability, the diagnosis typically narrows future possibilities into a two- to five-year timeline of gradual decline, with some exceptions. In February 2022, at age 34, Behan started to notice weakness in his arms and chest. In May, he received his diagnosis. Atrophy and paralysis followed. In October 2023, he underwent a tracheostomy to help him breathe. It wasn't long before Behan was confined to a bed, where he retained control over only his eyes and mind.

"Even thinking back to early in the diagnosis, you realize all the little things in life that you miss," says Behan. "It changes your whole perspective."

ALS is characterized by loss that is equal parts anticipatory and incremental, pervasive and unremitting. Past selves and ways of being in the world disappear at the same time as future possibilities. What remains is a tenuous present wherein the work of staying alive is counted by the second and minute. A team of nurses and caregivers, including Nataly, provides him with 24-hour support. The machinery at his bedside monitors his vitals around the clock. The tubes in his throat and stomach are now as much a part of his body as his hands or his feet. Behan's battle with ALS is undoubtedly a physical one.

Less visible is the struggle of the interior landscape. Basketball had given direction and meaning to his life. It navigated him through college, his career and even into his marriage. "We met on a Friday, and the first thing he did was invite me to one of his games on Sunday," says Nataly, who took him up on his offer. It was the first of many games she would attend, and she was always amazed at how cool he played it as head coach.

"He was at this really great stage in his career where he had built a nationally recognized high school basketball program. Rising up through the ranks as a coach and eventually becoming a head coach of a college basketball team was part of the trajectory for him," says **John Griffin III '08**, Behan's former teammate and current head coach of the Bucknell Bison men's basketball program.

Griffin was already a junior and two-time Patriot League champion when Behan, a power forward with strong shooting skills, arrived at Bucknell as a first-year student. They immediately bonded over their shared love of the game and soon became friends. After graduation, their paths diverged geographically, but their talent and determination set them on similar journeys. Both played professionally in Europe and soon advanced to coaching — Behan at St. Mary's Ryken High School, then St. John's College High School, and Griffin at Rider



University, Saint Joseph's University and then Bucknell.

But Behan's ALS diagnosis radically altered his trajectory.

As much as the disease had taken from him in a short time frame, Behan still had his mind. He was still animated by the same competitive spirit that had possessed him as a player and a coach. It took time to adjust to his new reality, but eventually his thoughts turned to matters of meaning and purpose. Basketball had been an integral part of his life. It still was. It still could be. He wasn't willing to lose that part of himself.

As it turned out, he wouldn't have to.

## No Hero Steals

Before the Bucknell Bison stepped on the court to face the Kentucky Wildcats early in the 2024-25 basketball season, Griffin received a simple, three-word text message from Behan: "No hero steals."

To outsiders, the message may have been cryptic, but it resonated with Griffin right away. "If you attempt a hero steal against a team like Kentucky and you miss, then they'll dunk it right

on your head," says Griffin, who became head coach in March 2023. "I thought those three words contained an important message. That was the moment I realized that Pat was providing me with this expertise from experience that I don't have. I was looking to grab as much from him as possible."

To formalize that sentiment, Griffin made Behan an offer in November 2024: to become a special adviser to the head coach. Behan accepted, with one condition. "He didn't want any pity. He wanted this to be real," says Griffin. "And it was. We announced it publicly and put it on our website, and it's been real ever since."

There is a broadly accepted theory, unaligned with any one discipline, that constraints can promote creativity by forcing individuals to develop innovative solutions in the face of limited options. In Behan's case, the eye gaze technology he used to communicate was mentally taxing. It didn't allow for long digressions or abstract pontificating. There was no room for fluff. The limits of his body required him to be concise and straight to the point, which had the effect of rendering his insights into a series of maxims, or "Patisms," if you will: succinct in form but both practical and expansive in the truths they revealed.

Clockwise from left: Behan in action for the Bison; Behan celebrating a championship win; current Bucknell players honor Behan with "Behan Strong" warm-ups; Behan (center) recognized at a Bison game in 2022; head coach John Griffin III '08 on the sidelines.



Photos: Clockwise from left: Marc Hagemeyer; Danny Santos II; Mike Coleman; Lianne Garrahan '25; James T. Giffen





When I asked him about his philosophy on coaching: “Defense rules. Share the ball. Embrace roles.”

In a series of texts to Griffin: “No second chance points. Next play mentality.”

These short messages — what Griffin dubbed “bullet point material” — became an integral part of the Bison season. The former teammates developed a system: Behan texted, and Griffin transcribed those texts onto a whiteboard for the team to review before games. Behan’s words were more than just directives on how to win; they were lessons to young athletes about what it means to face and challenge the odds each new day. “I wanted to give them perspective — show them every day matters,” says Griffin.

Throughout the season, Behan helped develop a practice schedule for the Bison, and he eventually made video recordings that Griffin played before every game. “It really means a lot,” says Behan. “Griff really made me feel like I was there. It was just nice to have a piece of me back in the game of coaching with my alma mater and my dear friend.”

After the upset loss against Navy on March 9, Behan kept his postgame message to Griffin short and sweet. “There wasn’t a ton to say. We were both hurting. I just texted him that I loved him.”

As I sat in the Behans’ apartment, which was busy with the foot traffic of caregivers coming and going — calibrating the eye gaze screen, adjusting pillows, making sure Behan’s hands and feet were warm — my attention turned once more to the six mounted television screens on the wall. With the season over, I asked him what he liked to watch when basketball wasn’t an option. Golf, football and baseball were

At home, Behan finds comfort in the company of his dog, Rory. The eye gaze screen Behan uses to communicate stands ready.

*“Griff really made me feel like I was there. It was just nice to have a piece of me back in the game of coaching with my alma mater and my dear friend.”*

all regular staples. What I really wanted to know, though, was if he liked to watch anything unrelated to sports. A palate cleanser. Something to take his mind off the present and into pure entertainment.

His answer: *Money Heist*.

Also known as *La Casa de Papel*, *Money Heist* follows a charismatic and intelligent leader known as the Professor who recruits a team of people to pull off the seemingly impossible task of stealing money from the Royal Mint of Spain. The odds are stacked against them, though the Professor rigorously trains and prepares his team for any possibility. What is unique about the arrangement is that while the team of robbers infiltrates the mint, the Professor remains in a remote location. He coaches them from afar, his thoughts and words transmitted across the distance. He can’t be there in person, yet he is very much with them all the same. ■



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**A HOLE LOT OF PRAISE** *GOLFPASS* RANKS THE BUCKNELL GOLF CLUB AS THE NO. 4 BEST COLLEGE GOLF COURSE IN THE U.S.

photograph by **JAMES T. GIFFEN**





# In Praise of Professors

**THE FIELD OF** higher education stands at a complex intersection of culture, politics and science – an area where national debates often take shape and where society’s greatest aspirations and tensions are on display. Across the country, colleges and universities confront critical questions about value, purpose, access and the future of the academy itself.

Since our founding, Bucknell has thrived through all kinds of changes and challenges by continuing a steadfast commitment to our mission: to provide an exceptional undergraduate liberal arts-based education made possible by our dedicated faculty and staff with the support of loyal alumni, parents and friends who believe in our mission.

I write here about our faculty, who are at the very core of the Bucknell experience. They come here because they love to teach, first and foremost. But they are also scholars whose research informs their teaching, and vice versa, providing a rich classroom experience as well as research opportunities for our students. And they are collaborators who nimbly bridge disciplines with their colleagues as never before, a distinction for Bucknell in an increasingly competitive higher education landscape.

When you combine that intellectual vitality with our 9:1 student-faculty ratio, the result is nothing short of transformational. Our students are seen, mentored and challenged by professors who know them well. Every alum reading this magazine can likely recall the influence of favorite professors, and many have personal relationships with faculty that have endured long after graduation.

Let me highlight just a few examples of our faculty’s extraordinary impact:

Eric Faden, English – film/media studies, researches the preservation of rare Japanese films crafted from paper in the 1930s, collaborating with students from mechanical engineering and computer science.



Rajesh Kumar, computer science, created a course in biometrics, which can be used to help uncover plagiarism, inspiring his students to research the same topic in the Korean and Vietnamese languages.

Annetta Grant, markets, innovation & design, challenges students to think critically about the forces that shape consumer decisions, including media, and to apply data-driven insights to real-world challenges.

From French to physics, from accounting to engineering, our faculty share a common belief: that great teaching can change lives. Often, we never know how our graduates’ journeys unfold. But we trust that the time our students spend with us in the classroom, in the lab and in conversation will ripple outward in ways that are both meaningful and essential to Bucknellians and the world.

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In April, I had the pleasure of honoring our newly tenured and promoted professors at our annual faculty recognition celebration. In the life of every academic, there are signal events: passing the Ph.D. qualifying exam or its equivalent; turning in an approved thesis or dissertation; getting that first job offer; earning tenure; and, after years of distinguished service, being promoted to full professor. I’m always moved by the joy of this event, and I’m immensely proud of my colleagues’ achievements and dedication – to their students, to their fields and to Bucknell.

As we look to fall, we anticipate the arrival of 11 new tenure-track assistant professors ready to launch their Bucknell careers. I look forward to welcoming them to our community, following their professional development and toasting their successes in the years to come.

**John C. Bravman**  
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#### ON CAMPUS

## Mark Your Calendar!

*Join us for these can't-miss campus experiences this fall*

#### Family Weekend | Sept. 19–21, 2025

As part of the Family Weekend celebrations, the Community International Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 20. This lively celebration of global cultures, organized in collaboration with the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, features student performances, food trucks, a flag parade and live music.

#### Homecoming | Oct. 3–5, 2025

This year's Homecoming honors the 150th anniversary of the graduation of **Edward McKnight Brawley**, Class of 1875, Bucknell's first African American graduate. Join campus events celebrating his legacy and the achievements of Black students, alumni and staff throughout Bucknell's history.

The Community International Festival, part of Family Weekend, celebrates cultures from around the world.

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I'd probably grab a wrap from the dining hall and then sit on the Quad to watch the sunset.

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TONY GOMEZ '16

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I'd start by walking through the Christy Mathewson Gates, then to the Quad, then pause on the Rooke Chapel steps to soak in that unmistakable Bucknell energy before grabbing a slice from Vennari's.”

TOM FERRARA '93

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SELFIE WITH THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND ENJOY LISTENING TO THE ROOKE CHAPEL BELLS, KNOWING I'M NOT LATE FOR CLASS!

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ALISON SLATER '07

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BRENDAN GERRITY '93, M'94

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## READ THIS

# Righting Wrongs, Writing Justice

by MATT JONES

WHEN JIM MCCLOSKEY '64 was invited to co-write a book with one of America's most successful authors, he initially questioned himself. "Who am I to write a book with John Grisham, for God's sake?" he recalls. But it was precisely this willingness to question himself that had guided him toward a lifelong pursuit of justice.

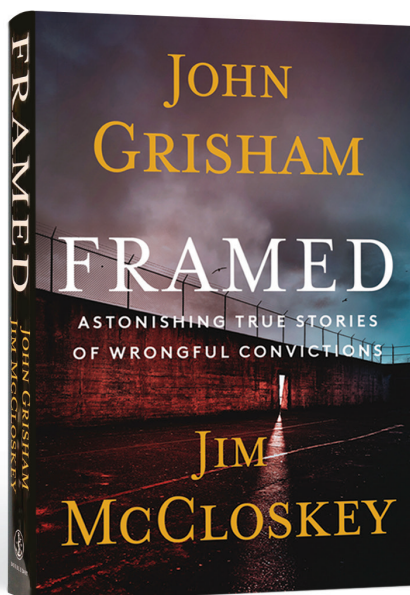
In 2024, McCloskey and Grisham published *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions*, a powerful exposé of how corruption, racism and systemic flaws in the American justice system upended the lives of 10 innocent people. The book highlights wrongful convictions caused by erroneous forensic analysis, police misconduct, perjury and fabricated testimony.

McCloskey's path to this collaboration was anything but conventional. After graduating from Bucknell, he achieved his dream of becoming "an international businessman in Japan." However, by the mid-1970s, he faced a crisis of faith.

"I lost my appetite for the business world. I wanted a greater purpose in life," he says.

Seeking that purpose, he left his job, sold his house and in 1979 enrolled in Princeton Theological Seminary.

While volunteering as a student chaplain at Trenton State Prison, he met Jorge de los Santos, an inmate who would eventually become the focus of his 2020



memoir *When Truth is All You Have*, in which McCloskey details how he helped exonerate a wrongly convicted prisoner and discovered his life's true calling.

"My destiny was to free innocent people from prison, not to become an ordained church minister," says McCloskey, who went on to found Centurion, a secular nonprofit dedicated to the vindication of the wrongly convicted.

When Grisham, who had written the foreword to McCloskey's first book, proposed a collaboration, they agreed to split the work — McCloskey would write about five cases he worked on, and Grisham would write about five he knew well.

"It worked very well," McCloskey says. "Mr. Grisham is authentic, unpretentious, down-to-earth, affable and kind. The personal and professional relationship developed as we traded stories."

The goal of *Framed*, McCloskey says, is to expose systemic injustices and challenge readers to question preconceived notions about the justice system. Because as his life shows, it is often through doubt that the opportunity to seek truth — and justice — arises.

Published by Doubleday in 2024, *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* was on the *New York Times* Best Seller list for 18 weeks. The paperback edition will be available in August.

## ALUMNI BOOKS

### SARATOGA SCHAEFER '13

#### 'Serial Killer Support Group'

*Crooked Lane Books, 2025*

Schaefer, who majored in English — film/media studies, has released their debut novel, *Serial Killer Support Group*, a dark and witty thriller that blends feminist commentary with suspense. The story follows Cyra Griffin, who infiltrates a support group for serial killers in a bid to avenge her sister's murder. Schaefer is a publicist and yoga instructor in upstate New York.

### MARK SABBAS '14

#### 'The Monarchs'

*Koehler Books Publishing, 2024*

In his debut novel, *The Monarchs*, Sabbas explores the intersection of science and spirituality. Set in a war-torn future, the story follows a group of children with psychic abilities who may hold the key to humanity's evolution. It won in the New Age Fiction category prize of the 2024 American Fiction Awards. Sabbas, who double-majored in economics and philosophy, is a data analyst in Fort Mill, S.C.

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Need help choosing the right native trees for your yard, neighborhood or community project? There's a new tool for that — and Bucknell students helped build it. Partnering with the Chesapeake Conservancy, Bucknell engineering seniors co-developed the Pennsylvania Native Tree Selector, an online resource that helps residents, conservation planners and volunteer groups select native tree and shrub species suited to their area. Check it out at [ccpants.netlify.app](http://ccpants.netlify.app)



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### ALUMNI HONOREES

Here are our favorite caption submissions from the spring issue:

**"That moment you realize the Bucknell Bubble isn't just a metaphor — it's a lifestyle."**

*Siobhan Nerz '24*

**"EXPLORING FLUID DYNAMICS — ONE BUBBLE AT A TIME!"**

*Jennifer Steeper '80*

**"Please don't let me sneeze! Please don't let me sneeze!"**

*Barb Bobko M'72*

**"As a *Wizard of Oz* super-fan, now I know how Glinda felt in her bubble!"**

*Dave Price '87*

**"SEINFELD WRITERS' CREATIVE INSPIRATION FOR THE 'BUBBLE BOY' EPISODE."**

*Ken Rankin '84*

**"Surprising revelation that BU students invented the original 'cone of silence.' "**

*Bryan Snapp '72*

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## Class Acts

# All That Jazz

by HEATHER MAYER IRVINE

➔ **Mark Morganelli '77** arrived at Bucknell as a chemistry major, never imagining music as more than a hobby. Then the trumpet and flugelhorn player auditioned for the Bucknell Jazz & Rock Ensemble and was one of only two first-year students to make the cut. It was the confirmation he needed. He left the lab and switched to a music major. "It turns out Bunsen burners weren't my thing," he says.

At Bucknell, Morganelli was everywhere — on stage with his trumpet and flugelhorn, on the track as a runner and even abroad. A summer in Austria

led to a trip to the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, where he made connections that later brought the Bucknell Jazz & Rock Ensemble to perform there. That experience inspired him to produce records from the group's performances, planting the seeds for his future as a producer.

After graduating, Morganelli immersed himself in the music world, producing dozens of albums and releasing six of his own. His latest, *For Miles*, a tribute to Miles Davis, was recorded in Torino, Italy, where he frequently tours.

He also founded The Jazz Forum in Tarrytown, N.Y., a jazz club run by his nonprofit performing arts organization dedicated to presenting high-quality musical events to the public at little to no cost. *DownBeat Magazine* recently named it one of the world's top 100 jazz venues. This summer, his nonprofit, Jazz Forum Arts, celebrates its 40th anniversary with 32 free outdoor concerts.

Education continues to shape his work. He coordinates music workshops for school-age students and launched two music education programs, Jitterbugs: Jazz for Kids and the Jazz Forum Student Ensemble.

His advice to fellow Bucknellians? "Follow your passion," he says. "Even if it doesn't become your career, it will greatly enhance your life."

Switching majors launched Mark Morganelli '77 on a jazz-filled career as a performer, producer and music educator.

Photo: Adam Z



# Curiosity Drives Success

by HEATHER MAYER IRVINE



**Rebecca Baptiste-Forbes Carter '17**

landed on *Forbes'* 2025 30 Under 30 — Finance list, an especially meaningful recognition given her unconventional path. At Bucknell, she planned to study biology but triple-majored in economics, international relations and French. New interests — and the freedom to explore — shifted her focus.

After graduation, she broke into Morgan Stanley's equity sales and trading division. She later earned a master's in public management and policy from Johns Hopkins University. Today, she is vice president of corporate development at JPMorgan Chase, where she leads partnerships and client relationships in the consumer auto business.

Carter credits her interdisciplinary education for helping her approach challenges with agility and creativity. Her studies in energy and environmental policy, for example, have given her an edge in navigating the automotive industry's complexities, from tax credits to tariffs and supply chain shifts.



**Cheyenne Stunger '22** is responsible for the safe handling of artwork at the Harvard Art Museums.



## Behind the Exhibit

by BROOKE THAMES



There is an important mantra in the world of museum etiquette: Look, but don't touch. Unless you're **Cheyenne Stunger '22**, whose job as an exhibition production specialist meant handling art with care and finesse. At the Harvard Art Museums, she prepared, installed, lit and packaged artworks, casework and graphics for exhibitions and loans.

"I love[d] being the person who gets to work with the objects in an intimate way," says Stunger, who helped install *It's Time*, an exhibition of LaToya Hobbs' life-sized woodcuts. "Handling not only the art but the graphics, the labels and all the little details that go into it ... it's so cool to see how everything contributes to an impactful visitor experience."

Stunger initially planned to major in computer science. But a course taught by Roger Rothman, the Samuel H. Kress Professor of Art History, changed her mind. "I was focused on selecting a major that would lead to a 'practical job,' but Rothman opened my eyes to a whole other realm of possibilities," she says. "After looking at art from a critical standpoint and seeing how interdisciplinary the field could be, I thought, 'I love this. I'm good at this. This is the direction I want to go.'"

At Bucknell, Stunger worked at the Samek Art Museum, gaining invaluable knowledge from director Rick Rinehart, who mentored her through Bucknell's GenFirst! program.

After graduation, she spent time at KW Contemporary Art, a commercial gallery run by **Kiersten Wilcox '11**. In conjunction with her position at the Harvard Art Museums, Stunger began a master's in art history and museum studies at Tufts University. Recently, she transitioned into a new role at the Harvard Art Museums, where she's now responsible for the safe movement and handling of artwork in galleries, storage, conservation, photography areas and viewing spaces.

"It's empowering to have this network of Bucknell connections who have supported and inspired me," she says.

Photos: Ring Concierge (bottom), Joe Duval (top)



**Rebecca Baptiste-Forbes Carter '17's** career spans finance and technology.



# REUNION

*Bucknellians returned to their happy place May 30–June 1 to relive old memories and make new ones*

photography by APRIL BARTHOLOMEW  
and GORDON R. WENZEL







## ALUMNI HONOREES



At Reunion, the Bucknell University Alumni Association recognized alumni for their leadership, character, intellectual exploration, creativity and imagination. This year's recipients were Susan McHale '75, Matthew Hinton '00, Winnie Okello '10, William Morrow '70 (left to right) and Anne Flegal Hinton '00 (not pictured). Learn more at [go.bucknell.edu/alumniawards](http://go.bucknell.edu/alumniawards)



# Class Notes

Please see P. 62 for a list of our Class Reporters.

## 1953

**Zane Brown** shares, "My grandchildren for a Christmas present in 2023 gave me a subscription to an online service called Storyworth. Every week for all of 2024, I was sent a question from Storyworth to answer. In early 2025, all the questions and answers were compiled into a hardcover book. Overall, I was pleased with the quality of the whole procedure. The stories could be edited, pictures added and the order of presentation altered, plus family members could add comments after each story. I very much wish I'd had something similar from my parents and grandparents."

**Robert Cooper** died July 16, a few months after his 100th birthday. During World War II and the Korean War, Bob was a navigator on bomber planes. He used the GI Bill to join our class, earning his degree in electrical engineering. Although he landed a position at Sylvania in Buffalo, N.Y., he spent most of his professional life in Charlottesville, Va., where he worked as a manager

at a manufacturing plant. In retirement, he dedicated his time to volunteering for organizations supporting low-income housing and health services. Known by friends and family as Mr. Fixit, he used his skills to teach woodworking. He mentored many students in math. At his Last Chance Garage, he offered handyman services, helped with chores and auto repairs. He is survived by three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Teacher and minister **Jeane White Spoor** died Oct. 16 in Florida. In June 1952 she married her Bucknell sweetheart, the late **Fred Cloud '52**. After earning a teaching degree at Temple University, Jeane was an elementary school teacher until her divorce in 1971. She and her husband had two sons. Jeane then attended the Methodist Theological Seminary, earning a Ph.D. in divinity. In 1975 she married Willem "Bill" Spoor. During her career in the United Church of Christ, she served parishes in Columbus, Ohio, Wichita,

Kan., and Fort Wayne, Ind. Jeane was a pioneer in her ministry as the first woman to serve at each of her churches. After her retirement, she and her husband moved to Daniel Island, S.C., and later to Jacksonville, Fla. Jeane empowered women in every role of her life and was active in the P.E.O. Sisterhood, which educates and supports women. Her favorite phrase was "Trust the process" — everything will work out in the end. She enjoyed spending time with her family at a cabin in Ohio and thrived on a good game of bridge. Jeane is survived by her husband, two sons, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. — *Christine Hill Killough and John Manbeck*

## 1954

**Bill and Ginny Harrison King** continue to do well in Issaquah, Wash., a suburb of Seattle. They sold their home in Sarasota, Fla., and moved west to an independent-living facility. Their son, Bob, lives in an adjacent town, and they see their grandchildren and great-grandchildren often. They have four great-grandchildren in Washington, three in Denver and one in Philadelphia. Two more were on their way by mid-year. — *Bonnie Mackie Aspinwall*

## 1955

Life at Bucknell memories

continued: Marching in our 1955 alumni class parade down to the tent and dancing there; hearing the Men's Glee Club perform before their spring tour, and did you order your '55 *L'Agenda* yearbook?

Recall having Sunday lunch at a fraternity house after church; hoping your poem would make *Touche*; attending Bucknell band camp and looking up freshmen pictures in the student handbook. Remember the Cap and Dagger productions of *The School for Wives* and *The Chocolate Soldier*; men marching onto Main Street with a "Cheer for beer!"; walking up the hill past the hard-working engineers in the Olin Science Building; feeling ill and reporting to the infirmary; and riding the Edwards Lake-to-Sea bus between Lewisburg and New Jersey.

Remember Coach Harry Lawrence for football, Hank Peters as the tennis coach and Professor Allen Flock leading the Women's Glee Club. Girls' dorm life included playing bridge in our slips. No one had phones, so we conversed face to face. The orchestra performed a beautiful Christmas oratorio, and what about the dreaded Saturday 8 a.m. Art in the Dark class — as memories fond go drifting by. Send me your own memories. — *Eleanor Mackie Pigman*

## 1956

I had a note from **Buzz Lyon**, a retired Army colonel, that his three daughters are taking good care of him, and the family was flying to his Texas home to help him celebrate his 91st birthday. — *Joseph Eberhart*

## 1957

I chose to come to Bucknell because my father was an alum (**Harry "Vic" Meyer, Class of 1929**), and I majored in English because I wanted to be a writer. One of my first essays for my Advanced Composition class was In Favor of Separate but Equal Education for Negroes. In 1953, when we were freshmen, there were very few students of color at Bucknell. In a student body of about 2,500, a Black student was rare. I didn't notice the absence back then, but I would certainly have noticed their presence.

The problem, as I saw it, was that these students were not white. So, I reasoned, why would they want to go to school with white kids? They'd just have felt out of place, right? They had their own churches — as they did in Lewistown, Pa. — and therefore, they should have their own schools. That made perfect sense to me.

The late Professor Robert Gross gave my essay an A but added this comment: "I do not agree



with you, but I support your right to your opinion."

I could not understand why he didn't agree. I was simply echoing what I'd heard my parents say.

His comment did make me wonder, though, if my parents were wrong about separate but equal schools. They had been wrong about a lot of things — the clothes my mother bought me for college, for instance. But this wasn't about clothes. It was about how the world was supposed to function.

The first hairline crack appeared in my belief system. The next spring (1954), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

The Court said my parents were wrong. That must have meant that I was wrong, too. The crack widened, and it continued to widen as the years went by and the world changed.

The Supreme Court ruling addressed education but, of course, did little or nothing to eliminate racism.

Fortunately, the pages of *Bucknell Magazine* offer continuing proof that our University has changed in ways that I'm betting all of us are cheering.

Here's a question for you: Why did you choose to attend Bucknell? Was there a professor or a course that changed the way you see the world?

Please tell us about it.  
— Carolyn "Callie" Meyer

## 1960

I received word that **John Bergfeld**, former head orthopedic surgeon at the famous Cleveland Clinic as well as the former team doctor and orthopedic surgeon for the NFL Cleveland Browns, attended this past fall's Army-Navy game in the company of the Naval Academy's Admiral Thomas Lynch and former Patriots head coach Bill Belichick.

**Bob Howell** reports from his winter home in Naples, Fla., "Not much has changed with Betsy and me. We spend our winters in Florida and our summers in Maine. I still sit on the board of Saint Matthews House (serving the homeless, hungry and addicted in Naples). We've mentored and witnessed a number of miracles in addiction recovery in the past eight years. Golf is good. I shot five strokes under my age a couple of weeks ago."

**Martie Lauver Samek** writes, "I've enjoyed learning about the meaningful contributions and lives of our classmates. I'm proud of us. **Ed '58** and I are eagerly awaiting our summer move up to Maine."

**Jane Dubivsky Coene** says, "**Dick Hampton** died right before Christmas, leaving behind his widow, **Carol Singleton Hampton**. Both Carol and Dick were very close friends of ours, having lived near us in the

D.C. area for the past 50-plus years. For years they lived less than a mile away in Rockville, Md., but then moved to Ashburn, Va., 11 years ago to be closer to their two daughters. We still tried to meet three to four times a year, usually joined by **Suzanne Pogue Rudiselle** and her husband, Maurice. Carol, Suzanne and I have been friends since freshman year in Edwards House. We will continue the lunches but will sorely miss Dick."

**Jon Miller** writes, "After graduation, I served five years active duty as a Naval flight officer in a San Diego carrier-based squadron. After release from the Navy, I spent my career in computer systems sales. I married Susan in 1968 and lived in Spring, Texas, a suburb north of Houston, for 40 years. We have two daughters, each with two children. Both daughters moved to Spokane, Wash., where Sue and I now reside. We spend the months of January through April at our vacation home an hour south of Phoenix. We have been blessed with good health."

**John Fisher** spoke with **Jim Scura**, **Tony Bruno** and **Chuck Ernst** while they were in Sebastian, Fla., where Tony and Jim live. They were "all doing well. Despite various aches and pains, Gail and I [John] are in pretty good shape, although much to the relief of my golf

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Carolyn Meyer '57

friends, my golf days are likely over."

**Pete and Anne Wagner Silberfarb '62**, approaching their 63rd wedding anniversary, live in Vermont, where she is a retired learning disabilities specialist and he an emeritus professor of psychiatry and medicine at Dartmouth medical school, where he also chaired the department of psychiatry for 18 years. Pete adds, "We have been in phone contact with **Tony Rinaldo**, **Howie Silberberg** and **Jim Eisberg**."

**Andrea Fisher Berkley '96** wrote in about the passing of her mother, **Ginny Notari Fisher**, Jan. 8, due to complications from a hemorrhagic stroke. "In addition to her beloved husband, David, of 62 years, survivors include two daughters and their spouses, Jessica and Ronnie Goldstein and Andrea and **Evan Berkley '96**, and four grandchildren, including **Ben '26**. Ginny lived a life full of purpose and meaning, contributing to each community of which she was a part. She enjoyed a successful career as a relocation

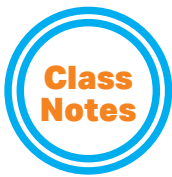
consultant in New Jersey and was a volunteer with several nonprofit organizations including the Girl Scouts, Cross-roads4Hope and Bedminster Democrats. Throughout her life, Ginny remained an ever-enthusiastic Bucknellian, proudly supporting the Orange and Blue as an alumna, parent and grandparent."

Thanks to all of you who contributed. Enjoy the summer days, and go, Bison! — *Pete Fritts*

## 1961

Since I haven't heard from any of you lately, I thought I'd tell you a bit about my trip to Uzbekistan this past March. It was a small group tour with Gate One, which I heartily recommend. The incredible Uzbek architecture is a photographer's paradise. We had brief stays in Tashkent, Bukhara and Samarkand, home of Tamerlane, Uzbekistan's national hero. Check out Christopher Marlowe's play about him. The Elizabethans knew about Timur, even if most





21st-century folks don't. Of all the "stans," this one seems to be the most successful economically and politically. Maybe this will inspire some of you to write about your own travels to faraway places with strange-sounding names or even some closer to home. In any case, let me hear from you. — *Jan Powers*

## 1963

**Ron '58 and Carol Bradshaw Follmer** have been in Charlotte, N.C., for 48 years, where Ron practiced neurology. They met in music camp the summer of 1959 where

the instrumental director was the late Allen "Flockie" Flock, a Bucknell music professor. Ron taught at Lewisburg High School, starting in 1959, and he and Carol dated throughout the next four years, although Ron had decided he didn't want to teach and headed off to medical school. They lived in D.C., Tokyo and Honolulu while Ron was in the Army. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Carol worked part time and volunteered, including as a computer programmer. She still has her French horn but doesn't have the courage to play. Ron, however, plays trumpet in

a small brass group and practices faithfully. They remained close to **Harold '60 and Barbara Potts Kelshaw** and traveled many times with them until Harold passed away in 2020. Carol has kept in touch with **Bette Hamilton McConnell**, a buddy since fifth grade, and Bette's husband, **Roger '64**. The Follmers have been fortunate to have made many trips to Hawaii and Europe, including a stay in London with their daughter and granddaughter and a trip to the Netherlands in September.

I am sorry to report the death of **William Pugh**,

who passed away in August 2022. **Patrick Prince Peyser**, who was in our freshman class, died Nov. 15, 2024, in Maryland.

I continue as communication outreach for my little community, maintain the library (which means that I replenish our supplies by happily attending all local book sales) and schedule clubhouse usage. Of course, I spend what time I can with my son, daughter-in-law and grandson. — *Penny West Suritz*

his latest book, *Framed*, which he co-wrote with John Grisham. It chronicles stories of death-row inmates whose wrongful convictions were ultimately overturned. Jim founded Centurion Ministries, which has successfully overturned 71 death-row cases. [Read more about *Framed*, P. 43]. Other Bucknellians in attendance included **Eliot Riskin**, **Lorry Hathaway '65**, **Dick Pace '66** and **Craig Walters '68**. — *Beth Wehrle Smith*

## 1964

I've not received much in the category of good news for Class Notes. Sadly, we lost two wonderful classmates: **Diana "Di" DeLonge French** and **Barb Larson Evans**, who was part of a Tri Delt Zoom group.

In February, **Dee Sherman Kash** wrote to me. "I'll be speaking with **Mack Day [M'64]** on March 18. We share a birthday on that day and have spoken to each other every March 18th for over 60 years. When I turned 50, Mack tracked me down to my chiropractor appointment, and as I was being adjusted, a voice announced over the loudspeaker that 'Dee Kash is 50 years old today.'"

**Phyllis Heckroth Trager** writes, "I went to a book event at Athena, our Greenwich [Conn.] bookstore, to hear **Jim McCloskey** speak about

## 1965

I found out that two of my favorite restaurants in New York City, Robert and Bryant Park Café, are owned and operated by Ark Restaurants, whose CEO is **Michael Weinstein**. Recently, I sat by a window in Robert, atop the Museum of Art and Design, overlooking Central Park, eating a delicious salad, burrata and shaved ham, sprinkled with tiny, spicy yellow flowers, and thinking: "It doesn't get much better than this."

In 1983, Ark appointed Michael CEO with a 42-year contract. (Business majors, have you ever heard of such a thing?) Under his leadership, Ark has grown to own 16 restaurants around the country. The other favorite of mine, Bryant Park Café, was a key factor in the revitalization of the now-beautiful Bryant Park behind the

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main New York Public Library.

I caught up with **Carol Coleman Austin**. A math major, she was one of the first computer programmers and had a distinguished career, ending as the director of information security for Coca-Cola. Carol and her family have lived in the Atlanta area for 47 years. Her two daughters live nearby, so Carol spends many happy hours cheering her four grandkids, who excel at various sports.

**Kathie Knapp McCormick** taught history, geography and Latin in Hampton Township, north of Pittsburgh. She took courses at Westminster College for Latin certification and grew the program in the high school. For years, Kathie and her late husband lived on 36 acres, raising Alaskan Malamutes and racing through the snow as the dogs pulled her sled. With her last Malamute and a cat, she lives in the Sherwood Oaks retirement community in Cranberry Township, north of Pittsburgh.

**Jim Rowbotham** and his wife, Cindy Drayton, live in Manhattan, where he's a partner with the creative services agency BeBranded.net. He keeps up with New York Bucknell alumni and often has interesting news to report, such as Sarah Uzzell-Rindlaub and **John Rindlaub** now live in Osprey, Fla., where John consults with the Sarasota Private Trust and might

play senior volleyball.

Grace and **Dick Stewart** live in Chestnut Hill, Pa., with a vacation home on Sanibel Island, Fla. Dick aims to shoot his age on the golf course and might have reached that goal.

**Jim Dunn** lives in a 55-plus community near San Diego and his book, *Common Sense Selling*, is available on Amazon.

**George Needham** continues to lead his respected investment banking firm, Needham & Co., which celebrated its 40th anniversary. He and wife Ellen live in Manhattan. Libby and **Jason Gray** are longtime residents of Treasure Lake, near DuBois, Pa. They travel frequently, including visits to Hilton Head Island, S.C. **Don Niddrie** and his spouse live in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., where he is dedicated to osprey conservation and care on the Long Island's North Shore.

I'll end with a great story about second chances and happy endings. At Bucknell, **Kay Howard** and **Dick Manley** only knew each other well enough to say "hi." After graduation, he married and went to work at Kodak; she also married and went to grad school at the University of Michigan. By 2010 Kay was divorced and a semi-retired art fair production potter and gallery owner. Dick, a widower, was astonished to discover that he loved driving a school bus after early retirement from Kodak. They reconnected

in 2010 through the Bucknell Class of 1965 Facebook group.

In 2011, she moved from Michigan to join Dick in Canandaigua, N.Y. Since being together, they have spent most summers in the Adirondacks at his lakeside cottage when the buses aren't running or when they aren't taking cruises in Europe and New England. Their four children (two each from their previous marriages) have taken them to Oregon, Missouri, Wyoming, Colorado, Michigan and Georgia. They also take painting classes together, and Kay continues to work in clay.

By the time you read this, I will have been at our 60th Reunion and hope to have gathered lots more news about classmates. Whether or not you attended, please send me good news about you and your Bucknell friends. And if Kay and Dick's story stirred memories of a Bucknellian you would like to reconnect with, you can sign up for access to our class list by contacting our class leader, **Forrest Chilton** (fchilton@verizon.net), or our Bucknell contact, Tara Michaels (tlm029@bucknell.edu), indicating you want to sign the appropriate agreement forms in order to access the class list. — *Jackie Horner Plumez*

## 1966

I'm sorry to start with sad news of the loss of several classmates.

Unfortunately, this is what happens with increasing frequency at this juncture of our lives. Let it be yet another reminder to connect with others while we still can.

**William "Bill" Graham '62** passed away peacefully in January. At 13, he was diagnosed with diabetes and given just two years to live. Bill responded by throwing himself into sports and school and doing everything possible to manage his condition, which he did successfully for 70 years. He was captain of his wrestling teams in both high school and college. He had a career in insurance, growing The Graham Company from a six-person firm into one of the largest risk-management consultancies in the world. Bill, who owned four Harley Davidsons, loved riding with his wife, Fran. Together, the couple gave generously, including helping to reinstate men's wrestling as a varsity sport at Bucknell and bolstering an endowment for women's athletic programs.

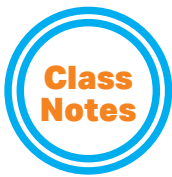
Daughter of **Charles '37** and **Virginia Fisher Vogel '40** and biology major **Carol Lynne Vogel Cox '65** also died in January, surrounded by the love of her children. While at Bucknell, Lynne was a member of the synchronized swimming team and Delta Delta Delta sorority and met her ex-husband, **Tom**, at Bucknell, marrying in 1968. In 1976, the couple moved to

Bennettsville, S.C., where Tom opened Marlboro Animal Hospital. Lynne took care of their three children, Colby, Kern and Wylie, instilling in them a love of being outdoors and exercising.

**Katherine Ann Miller** passed away in February. She had two sons, **Benjamin Turtis '03** and Jeremiah, and two granddaughters and was always on hand for their bike races, cross-country meets and piano recitals. Kathy was an athlete, ballet dancer, chef, world traveler and, notably, an educator. She spent her career as a French teacher, fiercely advocating for her students. She inspired many, including her sons, to be better people. She spent the last chapter of her life traveling the world with partner **Wayne Gibbs '74** and enjoying times with her college friends and teaching colleagues. (She was also our previous class reporter and excelled in this role.)

**Rick Greco** passed in February. A graduate of Palmyra High School in New York, he earned his bachelor's in engineering at the University, playing football at both schools, and was a proud U.S. Marine. After college, Rick worked as an engineer before establishing his own business, Eastern Environmental Services, spending over 50 years expanding a South Jersey small lawn service into a complete lawncare, landscaping and tree company.





Kathy Van Helden reported that her husband, **Ron Van Helden**, died in December 2023 after being diagnosed with colon cancer. Although he was told that his case was curable, he passed away two weeks after surgery. Kathy said Ron was wonderful, the best, and that she couldn't have had a better husband. Their daughter, Angela, was the delight of their lives.

**Amos Smith M'67** died in February due to a traumatic brain injury sustained in a fall. He was Bucknell's first recipient of the combined bachelor's and master's degree in chemistry. He studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and then at Rockefeller University, graduating with a doctorate in chemistry in 1972. Amos accepted a joint appointment at the Monell Chemical Senses Center and the Department of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania. His research centered on the synthesis of complex organic molecules, including projects aimed at inhibiting HIV entry into susceptible cells and its propagation in infected cells. He authored over 800 research papers and was the founding editor of the American Chemical Society research journal.

There is also happy news with a number of gatherings over the winter in southwest Florida. President John Bravman came to address

a group in Naples at an event sponsored by **Larry Klock '69** and attended by over 100, including 16 from the '60s. In various smaller groups, **Ben '63** and **Karen Abel Jones '64**, **Beth Wehrle Smith '64**, **Toby Decker '65**, **Bill Weidenfeller '65**, **Flossie Graber Watt**, **Liz Griffiths Jackson**, **Linda Pecher Donohue '67** and I (**Jackie**) have also gotten together to trade Bucknell memories. Every event is a gift; today is the first day of the rest of your life, so go out and make the most of it. — *Jackie Pearson Weidenfeller*

## 1967

**Jimmy States**, an active outdoorsman, has always been an avid sailor, working his medical practice around those activities. He taught in tribal settings in eastern Washington State, retiring in 2017. Not one to sit on the sofa and rest, he got into disaster medicine with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and spent more than a year in disaster relief, including with the incident management system; was a section chief for a mental health organization for people who had suffered disaster-related trauma; and was instrumental in pushing out a satellite communication system during crises. Jimmy helped retrieve desalination units from old submarines, which ended up on barges to serve those who had lost

access to potable water. He purchased a 17-foot blue water boat and sails up and down the Pacific Coast. In the past, he sailed to Alaska and was hoping to do that again soon at age 80. Because he and I were classmates for eight years (Bucknell and Temple med school), we have some memories to share, like when he took me spelunking near the penitentiary. He told me about a time that he and two other FIJs took dates into a muddy cave and then went to a FIJ party while still covered in mud. He would like to spend time with Doctors Without Borders and is a supporter of the Nature Conservancy. Jimmy is at 360-250-1248 and [jstates@mobiletree.com](mailto:jstates@mobiletree.com).

**Barry Sullivan** joined the Navy after Bucknell and was fortunate enough to have assignments in several places, none of which were Vietnam. Upon separating from the Navy, he got a job with Chase Manhattan Bank, which took him into the world of finance, despite his French major. He had assignments around the world, and then became a vice president of several finance firms, working in North Jersey, Chicago, Baltimore and abroad. After graduation, he married **Betty Thompson Sullivan**, who had teaching jobs in all of these places, including an Armed Forces school in Bahrain. Finally, Barry got a job in the finance section of Armstrong

Floors in Lancaster, Pa., from which he retired in 2008. The couple lives in Lititz, Pa., and have a little farm in Franklin, N.Y., where they spend their summers growing a garden and restoring old tractors. At Bucknell, Barry was a member of Kappa Sigma and played lacrosse. He spoke very fondly of Sid Jamieson, his lacrosse coach and whom I knew from being a dorm councilor under Sid's responsibility. He would like to make contact with **Dave Collins** and **Gil Engler**. Barry is at 717-581-8381 and [bmsullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:bmsullivan@yahoo.com). — *Chuck Gilliland*

## 1968

I caught up with **Bob Haas '67**. The last time I saw him and Anne is when Louise and I drove to the northern neck of Virginia to attend their 50th anniversary. The big news from Bob is that he sold his boat.

I also spoke with **Kip Lewis '67**, who also sold his boat. He lives right up the road in Doctors Lake near Middleburg, Fla., on the St. Johns River.

**Jim Reese '69** didn't have a boat, but he and wife Linda also downsized when they sold their New Orleans house to move to Kansas City, Kan. They were welcomed with a real Midwestern winter. He misses the annual JazzFest music festival in New Orleans (as do I) and hopes to get there to connect with old friends. **Patti Burke Kuhn** didn't

have a boat either but does have a motorcycle that she plans to race as one of her bucket list items, even if she finishes near the back of the pack. She's back and forth between York, Pa., and Palmetto, Fla. She's still adjusting to losing her sidekick and daredevil companion, Jerry.

It's great to connect with our active classmates and other Bison. Everyone has interesting stories to share. On the list include the Kansas City connections of **Bob "Bart" Bartunek**, **Bob Brush** and **Jim**, West Coasters **Dave Aikenhead**, **Stephen Yeatman**, **Sue Penecale Zolla** and **Lynne Huntsberger Killheffer**; Vermonters **Tom '74** and **Carol Vitz Wells '74** and **John "Everett" Buck '70**, as well as **Shelley Weisberg** and **Bob Rovegno**.

Theta Chi lost two brothers with the passing of **Ed Barvir '69** Dec. 10 and **Gary Sparks '70** March 20. — *George Vince*

## 1970

I'd been hoping to have some news to report, as I have only heard from one classmate in the past year. Surely one of you has gotten together with old Bucknell friends, started a new career or hobby after retirement or taken a memorable trip. Please write. — *Lydia Haller Dodd*

## 1971

Bucknell just experienced a trifecta of successful





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alumni events. First, **Lou Kissling** listed his condominium in Telluride, Colo., for sale in 2024. Part two of the trifecta is that the property was listed with **Steve "Stiff" Patterson '72**, a real estate agent and Kappa Sigma fraternity brother who has lived in Telluride for over 50 years. And, finally, the last piece of the trifecta is that the property sold in February. And all funds went to Bucknell via a charitable remainder unitrust. The proceeds will flow to the University's endowment for men's lacrosse. So, three big Bucknell wins in the sale of one condo. Go, Bison!

The Jan. 12 passing of **Kris Redmond Montgomery**, a member of Tri Delta, was noted by her son, Matt. Her obituary is available by searching her name at legacy.com. Next,

your Class Reporter is about at the end of his wits asking classmates to submit updates. I don't have any more condos to sell to fill up Class Notes, so keep me in mind as you ponder the events in your lives. — *Lou Kissling*

## 1972

**Herb Higginbotham** is the recipient of this year's William Metcalf Award of the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, given annually to an outstanding engineer. Herb joined HDR Inc. in 2018 after working for other Pittsburgh-based engineering firms. Prior to that, he worked for nearly 24 years with Allegheny County in senior roles.

Herb writes, "I had three internships with Allegheny County during my college summers.

These were under the guidance of a man named Fred Graham, who became a friend and mentor. Following graduation, I had several job offers, one of which required a reference in order to be offered a higher starting salary. I respectfully asked Mr. Graham's assistant for his recommendation. She called me back saying she was sorry, but Mr. Graham would not give his recommendation. When I asked why, she said, 'Mr. Graham said, "He doesn't need any recommendation because he's going to work for me."' I was eventually offered the higher rate, and I did go to work for Fred for the next 12 years. He was one of the best mentors a young engineer could have." — *Anne Smith Benbow*

## 1975

My apologies for the delayed notice about the death of **Judy Paulosky Lynch** Dec. 21, 2022. A sorority sister at Alpha Chi Omega, **Georgia Young Foote**, shared that Judy had an interesting life as a tax accountant, both corporate and her own private practice. She worked with DeLorean Motor Company and flew on a plane with the Rolling Stones, handling their tour proceeds. Predeceased by her husband, John, Judy has three children, who celebrated Judy's memory from Liberty Park, overlooking the Manhattan skyline where she lived and spent her career.

I hope that those of you who had the privilege of attending our 50th

Reunion will consider sharing updates with me. — *Nancy Quay Bradley*

## REUNION 2026

### 1976

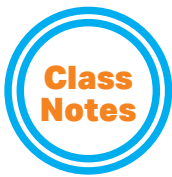
After seeing more and more friends move to townhouses, just before Christmas I (**Gail**) decided to do the same. I really only went around the corner, but it was a big change. I'm still in Cary, N.C., so look me up if you are in the area. — *Gail Waterbury Ferri and Mary Lou Kupfer*

### 1977

**Tad Thayer** reports, "Carol and I are living well in Milton, Del." At the time, they were on a cruise ship in New Zealand sailing to Sydney.

**John Roll** shares, "After retiring 'for good' in 2022,





I have rekindled my lifelong passion for songwriting and embarked on a new career in the music business. In the fall of 2024, I partnered with the Beaird Music Group in Nashville and recorded three of my songs, utilizing the talents of seven world-class musicians, five amazing vocalists and a team of incredible producers and technicians. Those tunes are available on the major music platforms and on [johnrollmusic.com](https://johnrollmusic.com). I'm also proud to be participating in the inaugural Arts Residency Program at the Pingry School's Pottersville, N.J., campus."

**Holly Pugliese Kimmey** tries to have "two more trips in the works" before one trip is completed for her and retired husband Dennis. "Last fall we went on our first cruise since the early 2000s and fell in love with it — spoiled ourselves with a retreat suite on the Celebrity Beyond, with a butler and all. We followed that with a wonderful trip to Aruba. Coming up next is another cruise, then dog sitting for my cousin in Sarasota, Fla. Having earned Marriott Bonvoy lifetime status from tons of work travel, I'm now reaping the benefits, playing the game of earning points followed by using them. We look forward to trying out various Marriott beach resorts.

"On a trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., we got together with **Liz Fearing Clement** and her husband,

Dan. It's always nice to catch up with good friends from Bucknell.

"When home, I stay busy with many projects, my favorite being a passion for painting. I started with online lessons during the pandemic to learn various techniques and mediums. I work out several days a week with a personal trainer, completing my first Spartan race last year at Fenway Stadium. More recently, I decided to volunteer as co-facilitator for a local support group for parents of trans and non-binary children of all ages. We've decided on the name Saratoga Parenting with Pride. I was very honored and excited when I was invited to work with this group. I feel it will be a good way for me to focus my energies in today's political climate."

**Peggy Mathieson Conner**, with a move planned for May or June, writes, "I don't know if you all are adjusting well to this next stage of life — I didn't pay enough attention to all the stuff that stayed here while my parents and my husband, David, passed away and my daughter chose to live in her car and travel the world. Anyway, I'm very lucky that she has come home to help. She has a little over a year until she finishes her doctorate and has a very adorable dog that I'm trying not to fall in love with. Please know how happy I would be if any of you are near Philadelphia and want to get together."

**Carol Campbell McDermott** shares, "Good '77 friends from the U.S. and Canada gathered for spring break in Naples, Fla., in March in honor of our mutual 70th birthdays in order to re-connect, reminisce and create new memories. **Barb Scheffler, Chris Monson, Diane Langevoort Rhodes, Lori Uhle, Sarah Todd Gallagher, Doreen Hakim Bobrow, Debbie Yaskus Harrison, Barb Venturi, Margie Scripsema McInerney, Deidre Mehl Kukucka, Susan Lippert Trapkin, Mary Sue Trimble O'Brien** and Carol were joined by **Janet Bartak Baker** for the celebration. Our five-day stay culminated in an Orange-and-Blue night with Bucknell-colored attire and trivia contest." — *Susan Hunsicker and Brian Knapp*

## 1978

The forsythias are blooming around my neighborhood, which hopefully signals we are nearing the end of winter. Even after all of these years, I still can see the Quad in bloom and remember walking between classes taking in

the beauty of our campus. I hope to stop by on one of my many trips back and forth to Erie, Pa.

I received an update from **Ken Kreitner**, who reported that after 33 ½ years on the job, he retired in December 2023 as the Benjamin W. Rawlins Professor of Musicology at the University of Memphis. Ken, his wife, Mona, and their three cats moved to his hometown of Honesdale, Pa., where he has found "the privileges of emeritus status mean but little." Ken can be reached at [kkreitnr@memphis.edu](mailto:kkreitnr@memphis.edu). Hopefully, he will return to Bucknell for our 50th Reunion, where our future emeritus status does mean a lot.

**Laura Allison Leddy's** sister wrote to advise us of Laura's passing Dec. 22. Her journey after college led her to Asheville, N.C., where Laura found a calling in law enforcement as one of the city's first female patrol officers. She eventually returned to her home state of Rhode Island. Laura's sister added that Laura loved her time at Bucknell and that she babysat Bucknell

President Charles Watts' son while she was a student.

I hope you are all well. Have a great summer and keep in touch. — *Kathy McDonald Adelberger*

## 1979

**Joel Boyd M'80** is the official physician of the U.S. hockey team in the Four Nations competition, held among the teams of the U.S., Canada, Finland and Sweden. Joel is the team physician of the NHL Minnesota Wild and was selected by the team's general manager for the Four Nations honor. Joel was the first Black team physician of an NHL team in 2000. The Wild's general manager explained the reason he chose Joel: "There's nothing he hasn't seen. And you know what? He's got a great attitude. He's got a great personality and is fun to be around. He just fits." Joel served as a physician for the University of Minnesota football team, the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA. While a student at Bucknell, Joel was a Bison star running back. Congratulations, Joel.

**John Weitz**, a wonderful correspondent over the decades, sent me an update from Florida, where he and wife Gail retired. Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused damage to their home as well as prompting an evacuation of their area, but they returned and repairs were done. The

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*Kathy McDonald Adelberger '78*



couple stays healthy with yoga classes, as well as Gail's running and John's walking. He serves as Pinellas County precinct committeeman as well as precinct clerk during primary and general elections. John also plays golf now.

Your reporter has had some health issues over the past year. An MRI showed I have a lesion resting on my spinal column that has caused walking and balance problems, but the good news is that the lesion is not malignant. I will have surgery to remove it, and I'm looking forward to resuming everyday activities including long walks. Please send updates and news. — *Alan Schriger*

## 1980

By the time this comes out in print, our 45th Reunion will be just memories. I hope that everyone reconnected with great old friends. There is no other news, but keep in touch either on the Facebook group or through me directly. — *Deborah L. Hennel*

## REUNION 2026

### 1981

A recent request for news on our Facebook page elicited great responses.

**Pete Cautilli** shared that he stepped out of semi-retirement in February to accept a job at Penn State as senior associate athletic director for capital projects and

facility enhancements. The main project is the revitalization of Beaver Stadium. He has a 3 ½-year contract, so he'll be ready to fully retire when it's completed. Pete has four grandchildren (all under age 3). "Maybe I'll actually make Reunion this year now that I'm close by."

I also received a nice email from **Bruce Markert**, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with his wife, Lucy. He is celebrating his 45th year with GE Aerospace, finishing his career as a consulting engineer in the next few years. All three of Bruce's kids are married and have produced seven grandchildren for their "spoiling and loving." He keeps in touch with Sigma Alpha Mu classmates **Chris Merrell** and **Kerry Davis**.

**Mike Pascucci** told folks on our Facebook page that he is very busy with his father and his godfather, **Ken Langone '57**. Mike lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., with his wife, Janice. Their daughter, Sarah, was to graduate from the NYU graduate school of government studies. Mike has stayed very close with many Bucknell grads including **Jim Campana**,

**Tony Rago** and **Dave Stroka**.

**Gwyn English Nielsen** sent an update as her life has changed quite a bit in the last year. In April 2024, she moved from Scotch Plains, N.J., to Los Angeles. After nearly a year there, she reported that she couldn't be

happier. She is volunteering for five organizations (working mainly on behalf of the homeless) and has returned to theatrical pursuits, performing with the Culver City Public Theatre and offering dramatic presentations of children's picture books at the Playa Vista Public Library. Additionally, Gwyn is still releasing and promoting her original music and is proud to say that her channel ranks up there in the 19th percentile on Spotify.

She has seen Bucknell friends **Vicki Juditz Kirschenbaum '79** and **Tom Meseroll**, author, magician and retired NASA astrophysicist.

News gleaned from the Class of '81 Facebook page includes fun reports of classmates traveling together. **Lorraine Tecza**, who lives in Santa Fe, N.M., runs annual yoga retreats around the world, with this year's taking place in Tanzania. **Brenda Lapinski Horwitz**, **Kathy Long**, **Denise Farnath** and **Anne Binnion Farbstein '80** joined in the fun. It looked like a blast. Brenda and her husband also connected with **Bob Pollokoff** and his wife, Amy, in Naples, Fla., for a fun dinner.

In closing, let me just remind everyone that our 45th Reunion will be held May 29–31, 2026. It is always a great time, so I hope you will consider joining us. — *Carol Christie Rosner*

## 1983

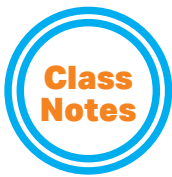
I reached out to **Nancy McGrath O'Neal** to get tips for an upcoming trip to Scotland, as her girls go to university there. She reports, "Both of our daughters attend the University of St. Andrews, and we're finally joining the ranks of empty-nesters with the early September drop off for our youngest for her first year. I love Scotland and enjoy exploring a new area of this amazing country — so glad to have four more years to visit. After last year's drop off, I played tour guide to **Kate Hale Hein** and **Maria Procopio Dugan**. We had an amazing week in the Highlands, the whisky region, at many castles and, of course, in St. Andrews. Speaking of these two ladies, I unfortunately had to miss Maria's son's wedding while in Scotland, but Kate was able to join in the celebration. It was wedding season, as Kate had just attended **Joan Dolezal Kowal '85's** daughter's wedding, where she saw **Ed '85** and **Sarah Manuel Hart '86**."

I had a wonderful weekend at **Laurie Holben Fine's** amazing Hilton Head, S.C., home. In attendance this year were **Meg Barron Born**, **Eileen McCarthy Born**, **Caroline Dillon Marren**, **Karen Fracas Monaghan**, **Stacey Bernhard Smollen** and all the way from California, new empty-nester **Nancy Harvey Worrell**. Our weekend included lunch at the Bluffton Farmers'

Market, beach walks, bike rides, beach yoga, Saturday night comedy and plenty of great food. While relaxing at the pool one morning, our "Nancy Worrell original" custom-embroidered orange towels were noticed by sharp-eyed **Jason Gray '65** and his wife, Elizabeth, who chatted a while. Elizabeth proudly told us Jason was the winner of the Bucknell Service to Humanity Award in 2002. On my way home, during a rest stop at a McDonald's in Dublin, Ga., my Bucknell wear caught the eye of **Jennifer Abbott Klein '91** and her husband, Robert. They were on their way back to Milton, Ga. (about five miles from my home), after checking on the renovation of their new Hilton Head house. Nancy summed up our visit the best in a text, "Still reveling in a wonderful weekend with such amazing women. We are so lucky to have each other."

Lastly, in late March, **Carol Haviland** was heading back into the wilderness, hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT) from southern Virginia to Springer Mountain, Ga. This is the final 700-mile leg of her hike that was interrupted by Hurricane Helene in September. Carol had already completed 2,200 miles of the AT with her brother when Helene forced them off the trail. She is hoping to finish up her quest late this spring with her sister. Carol's trail name is Cricket, and she is





chronicling her trip on YouTube. Cheers and undying respect to you, Carol — what an accomplishment.  
— *Tracey Trusk Eick*

## 1984

Following 25 years in Oklahoma as a television news anchor and reporter for Griffin Media, **Alex Cameron** has spent the last five in Washington, D.C., as Griffin's D.C. bureau chief. His reports air daily on CBS affiliates KWTW News 9 (Oklahoma City) and KOTV News on 6 (Tulsa). Alex's work for KOTV's 2022 news documentary, *The Tulsa Race Massacre: 100 Years Later*, was recognized with one of journalism's most prestigious accolades, an Edward R. Murrow Award. More recently, he served as a panelist/speaker on faith and integrity in journalism. Alex lives in Arlington, Va., with wife Ann. They are the parents of two grown children.  
— *Allison Abouchar Cross*

## 1985

By the time this goes to print, we will have had our 40th Reunion — hard to believe it's been that long. I will save tidbits and updates from Reunion until my next column.

**Peter "Gordy" Gordinier** was excited to share the news that his team at Ramapo Wealth Advisors has been recognized by Forbes | SHOOK as one of the Best-in-State Wealth Management Teams, New Jersey, for

2025. He can't believe our 40th Class Reunion is this year — where has all the time gone? He and his Sigma Chi brothers started a text string to work out plans that included **Jay Colao, Ted Leshner, John D'Incecco, Gene Santiccioli, John Wallace, JB Fowler, Tom Powderly, Frank Boston, Scott Somerville, Ed Hart, Gary Grella** and others.

**Joan Dolezal Kowal** has been making history in the district energy world. This energy system uses a central plant and a network of underground pipes to lower carbon emissions and provide more efficient energy to communities, including college campuses. She is the client growth manager for Jacobs, Energy and Power Americas. She specializes in district energy for higher education, municipalities, airports and health care. Before her time at Jacobs, Joan oversaw business development for the distributed generation group at NextEra Energy Resources and spent 15 years managing energy and utilities at Emory University and the University of Maryland system. The International District Energy Association named her its newest chair. During her tenure, she plans to focus on fostering innovation through diversity in the field.

Regardless of whether you were at Reunion, please send updates.  
— *Carol Rheam Tevis*

## REUNION 2026

### 1986

My inbox is empty. Please send in a note telling us what you are up to as we enter our 60s. — *Joan Daughen Cadigan*

### 1989

**Bill Peters** and wife Stephanie moved to California 10 years ago, where he was CFO of Amphastar Pharmaceuticals and took it public. He and his family moved there from Southampton, N.Y., where they'd been living for 11 years while he worked as the CFO of a smaller pharmaceutical company. The Peters kept their house there and still use it in the summer. Bill's oldest son is at Rollins College, another son is at Cornell, his third is in high school and his fourth is in middle school. Bill continues to be close to Bucknell pals **Jim Nickel, Scott Pinheiro** and **Pete Summersgill**. It was great to hear from Bill because doing so brings back lots of fun memories for me of that whole crew, socializing as well as working together for the Bucknell Student Government.  
— *Renee Leavitt Barlow*

## REUNION 2026

### 1991

I hope your summer has been glorious and restorative and that you already have plans to be back on campus for our 35th Reunion next spring. It's a big one, so make sure to attend if you possibly can. And if

anyone ever swings out to the Hamptons, please reach out to me, as I love to host Bucknell houseguests and make them surf.

**Laura Moore Spangenberg** writes, "My husband, **Scott '89**, and I have completed a fun challenge. During the pandemic, we began a walking challenge of our home state of Massachusetts. We decided to walk a mile in every town — 351 of them. Our local newspaper (community advocate.com) wrote a story, and we also have a blog (walkmasstowns.com)."

Savor your last days of summer, and I hope to see many of you in person next spring in good ol' Lewisburg. — *Lisa duBusc Miller*

### 1993

In April, **Gwen Myer Price** was named senior vice president and provost at The University of Akron (UA). Her responsibilities include leading strategic academic planning with the Faculty Senate, University Council and the Council of Deans; engaging with advisory councils, corporations, local and national foundations, donors and community organizations to expand and enhance academic offerings; collaborating with other institutions of higher education; promoting student success and fostering the creation of innovative programs and services, among other

duties and responsibilities.

In a press release from the university, Gwen wrote, "It is my sincere honor to serve as the next provost of The University of Akron [UA]. UA is an institution that truly embodies its mission to transform students' lives and make a significant impact on the community it serves."

She joined UA in December 2022 as the senior vice provost for academic and faculty affairs in the Office of Academic Affairs. Previously, Gwen spent 15 years in higher education in Pennsylvania, beginning her career as a faculty member in the Middle & Secondary Education Department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, then in administration at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and was next dean of the College of Education and associate provost for students & graduate studies for PennWest University. — *Chris Zacharda*

### 1995

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our 30th Class Reunion. I hope I saw all of you there and that we had the best time catching up and reliving the joy of our time on our beautiful campus. **Chris** and I spent a weekend at our youngest son's college this spring, and it brought me right back to our days at Bucknell — full of friends,





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activity, laughter and fun (to be young again). While we were there, we met **Jennifer Hayes Nikolich '93**. Our sons are in the same fraternity. The grandson of a Class of '62 Bucknellian is also in their fraternity, but the music was too loud for me to catch his grandfather's name. It's always fun to meet other Bucknellians "in the wild" and to share the love of our alma mater.

We spent the New Year with some of our favorite Bucknellians, **Dave and Colleen Taylor Lukens '94** and **Katie Malague '94**. It's never enough time together but always so much fun. I also had the pleasure of a visit with **Jody MacArthur Johnson** in March. It brings me so much joy to get time with her, too. I hope you're

maintaining your Bucknell connections and making new ones. 'ray Bucknell and happy summer.  
— *Jennifer Blob Boner*

## REUNION 2026 1996

## REUNION 2026 2001

Duane Morris appointed Philadelphia partner **Christiane Schuman Campbell** to the firm's eight-member executive committee. In a press release, the firm's chairman and CEO praised Christi for her significant contributions and strong business portfolio that has supported years of focused firm growth. She will continue in her roles as Las Vegas managing

partner and team lead for the Duane Morris fashion/retail/consumer branded products industry group.

Christi is also vice chair of the firm's intellectual property practice group, where she counsels clients on the development, management and protection of their brands. She is a trusted adviser to larger clients' in-house legal teams and regularly steps into an in-house counsel role for smaller and startup clients.  
— *Heather Pollard Adrian*

## REUNION 2026 2006

## 2008

I hope everyone is having a great summer and that some of you were able to make it to Reunion.

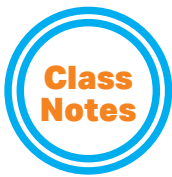
There's nothing like being back on campus and reliving memories with old friends. Save the date for our 20th, three years from now in 2028. Can you believe it?!

**Michael Chauner** has turned an international professional cycling career into business opportunities through Vitesse Sport Performance, his coaching company for cyclists, and as managing director of TeamTrak, an emerging sports league focused on the global sport of indoor track cycling.

While at Bucknell, he was captain of the cycling team and a prolific race winner in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference. After graduation, he spent 14 years racing for pro teams in Sweden, the

Netherlands and the U.S. while also building his coaching business for cyclists of all ages and abilities, from beginner to international contender. In 2022, he became managing director of World Cycling Limited, with a focus on developing race formats for the company's TeamTrak Cycling League and recruiting international athletes. He is also working on the National Sports & Events Center (NSEC), a multi-use sports and entertainment facility in Coatesville, Pa., which will include the first world-class indoor velodrome on the East Coast. TeamTrak plans to debut with its first season of four arena events around the country next year, and construction of the NSEC is expected to





also commence in 2026, with completion expected in 2027. Michael is also a contributing writer to *Healthy Aging* magazine, reporting on international travel and cuisine.

**Grace Ma** is a partner at the consulting firm AHEAD. After graduating from Bucknell, she began her career in management consulting when she joined Deloitte. Today, she often partners with chief experience officers who need to solve complex, enterprise-wide problems (this can range from digital transformation, moving to the cloud, overhauling their business strategy, etc.).

In her spare time, Grace is a very passionate car enthusiast with a soft spot for Porsches, and her passion for the brand and its cars has taken her all over the world to various driving events. One of her favorites is the Porsche Ice Experience in the Arctic Circle of Finland, in which she's participated three times. Grace also owns a few Porsches and loves driving them every chance she gets.

**Greg and Deidre Carlin Wissman** live outside Baltimore with their three children, Luke (10), Eliza (8) and Logan (4). They regularly run into **Travis** and **Katie Keller White** and **Emily Mancusi Dwivedi** and their kids around their small town of Catonsville, Md. Greg is an area transportation leader at RS&H Engineer-

ing, and Deidre is a vice president of account management at AbleTo behavioral health services. The couple met up with **Steve Rivera**, his wife, Renee, and their kids for the second annual offensive line football reunion at Bucknell last fall. Deidre also ran into the new Bucknell men's head basketball coach, **John Griffin III**, in Hershey, Pa., at a kids soccer tournament. It's always nice to see a friendly face.

Last August, **Brian and Anna Riker Mulligan**, along with their two daughters and dog, embarked on an exciting new chapter by relocating from the Bay Area to Copenhagen, Denmark. Brian transitioned to a new role as vice president of portfolio insights and forecasting at Novo Nordisk. The whole family is thrilled about their new life in Denmark and eager to explore Copenhagen's vibrant culture, enjoy the Danish way of life and embrace the many adventures that come with living in a new country.

This past summer, **Scott and Sarah Surgala Wasilko '09** welcomed their fourth child, a baby girl named Meredith Jolene. They have been enjoying life on the Emerald Coast of Florida, where Scott works as an anesthesiologist at a local hospital and Sarah spends her time volunteering. — *Laura Leviski Hyde*

## 2009

Here's a big welcome to new Bucknell babies.

**Scott '08 and Sarah Surgala Wasilko** added their fourth child, Meredith Jolene, to the family in August 2024.

**Christine Yaged Van Horn** and her husband, Greg, had their first child, baby girl Astor Akiko, Sept. 11. Everyone was doing great.

**Chris '08 and Gillian Nordquist Roman** had baby boy Theo Christopher Jan. 30 in Dover, Del. Theo joins brothers Oliver (7) and Noah (4). — *Nikki Seaman Iselin*

## 2010

I'm so glad that so many members of the Class of 2010 made it back to Lewisburg for our 15th Reunion. The weekend was filled with connections, laughter and memories. My thanks to everyone involved in making the weekend one to remember, especially **Casey Hubert Comer**, **Jenny Hirsch Mann** and **Sean Coyne**, who served on the Reunion Committee. I hope to see you all in 2030 for our 20th.

**Jessica Sturzenegger** shared that she is founder and CEO of Amara, a company specializing in healthy foods and snacks for kids. The company was No. 3 on the 2024 Inc. 5000 for food & beverage. — *David Iselin*

## REUNION 2026

### 2011

### 2014

**Lindsay Zajac** and her husband, Alexander Adams, had daughter Avery Frances Sept. 6. She joins her brother, James Joseph (2).

I've been receiving fewer notes lately and am wondering if there's a better way to reach out to a wider range of classmates. Do you know if anyone has had any particular success with email blasts? Anything else? I've been reaching out on Facebook and Instagram but just wondering how to increase engagement. Thanks for any ideas you can share. — *Kaitlin Marsh*

## REUNION 2026

### 2016

### 2017

In February, **Nate Medrano** became vice president of ticket sales and service for the Miami Marlins. He joined the Marlins from the Miami Dolphins organization, where he was senior director, luxury and membership services, overseeing the service and retention of luxury and suites across the Miami Dolphins, Miami Open and the Formula 1 Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix.

Nate began his career with the Dolphins in 2017, and during his time there, the Dolphins broke the all-time season ticket

renewal record, sold out of season tickets for the first time and established the first-ever season ticket waitlist, among other firsts. He was promoted to his most recent position with the Dolphins in 2023.

A student-athlete at Bucknell, playing four years of football, Nate lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with wife **Erika Stube '18**. — *Avid Khorramian*

## REUNION 2026

### 2021

## IN MEMORIAM

### 1945

**Phoebe Follmer Bacon**, Jan. 15, Towson, Md.

### 1949

**G. Ralph Noble M'53**, Feb. 23, Lewisburg

### 1950

**Ellen Cober Hepfer**, Jan. 25, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

### 1951

**June Simon Robinson**, Feb. 11, Morristown, N.J.

### 1952

**Betsy Conklin Akerhielm**, March 16, Wilmington, N.C.

**George Flint**, Jan. 16, Orangevale, Calif.

**John Rimert**, Jan. 25, Pleasant Gap, Pa.

### 1953

**Leonard Ahlfeld**, Jan. 13, Bennington, Vt.

**Jack Barnett**, Feb. 7, Lake Katrine, N.Y.



## 1954

**Dorothy "Dottie" DiOrio**, Jan. 24, Montgomery, Ala.

**Paul Leinbach M'55**, Dec. 28, Leesburg, Fla.

## 1955

**Mary "Bonnie" Walbridge Helweg-Campbell**, March 4, Dallas

**Virginia "Ginny" Nill Swartz P'84**, Jan. 10, West Windsor, N.J.

## 1957

**Howard Sipler**, March 6, Virginia Beach, Va.

## 1958

**Sarah Stuard Detmer**, Feb. 12, Oxford, Pa.

**Robert Perry**, Jan. 19, Ocala, Fla.

## 1959

**Rowland "Ron" Bell P'90**, March 21, Chevy Chase, Md.

**Robert Drew**, Feb. 10, Albany, N.Y.

**C. Rodney Eaton**, Dec. 31, Silver Lake, N.Y.

**Richard Merrell**, Feb. 26, Valhalla, N.Y.

## 1960

**Virginia "Ginny" Notari Fisher P'96, G'26**, Jan. 8, Shelton, Conn.

## 1961

**Virginia "Ginnie" Glaser Berwick**, Dec. 10, Gladwyne, Pa.

**Pris Teleky Davis**, Oct. 28, Chatham, Mass.

**Barry Goldberg P'90**, Jan. 25, Tarzana, Calif.

**Richard Miller**, Oct. 2, Media, Pa.

**Paul Pearson P'89**, Feb. 17, Tonawanda, N.Y.

## 1962

**Jeff Chu P'96**, Jan. 14, Peabody, Mass.

**Bill Graham**, Jan. 29, Gladwyne, Pa.

**Jan Jones Woodring**, Jan. 29, Sun City, Ariz.

## 1963

**Joan Space Arscott**, Jan. 27, Danville, Calif.

**William Emrich**, Feb. 16, Bay City, Mich.

## 1964

**Barbara Larson Evans**, Jan. 29, Ocean City, N.J.

**Diana "Di" DeLonge French P'90**, Dec. 31, Mahwah, N.J.

**Richard "Dick" Howard**, Jan. 17, Houston

## 1965

**Lynne Vogel Cox P'94**, Jan. 18, Bennettsville, S.C.

## 1966

**Rick Greco**, Feb. 23, Riverton, N.J.

**Katherine Ann Miller P'03**, Feb. 5, Durham, N.C.

**Amos Smith M'67**, Feb. 3, Merion Station, Pa.

**Ronald Van Helden**, Dec. 22, 2023, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

## 1968

**Leslie Geer**, March 14, Charlottesville, Va.

**Richard Getrich**, Feb. 14, New Market, Md.

**Henry "Hank" Schmidt**, May 7, 2024, Lockport, N.Y.

## 1969

**Edward Barvir**, Dec. 10, Sykesville, Md.

**Eric Johnson**, Jan. 19, Acton, Mass.

## 1970

**Dennis Eister**, Sept. 19, Ogden, Utah

**John Gary Sparks**, March 20, Indianapolis

## 1971

**Krista Redmond Montgomery**, Jan. 12, Encinitas, Calif.

## 1972

**Kathleen Ward Gaines**, Jan. 25, Kennewick, Wash.

**Steve Levings**, Jan. 3, Williston, Vt.

## 1974

**Jay Knerr**, Dec. 27, Silex, Mo.

## 1975

**Judith Paulosky Lynch**, Dec. 21, 2022, Secaucus, N.J.

**Wayne Redmond**, Jan. 28, Albuquerque, N.M.

## 1978

**Laura Allison Leddy**, Dec. 22, East Providence, R.I.

## 1980

**Janice Rustad Hegelein**, Jan. 9, Rochester, Mich.

## 1984

**David Reeder**, Jan. 27, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

## 1985

**Doug Besselman P'18**, Feb. 13, Holland, Pa.

## 1987

**William Howe**, Dec. 29, Schenectady, N.Y.

## 1993

**Deidra "Dee" Duffalo Moser**, Jan. 8, Downingtown, Pa.

## 1998

**Eric Wood**, Jan. 12, Atlanta

## 2005

**Nathan Patterson**, Feb. 27, Harrisburg, Pa.

## 2007

**Roxannah Hunter**, Feb. 23, Lancaster, Pa.

## 2010

**Trevor Franklin**, Feb. 4, Verona, Wis.

## 2015

**Galen Spencer-Linzie**, March 11, Hoboken, N.J.

## Master's

**Donald Beck M'54, P'87, G'18**, March 10, Naples, Fla.

**Frederick Bierly M'68**, Feb. 5, Jersey Shore, Pa.

**Mark Hagenbuch M'79**, Feb. 25, Dillsburg, Pa.

**Donald Keener M'59**, March 5, Williamsport, Pa.

**Martha Brown Rommelt M'50**, Feb. 18, Williamsport, Pa.

**Edward Wassel M'55**, Jan. 26, Pine Grove, Pa.

## Faculty and Staff

**Elias Abelson**, March 9, Portsmouth, N.H.

**Marilyn "Mardi" Mumford M'59**, Jan. 25, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

**Lou Ann Potter**, Feb. 9, New Bloomfield, Pa.

**Marianne Torza**, Jan. 21, Lewisburg, Pa.

**Joyce Wagner**, Jan. 27, Mifflinburg, Pa.

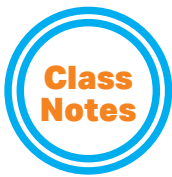
**David Wilder**, March 23, Lewisburg, Pa.

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# The Reading Room in Bucknell Hall



*“It is, for me, the crown jewel of campus and the center for contemporary literature.”*

Peter Balakian '73, P'10 will attend the Oct. 4 dedication of the Jack Wheatcroft '49 Reading Room.

by **PETER BALAKIAN '73, P'10**  
photograph by **JAMES T. GIFFEN**



Every time I return to campus, I find my way to the Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts in Bucknell Hall and sit in the pews of the Reading Room.

Over the years, I've spent many memorable times there listening to poets, giving readings and being part of literary festivals. Hundreds of writers, from Pulitzer Prize winners to Bucknell students, have given public readings there since its opening in 1988.

The Reading Room is grand and elegant, with its original Arts and Crafts-era design: a high, vaulted ceiling, original wainscoting with trimmings of William Morris-style wallpaper, rising windows with stained glass and beautiful antique pews.

The Stadler Center was the vision of Homer Rainey Professor of English **Jack Wheatcroft '49**, a poet and fiction writer who taught at Bucknell from 1952 to 1995. He transformed Bucknell Hall into the center for creative writing and more broadly, for the arts.

Jack taught and affected generations of Bucknell students with a generosity that was rare for a teacher so

immersed in his own intellectual work and writing. Over 50 years, he published 26 books of poetry, fiction and plays. Along with the Stadler Center, Jack also founded the Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets and the Philip Roth Residence in Creative Writing, propelling Bucknell into national prominence in contemporary literature and writing.

In recognition of Jack's visionary contributions to the arts at Bucknell, the Reading Room in Bucknell Hall will be named in his honor. On Oct. 4, the University will host a dedication ceremony during Homecoming. Alumni and friends are invited to attend and celebrate Jack's enduring legacy in this special space. While traveling across campuses as a writer, I've never found a space as inspiring.

*Peter Balakian '73, P'10 is the author of many books, including Ozone Journal, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. He was Bucknell's 2017 Janet Weis Fellow in Contemporary Letters and also received an alumni Service to Humanity Award. He teaches at Colgate University.*



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The Class of 2025's tribute to the University is a new brick pathway that connects the iconic Christy Mathewson Gates to the sidewalk along Dent Drive. Members of Bucknell Student Government, pictured here, led the effort to bring the project to life. The class was the first to walk on it during their Commencement ceremony on May 18.

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