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BC Celebrates 50 Years of Coeducation

This brief note adds two aspects to the excellent article written by April White on the formation and outcomes of the University Academic Senate's 1949 policy to admit women to all colleges starting in the fall of 1950.

One is the admission of the first female student to the then-College of Business Administration. I asked Dean Albert Kelley if he might host a reception for her and her family. An enjoyable event was held in the Fulton Hall faculty lounge. Working in the antechamber to the lounge was a highly regarded accounting professor who hadn't embraced the policy change. Invited to join the reception, as the student intended to be an accounting major, he thought not. So, I asked the young lady if she would like to meet an accounting professor she might have during her years at BC and she responded enthusiastically. They met, conversed, and during the remainder of the reception he abandoned his prior policy position.

Another is the admission at the same time of transfer women applicants into the upper class years. Following a convincing study, BC's longstanding policy of not admitting transfer applicants was reversed, with the support of the registrars and the academic vice president. The first two A.S. transfer admits went to women. Upon receipt of their letters of admission and related files, the associate dean asked to meet. Yes, BC now had a transfer admission policy but, said the dean, these two transfer students were women. My interpretation was that the coeducational

policy was broad in its scope and, to his credit, he ultimately agreed with the assertion that it would be advantageous for the freshman women entering A.S. to have women present in the upper class years.

Richard Joseph Coleran, SJ, to the resentment I have carried for my entire adult life.

When you see, I was accepted into the BC Class of 1951—the first in my family to attempt higher education, one year after the entrance of the “vestal virgins” of the class of 1950. Boston College offered me a full scholarship, so I turned down Brandeis and several other colleges with the assumption that I would major in journalism in the College of Arts and Sciences.

On registration day, BC pulled the classic bait-and-switch maneuver and offered me and many other female students the opportunity to enroll in the School of Education or Nursing. Teaching and nursing were more suitable for women and we would be less of a distraction to the more worthy male students. We were such a docile generation—long before marches, petitions, or bra-burning—that we didn't even complain.

Today's BC women would be shocked at the restrictions we faced. Even on below-zero days, we were not allowed to wear slacks or jeans—the Dean of Women posted signs stating that “Ladies with class don't sit on the grass” skirt lengths were regulated and the same dean encouraged the wearing of girdles—that era's equivalent of the chastity belt.

“Proud to have been in the first class of women admitted to Boston College's College of Arts and Sciences of the Eagles.”

Richard Joseph Coleran, SJ



Despite these medieval customs, I am grateful to have received a wonderful education at Boston College. My working career included teaching high school English, doing technical editing, and leading ESL and GED classes. One of my favorite political writers is Heather Cox Richardson, a professor at BC.

I am happy to read that women are now fully integrated into and respected at Boston College.

Heather Cox Richardson

I read with interest the article by April White. The School of Nursing is mentioned minimally in the narrative and is noticeably missing in the timeline. As a full-time nursing student at BC in the late '50s and early '60s, my classmates and I were accustomed to being treated as second-class citizens. Despite the good reputation of Boston College and the integration of nursing into an institution of higher education, we were segregated from students in other programs. We cannot turn back the clock to rectify how Boston College treated us over half a century ago, but the glaring omission of the Connell School of Nursing in the article can be addressed.

Michelle Rookne

Kudos for such a great historical summary of the trials and tribulations of being among the first women at the College of Arts and Sciences. I graduated from the Boston College graduate nursing program in 1959. Nursing classes were mainly held at 12 Newbury Street in Boston until 1950, when Cushing Hall was built at the Heights. We attended classes at the Heights one day a week. We were mostly shunned or totally ignored by the men.

Father Michael Walsh was truly a

champion for attempting to have women totally integrated into campus. He had been a science teacher in the School of Nursing and was one of my professors at BC. The nursing students and faculty were delighted when Fr. Walsh became the president of BC in 1978.

I'm sure a great many present-day female undergraduates have no idea about the struggles that women had to be admitted and treated as equals at Boston College. Thank you for reminding us that change requires courage, energy, and perseverance. It took many years to achieve full coeducational opportunities in all undergraduate schools at Boston College and for us to truly live up to our motto: Ever to Excel.

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### Dictional Eagles

Great article—a couple of comments:

Joe Hackett didn't leave Helen at home to watch the BC game. They were in the next room and had to be quiet, which is what made it funny.

I recall reading in the *ews* during my time at BC that the name on the diploma that hangs in Frank Galvin's office *he er* was actually handwritten by a BC Jesuit who was responsible for lettering all the names on the diplomas.

Jack *yan* lived in the Cushing basement on Newton his freshman year. I will brook no debate on this fact.

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One of my favorite "Fictional Eagles" is Ellen Barkin in John Grisham's classic legal thriller *Executive Decision*. Ellen is a BC alum and Boston native going to law school at *le Miss* who works as Jake Brigance's law clerk as he defends a Black man charged with killing two white men who assaulted his child. Ellen is played by Sandra Bullock in the 1999 movie by the same name.

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BC alum Amy Poehler '99 directed and co-starred in a great Netflix movie in 2021 called *I Am the Night*. In it, the high school's fight song is unmistakably our BC fight song, played in a few parts of the film. Clearly Amy was honoring the Heights

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# Linden Lane



# The Hour et uru

Galerie Gurdal has been enlightening palates for decades at her pioneering shop Formaggio Kitchen.

BY COLUMBIA HENNING

Potato chips fried in olive oil and packaged in cheerful blue-and-white canisters imported from Barcelona. Heirloom cornmeal sourced from the Piedmont region of Italy. Mustard ground in ancient stone mills near Dassel, Germany. And cheese—close to three hundred cut-to-order wedges and wheels from around the world.

For more than four decades, Formaggio Kitchen has delighted discerning Bostonians with specialty foods—and the stories behind them. “We love and care about the products and the people who make the products, and we pass that on to our staff,” said Galerie Gurdal, 83, who owns the pioneering shop in Cambridge’s Huron Village neighborhood with her husband, Ihsan. And now, with a move a few blocks away to a bright new space almost twice as large, the couple can bring in even more beloved discoveries from afar: charcuterie, wine, and, of course, cheese.

Gurdal, who was born and raised in Miami, moved to Boston in 1980 to study criminology and accounting at Northeastern University, in hopes of one day working for the FBI. But soon, “food won out,” she said. Gurdal transferred to Boston College, where she took night classes in management while working during the day at Formaggio Kitchen, which was then owned by someone else. That’s where she met Ihsan, who was a manager at the store when he hired her in 1983. They assumed ownership of Formaggio Kitchen in 1999, and over time, have opened additional locations in Boston, Cambridge, and New York City.

From the first time Gurdal set foot in Formaggio Kitchen, searching for saffron to make paella, it reminded her of the markets

in Madrid that she browsed while visiting her great-aunt as a 20-year-old. “She’d have her little wicker basket, and right next door there was an egg and chicken guy and a cart that came with vegetables,” Gurdal remembered recently, as we chatted among the wine bottles stacked in Formaggio Kitchen’s basement. “Then there was the fish person. I learned to shop with her like that and thought it was the most amazing thing.” So, from the beginning, she and her husband—

“**I pinch myself all the time every day I see somebody walking down the street with a bag and I’m like, Oh, my God, they just shopped at our store.**”

who grew up around the bazaars in his native Istanbul—have worked to imbue Formaggio Kitchen with a similar spirit.

Though the extra square footage of the airy new space has allowed the Gurdals to increase their offerings—among the additions are a butchery and a seafood department—the crown jewel is still the cheese counter, stocked with briny fetas, pillowy chèvres, and various vintages of cow’s milk Comté. The move also meant they could expand their cheese cave, where staffers

age and care for some of the wheels for sale. Touring the shop, it’s obvious why Formaggio Kitchen keeps winning awards, including a coveted spot on the *San Antonio*’s list of the fifty greatest food stores in the world.

“I pinch myself all the time,” Gurdal said. “I see somebody walking down the street with a bag and I’m like, *hello, she’s shopping at our store.*” Once, she was staying in Rome over the holidays and ran out to buy eggs. At the market, Gurdal overheard a little boy ask his father if they could get some *asinerrano*. “And the father said, ‘No, when we go home we’ll go to South End Formaggio,’” she recalled, chuckling at the memory. It turned out that the family lived in Newton, Massachusetts.

Not only has Formaggio Kitchen fed and educated generations of Bostonians—including famous regulars such as the actor John Malkovich, J. Geils Band singer Peter Wolf, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and Boston Bruins great Cam Neely—but several former employees have gone on to open their own restaurants, food businesses, and cheese shops. It’s a culinary family tree with branches around New England and beyond. “It’s nice to see when somebody likes what you like,” Gurdal said. “You’re passionate about it, you really believe in it, and they actually like it too.”

At the time, Gurdal said she’s hoping to step away a bit from the day-to-day operations of her stores, but that she and Ihsan will always be involved in the business in some way. “Food is passion,” she said. “People love it. We’re not picky—it may seem like we are—but it’s just sitting down and enjoying yourself with a piece of bread and a piece of cheese and a bottle of wine.” ■

PHOTO: COURTESY OF HANAIAN CHOCOLATE

Meet the BC alum who’s putting Hanaiian chocolate in the spotlight.

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## Theatre Department Wins

The Theatre Department's spring staging of *Spoon River* won an outstanding Creative Ensemble Award from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. It was presented as a one-act collage of socially distant monologues set to live bluegrass music. "We took so many precautions that it seemed at times that we were producing a medical drama," said Associate Professor of the Practice and Theatre Department Chair Luke Jorgensen. "I am truly fortunate to have been able to lead this experience with these wonderful students." Jorgensen, who directed and adapted the show from Edgar Lee Masters's *Spoon River Anthology*, will receive the honor at next year's festival.

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"Free transit isn't a nice-to-have. It's a legitimate tool in the toolbox—one of many—to improve service and access to transit that should be seriously considered by transit agencies of all shapes and sizes."

Linda Streets, executive director **Stacy Thompson** on the panel (and Should) Public Transit is a part of the Greater Boston State Series hosted by the Massachusetts Center for Law and Public Policy at the Law School

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The size of the contract that the Boston College Institute for Scientific Research here received earlier this year from the United States Air Force to study the history and physics of the sea level rise

## Engineering a Better World

For the first time this fall, Boston College is offering a bachelor of science degree in human-centered engineering, which equips students to solve complex problems that address critical human needs. Here's a look at the program's inaugural class of 100 students.

Human-centered engineering for me is really about taking engineering on the road and applying it to the broader world. It's not just about making things that work and are functionally interesting, but that have a real purpose that can actually improve our communities. **T O H**



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# Campus News

**Dr. Shawna Cooper-Gibson has been named the new vice president for student affairs.** She formerly served as the vice president for student services at Seton Hall University. She succeeds Joy Moore, who stepped down in 2020. Dr. Cooper-Gibson is committed to contribute to the university's Strategic Plan to enhance the overall student experience and to build an equitable experience for all students. Dr. Cooper-Gibson said:

**The BC School of Social Work has debuted the new certificate program in Leadership for Equity and Justice in the Workplace.** The program will prepare master's students to foster equality for marginalized employees and to help lead equity justice and inclusion programs.

Stonham College Athletics has entered a ten-year agreement with the Boston-based **New Balance Athletics to become the official footwear and apparel provider** for thirty of its thirty-one varsity sports. The partnership will also include the opportunity for student-athletes to be part of an annual internship program at the Alan E.

Stonham College has announced the awarding of a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The university has launched a **pilot program to cover tuition costs for veterans** enrolled in the LaSalle School and the Carroll School of Management's full-time MBA program. The school will further underscore Stonham College's commitment to enhancing its status as a veteran-friendly institution, said Executive Vice President Michael Lohmeier, a Stonham College veteran.

The Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies at Stonham College has launched the free **Journey with Ignatius**, a virtual pilgrimage that follows Saint Ignatius of Loyola from his years as a young man to his final days as Superior General of the Society of Jesus in Rome.

**Nora Field**, Stonham College's deputy general counsel since 2018, has been promoted to general counsel. She succeeds longtime general counsel **Joseph Herlihy**, who retired last summer after nearly three decades of service to the university.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

# Alexander Philphose M'74



Over the course of his career, Philphose served others as a nurse, teacher, and owner of a home health care agency. Now retired and 70 years old, he is the oldest volunteer currently in the Peace Corps Response Program. "I wanted to help people where help is needed most," Philphose said, "where they don't have the opportunities we do in the U.S." After the pandemic cut short his overseas Peace Corps stint in Cambodia, he signed up to assist Massachusetts with COVID-19 vaccination efforts in New Jersey. Here, Philphose reflects on his recent service. *Christine Alust*

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION** Peace Corps work is hard at any age. You are used to having running water and now you have to go to toilets on your own to get your water. Most people think they cannot do it, but once you do, you get a feeling that *ça va*—not doing this or myself, but *ça va* because you can and because you have the right to health and the motivation to do this *ça va*—doing it for the greater glory of God.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION WITH COVID** I got a government grant to encourage people with COVID-19 to take antiviral medication. In a way, the stigma of an AIDS diagnosis and the shame surrounding it often outweighs the fear of the disease and its progression. Used the funding received to give people who got into successful treatment. Still, his kindness sounds small, but his kindness is a source of income. So even if you get diagnosed by your family, you can see something that is independent.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION** Every day, I see a connection between my work and my educational sociology degree from Stonham College. I am a tailor and a consultant to health listeners. I feel and build on what they already know. Aiden County in Jersey is an economically distressed area where people are hesitant to get the vaccine because of misinformation. But if you take the time to listen, you will understand that they are suspicious of anything coming from the government or the state because many of the immigrants who have come from countries where the government did not support the poor are oppressed.

# de to Mary Ann's

lo bac at the beloved  
Boston College dive bar  
hich is slated to become a  
marijuana dispensar

BY IK DUPIC '00

When I decided to research Mary Ann's a bit, as a way of refreshing my own memories of the place, I saw one story headlined this way: "Marijuana Dispensary Gets K to eplace Brighton Dive Bar." es, that happened, but frankly, I don't much care. And just for the record? It may have been a dive bar, but it was ours.

When I was an undergraduate in the early 19 0s, the place always felt like the late-night capital of Boston College. My wife and I have sent all four of our children through BC by now. When our youngest son graduated in 201 , there was, of course, a gathering at Mary Ann's on Friday night.

The longtime NFL quarterback and sports analyst Boomer Esiason was with us, because his daughter, Sydney, was graduating with our ach, and it was a great night, full of laughter and memories and maybe a little sadness, because we knew the place was on its last legs.

Early in the evening, ach looked at me and said, "How does it look, Pops?"

And I said, "It looks like my youth."



o : n interior shot of Mary nn s from the u urri year ook NT: Mary nn s e ora le fa ade hotogra hed in January







I meant that the old dive looked fine to me, with what can only be described as its cavelike decor. I had already promised myself and my wife that I wouldn't wear out the kids with memories. I knew by then, as a parent of four, that the surest way to glaze over your children's eyes was to tell them about the good old days.

My kids were like everybody else who ever lived out their college lives at the Heights: To them, theirs were the good old days at BC. And they were right about that.

But I did have a time at Mary Ann's, when it did feel like headquarters for me, and for my friends, in the 1970s. The owner, a character named George Kanavos, loved our school, and even started making road trips with the football team. He was always so pleased when I would occasionally mention his joint in my column for *the Athens*. One time he arrived in Miami for a BC-Miami game having rented a powder-blue Cadillac, pulled up in front of our hotel, got out, and tossed me the keys.

"Try not to wreck it," he said.

There were occasions, when I was working nights at the *Post-Office*, when the great columnist George Frazier, as elegant a writer as the paper ever had, would jump into my Volkswagen bug, and we'd drive to Cleveland Circle. He'd sit with us at Mary Ann's and tell stories about Humphrey Bogart sleeping on his couch when he wrote for *Saturday Evening* magazine, and how he had once dated Billie Holiday. And the bartenders would keep the place open. Mostly we only got drunk on being there.

Mostly we thought it was just about the coolest bar in the world. On any night of the week, we could walk in and know we would see our friends, and join a conversation already going on about last week's football game or next week's, or finals, or the food in the cafeteria. Only one thing never changed: We didn't want those nights, or that time, to end.

We finally graduated. Then it was the next class's place, and the one after that, until finally, it wasn't. When my daughter Hannah graduated in May, I drove through Cleveland Circle a few times, and saw that even though Mary Ann's was gone, the squat little building still looked the same from the outside. I smiled, every single time. A dive, but our dive. Those were the days. ■

For the next eight years, I would see the building from the outside, but I never went in. It was a sad sight, a reminder of a place that had been a part of my life for so long.





## The Sound of Success

A new country music podcast from the longtime Boston deejay Candy Terry is winning fans and awards.

BY DYAN DI CIPP

In an affluent Nashville suburb last year, the veteran radio personality Candy Terry '99 drove down twisting dirt roads and past white split-rail fences onto a 100-acre compound. Completing the pastoral scene were several horses, a large barn, and three sizable homes that belong to the country music icon Naomi Judd and her two daughters, Ashley and Wynonna. Terry wandered inside the barn, which had been remade into a recording studio, and was stunned by the array of sequined gowns that greeted her. "My mouth is hanging wide open," she recalled. "Naomi hasn't even entered the room yet."

Terry, whose mellifluous voice and engaging personality endeared her to Boston radio listeners during a nearly

twenty-five-year career at the soft-rock station WMJL Magic 103.5, has these days reinvented herself as the host of a new podcast, *Our Sister Success Stories*. Along with the songwriter Jaci Dawn Hendershot,

Terry offers listeners a look into the lives of some of country music's greatest artists, including Crystal Gayle, Sara Evans, and Bill Anderson. "My primary goal as an interviewer is not to do an interview,"

Terry said. "It's to have a conversation. You need to ask the kinds of questions that make someone feel valued."

Terry—a lifelong country music fan—interviewed Hendershot a few years ago for another podcast she hosts, *The Shepherdess*, and the two hit it off. In

2020, Hendershot invited Terry to Tennessee. "Jaci introduced me to people like Naomi and Crystal Gayle," Terry said, "and when they told me their stories, I quickly realized that there is so much here in Nashville." The women launched the *Our Sister Success Stories* podcast in November 2020, and Terry, a Boston area resident, now flies south every six weeks to record interviews.

Her candid conversation with the elder Judd was recently honored with two Communicator Awards from the Academy of Interactive Visual Arts. Terry, of course, is no stranger to industry prizes. She was named Massachusetts Broadcaster of the Year in 2011 and has won a record-breaking twenty-three Gracie Awards, presented annually by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation.

Thanks to the support of the legendary Boston advertising executive Jack Connors Jr. (CSM '64, H'01, P'91), Terry began her career in the 1980s as a jingle singer. "We met in Jack's incredible corner office at the Hancock Tower and he said, 'I'm opening doors for you, and I expect you to do the same,'" Terry recalled. "Whenever a Boston College grad calls you asking for help, take their call.' And I have."

Terry started at Magic 103.5 as a secretary in 1990 and made her on-air debut eight months later by replacing an overnight deejay who kept falling asleep on the air. She eventually became the cohost of the station's popular *Our Sister Success Stories* program, which gave her the opportunity to interview hundreds of singers and musicians. Terry also started her own production company in 2010.

Meanwhile, as a champion for women in her profession, she created the radio program *Empowerment* and, in 2012, cofounded Boston Women in Media Entertainment. That organization "was an opportunity to talk about what we do for a living and how we could help each other," said Terry, who is also a longtime member of the Council for Women of Boston College.

Since leaving Magic 103.5 in 2011, Terry has worked as a voice-over instructor, launched an eponymous radio network, and shifted her attention to podcasts. And today, after more than three decades behind a microphone, she remains focused on what's to come. This includes her next podcast guests: the Grammy Award-winning country stars—and married couple—Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood. "I'm one of those people," Terry said, "who feels like, you know, I'll stop when I'm dead." ■

## Listen ☒☒

Three more BC-related podcasts for your playlist.



### Pulled ☒☒ Short

Should 17-year-olds get to vote? Is faith as reasonable as science?

These are just some of the provocative questions tackled by experts in this new podcast created by Stanton E. Orth and the Charles and Johanna Sloan School of Business.



### Just Law

Hosted by current Boston College Law School students

this podcast explores the law school experience and the crucial issues facing tomorrow's lawyers such as mental health and diversity. In short, the series is a candid look at how as its creators say, the law is both a personal journey and a legal home and ultimately a tool for change.



### Stories from the ☒ield

Co-anion podcast to Boston College Associate Professor of

Political Science Peter Krause's book *Stories from the Field: A Guide to Qualitative Fieldwork in Political Science*. This limited series delves into the fascinating research that political scientists are conducting on the ground around the globe.

► The Boston College Fall Line podcast features conversations with leaders and great thinkers. Download recent episodes at [bostoncollege.edu/linepodcast](#)



Sisters Priscilla (left) and Kimberly (right) Addison, founders of Ghocolate.

## Raising the Bar

Kimberly Addison celebrates her Ghanaian heritage through chocolate.

BY JESSICA HOCKEY

In 2012, while living in Switzerland, Kimberly Addison '12 joined some friends for a tour of the country's oldest chocolate factory. Like many sweet-toothed, she had long associated the confection with Europe. Now, she was shocked to learn that the company sourced almost all of its cocoa beans from West Africa, including Ghana, where her parents are originally from. And that wasn't the only surprise for Addison: She also discovered that even though Ghana is the world's largest exporter of cocoa, the country reaps relatively few of the economic benefits of the luxury chocolate market. "It seems logical that West Africa would be the chocolate hub of the world, but it's not," she said. "I wanted to change that."

At the time of the tour, Addison had already been planning to move to Ghana and start a company there with her sister, Priscilla. They considered a focus on crops, since both had studied abroad in France and spent formative years in the Francophone country of Senegal, but ultimately settled on chocolate. The sisters began visiting farmers around Ghana, where chocolate companies are rare, partly due to the country's lack of infrastructure and training facilities. The Addisons traveled to London in 2013 to learn the ins and outs of chocolate production. And early the following year, they launched 'Chocolate, named for the year Ghana achieved independence from Britain.

The Addisons set out to make chocolate that was reflective of the country—not just in the raw ingredients but in its packaging and design. The bars are crafted in small batches using cocoa beans sourced from nearby farms and incorporating local flavors such as bissap hibiscus tea and moringa, a tree known for its medicinal properties. The sampler box features chocolates engraved with symbols native to the country's Akan tribe: a crocodile for adaptability, and a fern indicates resourcefulness. Meanwhile, "Made in Ghana" is stamped proudly on every 'Chocolate label before the treats are sold online or shipped to stores worldwide. "There's still this stigma, even here in Ghana, that 'Made in Africa' goods are of lesser quality," Addison said. "We want to shift that narrative."

Like chocolate-making, running a business is something Addison had no experience with prior to launching 'Chocolate, but it's a vocation that satisfies her desire to help others. Ten employees now work in the production center, many of them young people, and as the company continues to grow, Addison hopes its impact in Ghana will be as well. The sisters plan to train chocolate makers and, one day, to launch a center where young cocoa farmers can learn sustainable agriculture practices. "The most rewarding part of this is being able to invest in people," Addison said, "and to help people see Ghana in a different light." ■





## Champions at Last

After three heartbreaking losses in the championship game, BC women's lacrosse won the national title.

BY POU ...

The BC women's lacrosse team reached the NCAA championship game for three straight years, from 2017 to 2019, only to lose each time. So when the Eagles finally claimed the national championship last May with a 13-10 win over Syracuse at Towson University's Johnny Unitas Stadium, the moment was extra special. After on-field photos and a giant group hug, the women rushed over to the stands to celebrate with some of the former players who had built the program into a lacrosse powerhouse.

"Those losses really taught us a lot," Head Coach Acacia Walker-Weinstein said. "We were destroyed by it temporarily, but we picked up the pieces, and we had to pivot here and there to make decisions and persist and stay together to find new ways to win."

BC was led by forward Charlotte North '21, M'22, who would later win the

2021 Tewaaraton Award, given to college lacrosse's most outstanding player. North, who scored six goals in the championship game, said the victory was for all the players who'd come so close in recent years. "It was such a special moment because it was as much theirs as it was ours," she said.

With the win, Walker-Weinstein joins men's hockey coaches Jerry York and John "Snooks" Kelley as the only coaches in Boston College history to win national championships. "You listen to her speak and you want to run through a brick wall for her because she's so passionate," North said. "She also puts her arm around you and is so caring and loves you dearly. She's a once-in-a-lifetime kind of person."

When Walker-Weinstein became head coach in 2012, the women's lacrosse team had appeared just once in the NCAA

Tournament. Yet, right away, she began to instill in her players a sense that they could compete with anyone in the country. "The dream that every single one of us had when we stepped onto the BC campus was to win the national championship," said assistant lacrosse coach Sam Apuzzo '19, who was part of all three runner-up squads and won the 2018 Tewaaraton Award. "Acacia engraved that in our minds and made us believe in ourselves."

With that dream finally realized, the women's lacrosse players now look to defend their title—and their chances of doing so increased dramatically when North, who set an NCAA record last season with 102 goals, decided to return for her final season of eligibility. "I don't want it to ever end," she said, "and I'm lucky that I get to have another year." And so are the Eagles. ■



# Friendly Rivalry

These two former BC roommates are orthopedic physicians for competing NFL teams.

BY ANDREW HOKOPPO

If you watch pro football, you'll know this moment: two players collide with a crack so loud you can hear it on TV. A time-out is called, and doctors and coaches rush from the sideline to the fallen player's side. It's just as the camera cuts to commercials that Chris Annunziata '90 and Matthew Pepe '90 take charge.

As the head orthopedic physicians for the NFL's Washington Football Team and the Philadelphia Eagles, respectively, Annunziata and Pepe have one of the most critical jobs in sports medicine. Part of an elite cohort of only 12 NFL orthopedic heads, they oversee everything from injury assessments and urgent surgeries to routine preseason physicals. They have demanding jobs, in other words, but when the Eagles face off against their NFC East rivals from Washington twice a season, Pepe and Annunziata make time to sustain a friendship that began thirty-five years ago, during their freshman year at the Heights.

Neither man recalls exactly how they met—at some point, they simply began walking to class together. Pepe lived in Claver Hall, while Annunziata lived in Fitzgerald Hall. Annunziata, who grew up in New Haven, Connecticut, was a die-hard Yankees fan. Pepe hailed from Wilmington, Delaware, where Philly sports were king. From sophomore year on, they were roommates. Their paths might have diverged at graduation, but



Annunziata and orthopedic physicians Matt Pepe (left) and Chris Annunziata (right)

instead, Annunziata and Pepe each received acceptance letters from Georgetown's School of Medicine. "We didn't plan that," Pepe said with a laugh. "That was just dumb luck."

They lived together throughout medical school, too, and their careers began to move in lockstep. Encouraged by mentors at Georgetown, they both started considering sports medicine. After their residencies in orthopedic surgery—Annunziata at Georgetown, Pepe at UPenn—they completed the same sports medicine fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2001, Pepe took his first job in pro sports with Major League Baseball's Philadelphia Phillies and Annunziata joined Major League Soccer's D.C. United. He currently serves as that team's chief medical officer. In 2008, both of them made the move to the NFL. Annunziata started with Washington and Pepe began working with the Eagles. Today, as head orthopedic surgeons, they each supervise the care of about ninety players per season. The

work is high-stakes and meaningful.

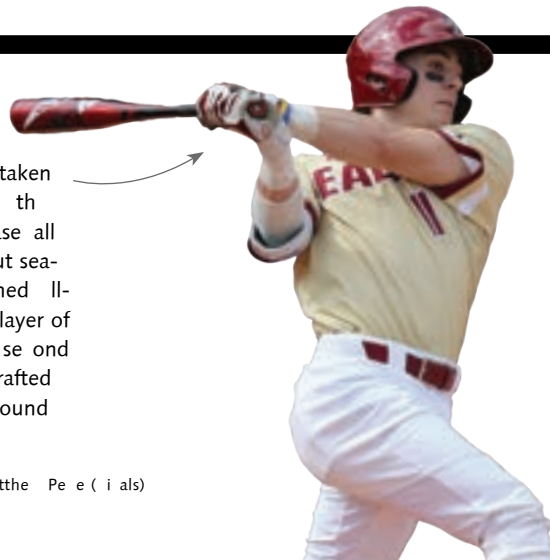
"Every injury, from sprained ankle to head injury, is crucial for the athlete," Annunziata said. "It's a threat to their career, their livelihood. If you can help them get back to doing what they love, it creates a special bond." Pepe agreed: "That's what drove me to sports medicine—the satisfaction of returning a young player to sports."

Through the years, the doctors have stayed in close touch. In 1991, when Pepe married his BC classmate Carolyn Casamassima Pepe '90, Annunziata was his best man. Pepe returned the favor in 1998, serving as a groomsman in Annunziata's nuptials. And the two friends will again pick up right where they left off when the Eagles play Washington in December. "We'll talk shop, of course," Pepe said. "But we also know each other's families, so we catch up." Their parallel career paths, Annunziata added, "have given us a wonderful opportunity to share all this." ■

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Eagles fly high in QB era

Center fielder **Sal Frelick '22** was taken by the Milwaukee Brewers with the third overall pick in July's Major League Baseball draft. The selection follows a standout season in which he led the team in home runs and earned All-American and Defensive Player of the Year honors. He is slated to be drafted by the Miami Marlins in the second round



### New baseball facility named

Duquesne College Athletics has received a \$10 million lead gift from University Trustee Michaela Mikey O'Connell and her husband Jay to name the baseball field. The \$10 million gift is the largest in the history of the program and will be used to fund the \$25-million, 100,000-square-foot facility. The new facility will include multiple courts, nutrition sports medicine and strength and conditioning centers.

# Peanut Power

After fighting malnutrition across the globe, Navyn Salem is taking Edesia's hunger closer to home.

BY JENNIFER COOPER

When the coronavirus upended America's economy and food system last year, Navyn Salem saw a way to help. Her company, Edesia Nutrition, had been manufacturing fortified peanut pastes since 2010 to combat severe malnutrition in developing countries and disaster areas. So Salem mobilized her Rhode Island-based team to begin making peanut butter squeeze packs for the USDA to distribute domestically to food banks, homeless shelters, schools, and hospitals. "I started to see lines at food banks, and I thought, *where's a need where we're here?*" Salem said recently. "We made peanut butter. We designed the packaging in like forty-eight hours. It was amazing for the team to be able to pivot."

The new MeWe Peanut Butter packets are made by a for-profit arm of Salem's company called MeWe Nutrition, which was launched in 2018 to support Edesia Nutrition's humanitarian mission of nourishing the malnourished. Salem was inspired to fight hunger after traveling to her father's native Tanzania, first in the early '90s, and again in 2001 with the Clinton Health Access Initiative. It was there that she learned about ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RTUs) such as Plumpy'Nut—a paste packed with peanuts, milk powder, vegetable oil, sugar, vitamins, and minerals. In 2009, she partnered with the RTU producer NutraSweet to open a Plumpy'Nut production facility near Providence. The factory now makes 1.

million packets of ready-to-use foods a day, while employing refugees and immigrants from around the world. Among the factory's other products are Plumpy'Mum for pregnant and lactating women, and Enov'Nutributter, which prevents stunting in small children. Partner organizations such as UNICEF and the World Food Programme help distribute the packets where they're most needed, from Sub-Saharan Africa to Central America. The company has reached more than 1 million children in sixty countries. "Children are dying from something we know how to prevent," Salem said. "Kids, no matter where they live in the world, need food and nutrition."



Navyn Salem photographed at Edesia Nutrition's Rhode Island facility

MeWe Peanut Butter packets are made with 100% peanuts, milk powder, vegetable oil, sugar, vitamins, and minerals.



MeWe Peanut Butter contains as much protein as a third of a pound of chicken breast.



MeWe Peanut Butter is equivalent to a medium-sized potato.



MeWe Peanut Butter contains as much vitamin C as an orange.



MeWe Peanut Butter contains the same amount of fat as a stick of butter.



MeWe Peanut Butter contains as much fiber as a cup of golden raisins.

Source: USDA Food and Nutrition Assistance

# Lee Ray 's

The Boston police manager who is blind talks about the importance of representation in government.

I had a fairly typical childhood growing up in the Greater Boston area, spending far too much of my time at Fenway Park, the Boston Garden, and Alumni Stadium. Until I began losing my vision at the age of 8, I wanted to be a professional athlete. I was involved in student government at BC, but the service trip I took to rural Virginia with the University's Appalachia Volunteer Program was probably the biggest turning point in my life in terms of recognizing the needs that our society has and starting to think about how to address those needs in a legislative way. It was that trip that motivated me to apply for an internship at the State House, and then continue to work in public service. What I've learned is that so many people just want someone to listen, and to be treated with dignity and respect. Everyone has the potential to contribute.

For the past five years, I've worked for the Boston Mayor's office of Workforce Development, and prior to that, I was a policy analyst for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick. When you work for a mayor and a governor and sit a few steps away from their offices, you get a direct sense of what goes into being an elected official. You also get invited to participate in a lot of panel discussions and working groups, and oftentimes it was clear to me that if I wasn't there, disability wasn't going to be brought up. Before the pandemic, that was frustrating and annoying, but then in the midst of COVID-19, when there were limited resources and decisions had to be made quickly, it became downright dangerous. And that's when I made the decision to run for an at-large seat on the Boston City Council this year. Even though I lost the election, I will continue to be an active listener, problem solver, and voice for the voiceless.

We talk a lot about affordability, but a very small percentage of affordable housing units nationally are accessible for people who use wheelchairs or have mobility impairments. Unemployment is also huge. Roughly eight out of ten people with disabilities are out of work in America. How do we find pathways for folks with disabilities to get involved in their communities in a meaningful way?

In talking with voters, special education is something that comes up a lot. Twenty-one percent of Boston Public School students have an individualized education plan, meaning they're in the special-education system. Sometimes they're struggling to get the accommodations or the resources they need. My campaign put out a proposal to have a dedicated special-education seat on the Boston School Committee representing the interests of people in the special-education community.

It's about having someone in your corner who's going to stand by you. That's why I ran for a council seat and why I will work with our future mayor to give a voice to the approximately 100,000 Bostonians who have a disability and make sure their concerns are part of the conversation. — so o a ke





# Finishing Touches

Five new statues of Jesuit saints bring beauty and meaning to the building.

BY JIM HOCKEY

More than a century after it was built, St. Mary's Hall—home to the Boston College Jesuit community—has finally been completed. Last fall, six custom statues depicting Jesuit saints were installed in the building's first-floor main hallway, placed in elaborately carved wooden alcoves designed by the architect Charles Donagh Maginnis in 1908. The six-foot-high niches, part of the building's original construction, have remained empty for more than one hundred years. "The spaces were made for this," said Fr. Cyril Peil, SJ, superior of the BC Jesuit community. "It was time for them to be filled."

Spaced out along the entirety of the hall, the statues sit atop custom-milled pedestals. New LED spotlights illuminate the intricate details of each carving—from the soft folds of Saint Ignatius of Loyola's cape to the pointed leaves of the palm frond held by Saint Paul Miki of Japan.

Plans for the statues had been in the works for decades, said Tom Conyon, the senior construction manager at BC Capital Projects. Whenever administrators stopped by for updates on the project—which involved modernizing the Jesuit residences, converting the south wing for academic purposes, and restoring the building's Gothic details—the empty niches would inevitably come up. "We'd walk down the hallway and say, 'We should really do something with those,'" Conyon recalled.

It was during a major renovation of St. Mary's in 2011 that the planning got serious. What followed was a years-long partnership between Conyon, a group of BC Jesuits, and the renowned local sculptor Bob Shure, whose work includes the Boston Irish Famine Memorial in downtown Boston. The three parties exchanged feedback on sketches and clay models of each figure. Last fall, the final versions were cast in fiberglass resin and delivered to the Heights.

The newly installed pieces represent diverse aspects of the Society of Jesus' work, as well as different time periods and locations, Fr. Peil explained. In addition to their stories, the statues bring meaning and beauty to the hallway that he and the thirty-five other Jesuits who reside in St. Mary's walk every day. After observing the empty niches for so many years, seeing them filled has brought joy during a difficult year. "They fit and fulfill this part of the house," Fr. Peil said. "These saints have done their work and now other Jesuits are laboring here to serve God for his greater glory."

Here's a closer look at the statues in St. Mary's Hall, which is open to visitors during business hours. ■

## 1. Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Dominating the hall's central entryway is Saint Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus. In a classic pose, he holds a book in his left hand and a wooden crosier in his right. The statue illustrates Ignatius's extraordinary trust in God's providence and an awareness of the need for organization in religious life.



## 4. Saint Robert Bellarmine

A scholar and a cardinal, Saint Robert Bellarmine is shown carrying a book, a key figure in the Counter-Reformation period of Catholic history during the late 16th and early 17th centuries.





**2. Saint Francis Xavier**  
a nobleman and a prolific missionary, Saint Francis Xavier holds a crucifix and a scallop shell, a reference to the thousands of people he baptized in the first half of the 16th century, mostly in India.

**3. Saint Alberto Hurtado**  
is revered for his service to the poor in his native Chile. Saint Alberto Hurtado is seen here with his hands outstretched, honoring his devotion to the most modern saint in the statue gallery.



**5. Saint Paul Miki**  
the first Jesuit to be martyred in Japan. Saint Paul Miki is one of the 20 non-European saints included in the Saint Mary's Hall display, dedicated with a palm frond representing the martyrdom of his body.

**6. Saint Joseph Pignatelli**  
Less well known is Saint Joseph Pignatelli, a Spanish priest who is credited with re-founding the Society after its suppression in the late 18th century. He died in 1763, three years later. Pope Pius VIII fully restored the Society of Jesus.





## How Social Networks Influence Public Health

Group dynamics may help encourage the adoption of cleaner cooking fuel in India and beyond.

BY **DR. HOYWOOD**

A pioneering study led by Boston College researchers has found that personal networks in India could play a pivotal role in the adoption of cleaner cooking fuel, which would represent a significant step toward improving global public health.

“This is the first report to show that just like with tobacco use, obesity, or physical activity—where our networks play a role

in shaping our behaviors and decisions—personal networks are also associated with what kinds of stoves rural poor use,” said BC Assistant Professor of Social Work Praveen Kumar, coauthor of the new report, which was published in *Environmental Research*.

In rural India, particularly among those living in poverty, people rely widely on solid

fuels such as firewood, charcoal, animal dung, and crop residue for cooking. It has been estimated that household air pollution, to which indoor cooking contributes, accounted for roughly 100,000 premature deaths in India in 2019, making it a leading cause of preventable deaths in the nation of 1.4 billion residents. That’s why health officials have worked for decades to try to shift people to cleaner fuel sources, such as liquefied petroleum gas. But progress has been slow, due to economic, educational, and demographic barriers.

For the recent study, researchers queried 198 respondents from roughly thirty villages in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. They found that the more peers and friends a respondent has who use cleaner cooking technology, the more likely the respondent is to also use cleaner cooking technology—and vice versa, Kumar said.

The study’s coauthors include Boston College School of Social Work Dean Gautam Adama, as well as researchers from Harvard Medical School, Ohio State University, Chile’s Universidad Mayor, and Washington University, St. Louis. Their findings have implications for policymakers seeking ways to continue to convince poor households to shift to cleaner cooking fuels. “If personal networks are so important,” Kumar said, “there is a need to find residents who are influencers or opinion leaders and build targeted awareness campaigns involving them.”

Subsequent research should explore the threshold of personal networks with cleaner stoves that could shift households to cleaner cooking, Kumar said. “The transition from traditional cooking to clean cooking is critically important—not just in India,” he said. “This is a global public health problem.” ■

GROUP DYNAMICS MAY HELP ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF CLEANER COOKING FUEL IN INDIA AND BEYOND.

### COVID-19 and mental health

A developmental psychologist and a behavioral ecologist and evolutionary biologist have found that reports of anxiety and depression in children are more than six times higher than in children. The study also found that the spread of the coronavirus has strained children’s mental health further. They discovered that these increases were more particularly in younger adults. According to a new study out in *Translational Behavioral Medicine*.

### Greener meat

A team led by Inaugural Engineering Department Chair Jennifer Audette has used synthetic leaves as scaffolding to grow plant cells. Cellular agriculture has the potential to produce meat that replicates the structure of traditionally grown meat while minimizing the land and water requirements, said Audette. She has also been involved in a new structure to ultimately human heart tissue.



### Oral cancer risk

Exposure to secondhand smoke could increase a person’s risk of developing oral cancer by 10 percent, according to a new meta-analysis in *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The study, coauthored by a local secretary on Pollution and Health Director Kurt Straif, should be another incentive for additional states to ratify the transatlantic agreement on tobacco control. Straif said, and for those who have already ratified to increase their efforts against the tobacco industry.



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# Design Visionaries

Four BC-educated interior designers are changing the look and feel of Boston.

BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Boston College doesn't offer a design degree. Still, there must be something stylish about the Heights: Four of Boston's leading interior designers—Lisa Tharp '88, Cecilia Walker '90, Katie Rosenfeld '90, and Dee Elms '91—graduated from BC. Interior designers source everything from flooring to window treatments and collaborate with architects and tradespeople to conceive and create spaces that are tailored to a client's needs. While all four of these women made it to the top of the field, they each followed a path that was as individual as their aesthetics. "Going to college for design was not something I ever considered, even after getting into this business," said Rosenfeld, who studied philosophy at BC and now owns Katie Rosenfeld and Company. "You can't be taught how to have a vision for something that's functional and beautiful."

These self-taught business owners create spaces that are shaping the future of New England design, from ultramodern offices to Back Bay row houses. Home exteriors around Boston tend to be timeless, as classy as old L.L. Bean barn coats, but beyond the stately front doors, these residences can be blank canvases for designers to adorn with modern fixtures, textiles, art, and furniture. Looks are important, of course, but the role requires envisioning functional spaces that will help clients work, entertain, and relax. "I am solving problems and making peoples' lives better," said Elms, an English major at BC who went on to found Elms Interior Design.

Originally from Canton, Massachusetts, she grew up visiting the Boston College campus, where her grandfather worked in the mailroom.

For Tharp, a former documentary-film producer who founded Lisa Tharp Design, addressing a client's need recently required some extra creativity. A homeowner desired a mirrored room for reading and meditation





PHOTOGRAPHY: Cecelia Walker and Katie Rosenfeld. Photographed at Boston College's Mullen Museum of Art.

in her basement that could be accessed via a secret passageway. To make the request a reality, Tharp teamed up with contractors and relied on the same considerations she always does when reimagining a space: “One is the people who will live there,” she said. “Two is the architecture, and three is the sense of place.”

Meanwhile, Walker, an art history major at BC, just created a commercial workspace that incorporated a living plant wall and an abundance of natural light. “After a COVID-19 year, luxury no longer means expensive furniture and housing,” said Walker, who is professionally accredited to design spaces with a focus on human health and wellness. “Going forward, it’s going to be more about the freedom of choices. It’s going to be about experiences.” She runs her own firm, Cecelia Walker Design, and is now also the head of operations at EPT, a New York based startup that develops hotel-style residences and flexible offices.

Here in Boston, there has never been a more exciting time to be doing this type of work. For years, interior design in the city was dominated by men with traditional, predictable taste and showrooms cluttered with Persian rugs, silver tea sets, and Queen Anne chairs. While still important to Boston’s identity, this kind of classic design is becoming increasingly passé. In the past decade, the sleek condominiums and lofts that have gone up in the Seaport and Fenway neighborhoods have transformed the skyline and the local design ecosystem. “The traditional New England aesthetic has really expanded because of this more modern style of building,” Tharp said.

In other words, opportunities now abound for diverse talent to influence the new look and feel of the city. There’s room for Rosenfeld to mix antiques with English-inspired cabinetry in her cheerful renovations and for Elms to imbue her residential projects with a clean, contemporary point of view. “The Boston design community is special because everyone is so passionate,” Elms said. “We’ve all got a deep love for what we do in this city.” ■

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# Beyond Privacy

Can democracy survive in the digital age.

BY **THE WRITER**

In his book *Life After Privacy: The Battle to Protect Personal Information in the Digital Age*, Firmin DeBrabander '99 argues that the battle to protect personal information in the digital age has largely been fought and lost. We recently spoke to the Maryland Institute College of Art philosophy professor about what that means for the future of our democracy.



## When did we lose the battle for personal privacy?

We never really had it. It's a suburban creation. In England, once hedges went up in the front of houses, suddenly there was this expectation of some kind of privacy. After World War II, in America, we had suburban sprawl. You couldn't build a better infrastructure for privacy.

## Is privacy isn't some kind of political ideal from our country's founding?

The privacy advocates—who aren't very happy with my book, by the way—take for granted that you need privacy. So I thought I'd try to get to the bottom of how essential it is to democracy. And I now believe that it's not essential after all.

## But we have had some degree of privacy in the past. What happened to it?

We surrendered it, largely to reap the benefits of digital commerce. My younger students say things like, "What do I care if Amazon has my shoe size?" Even people in their forties and fifties, I'm amazed to find that they're not terribly worried about privacy, either. They're thrilled that Wegmans knows what they like and pumps out the coupons. If you're going to take advantage of these conveniences, you need to open up your life. Google's promise is, *the more you know about me, the more we can do for you*. And most people do that.

## What is the concern some people have about eroding privacy and democracy?

The political fear is that your enemies can use your information against you. It could be straight-up blackmail, but it could also be more subtle. The example I used to give was, "I'll go on to Amazon and start looking for books by Hezbollah. But what if I'm being watched? Maybe I won't." So you censor yourself, of your own volition.

## You don't give that example anymore?

The problem is, people don't actually behave like this online. People look at Hezbollah books every day.

## Your conclusion is that privacy isn't necessary for democracy. Why is that?

In researching the book, I started reading about big social and political movements of the 20th century: civil rights, gay rights, the labor movement. The people in those efforts never had privacy. When Robert Moses went to Mississippi to organize sharecroppers, the white supremacists knew what he was up to immediately. He went into the courthouse and he was savagely beaten and nearly died. And how did he persevere? Through numbers, and through organization. I saw this in the labor movement as well. Ford and GM had spies in all of their factories. But the leaders were able to overcome that through superior organization over time. So what's important is the power of organizing in the public realm—the public realm is more important to democracy than the private realm, but unfortunately the public realm is in a pretty poor shape in America.

## How so?

Once upon a time, we had all these public spaces where people could meet and protest and organize. The most common place where people convene today is the mall. But the mall is actually a private space. They will escort you out if you stage a demonstration.

## Isn't social media the modern analog for the public space you're describing?

It's a very poor analog because of the nature of the discourse it produces. It has funneled people into echo chambers where they vilify one another. They don't learn to talk to one another. So a recommitment to truly public spaces for productive dialogue would be part of a recommitment to democracy.

## What else is needed?

A return to educating young people about the value of a public life and a commitment to democracy. Not just learning the facts of your democracy, but what it means to be a citizen, and to work the engines of power as a democratic citizen.

## Is it a reinvestment in public spaces and civics classes versus some of the most power? Corporations in the history of the world. How optimistic are you?

I'm pretty optimistic in general. It's looking like there's appetite for antitrust legislation in both parties, which could rein in the power of these corporations. But I'm optimistic mostly because of the younger generation. They have this instinctive yearning for public life, and they have learned important lessons about the power of organization from movements like Black Lives Matter and the fight against climate change. ■

# Maile Hauck

BC alum Maile Hauck chronicles her time leading a cooking class for teens in state care.

Day in and day out, for over thirty years, Liz Hauck's dad, Charlie, codirected an agency in Boston that housed teenage boys in state care. When Charlie died from cancer in 2003, three months after his 40th birthday, Hauck '00, M.Ed.'09, decided to start the cooking class for the residents that they'd discussed before his diagnosis. She ended up leading the class weekly for almost three years, hauling ingredients for quesadillas and steak-and-cheese subs up a flight of stairs to an ill-equipped kitchen

to prepare dinner and then break bread—usually buttery biscuits from a tube—with semi-willing participants.

"It sounds like a description of one of those great white hope' stories involving kids facing difficult circumstances and a white twentysomething bleeding heart with crazy hair and good intentions, the kind that ends

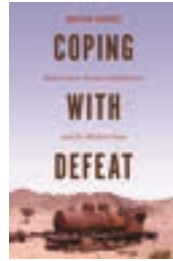
with upbeat music and rehabilitation," Hauck writes in the introduction to her new book about the program, *Home Made: Stories of Resilience Shown by the Resilient*. But, she continues, "salvation was never on the table."

The memoir is an honest account of community service, the kind, as Hauck puts it, where you show up on time, perform your small task to the best of your ability, improvise as needed, and leave. We learn about the young men as Hauck does, through the dribs and drabs of personal information gleaned over time from stunted conversations. This sparsity leaves us hungry for more and pained when one of the teens runs away, lands in jail, or ages out of the program—or when budget cuts finally shutter the residential home. We're invested in their stories.

Today, there are 11,000 children living in foster care in Massachusetts, and nationally that number is close to 200,000. By getting to know some of these vulnerable kids, a complex portrait emerges of a child welfare system that's supposed to help, but can sometimes harm, its charges. Hauck's book chronicles a cooking program, but the food is beside the point: It's really about finding nourishment and community. — *Ornella O'Connell*



## BOOKS



### ***Coping with Defeat: Sunni Islam, Roman Catholicism and the Modern State*** by Jonathan Laurence

In his carefully researched new book Jonathan Laurence, a professor of political science, explores the similarities in how Catholicism and Sunni Islam have weathered political challenges throughout history and what these observations say about the role of religion in our increasingly secular society.

### ***The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*** by Marie Benedict

Whether errell writing under the pseudonym Marie Benedict's spotlight shines on her historical novels *Mile a Einstein-Mari edy La arr* and *no gatha Christie* errell lulls the details surrounding the English writer's idyllic day disaster in including the role of Christie's wandering husband and in the hole story affair.

### ***The Tsarina's Lost Treasure: Catherine the Great, a Golden Age Masterpiece, and a Legendary Shipwreck***

by Gerald Easter '81 and Mara Vorhees

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### ***The Coming Storm*** by Regina Hansen M'92

Rolling in the great literary tradition of lucky red-haired heroines hailing from Prince Edward Island, *Anne o reen a les eet Ma eil* the protagonist in this young adult fantasy novel sends her days exploring the rugged coastline that is until something strange happens to her beloved cousin Ery and Eet has to battle supernatural forces to find the truth. — *Courtney Hollands*

## WHY I'VE READ IT

### ***The Boys of My Youth*** by Jo Ann Beard

In the opening essay detailing a personal story of trying at a mysteriously appearing and faintly hostile-seeming nightlight seen through the bars of her prison to a young-of-age amount of aiting orshi fully for Eri la ton with her cousin while she's raled on a blanket at an outdoor rock concert heard sentences are crystalline with detail and ringing with life — **Suzanne Matson** professor of English





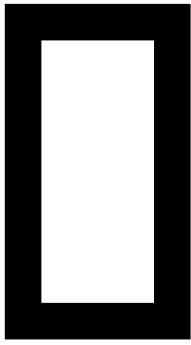
# Guiding Light

In 2013, Steve Nemberton published *Chance in the World*, an acclaimed memoir chronicling his journey from a childhood spent in cruel foster homes to an adulthood of happiness and success. With its messages of resilience, faith, and family, the book became a best-seller and inspired a 2014 movie of the same name. In September, Nemberton released his follow-up, *The Lighthouse Effect: Ordinary People Can Have an Extraordinary Impact in the World*. In the new book, Nemberton writes about what he calls "human lighthouses"—the mentors, teachers, friends, and colleagues who selflessly guide us along life's voyage. I spoke with Nemberton recently about the book—the people who helped him to become the man that he is today—and whether the lighthouses among us can lead the nation to a more unified tomorrow. Our conversation has been lightly edited for clarity and length.

By [Name] and [Name]







**How Book is about the people we encounter who believe in us, mentor us, and help us. You call them “lighthouses.” Why is that?**

The lighthouse serves no purpose other than to be of service to someone else, especially in times of uncertainty or great difficulty. There are more than 22,900 lighthouses across the world, but they all have a very similar mission, and that is to guide the journey of the voyager. The lighthouse is humble, it is steadfast, it seeks no reward, requires no recognition, and you cannot pay it. The best elements of the lighthouse are also the best elements of humanity.

**Like your first book, *The Lighthouse Effect* is deeply personal.**

In the book, I write about ten people who were lighthouses to me, whose lives or stories I encountered along the way. The very first one I write about is John Sykes. He’s the high school teacher who took me in when I was 17 years old, three days after Christmas, and I literally had nowhere to go. I wanted to share not just his story, but what it was about him that compelled him in that moment to put a pause on his life to take in this young boy who for all intents and purposes had been cast off into the shadows of society. At the time, I had a lot of doubts about what my possibilities were, and he in many ways guided my path.

**How did he do that?**

In my childhood, I found myself in these very, very difficult foster homes, where I had no memory of family. I had been forgotten about, quite literally, by my mother and father. I had questions of value and worth that any child would have in that situation. John’s magic was to let me know that the struggle, and my ability to stand up through that struggle, should not be a source of doubt for me, but actually should be a source of strength. Unfortunately, we lost John earlier this year, but his magic will always be with me.

**What inspired you to write *The Lighthouse Effect*?**

One of the driving factors was the response to the first book. I had never just found an audience and continues to find an audience, largely because, although I didn’t see it this way at the time, I was writing this universal story of family and faith.

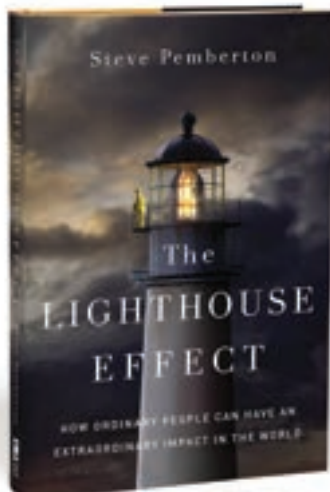
And one of my biggest takeaways from the response to the book was how many seemingly ordinary people are out there in the world whose lives, to me, are instructive for all of us. You begin to ask yourself this question of, *who are we to own and who should we belong to?* What I’m trying to suggest in the new book is that it’s the everyday people. The ones who drive our children to school, who stock our grocery shelves in the midst of a pandemic, who check us in at the nurse’s office. Their lives and the lessons of their lives are so powerful for us, and we need not cede heroism to the celebrity and the well-informed. That’s not to say there aren’t heroes in those places, but that’s not the only places where they are.

**You argue in the book that this kind of leadership can bridge the divides we have in America right now.**

Yes, and isn’t that one of the magnificent attributes of the lighthouse? When it sees you in the middle of a storm, it does not ask how you came to be there. It doesn’t question your navigational skills, it doesn’t point the finger at you and say, “Didn’t you know better?” It does not care about your race, your gender, who you voted for in the last election. In other words, a lighthouse sees your humanity first and it also sees your uncertainty and says, “I can guide you to safe harbor.” People are just like that. The most impactful people in our lives are the ones who have done that for us, which is why we remember them as fondly as we do.

**You write about one such woman, Carmen Corti, who wasn’t even aware of the effect she had on you.**

I bumped into Carmen on a train while I was writing my first book. I’m explaining the book and I said, “I’m trying to write about parents I never knew.” I said something to the effect of, “Does that make any sense?” I believed that, well, of course it wouldn’t because everybody knows what it is to have parents. But she said in response, “Well, actually, it does.” Because a few years prior to that she had met her father for the very first time. And rather than being angry or bitter about his absence in her life, she had understood the difficulties of his life, and they formed a wonderful relationship. What she didn’t realize is that she made me revisit how I saw my mother and father, who, in all candor, I probably had not completely



forgiven for what had unfolded in my childhood. But she had no idea she was doing this—she’s telling me this story, her reunion story of her father, and she has no idea that I’m processing it that way until some time later.

**Do the lesson is that even when we’re not actively focused on mentoring or helping, we can still have an effect on people in the world**

The lesson is that your life experience is enough to be a lighthouse, just as it is.

### **What motivates human lighthouses**

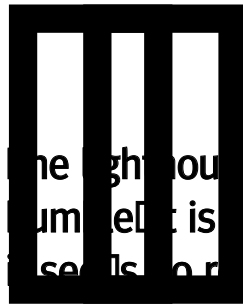
I think their motivation is based on a belief that somehow their life journey might actually be able to help somebody. Each of the individuals I write about in the new book suffered in some way. They lost a child. They lost a parent. They were battling addiction. Welles Crowther lost his life.

**Welles Crowther is certainly an inspiring example of the lighthouse effect. How did you get the idea to include him in the book**

Welles embodies the lighthouse attribute of selflessness. It is important for us to keep telling his story, because it will never not be necessary. He had already saved himself during the September 11 attacks, and he could have kept going down the stairs of the World Trade Center tower. But he didn’t. He ran into this lobby where there were people who didn’t know the way to safety, and he said what the human lighthouse always says: “Follow me. I know the way.” He brought people to safety, and again he had the opportunity to say, “I did my part, I saved those people.” But he didn’t do that. He went back up again. He saved, we believe it was eighteen lives. He was 27 years old. I never met Welles, but there isn’t a time that I tell the story that it doesn’t choke me up. Why can’t we all be a bit like Welles, knowing full well that most of us are never asked to sacrifice what he did? We’re not asked to make those kinds of tough decisions, but he was, and he answered not just selflessly, but without even a moment of hesitation.

**You have now written two books. What else are you involved with**

There’s my family, of course, my wife, Tonya, and our children, Quinn, Auggin, and Kennedy. So family keeps me busy for sure. Then I run global human resources for a company called Workhuman. Prior to that I was in senior



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roles at Walgreens and Monster.com. I am enjoying this particular stage of my journey.

**The focus of much of your work has been helping corporations diversify their workforces.**

For much of my career, that was certainly the case. That’s not the primary thing that I do today, but it is an element of it. I have always thought that the ideals of this country are big enough to be inclusive, and I think we’ve been at an inflection point these last several years that’s forcing us to

ask some much harder questions about that. This idea, somehow, that the ideals of the nation aren’t big enough to include all people who love this country and who serve it and are great contributors to it—that should not be part of our tradition, but there are loud voices suggesting that very thing, as we see on a near daily basis. So it’s left to us to decide how we are going to find that more common story.

**What is the role of our corporations and our institutions in that effort**

Well, I would tell you that in May of 2020, the murder of George Floyd created a major inflection point in this country. It was a line of demarcation for corporations specifically. That was the point where corporations acknowledged that they had a particular responsibility to address inequities in our society, and systemic inequity specifically. Do they have a fiduciary responsibility to shareholders? Yes, they do. And to the markets? Yes, they do. But they have a responsibility to society as well. Whether it is inequities in policing, or health care, or housing, you’re seeing companies leaning into this and doing so rather unapologetically.

**Do corporations and institutions can be lighthouses, too**

I believe so, and I would suggest that the lighthouse effect is a way to find our more common story. Boston College is a wonderful example of that. I come from the African American tradition, and there are tenets of that culture that are also tenets of the Jesuit expression, and that is faith and service. The lighthouse effect to me is finding that connection between those two worlds that can advance us toward a greater good. So despite it all, I still am incredibly hopeful and optimistic. I think history shows us that we’ll bend toward the greater good, even if we have moments of doubt. ■



# OPERATION

Joe Dobbratz '51 just may be the only BC alum to have a glacier named for him.



# DEEP FREEZE

This is the incredible story of how it happened.

BY JOHN WOLFSON



C-100 Hercules cargo plane piloted by Marine Corps Major Joseph J. Dobbrat, Jr. arrives to supply scientists conducting research in the mountains of Antarctica in 1952.



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**NE AFTERNOON** in the middle of February, the phone in my office rang. I lifted the receiver and on the other end of the line was Joe Dobbratz, who informed me that he was 9

years old and had graduated from BC in 1951. He'd just finished reading our article about the greatest athletes in Boston College history and he had only one question: Had we lost our ever-loving minds? How was it possible that the great Lenny Ceglarski, who guided the men's hockey team for twenty seasons, was not included on our list of BC's best coaches?

Dobbratz ran through Ceglarski's impressive accomplishments, and explained that the coach had been his friend during their undergraduate years at the Heights. From there, the conversation turned lighthearted, with Dobbratz recounting his time on campus, including the many hours that he and a guy named Shorty Cellucci spent in a pool hall taking money off an enormously tall center on the basketball team named Elmo Morgenthaler who *ho h* he was pretty good with a cue. It was a delightful story and I regretted that I would have to check the whole thing out. After all, what were the chances that, more than seven decades later, this Elmo Morgenthaler character was truly as colorful as Dobbratz remembered?

Quite good, as it happened. Morgenthaler graduated high school in Hobbs, New Mexico, worked on the railroad for a few years before starting his college basketball career at age 20, transferred to BC for part of a season, and then left to become one of the first 6-footers to play professional basketball, albeit briefly and without much distinction. All of which is to say that the Morgenthaler story was just the first in a long line of extraordinary things told to me by Joe Dobbratz that would turn out, somehow, to be entirely true. For instance, just before we hung up, he said, "Did you know there's a glacier in Antarctica that's named for me?"

**B**Y EARLY 1962, Major Joseph . Dobbratz, Jr. was a decorated fighter pilot in the middle of a most unusual Marine Corps career. He was an expert in the air, combat-tested and unflappable, and he had taken advantage of the less rigid structure in those earlier days of Marine Corps aviation to pilot an astonishing assortment of aircraft, something like nineteen different airplanes, jets, and

helicopters. "I don't know of anybody who flew as many different types of aircraft—it's unbelievable," said Mike Hoeflerlin, who served under Dobbratz as a public affairs officer before becoming a Marine Corps aviator himself.

What also set Dobbratz apart was that, even while exhibiting the spirited independence you want in a fighter pilot, he had distinguished himself as a military officer and leader. In fact, he is one of just a handful of aviators to ever command a Marine training battalion at Parris Island, where recruits go through boot camp. "That was almost unheard of for an aviator," Hoeflerlin told me. "But he was hand-selected to do what he does best, and that is to motivate, lead, and make things work properly."

Dobbratz's reputation was growing at a time when the military was on the hunt for pilots to participate in Operation Deep Freeze, a series of scientific explorations into Antarctica that had begun in 1956 and would run through several phases until 1998. Deep Freeze researchers were a band of courageous academics who endured severe conditions while documenting everything from Antarctica's geography, weather systems, and circumpolar ocean pattern to how the continent had been shaped by plate tectonics and glacial movements. But someone had to make it possible for these researchers to do their work. So the operation also included military personnel charged with, among many other things, building and maintaining bases and transporting the academics and their supplies to and from various research stations. And owing to Antarctica's harsh terrain, much of that transportation took place via airplane. It was incredibly challenging aviation that required learning to fly a massive cargo plane equipped with skis that enabled it to take off and land in unintended





snowfields. There were occasional whiteouts—in which it became virtually impossible to distinguish the sky from the ground—and once in a while an ice fog that could suddenly cover a plane with thick ice while it was just a couple hundred feet off the ground, which, as you might suspect, is life-threateningly dangerous. There was also the requirement to live in Antarctica during the six months of the year when the sun shines, all while overseeing a team of twenty or so recruits fresh out of boot camp.

So that was the kind of pilot the military brass were looking for, and with his combination of aviation and leadership skills, Dobbratz seemed perfect. But would he want such a demanding and perilous assignment? “They called me from Marine Corps headquarters and asked me if I wanted to go to *McMurdo*, which was the Navy experimental squadron based out of *McMurdo* Island that went to the ice,” Dobbratz recalled. “I said sure.”

**J**OE DOBBRATZ WAS BORN in 1924 at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Brighton. “Do you know where that is?” he asked me this past summer, his Boston accent still pronounced after forty-plus years in the South. I was sitting across from him in the living room of the home that he and his wife, Catherine—who is known to everyone as Dinksy—built back in the 1980s in a golf course community near the Marine Corps air station in Beaufort, South Carolina.

St. Elizabeth’s is just a mile or so from the house on Kenrick Street where Dobbratz and his three sisters grew up. Their mother, Mary Ellen, worked for the MBTA as a subway cashier, while their father, Joe Senior, was an auto mechanic who’d started out as a blacksmith shoeing

horses. The family home was located next to Chandler Pond and across from the old Cenacle Convent, where Dobbratz served as an altar boy. From an early age, he was drawn to airplanes. He would walk to the top of the hill where the convent stood and launch toy planes made of balsa wood. “We’d fire them around until they got banged up, and then patch them back up,” he recalled. “I was just fascinated with planes. I used to have all these

cards that came from Czechoslovakia—they were like baseball cards but for planes.”

Dobbratz graduated from high school in 1945, not long after VE day. An end to World War II may have been in sight, but the conflict was still months from its conclusion, so Dobbratz applied to every branch of the military. The Coast Guard was the first to respond and he immediately signed up. He learned to repair diesel engines, tended to buoys in Boston Harbor, and took care of a boiler on a ship that was so old the boiler was made of fire brick. But he was discharged in May 1946, less than a year after enlisting. “They didn’t need us anymore,” he recalled. Fortunately, he qualified for the GI Bill, which was the only way he could contemplate going to college. His parents certainly couldn’t afford it. To cover emergency expenses, his father depended on trading his skills as a mechanic. “He would more or less barter—like fixing this tooth right here?” Dobbratz said, raising an index finger to one of his front teeth. “It got knocked out playing hockey. My father paid the bill with a tune-up for the dentist’s car.”

Dobbratz enrolled at BC in 1946 and studied business administration. As graduation neared in 1947, he discovered that, because he’d served for less than a year in the Coast Guard, he would be required to register for the Korean War draft. Instead, on the day after commencement, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. “I joined, Lenny Ceglarski joined. There were fourteen or fifteen of us from BC that all joined up at the same time,” he said.

After enlisting, Dobbratz was sent to basic training and then to officer candidates school. From there he hoped to go to flight school but instead he was sent to El Toro, a large Marine base, since decommissioned, that was located near Los Angeles. There, as a brand-new second lieutenant, he was given his first command. “I picked up a platoon of master sergeants, with a combined years





of experience in the thousands,” he recalled. “Deep down, I felt like they knew more than I’d ever know.” But when the platoon boarded the USS *Rekone* in San Diego and set course for Yokosuka, Japan, Dobbratz was undeterred. Three days out, he ordered a rifle inspection. He was not pleased with the rust that he found. “I told them, *I wan hose a n h n s eane an o e*.” When the next review left him equally disappointed, he scheduled six straight days of inspections, three times a day. “They got the message,” he said.

After being promoted to captain, in 1964, Dobbratz at last got his opportunity to fly when he was sent to the naval air station in Pensacola, Florida, for flight training.

In his third solo flight, he lost the engine. Relying on his training, he quickly identified a field suitable for an emergency landing and brought the plane down. “I had that sucker made,” he said, “but the tail caught on a barbed-wire fence in the field.” Dobbratz struck his head on impact but escaped with little more than an injured shoulder. Still, the engine malfunction was just the

latest frustration at Pensacola. Dobbratz had spent nearly a year at the base but hadn’t been able to complete the flight certification course. There simply weren’t enough instructors, planes, or parts. But around this same time, the Marines had begun incorporating a new type of aircraft. “Helicopters were kind of a new thing,” he recalled. “They said that anybody that goes helicopter would get their wings in two months. So I went helicopters.”

After finally earning his wings, Dobbratz was sent back to El Toro, where he became a pilot in an H-19 helicopter squadron. The H-19 choppers, he quickly learned, were plagued by transmission problems. “We used to call them the one-lungers,” he said, “because just about every other time you took one out, you lost a cylinder and you would come back smoking like you were on fire.” In 1965, the squadron joined a fleet on maneuvers in the Pacific. As

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the fleet neared Bangkok, the helicopters began taking off from a carrier to fly ashore. The first helicopter left without incident, but the second lost its transmission at takeoff and the pilot had to immediately return to the deck. Dobbratz went next and made it out over the water before he, too, lost his transmission. With just seconds to respond, he once again fell back on his training. “What you had to do was land it in the sea, and then you roll it on the side to break the rotor blades,” he recalled. “But you have to roll it to the left. You have to remember that, because the cargo door is on the right.” Dobbratz and his crew of three all made it out of the helicopter uninjured and were rescued by boat. A month later, when the squadron was in Hawaii, Dobbratz’s helicopter once again lost its transmission, and he was forced to ditch in the ocean. And once again everyone aboard emerged unscathed.

Later in 1965, Dobbratz transitioned out of helicopters when he was sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, for advanced

jet training. He started out on the T-28 aircraft and then moved up to the F9F-2. After earning his second set of wings, this one for jets, he found himself over the next few years piloting the FJ Fury and F8-Crusader with the MF-122 fighter squadron. Then he was assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina, to fly the C-119, a transport plane known as the Flying Boxcar. That’s where he was when he made major, and when he received the surprise phone call from Marine Corps headquarters: Did he want to go to the ice?

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**UNLIKE ITS POLAR OPPOSITE** the Arctic, which is an ocean surrounded by continents, Antarctica is a continent surrounded by ocean. It is the coldest region on Earth, with temperatures in some areas having been recorded below minus-90 degrees centigrade. Snowfall, however, is actually quite light, meaning that what past explorers have described as the great Antarctic blizzards were actually high winds whipping ground snow into blinding storms. The discovery of Antarctica is credited to Russian explorers in 1820, though humans wouldn’t pass the first winter there until nearly eighty years later.





For its part, the U.S. military has long been interested in Antarctica, with Admiral Richard Byrd establishing a naval base in 1929, and then leading a series of expeditions into the continent over the next two decades. The Navy later launched Operation Deep Freeze, in 1955, as part of a multi-nation research effort known as the International Geophysical Year.

Deep Freeze was in its seventh year when Joe Dobbratz signed on. Several research stations had been constructed in Antarctica, and it was part of the military's job to keep them connected and supplied. After provisions and equipment were brought in via cargo ships following ice breakers, the supplies were loaded onto planes that would fly them to the research stations. An array of aircraft were used for the deliveries, including some that depended on runways made of ice and snow. But such landing strips weren't possible at all of the stations, or in the areas where research was being conducted by smaller field parties. For this reason, the Navy had begun using a versatile new plane for Deep Freeze, one that could take off and land in untouched snowfields. The C-100 Hercules was an enormous four-engine turboprop that was outfitted with skis and could accommodate jet boosters on the rear of the fuselage for extra power during takeoffs in especially deep snow. So before Dobbratz could depart for Antarctica, he first had to spend a month in Tennessee learning to fly the C-100. After mastering the plane, he and his crew departed Rhode Island in September 1956 and began the long flight to Antarctica. The route required stops in California, Hawaii, Canton Island—a tiny isle in the middle of the Pacific, Fiji, and New Zealand, but the trip itself was quite pleasant. "I used to call the C-100 the gentleman's airplane," Dobbratz said. "Big old seat, and after the plane took off, you put your hand out and you got a cup of coffee from the crew chief. They also

had a way of jury-rigging something similar to a microwave. So about two hours out, you got steak and eggs." After landing in Antarctica, Dobbratz stepped out of the plane and into a cold unlike anything he'd experienced. Wincing as the frigid air hit his lungs, he reminded himself of the warnings he'd been given to use caution while zipping his jacket. "They said, particularly, don't zip it up to your face," he recalled, "because it will stick to your face." The very next day, Dobbratz and his crew got to work, flying about 200 miles to reopen two weather stations that had been shut down for the winter.

Even the most routine flight in Antarctica can test the skill of an excellent pilot—"Experts generally agree the continent has some of the most dangerous flying conditions in the world," said Mike Hoeflerlin, the former Marine pilot, who has written about Dobbratz's time in Antarctica for the Marine Corps magazine *Sea Hernek*. So prior to each takeoff, Dobbratz would carefully supervise the loading of the plane, making sure that weight guidelines were strictly followed, and that cargo was placed in a way that it wouldn't shift while in the air. Once properly loaded, the C-100 would take off from Williams Field, a runway built on an ice shelf that was located about five miles from Deep Freeze's main base of operations, McMurdo Station.

Finding his way while in the air required an onboard navigator who used maps, a compass, and a simple radar





system to guide the plane to its destination. “We used landmarks that the radar would pick up,” Dobbratz explained.

In the 100-mile flight to Byrd Station, for example, “we took off and the first thing we’d pick up was the Duty Crack, which was a crevasse that was four or five miles wide and about a hundred miles long. On the radar screen, you could see the snow and then the crevasse was black.” Next, the radar screen would display an image that always reminded Dobbratz of one of those steer skulls found in the deserts of a Hollywood Western, and then came the landmark that looked like a drive-in movie theater viewed from above. At that point, Dobbratz knew he was close. He and his crew made flights nearly every day, so I asked whether he eventually developed a sixth sense about how to get to his various destinations. “If you fly by your sixth sense, you’re dead,” he replied. “You rely on the navigator and the instruments.”

Flights to South Pole Station could be especially tricky. After landing there, Dobbratz had to leave the plane running because it was so cold that the C-10 wouldn’t have restarted had he shut it down. So the crew had to factor in enough fuel to keep the plane idling on the ground for a half-hour while it was unloaded, and still be able to make it back to Williams Field. The station was also where Dobbratz came the closest to catastrophe while in Antarctica. He was less than 200 feet above ground during a landing one day when he brought the plane through what appeared to be an unremarkable patch of fog. “But I came through it and, bingo, that thing covered the plane with ice,” he said. “It could have been disastrous but I was fortunate to be able to land.” Then there were the whiteouts, in which the sun and the snow on the ground combined to obscure the horizon. “The only way I can describe it is like flying in a milk bottle,” he said. “It was just white. So you just set up a rate of descent of 200 feet per minute until you hit the ground, and you hoped that you hit it right.”

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Portrait of Joe Dobbratz, a pilot, in a military uniform. He is wearing a dark jacket with several ribbons on his chest. The background is plain and light-colored.

Most landings were more predictable. Dobbratz would touch down in a snowfield and then execute a U-turn in order to drive back over the same tracks he’d just left, packing the snow enough to aid the ensuing takeoff. “But sometimes that wouldn’t work,” he said. “Sometimes we’d be picking up people from the research program—out in the middle of the mountains or somewhere else with difficult terrain—and at takeoff your

nose wheel would become a snowplow, and you couldn’t get it up.” In these conditions, he would hit the small jet boosters attached to the body of the plane. “Then you hit the flaps,” he said, “and usually the nose wheel would come up and you’d take off.”

In 1958, Dobbratz’s time in Antarctica came to an end after his second six-month assignment. All told, he’d logged 800 or so hours of flight time in some of the most treacherous flight conditions on the planet, and he never had an accident. It was quite an accomplishment, and one, as he would learn many years later, that did not escape the notice of his passengers.

**U**PON RETURNING FROM ANTARCTICA, Dobbratz enrolled at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He graduated in 1954, and then it was off to Parris Island, where he became one of the few aviators to ever command a battalion of Marine recruits. It wasn’t long, though, before he was back in the air, and back in choppers.

In 1958, Dobbratz was sent to Vietnam. “I got a command,” he said. “It was a helicopter transportation squadron.” That’s how he described the HMM-16. Ike Bullard, who served under Dobbratz in the squadron, described it this way: “I tell people today and they sit there with their mouths open—open? It was one of the most decorated units in the history of the Marine Corps.”

Dobbratz’s squadron included twenty-four CH-53 Sea

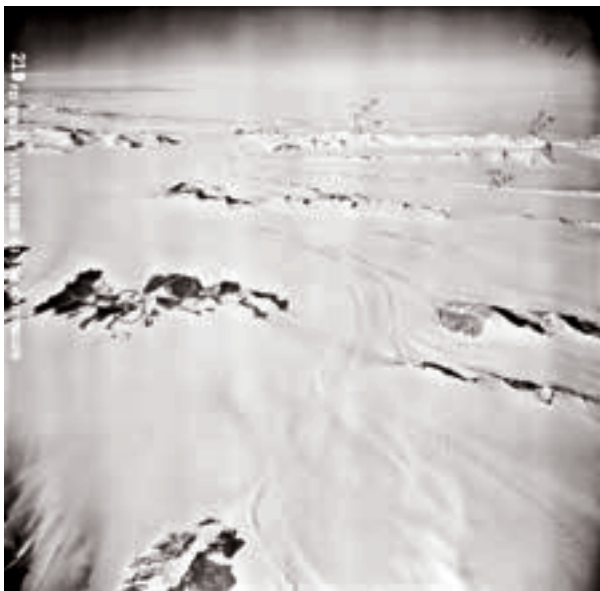
Knight helicopters and thirty-eight pilots, most of them right out of flight school. They transported troops all over Vietnam, getting Marines into and out of combat areas and conducting medical evacuations. The choppers regularly took fire while in landing zones, so the pilots tried to limit their time on the ground to fifteen or twenty seconds. The Marine Corps generally preferred that its squadron commanders stay out of the action, but Dobbratz insisted on flying missions nearly every day. “There were some commanders over there that just flew desk’—they didn’t go out and fly with their squadron,” Bullard said. “But if we were doing it, he was going to do it. So he got out there with us and flew some pretty hairy missions himself.”

It’s another memory of Dobbratz that has remained with Bullard for more than fifty years, however. In the fall of 1968, Bullard and a copilot landed in a combat zone to extract troops. A wounded Marine had to be helped aboard, which kept the helicopter on the ground for nearly a full minute. “I knew we were going to start taking fire,” Bullard said. When the shooting began, ten rounds hit the chopper, one of them passing through Bullard’s leg. The chopper made it out with everyone safely on board, but Bullard was seriously wounded. He was transported to a hospital in Da Nang and was awaiting transport back to the States when, suddenly, Dobbratz walked through the door. Bullard declined to reveal what Dobbratz said to him. “It doesn’t matter,” he said, his voice filling with emotion. “What matters is I’m just this little-old lieutenant and he flies an hour to come spend some time with me after I’ve

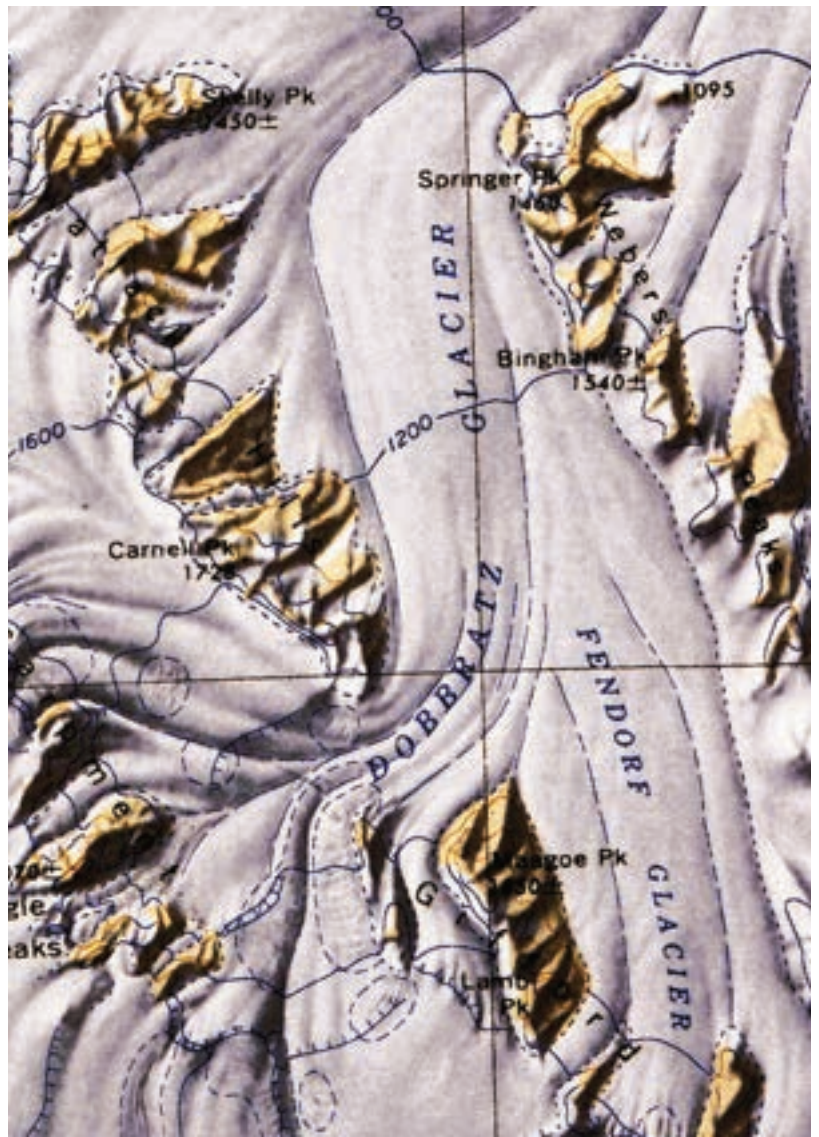
been wounded. And then, he wrote me a two-page letter thanking me for the contributions to the squadron. He cared enough to do that.”

After a year in Vietnam, half of it as commander of the helicopter squadron, the Marine Corps insisted on rotating in a new commander every six months, Dobbratz was transferred in 1969 to the Marine air station in Beaufort, South Carolina, where he eventually became second in command. Dinky, his future wife, was working at the time as the commanding officer’s secretary. Her husband had been killed a few years earlier in a hunting accident, leaving her to raise three young children on her own. Dobbratz and Dinky began to spend time together and soon fell in love. “Joe has more integrity than any person I’ve ever known in my life,” Dinky told me. “When he says something, he means it. That’s how everyone feels about him.”

The couple married in 1971, and from the beginning, Dobbratz embraced his role as a father to the three children, Matthew, Bill, and Catherine. He was strict but also loving. “My biological father died when I was 12,” Bill told me, “but Joe Dobbratz, he came in and he became my daddy. He was very involved with all of us. He did a



Doobratz Glacier is a road tributary glacier located in the Heritage Range mountains of Antarctica.





phenomenal job.” Not long after the marriage, Bill told his new father that he wanted to take his name and become a Dobbratz himself. If he still felt that way when he turned 18, Dobbratz told him, then he would be honored to have him carry his name. Bill Dobbratz did just that and, many years later when his own son was born, the boy was given the name Joseph Dobbratz.

The year 1971 turned out to be a pivotal one for Dobbratz. In addition to getting married, he was promoted to colonel and transferred to the Pentagon. He and the family moved north and Dobbratz began working in the amphibious warfare division. It was a desk job—the higher up you went in the Marines, the less you seemed to get to fly—but “sometimes it was fun,” he recalled. “I guess I shouldn’t say this,” he added with a conspiratorial chuckle, “but I was like a spy for the Marine Corps, to make sure we kept all our assets rather than have the Navy take them. And that’s as far as I’ll say.”

Dobbratz was still at the Pentagon in December 1974 when a mysterious letter from the office of Polar Programs at the National Science Foundation arrived by mail one day. It had been nearly a decade since he last set foot in Antarctica, so he was astounded when he opened the letter and discovered that researchers from the University of Minnesota had been so impressed by him during their time on the continent that they’d worked to have a glacier they discovered named in his honor. “It gives me a great deal of pleasure,” the letter read, “to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has named in your honor the geographic feature Dobbratz Glacier located at 92° S. latitude 80° W. longitude in the Heritage Range of the Ellsworth Mountains, Antarctica.”

Dobbratz told me that he wasn’t sure he deserved the recognition, but he conceded that it meant a great deal to him. “I am proud of that,” he said. “I’m not afraid to admit it.” It was the only time I ever heard him acknowledge pride in an accomplishment.

**I**N 1974, DOBBRATZ WAS SENT TO JAPAN, where he served as first commander of the 1st Marine Air Wing. A year later he was assigned to the Quantico Marine Corps base, in Virginia, where he eventually became chief of staff to the base’s top general. He retired in 1981 at age 40, and he and Dinky returned to Beaufort.



Joe Dobbratz photographed this year at his home in Beaufort, South Carolina.

You may have noticed that the many instances of Dobbratz’s extraordinary aviation that are described in this article—a successful crash landing following the loss of an engine, two helicopter ditches, necessitated by mechanical malfunctions, in which everyone emerged unscathed taking off and landing while under fire in combat zones and hundreds of hours spent flying in Antarctica’s

dangerous conditions—are presented rather stoically. That’s because, for the most part, that is what I was able to get from Dobbratz. When I asked him questions such as what it felt like to pilot an aircraft to safety during a panic-inducing emergency, he would simply reply, “I never thought about it. That’s how we were trained to do it, and that’s how I did it.”

Fortunately, we have his son, Bill Dobbratz, for a bit of context. The younger Dobbratz was himself a Marine Corps aviator for nearly eleven years, and he’s been a FedEx pilot for the past quarter-century. “I don’t know how he did it,” Dobbratz said of his father’s career. “I don’t know anybody that goes, *we’ll raise an airplane in the snow*. Most guys back off. But he kept going and going. When they used to fly to Antarctica—when they left New Zealand, I mean they were Captain Cook 200 years ago. They were just blasting off down to the south. I can’t imagine taking sun shots or star shots to figure out where they were—heading for a tiny spot down on Antarctica. If something bad had happened, there’s no one to come get them. That’s a different breed of cat right there. They’re the greatest generation. No ifs, ands, or buts about that.”

But Joe Dobbratz would have none of it. “I think that there are some exceptional fighter pilots and there were some average ones like me,” he insisted. “But generally speaking, an aviator is an aviator, particularly a naval aviator. You’re all trained by the same people to do the same things.”

“That’s just the way he is,” said Mike Hoeflerlin, the Marine aviator who has written about Dobbratz. “He brushes it off as, ‘Well, I was just doing my job.’ I mean, what they were doing, it was *really* difficult. He was an amazing pilot, and he was an amazing leader. It was a perfect match, him having the Marines and the Marine Corps having him.” ■



# HAF TIME

**His star QB may be out for the season, but with a couple of the best recruiting classes in program history and big plans for the future, Head Coach Jeff Hafley has BC football soaring once again.**

**By Chris Sweeney**

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IT WAS A FEW MINUTES past 9 a.m. on a sweltering Thursday in August, and the rapper 50 Cent was blaring through the speakers of Fish Field House, the massive indoor practice facility that Boston College unveiled in 2018. The AstroTurf gleamed as burly linemen crashed into one another on one half of the practice field, refining their blocking techniques. On the other half, a seven-on-seven scrimmage was underway. Phil Jurkovec, the star quarterback of this absurdly high-powered offense, bobbed around the pocket. Jay Flowers, the most dynamic wide receiver in the Atlantic Coast Conference and one of the best in all of college football, flashed toward the end zone. Out on a seam route was the newly transferred tight end Trae Barry, who at 6-foot-2 and 230 pounds has a nearly identical build to Rob Gronkowski and might turn out to be every bit the playmaker.

NFL scouts from at least four teams prowled the sidelines, and every few minutes a voice came over the PA system to inform players of the next drill and to remind them to stay hydrated. “Keep drinking,” the voice said in an upbeat tone that drowned out 50 Cent. “Keep getting those fluids.”

At a time of day when most of us are topping off our second cup of coffee and settling into the inbox, the Eagles were grinding their way through a literal heatwave. It was the kind of preseason intensity you’d expect from a team that, for the first time in years, felt like it might just be going somewhere. After a decade or so of mediocrity, the Eagles were suddenly flying. With the season fast approaching, pundits were asking whether BC could crash the top 25 national rankings, and the fanbase was as excited as it had been in recent memory.

“Our culture is F.T.T.” offensive lineman Alec Lindstrom told me over on the sideline. “For. The. Team.” He was pouring sweat and wearing a big grin across his face that made it clear there was no place in the world he’d rather be. “I’m giving everything I have for the guy next to me, for the guy next to him, for everyone on the team.”

This season will be Lindstrom’s fifth and final year as an Eagle before he’s likely taken in the 2022 NFL draft following in the footsteps of his big brother and fellow BC lineman Chris, who in 2019 was selected in the first round by the Atlanta Falcons. Every season as a college athlete has its memorable moments, and—as the Eagles would painfully learn in the weeks to come—its ups and downs.

But nothing has really been the same since Jeff Hafley arrived as head coach in December 2019. Hafley was hired away from Ohio State, where he’d spent a single season as defensive coordinator and was instrumental in the Buckeyes winning the Big Ten Championship. Before that, he had steadily ascended the NFL coaching ladder, helping run some of the league’s toughest defenses.

Hafley, who wore white Adidas sneakers, black Adidas shorts, and a long-sleeve BC T-shirt, barely said a word during the portion of practice I was allowed to attend. For the most part, he hung out in the back of the end zone with his headset on and clipboard in hand. “He may not be out there yelling and slamming clipboards,” Lindstrom said, “but he’s going to tell you if you do something wrong, he’s going to show you how to work on it, and you’re going to get better.”

Few first-year head coaches made an impression like the one the 32-year-old Hafley did last year. The Eagles’ 10-3 record may seem like just another mediocre result from a decade full of them, but BC fans know that the team could have easily been 8-1 if a few plays had gone differently. At moments, they were underdogs who captivated national audiences by nearly pulling off major upsets against top-ranked Clemson in a game that 1.5 million people tuned into and No. 12 North Carolina. Other times, they were locked in and executed their game plans under intense pressure, including an overtime win at home against Pittsburgh.

And with the season opener against Colgate just weeks away, there seemed to be universal agreement among football writers that BC fans are in for a treat this year. College football analyst extraordinaire and BC alum Joe Tessitore ’90, P’21, of ESPN and ABC told me that the Eagles are poised to put on a show given the raw talent on the roster and Hafley and his staff’s football smarts. “It’s an offense that could arguably be the best offense in BC history—and that’s saying a lot given some of the offenses we’ve had,” he said. What Tessitore found most impressive, though, is that in just eighteen months, Hafley has built a national recruiting pipeline that’s funneling talent from all over the country to the Heights. Heading into this season, for example, ESPN ranked BC’s 2021 recruiting class as the 8th-best in the country.

For the first time in a long time, the buzz around BC football can be felt well beyond campus. The truth is, college sports, especially football, rarely get their due in Boston. “It’s a pro sports town, probably more so than another other in the country,” said Chad Finn, the *Boston Globe* sports media columnist. Sure, people in Boston recall the glory days of Doug Flutie and the Hail Mary against Miami. But, as Finn quipped, “This is a city where the college football game that people talk about most is still a Harvard-Ivory League tie from 1988.”

Outside of the Boston bubble, though, college football is perhaps the second most popular sport in the country. And





when you have a program from a Jesuit Catholic university in New England that's stacked with future NFL players and is running with the Southern powerhouses, fans pay attention. "I think BC could capture the imagination of a lot of people," Finn said.

That was the plan, anyway. And for a brief moment, Hafley had all the puzzle pieces in place. The Eagles steamrolled Colgate in the season opener 31-0, with Jurkovec throwing for 300 yards and three touchdowns. But then, the very next week, he suffered a potentially season-ending hand injury against UMass. BC won the game anyway, 28-21, but the loss of Jurkovec cast a shadow over the Eagle's 2021 fortunes and presented Hafley with what could be the biggest test of his career.

Now he's been forced to reconfigure the pieces of the puzzle. The good news is that backup quarterback Dennis Grosel, surrounded by potent weapons and one of the most experienced offensive lines in the game, has played well in Jurkovec's absence. And after beating Missouri in week four, the Eagles were off to their first 3-0 start since 2007. Stiffer challenges await, but whatever comes of this season, the future looks bright for Boston College football. In July, *Sports Illustrated* ranked BC's recruiting class for 2022 as a staggering eighth-best in the country. It's a new foundation that will influence Eagles football for years to come.

**O**NE DAY IN 2018, Hafley and his family were out eating burgers near their home in the Bay Area of California when his phone rang. It was Ryan Day, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterbacks coach who had just been named head coach at Ohio State. Day cut right to the point: He wanted Hafley to quit his job as defensive backs coach for the 49ers and join the Buckeyes as a co-defensive coordinator. Hafley laughed out loud. "I'm not going back to college football," he told Day. "No way."

In the moment, Day's offer struck Hafley as nothing but a step backward. Very few coaches make it to an NFL sideline, and fewer willingly walk away from the most

popular league in America. As Hafley knew better than almost anyone, coaching is a career often marked by incremental promotions, personal sacrifices, and a peripatetic lifestyle that wears most people down. His odyssey began in 2001 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was 22 years old, making \$25,000 a season as the running backs coach, and thinking, "I'm on top of the world." He slept under his desk, ate peanut butter out of the jar, and drove a car that would spit black stuff out of the vents whenever he turned on the AC. He upgraded to a defensive assistant and defensive backs coach at the University of Albany in 2002, before jumping to Pittsburgh in 2005. In his five seasons at Pitt, he worked his way up to defensive backs coach, met the love of his life, got married, and then got fired. "If you coach long enough," Hafley said, "you're going to be on a staff that gets fired."

The pink slip from Pitt came with a silver lining—an offer in 2011 to join Rutgers as the defensive backs coach. For Hafley, it felt a little like destiny: He was born and raised in New Jersey, and was eager to return home to be near his father, who was battling an aggressive form of cancer at the time. When the doctors made the diagnosis, they told his father he had three weeks to live. But he held on for close to a year. "He was dying but fighting in that year. And I was there with him all the time because Rutgers Coach

Greg Schiano made it easy for me to go back and forth,” Hafley said. “So, I do believe I was brought to New Jersey in that time to go be with him.”

What was a difficult year personally turned out to be a breakthrough year professionally. Rutgers went 9-1, beat Iowa State in the Pinstripe Bowl, and ended the 2011 season with the ninth-ranked passing defense in the country. On top of that, Hafley was credited with recruiting future NFL wide receiver Leonte Carroo and quarterback Gary Nova, who later set the school record with seventy-three career touchdowns. So when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hired Schiano in January 2012 to be their new head coach, he asked Hafley to join him on the ride as assistant defensive backs coach. After two seasons in Tampa Bay, Hafley moved on to the Cleveland Browns, where he was hired in 2013 to be the defensive backs coach. In his two seasons in Cleveland, he helped the team earn a reputation for having one of the toughest pass defenses in the league. It was also during this time that Hafley and his wife, Gina, had their first child, a daughter. From there, he and his family moved in 2015 to San Francisco, where he spent three seasons as the defensive backs coach with the 49ers, and welcomed his second daughter.

From the outside, it looks like a glamorous ascent. But Hafley was quick to acknowledge the toll that bouncing around the NFL takes on families. He half-joked that his daughters know which city they were born in based on what team he was coaching at the time. “As coaches, we pick up and move and live in a hotel for a month, while our wives are home dealing with the kids by themselves. It’s hard on them. It’s really hard,” he said. “And I’m fortunate Gina has been there with me for some of the biggest moves and taking care of our kids and being supportive because without that support, you have no chance.”

So as he sat in California, surrounded by his family while Ryan Day tried to convince him over the phone to leave the NFL and join him at Ohio State, Hafley simply couldn’t imagine packing up his daughters and moving them yet again for his job. Before letting Hafley get back to his burger, though, Day asked him to take a few days and just think about it.

**I**N THE WEEKS that followed, Day kept calling. Slowly, Hafley started toying with the idea of returning to college football. Then he started talking with Gina about it. Then he started lying in bed in the dark, tossing and turning and pondering each and every career choice

that had led him to that point. “At night, I started to think about why I got into coaching,” he told me. “And it was to develop young people. It was to be around young people and build relationships.” In the NFL, Hafley explained, coaches can forge ties with players. They can help them earn Pro Bowl appearances and gargantuan contracts, and they can help them win games on one of the biggest stages in the world. “But you don’t change lives in the NFL. You can affect them, but you don’t change them,” Hafley said. “You don’t take a 17- or 18-year-old and help them become a man, help them get a great job, help them go to the National Football League.”

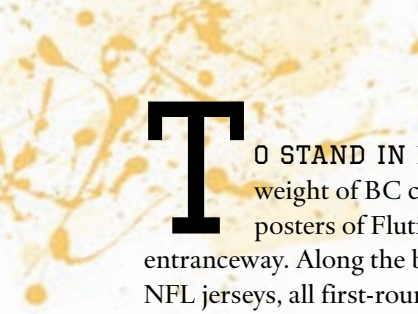
After a few more calls with Day and a few more long talks with Gina, Hafley was Ohio-bound. In his first season, the team’s defense followed a familiar trajectory. It went from being ranked seventy-second nationally in yards per play to number one. The website 247Sports named Hafley the 2019 Defensive Coordinator of the Year, and an anonymous source gushed to *Sports Illustrated* that Hafley was a “superstar” whom the team hoped to be able to keep around for a second season. Boston College, however, had other plans.

In December 2019, Ohio State beat Wisconsin to win the Big Ten title. Late that night, Hafley’s phone rang. It was another career-altering call, and this time it was from Martin Jarmond, then BC’s athletic director, who wanted Hafley to fly out to Boston and interview for the head coach position. “My mind was made up,” Hafley recalled. “When I agreed to go to that interview, I knew if I got the

## IN JUST EIGHTEEN MONTHS ON THE JOB, HAFLEY HAS BUILT A NATIONAL RECRUITING PIPELINE THAT’S FUNNELING TALENT FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO THE HEIGHTS.

offer, I was taking it.” In December 1, Boston College introduced Hafley as its new head coach. Two weeks later, the first reports of COVID-19 came out of China and the world went into a tailspin.

Hafley could never have imagined that his first year as a head coach would be marked by social distancing, Zoom meetings, and a litany of other public health precautions. “Last year was kind of a blur,” he said. “I still feel like I’ve never really coached a game at Alumni Stadium.” That’s understandable. Before home games, Hafley would get himself amped up in the locker room, ready to be greeted by screaming fans, and then he’d jog through the tunnel and enter the stadium only to find seats filled with cardboard cutouts of people. “Kind of eerie,” he said.



**T**O STAND IN Fish Field House is to feel the weight of BC college football history. Towering posters of Flutie and Matt Ryan flank the entranceway. Along the back wall there's a row of twenty NFL jerseys, all first-round picks who were drafted out of BC. It's a powerful reminder of the rarefied air this program inhabits. It's also a powerful reminder of what's at stake for every player and coach who steps through these doors. So it was appropriate, in a way, that the field house was where I met Hafley over the summer, a few weeks before training camp hit full swing. "I've always felt that pressure is a privilege," Hafley told me. "When you do good things and work hard, people notice you, and that adds pressure."

Pressure, in other words, can be a byproduct of success. And if there's one area where Hafley has had an unusual amount of success, it's spotting young talent and recruiting players. Every coach at this level is a tactical whiz who can put together a dazzling game plan on any given Saturday. What sets Hafley apart, according to the people who've watched and worked with him over the years, is the amount of time he invests in building relationships with players, with their families, and with his fellow coaches. The result is a sprawling network of football powerbrokers.

"He has already taken recruiting to a level that has never been understood at BC," says ESPN's Tessitore, who has a unique perspective on Hafley's recruiting skills given that his son, John, is a placeholder on the team. "Jeff is A-plus-plus in the relationship business, but not in a glib or salesman kind of way."

Players, of course, don't just fall into Hafley's lap.

Recruiting is hard work. His staff flies all over the country, pores over videos of possible transfer students, and sits in living rooms or room meetings for long conversations about life-altering decisions with exquisitely talented teenagers and their parents.

Isaiah Graham-Mobley, a linebacker who transferred from Temple this season, said Hafley was so welcoming the first time they spoke that he was instantly sold on the program. "The coaching staff is a great group of guys with a ton of NFL experience, and that was a real high point for me as I was thinking about how I wanted to spend my last year in college," Graham-Mobley said.

When Hafley arrived at BC, everyone kept telling him that he needed to focus on recruiting the Northeast. But he was confident he could attract players from around the country with the lure of a national brand with a stellar academic reputation located in one of the greatest cities in the world. "We're going to recruit the Northeast and we're going to recruit it really hard," he said. "But we can recruit California, we can recruit Texas, we can recruit Alabama, we can recruit Georgia." When I asked Hafley if he has a

go-to line to close the deal with a coveted recruit, he bristled a bit and explained that recruiting college players isn't a purely transactional exchange the same way that drafting or trading for NFL players is. In a lot of cases, recruiting is a family affair, and it's important to treat it as such. "I think the parents trust us that we're going to make sure these kids grow as men," he said.

In a game where success is often measured week to week, Hafley has tried to always take the long view. "It just takes time," he said. "You build a relationship with these kids when they're 1 and 1 years old and it allows you to coach them hard and it allows you to be there for them. And years down the road, these kids will probably still be calling me and we'll still have that connection."

**S**UCCESS BEGETS SUCCESS, which, when it comes to Hafley and his future, can be a little unsettling for BC fans. They still remember how Tom Coughlin parlayed a few seasons in Chestnut Hill into an NFL coaching career that includes multiple Super Bowl rings. So, years down the road, where will Hafley be? It feels taboo to even bring up the subject, but it lingers in the mind of anyone who's followed his career. When I asked the *o's* Chad Finn what the biggest challenge for Hafley will be as head coach, he flipped it: The biggest challenge will be for BC to retain him.

The late-night calls are going to keep coming. There will be offers in the NFL and offers at what some people perceive to be more established college programs, said Tessitore, who demurred when asked if he thinks Hafley will be an Eagle for the long haul. "Will there be a point in his life where perhaps he wants a different challenge?"

es, I think that exists for all of us," Tessitore said. "But I don't think that exit sign is coming up on the highway any time soon."

For his part, Hafley assured me he's in no rush. More so than anywhere else, Boston feels like home for him and his family. He's not far from his family in New Jersey, and living in a city that he loves. BC, he said, is a really good fit.

And then there's everything he wants to accomplish on the football field. He'd told me that 2021 would be an important year, which made the Jurkovec injury all the more dispiriting, but Hafley's not looking for just a good season or two. He wants to build a program that elevates BC to a level it's never reached. "It's not about the chase for me anymore," he said. "It's about being at the right place with the right people and knowing that every time we step out on the field, we have a legitimate shot to compete." ■

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# She Runs the Show

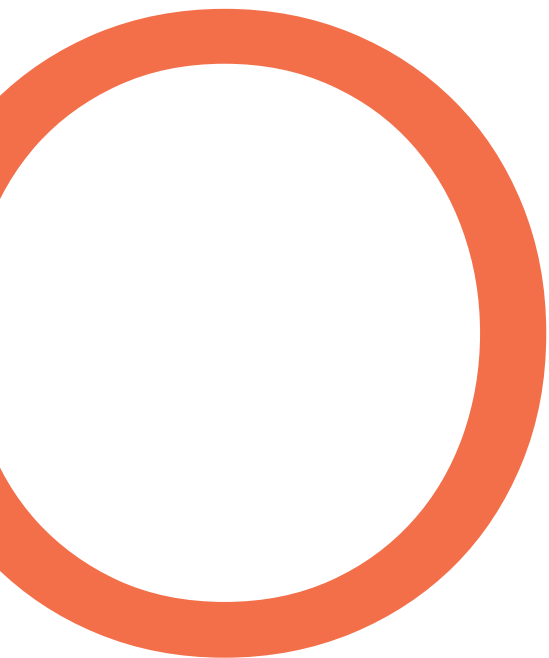
Deirdre Connolly '97 is remaking late-night television as the head producer of the hit Bravo network show *Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen*.

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**ON A TUESDAY IN LATE JULY**, it was nearing airtime for the Bravo television network's irreverent late-night talk show *Late July*. A staffer was hyping up the studio audience, but frankly, the crowd didn't need any extra encouragement. The show strives to be a high-energy televised cocktail party that brings together interesting people who might not otherwise have the chance to sit down and chat—and everyone is invited to attend, whether watching at home and submitting questions via social media, or, as now, sitting in the Clubhouse, as *Late July* refers to its intimate Manhattan studio. The twenty spectators were already atwitter, sipping hard seltzer and snapping selfies as they awaited the emergence of the night's guests: the socialite and singer Luann de Lesseps of *The Contender*, and the one-time *The Contender* contestant Tyler Cameron. "I can't believe we're here," one woman exclaimed to her date, letting out a squeal.

When *Late July* began airing in 2009, it primarily featured guests from Bravo shows and Cohen's famous pals. Since then, however, the show has evolved into a popular booking for big celebrities such as Meryl Streep, Oprah Winfrey, and Lady Gaga, who, drinks in hand, enter the Clubhouse ready to share. The actress Helena Bonham Carter, for one, admitted to drunkenly asking Prince William to be her daughter's godfather (he declined), while the actor Ray Liotta named Sigourney Weaver as his worst on-screen kiss and Jennifer Lopez called her on-again, off-again boyfriend Ben Affleck's expansive back tattoo "awful." Juicy soundbites like these later appear on gossip websites and in the pages of *People* and *Seventeen*. And with its lively, house-party appeal—the set is modeled after a room in Cohen's actual apartment—the Emmy-nominated show has also become a hit, the number-one late-night cable program among women ages 25 to 34.

To kick off the evening's fun, Cohen, the show's host and a reality-TV pioneer who established his reputation as the producer of Bravo's hugely popular *Real Housewives* franchise, took questions from the studio audience. In this preshow *Late July*, Cohen was asked about his bromance with the journalist Anderson Cooper, and to identify his favorite memento on display in the Clubhouse. Watching it all unfold on multiple screens just down the hall in the control room was the show's executive producer, Deirdre Connolly '90. "My role is to make sure the show always stays true to its intention," she told me. As *Late July*'s showrunner for the past twelve-plus years—one of a small but growing number of women to occupy such a position in late-night television—that's exactly what Connolly has done, while overseeing all aspects of production. And even more impressive than holding the top job at a successful, long-running talk show is that, according to those who've worked closest with her, she's accomplished it all while fostering a supportive, creative culture in an industry where that can be a rarity.

"I've worked in morning news, I've worked in news, I've worked in daytime. I've literally worked in every genre of television, and this is certainly the most fun environment," said Dori Kornspan, a supervising producer who oversees the booking department at *Late July*. But even though the show is "wacky and outside the box," Kornspan said, Connolly's hard work and professionalism ensure that it runs smoothly behind the scenes.

**A**BOUT AN HOUR prior to airtime, I sat next to Connolly in the control room as she and her team went over a few final details. Nearby, Cohen was running through his lines, consulting the research and writing staff. When he got to an audience poll that he was supposed to announce during the show, Cohen paused. The survey would ask viewers to vote online whether Cameron should perform a risqué dance for de Lesseps, but Cohen wondered how it would go over. Didn't de Lesseps have a



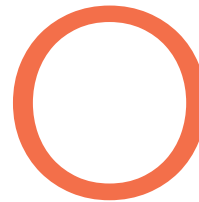
new beau? And wasn't Cameron's girlfriend scheduled to be in the studio audience? "Maybe we're objectifying him too much?" Connolly offered. They opted to scrap the idea and move on.

As the showrunner, Connolly has overall creative authority for the show—in other words, she's developing the "bible of what we want the show to actually be," Connolly said, "and then sharing that with all of the people who have to execute things as you see them." She manages forty staffers across various departments, including research, production, booking, brand integration, graphics, and social media. "It's really about being an effective communicator," she said. "You need to be able to tell somebody something very concisely and quickly."

Above all, Connolly is responsible for making sure that the shows feel like a party hosted by Cohen that features an interesting guest list, free-flowing alcohol, and parlor games. And being in Cohen's ear—via an earpiece he wears during the broadcasts—each night for most of the show's run has allowed Connolly to stay attuned to his sensibilities. "We've faced canceled guests, hurricanes, power outages, and just a teeny little pandemic, and through it all, Deirdre has remained an unflappable, inspiring leader," Cohen said. "She's who you want with you on the battlefield, which is what live television often resembles."

Indeed, it was Connolly who made the call to start the show once without Mariah Carey when she was running late. A backup plan to send out Mariah-themed drag queens was abandoned as the Grammy-winning diva at last strolled into the Clubhouse, four minutes after the show went live. These things can happen on live TV, of course,

but most nights are like tonight, with Cohen charming the celebrities and the cameras rolling without incident. As Connolly, wearing a headset, observed from the control room, Cohen welcomed Cameron to the stage. "My next guest wore his heart on his sleeve on *the a he ore e*," the host said, "and if you peep his Instagram, you'll see he's rarely worn a sleeve nor a shirt at all since. His new book, *o eser e e er ha e as a h e o o e e a onsh ps an e o n o r es Se*, came out today."



**ONE OF CONNOLLY'S** earliest pop-culture memories involves watching *MT* for the first time at

the house of a friend's cousin when she was 9 years old. She still recalls the feeling of seeing the premiere of Michael Jackson's iconic 1981 Pepsi commercial that day. "It was just so exciting," she said. "I really got into it."

Connolly grew up in Hingham, on Massachusetts' South Shore, going to concerts and devouring books. "Deirdre was always writing," her mother, Maureen, remembered. Connolly arrived at Boston College in 1991 with her love of pop culture intact, but she was a student with a well-rounded set of interests. "She cares a lot about social justice and women's rights," said Kate 'Keefe '91, whose friendship with Connolly started during their freshman year at BC. "I definitely always saw her as someone who takes an active role in politics and pays attention to what's going on." It's no wonder, then, that Connolly majored in political science and planned to work in the State Department one day. However, a yearlong internship for the late Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy during her senior year turned her off to politics. "Every single person in that office truly, truly believed in what they were doing," she recalled. "But it just seemed to be more of a grind than I had imagined."

That spring, a woman who worked in production events at *MT* happened to visit the store that Connolly's parents own, Aisling Gallery and Framing, and Connolly's mother told her about Deirdre and asked for the woman's



Deirdre Connolly and *Watch What Happens Live* host Andy Cohen at the South Shore Southfest festival in August as a few years ago

number. From there, Connolly kept calling—"I harassed and bugged her," she said, with a laugh—even as she interviewed for a job at Merrill Lynch in New York, and then moved to San Francisco and later Ireland for temporary jobs in the year after she graduated from BC. Connolly's persistence finally paid off when, at the end of 1998, she talked her way into a two-week freelance gig at the network. A few years of project-based work turned into a full-time associate producer role in May 2001 for MTV's video-countdown show *100% Pure*, known to early-aughts teens everywhere as *100%*.

The show taught her about the thrills, and challenges, of live television. When the rapper Eminem appeared on *100%*, his frenzied fans ran through Times Square, clogging the streets outside the studio. "We had to shut the blinds," Connolly recalled. She spent almost a decade working at MTV in progressively more senior roles, even moving to London for a year and a half to launch *100% Pure* there. "People knew that she expected results," recalled John Jude Schultz, who worked with Connolly at MTV in London and today is a co-executive producer on *100%*. "I think people wanted to—and still want to—make her happy and make her proud and deliver for her. I was going out to bars and not even thinking about leadership, and she definitely had that quality, even back then."

Connolly left *100%* in 2007 though she returned to work on the final episode of the show's original run in 2008 and started freelancing for MTV and other outlets while searching for her next full-time opportunity. It was around that time that Bravo executives began noticing the large

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traffic numbers being generated by the web recaps that Cohen was doing for Bravo shows such as *Top Chef*. The network decided to adapt the recaps into a weekly TV talk show to be hosted by Cohen—then a senior vice president of original programming and development at Bravo—and they needed a showrunner for a three-month trial run. When someone at the network suggested Connolly, she found herself in a meeting with Michael Davies, the president of the show's production company, Embassy Row. "We clicked over our love of live TV," Connolly said, "with everybody coming together for moments to create something rather than editing something to create a story."

That was more than a dozen years ago, but as Cameron and de Lesseps sat across from Cohen on the set, it was clear that the pursuit of those moments continues to set *100%* apart in late-night television, drawing viewers and visits from bigger and bigger celebrities. Cohen led the guests through a silly quiz called "Are Those Tyler's Abs?" in which de Lesseps had to guess which of the shirtless torsos on screen belonged to Cameron. Incredulous at first, de Lesseps quickly warmed to the task, and got six out of eight correct.

**C**ONNOLLY STARTED *100%* at a *happy hour* with Cohen in June 2009, and the debut episode aired on Bravo a month later. The freewheeling, conversational feel of the show was inspired by Cohen's web recaps, and all of the production decisions that Connolly and Cohen have made since then have stayed true to that original spirit. "We built the show around Andy's personality," Connolly said. "He always describes it as, *I was on a show and I know how people have known her but I know her*."

From the beginning, they decided to ditch the usual late-night format. There would be no opening monologue, no musical acts, and no preshow interviews with guests yielding the same rehashed anecdotes. The only thing they would ask celebrities for in advance would be their drink orders. *100%*, for one, requested a very expensive bottle of tequila that she didn't touch and the staff later enjoyed. "Early on, we realized it actually is more fun to have somebody show up, give them a cocktail, and see what happens," Connolly said. "This set the tone that people come on to be open, and they come to play."

At first, *100%* aired only once a week, at midnight. As the show evolved, Connolly and Cohen experimented and started adding regular elements and games, like the



# Chemistry Lessons

Big part of the fun of *Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen* are the surprising guest airings where show runner and co-hosts reflexively reflect on some of the moments that really worked.



**Dan Rather + John Mayer** AIRED: MAY 2012

One of Andy's first onsets was producing for *Sesame Street* including fielding issues with an angry and John has been great friends for many years. So it was very interesting to watch as Andy's personal worlds came together on



**Rachel Maddow + Lil Jon** AIRED: MAY 2013

An unlikely pairing who found out through that cocktails and conversation and so the fun chemistry brought something out of each of them that was unexpected to the Lil Jon fans and unexpected to the Rachel Maddow fans.



**Luann de Lesseps + Jennifer Lawrence + Bethenny Frankel** AIRED: MARCH 2018

We surprised Jennifer with her first foray into *Real Housewives* and it was great to see such a big star absolutely fan out over two reality stars. Her reaction was priceless.



**Charlize Theron + Seth Rogen** AIRED: MAY 2019

They weren't an unexpected pairing either because they were promoting the same film but they were relaxed and very revealing about their roles. They're behind the bar too so that made for some awkward moments.



**Kamala Harris + Laverne Cox** AIRED: JUNE 2020

Kamala and Laverne have a lot of overlap on issues that they are passionate about. Plus it's cool that they had the first female vice president on *WWHL*.

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revealing “Plead the Fifth,” in which a celebrity can refuse to answer only one of three questions. And while the first few episodes featured just one guest, the team soon realized that seemingly random pairings could result in more interesting television. Connolly’s staff confirms A-list stars well in advance and then fills out the lineup with Bravo personalities and other celebrities with projects to promote, while also calculating which guest combinations will generate buzz or chemistry. In one show last year, for example, the former *Sarah* star Cheri Teri appeared with the NFL party animal Rob Gronkowski.

Other unusual matches have included the domestic doyenne Martha Stewart with the snarky *Real Housewives* creator Seth MacFarlane, and the actress Maggie Gyllenhaal with the rapper 50 Cent. To keep the banter flowing, there’s also a bartender on set each evening, often a friend or relative of the guests or staff—it could be a baseball player from Cohen’s beloved St. Louis Cardinals or even Connolly’s mom, Maureen, who insisted on serving tea.

Over the years, the show has expanded to five nights a week, and moved up to 11 p.m. One thing that hasn’t changed, though, is that the show continues to embrace social media as a means to connect with fans. This interaction doesn’t just create exposure, it also gives viewers a rare chance to influence a television program. Many of the questions that Cohen asks come from viewers via Twitter and Facebook, and during the pandemic, fans literally

became part of the show as they posed their questions over video in real time. “That’s something that’s really exciting about live TV,” Connolly said. “People can actually impact what you’re going to say.”

Connolly remembers the moment when she felt that the show had truly arrived. It was early in season three, and not only had the *MT* creator and actress Tina Fey agreed to appear on the show, but she also told Cohen that she was a fan of the show. “Tina was, and still is, a big star that was giving props to what we were doing and it felt big and exciting,” she said. Connolly’s success comes as no surprise to her childhood friend Amy Thurlow ’90, who until recently was the president of Dick Clark Productions. “Her creativity combined with her business savvy are unmatched,” Thurlow said. Meanwhile, Schultz, Connolly’s *MT* colleague from years ago who now works with her on *MT*, said he was similarly struck





Deirdre Connolly photographed in one of WWHL's three "P Greenrooms" she has staged and redesigned in the studio and featured in *Elle Decor*.

will make them better.” Keefe, Connolly’s friend from BC, says she’s proud of the paradigm shift Connolly has instituted. “I am so happy that there are people like Deirdre who are doing jobs in what’s considered more of a male industry—and doing them really well,” she said. “A lot of the people who work with her are going to make changes wherever they go on to work.”

**W**ITH THE broadcast portion of the evening’s show coming to an end, Cohen reminded television viewers of an upcoming special guest: Dolly Parton. He then turned his attention back to Cameron and de Lesseps for the taping of the after-show, an even

by her inventiveness. “There are only so many things that you can really do in our little shoe box of a studio, but I think Deirdre has always instilled in us to keep pushing the boundaries, to keep trying to do things differently, to keep trying to freshen it up,” he said. “That’s a challenge that we will have until the very last day of this show.”

What happens when Cohen breaks the late-night mold in other important ways, too. Cohen is the only openly gay host. The majority of Connolly’s staff are women, and a diversity of voices are represented in the supportive workplace that she and Cohen have created from the top down. Connolly rejects the high-stress control rooms and toxic dynamics that can be associated with live TV, and instead leads with kindness. “That doesn’t mean being a pushover,” she said. “It does mean pushing people. It does mean telling people hard truths and the stuff they may not want to hear in the moment, but that

looser segment of five to fifteen minutes for an online-only audience. Cohen handed his interview responsibilities over to the night’s bartenders, two Cameron-obsessed producers, who asked him their own somewhat personal questions.

The studio audience clapped and cheered one last time, and then it was over. Connolly stepped out of the control room just as her assistant was ushering me out the stage doors. Seeing her bright smile, I was reminded of something she’d said earlier about the show. “I’m going to ride this for as long as I can because I know it’s lightning in a bottle—I just don’t think it’s going to come around again,” she told me. “I just want to stay relevant and continue to create content that people enjoy and that makes people happy.” Connolly walked me to the elevator, and I headed down with a few cameramen, then exited the building into the night. ■

# NEWS & NOTES

## Welcome to the newest BC Alumni Board Members!

As the volunteer leadership of the Boston College Alumni Association (BCAA), the Alumni Board of Directors strengthens relationships among **more than 190,000 Eagles worldwide**. This guiding body engages the interests of our graduates and generates meaningful opportunities around them. We are thrilled to welcome two new members to the BC Alumni Board of Directors! See a full list of members at [bc.edu/alumniboard](https://bc.edu/alumniboard).



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## 2020–2021 BCAA Annual Report

Highlighting initiatives that brought together our alumni, parents, and friends around the globe, the Boston College Alumni Association Annual Report reflects engagement activities and accomplishments from June 2020 through May 2021. This year's report shares the remarkable ways in which alumni like you demonstrated your commitment to the University and to each other, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you'll read, BCAA virtual events expanded our regional and global reach beyond our wildest expectations, none of which would have been possible without the involvement and generosity of our alumni and friends!



### BY THE NUMBERS: 2020–2021 Alumni Engagement

190,000+

Alumni

150+

Virtual events

9,600+

Alumni attendees

600+

Student attendees

2,100+

First-time attendees

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## 1948

**Paul Lannon** wrote in: "The Class of 1948 and I want to thank **Tim Buckley** for his many years as our class correspondent. Several years ago, he appointed **Al DeVito** and me to be co-class correspondents. It was then [that] we found out how much effort Tim put into making sure the Class of 1948 had a listing in the Class Notes. ... Congratulations to my granddaughter, Kate Christos, captain of the Madison, New Jersey, high school lacrosse team, on being named an All-American. ... She will attend San Diego State. BC missed a good one! Along with Governor Charlie Baker, Bill Belichick, the Gronk, Mike Tyson, and others, I had my hair cut short in support of the annual cancer charity event run yearly by Rob Hale and his company, Granite Telecommunications of Quincy. For each participant, \$5,000 was given to Boston Children's Hospital."

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## NC 1954

I think everyone's activities have been curtailed recently because of COVID-19 restrictions, so there's not much news. **Mary Evans Bapst** emailed that she has been busy in Geneva, Switzerland, with her grandson's wedding, many birthdays, and planning for visits from out-of-towners. Mary also noted that the Geneva conference between Presidents Biden and Putin "only severely inconvenienced about 50,000 people for two weeks, and the huge cargo planes carrying conference materials roared off in front of my balcony frequently." Mary lives next to the airport flight path. • I had a very nice, long chat with **Maureen Cohalan Curry** in Bristol, Rhode Island. I hope this issue finds everyone well and enjoying a tranquil fall.

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## 1955

**Richard Connors**, JD'60, writes, "Greetings from the Old Pueblo, where I live steps away from the households of three of my six children. In August, I plan to drive east to Providence, Rhode Island, to assist in the burial ashes of my beloved brother, John Connors '58. While there, I will visit the Heights and my birthplace, Brighton, where I started my education on Chestnut Hill Avenue and ended it at St. Thomas More Drive, where the Law School was then located. A special shout-out to the ROTC Class of 1955." • **Thomas Griffin** wrote that he and his wife, Arlene, "BC'55" (Bryant College), have "pretty much stayed housebound for over a year." The years 2020 and 2021 have been particularly difficult for him after hearing of the passing of two classmates and friends. "**Dick Renehan** was a BC High

and BC classmate. Dick was probably one of the very few lawyers with an undergraduate degree in physics! Fred Kelley, MA'58, was a neighborhood (Jamaica Plain) chum, grammar school (OLOL), BC High, and BC classmate. We would meet for dinner on my annual visit home to JP."

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## 1956

**Tom Sheehan**, an author, poet, and writer, has published 52 books. Twenty-eight of them are on the Amazon Authors Page (with three to be added) as "Tom Sheehan, Saugus, Mass" because, as he explains, "there are two of us on those pages." He has won some contests (such as Ageless Writers) and has about 33 Pushcart Prize nominations. He has had two pieces in the *Boston Globe Magazine* Ideas section. His piece "Hey, Saugus, Get off My Back" is a permanent fixture on Literally Stories, a site with worldwide judges who have selected at least 150 of his submissions. • **John (Jack) Bergin**, of Osterville, passed away on December 25, 2020, while living with his daughter, Kristin Anderson '95, in Southern California. Kristin shared that he spoke often of his days at BC as the president of the Gold Key Society and winning the Finnegan Award with his proud mother sitting in the front row. He joins his beloved wife, Ellie, and is survived by 5 children (including Colleen Amirsakis '92), 12 grandchildren, and 5—nearly 6—great grandchildren. His family was his greatest joy, and BC was not too far behind!

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## 1957

**65TH REUNION**  
June 2022

Many thanks to **Bill Cunningham** for hosting our group luncheon this June at Woodland Golf Club. Those in attendance were **Ed Brickley**, **Dave McAvoy**, **Frank Higgins**, **Jim Devlin**, **Fr. Gene Sullivan**, **Paul Daly**, **Paul McAdams**, **Bill McKenzie**, and **John Harrington**. • I received a note from **Charlie Ryder** that he and his wife, Cynthia, have enjoyed 33 years of living in Hull. • **Paul Daly** reported that a few of our classmates got together for golf recently at Crosswinds Golf Club in Plymouth. Players included Paul McAdams, Dave McAvoy, **Jim Connolly**, **Bill Cunningham**, **Jim Devlin**, and Paul. • I am sad to report the recent passing of classmates **John Wissler**, MBA'72, **Vin Looney**, **Jim Daly**, **Dr. Vic Popeo**, and **Gerry Kelly**, MM. For many years, our class

was fortunate to enjoy annual Masses after football games celebrated by **Tom Ahearn**, MM, Gerry, and Fr. Gene Sullivan. And John will be missed by countless BC alumni after serving as executive director of the Alumni Association for 31 years. • On a personal note, I'm happy that I'm still able to watch some of my grandchildren's sporting activities. Grandson Frankie Higgins is playing lacrosse at Bucknell University, grandson Jake Higgins is playing hockey at Holy Cross, and granddaughter Alex is co-captain of the Hingham High School soccer team.  
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## NC 1957

### 65TH REUNION

June 2022

**Diane Russell McDonough** writes from her home in Needham to say that she is basically well except for ongoing macular degeneration, which has left her legally blind ("not as bad as it sounds," she says!). She is not driving but lives close to the town's business district, which allows her to walk most places. She is planning a short trip to Washington, D.C., soon to meet a third great-grandchild, Josephine Mea. • **Ellie Pope Clem** keeps us up to date on her grandson Peter, who will be ordained at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in June 2022 and is now a transitional deacon. Grandson Joey has committed to lifetime work with Youth Apostles, and granddaughter Carmen is a volunteer at a Catholic camp in Ohio. Ellie and her husband, Dave, are enjoying emerging post-COVID events—exercise classes, writing and poetry sessions, etc.—in their community (the Colonnades) in Charlottesville, Virginia. • **Mary Winslow Poole** is putting her NC English degree to good use as she prepares to teach yet another literature class at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Washington, D.C. This is her fourteenth year teaching classes, reading five novels thematically linked. She thanks Mother Maguire for instilling a love for reading and writing in her, as it is wonderfully sustaining. This spring, Mary taught her class of 23 on Zoom—not bad at our age! Wow! • To piggyback on Mary's thanks to Newton, I (**Connie Weldon LeMaitre**) am in a book club in my hometown of Andover, and we'll be celebrating our 50th year together this fall. At 10 books a year, that makes 500 books we might not have otherwise read, discussed, and researched. This group has served as a lifeline for us all—as well as a support for all stages of our crazy lives. Again, thank you, Newton College, for our wonderful liberal arts education! It was so good to hear from several of you who still have a Sacred Heart ring from high school or Newton—I take it they still fit? Alas, mine is lost forever.

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## 1958

Thanks to all who answered our call for class notes. Delighted to know you are "still kicking"! • Ann and **Bill McGurk**,

of Venice, Florida, have been wed for 62 years. They spend six months each year on Prince Edward Island on their 40-acre farm—part of the original 360-acre farm that has been in Bill's family since 1802. Bill kept busy during the COVID-19 quarantine by publishing his second book, *Sailing as Metaphor: Poems and Essays*. • **Carol and Tom Kurey**—and Tom's BC vintage headgear—will be missed at our 65th Reunion in 2023. We know you were taken up "on Eagles' wings," Tom. • **Jean (Harrington) Crowley**, of Solomons, Maryland, and **Joan (Keenan) Barry**, of Wareham, recently reconnected by phone. Jean and Joan met in freshman year and have been "forever friends" for over 66 years! Joan introduced Jean to **Tom Crowley** (d. 2002) and was a bridesmaid in their wedding. Jean has six daughters and seven grandchildren. She recently celebrated her grandson's wedding in Orlando, Florida. • **Barbara (deMontigny) Morin** has resided at Brooksby Village in Peabody since leaving her Marblehead home almost 20 years ago. She recently relocated from her independent-living apartment into an assisted-living apartment, where she is happily ensconced with her cat, Rusty. • **Claire and Wally Vaughan**, of Franklin, celebrated their 60th anniversary, virtually enjoying the families of their 5 children, which include 10 grandchildren. During the pandemic, Wally missed the fun of sharing harmonica tunes at schools and nursing homes. From his front steps, though, with neighbors on horns and a tuba, Wally and his harmonica participated in a 14-week series of mini-concerts, featuring "Shedding the COVID Blues." • **Kenny Joyce** reports that he and his daughter, Mary '87, still maintain a real estate and estate law practice (Joyce and Joyce Associates) on Cape Cod. His son, Michael '90, practices as a mesothelioma plaintiff lawyer in Boston. • **Kenny Joyce** and **Bill Bulger** are among the few remaining Triple Eagles (BC High, BC, BC Law) in our class. • **Louise** and **Peter Guilmette** sold their Acton home in 2008, retired to Greensboro, North Carolina, and love the South. Twice a year they visit their two children in the Boston area. • We are happy to hear of the resumption of the annual Sesuit Harbor Cruise, sponsored by the BC Alumni Club of Cape Cod.

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## NC 1958

**Judith Young Runnette**, the first to respond to the request for news, sends her love to all her classmates. In July, she went to Tyringham to stay with a friend. They went to Tanglewood to hear a Beethoven concert featuring pianist Emanuel Ax. Judith's son, Forrester, from San Francisco, and her daughter, Alex, from Jacksonville, Florida, also visited in July. • **Peg Keane Timpson** expressed her gratitude for keeping us in touch. With most restrictions from COVID behind us, she is enjoying playing golf, gardening, spending days at the beach, and getting together with family and friends. • **Anne DeFazio Berra** heads north to Massachusetts at the end of July for a family reunion on Cape Cod hosted by her cousin Andrew Picariello '57. She

notes that travel, once one of life's joys, has lost some of its charms and is sometimes more of a hassle than an adventure. Anne commiserates with me, a recent pacemaker recipient, about her pacemaker, which she has had for four years. She expresses her gratitude that we live in a time when such medical wonders are available. • **Jo Kirk Cleary's** startling news involved an attempt by a woodchuck to bite her while she was gardening. He attacked from the rear, leaving teeth marks, blood, and an abrasion. The staff members at the ER were highly amused, claiming that a visit from an 84-year-old woman who had experienced such an encounter while doing yard work was very rare! Jo expressed gratitude for her 15 years of RSCJ education. • **Sue Fay Ryan** wrote that for four years she looked forward to traveling to Cambridge to attend her oldest grandchild's graduation from Harvard. There was no live ceremony this year, but Remedy Ryan traveled to Sue's Florida condo to watch the festivities with her family, which included a speech from the president and a speech from a student given entirely in Latin. Remedy's father, Tony Ryan, is a BC graduate ('87). • **Rosemary Stuart Dwyer** sent love to all and prayers for good health. • The Schorr family enjoyed two graduations in May: grandson David from Penn State and granddaughter Kelly from William & Mary. We have planned a family reunion at Isle of Palms in South Carolina in August. I encourage all to stay in touch. It is a blessing to hear from each other.

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## 1959

It's been 62 years since we left BC full of plans and expectations. We're all well into our 80s, approaching the end of the trip at different paces but with the same destination. • I communicated with **Peter McLaughlin** recently. He's still involved with the Office of the President at BC in some vague "senior" status with a title. He's earned it. No one has done more to hold our class together in recent years. We discussed the possibility of holding a luncheon later this year, something casual and low key. Is there any interest? Please respond to Peter or me. I don't have any other news; maybe a result of where we all are is a gradual silencing or shutting down? I note that Class Notes for our era seems to be shrinking. Stay in touch; send news.

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## NC 1959

Hopefully, all of our classmates are staying well during this horrific year of the pandemic. The vaccine rollout is a welcome step towards our return to normalcy. • We have some sad news to report. **Sheilah (Lane) Malafrente's** husband, John, died recently. John was always a happy participant in our class reunion events and will be missed. **Honey (Good) McLaughlin's** sister, Doris, also died recently after a period of poor health. Please keep Sheilah's and Honey's families in your prayers. • Our Cape Codder **Pat (Sweeney) Sheehy**



traveled in the spring from her Florida home to visit her son's family in California. After this delightful trip, Pat returned to her Yarmouth Port home, where, at the time this column was written, she hoped to reconnect with other Cape Cod classmates during the summer. • Fond New Year's wishes for the blessings of good health, peace, and happiness. We are very grateful for all of our news contributors to help fill our column.

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## 1960

With the recent pandemic, there has been little travel or other activity reported by class members. Thus, we have a relatively brief column this quarter. • **Rev. Leo Shea**, MM, was able to celebrate his 55th anniversary as a Maryknoll priest in June. Fr. Shea also officiated at the funeral of his Sudbury neighbor and our classmate **John "Jack" Wenchenbaugh**. John was an IBM stalwart who is rumored to have gone through his entire life without ever using a single Apple product. • We extend our condolences to John's family as well as to the family of **Bill Sullivan**. Bill was a man of many accomplishments. A longtime Miltonite, he founded Sullivan Insurance, which is now in the hands of his four sons. Bill was a past recipient of the Philip J. Callan, Sr., '25 Young Alumni Award for distinguished service to Boston College. But by far his most notable achievement was the help and guidance he provided to many of those recovering from alcohol dependency. • Widely read poet **Brendan Galvin** writes from Truro on the Cape that LSU Press has published his 19th book of poems, *Partway to Geophany*. He is now working on his 20th. (I must admit that I had to look up the word "geophany".) • Finally, **Fred O'Neill**, probably our last remaining active skier, reports that this winter will probably be his last on the slopes. Henceforth he will stick to golf. • Hopefully, we will run into some of you at a BC football game. *Sláinte*.

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## NC 1960

Continuing about granddaughters... • **Peggy Massman Freedman** has nine granddaughters. Number one is a florist in San Francisco. Number two, a Notre Dame graduate, lives in Chicago, works as a higher education analyst for the Julliard School of Music in New York, and was accepted by Northwestern to pursue a master of science in education. Granddaughter number three is an oncology infusion nurse at Mount Sinai Dubin Breast Center, and number four is a sophomore at St. Ignatius in Chicago and participates in many clubs. Junior granddaughter number five is at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, a state championship swimmer, and a member of advanced choir. A missionary at Prairie Star Ranch in Kansas, granddaughter number six works for the Diocese of Kansas City. Granddaughters seven, eight, and nine (ages 11, 10, and 9) attend St. Ann's grade

school and play volleyball, play basketball, and do gymnastics, respectively. • **Anne Conniff Boyle's** granddaughter, an alumna of Chapman College in California, teaches in a Montessori school. • **Lita Capobianco Mainelli** has six granddaughters. The eldest, a Northeastern graduate, is a consultant for PwC. The next, a Carroll School graduate, lives in San Francisco and works for Airbnb. Her third granddaughter, a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing, works in oncology at Children's Hospital in Hartford, and her freshman sister is in UConn's School of Dental Medicine. The fifth granddaughter is a Colgate University graduate who paints and majored in psychology and English. Number six is a Colgate freshman. • **Nancy Madden Leamy's** granddaughter is a gold medalist downhill skier at Mount Mansfield Ski Club & Academy. • **Ferna Ronci Rourke** has four granddaughters. Number one is a freshman at Hobart who plays varsity hockey and lacrosse. Number two is a sophomore at Andover who plays varsity hockey and lacrosse. Numbers three and four (12 and 8), live in New Hampshire. • **Pat McCarthy Dorsey's** granddaughter was the first woman in her family to choose a STEM field, graduating from Lehigh University with a BS in mechanical engineering. She is a systems engineer at Siemens Healthineers, and her freshman sister is a biology major at William & Mary. • Three of **Pat Winkler Browne's** granddaughters are graduates from Barnard College of Columbia University. Number one is an associate director of strategy in women's health care and marketing communications, number two is a research and development technician at the Pandemic Response Lab in New York City, working to detect viruses, and number three, an art history major, is an administrator for a camp in Maine. Number four is a high school freshman who volunteers at the National Tropical Botanical Garden in Kauai, Hawaii. • **Mickey Mahon MacMillan's** granddaughter, a Fordham University graduate, has a job with the Detroit Tigers. • There are many more granddaughters and grandsons to report about. Please send me your grandchild news.

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## 1961

**Bob Branca** retired in 1995 after selling his businesses. "Ann and I are celebrating the 60th anniversary of our marriage and splitting our time between Florida and Rhode Island. Our son, Robert Jr. '84, is an alumnus of BC and the University of Michigan Law School ('87). Our daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from Smith College in 1988. Robert Jr. has three children, and Elizabeth has two children. We spend our time enjoying our family, playing golf, and traveling." • **Rita Ailinger** retired from a long career of teaching public health nursing at Georgetown University, George Mason University, and UMass Boston. She worked for several years in Latin America (Nicaragua, Colombia, and Chile) and became fluent in Spanish, adding that she didn't speak a word of it before she

traveled there. She is the volunteer parish nurse for the Hispanic Catholic Community of Cape Cod and also volunteers on the Cape in administering COVID vaccinations. She enjoys living on Cape Cod with her husband of 47 years. Rita hopes to see classmates at our 60th Reunion!

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## NC 1961

**Beth Good Wadden** wrote, "Many thanks to **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan** and her team for perfectly organizing our mini reunion. Included were Beth, Brigid, **Alice Dresser Pusateri**, **Sallie-Ann Dow Casey**, **Barbara Feely O'Brien**, **Gail Giere Collins**, **Linda Gray MacKay**, **Rosie Hanley Cloran**, **Ellen MacDonald Carbone**, **Ellen Mahony King**, **Micky McQueen Matthews**, **Faith Mead Bertrand**, **Maryann Morrissey Curtin**, and **Ruthie O'Neil Kenney**. The memories shared by one and all were a delight to recall. We're looking forward to a grand on-campus reunion next June 2022!" Mark your calendars. • **Betty Hitchins Wilson** wrote, "I have had no internet for five months but have been thinking of our 60th Reunion a lot this week. It must be telepathy (the Holy Spirit), but I just got back my internet and discovered it was our Reunion Weekend. So, sending love and greetings to all my Newton sisters. We are well, fully vaccinated, in Jamaica, and looking forward to traveling again soon." • **Juliana Fazakerly Gilheany** wrote, "I do see **Kathy Hall Hunter**; her daughter Allison has some of her artwork in a show in Manhattan. I'm taking the summer off from teaching, although now that we have spoiled students with remote (learning), they all want a summer course. I said no. I need the break. I'm teaching Civil War and Reconstruction in the fall; next semester I'm going to concentrate more on the failure of Reconstruction into the early 20th century." • Many will remember the full report that I sent in April from Maryann Morrissey Curtin: "Alice Dresser Pusateri and I attended the celebration of **Elaine Fitzgerald Shea's** life in Arlington. The Mass was attended by over 300 people. The legacy of Elaine is truly amazing. Elaine and her late husband, Bill, were supporters of the Salvation Army. Her grandchildren read from the Old and New Testaments and the Prayer of the Faithful. However, the most moving and glorious tribute to Elaine came just before the consecration, when her 13-year-old grandson leaped joyfully to the altar, stood tall, and sang "Amazing Grace," which had us all in tears as the hymn was Elaine's favorite. She devoted her life to her family first but also to her community. She founded a support group for women survivors of domestic violence and a library for underserved locations. It was an honor to be present at her final farewell, sensing the love she had shared with her family and community." • We received word that **Joan Donohoe O'Neil** died on June 15 with her family by her side. May Elaine and Joan both rest in peace.

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**Richard Dewar** ended his political career after serving three years on the Aiken City Council in South Carolina. That left time for golf, which was very productive last year, according to Dick. He got his first and only hole-in-one in November and shot his age in October. His friendships with **Ronald Reilly** and **William Cronin** continue. • **Caroleann Bready-Lyons** writes to say “hello” to former classmates. After retiring from the community college system in Massachusetts, she and her husband moved to Providence, Rhode Island, to be close to family. • Westborough is home for **Paul Horrigan**. He is looking forward to attending some of the BC functions that have been out of reach during the pandemic. • Urban planner **Mark Dullea**’s recent article “Climate Action” appeared in the April 22 online edition of *Boston Magazine*. • **John Donovan** moved to an assisted living complex in Corte Madera, California, to be near family. He has faced several major health challenges, including a stroke and two cancer surgeries. His wife died four years ago. • After retiring in 2005, **Ralph Surette** taught psychology at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, for 10 years. Church commitments keep him busy as does volunteering at Home Ports, an organization that attempts to keep the elderly in their homes by providing such necessities as transportation. • **Paul Deeley** was recently elected president of the Needham Exchange Club, which supports local scholarships, child abuse prevention, and many other Needham projects, all without the use of town government funds. • With a PhD and expertise in literacy, **Edward Dwyer** spent 45 years at East Tennessee State University guiding the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. It was at ETSU where he met and later married Evelyn. They have three children and five grandchildren. “BC was good to me, and I love the school.” • We offer our sincere condolences to the families of the following classmates: **Albert Donaldson** served in the U.S. Coast Guard, taught and became a principal in Medford, and earned a doctorate in psychology. He leaves his wife, Lorraine, and four children. • Using his BC degrees, **John Hurley** worked as business manager for the Revere Public Schools and had his own tax practice. He leaves his wife, Virginia, and a large family. • **Wayne Losano** earned a PhD in communication, retiring as associate professor emeritus at the University of Florida. He leaves his wife, Mary Ann, and one daughter. • After retiring from Exxon Mobil, **Vince McDermott** remained active as vice president of the board of Houston Hospice and loved traveling with his wife, Patty. • Sending you all our best wishes.

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It has been quite a year for everyone. Zoom seems to be what has kept many of us connected. • **Barbara Jones** is on a weekly Zoom with friends from the Classes of '61 and '63. She told me one of the first things she bravely did after things opened up was accept an invitation to a square-dancing event. You go, girl! On a sad note, she also told me that **Anne (Andy) Lane Conway** passed away in late February. The two had gone to Georgetown Visitation together. “She is fondly remembered as a lot of fun and a real character. After two years at Newton, she spent several years in France skiing, then got her degree from Syracuse University and married and settled in the Syracuse area.” • **Jackie Gegan Mooney** wrote me that Patricia Wolf '68 has put together a wonderful website, 88jncsh.org, for Newton College alumnae to enjoy. I just remember spending a lot of time in the Burns Library going through the Newton College archives as we were putting our 50th Reunion yearbook together. • **Betty Eigo Golden** passed away March 21 after a brave battle with cancer. Her many circles of friends from Newton have shared years of memories. **Judy Davin Knotts**, her roommate, said: “Betty Eigo Golden was truly a golden girl with her sky-blue eyes, beautiful smile, and blond sweep of side bangs. Everyone who met her loved her.” There were 10 of us who came to Newton from Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut, and over the past 20 years, especially, we have enjoyed many fun, memorable reunions, each one more treasured than the next. • “I hope to go to New York in May,” **Betsey Baldwin Scudder** wrote. “It’s been one and a half years! My son Stephen, his wife, and two little boys came for a week last March. They are still here in a condo. The boys (5 and 2.5) are in the academy here and doing very well. I cherish the time I have with them. My oldest granddaughter just got engaged! The wedding is in June 2022. My grandson in Utah was invited into Phi Beta Kappa! Only one in the state! He lost his brother in 2016 to fentanyl.” • **Elizabeth “Tan” Cooney Sklut** sent me the longest, news-filled email with a fabulous picture in her tie-dyed sweatshirt—a gift from her little grandsons. Not deterred by a blizzard, she celebrated her 80th in Tahoe with her daughter and her family as well as on Zoom with children, siblings, nieces, and nephews. The celebrating will continue this summer when she returns to Rhode Island for a month of Cooney reunions. After lots of news about her grandchildren, ages ranging from 7 to 19, she ended with a claim to fame: “Kamala Harris attended the elementary school down the street at the same time as my older kids. She was one year ahead of Catherine, my oldest.” Your daughter may be Kamala’s age, Tan, but Nancy Pelosi is our age, and she still wears three-inch heels...figure that! • **Cathy Power Schibli** and her husband have once again moved. A year ago, they sold their house in Palm Desert, California, and this spring they sold their home in Vermont. They have moved to Wevertown, New

York, where they will be closer to their daughter, who runs a summer camp with her husband. • **Katie Fishel McCullough** has sold her home in Arizona and plans to move to South Carolina to be closer to her oldest daughter. She will continue to spend summers on Cape Cod, as she has another daughter and grandchildren nearby. • **VV Martin** wrote, “Stayed in touch with friends by phone and Zoom during the pandemic. Watched my niece’s wedding by Zoom. Was invited by Daughters of the American Revolution to sing the national anthem at a wreath-laying ceremony for veterans. No travels yet. It’s a bit hot here in the desert and lost A/C. Waiting in a hotel for parts to arrive. California is pretty much back to normal.” • VV is keeping up with her singing as is **Pat Beck Klebba**, who is a member of the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida. • It is hard to imagine, but our 60th Reunion is coming up next year. The dates are Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5, 2022. Mark your calendars and start connecting with friends. We’ve got to party while we still can!

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## 1963

**Dr. Phil Landrigan** returned to the Heights in July 2018. His mission: launch a new program for Global Public Health and the Common Good. His initiative successfully started an undergraduate minor in global public health. Plaudits due, Dr. Landrigan’s graduates are excellent. To date, they have won three Fulbright Scholarships and one Harry S. Truman Scholarship. Another accolade-achiever was named winner at BC Commencement, earning this year’s Edward H. Finnegan, SJ, Memorial Award. • **Dave O’Neill** ’91, head coach for the University of Texas rowing team, led the Longhorns to the 2021 NCAA Championship—the program’s very first! This qualifies **Dan O’Neill** as one proud dad. Kudos, Dave, for having been named 2021 Division I Coach of the Year. Young Dave was among 1987’s groundbreaking crew at the Heights who inaugurated our Eagles rowing team. • June 4 convened the lunch at Lewis’ Grille—the first since our perennial lunch host, likable Lewis’ owner, **Dave Kelley**, passed away. As lunch began, we observed a moment of silent prayer for Dave and for **Joe Quinn**. So sad to say that Joe died on May 24. The Lewis’ chow and chat fest gathering included **Tom Gosnell**, **Paul Hardiman**, **Mike Lydon**, MBA ’70, **Jim Norton**, **Bob Parks**, JD ’66, **Tom Quirk**, **Ed Rae**, and **Joe Sullivan**. **Frank Carney**, **Dick Gould**, **Paul Hardiman**, **Jim Norton**, **Tom Quirk**, and **Ed Rae** attended Joe’s wake and church services on June 10 and 11 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Westwood. • Still teaching alpine skiing in Telluride, **Frank Connolly** reports from Ridgway, Colorado. Admitting to slowing down, Frank assures us that it’s only minimally! Off-season, wanderlust invites National Park visits, and he says that the San Juan Mountain range in southwest Colorado boasts beautiful sights to behold. Frank feels very blessed to have retired there. Last winter marked his 15th year at Telluride. Before moving



west, Frank instructed skiing at Wildcat and Attitash Mountains in Gorham and Bartlett, New Hampshire, respectively. • Retired from teaching, **Tom Kirwan** extols a marvelous middle-school career in his home city of Medford. • **Bill Frongillo** and Tom were friendly, both attending local parish St. Joseph School in early grades. He remembers well our studious, bright classmate and social city native **Kathy Roycroft Hill**, RN. • In Plymouth, Michigan, **Dave Knipper** is retired from a career in accounting, formerly employed with General Motors, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, and American Axle. Finding quality time, he completed 15 years as a local community college adjunct accounting professor. Quoting Dave, he “anxiously awaits football season and **Tom McCabe’s** weekly blogs!”

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## NC 1963

Great news from **Fran Hesterberg McDonald**: The Newton Naples, Florida, contingent was able to gather again this year for lunch at Bravo’s in March. Attending were **Margot White**, **Mary Ann Cole McLean**, **Patti Lyster Vitty**, and **Fran Marie Craigin Wilson** and **Anne Witteborg Egan** were slated to attend but had to cancel at the last minute. • In the meantime, back in the Northeast, **Mollie Tobin Espey** (Philadelphia) and **Karen Mulvey** (New Jersey) met in Manhattan for some time at The Frick and a good visit. By the way, is The Frick everyone’s favorite, or is it just me? After such a long, quiet time due to the pandemic, it’s lovely hearing of folks resuming active lives. • We were sorry to hear that our classmate **Catherine Tolstoy Arapoff Struve** died this spring. Her lovely daughter, **Cathie Struve**, sent her obituary. Catherine’s life was full of art, family, and faith. A life well lived.

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## 1964

**Michael Densmore** lives in Punta Gorda, Florida, where he is “enjoying retirement and all that beautiful Southwest Florida has to offer: golf, beaches, softball, etc.” • **Ron Martino** writes: “All is well with Maureen and I in Newburyport. We are pleased to see one of our grandchildren—the child of one of our three BC-graduated kids—now at BC and potentially more grandkids looking to apply.” • **Bill** and **Ruth Bennett** made an eastern odyssey from their home in Arizona. On the trip they were able to catch the football games vs. Colgate and Mizzou as well as some time in Maine and Cape Cod. • Friends and former students of **Bill Collins** are currently involved with endowing a scholarship in his name at BC High. As of press time, they are a bit short of their target. If you would like to help push them over the goal, contact the development office at BC High. • **John Martini** writes, “Our family operates Martini Vineyards in the Finger Lakes region of New York. We use some of the grapes we grow to produce the wines under the Anthony Road Wine Company label.”

• **Tom Mulvoy** wrote, “I told Sister Eleanor Frances, my seventh-grade teacher, that I wanted to work on a newspaper. Some 66 years later, I’m doing just that. After 35 years at the *Globe*, from which I retired as managing editor in 2000, and six years running a journalism seminar at the Heights, I took on a new job as a three-day-a-week associate editor with the *Dorchester Reporter*, a weekly from my boyhood neighborhood.” • **Stephen Curley** sent this note: “**John ‘Jack’ T. Shea**, my freshman roommate and lifelong best friend, passed away peacefully in December 2020.” • **Bill Cormier** shared: “After nearly 30 years leading a large local real estate company, a business partner and I formed Hourihane, Cormier & Associates in 1998 in my hometown of Rochester, New Hampshire. My wife, Cally, and I live on Great Bay and are finally getting back to visiting our children, **Monique ’90**, a corporate general counsel in Atlanta, and **Billy ’92**, a high-yield bond salesman with JP Morgan in London.” • **Ann Carty-Thraill** retired from the Palo Alto VA hospital as a nurse practitioner. She returned to Boston in early May 2021 for the funeral of her younger brother, who died of cancer. Her daughter (BC ’89) works for Boston’s Wellington Co., and her son lives in Chicago, where he is a chemist and patent attorney for a pharmaceutical company. Her grandson lives in New York and is a Harvard graduate working on Wall Street. Her granddaughter is a third-generation BC graduate who also works on Wall Street. • **Milly and Fred Dunfey** have moved from Tucson to Westborough to live at Del Webb Lake Chauncy. “We both have played pickleball all over the country, winning a couple of national tournaments along the way. We moved to be closer to family after nine years in Tucson.” • The cover of the summer 2021 edition of *Boston College Magazine* featured a letter from **Arthur Doyle** when he was director of admissions for BC. The letter in question welcomes the first woman to the college of Arts and Sciences. Arthur was also known as the first director to reject an applicant from BC High. • I received a few obituaries: **Richard Agnitsch** was a senior officer and executive in both the military and the hospitality industry, as well as a 30-year reservist in the U.S. Navy Reserve and retired captain. Dick’s passion was to raise money for Special Olympics. Over a 10-year period, he raised more than \$1 million. • **Thomas Latschaw** was a former varsity hockey player who went on to play semi-professionally for the Lowell Chiefs. After receiving a master’s degree from Salem State University, he became an educator and a principal for several years. • **John Moore** had a long career as a financial auditor with General Foods, retiring in 2002 as executive vice president of IT for Bestfoods Baking Company.

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## NC 1964

Thank goodness for **Toni Pompeo Cosgrove** and **Jill Schoemer Hunter**. If they hadn’t gotten in touch, there’d be no class news to report. At the time this was written, Toni was visiting her two granddaughters in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. By now,

one is a high school senior and the other in eighth grade. She’s enjoying life and family, lives at White Cliffs on the ocean in Plymouth, and invites anyone heading to the Cape to get in touch. • After reading about Dr. Bill Godfrey in the winter issue, Jill shared her memories of him: “I sat next to him and his wife (who was delightful) at the reunion dinner. He was a great favorite of mine and helped me write my thesis for Latin American history.” • **Mary Lou Cunningham Mullen** shared that her granddaughter Elise will be a freshman at BC this fall, joining her sister, Audrey, who will be a senior. Mary Lou says, “Elise will be the 15th Mullen family member to attend Boston College...that’s amazing and exciting for all of us!” • A fun discovery, at least for me, is that the *New York Times* columnist and commentator David Brooks gave the Commencement address to BC’s Class of 2021. He then wrote about it in a column on the opinion page of the *Times* on May 28, 2021, four days after the May 24 Commencement. The column is called “The Great Unmasking.” In the column, his references to masks encompass much more than the kind we’ve all been wearing. It is definitely worth reading in its entirety. He received an honorary degree from BC.

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## 1965

**Carol LeClair Bergin** just visited campus with her daughter (BC ’96) and granddaughter, who will be in the Class of 2025. Three generations of BC women. Very proud! The campus has changed! They also had lunch at the BC Club, and that was memorable as well. Carol and her husband live in Bethesda, Maryland, and Delray Beach, Florida, in the winter. • **John Kennedy** retired to Palm Springs, California, in 2009 from commercial banking, riding Amtrak back and forth across the country and points in-between, and visiting Oahu, Hawaii, and Gloucester annually with Barbara. He’s relatively healthy and plays a lot of golf, which he does not tire of. • **Jim Lucie** passed away suddenly in June. Jim and some of the other members of the Heightsmen were also in our class (**Mike Connor**, **Bob Camaco**, **Dave Glover**) as well as in the Class of ’64 (**Ken Calabria** and **Bill Cormier**). Jim left a legacy of providing music and dancing for members of many classes at BC. As part of his band, Jim and the Heightsmen, his saxophone and vocal renderings brought much joy to dances through the years, including multiple reunions for both Classes of ’64 and ’65 over the intervening years. He is truly missed by all. • **Victor Ciardello** retired as chair of the City of Methuen Conservation Commission after eight years of community service. He just sold his overly large home in only two days and over the asking price. While he searches for a new, suitable abode, he will occupy the Andover home of a fellow Peace Corps volunteer with whom he served more than 50 years ago. Victor is looking forward to an exciting BC football season. • **John Callahan**, JD’68, just had an article published in the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, which is distributed to law

enforcement officers across America and the world. John spent 30 years in the FBI and retired in 1999 as a supervisory special agent and chief division counsel. Now, he writes *pro bono* for [policeone.com](http://policeone.com), the *IACP Police Chief Magazine*, and the FBI. • After multiple job relocations (New York, New Jersey, Minneapolis, and Toronto), **Dave Wilson** settled in Cincinnati in 1989—a great place to live! His eldest daughter lives in Cincinnati with two children, his second daughter lives in Atlanta, and his son and three children live in Framingham. His son and daughter-in-law are both BC alumni ('03 and '04, respectively). • **Paul Belford** writes that, following graduation, he spent a year in Baghdad teaching economics at Al-Hikmah University, the Jesuit school there. He followed this with a master's degree in economics from Fordham University and a move to the Washington, D.C., area, where he has been ever since. Over the last 20 years, he has undertaken what has developed into a trilogy about the Irish in that city, and it has recently been released as a set, *The Swampoodle Trilogy*. He thought we might find it of interest. The website can be found at [theswampoodletriology.com](http://theswampoodletriology.com). Paul looks forward to seeing everyone in 2025 at our 60th! • **Sally Stevens** was extremely lucky to be in Honolulu for the pandemic! It was a tropical paradise, much like it was in 1967 when she moved there. The absence of tourists resulted in quiet, empty beaches, pristine waters, no traffic, and generally a much nicer place all around. Tourism has now returned, bringing noise, crowds, traffic, and reality! • **Larry O'Neill** suffered from a stroke this past November and, fortunately, was able to recover quickly after five days at Beverly Hospital and Mass General. He will forever be thankful that Maureen, MEd'70, PhD'74, was home when the stroke happened. They were able to spend the winter in Naples, Florida, and most of the summer at their home on Cape Cod, which included visits from their two daughters, their husbands, and their grandchildren. In 2018, he finally retired after 53 years at St. John's Prep in Danvers, where he taught American history, government, and politics and served as varsity golf coach, department chair, alumni director, development director, and dean of students.

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## NC 1965

**Patty Jane "P-J" McGlynn** wrote, "Peter (my husband) and I are grateful that both our families are fine and healthy after this awful year of COVID. I'm working to stay in shape and keep my brain active!"

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## 1966

Monica (Sheehan) Sullivan '91 sadly informed us of the death of her father, **James Sheehan**, on May 16, 2021. Jim died, the family says, of vascular parkinsonism but also of a broken heart. His passing was just 50 days after that of his wife, Donna, whose year-and-a-half battle with ALS ended in March. Jim was extremely

proud of his Boston College experience and took both his education and friendships far into his successful life. He and Donna were season ticket holders to BC football games for over 30 years, and their friends, families, and anyone else who was lucky enough to park near them enjoyed the warm hospitality and amazing food at their tailgates. Jim leaves behind 7 children and 10 grandchildren and would be proud for any of them to carry on the BC legacy.

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## NC 1966

Here are some more book recommendations. **Pat Foley Di Silvio** recommends books from her long-term club: *The Outside Boy* by Jeanine Cummins, *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab, *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell, and *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian. She also recommends *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. • **Dodie Burnett Houston** recommends two mysteries: *The Better Sister* by Alafair Burke and *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stuart. She also liked *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes, *The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington* by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch, and *The Story Teller's Secret* by Sejal Badani. Dodie reports that 2020 was a tough year. Besides the pandemic, their daughter-in-law was diagnosed with stage 4 colorectal cancer. Things appear to be moving in the right direction after radiation, chemo, and other treatment, although surgery was planned for May. And to top it all off, Dodie fell in November and had her right shoulder replaced in December. • **Nicole Hatoun** wrote that her mother died in January; she would have been 101 in March. At the time she wrote, Nicole was planning a trip to Atlanta to take care of a few things in her mother's house and hoped to see **Louise Gerrity Vollertsen** and **Maureen Harnisch Foley** while she was there. • **Judy McCluskey Flood** reports that the Currier Museum in Manchester, New Hampshire, recently established the Tomie dePaola Art Education Fund. This summer, several classmates enjoyed touring the current exhibition of dePaola's artwork. Judy, along with **Karen Carty O'Toole**, **Mary Donahue Stearns**, **Susi Marion Cooney**, **Kate Corbett Brady**, and **Pat Wolf '68** were joined by Bob Hetchel, dePaola's assistant, for an informative tour. • April 26 would have been the 100th birthday of Carol Putnam, RSCJ. A memorial Mass to honor Sr. Putnam and her legacy was celebrated by Fr. Nicholas Sannella, pastor, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell. Susi Marion Cooney served as lector. A video of the Mass is available on YouTube ("Carol Putnam Mass Lowell"). There is a new Newton College website ([885ncsh.org](http://885ncsh.org)) which was developed by Pat Wolf '68. Pat's ideas and archival treasures pay homage to the Religious of the Sacred Heart and to Sr. Putnam in particular.

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### 55TH REUNION

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**Jerry Hickman** writes that he and Kathy, MA'68, celebrated the marriage of their grandson, Taner Campbell, to Hannah Whitehead on May 22 in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. The wedding had been postponed from April 2020 due to COVID-19. • **Kelley '68** and **Don MacDonald** are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Their son Donald's children, Sarah Kunil MacDonald and Joseph Kunil, are world travelers. Sarah attends Waseda University in Tokyo and will attend Oxford University in London this fall. Joseph is an accomplished violinist, having served as co-concertmaster at the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. Joe will attend The Royal College of Music, also in London. • **Vincent Parrella** and **Mary Ellen** are enjoying retirement in Acton. Vin recently retired from teaching, and they hope to start traveling in 2022. They are also celebrating 50 years of marriage. All of their four children are married with their own families. Their oldest granddaughter will return as a sophomore to Assumption University. • **Hubert Walsh** is celebrating 22 years in Texas after 33 years with Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. Hubie has 12 grandchildren by 3 daughters; two reside in Texas and one resides in Colorado. Hubie is currently employed by the City of Irving, serving convention clients wishing to bring large trade groups for business, awards, or training events. • **Sherie and Bill Welch** prove that you can go home again, as they have returned to St. Simons Island, Georgia, where Bill continues arbitrating virtually. • In May, **Fred Faherty** was inducted into the DePaul Catholic High School (Wayne, New Jersey) Athletic Hall of Fame. Joining Fred at the ceremony were his wife, Marilyn, and sons Brian and Kevin. Also attending were classmates **Pete Canning**, **Mike Ford**, **Joe Kiely**, **Bill Kitley**, and **Bill Murray**. Fred and Marilyn live in Acton and summer on Cape Cod. • Your correspondents were invited guests at the 53rd reunion of the 508th Engineer-OCS convening here in Boston this year at the New England Aquarium. Attending were reunion host and emcee **Kate and Rob Wilde** from Tampa; **Hannelore and Chuck McCann** from Hazlet, New Jersey; **Maurine and Bill "Blake" Murray** of Rye, New York; and **Patricia and Ken McDonnell** of West Roxbury. They successfully completed this Army OCS program in 1968. • **Charlie '66** and **Bitsy Kelly Smith** have seven grandchildren at BC this fall (one just graduated). • **Karen Schwoerer Chapman** (Connell School), originally from Katonah, New York, passed away. The class also lost two well-known athletes, **Ed Lipson** (football) and **Willie Wolters** (basketball). Ed was living in, Naples, Maine, and Willie Wolters, Esq., in Holliston. Willie was predeceased by his wife, Florence. • The class also extends its condolences to the family of **Paul Francis**, Esq., JD'74, who retired as assistant chief council at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Springfield, Virginia. • **Roger Keith** is retiring as an investment advisor at LaSalle



St. Securities after a 40-year career. He and his wife, Jean Hennelly '71, plan to spend more leisure time with their children and grandchildren at their Rockport home.

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## NC 1967

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**Sherie Mullen Welch** has been in touch with **Mary Feldbauer Jansen**. Sherie passed along the news that since retirement, Mary's new passion is studying botanical art. As a member of the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California (in Huntington), she produced the organization's first online workshop series, presenting 10 different botanical artists from around the world in a two-day event that attracted over 175 attendees. • Back in spring, many of you shared your own stories and memories of Mothers Carol Putnam and Faine McMullen when Pat Wolf, NC'68, shared her website in tribute of many familiar RSCJs. **Terry Lane Ferrarone** aptly described it: "Wow!" Your stories and memories of pre- and post-graduation experiences with these special ladies made it obvious the great influence they had on our lives. I was glad to post the link to my email list for interim class news. (Are you on this list for extra NC'67 news? No? Send me your email address.) • You will read this as we come closer to the end of this "interesting" year, several months after writing. According to her husband, **Sue Kaiser Koller** succinctly defined it early on: "I want my life back." It appears her wish may be coming true. • **Jacque Scarbrough** reported that she and husband, Lee, celebrated their 50th anniversary. • **Noreen Connolly** is relishing the birth of her fourth grandchild, Teddy, whom she describes as "a great antidote to the worries of the world." • **Anne Caswell Prior** traveled with Richard in mid-June to visit friends in South Carolina, relatives and a tractor museum in Virginia, and a sculpture garden in New Jersey before returning for summer on the Cape. • **Mary Lou Hinchey Clemons** decided that it's time for her to move back to New England and looks forward to visiting family and friends in the Boston area. Come September, her new domicile will be in New Hampshire. She will miss being near her son and grandson in Michigan, though. • Thinking about visiting friends, I am reminded that we are possibly coming closer to another reunion. We'll have to wait to see how plans develop in the months ahead but hope you will consider it. Meanwhile, gather your stories to share and send them my way.

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## 1968

Greetings, friends. Lots of interesting adventures for our classmates. • **Griff Doyle** reports a large group of '68ers have been sharing email discussions on books, videos, poetry, and politics as well as our

timeless '60s folk, jazz, rock, R&B, and Club 47 music scene—with great memories of fun concerts at Roberts featuring Motown stars, Joan Baez, The Beach Boys, and more. Topics have included stories of the unique age in which we lived during our years on the Heights. Their Vietnam War experiences, along with the impact of the draft, were at times heroic, frightening, shocking, absurd, and hilarious. Many discussions focus on the fortunes of BC sports. • **Cynthia Davis-Sbaschnig** of Houston teaches English at San Jacinto College. Her forthcoming book, *Images in the River: The Life and Work of Waring Cuney*, about the Cuney family of Texas and Massachusetts, will be published by Texas Tech Press in a series on Afro-Texans. Cynthia has six grandchildren. • **Tom Sullivan** of West Roxbury enjoys the freedom and fun of driving for Uber and Lyft and urges others to give it a try. • **Rabbi Ken Block** was featured on *The Big Wedding Planning Podcast* on June 16. He was also featured in a YouTube video titled "The Rabbi & I—the Jesuit Rabbi," in which Ken discusses how BC influenced his decision to become a rabbi. • **Leslie Gillis** of Chatham attended her granddaughter Allison Hartnett's BC graduation in May. Her daughter Kristin Gillis Hartnett '91 was a faculty marshal. • In March, **Carmine Sarno** was the featured speaker to open the golf year at the Essex County Club in Manchester. This was his second invitation to address the members as featured speaker at this historic club. • In June, **Bill McDonald** was a volunteer at the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, serving as hole captain and overseeing marshals at the par-3 11th hole. Bill had the same role in January at the Farmers Insurance Open, also at Torrey Pines. He was recently elected president of the Anza-Borrego Foundation. The beautiful Anza-Borrego is one of the largest state parks in the U.S. at more than 600,000 acres. Bill's family recently moved to join him in Fallbrook, California. • **Jim Hinchey** closed his private law practice after 48 years and has accepted the general counsel position at Equiscript Corporation in Charleston, South Carolina. Jim hosted his large clan on the Cape in July, followed by a bike trip in Maine in August. His post-COVID travel plans include Vietnam and Ireland. • This summer **Dave Griffith** of New Hartford, New York, retired after 53 years as a financial advisor in upstate New York. He remains in contact with his BC roommate **Rob Larson** and with **Doug Hajjar**, when the Griffiths spend winters in Naples, FL. • Sadly, **John Young** reports the loss of his former BC roommate **Bob Quinn** of Rochester, New York, in April. Bob received a Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam while serving in the Air Force. He later graduated from BC Law School and had a dual career as an attorney and financial professional in Irondequoit County. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Barbara, and their family. • We equally mourn the sudden loss of our classmate **Peter Negri** of Garden City, New York, in April. He was a passionate Eagle and friend to all of us. We send our prayers to his beloved wife, Kaye, and their family.

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## NC 1968

A biology major when she wasn't working as Stuart dorm nurse, **Maureen Wimberly Groer** went on to earn a master's degree from Boston University and a PhD from Illinois. She has taught at Nashville General Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as president of the graduate college at MGH. Still working full-time, Maureen is an endowed professor in nursing and medicine at the University of South Florida, where she was recently named a Distinguished University Professor. For many years Maureen's work in maternal and infant care has been funded by the National Institutes of Health. • Internationally recognized painter, sculptor, and author **Jo Going** is none other than our classmate Marian (Motta). With a summa cum laude master of visual arts from the University of California, Jo has lived in Alaska since 1985. Please take the time to visit Jo's website, [jogoining.net](http://jogoining.net), to view the full breadth of her many accomplishments, including PBS interviews. To highlight a few of her achievements, Jo has her work displayed in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. Additionally, she has been a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome three times. There is much more to learn on her website, including that Jo loves to tango. • **Mary Rose O'Neil** spent two years at Newton before transferring to the University of Chicago, where she earned her degree. She then traveled west to Stanford, where research into the Roman Inquisition trials of the 16th and 17th centuries resulted in a PhD. Mary Rose retired in 2020 after teaching European history at the University of Washington in Seattle for 40 years. Her husband, Greg O'Leary, recently passed away from Alzheimer's. • To celebrate turning 75, **Kathy Hogan Mullaney**, **Betty Downes**, **Jeanie Sullivan McKeigue**, **Marcy McPhee Kenah**, and **Sue Sturtevant** invited all classmates to participate in a virtual tour of *Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s–1980s*, an exhibit at BC's McMullen Museum of Art. Over 20 classmates joined the tour. After a thought-provoking presentation of international art, two docents led a lively discussion. As the Zoom call ended, everyone optimistically hoped that future opportunities would be developed for classmates to stay connected. Any suggestions?

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## 1969

**Joe McDonough**, who is living in Columbia, Maryland, is still working part-time at Johns Hopkins University in the Applied Physics Laboratory. Like many of us, Joe is trying to come out of the COVID-induced haze, with plans for cruising in Europe on the Main and Moselle Rivers. • **Jim O'Reilly's** 56th book, *Vaccines: Risk & Compensation*, was launched in June 2021, and in the spring of 2021, he updated four of his other texts, including *COVID-19 & Other Pandemics*. Jim teaches public

health policy and ethics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and has been quoted by the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts. • **Bob Wise** and his wife, Vicki, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding in Strasbourg, France. It followed, by two months, the arrival of their third grandchild, Elizabeth. After retiring from hospital administration three years ago, Bob continues to chair the Raritan Valley Community College board of trustees in Branchburg, New Jersey, while Vicki volunteers for the regional hospital. As COVID restrictions are being lifted, they look forward to trips to Cape Cod, Williamsburg, and the 53rd reunion of the Boston Invitation Tournament of Every September (BITES) golf outing in New Hampshire this year—a reunion of BC Class of 1969 graduates from Xavier II and Cheverus. • **Michael Morrissey**, who lives in Georgetown, Texas, was recently named chair of the board of Protective Life Corporation, a Fortune 500 life and retirement product provider. Mike assumed this position upon stepping down from his role as president and CEO of the International Insurance Society for more than 11 years. • We have some classmates who have recently retired. **Katherine O'Brien Gibb**, who resides in Boiling Spring, South Carolina, retired in May 2021 from her faculty position after five years as dean and four years as interim dean at the Mary Black School of Nursing at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Katherine was awarded the title of dean emerita by the board of trustees in June of 2021. She continues to serve as an accreditation evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and teaches part-time. Katherine plans to enjoy her retirement with her husband of 52 years, Cedric, their three daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson. • **Joe Egan** retired after 30 years with Johnson & Johnson. Joe has 5 kids and 11 grandchildren. Joe lives in Annandale, New Jersey. • **Kathleen Kelleher** retired after many years as a women's nurse practitioner in private practice, in college health, and on a National Institutes of Health nationwide clinical trial. Kathy enjoyed serving on the board of Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) with former dean Susan Gennaro and getting her doctorate in medical humanities at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Kathy lives in Whippany, New Jersey. • **Jim Littleton** (your class correspondent) retired in June of 2021 after 40 years as a CPA and financial advisor. Please email me and let me know what is new with you.

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## NC 1969

**Janet Kopke O'Connor** currently lives in West Henrietta, New York. Not being familiar with this town, I looked it up. It's about four hours from Akron, Ohio, and south of Rochester, New York. After a 44-year career with Merck, Janet retired in 2010. She wasn't sure she really wanted to retire, but once she did, she knew that it was time to volunteer and time to give back to her community. And she certainly

has! Janet became a volunteer firefighter and EMT! I admire her courage to perform these duties for her community. What a gift for others! When not volunteering, Janet and her husband like to travel to Virginia to see their grandchildren. • After reading this message, I hope others of you take the time to submit a message online. I'd appreciate it. Meanwhile, your columnist is busy playing golf and bridge and volunteering, too. The best news for me is that we are finally going to meet our 1-year-old grandson, Nash, out in California! Take care and send me some news!

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## 1970

Hi, gang... Got a great note from **Dan Sapienza**, who is still working as an environmental engineer dealing with waste combustion and air pollution control systems. Can't say that Dan has the closest residence to campus, but Washington Street in Brookline is certainly in the running. Despite the pandemic, Dan is proud of getting in 18 days of skiing last year and even ski racing. • He sent along a note that **Don Picuch's** 50th wedding anniversary was set for last year in the Big Apple but, like so many other celebrations, had to be canceled due to the pandemic. Congratulations anyways, Don. • Another classmate hit by the pandemic was our chef extraordinaire **Jim Gallivan**. He had been teaching in a culinary school in Georgia until COVID hit hard. He is now semi-retired and working out of his home studio in Tennessee, teaching online courses on culture and cuisine. • **Charlie Regan**, a longtime resident of Michigan, was back in Massachusetts for the **Tom Sexton** memorial golf outing. Among others at the event were **Mike Mingolelli**, **Frank Doyle**, **Norm Cavallaro**, **Paul Mahoney**, **Eddie Vozzella**, and **Phil Cody**. In his note, Charlie reflected on one of his great moments, a 70th birthday present from his daughters, when he assisted in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. From the picture he sent along, Charlie looked his most distinguished for the ceremony and actually heard one of those in attendance ask, "Who was that senator?" • I look forward to seeing many of you at Alumni Stadium as the resurgent Eagles take on the best of the ACC.

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## NC 1970

As I write, we are slowly emerging from COVID-related restrictions, and life is beginning to reflect the "new normal"—part embrace of the past and part reckoning with, or reshaping, the new. • **Cricket Costigan Genco** is enjoying newfound serenity: "Following our cheery Zoom reunion, I heard from **Jane Garvey Reilly**, **Meryl Ronnenberg Baxter**, and my former roommate, **Jane McNamara Bieber**. In fact, Jane Bieber gave me some valuable medical advice following another bout of heart problems in June. Having enjoyed periodic weekend trips for 10 years to my vacation home on the shore in rural Maryland, I

decided in late 2019 that it was time to shed some possessions and let it go. My lucky star found a buyer just days before COVID shut everything down. ... My four volunteer jobs ground to a halt and I reveled in the peace, quiet, and lack of any schedule. Now it's gardening, more gardening, bike riding with Frank, and tending my aging dogs. Life is good." • **Liz Scannell Burke** and husband, Jack, are hoping to resume spending summer—or at least part of it—at their cottage on Prince Edward Island. Closure of the U.S.-Canadian border and additional PEI-imposed restrictions on nonresident entry have kept COVID cases on the island to a minimum but barred Americans from access. After waiting this long for the border to reopen, Liz and Jack are now truly ready to pack! Meanwhile, their days have been filled with the joyous sounds of grandchildren celebrating birthdays, learning to bake, and curling up for a hug from grandparents once again. • After 15 months of COVID-style isolation, my husband and I were up for adventure and found it in a new home on the shores of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. This fall, we'll be selling our house in downtown Washington, D.C., moving to the country, and enjoying a major lifestyle transition. We will have a lovely guest cottage, so we hope classmates visiting Shenandoah National Park, the Blue Ridge Mountains, or nearby Dulles Airport will stop by. • If COVID has taught us anything, it is that life, family, and friends are precious. I feel blessed by the gift of your friendship and wish you a healthy, peaceful, and very joy-filled summer and fall!

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## 1971

Sam Reidy '06 reports that his parents, **Joseph and Linda Reidy**, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 1, 2021. They were married at St. Ignatius Church on campus. • **Robert Amen** and his wife, Claudia, will also celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Robert relates that his marriage was the best decision he ever made. Robert and Claudia have five children and eight grandchildren, joys all. He is now happily retired and living in Naples, Florida, after a wonderfully successful and exciting professional career. Robert is still involved with mentoring and charities in Naples as well as in New York and Connecticut. Robert states, "All in all a very blessed life." • **Bernie Blotner** moved to San Diego in 1972 and received his master's degree from San Diego State University. He retired from Morgan Stanley in 2020. He is married with two children and four grandchildren. • **Carmen Schmidt** reports that since 2015, she has been happily retired near Tampa after a wide-ranging, 43-year career as a nurse. She discloses that her life after retirement has been anything but boring! Carmen has been taking painting lessons (a lifelong wish), learning to create Japanese flower arrangements as a member of Ikebana International, delivering Meals on Wheels two to three days a week, exploring the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, and swimming and taking water Zumba classes in the pool near her home. Her



oldest son, John, a computer software analyst in Connecticut, has married Renata and is now the proud father of Mark, a happy, energetic 2-year-old. Her younger son, Michael, now living in St. Petersburg, is an expert at working from his home office as the product manager for a major San Francisco-based investment bank.

• **Christine Landrey Savage** reports that *The American Journal of Nursing 2020* Books of the Year Awards selected her textbook, *Public/Community Health Nursing and Practice* (published by F.A. Davis), as the first-place winner in the Community/Public Health category. Christine is currently living in St. Augustine, Florida, and has five grandchildren, with one more on the way! • **Ginny Mapes '80, MS'81**, writes that after **Michael Dunn** retired as executive vice president from C&W Services in December 2020, the organization created the Michael F. Dunn Humanitarian Award to recognize his work in the communities he's served and also his strong character and values. This was a pleasant surprise for Michael! • It is with deep sorrow that **Jay Kane** reports the death of his college roommate and lifelong friend, **Greg Johnson**. Greg was very active in the BC Dramatics Society, and he directed our junior class musical, *Mame*. After graduating from BC, Greg received an MFA from the New York University School of Drama. He went on to a long and distinguished career in both worlds of theater and academia. Recently retired, Greg had been on the faculty of the University of Montana in Missoula for many years, and he served as the director of the Montana Repertory Theater. Greg is mourned by his wife, Anita, his family, and many loving friends. • Reflecting back on the years that we spent at BC, truly "the times they were a-changin'." It is astonishing to contemplate all the major events that occurred in history, science, exploration, culture, and music during the years 1967–1971. Regretfully, our 50th Reunion was yet another victim of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it has now been postponed to June 2022. In the meantime, please take a few minutes to contribute to the virtual 50th Reunion class yearbook and share your milestones, surprises, opportunities, setbacks, and miracles. Contact [reunion@bc.edu](mailto:reunion@bc.edu) with any questions. Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

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## NC 1971

Dear classmates, I hope it was a happy summer for all. Beginning the first week of June, I have been swimming in the mid-60-degree waters of Fishers Island Sound with my 7-year-old granddaughter. It continues to amaze me that the things I would not do with my children I do happily with my grandchildren. • My classmate news includes a message from **Martha Lappin Iarrapino**, who reached out via the blast email that was sent from class correspondents. She shared that overseeing distance learning with her 6- and 7-year-old granddaughters helped her survive COVID. (I, too, did similar duties up in Attleboro with my 7-year-old granddaughter, but my

service was limited to Thursdays because the weeklong work packet was due on Fridays. Good times!) **Martha** and **Irene MacIssac Hoffman** discussed the recent article on the history of women at BC and mourned the 2020 loss of **Kathy Juliano Evans**, **Martha's** Italian study partner back at Newton College. Sadly, we are all saying our final farewells to old friends. • There was a switch to "all virtual" for our 50th Reunion activities, and while there were issues with attempts to sign in for Zoom tours, most folks said that the problems were resolved and that the experience was very worthwhile. For myself, I was not highly motivated to participate in virtual activities, and the beautiful weather that week sent me outdoors instead. • With the high vaccination rates, low rate of positivity tests, and opening of restaurants here in the Northeast, **Kate Foley**, **Jane Maguire**, and I met for lunch in Milford, Connecticut. It was our usual nonstop chat session with a focus on COVID activities, like helping family members with health issues, watching Netflix, and planning for future travels. We are all looking forward to larger gatherings and, hopefully, an in-person Newton College reunion in the year ahead. Please keep in touch.

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## 1972

### 50TH REUNION June 2022

Time flies! Already we're making plans to attend the 50th Reunion June 3–5, 2022. I hope you'll be there. • I got more than expected when opening this message from **Tom Bregnani**: "Members of our class held a Zoom reunion on June 5, celebrating the anniversaries of the excursions of the Department of Geology and Geophysics to the U.S. Southwest in May and June of '71 and '72. **John Doherty**, **Cliff Kinley**, **Hank Malasky**, **Dan Natchek**, and others shared biographical sketches about careers, hobbies, and reflections on the lasting impact of the two excursions. Tom and Dr. Priscilla Dudley Grew (BC faculty, '67-'72) organized the three-hour event, using slides to display personal photos and historic original material contributed and presented by each participant. Current department chair and professor **Ethan Baxter**, former department secretary **Clara Porter**, and former chair and professor emeritus **J. Chris Hepburn** joined us. The excursions were the brainchild of the late lecturer **Robert Riecker**. Together, Drs. Riecker and Dudley helped their field trip students learn geology and develop a lifelong appreciation for the wonders of the Colorado Plateau—whether or not they went on to become geologists. We were joined by **Dr. Pat Leahy '68**; **Leo Martin '70**; **William Rizer '70**; **James Centorino '71, MS'75**; **Peter D'Onfro '73, MS'80**; **Brian Quinn '73**; **Dorothy Richter, MS'73**; and **Barbara Arney Carlos '74**. Many of us had not been in touch since leaving BC." • **Tom Kiely** has started a new business in Hawaii, Active Travel TV. It follows his previous, highly successful venture, XTERRA. • In response to my mention of him in the summer issue, **Bill Thomas** wrote that he

earned an MA in history and taught for 39 years following his professional football career. • **Cathie** and **Jack Harrington** have bought a second home in Port St. Lucie, Florida. They'll divide their time between there and Brewster, New York. • **Susan Leclerc O'Neill** wrote from Canada. She and her husband, Kevin, have moved from the town of Bella Coola, British Columbia, to live permanently in Vancouver. • **Charles Donovan** wrote that he's retired in Tempe, Arizona, has been married for over 40 years, and has three grandchildren. • **Steve Sharkey** wrote from Riverside, Rhode Island, that he's a distance runner preparing for a Halloween half-marathon. • **Harold Rogers** is retired in Gloucester after 27 years as the CEO of a savings and loan. • Finally, **Ernie Dubester** has been named chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, where he has served since 2009.

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## NC 1972

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Please plan now to attend our 50th Reunion next year. • **Mary McShane** retired four years ago from working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She discovered and fell in love with the Irish-language in 1980. Mary is teaching Irish language with Cumann na Gaeilge. COVID-19 prevented her annual summer trip to Galway, where she takes Irish-language classes in Connemara. The greater Boston area is still her home, but she does get down to New York City occasionally to visit her family. • Thanks to **Marilyn "Penny" Price Nachtman**, we have news from **Agnes Acuff Hunsicker '71**. Agnes made the Boston area her permanent home many years ago. Her last professional job was with MIT. She retired sooner than she had planned, in 2014, to care for her mother. Agnes has three children and seven grandchildren, all of them living in New England. The oldest grandchild is 28 and the youngest is 4. • **Lisa Kirby Greissing**, **Margot Dineen Wilson**, and I had dinner to celebrate the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in the greater Washington, D.C., area. Lisa has this update: "My newest grandson, the third child of my son Michael and his wife, Maria, was born on March 5, 2021. His name is Anthony for Maria's father. My granddaughter Maggie just finished eighth grade at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart and will stay for high school. She is the daughter of my oldest son, Jay!" Margot, a broker with Washington Fine Properties, is very busy with our sizzling realty market. • For **Mary-Catherine Deibel**, the suggestion from **Mary Sullivan Tracy** to have Zoom calls with classmates during the pandemic mitigated their pandemic isolation and blues. As the director of development at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Mary-Catherine worked to raise money throughout the pandemic and financial crisis. For a narrative about her longstanding friendship with David Waters, CEO of Community Servings (a nonprofit that provides medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and

critically ill individuals and their families in Massachusetts), visit the Archive StoryCorps website. Mary-Catherine and her business partner at Upstairs at the Pudding helped form Community Servings and its events in its early days. She has been on the board of Community Savings for many years. Before I say anymore, please listen to the podcast. • My mailbox has plenty of room for news. Enjoy the fall.

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## 1973

**Bob "Rah" Connor** is president of the BC Alumni Club of Cape Cod, which hosted the annual BC of Cape Cod Charity Golf Tournament on September 10. He also wrote that "the Class of '73 has an informal Scramble Golf Tournament every year during the first weekend in October at the Captains Golf Course in Brewster. All are welcome. Contact Bob at cfo.capecod@gmail.com. Some of our classmates that play include **Bill Riley, Gerry Sanfilippo, Joe Casey, Jimmy Hogan, Richie Bowman, Ric Beaudoin, Eddie Kelley, Eddie Foley, Bo Belinsky, Flash Monaco, John O'Brien, Dom Marinelli '74, Bob Connor, Joe Culhane, Pat Gallivan, and Fish Sheehan. John Kelleher** is playing about 300 rounds of golf a year in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Ocean Edge in Brewster."

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## NC 1973

**Christina Garrity** wrote in: "I have been living in Sonoma, California, for four and a half years, having moved here from Connecticut to be closer to our children. Our daughter lives in Portland, Oregon, and is soon moving to Seattle to start a nursing career. Our son and family live in St. Helena, and we are the proud grandparents of 1.5- and 3.5-year-old grandsons. Sean is still playing golf in the Northern PGA senior tournaments and giving lessons occasionally. I worked in the tennis shop at Meadowood Napa Valley until it closed during the pandemic, and then the shop burned in the Glass Fire in October. ... Life is good, and I hope it is for my fellow classmates as well."

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## 1974

Thanks to everyone who submitted news. You're the best! • **Rich McMahan** retired in 2020 as deputy mayor of Montclair, New Jersey, and is practicing law part-time. He and Annie celebrated their 40th anniversary and welcomed their third grandchild this year. With **Rock Bloniarz** and Jim Morrison '75 at Atlantic City Country Club, their team won the 30th Damaino Open. • **Mark Gibney**, Belk Distinguished Professor at UNC Asheville, has been awarded a Fulbright at the University of Trento (Italy) for spring 2022, his third Fulbright since 1989. Among other topics, he focuses on

climate change and also serves as chair of the board of Inclusive Development International addressing "land-grabbing" issues in Southeast Asia and Western Africa, applying pressure to financial institutions that support projects resulting in human rights violations. Thank you, Mark! • **Susan Fezza** and Eric were married on Nantucket in July of 2020; her daughters were bridesmaids and his son served as best man. They live mainly on the island of Bequia (St. Vincent/the Grenadines). Sadly, there was a devastating volcanic eruption there in April that destroyed homes and water supplies, uprooting many families. They have established the Valhalla Volcano Relief Fund through "Action Bequia"; check it out and their good works. • "Best wishes" also go to **Debbie Werner Whitney** and **Michael Marchetti!** After not seeing each other for 30 years while they were raising their families, they reconnected at our 40th Reunion and were married in October 2020. They now reside in Jacksonville, Florida. • An article in the last *Boston College Magazine* prompted **Denise Young Wessen** to write about her impromptu interview with admissions' Arthur Doyle, which resulted in her being the first woman admitted to the (then) School of Management—a great story! After 32 years in food business sales management, she is enjoying retirement in North Conway, New Hampshire, keeping in touch with **Cathy Kearney, Mary Jane Burke Robinson, Kathy Dunn, Anne Dever, Beth Doherty, and Donna (Sprague) Cese. • Dennis McCleary** wrote that the pandemic postponed the 50th reunion of the football team's first meeting. I hope for an update from their September 2021 gathering in Siesta Key, Florida! Planning to attend were **Tom Condon, Tom Marinelli, Jay Tully, Pat Sgambati, Gary Marangi, Greg Brand, and Donnie Macek '76.** • After working in high-tech sales until 2018, **Helen Condell** is enjoying retirement and hoping to travel more. She bought in Fort Myers and looks forward to becoming a "snow bird" and seeing friends at our next reunion (50th! Yikes!). • Welcome to more grandbabies! Congratulations to **Tom Kelleher** and Vicki on the birth of Lily; **John Lane** and Bernadette, MS'81, on the birth of Liam Patrick; Jayne (Saperstein) '75 and **Chris Mehne** on the birth of Cooper; and **John and Maureen (Galvin) McCafferty** on the birth of Colin! Take care!

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## NC 1974

The class sends a special thanks and recognition to **Kathy Renda Flaherty**, who, through persistence, organized the Maureen O'Halloran, RSCJ, Prize at Newton Country Day School in memory of Maureen, who died last year. Kathy worked with **Elena Spagnuolos Loukas**, the director of development at Newton Country Day, to create this prize, which is awarded to the junior who demonstrates a keen interest in history and politics. Elena requests that you include "in memory of Maureen O'Halloran" on your check's memo line and mail it to: Attention Elena Loukas, NCDS, 785 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458. Our class is grateful to Kathy and Elena for honoring Maureen's memory this

way. • **Moira Ryan Dougherty** and Maureen started first grade together at NCDS and were in school together for 16 years. Moira has been living in Manchester-by-the-Sea for the last seven years and has worked at Manchester Essex Middle School for six of those years. Moira questions whether middle schoolers are keeping her young or aging her rapidly! • **Terry Nolan** and her husband, Scott McDowell, live in Natick. Terry retired from Weston Public Schools last year and is now able to devote time to her artwork, which she sells on Etsy. • **Margot Morrell** signed up for and enjoyed the last book read by the Newton College Book Club, and she hopes to entice former NC roommate **Brigid Coles Guttmacher** and others to join. Go to alumni-events.bc.edu for the link to register.

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## 1975

Greetings to all! • **Steve Carroll** has been happily married for 39 years to Cindy, a Villanova University grad, and they have lived in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, since 1986. They are the proud parents of Chris '07, MED'08, and Aisling (who is getting married in 2022!). Steve is a happy *daideo* (Irish for grandfather) to Chris and his wife, Lyn's, two children. An added plus: they only live a few minutes away! They normally host a BC family reunion for 32A Mod-mates disguised as a Christmas tree-cutting party every December. Due to COVID canceling last year's event, there was a "Christmas in July" party to make up for it. There have been several new "additions" to the Mod 32A family tree. Steve's 32A Mod-mates **Bob Feeney, Pete Foley '76, Paul Kelleher, and Mark Moran** are mourning the loss of one of their own, **Billy Clare**. He will be forever missed by his dear friends, and one day they may "tip some Kona Longboards" together again. • **Jack Donovan** just retired from Boise Cascade after 45 years in the forest products industry. Jack, his wife Anna, and their four grandchildren enjoy hiking and exploring the Pacific Northwest. • **Joan Luise Hill** informed us that the second book on miracles, *The Miracle Collectors: Uncovering Stories of Wonder, Joy, and Mystery* was published and asks, "Any miracle stories anyone?" • **Jayne Saperstein Mehne** and her husband, Christopher G. Mehne '74, JD'77, are overjoyed with the birth of their fifth grandson, Cooper Stanley Sabourin. Congratulations to the elated grandparents, their daughter, Julie '05, MED'06, and her husband, Matt. • Cardinal Cushing Centers in Hanover hosted its first virtual gala, Springtime Reimagined, on June 3, 2021, where **Dolly Di Pesa**, managing partner of Di Pesa & Company, CPAs of Quincy, received the Franciscan Leadership Award. The award is given to those who embody the values of the sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, who were integral in the founding of the Cardinal Cushing Centers back in 1947. Dolly and her family hosted a "watch party," which included her brother, David, who has a disability and has always been an inspiration to the family. • **John Halcovitch** is reaching out



to alums interested in his growing “Chat Group,” consisting of Ed Meehan ’76, Kevin MacDonald ’78, **Brian Smith**, **Geno Brown**, **Johnny O’Leary**, **Dennis McCleary** ’74, **John Murphy**, **John Cappiello** ’76, **Terry Henninger**, **Howie Richardson**, **Billy Paulsen**, **Tony Sukienik**, **Mike Kruzczek** ’76, and **John Peterson**. Most chatting takes place during football season and when there is news to share. They are looking to get together for a game, possibly Missouri, and enjoy a round of golf the day before.

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## NC 1975

While I am writing this as we’ve just celebrated the first day of summer, you are reading this as we’ve just celebrated the beginning of fall. I’m hoping that these months in between have been filled with family and friends, time spent enjoying the nicer weather, and some fun and travel too. • In early June, **Beth Reifers** and **Mary Ellen Quirk** were some of the first to enjoy the re-opening of New York City. They had a beautiful day and a wonderful outing to see the contemporary Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama’s sculpture exhibit, *KUSAMA: Cosmic Nature* at the New York Botanical Garden. As Beth said, it is “fabulous,” and she highly recommends seeing it if you can! • I heard from several classmates who registered for the online events during the virtual Reunion in June. I joined the “Rome-ing Around: Ancient Rome, the Vatican, and St. Ignatius” program and saw that **Lee Costello**, **Mary Ellen Quirk**, and **JoAnn Hilliard Holland** enjoyed it too! Plans are to have an on-campus reunion next June 3–5, 2022, so mark your calendars. • From Facebook’s Newton College Alumnae page came this wonderful note from **Francie Anhut**’s brother, Tom:

“My mother, **Mary Claire Dwyer Anhut**, was a student at Newton College from the fall of ’49 to the spring of ’51, when she left to marry my dad. ... We are celebrating mom’s 90th birthday in August this year. If there are any of you who knew **Mickey Dwyer**, I’m sure that she would love to hear from you!” He asked whether he could purchase or have made a Newton College flag for his mom’s party. Many of us, including **Margi Caputo** and **Beth Reifers**, responded to Tom’s request, and by the end of the day he had Newton insignias and banners, a Newton bag (kindness of **Mary Doherty Ellroy** ’73), access to his mom’s yearbooks, a connection with one of her classmates, and lots of well wishes from all. Such a great testament to the special bond among Newton College alumnae! Looking forward to hearing your news for our next column!

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## 1976

**Susan Santos** resides in Medford and dotes on her college-aged daughter. Sue worked hard during COVID as director of education and risk communication for the Veterans Health Administration, training providers in proper ways to communicate about deployment-exposure concerns, COVID, and vaccine acceptance. On top of that, she

maintains an environmental consulting firm, in business for over 31 years. She is also a certified wine educator. • **Anne Gallagher Collins** married **Chris Collins** ’75 in 1977! Both attended law school and resided in Arlington, Virginia, for 33 years, working for law firms in Washington, D.C. They raised three sons and now reside in Williamsburg, Virginia, having retired in 2018. They enjoy four grandchildren. • **Tom Ward** remains active in private equity sales at Donnelly Financial but is “in the two-minute drill, 4th quarter, career-wise.” Well put! He resides in Plymouth. • **Marblehead** is home to **Rob Howie** and **Marian Wu Howie**. They recently welcomed their sixth grandchild! Rob is an accomplished sailor and was cited for his dedication to ocean conservation. Global brand Nautica asked him to do a public service announcement on ocean sustainability. • **Bob Coates**, MD, graduated from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and practiced as a family physician for 25 years. He then pursued a master’s in medical management from Carnegie Mellon University and joined hospital administration. Bob recently retired as chief medical officer at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, New Jersey. His future plans involve travel, golf, and reading things other than medical journals! He resides in Hampton, New Jersey. • Former state auditor for Maine, **Pola (Papetti) Buckley** retired this year after a long and successful career. She fondly remembers her days in the Carroll School of Management and the lifelong friends she made in Williams and Welch Halls. Good luck in all the days ahead!

• Several classmates are excited about the return of fans to BC football games, including this writer. Have a healthy and happy fall. There is talk about a possible reunion in the autumn. God bless!

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## 1977

### 45TH REUNION June 2022

In July 2019, **Dannel Malloy**, JD’80—a former prosecutor, private practice lawyer, 14-year mayor of Stamford, Connecticut, and two-term governor of the State of Connecticut—began his fifth career as the chancellor of the University of Maine System. Dan and his wife, **Cathy Lambert Malloy** ’77, split their time between Maine and Connecticut, where they enjoy spending time with their three grandkids, with another one on the way. • **Robert Watts** is very excited to announce the launch of his software as a service (SaaS) platform S.O.I.G (Show, Observe, Interact, and Grow). S.O.I.G has dual capacity as both an organizational development/talent management system and an internal consultancy, training, and coaching platform. • **Joseph Fay** wound up his career in nonprofit leadership. He is now undertaking a new nonprofit venture, A Home Among Friends, to provide housing for low-income LGBTQ seniors who suffer from poorer health and social isolation than other seniors. The organization just secured its 501(c)(3) status. • **Elaine Deleso** is currently CEO of the Natick Walpole

VNA and was recently elected chair of the Visiting Nurse Association of New England. She is also serving as a member of the board of directors of the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts. When Elaine is not working, she is enjoying her grandchildren and spending every moment she can in Brewster and enjoying Cape Cod. Elaine, like all of us, is forever a loyal Eagle! • **Joseph Gargiulo**’s first child, **Katie**, was married on May 8, 2021, to **Nick Fiorini** in a beautiful Northern Virginia wedding venue. They gathered with about 115 close friends and family, including four of Joseph’s five A-26 roommates and their wives. Two of his roommates are also BC graduates! Joseph, next time you write, let us know who those two BC roommates are and what they are up to. • **MaryAnn (Apicella) Tweedy** has been appointed the director of the Massapequa Public Library in New York. • Yours truly, **Nicholas Kydes**, and my beloved wife, **Carol**, are proud grandparents for the second time. Our daughter, **Olympia**, and our son-in-law, **Michael Thomson**, welcomed their second daughter, **Byrdie**, on March 15, 2021. Sybil, their first daughter, was born June 13, 2019, and is extremely affectionate toward her little sister. • God bless the world, and may all good things find the path to your door.

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## 1978

Hi, all! A lot of news made its way to my inbox—yay! However, I have a limited word count, so apologies in advance for needing to edit down your shares. • **Mimi Sherry Lurio** and her husband, **Doug**, own **Lurio & Associates**, a law firm in Philadelphia. They have three grown children and four grandkids, the youngest of whom are twins born in May. For the past 25 years, Mimi and a group of BC’ers usually take an annual trip, but COVID thwarted that idea last year. So, they got creative with Zoom in March 2020, and that weekly call is still taking place with **Joyce Sweeney**, **Chuck Morris**, **Becky Weisel Black**, **Ed Black** ’79, **Barb Burke**, **Nancy DeNatale Collins**, **Andy Collins**, **Sue Walley DeNatale**, **Jack Hanwell**, **Ray Harris**, and his wife, **Shaun Butler** (“honorary” BC alum), **Patty McGuire Harrison**, **Maryanne Tessier Richards**, **Andria Smith**, and **Ro Reidy St. Onge**. This past June in Spring Lake, New Jersey, classmates **Jerry Mahony**, **Bill McKiernan**, **Kevin McLaughlin**, **Steve Rosales**, **Rich Scheller**, **Carol (Snow) Tesconi** and **Lee Tesconi**, **John Theiss**, **Mary (Walls) Thompson** and **Rich Thompson**, and **Tad Waldbauer** gathered for an extended weekend for the marriage of **Cathy (Cronin) O’Sullivan** ’75 and **Ed O’Sullivan**’s son **Matthew O’Sullivan** ’12 to **Catie Harte**, a Georgetown grad. Speaking of weddings, **Tom Muscarella**’s daughter **Lucy** ’12 married her fellow classmate **Peter McQuaid** in August in Waltham. • Check out the photograph in the summer issue of *Boston College Magazine* on pages 30 and 31 that captured five roommates from Mod 43A as they filed into convocation ceremonies 43 years ago with other Arts & Sciences grads. Pictured are **Steph Markiewicz**, **Denise Beaudoin**, **Linda Landry**, **Jennifer (Peck) Vetromile**,

and **Beth Everett**. Their sixth roommate, **Wendy Lovejoy**, walked with the School of Management SOM grads. • **Jonathan Scott** was honored at the Ignatian Volunteer Corps at the Annual Madonna Della Strada Award Ceremony at Boston College High School. Jon founded Victory Programs and served as CEO for 43 years, focusing on “housing-first” solutions for those living with AIDS and addiction and establishing 30 programs. Retired, Jon lives in Provincetown. • **Tom Quinn** wrote about the December 2020 passing of his dear friend and senior-year roommate, **Greg Keefe**. Greg had been diagnosed with COVID-19. Greg’s wife is classmate **Rosemarie Smith**. Their oldest daughter, Rose Mary, graduated from BC in ’08. Greg had three children and five grandchildren at the time of his death. • **Patti Stades McLaughlin** and husband of 41 years, **William McLaughlin**, both retired this year. Patti says William is a big golfer; ergo, she’s a golf widow. This year, despite COVID, they decided for the first time to winter for a month on Captiva Island in Florida. Patti hopes all is well with all of her roommates from South Street and the Reservoirs.

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## 1979

**Jim Sano** recently retired from Dell EMC after 32 years and has been enjoying writing faith-based novels. His first novel, *The Father’s Son*, is about a successful Boston executive’s journey from brokenness to wholeness. *Gus Busbi*, is a timely story about a curmudgeonly old Italian man and a Black teen battling the pull from the gangs in the South End of Boston. His most recent book is a mystery titled *Stolen Blessing*, which was released in March 2021. • **Molly Duggan Russin**, **Carol Moretti**, and **Lauren Millard** spent a few days together in Philadelphia. They visited the Philadelphia Flower Show—which was held outdoors for the very first time—had lunch at Parc on Rittenhouse Square, and shared endless memories and laughs. Molly said, “What a fantastic, mask-free kickoff to the summer of ’21!” • **Paul Ferrarone** just retired after nearly 40 years as a solo pastor in China, Africa, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Nebraska. He wrote, “I am living with my wife, Linda, and mother-in-law, Marge, in Atlanta while my 29-year-old triplet children are scattered throughout the U.S. I will be officiating the wedding of my daughter, Caroline, in October who is a teacher in Birmingham, Alabama. Andy is running his own tech business writing code on the West Coast, and Tom is a physical therapist in Oregon. My years at BC were some of the best years in my life.” • **Richard Assaf** shared that “the 20-something annual 19B golf outing” was scheduled for July 9. Every year, the core four of roommates from 19B—**Paul Nylen**, **Ed Bouvier**, **Steve Toomey**, and **Richard**—get together and play a little golf but mostly just catch up. This year, they are meeting up near Mohegan Sun, as it is somewhat halfway between New York and Massachusetts. Dinner and maybe a little gambling will follow. • **Wendy Jones Kuda** and her

husband, Peter, live in Chelmsford and Hyannisport, spending as much time as possible at the latter address. Their three children, PJ, Kimberly, and Matt, are “launched.” PJ is an artist and musician in Philadelphia, Kimberly a BS RN in Boston, and Matt ’20 (their “Baby Eagle”) a software engineer in Boston. Wendy has enjoyed two careers since graduation, first as a software engineer for HP and then, after raising her kids and getting an MEd, as a mathematics teacher in Andover. Wendy keeps in touch with **Lori Gagne Pendleton** and Rosemary Rossi ’80. A recent day spent together at Lori’s home in New Seabury, Connecticut, was filled with joy, endless conversation, and fun memories of BC. • An annual dinner was held in June with **Keith Shaughnessy**, **John DeStefano**, **Bill Casey**, and **Tom Oberdorf** in the North End. They missed **John Naughton**, **Mike Horton**, **Jeff Cammans**, and **Ted Macek**, but they will try again in September. • **Marty Fenton** is living in Duxbury. Over Memorial Day weekend, his son, Andrew, got married, and ’79 classmates **Dick Iannucci**, **Brad Curley**, and **Lisa Hahn Cantey** ’82 and **Jim Cantey** were in attendance. • **Steve Watson** retired in January after a 40-year career at Bessemer Trust. Steve and his wife, Lynn, are living on Nantucket but did spend time in Naples, Florida, this year visiting with classmates **Aldo Baretta**, MD, and **John O’Connell**. The Watsons are grandparents of five! • **Kathleen O’Keefe** moved to Cape Cod in 2003 from Southern California. She wrote, “Feels good to be back on the East Coast. I have two grown kids (one in Colorado and one in Massachusetts) and three great grandchildren. I keep in touch with quite a few BC friends, and I’m enjoying semi-retirement on the Cape.”

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## 1980

**Bill Skerry** has been a realtor for over 35 years and with Keller Williams in Newton for the past eight. He still plays ice hockey two to three times per week. His daughter, **Jillian** ’21, graduated from BC with honors and now works for the Forge Company in Somerville in the marketing department. Bill’s son, **Thomas**, just finished his junior year at Xaverian Brothers in Westwood and plays hockey, runs track, and got his Eagle Scout rank. Bill’s wife, **Mindy**, is an auditor for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and is working remotely, as is her entire department. • **Joseph Lucier** received a BA in Chinese studies and was previously a Chinese translator and a software engineer before becoming a holistic practitioner. He is currently an herbalist, an author of eight books about wellness, a medical massage therapist, and an international educator. He manages an international live workshop and self-paced online institute called Anusara Wellness. • **Stephen Smith** wrote, “My wife, **Leslie**, and I moved to Savannah last year after seven years in Philadelphia and 27 in San Francisco. Our goal was to downsize and travel the world for extended periods of time. That was pre-COVID, so we took advantage of the time to explore this part of

the world. Love keeping in touch with our class virtually via **John Carabatsos**’s faithful posting of a song each day that was popular during our time at BC, along with a bit of visual history from that time as well. Would love to hear of any Eagles who make it to Savannah. Best to all in 2021–2022.”

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## 1981

Congratulations to **Phil Brown**, who retired in June after a long career as a chemistry professor and director of the Trans-Atlantic Science Student Exchange Program at North Carolina State University. Phil and wife, **Lisa**, live in Apex, North Carolina. • **Frank Viano** reports that he hears from many classmates routinely: **Dan Leary**, **Donald Fraser**, **Kevin Thomas**, **Chris Foy**, **Frank O’Connor**, **Rich Whalen**, and dear friend **Ed Reid** ’80. They recently played in a memorial golf tournament in honor of classmate **Peter McCourt**, who passed in December 2020, to raise funds through The McCourt Foundation for cancer, MS, and Alzheimer’s research. As a grandparent of seven, Frank says the BC family is more important than ever to him! • It’s taken 40 years, but we have an update from **John Perry**! After BC, John attended graduate school for biomedical engineering and moved to the Washington, D.C., area. He married **Tracy** in 1995 and raised two boys, **Andrew** and **Christopher**. He is a proud member of the “Philly Boys” roommate club (**Robert Panaro**, **Rich Farrelly**, and **Rich Canning**), remembered for their outstanding dorm/Mods parties! John is a chief technology officer with a major government contractor in the Washington, D.C., area and encourages those in the area to reach out. • Last spring, **Jim Thorsen** was confirmed as the director of administration under Rhode Island Governor **Dan McKee**, after a brief time as the director of revenue. Wife, **Cindy**, is a neonatal nurse at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, where she occasionally gets to work with their daughter **Margaret**, a third-year OB/GYN resident. Their daughter **Biz** moved back to Rhode Island after leaving Pixar Animation Studios to take a job as producer of *Molly of Denali* for WGBH. Their son **John** is working at EF Tours in Boston, and their youngest, **Josef**, studies at Johnson & Wales in culinary arts. The Thorsens recently vacationed with **Rob** and **Ann Lanney** and **Eleanor** and **Ig Maclellan**. • Upon graduation from the University of Virginia Law School and after spending over 20 years in private law practice, **Gary Siegel** helped take a client public, which became a Washington, D.C.-area office real estate investment trust (REIT). Gary joined the REIT when it was formed in 2006 (including participating in ringing the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange), and following its sale in 2007, he helped form a real estate investment and advisory firm, **Edge Funds Management LLC**, where they raised funds and acquired commercial office buildings in Washington, D.C., and New York City. Gary is now chief executive officer of the company, which continues to own two office buildings in New York City. He writes that



his most significant accomplishments, however, are his three children and three granddaughters (ages 4, 2, and 1). • Plan to attend our 40th Reunion in October!

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## 1982

### 40TH REUNION

June 2022

**Kelly and Barry Lyden** shared that their son Daniel will be joining his sister Shea at BC in the Carroll School of Management. • **Frank Smyth** is a journalist and the author of *The NRA: The Unauthorized History*, published by Flatiron Books in hardcover in 2020 and in paperback this year. It tells the story of the National Rifle Association, whose longtime CEO Wayne LaPierre earned a master's degree in political science from BC in 1975. • **Michael Paiva's** youngest son, Christopher, graduated from the Carroll School this past May. He will be working at EY in Boston. Christopher's brothers are also BC grads: Michael '17 and Nicolas '18. Michael and BC roomies **Michael Beatty, Tony Kinsley, Mike Gaffney, and Joe Jest** enjoyed bimonthly Zoom happy hours during COVID. • **Carolyn Wilkinson** is happy to share that her twins, Catelyn and Cole, graduated from Methuen High School. Catelyn will be a freshman at UMass Boston, and Cole will be a freshman at Fitchburg State. Her son Christopher will be a junior at Suffolk University. She is happy to share that she had a 100-percent-vaccinated night out with fellow Eagles **Michelle Marcotte Coullahan, Kevin Heaney, and Marlene Parella**. • **Patty '81 and Brian Cummins** are grandparents to a beautiful little girl named Aoife. They live in Fairfax, Virginia. • Last February, **John Hurley** finished a two-year assignment in Rome as the lead regional economist for West and Central Africa at the International Fund for Agricultural Development. He's now the acting United States executive director on the Asian Development Bank board of directors, which is based in Manila. Beginning with a trip to Ireland after graduating from BC, John has lived in or visited some 130 countries around the world. • **Richard Frates** celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary to Mary Wells. They were married at Saint Ignatius, with **Patty Raube Wilson** as the soloist. Their reception was held in the basement of Lyons Hall, a.k.a. the Rat. Thanks again to Class of '82 friends **John Blessington, John Kane, Ron Melillo, Bruce Musler, Mike Piti, Toti Perez, John Punzak, Mike Sonier, Richie Syretz, and Ted Simonetti**, who attended. Grateful to other BC attendees Tom Blessington '84, Billy Moylan, and John and Nancy Delfonzo Frates '80. • **Daniel Portanova** shared that his wife, **Patricia (Norton) Portanova**, passed away on April 30. Her kindness and laughter will be missed by all who knew her. Patty lived in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey, with Dan and is survived by her son Michael, daughter Andrea '16, son Matthew '13, and Matthew's wife, Marion. Dan is incredibly grateful to the large BC presence and those who supported and mourned with the family at her services.

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## 1983

**Gina Sisti** writes: "We are selling our Westchester, New York, home and moving full time to Palm Beach, Florida. Andrew, our son, is in NYU College of Dentistry, and Christina, our daughter, works for Ernst & Young and lives in NYC. I am keeping my New York real estate license and obtaining a Florida real estate license. Looking forward to a new beginning!" • Congratulations to **Peter Rockett**, who received the *Boston Business Journal* F. Gorham Brigham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award at the CFO of the Year Award ceremony in July. • **Barbara Kerr** writes: "After BC, I received a master's in library science from Simmons University with a second master's in classical civilizations from Harvard in 1995. I have worked at the Medford Public Library since 1984 and as library director since 2016. In 2017 we received a construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. With the MBLC grant, city funding, and many donations, including a most generous gift from Michael Bloomberg and his family, we have been able to build a wonderful building with lots of room to grow. We are slated to be the first net-zero library in Massachusetts. The brand-new Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library will be opening to the public in the fall of 2021." • After serving a combined 26 years on active duty in the Army and Air Force as a podiatric surgeon, **Alexander Servino** felt the time was right to fully retire. Among the attendees at his retirement ceremony in May at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada was fellow BC Army ROTC classmate **Michael Connell**. His career has spanned 6 assignments—having lived in 4 states and 1 foreign country, while visiting 22 countries. Along the journey, he was joined by his wife of 27 years, Grace, and their 3 children. He plans to reside on Cape Cod. • **Barry Hynes** joined the renowned global real estate firm JLL in Boston as a managing director, advising companies and property owners with real estate strategy and solutions around the globe. • **Luisa Frey** writes: "It was great having BC roommate **Barb Fassoulitis Rogers** and her husband, **Bob Rogers**, at my recent 6-0 celebration! In other news, after switching careers seven years ago from travel writer to high school English teacher, I continue to grow my specialty of being a writing teacher and private tutor for college-bound high school students with learning challenges such as ADHD, dyslexia, and organizational issues. One of my students from my first year of teaching is headed to grad school in the fall! ... Also, this coming fall, I'll be my school's first student support liaison—I'll provide guidance to instructors on how to teach English skills to students with learning challenges. But most of all, I'm thankful that my family and I stayed healthy during this past challenging year!"

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## 1984

Greetings! • **Thomas Egger** is entering his 29th year at Emergency Physicians Professional Association in Minneapolis.

His three sons now live in different areas of the country and the world. **Thomas Jr. (27)** is a former U.S. Marine Corps graduate, finishing third in his class of 1,077. A former USMC infantry officer, with recent deployment to the South Pacific, he is now a USMC captain in special operations training. Son **Andrew (24)** is a Colby College graduate with a major in physics. He is now a first lieutenant in the USMC and in jet fighter school for F-18 and F-35 aircraft. Third son **Matthew (19)** is a sophomore studying international relations with a minor in Chinese at Durham University in the U.K. Tom writes that his home is quiet without the boys, but he is busy with work, long-needed repairs on his home, assisting with his elderly mother, and training for Nordic ski racing and triathlons. COVID curtailed his international travel, initially decreased his ER volumes, and isolated him initially from friends and family due to his frequent exposure to COVID patients. So far, he has stayed healthy. • About three years ago, **Catherine Keyes** encouraged **Maureen Cullum** to join her at Affiliated Monitors, Inc., and Catherine is really pleased to have such a good friend on her team. They keep in touch with **Veronica Jarek-Prinz, Mark Murphy, and Mark McLaren** via Zoom. Catherine recently met **Juliette Dacy Fay** while accompanying their mothers to CVS for COVID vaccinations. Julie said she is working on her next book. • Catherine also keeps in touch with **Laura Fitzpatrick Nager**, who is the senior associate minister at First Congregational Church in Old Lyme, Connecticut. The church conducted outdoor services with social distance through the fall for an appreciative congregation. Laura and her husband, Paul, live in Old Lyme. • In January 2020, **Lydia Voles** joined Confidant, a New York-based public relations agency as its first chief of staff. Lydia oversees the agency's client work and is responsible for the operations and growth of the boutique firm. She is proud that Confidant was short-listed for *PRWeek's* 2021 Outstanding Boutique Agency (which was to be awarded last March). Lydia and her husband, Rick, have lived in Ossining, New York, for 21 years, and they currently enjoy empty nesting. • **Timothy Doyle** recently joined the International Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as its president and chief operating officer.

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## 1985

In June, **Matthew Sullivan** finished up nine very happy years in Singapore as the head of an international school. Before that Matthew spent eight amazing years in India as principal of an international boarding school, and prior to that he spent 14 great years teaching English in the U.K. at both university and school levels. Matthew's wife is British, and they have three sons (all in the U.K.: one with them and two in Edinburgh). Matthew remembers fondly all the wonderful teachers at BC and sincerely thanks them for their inspirational example. The late Ray Biggar (English) and Bill Daly (history) were by far the best

teachers he has encountered anywhere in his long career in education. He is now settled in the U.K., enjoying sailing and hiking along the British coastline, where he is settling into something like retirement. • **Maria Leonard Olsen** is an attorney, author, radio show host, and public speaker in the Washington, D.C., area. She recently started a podcast, *Becoming Your Best Version*, which builds on the success of her book *50 After 50: Reframing the Next Chapter of Your Life*. • **Michelle Byrne** recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary working at Harvard University Police Department as manager of communications and physical security. She is completing a master's of liberal arts in legal studies through Harvard's Division of Continuing Education. • **Jenn Irleand Mazza** lived in Wisconsin for 10 years before a recent move to Denver. She developed a successful media company offering photography and live streaming. Jenn's youngest recently graduated high school. • **Pam (Risio) Ferraro** is thrilled to be sending her son off to BC in the fall—Class of 2024! • **Jim Moore** continues to live in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, Mary, and retired in 2020 as an assistant U.S. attorney after more than 30 years of federal service. Their twin sons graduated from college in May.

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## 1986

Hi '86 Eagles! We are BC, so I'm sure we have all figured out that we are social beings who don't respond well to quarantine, respect others, appreciate all the little things in life, and don't take them for granted anymore. Most of all, we realize our BC family got us through these crazy, unprecedented times, and we are stronger for it. • There were already some pregame kickoff events to start our 35th Reunion year. • I know **Patrick McGeehan** and **Billy Bishop** spearheaded one at Spring Lake, New Jersey, on our originally scheduled reunion weekend, June 4–6. It looked spectacular, well attended, and crazy fun, and our Eagle classmates partied Lionel Ritchie—style: “all night long.” Sorry I missed this beach party, but driving distance and traffic prevented my crew from combining party efforts. • **Matt Taylor**, **Judy Von Feldt Taylor**, and **Dave O'Connor** were the party planners and hosts of a boat ride, dinner, and beach-party celebration in Avalon, New Jersey. It felt like Senior Week packed into one epic weekend. • Everyone get fired up and put on your party hat and happy-feet dancing shoes because our official reunion at Boston College is in October, with a Friday night “prom” event, Saturday home football game (BC vs. NC State), tailgating, and another TBD Saturday-night extravaganza. • **Lou Motta** writes that he is CEO of J. Cain & Co., the leading third-party logistics services providers in Panama. Lou is honored to have two sons already graduate from BC in 2015 and 2018, respectively, and his youngest son is starting his senior year. Wow, three Eagles—that is totally awesome. Congrats to all, and everyone is looking forward to football season too. • Mod 24B, with **Tom Larkin**, **Brian Murphy**,

**Matt Downey**, and **Bob Cichewicz**, are celebrating our 35th Reunion with fly fishing the Kootenay River in northwest Montana along with fellow classmates **Mark Connon**, **Steve Ulian**, and **Dan McLaughlin '87**. So cool that they have remained in touch over the years and that they're healthy and doing great. This is an awesome trip, and I love BC forever-friend stories. Be safe and happy—and bring some pictures to the October reunion. • Everyone, please take a moment to update our digital yearbook—a very cool, high-tech idea and a great way to keep classmates up to date on your current life. Thanks for sharing your news with us. See you all at our 35th Reunion, and remember—once an Eagle, always an Eagle.

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## 1987

**35TH REUNION**  
June 2022

**Joseph P. Cinney** was recently named CEO and president of Learn to Read in St. Johns County, Florida. The organization provides adult basic education, GED test preparation, ESL lessons, preparation for U.S. citizenship, and job-readiness skills. He welcomes your involvement and support! You can learn more at [learntoreadstjohns.org](http://learntoreadstjohns.org). • Law firm MacElree Harvey shared that **Lance J. Nelson**, chair of the firm's family law practice, was recently interviewed on Main Line Network TV's show *Legal Talk with Stacy Clark*. In the interview, Lance—who represents men, women, grandparents, same-sex couples, and more—spoke on such important topics as divorce, alimony, support, custody, and adoption issues.

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## 1988

The pandemic seems to be winding down. I'm writing this from Rome, and our class seems to be on the move! • **Carol Palmer Wing** is attending two weddings: the first for Thomas Negron, son of **Sharon Harrington Negron**, in July and the second for Dr. Jay Puleo, son of **Erin Fleming Puleo**, in September. Fun that being the parents' friend can lead to a mini BC reunion. • Dear friend **Lillian Garcia Palmer** is super proud that her eldest, Nicholas, was accepted into BC's Carroll School as a member of the Class of 2025, an early decision with four years of housing. Lillian and husband, Scott, are happy to keep the BC tradition alive. Younger son Charlie will be a senior in high school and hopes to get into the school of his dreams too. • **Melissa Shaheen**, **Linda Malenfant**, and **Jenny McMahon-Varick** kicked off their pandemic by closing Disney World but made up for lost time by hosting BC '88 cocktail parties! Melissa, along with **Ralph Santora** and **Mike Muller**, is also organizing an informal reunion in Provincetown this September 17–19. All are invited. Melissa adds that she's now a recruiter at McKinney and loving it. • **Steve Condon** wrote in from Framingham,

where he and his wife, Maureen, are enjoying their new empty nest. Daughter Alison graduated from Siena College in 2019, while Erin graduated from Boston University in 2020. Steve has been in sales and marketing with The Allied Group, based in Cranston, Rhode Island, for the past 26 years. He is now managing a team of 15 that covers New England. Steve is happy with his work-life balance and the constant growth his business has had. He'd love to catch up with classmates at a BC football or basketball game this year! • **Charles “Chuck” Gregory** is a lieutenant with the Detroit Police Department, with 27 years on the job. Married with two kids, he'd like to offer us many blessings as we head out of the pandemic and suggests reaching out to an old friend (like me for the next column!).

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## 1989

Classmates! Thanks for the wonderful updates this quarter. We have a strict word limit, and I want to include as much detail as possible, so your updates may appear later than sent. I heard from several proud parents about how beautiful BC Commencement was this spring and how good it was to attend in person. • **John Grassel** retired from the Rhode Island State Police, where he led the Forensic Services Unit. John did jump the BC ship (temporarily) to obtain a master's in forensics from the Boston University School of Medicine. Also, after 28 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, which included two combat deployments to the Middle East, he retired as a lieutenant colonel. John is now working as a research forensic scientist with RTI International and moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. John's daughter Sarah is in the BC Class of 2022. • This year, **Bob Karwin** celebrates the 15th anniversary of his private law practice, focusing on plaintiff personal injury matters. His firm earned the largest personal injury jury verdict in California in 2020 (third-largest overall). Bob was elected in November 2020 to his first term as a city councilman for the City of Menifee, California. His daughter committed to playing volleyball at DePauw University and is starting in the fall of 2021, following in the footsteps of her brother, who is a junior setter at Aurora University in Illinois. • **Michael O'Loughlin** and family celebrated daughter Margot's graduation from BC in May 2021 (son Michael is at Notre Dame). Michael shares that the virtual connections with BC—including Masses, the Eagle Exchange program, helping students with career development, and more—really helped him stay connected with BC, meet new friends, and strengthen existing relationships. • **Daniel McConnell** celebrated son Kevin's graduation from the College of Arts & Sciences in May 2021 and was delighted to attend in person with his wife, Meg (Holy Cross '89). • **Mark Canno** is living in West Harrison, New York, and operating a tennis bubble in White Plains. He is coaching the varsity tennis and golf teams at his old school, Rye Neck. Daughter Brooke '20 is a teacher in



Mount Kisco, son Michael will be a junior at Penn State, and son Christopher will be a freshman at Villanova. Mark keeps in touch with fellow '89 friends **Tony McNamara, Chris Manning, Rob Lordi, James Didden, Mike Rice, David Knapp, Jen Cooney, and Suzanne Harvey.** • Finally, our class lost another great light this spring. **Kristina Cicoria Yonker** passed peacefully on April 28 after a 13-year battle with ovarian cancer. She is survived by husband Aaron, son Nicholas, daughter Natalie, and many siblings, cousins, nephews, and nieces. Memorial services honoring Krissy's life were held in California and Massachusetts, with several BC classmates joining.

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## 1990

**Laura Raftery's** daughter, Kiera Blake, was accepted to the Lynch School and will be attending this fall as part of the Class of 2025. • **Elizabeth Mahanor** writes that she is excited to now be in a new vascular surgery group on Cape Cod with our own office, Cath Lab. • **Chuck Bean** and his wife, Kerri '94, have a daughter, Caroline, who just finished her junior year at the Connell School of Nursing. She worked at Mass General Hospital in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) this summer and plans to eventually become a nurse practitioner. The Beans are very proud parents! • For the last 29 years, **Wendy Willman** has worked as an adoption social worker, living in Atlanta. In 2014, she started Georgia Adoption Specialists, a nonprofit adoption agency. She lives with her husband, who is a firefighter with the City of Atlanta. They have two sons who are seniors in high school, and their daughter is a senior at George Washington University. • **Jim Mangraviti, JD'93,** is excited that his son will begin his freshman year at the Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences in the fall of 2021, marking the third generation of Mangravitis at the Heights. • Jim is looking forward to running with fellow BC dad **Ivan Arteaga** in the Red Bandanna 5K. Both of Ivan's children are also attending BC. • **Tom and Kristin Pelletier Kelleher** were thrilled to be in Alumni Stadium as proud alumni parents to watch their daughter, Kathryn, graduate this May! They can't wait to be back on campus in the fall for football and tailgating.

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## 1991

A busy time for our class—here is hoping we can all be together soon! • **Laurie McLeod** recently joined the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters as its chief operating officer. She is excited about supporting work on environmental conservation and environmental justice, especially in her own state. And it has become even more relevant, as she is thoroughly enjoying her new home at the Jersey Shore. Working toward clean air and water couldn't be more pertinent. • **Hon. Joseph Harrington** was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker as an associate justice of the Fall



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## GLORI ALVAREZ '88

### Small Island, Big Impact

#### DETAILS:

**Guaynabo, Puerto Rico**  
**Co-leader, Puerto Rico Alumni Chapter**  
**Recent nominee to the Council for Women of Boston College**

**C**resting Heartbreak Hill, Glori Alvarez '88, P'16, could have been forgiven for flagging a bit. Twenty miles into the 2016 Boston Marathon, her legs felt sluggish and stiff. But up ahead at Mile 21, her daughter Sarah '16—a month from graduating, wearing a “We Run with Glori” shirt—led a group of donors and supporters in full-throated cheers. With Gasson Hall at her side and her daughter ahead, Glori pressed on, heartened.

A dedicated Eagle and board member of the Boston College Alumni Association (BCAA), Glori has enjoyed many special moments since she began her time at the Heights, where she lived in the now-demolished Mod 21A. This one stands out above the rest, a picture-perfect encapsulation of her decades-long BC journey. “It was such a cool moment,” she says, “[Sarah] somehow jumped the fence, and then she stood with the Puerto Rican flag, cheering right in the middle of Comm. Ave.”

When it comes to fostering community and supporting current and future Eagles, Glori brings her trademark commitment and passion to the Puerto Rican chapter of the BCAA. Asked to take on a leadership role as the chapter reorganized, she didn't hesitate: “Anything for BC,” she says, adding, “This is a very small island, everybody knows everybody. We're a very tight-knit group.”

Under her leadership, the chapter has grown remarkably. “In the early 2000s, we'd have maybe eight or nine current students at a time,” she says. “This fall, there are 71 Puerto Rican students on campus; we're up to 20-something per year. And that's what we try to nourish.”

“We like to be together,” says Glori. “Whether it's Global Days of Service, a game watch, a family event, if you say ‘social,’ attendance is through the roof.” The chapter's hallmark event, however, is the send-off social each summer for the incoming and returning BC students. “We'll have alumni from all manner of professions and backgrounds chatting with current Eagles, exchanging cards with recent graduates. We're all Eagles,” she says. “We look out for each other.”

River District Court. Classmate **Walter Timilty**, member of the Massachusetts State Senate, attended his swearing-in ceremony in January. Joe and his wife, Tina, live outside of Boston and have three sons: Colin (BC '23), Brendan, and Declan. • **Katie O'Connell** continues to own and operate Dragonfly Yoga Barn, Studio & Retreat in her hometown of North Sandwich, New Hampshire. Last year was a bust for the retreat business, and Katie was forced to close Dragonfly's doors abruptly due to the pandemic, so she shifted to the world of online yoga literally overnight! By January 1, Katie clocked 15,000 hours of yoga teaching since 2003. Katie and her husband, Declan, celebrated 29 years of marriage this year. Their kids Finnian (25) and Bridie (23) are all grown up and doing amazing things in the world. • **Elizabeth "Liz" Jack** was elected last month as a circuit court judge in the sixth judicial circuit of Florida. Prior to being elected, Liz served as a prosecutor for the state attorney's office. Liz won a hard-fought election after having to make significant adjustments to her campaign due to COVID-19. • Congratulations to **Dave O'Neill**, head coach at the University of Texas, for leading his team to the 2021 NCAA Women's Rowing Championship! • **Elizabeth Melahn** is enjoying life as a kindergarten teacher at Saint Augustine School in Andover, successfully completing the most challenging teaching year ever during this pandemic. She is married to Matt Stroika and is the parent of five amazing boys. • **Manuel Muchacho** sends greetings to all from Puerto Rico. (Yeah, a Venezuelan in Puerto Rico.) He has two boys: Manolo (20, at Duquesne University) and Enrique (17 soon, at Loyola Maryland). If you land on the island, give him a call—only Muchacho on the island.

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## 1992

### 30TH REUNION

June 2022

Hi, everyone! I hope you and your families are doing well. Thanks to those who sent in updates. Please reach out if you have news to share. We would all love to hear from you! • **Ingrid Chiemi Schreffner** was recently reappointed to the Standing Advisory Committee on Professionalism for the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She was also featured in an article in the *Yale Journal on Regulation* and the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice regarding her public service. • **Dimitrios Angelis** lives in Chatham, New Jersey, with his wife and three kids. He founded a biotech company with products targeting rotator cuff repair and cartilage replacement therapy. His company has offices in San Antonio, Texas, and Research Triangle, North Carolina. • **Gina La Rocca**, MD, MHS is a cardiologist and physician-scientist at the National Institutes of Health and Mount Sinai Medical Center and co-director of advanced cardiovascular imaging. Gina ran the busiest COVID-19 unit in New York City at the start of the pandemic and was also involved in the COVID-19 Good Samaritan

Tent in Central Park. In October 2020, Gina was named BC "Hometown Hero of the Game" during the BC vs. Pittsburgh football game. She is grateful to Boston College, BC Athletics, and all BC alumni for this honor! • **Kirk and Pam Piorkowski Ruoff** are proud of their daughter, Annie Ruoff '21, on her recent graduation. They are hopeful their son, Charlie Ruoff '24, follows in her footsteps. Kirk and Pam live in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey. • **Amy Ryberg Doyle** sent in the following: "My son, Jack, will be attending BC this fall and swimming for the swim team. He was wowed by the coach, staff, and new pool—no more plex!" Amy lives in Greenville, South Carolina. • **Maureen K. Monahan** serves as chair of the board of the Metropolitan Community College in Omaha. "I have been on the front lines of managing the COVID-19 pandemic in higher education. Not a day has gone by that has not made me realize what BC students must be going through as I make hard decisions at Metro Community College. On the plus side, my college friends have rallied with texts and Zooms—we are more in touch than we have been in years!" • **Bryan Hawkom** of Needham passed away on March 3, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family, especially his wife, Katie, and their four children.

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## 1993

It's 5:30 a.m., and I'm wide awake in my new (very old) house in Falmouth because the morning light and birds here get me up early. I bought a Cape house for summers and got a second cat. But it feels great to have a permanent East Coast connection back in my life after 22 years in Austin. I'll even get back to the Heights more now. Florida State game, anyone? As for the rest of you, lots of updates! • In May, **Brian Boussy** showed up unannounced from Maryland on **Steven Piluso's** doorstep as a surprise 50th birthday present—the whole plan hatched by Steve's wife, Mia. • **Jeanie Zmijewski Taddeo** lives in Wayne, PA, and says, "I was diagnosed with invasive triple negative breast cancer while 16 weeks pregnant with my twins. I had two surgeries and four strong chemotherapy treatments while pregnant with my miracles. The twins just turned 13 in early June, happy and healthy! And I am 13 years cancer free myself!" • **Christiaan Johnson** writes, "I am ridiculously proud to announce my wife, Elissa, was promoted to associate professor. She is a professor of music and music education at UMass Lowell, where our son, Saul, just finished his freshman year." They and daughter Eldon live in Newton, right next door to **Christine Fahey!** • **Sandi (Wysocki) and Sean Cappelis** write, "We are grateful our oldest, Macie Claire, successfully managed corona during her freshman year at BC. Our others are Liam, a junior at Xavierian Brothers, and Mackenzie, a sophomore at Newton Country Day. We live in Milton and practice law at Cappelis, Connors & Carroll in Boston." • **Andrew Moscardini** lives in Tampa with his wife, Michelle, and dogs

Fenway and Sammie, and just celebrated their 17th anniversary. Andrew has been with Los Angeles-based investment manager Capital Group for 18 years. • **Matt Prisco** shared that his eldest daughter, Sam, will head to UC San Diego to study marine biology, adding, "I am currently looking for anyone who can drive a getaway car for the many bank heists now required to pay for the aforementioned West Coast studies!" • **Michele Campisi** is running the Boston Marathon on October 11. She says she "can't wait to hit Heartbreak Hill and see the students partying on Comm Ave!" • **Andy Vranos** and **Anne (Pavrides)** shared, "We are proud to announce our son, Paul, will be an Eagle this fall! Anne is working for **Fred Paulmann** at legal data analytics firm Counsel Management Group, founded by Fred." • **Michael Garnsey** is in Colorado, where he won the "Top Forensic Examiner" award from the U.S. Secret Service for the fifth year in a row and going for six! His oldest daughter headed to University of Denver this fall. He also shared that he's eligible for retirement in less than three years. Thanks for reminding us all we are old, Garnsey! • Hope you are channeling your best Sally O'Malley and celebrating it up! Cheers!

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## 1994

I hope this finds you feeling hopeful after such a tumultuous year-plus. Please reach out to share good news as we continue toward healing. • **Johnny "Maui" Flavin** and **Shannon (Crotty) Flavin** have been married for 19 years and live in Seattle with their three wonderful children. They run an investment firm together, where Shannon is putting that BC accounting degree to good use as the operations principal. Their children (13, 10, and 8) are the center of their lives and "the center of all the miles we put on our cars running from one activity to the next." Johnny said that if anyone is passing through Seattle, look them up as the door is always open! • **Amy Lutz**, along with Pamela R. Bennett and Lakshmi Jayaram, is an author of the forthcoming book *Parenting in Privilege or Peril: How Social Class Enables or Derails the American Dream*, which examines the role of social class in educationally relevant parenting practices. It is available for preorder on Amazon. Speaking of education, **Brenda Milouchev** completed her first year at Rutgers Law School and made the dean's list! She is interning with a Children in Court judge in the Jersey City Court Family Law Division. As she aptly put it, "not bad for a 48-year-old mom of three." • **Lisa Santagate Moreland** is starting a master of science in nursing (MSN) program for her pediatric nurse practitioner-acute care (PNP-AC) this fall at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. • And now, some career transitions. In mid-2020, **Claudine Sorenson Nydegger** moved from New York to Florida with her two kids, Landon (16) and Maggie (13), to start a new career in real estate. She is focusing on relocation advising and getting certified in divorce real estate settlements. • Last June, after spending



17 years as an attorney at Pfizer, **Yolanda Lyle** began a new position as chief of staff to the chairman and CEO of Pfizer Inc. • After 23 years with ESPN, **Rob Savinelli** has moved on to become senior vice president of content and brand strategy for Barstool Sports. • **Amanda Koenig Stone** has been with EBI Consulting, Inc. for almost eight years and was recently promoted to program director, CMR Technical Services, in the construction loan monitoring group. She is responsible for all sales and initial client contact for her group in addition to providing guidance and technical support to junior staff. • Finally, congratulations to **Lisa Vuona**, who in May became a managing partner for Boyden, a premier leadership and talent advisory firm with more than 75 offices in over 45 countries. Lisa joins Boyden's global human resources practice and global social impact practice, serving clients in the education, health care, not-for-profit, and public sectors.  
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## 1995

Last summer during the pandemic, **Stephanie Butler Persson** finished her library science certification and internship through Old Dominion University. After 20 years of teaching middle school English, she has transitioned to a high school librarian. She wrote, "My kids are now looking at colleges to apply to, so my husband and I will be empty nesters before we know it. New adventures await. I hope that we will have a reunion soon."  
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## 1996

Two years after the passing of **Tim Czech**, his classmates **Joe Lobo**, **Dr. Neal Tyrrell**, **Kevin "Stinky" Costello**, and **Nathan Fisher** helped publish his manuscript on how to achieve happiness. *Happiness Hacks* is the result of a lifetime's research on science-based methods to improve mental well-being, and royalties benefit the nonprofit Narcolepsy Network. You can order a copy of Tim's book at [tinyurl.com/timczech](http://tinyurl.com/timczech). • Congratulations to **Kim Cressy**, who graduated in May 2021 from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate of education (EdD) in organizational leadership, policy, and development, with a focus on international higher education.  
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## 1997

**25TH REUNION**  
 June 2022

**Johanna Fuentes** has been promoted to head of global communications for WarnerMedia Studios and Networks Group. She previously served as executive vice president of worldwide corporate communications and public affairs for Warner Bros. Fuentes is responsible for the company's communications strategies globally. As the division's senior-most



The Carters: Emerson, Candi, Lily, Joe

"We create the opportunity for these kids to find each other. They know this is their tribe."

## CANDI NICHOLS CARTER '91

### Circle of Friends

#### DETAILS:

**Founder/President,  
 We've Got Friends and  
 Executive Producer,  
 Tamron Hall Show,  
 Disney**

**P**izza, a movie, laughter. Someone's queuing up a playlist. Others are sprawled out on the floor. Typical teenage stuff.

Yet for teens with special needs, it's a gathering many experience only at We've Got Friends, a social gathering space established by Candi Nichols Carter '91, for her son, Emerson.

Eighteen years ago, Emerson was born with a rare chromosomal abnormality. When he was younger, he and his mom attended playgroups and enrichment classes for children with special needs. In elementary school, Emerson was paired with students for activities and lunch. He participated in events that involved his whole class.

But when Emerson hit his teenage years, that stopped. While other kids his age were playing weekend sports, wandering the mall, or celebrating at parties, Emerson was alone. It became clear to his family that Emerson had no friends. That's when Carter decided to take matters into her own hands.

She called two moms she knew who had teenagers with special needs. She called her church rectory to request space on a weekend afternoon. She packed up a speaker and ordered a pizza. We've Got Friends was born.

Today, the group serves more than 100 families throughout its locations in New Jersey and New York. Weekly gatherings—called "hangouts"—always include pizza, a dance party, and an activity. During COVID-19, Carter and two special needs teachers transitioned the in-person events online.

"Every special needs child needs a friend," Carter emphasizes. "Many of these kids experience friendship for the first time at We've Got Friends. We create the opportunity for these kids to find each other. They know this is their tribe."

We've Got Friends has made a difference for families, too. "As parents of special needs teens, we are all handling issues like hormones, shaving, and self-care. We bond over that stuff while the kids are hanging out," she says. "It's a unique sorority."

communications executive, Fuentes works cross-divisionally overseeing all content teams across the Studios and Networks Group, including the Warner Bros. Pictures Group, HBO and HBO Max, the Warner Bros. Television Group, DC, Cartoon Network, Adult Swim, Turner Classic Movies, WB Animation, WB Games, TBS, TNT, Wizarding World, consumer products, studio operations, brand, and experiences, to work together across titles and franchises to ensure alignment and consistency of messaging. • **Dr. Erin Croddick Avery** was recognized by UC Irvine's Division of Continuing Education as a distinguished instructor for 2021. She has taught in the certificate program for eight years. Her recent book, *The College Labyrinth: A Mindful Admissions Approach*, is available on Amazon. It combines her research, her background in systematic theology, which began as a theology major at BC, and her practical knowledge gleaned from running a thriving educational planning practice since 2003 (averyeducation.com). • **Tonya De Melo** is senior vice president at Bank of America Merrill Lynch and recently purchased a new home in Laguna Niguel, California. In addition, she is honored to have been selected to serve as chair of the Catholic Coalition for Habitat for Humanity. • **Andrea (Silano) Griffin** completed her 21st year in Boston Public Schools. This remote-hybrid year made her feel like a first-year teacher. Unfortunately, BC did not prepare people for pandemic-era teaching. When she's not hanging around fifth graders, she is at baseball or football games for her 12- and 14-year-old sons, reading, walking her dog, Bailey, or getting together with friends. • It has been an exciting year professionally for **Cedric Notz** at Float Lending, which launched a new product in Sweden. It's a similar product that was recently launched in the U.S., pipe.com. It has received a lot of traction, although now there are a lot of challenges ahead with expanding the product and the team. Cedric reports it is going to be an exciting year with a steep learning curve. • **Gary MacDonald** writes that his daughter, Maya, is graduating from Skyline High School in Sammamish, Washington, and will be studying environment science at University of Portland, class of 2025. Dad is relieved that the Eagles and Pilots are unlikely to face each other in NCAA competition! • Looking forward to hearing from you! Keep your updates coming.

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## 1998

Hello Class of 1998! • **Colleen Vann (Walsh)** celebrated 20 years of service as a firefighter with the Orlando Fire Department. • **Christopher Boscia** started his own law firm, Boscia Legal, in Silicon Valley. The firm does civil, criminal, and family court trials. In an early success, they recovered \$1 million in Bitcoin from a thief who conducted a SIM-swap of their client's phone. Chris and his wife, a Santa Clara Bronco and immigration attorney, have two girls and a boy—all of whom want to play on the BC football team! • **Greg Kutyló** writes, "One positive aspect of

COVID-19 was an unexpected opportunity for classmates to reconnect. **Mike Diforio** and I are full-time South Florida residents, and we were joined by **Martin Leborgne** and **Dean Bell** as seasonal residents from Washington, D.C., and Connecticut over the past year. We have been able to meet for golfing and drinks in the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Palm Beaches area over the past year, while Martin and Dean pass the COVID-19 time here. It has been nice to catch up with old BC friends after far too long." • **Christopher Weidling** writes, "The Steel Horse Riders, the Bon Jovi cover band made up exclusively of BC alumni, will not be playing the New Jersey shore scene for the second summer in a row. Although the original lineup hasn't played together since **Ryan Quinn** moved to Singapore, there was hope for a full reunion post-pandemic. Family and work schedules would not cooperate this year, but keep an eye out for **John Araneo** in Motor City Modmen, a solo project celebrating the entire catalogue of Ted Nugent and the music of the mid-60s British political and cultural 'Mod' movement." Now that sounds like a crazy plan. • Hope you are all safe and well!

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## 1999

In 2019, **Danielle Shea Tan** published her first book, *52 Small Changes for the Family*. In the book, readers are encouraged to make one small change a week for 52 weeks so that parents and children can enjoy a happier, healthier lifestyle. Her book is available wherever books are sold. • **Jake Myers** has formally launched his new business, GayTherapySpace.com, which is the first LGBTQ-owned-and-operated platform for online therapy for the community, by the community. They match LGBTQ clients and therapists all over the country.

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## 2000

Happy fall, Class of 2000! • **Liz Hauck, MEd '09**, published her first book, *Home Made: A Story of Grief, Groceries, Showing Up—And What We Make When We Make Dinner* with Dial Press, an imprint of Random House. During its June 2021 launch, *Home Made* received a rave review in the *New York Times* and starred reviews from Booklist and Kirkus, and it appeared in *People*. It's a story about a cooking program she ran in a group home for kids in state care. Fellow Eagles will especially appreciate references to volunteer stories about 4Boston, Ignacio Volunteers, and Appalachia Volunteers—including digging an outhouse on the side of a mountain with **Katie Lane**. Please check out the book and find Liz at the Boston Book Festival in October! • **Kevin Joyce** and his wife, Camille, have had quite an eventful 2021 so far. They welcomed their son, James Ryan Joyce, on January 11. He arrived a month and a half early, but thankfully there were minimal complications. James and

big-sister Quinn are doing well. Quinn has been very sweet toward "baby James." She recently celebrated her second birthday. In April, the couple purchased a new house and already love their new neighborhood. • Thank you, as always, for sharing your wonderful news. It is so amazing to hear your stories.

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## 2001

Happy fall, classmates! • **Monica (Bellapralu) Edelstein** was appointed by the governor to the Maricopa County Superior Court Bench to serve as a judge in October 2020. • **Josh Rollins** and wife Jackie welcomed the arrival of their son, Parker Blake Rollins, on November 19, 2020. Parker joins his sister, Kiera Michaela (4). The family lives in Hamilton, Massachusetts. • **Alison (Piazza) MacDonald** was appointed vice principal of teaching and learning at Boston College High School. • **Steve Walkowiak** has just returned from an EcoTeach adventure with his wife, Jaime, and three sons, Ethan (11), Liam (10), and Beckham (8). They spent 12 days across Costa Rica working on a sea turtle preserve, assisting threatened leatherback turtles in their yearly nesting. They traveled to forest reserves, worked to preserve native wetlands and jungle, and took home memories and enough mosquito bites to last a lifetime. Steve returns to the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, where he runs the international video games and esports practice and remembers what warm showers are like. • **Greg Hagin** is grateful to become a principal and managing director at CCS Fundraising and join the board of directors. He is looking forward to exploring Chile and Antarctica in December on a family trip. • I, **Sandi (Birkeland) Kanne**, am proud to be a founding member of CARE: Cultural Advocacy, Respect & Empowerment, in my children's school district. Our mission is "championing diversity, empowering individuals, and strengthening community through empathy and inclusion." We are working to elevate marginalized voices and foster an informed and inclusive neighborhood community. It has been wonderful connecting with administrators, faculty, staff, and parents who are committed not only to creating the most welcoming and affirming environment for our students and their families but also exposing the children to stories and experiences unlike their own—to prepare them for the world beyond our school walls. • Depending on when this issue hits doorsteps, I either hope to see many of you at our postponed 20th Reunion or I hope that you enjoyed your time back on campus. I will have reunion stories to share in the new year!

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## 2002

20TH REUNION  
June 2022

Congratulations to **Julia Bott**, two-time graduate of BC (BA in English '02, MEd educational administration and moderate



special needs '08), who is currently the principal of the Ellis Mendell School in Roxbury. She has been named the 2021 Thomas C. Passios Elementary Principal of the Year and the National Elementary School Principal of the Year by the Massachusetts School Administrators Association. The program annually recognizes elementary school principals who demonstrate exemplary skills in instructional leadership, in supporting a safe learning environment, and in fostering a collaborative culture of shared decision-making among all members of their school community. She will also begin postgraduate studies in pursuit of a doctorate in educational leadership at Boston College this July. • **Martin McLaughlin** and **Cathy Meyer** just moved to Switzerland with their two-year-old daughter, Samantha. Martin recently started a new job at Syngenta outside of Basel. • **Jonathan Buck** and his wife, Emily '08, are thrilled that they welcomed their first child to the world this fall. • **Shayne Guiliano's** cellular agriculture startup, 108Labs, became the first biotech to successfully produce cell-cultured human milk in January 2020, and now it's opening the world's first pilot factory for milking cells to make human milk in Shayne's rural town of Hillsborough, North Carolina. The company plans to build an industry to feed all 2,500 babies who will die today because there's not enough human milk in the world. • **Beth (Horan) Helgerson** got married nine years ago to Jim Helgerson. They're raising their three little ones (7, 5, and 1—future Eagles!) on Cape Cod. Life is good, and she hopes that everyone is doing well! • **Michael Kane** founded Kane Mills Media, a firm specializing in personal branding, résumé development, and career changes. His office is in Hyannis, and he looks forward to helping anyone who needs his services. • **Angelica Wilshire** has released a self-published devotional entitled *Between You and I: 28 days with Jesus*, inspired by a body of songs she has written and her years of pursuing prayer and relationship with God. Her devotional has received a five-star review on Readers' Favorite, and her book is available on Amazon by searching for the title or her name. She says that the related self-written songs will encourage your soul and can be found by searching her name on all music streaming platforms.

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## 2003

**Ryan Broz** and his wife, Talia, welcomed their first child on March 3, 2021. They had a healthy baby boy named Christian Robert Broz. The new family of three resides in Newport, Rhode Island.

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## 2004

**Drew Schaffer** accepted a position as a senior associate at Jackson Lewis law firm. Drew works in the firm's Orange County, California, office. • **Brendan**

**Housler** celebrated his one-year wedding anniversary to his husband, Chris, and they relocated from Tennessee to Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Brendan leads EVOQ.BIKE, a cycling media and coaching platform. • **Joe Ballard** was appointed by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear as the new circuit judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit, Division 2. • **Brandon Barford** and his wife, Susie, welcomed their first child, Orion Leonard Rocco Barford, in early December 2020. The family will split time between Washington, D.C., and their home in the Cotswolds, U.K. • **Andrew Kelley** and his wife welcomed their second child, Keira Tilva Kelley, on January 21, 2021. Alina (2) is a great big sister! • **Kate Riedell** and her husband, Kevin Trott, welcomed Evelyn Kate Trott on February 6, 2021. Kate owns True Learning Educational Services in Lafayette, Colorado. • **Jill and Mike Pullano** welcomed their newest little Eagle, Clara Ann Pullano, on January 31, 2021. Will (born July 2019) is so excited to be a big brother!

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## 2005

**Harrison Wilcox** is working as a creative executive at Marvel Studios. He is the executive producer on a new TV series titled *Marvel's Spidey and His Amazing Friends* for Disney Junior and Disney+. The series premieres in August 2021. • After many years of moving and traveling, **Cat Portner** and her partner, Keiron Greenhalgh, are putting down roots in Reston, Virginia. They are thrilled to share that they are welcoming their first child in November. Cat previously owned Portner Brewhouse, a brewpub in Alexandria. Presently, she provides financial planning guidance to fellow entrepreneurs in her role as a certified exit planning advisor at Merrill Lynch. • **Joe Bowden** was elected to serve on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Speech and Debate League (MSDL) as the chair of Student Congress. He previously served as an appointed member-at-large of the board from 2019 to 2021. The MSDL promotes speech and debate education and sanctions tournaments for high school students in Massachusetts. Student Congress is an event similar to Model U.N. or Mock Trial, in which competitors emulate the workings of the U.S. Congress by writing, debating, and voting on legislation covering the issues of the day.

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## 2006

**Anne Rush** is proud to announce the launch of her new company, Elasta Jobs (elastajobs.com), a digital marketplace connecting human resources and project management freelancing talent with companies in the U.S. It provides a network of trusted talent on a simple platform with transparent pricing.

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## 2007

### 15TH REUNION

June 2022

**Paul Chiozzi** started a new fundraising role at St. John's Prep in Danvers in July. • **Meg (Wesp)** and **Paul Roessner** were married in Dallas on July 20, 2019. The ceremony took place at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, where Meg is now the director of Holy Trinity Catholic School's Extended Day Academy. The reception took place at the Hilton Anatole and was a great night full of dancing and fun. Other '07 Eagles in attendance included **Katie Murphy**, **Jennifer Mahoney**, and **Mike Dubinsky**. Meg and Paul honeymooned in Hawaii and are so thankful they got that magical trip in before the pandemic. In January of 2020, Meg and Paul purchased a home in Bedford, Texas. In March of 2020, Paul made a lateral move to the newly opened Dallas office of Baker Hostetler, LLP, where he practices in the firm's corporate governance and private equity groups. • **Brian Roche** finally got fed up with his mobile phone service at AT&T and switched carriers. Well done, Brian! This note was submitted by **Kyle Norton**.

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## 2008

**Chrissie Glenn** welcomed her second child and first daughter, Eleanor, this past fall. She and her husband both worked through the pandemic in the ER at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She added, "...to say the last year has been unprecedented would be an understatement!" • **Angela Barraco-Levine** welcomed a baby boy, Aniello Kamuela, on October 18, 2020, with her husband, Justin. • **Kristin White** and her husband, Kevin Cornwell, celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary by hiking across the Grand Canyon! • **Dr. Eugene I. Kane III** and **Alejandra Maruri** welcomed their first child, Antonio Ignacio Kane, into the world on April 21, 2021, in Washington, D.C. • **Marissa Bortone Smulligan** and her husband, Tom, welcomed their second child, Jake, in February. He joins his big sister, Natalie, to complete their family. Marissa has spent the last 13 years teaching grades 9 and 12 English, with a specialty in inclusion English. • On July 24, 2021, **Ryan Karlsgodt** married Sarah Dawe at a small wedding in Montana. In attendance were several of Ryan's Boston College friends, though he was unable to invite more due to the pandemic and remote location of the ceremony. Both native San Diegans, Ryan met Sarah when he moved back home to San Diego in 2017. • **Matthew Becker II** was promoted to strategic sourcing manager for glass at Andersen Windows. His family is relocating back to Minnesota from Massachusetts. • **Bryce Donohue** and **Caroline Pepek '11** were married in Ogunquit, Maine, on June 18, 2021, in a small ceremony officiated by Bryce's former roommate and fellow "jorts connoisseur," **Michael Ramirez**. **Thayer Surette** introduced the happy couple to each other while they were all living in Washington, D.C. Caroline's parents, Nina Pepek '78 and

Jack Pepek '79, are happy to add another BC Eagle to their flock. Caroline and Bryce will continue to live in the South End, where they recently bought their first home, and look forward to celebrating with their friends and extended family in April 2022. • **Liz Riley** and her husband, Kenny Melillo '07, welcomed their third daughter, Kelsey Ann Melillo, in June 2020. Kelsey joins her big sisters, Riley Rose and Kendall Noelle. *Correspondent: Maura Tierney Murphy mauraktierney@gmail.com*

## 2009

**Patrice Forster** graduated in May 2021 with a doctorate of nursing practice. She will continue her full-time role as a senior staff medical science liaison for a medical device company while also practicing as a consultative infectious disease nurse practitioner. • **Katie Kelley Burns** and her husband, Sam Burns, welcomed their son, Noah Thomas Burns, on February 25, 2021. Noah was named after his grandfather, Thomas Kelley '75, MST'77. • **Michael and Annette Romero Ragusa** welcomed a baby boy, Michael Jorge Ragusa, on February 21, 2021. He is already a proud Eagle and can't wait to visit his parents' alma mater! • In the spring of 2021, **Thomas Forrester** was elevated to partner within the law firm Connell Foley, where he has been practicing environmental and commercial litigation for eight years. • **Rachel Weinstein** and her husband, Christopher Pflum, welcomed their first son, William James Pflum, on March 28, 2021. • In January, **Vanessa Vacante Healy** and her husband, Patrick, welcomed Sommer's little sister, Sabrina Evelyn, into the world. • **Alison Struhs'** son, James, was born this spring and joins his big sister, Charlotte (4), and big brother, Thayer (2). The family has "officially moved from man-to-man coverage to zone defense." • **Jason and Casey Holdych** welcomed their daughter, Grace, in March 2021, joining her two older brothers, Danny and Luke. They are living in Larchmont, New York, and are excited to get back to BC soon! • Congratulations to **Kristin Ferguson, DNP, RN, OCN**, who recently became the senior director of Cancer Care Delivery & Health Policy at the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC). • **Joseph and Caitly (Tweedy) Van Manen** welcomed the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Rose, on April 5, 2021. • Following a 10-plus year career at DKC/O&M, Broadway's leading public relations firm, as well as loss of work due to the pandemic-related Broadway shutdown, **Michael Jorgensen** formed his own full-service public relations office, Jorgensen PR, in the spring of 2021. • **Martin Bernal-Hafner** is very excited to launch his own winery, Alta Orsa and Orsa Wines. The winery produces Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and rosé. • **Ben Wormser** completed a general academic pediatrics fellowship at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine this spring and accepted a position as the child health medical director for the Maryland Department of Health. • **Brendan '07, MBA'17, and Krystle DaSilva Boyce, MS'10**, were married by Jack Butler, SJ, in Bay Shore, New York, on May 1, 2021, surrounded by most of their closest

family and friends. Although COVID-19 restrictions limited them to only 50 guests, there were still many proud BC alumni in attendance and joining them via livestream. **Brendan and Krystle** plan to celebrate their marriage at a larger reception, with even more Eagles in attendance, in March 2022. • **Courtney Caliendo, MA'10**, and her husband, Ian Kittle, JD'14, welcomed their son, Callen Harry Hayes Kittle, on Earth Day, April 22, 2021. The future Eagle has already been blessed with BC gear, books, and Eagle love from many of the couple's fellow BC alums and the BC Alumni Association.

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## 2010

**Anne Muscarella** married Matthew Hayes on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at the Killington Peak Lodge in Killington, Vermont. The date and location are significant, as the bride's parents, Leni Muscarella '69 and Sally Muscarella, were also married on June 19 at Killington Mountain 39 years ago. Anne's BC classmates **Erika Boltz Keegan** and **Samantha Covelle** served as bridesmaids, and her uncle, Tom Muscarella '73, served as the officiant. Other Eagles in attendance included Lucy Muscarella '12, Abby Muscarella '18, Andrew Keegan '09, **Josh Meidenbauer**, and **Rosie Guerin**. • **Amy Fisher** moved to San Francisco in 2020 and opened R3's first West Coast office just prior to COVID lockdowns. R3 is a global technology software company focused on blockchain, based in London. • On August 20, 2021, **Caitlin Maguire** married **Michael Young** at a family-only ceremony at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Church in Seattle. They look forward to celebrating with their BC friends in the spring of 2022. Caitlin and Michael live in Charleston, SC, and look forward to watching the Eagles take on the Clemson Tigers this fall! • **Liz Drake, JD'13**, and **Mike Coutu, JD'13**, welcomed their son, Theodore Drake Coutu, on March 31, 2020. Alexandra Mitropoulos '12, JD'15, is Theo's godmother. • Congratulations to **George Somi**, who married Caroline Bucholz in two separate ceremonies on October 17, 2020, and November 7, 2020. • **Michael and Ashley Walsh** welcomed a baby boy to their family this past November. Logan James was born on November 15, 2020, and has been showing his BC pride since the day he came home from the hospital. • **Catherine D'Ascoli** earned her MBA from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business in May 2021, graduating in the top 10 percent of the class. She married Joe Torlucci in June 2021 and started working at Microsoft as a customer success account manager in August 2021. • **Cathleen Chopra-McGowan** and her husband, Daniel Jacobius Morgan, welcomed a baby girl, Uma Joy, in April 2020 at the start (and height!) of the pandemic in Chicago. As if a pandemic and new baby weren't enough, they also made a cross-country move to California, where Cathleen and Daniel joined Santa Clara University as assistant professors. • **Adam Cardullo** is currently a pediatric gastroenterology fellow at the University of Utah-Primary Children's

Hospital. He earned his MD at Tufts University School of Medicine.

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## 2011

**Emily Parsons** started teaching immediately after graduation and recently attended the high school graduation party of a former student from her first class! Emily met her husband in 2012. The two adopted a dog, Kennedy, in 2014, and got married in 2017. They welcomed their first daughter, Eileen Jane Parsons, in 2018, and their second daughter, Eleanor Louise Parsons, joined them as a pandemic baby in 2020! • **Erin Russo** welcomed her son, Conner Thomas Russo, on Christmas Eve 2020. • **Kyndal Michel Marks** and her husband, Sam, are excited to announce the birth of their son, Henry Donald, born on February 13, 2021, in Cincinnati. • **Michelle Arguelles** is now director of marketing at Afresh, a startup with a mission to eliminate food waste by optimizing grocery retail operations with AI—purpose-built to overcome fresh food's challenges. The company is on a trajectory to be ordering 10 percent of produce in the United States by the end of 2021. • Congratulations to **Donald Conway**, who recently became a financial representative at The Bulfinch Group, which is a wealth management firm founded in 1994 and headquartered in Needham, with offices throughout New England.

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## 2012

### 10TH REUNION

June 2022

**David Willner** recently joined the board of directors of The Village Institute, a nonprofit organization that serves as a live-learn-work center for single-mother refugee families. In addition to his BC degree, David is a 2020 graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. • **Alexander Olivieri** is currently in the last year of his MFA in dance at the University of Washington, where he is focused on pedagogy and performance, with an emphasis on screendance and queer studies. He says that he is trying to take what he learned at BC and set the world aflame with one dance for equity and inclusion at a time. • **Aaron Parayno** married Emmanuel "Noel" Llado Jr. on November 21, 2020, at the Lenox Hotel in Boston. • In an effort to bring back live events to New York City coming out of the pandemic, **Hilary Wyse's** team at Wasserman worked with AT&T to partner with Tribeca 2021 on the first major live event in the city in June 2021. They created virtual extensions of the program to reach a broader audience, including those people who were not able to attend in person. • **Megan Fitzgerald** was recently named a shareholder at Boyle Shaughnessy Law. She is based out of the Boston office and currently practices civil defense litigation. • **Erin Boyce Swinehart** and her husband, Eric, welcomed a daughter, Emma Kathleen, on December 20, 2020, in Chicago. • **Max and Annie Orłowski**



**McGuire** welcomed their second son, Michael Francis McGuire, on October 27, 2020. They are already preparing him to be a member of BC 2043 and can't wait for all of their BC gang to meet him! • On May 28, **Michael Maguire** married Paige Fallon in Newport, Rhode Island. Michael said that he and Paige had an amazing evening with family and friends and that the wedding was well attended by BC alumni, including maid of honor Margaret Maguire, MEd'17, best man William Maguire '17, father of the groom Kevin Maguire '80, and grandfather of the groom Sheldon Daly '58. • **Brittany Thornburg** coached her high school softball team to back-to-back state championships! The team won the championship in 2019, lost the entire season to COVID-19 in 2020, and won it again this spring. • On May 15, 2021, just under six years after having to relearn how to walk due to breaking her back and becoming paralyzed, **Meredith Koch** walked down the aisle and married Ryan Hayes. Fellow Class of 2012 Eagles joining the newlyweds on the dance floor were **Rachel Vitale**, **Phil Gill**, **Alex Goldowsky**, and **MacLean** and **Val Bell Cadman**. Meredith and Ryan reside in Boston and are excited to attend a BC vs. BU hockey game, where Ryan will cheer on his grad school alma mater (but we all know BC will win)! • **Katie Shannon** writes, "Aloha from Maui! Although still pursuing photography and capturing nature in every direction living in Hawaii, I have the honor of being the marketing manager at Maui Humane Society. Tim Lamb '09 and I are happily living on Maui with our new puppy, Kirribilli (named after a suburb of Sydney, Australia, where we used to live)."

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## 2013

**Steve Nicholas** graduated from Stetson University College of Law in May. • On June 12, 2021, **Deven McCarthy** married **James Murphy** in Madison, Connecticut, surrounded by over 30 fellow Eagles! The two met at BC in 2012 and had their first date at Cityside Tavern. • **Lauren Ghazal** successfully defended her dissertation and received a PhD from the New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing. She was the valedictorian of this year's PhD class and received the Outstanding Dissertation Award for her work on young adult cancer survivorship. She will pursue a National Cancer Institute-funded postdoctoral fellowship at University of Michigan Ann Arbor. • **Kim Curtis** married Christopher Rossie at Holy Comforter Catholic Church in Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 10, 2021. Kim graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law (JD) and Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy (MPP) in May 2021. • **Gunnar Esiason** graduated with an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College on June 11 and then married Darcy Cunningham (Colgate '14) the following week on June 19 in Lenox surrounded by family and friends (including quite a few Eagles!). • **Siobhan Tellez** has been accepted into the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program at the University of Cincinnati. She will start in

the fall while continuing to work in her current role as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in the endocrinology division. • **Dylan Sidell** writes, "I graduated from BC in 2013 with a BS in environmental geosciences. I completed my MBA from New York University Stern School of Business in 2020, working full-time and attending the program as a part-time student, where I specialized in finance, accounting, and management. After finishing, I pivoted from an unsatisfying career path as a business analyst at a public company to my dream job as an investment associate at a unique private equity firm based in Miami. The heavy investment in attending NYU Stern's MBA program was, in my opinion, well worth it. If you are considering getting your MBA to change or enhance your career trajectory, especially at a top-ranked program, I would recommend it. ... If any BC alumni have any questions about what life is like balancing a full-time work schedule with an in-person MBA program, feel free to reach out." • Congratulations to Steve, Deven and James, Lauren, Kim, Gunnar, Siobhan, and Dylan!

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## 2014

Congratulations to **William Stoll**, who recently became an associate in the litigation practice group at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. William received his JD (cum laude) from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he served on the managing board and was articles editor for the *Alabama Law Review*. • **Victoria Carter**, MSW'15, wrote, "I was able to marry my best friend in August 2020 in front of an intimate group of friends and family. Despite the pandemic, we were able to share our union amongst these close family and friends and become husband and wife!" • **Patrick Angiolillo** and his wife, Megan, welcomed their first child, Arthur Daniel, into the world on April 8, 2021, and they could not be happier! • **Allison Paul** will pursue an MBA this fall at Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. She will join **Christian McKean** in the Tuck Class of 2023! • As a producer at ESPN, **Joseph Bushee** won an Emmy Award for his work on SportsCenter. This was ESPN's first time winning an Emmy for SportsCenter since 2004. He wrote, "Countless hours of hard work surrounded by an incredible team paid off as we won for Best Studio Show-Daily. This year marks my sixth year at ESPN, and I have enjoyed it thoroughly."

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## 2015

**Danielle Dybbro** finished a master's in history at San Francisco State University in 2018 and will join the incoming class at Santa Clara University's School of Law in the fall of 2021. "Third degree, here I come!" • **Patricia Boslet** married her "absolute love," BC alumnus Aristotle Boslet '18. They were excited to move to Florida at the end of summer for his

graduate degree in nurse anesthesia at Florida State University and to start a family together! • **Eugenia Neri Mini** has launched an Instagram page (@eurekamoments) to share best practices with working professionals on productivity, time management, and overall better work habits. She thanked BC "for giving me the chance to explore my passion for psychology during my undergraduate studies!" • On June 5, **Dhara Bhatt** married Anthony Moro in Mahwah, New Jersey. "Anthony is not an Eagle (though we treat him as an honorary one), but I want to point out the large BC presence, which felt like our own mini reunion!" Dhara and Anthony had many Eagles from the Classes of 2013 to 2016 in attendance. • **Michelle Tomassi** and **Brendon Anderson** were married in their home state of New York on August 14, 2021. They met at BC in the fall of 2011 (shout-out to the Medeiros study lounge for bringing them together!). Many of their fellow Eagles were in attendance for their special day. They are excited to begin this next chapter together! • **Noah Olenchek** was married to Ipek Emekli on June 11 in Groton. **Nick Glovin**, **Conor Leary**, **Ted Peacock**, and **Mike Rosella** stood at the ceremony. • **Sean McBride** and **Nicole Gabaldon** were married on August 21 in their hometown of Milwaukee with significant support from their Boston College friends! Sean and Nicole currently reside in Chicago.

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## 2016

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Farrenkopf**, who received her JD from Northeastern University School of Law and recently joined Hinckley Allen's litigation group as an associate. Prior to joining Hinckley Allen, she was an attorney fellow at Northeastern University Office of the General Counsel.

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## 2017

### 5TH REUNION June 2022

Richard Sawin '82, JD'85, wrote in that he recently attended the wedding of **Matthew Ryan Michienzie** and **Dr. Chiara Barbara (Heintz) Michienzie** at the first post-COVID wedding held at the Connors Center in Dover on June 5, 2021. Congratulations to Matt and Chiara! The wedding was officiated by Donald MacMillan, SJ'66. In attendance were Matt's father, Paul Michienzie '83, JD'86; Matt's mother, Deborah Michienzie, MEd'93; Chiara's brother, Nathaniel Heintz '21; and her sister, Arianna Heintz '09. More than 30 BC alumni from the Classes of 1966 to 2021 also attended the wedding. • Congratulations to **Jonah Goldblatt**, who graduated from Tufts Medical School in May and began his residency in ophthalmology at LSU New Orleans this summer. • **Nicholas Auriemma** is starting at Rutgers Law School Newark in the fall of 2021. • **Gabrielle Fitzpatrick** is excited

to have launched her company, **Damn Right Cocktails** (@damnrightrightcocktails on Instagram), which provides consumers with a great-tasting, USDA Organic-certified tequila cocktail while also donating up to 5 percent of its profits to nonprofits focused on improving access to high-quality primary and secondary school education.

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## 2018

**Samantha Robles** wrote, "April Fool's Day was no joke this year! I welcomed a sweet baby boy on April 1." • **Helene Snyder** graduated from Duke University School of Law with a dual JD and specialized LLM in international and comparative law. She will begin working at Simpson Thacher in New York this fall and is excited to see her fellow BC classmates in New York!

• Congratulations to **Mike Buzy**, who graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School, the U.S. Army Airborne School, and the U.S. Army Jungle School on March 4, March 26, and June 18, respectively. • **Shannon Kelly** and **Michael Sullivan** were married on November 21, 2020, in a small ceremony at the Regis High School chapel in New York City. In attendance were their immediate family, including Katie Kelly '20 and Joelle Kelly '22, and four of the couple's closest friends from college: Tom DeVoto '17, **Keaton McAuliffe**, Connor Murphy '19, and Gabriella Mezzacappa (Notre Dame '18, but they love her anyway).

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## 2019

In August 2020, **Nic Buonanduci** married his now-husband in a "COVID wedding" in his in-laws' backyard. In May 2021, Nic graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education with an EdM in education policy and management, and he now works at Jewish Vocational Service, Boston. • **Chris Russo**, principal of Russo Strategic Partners, met Clinton Kelly '91, TV personality, style expert, and author, for the first time in June. They had known each other for over a year before meeting for a photoshoot at Kelly's apartment in New York City. The photoshoot was for Kelly's partnership with meal-kit delivery service Blue Apron, which Russo forged. You can watch Kelly's social media show, *Happy Half Hour*, on Instagram (@clintonkellyoh), and you can learn more about Russo's work at russostrategicpartners.com.

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## 2020

**Timothy M. Facciola** won a Pulitzer Prize on Friday, June 11, for public service journalism coverage of the coronavirus by the *New York Times*. He shares the award with members of many departments at the paper. He was part of the multidepartment, in-depth, data-heavy coverage of the pandemic. The Pulitzer board called the *Times's* coverage "courageous, prescient,

and sweeping." Congratulations, Timothy!

• After almost two years of writing and editing, **Joseph Nano** is "super excited" to announce that he is publishing two books this year: his first science book, *Controversies in Biology and Neuroscience*, and his second poetry book, *Flowers Are People, Too, Part II: Reality*. Part I shared his experience as a Syrian immigrant, and Part II will share his experience as a Syrian American living in the U.S. His goal is to continue investing in poetry during medical school and turn *Flowers Are People, Too*, into a book series. • A new art gallery popped up on 14th Street in Washington, D.C., in June. **Pigments and Oil Shop**, whose mission is to showcase local artists while making the highest quality art accessible throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia area (DMV), is owned and operated by **Adrian Giannattasio** and his sister, Alex. The gallery featured a collection of established local artists for two months and had a formal opening reception that was attended by over 200 art lovers. Adrian and Alex were born and raised a block away from the gallery.

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## 2021

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## BC SOCIAL WORK

**Roland Rose**, MSW'75, wrote in June, "For seven weeks, I will visit two Korean young ladies whom I mentored while they worked on their undergraduate education in the U.S. After I complete my two-week mandatory quarantine (at my own expense) in an assigned five-star hotel, I will visit with them and their families, learn a bit of Korean, and tour the sights of South Korea. I expect an interesting visit." • **Barnes Newberry**, MSW'83, shared several career updates. His first job after BC was at Goddard Memorial Hospital in Stoughton as a hospital grief counselor. He then opened a successful restaurant and tavern. Later, he worked as an on-air host at an NPR folk radio station in Boston for 12 years before getting a similar post at MVY Radio on Martha's Vineyard, where he currently broadcasts. He lives in southeastern Rhode Island and during the pandemic reconnected with classmate **Doug Breunig**, MSW'83, which he said has been a joy! • The pandemic provided **Alice McCarter**, MSW'97, with an unexpected opportunity to return to part-time counseling by providing remote mental health counseling services and joining the BetterHelp platform. Dual licenses in Massachusetts and North Carolina are a plus for her newly revised retirement plan for a few more years. • After 19 years working with at-risk students and hosting 23 interns, **Norman Lowe**, MSW'13, retired from The Boston Day and Evening Academy. He is currently the director of student support services. He added, "I have had many highlights and have attended many graduations, where the running

joke is that 'Mr. Lowe will cry at your graduation.' They are usually tears of joy." • **Elizabeth Fipphen**, MSW'21, recently began a new role as adolescent clinician at Walden Behavioral Care. She is in the Westborough clinic, helping to build adolescent programming from scratch, and says that the role is challenging yet fulfilling.

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## CARROLL SCHOOL

**Evelyn Starr**, MBA'93, recently self-published her book *Teenage Wastebrand: How Your Brand Can Stop Struggling and Start Scaling*. She shared, "After 30 years in marketing, I've now added publishing to my skill set. Learning a new business and being a novice was humbling but also fun and a great way to pass time during the pandemic. This was my first book—but hopefully not my last!" • More than 42 years after graduating from Boston College with an MBA, **Fred Taylor**, MBA'79, and his spouse, Barbara, continue their careers in the financial services industry in New York City. Fred is a managing director and portfolio manager for MJX Asset Management, focusing on the distressed portfolio, automotive, and real estate. Barbara is an executive at JP Morgan. Fred credits the Carroll School with providing him the skills to start and maintain a career in New York. He invites other MBAs from 1979 to contact him. • After 25 years in business development with UPS, **Christopher McDonald**, MBA'91, retired in 2018. He took 15 months off to travel and enjoy many days with no plans before joining JAN-PRO Cleaning Systems as vice president of sales for Boston and Western Massachusetts in October 2019. • **Joanna Rosenberg**, MBA'02, has begun working full-time on SimpliHere, a mobile app startup focusing on caregiving for the ALS community. Started as a mission after losing her mother to ALS, she has now developed two caregiving apps (one of which is a voice assistant), available for iOS. • In April 2021, **Adam Druke**, MBA'12, was appointed as North Carolina ambassador for the Scottish Business Network, which is an independent international membership organization for Scottish entrepreneurs and business leaders. • After spending 12 years as a corporate officer at public companies, **Bill Weizheng Wang**, MS'04, made a transition to entrepreneur last year. He became cofounder and CEO of Skystone Games, a VC-funded video game publisher and developer. Skystone Games is on track to launch five video games this year. • After opening a branch office of American Fences, Inc., in May of 1969, **Don Mafera**, MBA'71, retired in 2002. He was part of the third generation of Maferas to own the company that Don's grandfather founded in 1892. Don is a proud father of four children and five grandchildren and has been married for more than 55 years.

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## CONNELL SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Holly Duddy**, MS'20, who has a new position as a family nurse practitioner at CVS MinuteClinic in Salt Lake City. • **Denise Charron-Prochownik**, MS'82, won the 2021 Outstanding Educator in Diabetes Award at the 81st Scientific Session of the American Diabetes Association.

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## LYNCH SCHOOL

Hello, Eagles! It's really exciting that so many of you shared updates, celebrations, and events. Thank you! We do have word-limit restrictions, so some of your submissions had to be edited. I'm so sorry if your info was cut a bit. • **Andrea (Silano) Griffin**, MEd'97, completed her 21st year in Boston Public Schools. When she's not hanging around fifth graders, she is at baseball or football games for her 12- and 14-year-old sons. • **Eleni Saridis**, MEd'13 (Donovan alumna), has a special message to the director of the Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars Program: "The impactful and genuine unity Catherine Wong built for all her students throughout the years has been like no other, and hence we survived the past two unique school years." • **Frances Forde Plude**, MEd'57, proudly shares her new work, communication theology. Check out her info at francesfordeplude.org. • **Michael Peabody**, CAES'09, earned a doctorate of education in 2019 in curriculum, teaching, leadership, and learning from Northeastern University. He is currently transitioning to superintendent of Macris School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, which is a private, Catholic, bilingual school for grades 1-12. • **Joseph Kauongo**, MEd'17, has served as chaplain to St. John Bosco Primary Teachers College Nyondo in Uganda since 2017. In September 2019, he went back for a postgraduate diploma in teacher education at Kyambogo University. • **Jacquelin Scarbrough**, NC'67, PhD'97, shares that she and her husband, Lee, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! • **Anne Rice**, MA'12, runs a coworking space for mental health professionals in Atlanta, helping members launch their private practices. She is also a clinical advisor for a new therapist directory called RightFit. • After six years working for Boston Neuropsychological Services in Needham, **Maureen Staley Cary**, MA'12, is now exclusively a private-practice therapist with an office in Wellesley and working mostly virtually. • **Coral Grout**, MEd'76, is a retired superintendent of schools. As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, she has had wonderful opportunities to help veterans and her community for more than 50 years, and she has just completed her third term as state president. • After BC, **Cecilia D'Elia**, MEd'93, worked as a mental health therapist until achieving a PsyD from Rutgers University with a specialty in school psychology. She has worked as a school psychologist for the Hoboken Public Schools since 2001, and this year she was promoted to director of special services for the district.

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## MORRISSEY COLLEGE

After years of working in illustrated book publishing for several major publishing houses throughout the country, **Christopher Navratil**, MA'84, recently launched his own business as an independent book producer and sold a project to Running Press, a division of Hachette Book Group. He worked with Tony Award- and Emmy Award-winning set designer Derek McLane and New York Fashion Week author Eila Mell on *Designing Broadway*, an illustrated, behind-the-scenes look at the set designs for some of Broadway's most celebrated shows. • After earning a PhD in curriculum and instruction in 2013 from SUNY Albany, **Carmel Schettino**, MA'92, was appointed the global academic dean for mathematics at Avenues: The World School. She aligns, develops, and organizes the T-12 curriculum for five campuses around the world: New York City; San Jose; São Paulo; Shenzhen, China; and Avenues Online. • *The Persistence of Liberty: An American Philosophy* by **David Netherton**, MA'96, has been recognized through the Independent Press Awards as a winner in the philosophy category. "In collected essays, this appealing book travels across recurring themes of the 20th century in prose poetry that draws upon the arts, natural sciences, evolution of the spirit, and the liberty of the American moment to form its own practical philosophy." • **Lina Germann**, PhD'97, is the founder and CEO of STEM Santa Fe. Since moving to Santa Fe in 1997, after earning a PhD in physical chemistry, Lina has been a STEM advocate, spearheading large STEM events, leading afterschool STEM programs, teaching at Santa Fe Community College, and developing curriculum and conducting professional development for teachers.

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## STM

**Lance Neff**, MTS'03, was selected to be the general counsel of the Florida Department of Corrections, Florida's largest agency and the third-largest state correctional institution in the nation. • **April Guo**, MA'09, was appointed associate pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church-Rochester and is the co-convener of the anti-bias anti-racism task force for the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. • **Edward Munz**, MDiv'98, shared that his academic journey earned him several degrees. He first received a BA in vocal music from the University of Wisconsin before attending the Weston Jesuit School of Theology for his MDiv degree. Then, in 2008, he earned the certificate of advanced graduate study (CAGS) in educational leadership from Plymouth State University, and his wife (MEd), daughter (MEd), and other child (MAT) all graduated from Plymouth State University on the same day—the only four-member graduate-degree graduates in the university's history. He also earned a DMin in preaching and homiletics from Aquinas Institute of Theology, a Dominican institute in St. Louis. He shared, "My educational background and

ministerial journey really began at Weston Jesuit School of Theology. I am humbled to have experienced the best professors, broad course offerings, and formative spirit of the WJST experience."

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## WCAS

Condolences are extended to **John Donahue** '65 on the death of his wife, Jane. John keeps himself busy by going to Mass, visiting his wife's grave, going out to dinner twice a week with his daughter, Colleen, and attending the POW-MIA Vigil every Thursday in Meredith, New Hampshire. • **Barbara Brilliant** '74 reports that PBS has signed on to her film *Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy* for two more years. She is working on a new documentary with her daughter, Michelle Brilliant, director Jeff Dupree, and Tony Award-winner Billy Porter. It is called *Broadway Pride*. • **Jim Ouellette** '79 worked for 45 years in banking before becoming a substitute teacher at Durfee High School in Fall River. Since March, he has been teaching Life Skills to five special education classes and has enjoyed the experience. Jim and his wife, Christine, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Labor Day. • **William J. Walsh**, Esq., '82 is proud to report that his daughter Aisling, WCAS'23, is the third-generation member of their family to attend the Woods College. When William graduated cum laude from BC, his dad, William J. (Red), was conferred an honorary degree by Fr. Woods at Commencement. The Walsh family is blessed for the gift of a Woods College education now benefitting a new generation. • **Ron Beaty** '94 reports that he is a 2022 Republican candidate for Massachusetts State Treasurer. • **Jeanne Zilliox** '03 was promoted to director of Graduate and Professional Studies Recruitment at Endicott College. Jeanne and her family perform in local community theaters. **Abby Jarvis**, MS '10, and Oliver Bradford were married on August 21, 2021, in Newport, Rhode Island. Abby works in fundraising at Harvard University, and Oliver works in finance for a technology company. They reside in Newton. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds. • **Dan Cummings**, MA '13, published his first book, *Let's Talk*, in 2019. • **Oscar Zepeda**, MS '20, and his father formed Real Zepeda, a small-batch tequila that delivers an authentic experience from Oscar's native home of Jalisco, Mexico, to his adopted home of New England. Oscar is civic-minded and committed to supporting the Latinx community in New England. He encourages the BC community to give his tequila a try! Their website is [realzpedatequila.com](http://realzpedatequila.com). • Congratulations to **Lisa Rowan-Gillis** '87, MSW'91, who recently became chief development officer of HopeWell, a Dedham-based nonprofit that is a provider of intensive foster care and support services for adults living with disabilities.

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## BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI DEATHS

### 1940s

Robert McGovern '40 on 4/30/21.  
Jeffrey Bove '45 on 2/3/2021.  
Morris Breslouf '48, MS'49 on 9/11/2020.  
James Hogan '48 on 3/17/2021.  
John Petronio '48, MS'50 on 9/17/2020.  
James Crouse '49 on 5/25/2021.  
Skip Dakesian '49 on 2/27/2021.  
Ralph Kelley '49, MA'51 on 12/12/2020.  
John McCarthy '49 on 6/4/2021.  
Jim O'Neil '49 on 1/9/2020.  
Edward Ryan '49 on 2/14/2021.  
Joseph Smyth '49 on 3/20/2021.

### 1950s

Janet Coen Fahey '50 on 6/9/2021.  
Martin Devine '50, JD'55 on 4/18/2021.  
Hal Evangelista '50 on 5/1/2020.  
Charles Field '50 on 5/30/2021.  
Leonard Grady '50 on 5/7/2021.  
Leo Hill '50, MEd'54 on 11/10/2020.  
John Mulhern '50 on 6/4/2021.  
Michael Pinelli '50 on 3/12/2021.  
John Ryan '50 on 4/28/2021.  
Alvan Segal '50 on 1/8/2021.  
Francis Sullivan '50 on 5/30/2021.  
Burton Weiner '50 on 2/10/2020.  
Robert Alence '51 on 6/13/2021.  
Robert Bowdring '51 on 6/2/2021.  
Deane George-Adis '51 on 5/16/2021.  
Arthur Hughes '51, MEd'56, C.A.E.S.'61 on 2/27/2020.  
William Kennedy '51 on 2/21/2021.  
Eugene McCue '51 on 2/2/2021.  
Frank Mesmer '51 on 3/9/2021.  
Leo Norton '51 on 2/9/2021.  
George O'Brien '51 on 2/4/2021.  
Donald Reilly '51 on 2/28/2021.  
Joseph Sweeney '51 on 4/6/2021.  
Thomas Brennan '52 on 2/1/2020.  
Frank Canning '52 on 6/2/2021.  
Robert Clark '52 on 4/7/2021.  
Ree Coffey '52 on 4/23/2021.  
Arthur Farley '52 on 5/2/2021.  
Richard Russell '52 on 3/31/2021.  
Gerard Sutherland MSW'52 on 3/19/2021.  
David Ahearn '53 on 3/23/2021.  
Eugene Beliveau '53 on 5/4/2021.  
Marcia Casavant '53 on 9/3/2019.  
Barbara Kelly Connelly '53, MEd'57 on 3/23/2021.  
Myles Kelly '53 on 4/5/2021.  
George Lamb '53, MS'54 on 3/20/2019.  
David Lee '53, JD'60 on 12/30/2020.  
Noel Moran '53 on 3/11/2021.  
Isabella Valcour Butkiewicz '53 on 5/10/2021.  
Donald Casey '54 on 10/17/2020.  
Rocco Charlton '54 on 5/17/2021.  
Donald Clancy '54 on 10/23/2020.  
Richard Coleman '54 on 5/20/2021.  
Frank Connolly '54 on 2/13/2021.  
Ellen Davey JD'54 on 4/18/2021.  
Joseph Digianni '54 on 4/28/2021.  
Charles Geiger MSW'54 on 3/30/2021.  
Paul MacDonald '54 on 11/17/2020.  
Herb McCauley '54 on 4/24/2021.  
John McNeice '54, HON'97 on 4/11/2021.  
Robert Melanson '54 on 3/11/2021.  
Robert O'Brien '54 on 6/6/2021.  
Robert Richards '54 on 5/16/2021.  
Thomas Sellers '54, JD'62 on 5/31/2021.  
Mario Simeola '54, JD'59 on 12/24/2018.  
Tom Skehan '54 on 5/3/2021.  
Patricia Burke '55 on 3/10/2019.  
Barbara Dennis Lund '55 on 4/15/2021.  
Carla Deprizio LaPlante '55 on 4/21/2021.  
Lawrence Fennell '55 on 3/22/2021.  
James Fitzgerald '55 on 3/24/2021.  
Rick Frawley '55 on 4/30/2021.  
Marie Helmick Barry '55 on 6/2/2021.  
Matthew Howard '55 on 5/29/2021.  
Joseph Lynch '55, MBA'65 on 5/22/2021.  
Joe Mattaliano '55 on 5/21/2021.  
Richard Mulhern '55 on 3/7/2021.  
Henry O'Neil '55 on 6/6/2021.  
Ralph Wellings '55 on 2/14/2021.  
Flora Crowley '56, MEd'56 on 4/6/2021.  
John Donnelly '56 on 4/4/2021.  
Frank Donovan '56 on 2/6/2021.  
Thomas Dorsey '56 on 3/3/2021.  
James Dunbar '56 on 2/17/2021.  
James Foley '56 on 3/12/2021.  
Richard Fox '56 on 6/6/2021.  
John Gazzola '56 on 4/26/2021.  
Frank Grigas '56 on 6/7/2021.  
Joseph Harte MEd'56 on 2/17/2021.  
Carol Hines Gleason '56 on 2/16/2021.  
Russell Jeffery '56 on 5/1/2021.  
Alice Massingham Pfeninger '56 on 5/19/2021.  
William McComish '56 on 2/21/2021.  
Frank Colliton '57 on 4/27/2020.  
Jim Daly '57 on 5/9/2021.  
Richard Dugas '57 on 4/1/2021.  
David Forest '57 on 5/7/2021.  
Norman Gautreau '57, MEd'60 on 3/17/2021.  
Carol Hall MA'57 on 2/9/2021.  
Donald Kasarda MS'57 on 2/12/2021.  
Jane McGaffigan Williams '57, MS'63 on 2/17/2021.  
William O'Hare '57 on 4/26/2021.  
Vic Popeo '57 on 4/30/2021.  
William Rockwood '57 on 5/6/2021.  
Paul Sheehy '57 on 3/30/2021.  
John Wissler '57, MBA'72 on 3/5/2021.  
Maryanne Amaya '58, MA'60 on 4/18/2021.

Marie Barbagallo Todd '58 on 4/5/2021.  
Oliva Blanchette '58, S.T.L.'61 on 6/25/2021.  
Joseph Casperowitz '58 on 5/16/2021.  
Salvatore Coco MEd'58 on 12/15/2020.  
Paul Corrado '58 on 2/10/2021.  
William Curley '58 on 3/6/2021.  
Camille Drinkwater Harris '58 on 3/12/2021.  
Beth Duffy Legare '58 on 5/10/2021.  
Patricia Fay Wilson '58 on 6/15/2021.  
Lawrence Foley '58 on 5/20/2021.  
Warren Hayes '58 on 6/10/2021.  
Beatrix Huestis Ouellette '58 on 3/4/2021.  
Doug MacMaster JD'58 on 2/11/2021.  
Francis Mazzaglia '58 on 4/21/2021.  
John McCormick '58 on 2/3/2021.  
Joan Mullaney MSW'58 on 3/21/2021.  
Mary O'Shea '58 on 5/21/2021.  
Richard Shea '58 on 5/26/2021.  
Dick Simons '58 on 6/15/2021.  
Richard Sletterink '58 on 2/13/2021.  
Donald Slipp '58 on 3/7/2021.  
Robert Taggart '58 on 3/9/2021.  
Louis Bernstein '59 on 5/30/2021.  
Jack Canavan '59 on 4/23/2021.  
Richard Greene '59 on 3/8/2021.  
William Harris '59 on 12/29/2020.  
Kathleen Jacey '59 on 5/19/2021.  
Peter Mueller '59 on 4/12/2021.  
Angelo Napolitano '59 on 2/9/2021.

### 1960s

Pierre Boulanger '60 on 3/8/2021.  
Thomas Connelly '60 on 2/14/2021.  
James Connolly '60 on 1/8/2021.  
Patricia Couture '60 on 4/1/2021.  
Mary Degnan Surette '60 on 5/5/2021.  
Peter Edmonds '60 on 3/14/2021.  
Sally Healy '60 on 3/3/2021.  
Mary-Anne Hehir Helms '60 on 5/6/2021.  
Cornelius Lewis '60 on 2/16/2021.  
Richard Long '60 on 1/18/2021.  
Irving Marcus '60 on 6/6/2021.  
Sylvia Pike Beaton '60 on 3/26/2021.  
Richard Preto-Rodas '60 on 4/19/2021.  
William Roberts '60 on 3/24/2020.  
Bill Sullivan '60 on 6/7/2021.  
Sheila Sullivan Como '60 on 4/9/2021.  
James Timoney '60 on 3/27/2021.  
John Winchenbaugh '60 on 5/17/2021.  
Charles Wujcik '60 on 5/2/2021.  
Elizabeth Bernier '61 on 3/12/2019.  
Walter Cuskey '61, MSW'63 on 5/10/2021.  
Neil Doherty '61 on 12/21/2019.  
Joan Donohoe O'Neil '61, M.A.T.'90 on 6/15/2021.  
Paul Duffley '61 on 2/24/2021.  
Lucy Fowlkes '61 on 3/25/2021.  
Elaine Fitzgerald Shea '61 on 3/29/2021.  
June Harrington '61 on 2/12/2021.  
Stephen Hopkins '61 on 5/30/2021.  
Richard Johnson '61 on 12/15/2019.  
Francis Kelly '61 on 8/15/2019.  
Bob Kenny '61 on 2/8/2021.  
Lawrence Klinger '61 on 5/3/2021.  
Patricia Lynch MA'61 on 2/3/2021.  
Ned Meara '61 on 3/9/2021.  
Dee Abilheira '62 on 4/3/2021.  
Carol Carson Musso '62 on 2/1/2021.  
Jane Cavanaugh Magill '62 on 5/11/2021.  
Albert Donaldson '62 on 5/21/2021.  
Betty Eigo Golden '62 on 3/21/2021.  
Joseph Fitzgerald '62 on 3/18/2021.  
Norman Hurley '62 on 3/7/2021.  
John Hurley '62, MBA'66 on 3/2/2021.  
Wayne Losano '62, MA'66 on 3/9/2021.  
Vincent McDermott '62 on 3/11/2021.  
Elaine Prince '62 on 2/16/2021.  
Anne Scanlon Bovat '62 on 2/18/2021.  
Mary St. Germain '62 on 5/22/2021.  
Paul Sullivan '62 on 1/30/2021.  
Karen Welsh '62 on 3/16/2021.  
William Ashe '63 on 3/8/2021.  
George Carey '63 on 2/8/2021.  
John Carlson '63 on 5/22/2021.  
William Flanagan '63 on 1/30/2021.  
Garry Lonergan '63 on 5/4/2021.  
Jeffrey Lown '63 on 2/17/2021.  
James Mahoney '63 on 2/18/2021.  
Jeanne Normandeau '63, MS'67 on 2/11/2021.  
Joseph Quinn '63 on 5/24/2021.  
David Reynolds '63 on 4/24/2021.  
Bill Sheehan '63 on 3/13/2021.  
Bob Sheffield '63 on 2/7/2021.  
James Tierney '63 on 2/1/2021.  
Nate Tremontozzi '63 on 3/3/2021.  
Robert Vecchiarello '63 on 2/9/2021.  
Joseph Williams '63 on 2/22/2021.  
Mary McDonnell '64 on 2/27/2021.  
Joseph McGreal MSW'64 on 2/18/2021.  
Jack Moran MSW'64 on 3/11/2021.  
John Shea '64, MBA'74 on 12/21/2020.  
Richard Slosberg '64 on 5/27/2021.  
Nick Soriano '64 on 1/8/2020.  
Theodore Thibodeau '64 on 2/26/2021.  
Thomas Tierney '64 on 2/2/2021.  
Robert Bright '65 on 5/19/2021.  
Russell Edmands '65 on 6/11/2021.  
B.L. Hassenfeld-Rutberg '65 on 5/10/2021.  
Mary Hoogland Noon '65 on 1/29/2021.  
John McCartney '65 on 3/8/2020.  
Donald Mulcahey '65, MEd'70 on 4/27/2021.  
Elaine Nelson Pultinas '65 on 3/16/2021.  
Kevin O'Brien JD'65 on 3/8/2021.  
Sandra Russian Aghababian MEd'65 on 2/1/2021.



William Sellers '65 on 3/5/2021.  
 Irving Starr '65 on 5/16/2021.  
 Linda Sweeney Wilde '65 on 4/12/2021.  
 Sally Wojdylak Daigle '65 on 5/10/2021.  
 Paul English MBA'66 on 3/11/2021.  
 John Gorman '66, MEd'70 on 4/28/2021.  
 Wade Jones '66 on 5/23/2021.  
 Chester Macierowski '66 on 6/4/2021.  
 Barbara Maggicomo Feeley '66 on 3/5/2021.  
 Daniel Moynihan '66 on 12/14/2020.  
 Christopher Mungovan '66 on 3/16/2021.  
 Frederick Pheiffer '66 on 6/4/2021.  
 Myron Shapiro '66 on 3/26/2021.  
 James Sheehan '66 on 5/16/2021.  
 Anthony Ywoskus '66, MBA'70 on 2/1/2021.  
 Catherine Colliton '67 on 2/20/2021.  
 Thomas Foy '67 on 5/30/2021.  
 Rae Jordan '67 on 1/31/2021.  
 Honor Keegan '67, MS'74 on 4/6/2021.  
 Gwynne Olmstead Griffiths '67 on 5/6/2021.  
 Dave Pesapane '67 on 5/28/2021.  
 Mark Poopor '67 on 5/6/2021.  
 Paul Quinlan MA'67 on 12/28/2020.  
 Tim Shevlin '67 on 2/5/2021.  
 Joseph Sweeney '67 on 5/31/2021.  
 John York MSW'67 on 2/28/2021.  
 Gertrude Bailey C.A.E.S.'68, D.ED.'69 on 4/2/2021.  
 Joseph Godino '68, JD'75 on 8/12/2020.  
 Thomas Kaminsky '68 on 2/16/2021.  
 Peter Negri '68 on 4/13/2021.  
 Robert Quinn '68, JD'78 on 4/8/2021.  
 Paul St. Louis '68 on 5/31/2021.  
 John Barch '69 on 4/21/2021.  
 Jim Conner '69 on 5/12/2021.  
 Robert Dolan JD'69 on 3/9/2021.  
 Joseph Griffiths '69 on 5/21/2021.  
 Nancy Hall Loughlin '69 on 4/22/2021.  
 David Herlihy '69, MEd'74 on 5/11/2021.  
 James Picciano '69 on 4/28/2021.  
 Arthur Roberts '69 on 5/29/2021.  
 Russell Roide MEd'69, MDiv'70 on 4/13/2021.  
 Bob Soukup '69 on 1/31/2021.

## 1970s

Gloria Conti Griffin '70 on 5/4/2021.  
 Edie Daly '70 on 2/18/2021.  
 John Finnigan '70 on 2/3/2021.  
 Joseph McDonald '70 on 3/16/2021.  
 Jane Roman PhD'70 on 2/1/2021.  
 Alonso Villegas '70 on 3/16/2021.  
 William Yerzyk '70 on 3/23/2021.  
 Robert Barbary '71 on 4/29/2021.  
 Sally Cohn Gold MSW'71 on 2/3/2021.  
 Robert Cronin '71 on 5/12/2021.  
 Frederick Delutis '71 on 4/10/2021.  
 Bob Foley '71 on 3/5/2021.  
 Francis Giuffreda '71 on 2/2/2021.

Bob Griffin '71 on 6/25/2021.  
 Frank LaTorre '71 on 2/27/2021.  
 Jeanne St. Germaine Brenia '71 on 6/11/2021.  
 Steve Fogg '72, JD'75 on 5/6/2021.  
 Rita Gibson MEd'72 on 2/5/2021.  
 Marjorie Hickey MEd'72 on 2/15/2021.  
 Stephen Kane '72 on 2/13/2021.  
 Ronald Lorenzo '72 on 3/20/2021.  
 Maryel Locke JD'72 on 2/14/2021.  
 Kathleen Maguire '72 on 5/21/2021.  
 Thomas Nelligan '72 on 4/9/2021.  
 James Nolan MBA'72 on 4/1/2021.  
 Donald Pike MEd'72 on 2/4/2021.  
 Denise Polit MEd'72, PhD'76 on 2/18/2021.  
 Stanley Vernon '72 on 2/11/2021.  
 Ruth Zimmerman MEd'72 on 4/15/2021.  
 Joan Bigham Connor '73 on 5/10/2021.  
 Clare McLaughlin '73 on 6/14/2021.  
 Diane Reid Wheeler '73 on 5/26/2021.  
 Richard Anderson T.H.M.'74 on 8/10/2019.  
 Susan Brownsberger MA'74 on 2/8/2021.  
 Maureen Dixon '74 on 3/5/2021.  
 Anne Donovan Tracht '74 on 5/4/2021.  
 Richard Garry '74 on 12/1/2020.  
 Patrick King '74, PhD'80 on 3/14/2021.  
 Judith Waters '74 on 1/23/2021.  
 Bill Clare '75 on 1/29/2021.  
 Francine Filipek Collignon MEd'75 on 2/13/2021.  
 Matthew Kenney '75 on 12/28/2020.  
 Charles Koppi '75 on 5/22/2021.  
 Justin Reis MEd'75 on 3/2/2021.  
 Kevin Callen '76 on 2/12/2021.  
 Robert Cronin '76 on 2/3/2021.  
 Steven Farrow '76 on 4/24/2021.  
 Pamela Kunz '76 on 2/2/2021.  
 Mary Mallett '76 on 1/21/2021.  
 Lenny Mandell JD'76 on 4/5/2021.  
 Margaret Sadler Kruger '76 on 12/28/2020.  
 Jay Westwater '76 on 1/29/2021.  
 Howard Barr '77 on 2/1/2021.  
 Ellen Degnan MEd'77 on 4/2/2021.  
 Susan Mantini Bratton '77 on 3/7/2021.  
 Martha Torres '77 on 1/1/2021.  
 John Delahanty JD'78 on 2/16/2021.  
 Anne Hughes '78 on 3/26/2021.  
 Debra Pandiscio Dunn '78 on 4/16/2021.  
 Patricia Salamone MS'79 on 3/19/2021.  
 Dianne Wunn Cancian '79 on 5/2/2021.

## 1980s

John Daum '80 on 4/20/2021.  
 Linnea Hammersten Gordon '80 on 5/14/2021.  
 Kathryn Joyce '80 on 4/12/2021.

Elizabeth Cary '81 on 4/23/2021.  
 Gary Donovan '81 on 2/1/2020.  
 John Fichera MEd'81 on 3/26/2021.  
 Caroline Greenberg Stone '81 on 4/27/2021.  
 Charles Knox '81 on 5/8/2021.  
 Mark Adam '82 on 1/18/2021.  
 Mary Ann Byrne Hurley '82 on 6/7/2021.  
 David Fitzgerald '82 on 4/24/2021.  
 Patty Norton Portanova '82 on 4/30/2021.  
 George Saulnier '82 on 6/7/2021.  
 Paul Caranfa '83 on 5/13/2021.  
 Mary Cunningham MA'83 on 1/22/2020.  
 Ruth Fisk MS'83 on 2/24/2021.  
 Ruth Soybel '83 on 1/6/2021.  
 Margaret Wong '83 on 3/3/2021.  
 Noreen Kirwan '84 on 4/13/2021.  
 Nancy Walker MA'84 on 3/9/2021.  
 Elizabeth Anterni '85 on 2/27/2021.  
 Beth Benham '85 on 2/3/2021.  
 Alexandra Choate Avore '85 on 3/7/2021.  
 Dina Clessas Soroka '85 on 10/8/2019.  
 Lauren O'Neill Robbins '85 on 6/16/2021.  
 Ambrose Redmond '85 on 2/10/2021.  
 Ann Coffey MS'86 on 1/23/2021.  
 Marlene Harrison '86 on 4/9/2021.  
 John Szatkowski MSW'86 on 3/30/2021.  
 Maureen Arnott '87 on 4/14/2021.  
 Julie Ann Lacy JD'87 on 4/10/2021.  
 Paulina Robinson PhD'87 on 4/15/2021.  
 Alexandra Connors '88 on 2/25/2021.  
 Martha Craft MSW'88 on 2/13/2021.  
 Robin Hodges PhD'88 on 3/13/2021.  
 James O'Connell D.ED.'88 on 2/21/2021.

Christopher Center MS'89 on 6/29/2020.  
 Kristina Cicoria '89 on 4/28/2021.  
 Ellen Heffernan Dugan '89 on 5/22/2021.  
 Frederick Proia MS'89 on 3/7/2021.

## 1990s

John D'Ambrosio '90 on 4/28/2021.  
 Scott Pilarz MDiv'91 on 3/10/2021.  
 John Battaglia '92, JD'97 on 2/2/2021.  
 Jim Haug '92 on 6/1/2021.  
 Bryan Hawkom '92 on 3/3/2021.  
 Elizabeth McSweeney MBA'92 on 2/5/2021.  
 John Woods '92 on 3/6/2021.  
 Georgia Arvanitis '93 on 8/14/2020.  
 Peter Haller JD'93 on 2/10/2021.  
 Sean Kenny '93 on 2/28/2019.  
 Maria Ulloa '93, MA'96 on 4/17/2021.  
 Brian Hogan '94 on 2/26/2021.  
 Keith Young '94 on 3/26/2021.  
 Judith Gonsalves '95 on 5/7/2021.  
 Pamela Stenberg PhD'95 on 12/29/2020.  
 Adam Sandberg '96 on 3/17/2021.  
 Jhisella Domingo '97 on 5/4/2021.  
 Kristin Ambrosio Braine MA'99 on 3/7/2021.  
 Alison Fracassa '99 on 5/2/2021.

## 2000s

Rebecca Morgan '01 on 4/28/2021.  
 Sapna Amin '04 on 7/11/2019.  
 Kathleen Codair '04 on 6/11/2021.  
 Tim Connolly '07 on 6/3/2021.  
 John Callaghan '09 on 3/9/2021.

## 2010s

Gregory Seferian '10 on 1/2/2021.  
 Mark Wilkie '11 on 6/6/2021.

## BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY DEATHS

**Oliva Blanchette**, of Natick, on June 25, 2021. He was professor emeritus of the philosophy department and taught from 1964 to 2019.

**Joseph Bornstein**, of Needham, on August 14, 2016. He was professor emeritus of the chemistry department and taught from 1950 to 1990.

**Donnah Canavan**, of Cambridge, on April 28, 2021. She was associate professor of psychology and neuroscience and taught from 1970 to 2021.

**Patrick Finnell**, of Bellingham, on May 17, 2021. He was a third class engineer for central heating from 1984 to 2021.

**Louis Primpas**, of Newton, on May 28, 2021. He was a general service worker for dining services from 2010 to 2021.

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# GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT

**T**he heartbreak was well documented for the Boston College Lacrosse team. From 2017 to 2019, the Eagles lost in the NCAA championship match. Then COVID-19 cut short the 2020 campaign after only seven games.

Entering the 2021 season, the squad knew they had a lot to prove. Head coach Acacia Walker-Weinstein and her staff added more talent to an already impressive roster, yet some had the team ranked as low as 17th in the national polls. What the doubters didn't know was that on top of their built-in motivation, the program had received a six-figure boost from BC's successful Support Your Sport campaign, which wrapped up just days before their season opener.

During just one week in early February 2021, nearly 350 donors contributed more than \$200,000 to lacrosse through Support Your Sport. These crucial funds would help cover equipment, nutrition, recruiting, travel, and other

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operating needs. "It was a game changer", says Walker-Weinstein. "We always talk about finding that extra inch competitively, whether it's in how we train or how we fuel through specialized nutrition, and the support we receive from the

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**ACACIA  
WALKER-WEINSTEIN**  
Lacrosse head coach







The Eagles finished the season with a record of 18-3 and won their first national championship.

BC community has afforded us that competitive edge.” On May 30, the Eagles finally reached the summit of their sport, defeating Syracuse University 16-10 to win the program’s first national title.

Head coach since 2012, Walker-Weinstein embraces the role of securing resources for her team. She meets regularly with a group of advisors that includes parents, former players, and friends of the program. She has also caught the attention of other high-profile donors and fans.

“Acacia deserves credit for how she has moved her program forward and being an ambassador for BC Athletics,” says Pat Kraft, the William V. Campbell Director of Athletics. “If you want to see what kind of impact donor support can have on a program at Boston College, look no further than lacrosse.”

With a reloaded roster—including Tewaarton Award winner Charlotte North '21, and four more IWLCA All-Americans—plus a powerful community in its corner, BC Lacrosse will be among the favorites to bring another trophy home to the Heights.

“Championships are not won over just 60 minutes; they are a grind all year long,” Walker-Weinstein says. “Our victory was a testament to the team’s hard work. To be able to bring the trophy home to BC and celebrate it with a community that has our back, was a tremendous honor.”

## ON EAGLES’ WINGS

Approaching its third year, **Support Your Sport** is a critical source of revenue available to all of BC’s 31 varsity teams. It’s also grounds for fierce interdepartmental competition, as each program has opportunities to score a share of bonus prize funds totaling \$100,000, generously donated by University Trustee David Griffith '68 and Janet Griffith. In two years, Support Your Sport has raised more than \$1.5M from student-athlete alumni.



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donors

**\$1.1M**  
raised

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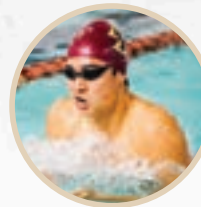


**\$25,000**

**ALUMNI CHAMPION**

**Sailing**

*highest percentage of student-athlete alumni participation*

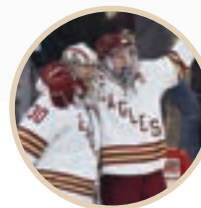


**\$15,000**

**RECRUITING CHAMPION**

**Swim and dive**

*most unique individual donors*



**\$10,000**

**IMPACT CHAMPION**

**Men’s hockey**

*highest average gift size (minimum 100 donors)*



# Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah

Insights from the beloved BC librarian and adjunct professor.

Born into a home full of books in Ejisu, a small city in southern Ghana, Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah's love of languages and people led him all the way to BC. As the instructional services manager for Boston College Libraries for the past three decades, he's taught generations of Eagles how to conduct research. He's also published studies on how libraries can support international and adult students and served as a court interpreter. We spoke with Sarkodie-Mensah about his journey from Ghana to Chestnut Hill, his life's work, and his children—one of whom is the WWE wrestling superstar Kofi Kingston. —*John Shakespeare*

### **When I tell my life's story, I always start with the Brothers of the Holy Cross.**

Between the ages of 11 and 18, I traveled 200 miles on public transportation to attend St. John's, a boarding school that the brothers operated in the city of Takoradi. The brothers there took care of a school full of crazy teenage boys, and they were excited every day. As I observed them, I started

thinking about service leadership, and about how big the world is.

**When I came to Clarion University in Pennsylvania to study library science, I was the only student in my master's program without library experience.** In the '80s, the Ghanaian government was able to support a few students to pursue professional degrees

abroad, and the opportunity came up. When my professors talked about "circulation," I thought they meant blood. Luckily, I've never been afraid to ask questions. If I didn't understand a system or a printer, I would just ask every person in the room until I figured it out.

**In graduate school, I noticed many of my international peers weren't benefitting from library resources, because they were afraid to ask questions.** I had library directors from Kuwait and department heads from Jordan coming to me for advice, simply because I was willing to approach American librarians. These were respected professionals in their countries—for them, to have an American librarian address them condescendingly was deeply frustrating. This was 1988, and some librarians would take one look at us and hand us a piece of paper to write down our question, assuming we couldn't speak English. In my writing and research, I've advocated for more patience. How come many people in the U.S. don't feel the need to learn a second language, yet we expect 18-year-olds from China and Ghana to speak like Nobel Prize winners?

**I love the social justice aspect of being Catholic.** In 1992, when I got hired at BC, Father William Neenan spoke these words at my orientation: "At BC, we never say *I*. We say *we*." I recognized that sentiment immediately, because I'd heard it from the Brothers of the Holy Cross. For the first time, I realized BC might be home. And it has been—I've gotten to teach, to learn from students, and to start the Boston College-Ejisu Computer Literacy Camp volunteer program. It has been deeply meaningful to introduce BC students to children in my hometown.

**When people say, "You're Kofi Kingston's father," I always say, "Yes, but I also have other children."** The whole family went to WrestleMania together in 2019, when Kofi won the WWE Championship. They put us two inches from the ring, and I screamed the whole time. My younger son, Kwame, kept saying, "Dad, please stop." But I was so afraid Kofi was going to get hurt—and so excited—that I couldn't. We spend so much time talking about our differences these days, but when you hear thousands of voices cheering for your son, it's hard not to see the ways in which people are also capable of recognizing each another's humanity and worthiness. It felt like a message for everyone. ■



## Play for Equality

Growing up, Natalie White '20 competed on some of New York City's top basketball teams. She went on to play club ball at BC, where she was also a women's basketball manager. During her years on the court, one thing remained constant: White had to shop for sneakers in the men's or kids' section. "The lack of women's basketball shoes not only has a negative social implication—that women don't belong in basketball," she said, "but it also has negative performance implications, because women's feet are different than men's." So, during her senior year at the Carroll School, the finance and entrepreneurship major launched Moolah Kicks, a company that designs basketball shoes specifically for women—lighter, with a higher arch and a narrower heel. Proper-fitting sneakers, of course, are just the first step toward equality in the sport, White said. "There needs to be greater investment in and greater financial opportunity for women who play basketball." —Courtney Hollands





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