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Miss Deborah L. Imri
3 Arnold Lane
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Dear Miss Imri:

You are probably familiar with the deeds of your Old Testament namesake who helped set the Israelites free. And although your triumphs may not be as heroic as hers, you will nevertheless go down in history -- the history of Boston College at least -- as the first coed admitted to our School of Arts and Sciences.

Some people may contest your position. Seven women were admitted to our Centennial Class of 1963, but that was under special circumstances. In your case, the circumstances are not special, you are. So, as far as I am concerned and as history will record, you are officially the first woman admitted to the Boston College School of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations.

I hope this distinction delights you as much as it does us. I look forward to meeting you and to welcoming you to Boston College.

With every best wish for a successful New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Doyle
Arthur J. Doyle
Director of Admissions

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cc. Dr. James P. McIntrye
Dr. Richard Hughes
Mr. John Larner

BC Celebrates 50 Years of Coeducation

FEATURES



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As BC celebrates half a century of coeducation, we look back at the women who made it happen.

By April White

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Fictional Eagles

BC alumni are central characters in an array of shows and movies

By Brendan Tuberry

Illustrations by Ryan Brysh

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Who *should* have made our list of BC's 25 Greatest Athletes? You spoke, we listened.

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Of three BC students, one delivered a trillion-dollar idea

By Daniel Conn

Illustrations by Doug Jones





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PANORAMA

Light in the dark

The Boston College Asian Caucus and the Hea Bowman A.A.A. and Intercultural Center hosted a candlelight vigil for students on alone lawn on March 23 to remember the victims of the mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia. Six of the eight people killed there were women of Asian descent.

PHOTOGRAPH BY PANDORA GRINI





BC's 25 All-Time Greatest Athletes

As an alumna and a former women's rowing coach, I was excited to see this article. But it left me disappointed. Diverse panels are proven to be more effective at eliminating biases, so with a selection panel of 10 men and just 1 woman, it is not surprising that only 1 of the athletes featured are women. Additionally, all of the sidebars were heavily geared towards men's sports, so the sidebars, especially, were a missed opportunity to highlight impactful women that have been in the shadow of men's sports year after year. To not find more women to highlight in this article appears to be from lack of effort. I hope to see improvements in the future.

*my father y S',
women's rowing coach
oston, assachusetts*

Lou Montgomery, the Black football player who was dubbed a "Legendary Eagle," was the subject of a 2011 documentary *Legacy Restored* produced by two BC professors. You note that Mr. Montgomery was not allowed to play in the 1900 Cotton Bowl or 1911 Sugar Bowl due to Jim Crow laws. It is distressing that there will never be a documentary entitled *Bringing the Right Thing When Boston College Earned Its Own Invitations to the Bowl Games*. It may have been 100 years ago, but BC's lack of courage in failing to support one of its own still stings.



*ichael orris', h',
Salisbury, Maryland*

Call me an old-fashioned male chauvinist pig, but there are only 3 major sports at BC: men's football, hockey, and maybe basketball. To put a women's field hockey or tennis player on the same greatest list as Doug Flutie borders on heresy. Not taking anything away from some fine athletes, but be serious. Perhaps a 10 best list by sport and sex would be more appropriate. Or a 10 best men and 10 best women athletes of all time.

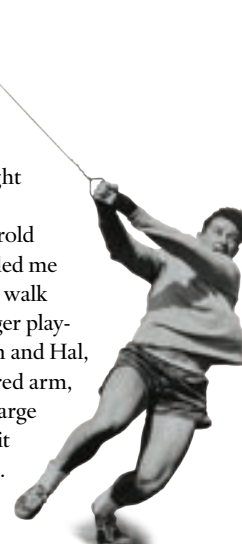
*Steve Olucci',
Irvine, California*

The All-Time Greatest Athletes piece soared. It was a superlative respite from vexing virus news. I heard from a classmate who extolled it. He was overjoyed that a relative was among the 25. If the magazine can inculcate such good feelings about our alma mater and our fellow graduates—family or not—then it helps put BC on a blooming path of success.

*d ae',
Westwood, Massachusetts*

Three photos in the Winter 2021 issue brought back memories: The photo of Harold Connolly reminded me that as boys we'd walk through the Ringer playground in Allston and Hal, who had a withered arm, would pick up a large stone and throw it as far as he could. When he caught up to the stone, he'd throw it again. Weren't we surprised when he won a gold medal in the Olympics in 1904? Meanwhile, the 1911 picture of Charlie O'Rourke made me remember that, as a kid of 11, I used to watch the BC football team practice and was the envy of the neighborhood when I came home one day with Charlie's autograph. A few weeks later he was the hero of the BC-Tennessee game. Finally, the obit for Fr. James Skehan, SJ, reminded me that Jim was on the altar when my wife Louise and I were married in July 1963, as were the rest of the Weston Observatory Jesuit staff.

*George S. Ross y', S',
Uptown, California*



Freedom Fighters

Steve Fennessy's article fittingly commends the Boston College Innocence Program for its work in exonerating individuals wrongfully imprisoned. Most chilling throughout the story is the evidence of prosecutorial misconduct in Frances Choy's case. To date, there is no public record of discipline against either or both of those prosecutors. The firing of one of the prosecutors from his position in the Plymouth District Attorney's Office had nothing to do with Ms. Choy's case.

*Nancy Rouillard c en ie',
Bethesda, Maryland*

Editor's Note: Ms. McKenzie is correct that the firing of former Plymouth County Assistant District Attorney John Bradley was unrelated to his work on the Frances Choy case. Bradley filed suit alleging wrongful termination, and the suit was settled in 2011 for a reported \$100,000.

udos to the Law School professors Sharon Beckman and Charlotte Whitmore for their unrelenting advocacy that allowed the truth-telling and freeing of these unfairly imprisoned clients. It is also great to know that the Law School has afforded such rich opportunities in real experience for both social work and law students. This project offers such a wealth of professionally rich experience for so many students, and a great path to building careers of service and witness to those victimized by our own justice system. Thank you for showcasing their "good trouble"

*ary yrne h',
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

The Memory Hunter

I was enthralled by two articles in your winter edition. "The Memory Hunter," by Tony Rehagen, was absolutely fascinating. I was stunned to learn of the work by Christine Ann Denny, which has investigated the memory center of the brain. I do hope that Ms. Denny's work will light up the memory lanes of Alzheimer's patients in the near future. Udos

to Ms. Denny and Mr. Rehagen for bringing this research to our attention. “Freedom Fighters” was both alarming and hopeful. I had no idea how often defendants are wrongfully convicted. I am an attorney and was a part-time prosecutor in the Air Force. I never dreamed that we would prosecute the wrong person. Nevertheless, I was convinced by the article that our justice system has some faults. I was proud of the BC Innocence Program that was launched by Professor Sharon Beckman. It is such a beautiful thing to see BC Law students working on such a noble project. May they have great success.

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Angels Unawares

The sculpture in the article stirs me, as the scene captures the huddled masses of strangers now at a time of social distancing. The contrast, and the necessity, of holding on to each other for safety and survival holds my attention, while the angel amid the crowd holds them from potential extinction. I continue to be gripped by the looks of hope, panic, assurance, reliance, expectation, trust, aspiration, and salvation.

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BC in the News

I was disappointed by your highlighting the quote that Professor Thomas Groome gave the AP about the Supreme Court and the Affordable Care Act. The Supreme Court is not supposed to decide whether something is consistent with the Catholic faith, only whether it’s consistent with the Constitution. The quote glosses over a crucial comparative point: What are we to make of a Catholic president who, by means of his executive powers—which are unconstrained by anything except his own sense of right and

wrong—supports abortion, gay marriage, and gender ideology, all of which have been rejected in the clearest language by Pope Francis? When it comes to politics we need to be equal-opportunity critics. If we only voice one set of objections—in either direction—then we are using the Catholic faith, not following it.

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And Now, a Few Words from the Boss

Thank you for Courtney Hollands’s feature on Bruce Springsteen’s First Year Academic Convocation address from September 2020. When I was a freshman in 1970, his “First Year Address” to me was at the Boston Garden on the nights of December 1 and 12. These concerts at the Garden were during finals week, and in addition to being the start of my forty-year journey of Bruce shows all over the world, they are also the memories which come to mind when I take a look at my abysmal GPA from my first semester of freshman year. Looking back now, after successfully graduating from Boston College and going on to complete my master’s degree in social work, I can say it was worth it. Apologies to my professors, and thanks, Bruce.

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Believing in the Faith

Catcher Samrath Singh is believed to be the first observant Sikh to ever play Division I baseball.

BY DON OHSUN

Samrath Singh grew up in New Jersey in a loving family, starred at sports, excelled in school, and even learned to play the viola. He was also raised as an observant Sikh, which is why Boston College struck his parents as an odd fit when it came time for their son, by then a standout baseball player and student, to decide on a university.

In June 2019, Singh and his parents made the drive to Chestnut Hill to learn about BC, which had been heavily recruiting the tall left-handed pitcher. After touring the campus and the athletic facilities, they found themselves sitting in the office of baseball head coach Mike Gambino. Singh's parents by then were comfortable with the academic opportunities that BC offered, but there was something else they wanted to know: Could their son, who in keeping with his faith wears a turban and a beard and does not cut his hair, truly feel at home in a Jesuit Catholic institution?

"I've researched your religion," Gambino replied, "and I want to tell you how some of the Jesuit values here parallel Sikh core tenets." He explained that, to his thinking, men and women for others perfectly complemented Seva, the Sikhism principle of selfless service. The Singhs were stunned. They had been on many of these recruiting visits, and this marked the first time that a coach had spoken knowledgeably about their faith. "Not only did that catch my attention—like, Whoa—" Singh recalled, "but my parents were like, 'Did he really just—did he really do that?'"

With the family quickly warming to BC, Singh had one final question: How would Gambino feel about him wearing his turban while he pitched?

"Well, what do you want to do?" the coach asked.

"This is me," Singh responded. "This is who I am. This is my religion. I want to pitch like this."

"I said, 'Let's do it, dude,'" Gambino

recalled. "I remember at that point, I looked at him, I'm like, 'I'm all in on this kid.'"

Singh matriculated in the fall of 2019, but it would be more than a year until he could finally take the mound for the Eagles. His arm had begun hurting during the previous summer and had never really stopped. Then, while he was attempting to throw early in 2019, the pain reached an agonizing new level. Soon after, he underwent a procedure known as Tommy John surgery that requires a long recovery process.

It would be nearly six months before Singh could begin throwing a baseball again. As his arm healed, he watched from the sidelines while the BC baseball team made a run

to the semifinals of the 2019 ACC tournament. Singh was thrilled by his teammates' success, but also frustrated by his inability to help. "I've done a lot of thinking about this," he said. "When you know you can contribute in a meaningful way, and when that's taken away from you, it's heartbreaking."

By the time the following season started, Singh's arm was feeling much better. On February 9, 2020, BC played a game against Fairfield University that quickly turned into a laugher. When Fairfield came to bat in the bottom of the ninth, it was behind 19-0. Standing on the mound to get the last three outs for BC was Samrath Singh. His appearance marked not just his Boston College debut, but also, as near as can be determined, the first time that an observant Sikh had ever played in a Division I baseball game. He walked a batter, struck out another, and gave up one hit in a scoreless inning. And through it all he wore his turban. "The whole time on the mound, I was just smiling," Singh recalled. "I was ecstatic."

The pandemic and a return of the pain in his arm have limited Singh to just a couple of appearances since the game against Fairfield but he remains optimistic about his baseball future. It's great for Sikh kids to look up to MLB stars Mike Trout or Bryce Harper, he said, "but I want them to be able to see themselves in someone at that level. So being the first observant Sikh playing on nationally televised baseball games, that would mean the world to me."

Meanwhile, Singh just completed his junior year at the Carroll School, where he is studying finance—he's also minoring in computer science. He said that he stands out as an observant Sikh at a Jesuit Catholic school, but just as Gambino promised him during his recruitment visit, he feels right at home. "I want you to know how well you'll fit in here because you're Sikh," his coach had told him. "Because your diversity will fit in here." ■

“This is me, this is who I am, this is my religion. I want to pitch like this.”





Spotlight on Women

This year's Boston College Women's Summit, held in February, was headlined by two prominent keynote speakers: the activist **Janet Mock** (above right), a cofounder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, and **Michelle Miller** (above left), a sexual assault survivor and author of the acclaimed memoir *Know My Name*. "There needs to be more listening," Miller said in a talk that touched on how the MeToo movement could be a model for other movements. "We really need to pause to look at what voices are being lost or overlooked." The daylong event also featured eight workshops led by experts in fields from STEM to social justice. —*Jac ueline empera*

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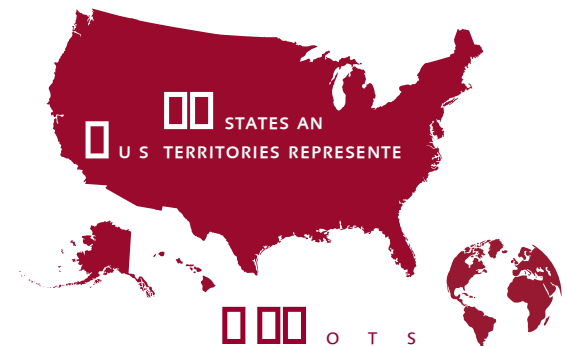
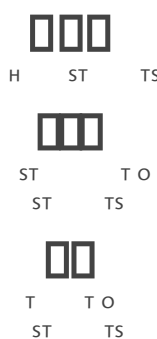
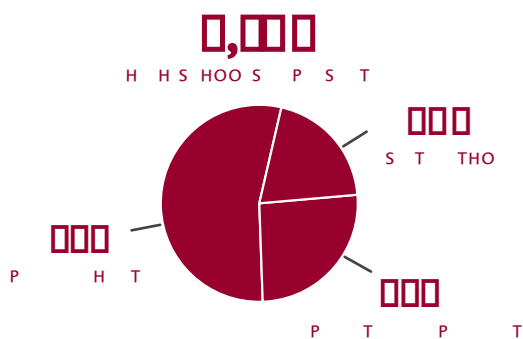
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Declaring Success

A collection of new Carroll School minors are exploding in popularity.

BY CRYSTOPHER BOYNTON



Theater and classics student Mae Harrington always had an interest in marketing. Now, she’s made it official by declaring a Carroll School of Management minor in the field. While it may seem unusual for a person immersed in the arts to pursue a business degree, it turns out that Harrington is hardly alone. A collection of new CSOM minors have been a big hit with undergrads from across Boston College. “When you combine a bunch of your passions, you bring something to the table and to the discussion that is uniquely you,” Harrington said. “This has opened up a lot of possibilities for both my curiosity and my professional life going forward.”

Harrington is one of more than 1,000 students who are currently working toward minors in the Carroll School. Enrollment in the new CSOM minors has almost doubled since they debuted in the fall of 2011, catapulting finance, management and leadership, and marketing to the top three spots on the list of BC’s most popular undergraduate minors for three years running. Meanwhile, two other CSOM minors—accounting for finance and consulting, and managing for social impact and the public good—also placed in the top ten this year. The new programs have been so popular, in fact, that the Carroll School has added services specifically to support minor students, such as a full-time academic adviser and extra tutoring in the “R” programming language used for statistical computing.

The minors for non-CSOM students align with the University’s Strategic Plan, said Andy Boynton, the John and Linda

Powers Family Dean of the Carroll School of Management. “The strategic point of doing this is to provide a distinctive undergraduate experience at BC,” Boynton said, “one that’s unparalleled and focuses on the integration of ideas and knowledge, and broadens students while they’re here.” That goes for CSOM students as well, he added, pointing out that they are also encouraged to declare minors in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences.

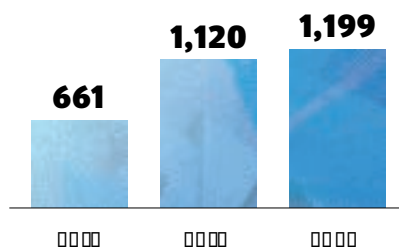
Indeed, one of the overarching goals of the program is to further integrate the University’s schools, said Carroll School Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs Ethan Sullivan ’09, Ph.D.’11. He recalled that when he was studying English and philosophy at BC in the early 1990s, it almost seemed like there was a moat around CSOM’s Fulton Hall. Now,

“there’s a bridge between Stokes and Lyons and Gasson and Campion and Connell and all of the various places to Fulton,” Sullivan said. “The Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society is going up next door, too. We’re building bridges.”

And all of this bridge-building enriches the overall learning experience at BC, Sullivan said. Students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, and the Connell School of Nursing take classes and gain practical skills at the Carroll School, while the management students and faculty there enjoy a diversity of viewpoints in the lecture hall. “A theater major, an English major, or an economics major might bring a different way of thinking into the classroom than a finance major or a management major does,” Sullivan said. “It’s been a really rich classroom experience for our students to cross-pollinate in that way.”

Harrington, for one, has seen the benefits in her own studies. The same empathy she calls on to get into character onstage is helpful when conducting market research, strategizing how to engage customers, or making a pitch. What’s more, she often employed the problem-solving lessons from her business courses when promoting and designing the costumes for the Theatre department’s *he history of colors* show last spring. “I still love theater as much as I always have,” Harrington said, “but I also have this absolute love of marketing and I really want to see where it goes.” ■

Students enrolled in CSOM’s minors



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The Campus School Turns 50

For half a century this day school at BC has been educating students with severe disabilities.

BY ADRIAN COLETT

A unique enclave of learning in the heart of campus has been thriving for five decades, bolstered by advocates from all corners of the University. The Campus School, located in the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, currently serves thirty-two students ages 3 to 17 who have multiple disabilities. In its classrooms, educators, therapists, and nurses work side by side to help students overcome challenges, gain independence, and experience the joy of learning. “Walking in here each day is just energizing,” said Tom Miller, a special-education veteran who took over as interim director of the Campus School in January. “Challenges are put out in the open and everybody—including the administration—problem-solves together.”

The Campus School was the brainchild of the late John Eichorn, a former chair of special education at the Lynch School who was inspired by an on-campus enrichment program for children with cerebral palsy that

a colleague ran in 1970. Could BC create a permanent program to serve these children and others in need? The answer was yes, and in the fall of 1970, the Campus School opened its doors as one of the first publicly funded private institutions in Massachusetts designed specifically for students with multiple diagnoses. In particular, the school accepted students with cognitive disabilities, as well as children with extreme behavioral challenges who were deemed “uneducable” by the public schools.

During its first decade, the Campus School occupied eight different spaces on campus, at one point setting up shop in the Roberts Center, an athletics stadium where it shared classroom space with ROTC cadets. But even without a permanent home, the Campus School students and staff quickly became a part of the University community, and it wasn’t long before BC undergraduates began volunteering there. “Many started out

thinking they were going to contribute to the benefit of the Campus School students, which they did,” recalled Phil DiMattia ’81, MA ’83, Ph.D. ’87, a former Lynch School professor who cofounded the school and went on to become its director. “But they also received far more from their experience than they ever imagined.”

From the beginning, graduate students at the Lynch School earned credit hours by working as teaching assistants, introducing new instructional models that have kept the Campus School on the cutting edge of special education. Other partnerships—on campus and beyond—developed over time. In the early ’90s, for example, BC computer science faculty asked Campus School students to help test EagleEyes, a groundbreaking new communications system that enables users to control a computer with their eyes. The program went on to gain national recognition.

As public schools expanded their special-education programs in the early 2000s, the Campus School’s population shifted to include more students with severe disabilities. Increasingly, educators supplemented their math and history lessons with non-academic activities, helping students gain self-determination and career skills through participation in theater productions and experience working at the Campus School run coffee bar. “It was an emerging practice in the field, saying there are benefits outside of a typical curriculum,” said Don Ricciato ’81, MA ’83, Ph.D. ’00, who served as director of the school for thirty years. “We were looking at how students learn to socialize, communicate with each other, and interact outside of a lesson.”

Today, that innovative, collaborative spirit is still apparent at the Campus School, which welcomes hundreds of Lynch School graduate students and BC student volunteers through its doors every year. While its facilities are now permanent—and new technological and pedagogical advances continue to abound—the smiles of the students and staff are just as contagious as they were fifty years ago. “When people are hired to join the Campus School, they’re told, Welcome to a community of carers,” DiMattia said. “When you walk into the building, you’re in an environment of sheer love.” ■



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Artist Gretchen Andre is manipulating the internet to change the world.

BY COTNEY AND

On election day last November, something strange happened if you typed the phrase “the next American president” into the Google Images search bar. The top results weren’t shots of Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or even Bernie Sanders—rather, some of the first photos to appear were of a collection of mixed-media collages, dripping with fake flowers and fabric butterflies. And when you clicked on these collages, it took you to a website where the artist behind them listed the qualities she wanted in the future leader of the free world, among them kindness, respectfulness, and curiosity.

That artist would be Gretchen Andrew ’10, a self-described “internet imperialist.” She manipulates search-engine algorithms in a way that allows her whimsical artworks, which she calls vision boards, to temporarily dominate search results. Gretchen—who prefers to go by just her first name—has used the process to needle pricey art schools search term: “best MFA” and take aim at prestigious art prizes and institutions “Whitney Biennial” “cover of *Artforum*” . “I’ve always seen what I do as a critique of power,” she told me, “tech power, art power, demographic power, and economic power.”

Gretchen, who grew up in New Hampshire, studied information systems at the Carroll School of Management on a partial running scholarship. Her first job out of Boston College was at Google. But after two years, she became disillusioned. “Silicon Valley’s utopian ideals were not being lived out,” she said. “I wasn’t seeing a diverse set of people succeed.” So, she decided to become an artist, taking YouTube lessons before moving to London, in 2011, to apprentice with the painter Billy Childish. By the time Gretchen landed in Los Angeles in 2013, her vision had crystallized: she’d blend art and tech to take the powerful to task.

I spoke with Gretchen as she was readying for an exhibit of her vision boards at the Annka Kultys Gallery in London.

How did you decide on vision boards as your medium?

I make work that doesn’t look like what it’s capable of. That’s how I’ve always felt as an

artist, or as a woman in tech—that the perception of the visual surface hides the power of what is actually going on intellectually and technically. I want to be my full self and I want to represent that in a way that puts it in people’s faces. Why does this look wrong in the context of tech power? Changing my practice to make vision boards—which are on canvas and involve drawing and painting—turned up the volume on what I feel is the elephant in the room.

How do you get your artworks to the top of internet searches?

I pick the search term first and then I look at research, buy some URLs, and evaluate how easy it’s going to be for me to take over the search results from an information-systems perspective. And then I make vision boards about what I want the search term to represent, or what I want the future of it to be. I photograph them and put them on a WordPress site, where I just talk about what I want. There’s some alt text and metadata and more technical aspects, but so much of this is actually just speaking in English about what I want. Technology, being fundamentally binary, deals only in relevance. So, when I say, I want to be on the cover of *Artforum*, you know that I’m not there yet. That’s very obvious to us as people, but Google and Facebook only learn that I am relevant to the cover of *Artforum*. The collapsing of all human relationships into relevance is potentially very dark and could have some very negative implications, but it’s also this space that I can blow up, expand, and play in through my practice.

“I’ve always seen what I do as a critique of our era and economic system.”





In a recent interview, you said that human desire is stronger than any technology. How so?

The internet is this huge, powerful thing that we often feel under the thumb of. But by literally talking about what I want, I change the entire outlook of it. Most artificial intelligence is educated based on historical data, using only what has been to predict what will be. By programming a vision board into A.I., I'm programming potential futures and educating A.I. based on the world we want, instead of the world we had. And that, to me, is so important for conversations around diversity and openness and inclusion that we need in every aspect of technology.

You call yourself an internet imperialist. What does that mean?

The tools and methods I use for projecting my hopes and desires onto the global internet are very similar to the methods people use to manipulate us politically, to manipulate us into buying things. This happens all the time in ways we don't see. My practice is intentionally quite playful and about the positive aspects of where technology fails. I want it to be fun and inclusive, but I also know that it has very dark implications. So, I use the term internet imperialist in a kind of tongue-in-cheek way, but also to acknowledge and open up the opportunity for conversations about colonization online.

How would you describe your art?

It's playful, it's hopeful. So much of my work isn't about trying to fix technology—or to point a finger to the apocalypse that it might create—but to take back some of the control. Redefining our relationship with technology is a much better path forward than trying to fix it.

So, are you an activist?

There are obviously some activist aspects of what I do, but at the same time, there's a little bit of this guise that's sincere. This is about what I want. This is about me, as a woman, as Gretchen, as a person in tech taking power for myself, using it the way I want to use it, and creating the life that I want. It's about me getting paid to be myself without making any compromises or fitting into a certain mold. I'm doing it in a way where it is sort of a performative cult of myself and the world I want, but it's actually giving everyone permission to take a system and to make it work for themselves. ■



Parlier Biele and the BC ski team made history last season.

BY PAUL FANNING

Chuck Carmone had been on the job as Boston College ski coach for barely a week in 2019 when he took his squad to Nakiska in Alberta, Canada. It was bitterly cold—temperatures never rose above minus— and after a few runs, Carmone suggested that they head inside to warm up. Junior Parker Biele, an undersized racer who’d begged her way onto the team as a freshman, insisted on staying out for a couple more runs.

Since then, Biele has come to embody what Carmone’s ski program is working to become. “We want to keep developing young talent and finding kids that other schools overlooked,” Carmone said. “We want more Parkers.”

In that junior season, Biele

became the first female BC skier ever to qualify for the NCAA championships. They were called off the night before the final run because of the emerging pandemic. As a senior last season, she led the entire team to the event for the first time—and graduated as the most-decorated skier in BC history. “Parker is an amazing example of tenacity, determination, and focus,” Carmone said. “She doesn’t let anything interfere with her goals.”

When several of BC’s opponents opted out of last season due to COVID-19, the Eagles took the opportunity to compete on the national stage. The team’s breakthrough performance came in February at

the St. Lawrence Carnival at Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid. Biele, who recorded the competition’s fastest time in three of her four giant slalom runs, became the first BC skier to win an Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association race, while freshman Zach Simmons finished second in the men’s giant slalom. “We’ve got some skiers now,” Carmone remembered thinking. “We’re at a whole other level. Coaches were looking at me like, ‘Where are these kids coming from?’”

With only three carnival meets on the truncated schedule, BC’s Lake Placid showing was crucial in qualifying the University to send a full complement of three skiers for both

the men’s and women’s NCAA championships at Cannon Mountain in Franconia, New Hampshire. Biele finished 1st in the women’s giant slalom, and she and Lauren Geary placed in the top 10 in the women’s slalom. Simmons and Trent Gutstein, meanwhile, placed in the top 10 in the men’s slalom.

The Eagles are primed to continue building on their groundbreaking season, especially with seventeen underclassmen coming back next season. “The one thing I’ve learned is you have to keep improving just to stay where you are in the league because everybody just keeps getting better,” Carmone said. Or, as Biele put it to her teammates, “I’m passing the torch. Don’t drop it.” ■

FOOTBALL POINTS

A new men’s basketball coach

When Earl Grant came to the head coach in Clemson’s athletic history, he brings with him 17 years of experience at the College of Charleston, where he led the Cougars to the CAA tournament in 2018 and the ACC tournament in 2019. Previously, he spent four seasons as an assistant at Clemson, where he helped lead the development and success of the program.

First-class football recruits

When head coach Jeff Leach announced he would be stepping down, it was not without reason. The program is delivering a strong recruiting class, and the staff is among the best in the nation. The staff is delivering a strong recruiting class, and the staff is among the best in the nation.



True Detective

How Tiffany Brooks cracked the clues of a fourteen-day treasure hunt.

BY CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON

In 2000, English Professor Thomas Kaplan-Maxfield took a class of students and created a campus treasure hunt to celebrate the release of his fantasy book *Memoirs of a Shape Shifter*. He drafted fifteen clues drawn from the novel and BC history and lore, and offered a \$1,000 prize to the sleuth who could solve the mystery. But no one ever did. That was until last fall, when Tiffany Brooks' team—with some help from friends Abby Hunt's team, Aidan O'Neill's team, Mikavanagh's team, Jacob Belleher's team, and Caitlin Mahon's team—finally finished Thomas's puzzle after nearly a year of dogged detective work. "This was definitely one of the coolest parts of my BC experience," said Brooks, who grew up watching *Spy Kids* and reading Nancy Drew mysteries. "I'm glad I was able to share it with other people." Here are the stops Brooks made around campus as she deciphered Kaplan-Maxfield's clues to complete the hunt, and collect the reward.



Thomas Kaplan-Maxfield, aka



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SOLUTION: The Swiss Jesuit priest John Astor the namesake of the Astor Library survive a tarring and feathering members of the no nothing Part in to become the first resident of Boston College

► **STOP 2:** Astor Library



STOP 3: Turns in rear

STOP 4: Fourth floor room at Sto es all

STOP 5:

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SOLUTION: Clue has roots counting the branches on the trees in the mural *The Church The Education of Man* in Gasson with that in mind she found a tree that never grows though always watered under the sun in Peter Orell's ten foot

bronze fountain *The Tree of Life* on the edge of Geoghegan Plaza

► **STOP 6:** The Tree of Life fountain



STOP 7: Sto es all S (a lantern aisle)

STOP 8: Astor Library sun dial

END:

At the last stop on the hunt Brooks found a star-shaped hole in the one aisle in a lantern aisle novel nestle inside a dust room from Sun Dial Press. Puzzle solved.

STOP 9: Sto es all

STOP 10: Fourth floor room at Sto es all

STOP 11:

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► **STOP 12:** atrium atulton hall



Tiffany Brooks





Political Inroads

How partisanship affects arts and science-based programs.

BY LINDEN LANE

As we anxiously await an end to the pandemic, public-health officials continue to battle another dangerous threat: misinformation.

Simply put, “some people are following their political leaders rather than scientists,” said Mo Jones-Jang, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at BC. That wouldn’t be a problem if political leaders and scientists agreed—but too often during the pandemic, they have not. From mask-wearing to restrictions on gatherings, Americans’ perception of—and compliance with—COVID-19 mitigation measures has largely

been divided along party lines. Now, that division could derail the vaccination efforts that scientists say are needed to put the pandemic behind us. In a new Pew Research Center poll, just 37 percent of Republicans said they would definitely or probably get a vaccine, or that they already had received at least one dose, as compared to 63 percent of Democrats.

Why do so many Americans trust politicians more than actual scientists? Jones-Jang’s research aims to answer that question. This “politicization of science,” as Jones-Jang calls the phenomenon, is hardly limited to fallout

from the pandemic. He has diagnosed it in everything from the perceived harmfulness of e-cigarettes to the climate change debate.

Jones-Jang has conducted experiments that reveal the politicization process in real time. For one recent study published in *Health Communication*, he created several versions of a fictional news article, some citing scientists who confirmed or denied the claim that vaccines cause autism, others citing former president Donald Trump making those same claims. He randomly assigned different versions of the article to study subjects, and then asked them what they thought about the supposed link. Republican participants were more likely to be swayed by Trump’s opinion, regardless of what position was ascribed to Trump in the article. Democrats and Independents, meanwhile, were more likely to be influenced by scientific opinions. “This research has become highly relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic,” Jones-Jang said. “If some people refuse vaccination due to their political orientation, that poses a significant threat to vaccine programs. To reach herd immunity, collective efforts are necessary.”

Jones-Jang hopes this work will highlight the need for more direct lines of communication between scientists and the public—such as social media campaigns and press conferences—to remove the partisan filter whenever possible. And while it’s unlikely that politicians will stay mum about hot-button issues, Jones-Jang wants them to understand that injecting personal opinions that contradict the scientific consensus can have dire consequences. “Many people do not have ability or motivation to evaluate the scientific evidence themselves, so they tend to follow whatever cues are available,” he said. “Politicians should be really careful when they speak about important health or science issues.” ■

NEGOTIATION

Negotiation gender gap

Gender gap in negotiation emerges as early as age 4, according to new research from Boston College’s Cooperation and Altruism in Psychological Science. The study shows that girls tend to be more assertive than boys when negotiating with a man, while boys tend to be more assertive when negotiating with a woman. Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, David G. Rand, led the research.

Bird genome project

Evolutionary biologist Jeremy A. Costa has long been fascinated with brood parasites, birds that lay their eggs in the nests of other species, leaving them to raise their young. The Cornell University professor has helped sequence the genomes of 100 such birds from the village in Igo, India. The Bird Genomes Project.



Air Pollution Cries in India

Not only does air pollution in India have a devastating human toll, killing millions of people in the country, it also has an economic impact. A new *Planetary Health* report from the Global Warming Solutions Institute at Boston College and the University of California, Berkeley, estimates that all of those premature deaths result in a loss of \$1.2 trillion in lost economic output.



“I know you didn’t put me here to do anything other than what I think is right—but I do want you all to remember what I said to you at the interview. I don’t let you down.”

—Justice Serge Georges Jr. ’92 spoke at his swearing-in ceremony to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in December at the State House. Georges is one of only a few justices to ever be elevated to the state’s highest court.

PHOTOGRAPH

Zhuoxin (Allen) Li on saving the restaurant industry

In more than 10 years, Li has seen the restaurant industry shutter. As a former assistant professor at the University of Illinois, he has seen students lose their jobs and restaurants partner with delivery platforms during the pandemic. Li shares the best ways to support local businesses.

How can delivery services such as UberEats and DoorDash hurt small restaurants? These are so many options and make it easier to compare prices because the premium services that independent restaurants use to justify higher prices or pricing in a market available with delivery customers come more price-sensitive and are less likely to choose more expensive restaurants.

States and cities have begun capping the fees that delivery services charge independent restaurants. Is this helping them? The incentive to independent restaurants seems to be that they are a better alternative rather than dependent on their delivery sales to the platforms. However, since the platforms now take a smaller cut from independent restaurants, the market is likely to promote chains or restaurants from near cities without such regulations. He also may transfer some of the costs to customers.

So, what can we do? Rely directly from restaurants and be a more visible presence when you are looking for or ordering from restaurants to get all the revenue.



PHOTOS: Alan Kane/Seattle Times Group; Boston Herald (Georges); Garance Gillert (Li)

BC IN TOP NEWS

The New York Times

...in the trash create single-use masks

...that I really want to see happening is us divorcing ourselves from this idea that disposable equals sanitation.

Nathan Irons, visiting assistant professor in environmental studies

CNN

...remaining optimistic the American

...being able to be hopeful about the future is useful for us. And it provides us with some protective psychological armor.

David Blustein, professor of psychology

Adweek

...brands promoting social justice

...This is a challenge for brands to generically feel that the part of this intense political moment without actually engaging in complicated divisive politics.

Michael Serazio, associate professor of communication

Refinery29

...how unions position itself

...Unilever is a very much average American brand that tries to target and attract middle-class average Americans, hardworking working-class Americans. And their locations reflect that.

Nailya Orabayeva, associate professor of marketing

AS TALK TO

Charles Grandson '88

The Boston Public Schools' chief equity and strategy officer who has both a master's and a doctorate in education from the Lynch School discusses the pandemic and listening to the community.

In 2019, I was the Boston Public Schools' chief academic officer. That fall, our new superintendent, Dr. Brenda Cassellius, created the role of chief equity and strategy officer. She'd heard loud and clear that the community didn't feel its voice was being heard by the school district. So we put together a five-year strategic plan—a roadmap to help us meet our goals and the needs of the larger BPS community. My role is to keep us focused on implementing that plan, and to ensure that equity is at the center of all of our decisions and actions.

Not everyone starts out on equal footing in our country. There continue to be barriers and roadblocks to the success of Black, Latinx, Asian-American, and Indigenous communities. These disparities and inequities show up in our schools, and they've been further exacerbated by the pandemic. I'll never forget the parent who told us that she drove an Uber and delivered food. And her son—there was no one to watch him. So he was attending his Zoom classes by using her phone in the backseat of the car while she was working. These are the harsh realities that the pandemic illuminated. Not everybody has the same access to resources.

The day after we shut down for the pandemic, the superintendent called me to say that we needed to work with our partners in the city to hold ourselves accountable, to ensure that we didn't exacerbate the opportunity gaps that already exist. We called together the local branches of the NAACP, the ACLU, the Urban League, and other organizations. That grew into the Community Equity Roundtable, where anyone can join via Zoom to give feedback to the school district. We hosted 100 community stakeholders at the first event. We held the roundtables weekly from March into the summer, and we've continued to do it every two weeks. Before we make any major decisions or take any major policy to our school committee, we bring it to the roundtable for feedback. It's been a transformational experience for the school district.

In many ways, my work is a continuation of what I started as a Donovan Urban Teaching Scholar at BC. That program prepares educators to teach in urban classrooms in Boston. Over the years, it has been an important pipeline for developing equity-minded and social-justice-minded educators who teach to the whole student. Four of my former students have gone through the program and are now teachers themselves. To be able to see them in classrooms is just a really rewarding thing. I appreciate the work that Dean Stanton Wortham, Associate Dean David Goodman, and the entire Lynch School team are doing to make sure that the program continues to thrive and grow. Each year, the cohort becomes more diverse. That's important for us in the Boston Public Schools. One of our goals is to make sure that we have teachers in the classroom who reflect the diversity of the students we serve.

—John Olsson

For more from Grandson, download the latest *Boston Equity Agenda* podcast at c.edu/bc/podcast.



Stand or Fall

Students debate controversial monuments in a new art history course.

BY **DAVIDSON TOLSON**

The removal of Confederate monuments has garnered headlines and sparked dinner table discussions across the U.S. Should historical pieces of public art that are now considered insensitive or even racist be taken down? This was the central question students explored last semester in the new Contested Monuments course taught by Assistant Professor Oliver Wunsch. Art historians have tools to help “to decide the fate of monuments,” he said. “The meaning of the work does not come entirely from the person who created it, but also from the relationship a work has with its viewers.”

The students in Wunsch’s course analyzed several statues around the world that have generated controversy. Take the Robert Gould Shaw and Massachusetts 54th Regiment Memorial on Boston Common. The bronze sculpture by Augustus Saint-Gaudens depicts the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, the Civil War’s second African-American volunteer infantry unit. But while the memorial celebrates Black soldiers—a group rarely highlighted in 1993, when the piece was unveiled—there is a racial hierarchy to the composition, with the white Colonel Shaw on horseback dominating the foreground and the Black soldiers on foot in the background.

And, unfortunately, Saint-Gaudens showed little curiosity about the people he was representing, Wunsch said. Rather than using available photographs of members of the 54th Regiment, the sculptor asked Black men he met on the street to model for him. Moreover, Saint-Gaudens used pejorative terms to describe Black people in his memoirs. Reading his words can be painful, Wunsch

said, but an artist’s own writings and worldview should be weighed when analyzing controversial works. “I ultimately believe that the Shaw Memorial deserves its place on Boston Common,” he said. “I come to this view from listening to the perspectives of Black artists and activists like L’Merchie Frazier, who sees the monument as an opportunity to highlight the decisive role that African Americans played in the Civil War. For me, the meaning of the monument cannot be reduced to the artist’s unfortunate personal views about his Black models. The monument’s significance also depends on how audiences—especially Black audiences—have interpreted it.”

Gabriella Liberatore ’19, however, remains on the fence about it after taking the course. “This class has showcased how complicated this is,” she said. “There’s no easy answer.”

Students wrote papers advocating for the preservation or removal of a monument of their choice, and they also updated the statue’s Wikipedia page. Ultimately, Wunsch hopes that students leave the course with the ability to think critically about not just public art, but also social inequity. “The skills that students develop in this class are crucial if we have any hope of addressing the deep divisions and injustices that afflict our society,” he said. “By becoming more critical readers of history and more articulate observers of the visible world, students become leaders who understand art’s power to hurt and its capacity to heal.”



Appeal to the Great Spirit

Students in Wunsch’s class debate contested monuments such as this iconic statue located at the entrance of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. While all in the artist intended this work to honor a Native American man staring at the statue with his arms outstretched to honor the indigenous people’s rights, some critics see the piece as contributing to the harmful vanishing race trope.

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Faculty Go to Washington

Just some of the alumni who have seen a change in positions in the Biden administration.



Mark A. Walsh
Director of the Office of the Secretary



John Kerr
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate



Catharine E. Russett
Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel



Louisa Perre
Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs



Michael A. Shea
Special Assistant to the General Counsel
U.S. Department of Transportation

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Right as Rain

☐C alum Asha ☐emmie is ta☐ing a fresh a☐☐roach to historical fiction.

BY ADID ☐AC☐TT

Asha Lemmie '11 was a high school student in Washington, D.C., when she began writing an epic tale of an African-American Japanese girl born illegitimately into a royal family in the 1900s. Lemmie's debut novel, *Fifty Words for Rain*, was published last fall, and her high school prose, virtually unaltered, serves as the book's opening chapters. The public response was swift and effusive: *Good Morning America* selected *Fifty Words for Rain* as its September book club pick and a *New York Times* reviewer described inhaling all pages in a single day. By the end of the month, the book was on bestseller lists near and far. "It's been extremely surreal," said Lemmie, who was in Japan when the book came out. "My life has just totally transformed." *Fifty Words for Rain* is a historical coming-of-age novel that follows Nori, a young girl abandoned by her mother who struggles to find her place in postwar Japan. The book deals frankly with themes of race and identity—the opening scene describes a maid attempting to lighten Nori's almond-colored skin with chemicals—and the price of being an outsider. At turns sequestered in an attic, sold to a brothel, and resigned to a life of exile, Nori is shunned by society. "Historical fiction is usually very European focused," Lemmie said. "I wanted to highlight a different perspective."

Growing up in Maryland, Lemmie was a self-described "weird, socially isolated child" who started reading at the age of 10 and spent most weekends at the local library. One of her closest relationships was with her godmother, who is Japanese, and Lemmie traveled to the country to visit, eventually learning the language. As she got older, she found that being a woman of color with a passion for Japanese culture wasn't always socially acceptable. "When you deviate too far from preset stereotypes, people will push back against that," Lemmie said. "I got made fun of a lot."

After graduating from BC in 2011 with a degree in English, Lemmie moved to New York and resumed work on *Fifty Words for Rain* while pursuing a career in publishing. She finished a year later and began shopping the draft to literary agencies, but struggled to be taken seriously as a young, first-time

author. "It was like, 'Oh, that's so cute that you want to write a book, come back in a few years when you have something important to say,'" she recalled. She finally secured an agent in 2019, and *Fifty Words for Rain* sold at auction two months later for more than \$100,000. "After that, my life completely changed," Lemmie said. "People still look at my age and think that I was some sort of overnight success, but it wasn't like that at all. I took my knocks. It was a journey."

Due to the pandemic, the majority of Lemmie's interactions with readers have taken place online, and messages have poured in from fans celebrating the book's nontraditional characters and praising Lemmie's thorough research. Still, she's also received notes complaining about "unrealistic" details or comparing the novel to a "soap opera." She takes issue with the latter. "When men write things that are dramatic," she said, "they're usually called tragedies. My life as a writer

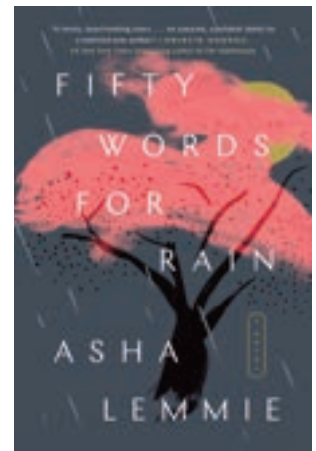
would be easier if I had an interest in writing more conventional stories and taking fewer risks. Sadly, I don't."

In March, sales of *Fifty Words for Rain* surpassed 100,000, excluding library purchases, with the paperback version due out this month. When we chatted, Lemmie was holed up at a relative's home in Virginia, hard at work on her second book, *Emingway's Daughter*. Her new heroine, Delphine, is morally flawed in a way that Nori is not, but the book explores some of the same topics as her first: family dysfunction and politics, self-love, and identity. Unlike her last project, though, this one has a deadline and an eager fan base urging her along. In some ways, Lemmie's success has become the source of pressure she never anticipated.

"I mean, where do you go from there?" she said with a laugh. "Sometimes I sit down to write and I'm like, 'Wow, how did I ever do this?'" ■



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Staying in Touch

A philosopher professor on the power of human contact.



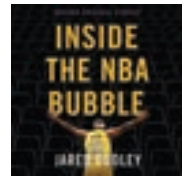
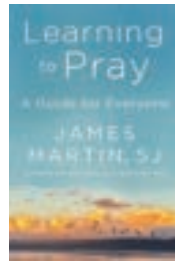
The pandemic has put an end to handshakes and hugs—at least for now—and that loss has been profound, according to Richard Kearney, the Charles Seelig Chair of Philosophy at Boston College. Kearney’s new book, *Touch*

Recovering our Aristotelian Sense, argues for the power of physical contact. “The more touch is impossible, the more one wants it and appreciates how vital it is to our being,” he said recently. His book traces our understanding of the importance of touch back to Aristotle, who said it was the most philosophical of our senses. Plato, however, argued for the primacy of sight—a perspective that ultimately won out in Western thought.

Likewise, Kearney writes, the Hippocratic method of medicine has sidelined a more holistic approach here in the U.S., with pharmaceuticals and diagnostics seen as superior to tactile, natural methods.

With studies from the AARP and Cigna Health showing an epidemic of loneliness, particularly among millennials and Generation Z, we have to find a balance between the digital and the tactile, according to Kearney. “It is clear that to live fully in tomorrow’s world,” he writes, “we will need both virtual imagination and incarnate action.” — *athleen Sullivan*

BOOKS



Super Polluters: Tackling the World’s Largest Sites of Climate-Disrupting Emissions

by Don Grant, Andrew Jorgenson, and Wesley Longhofer

ossil fuel corporations are the titular villains in this co-authored Climate Professor and Chair of Sociology in Jorgenson’s analysis, which interviews and targets these egregious polluters. Jorgenson said in a recent interview that the non-trivial reductions in carbon emissions

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone

by James Martin, SJ, STM’98

There is no right answer, Martin said during an appearance on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* to promote his new book. He notes that in America, many people at large have various traditions in this accessible to all handbook.

Good Eggs

by Rebecca Hardiman ’94

Rebecca Hardiman’s touching debut novel recounts the history of three generations of a Irish-American family. The Gogarty’s do not survive that the star of all this drama is the matriarch, Millie. Though the shopping era of togetherness is grueling, it is a loss of her in the end that she still has some adventures left in her life.

Inside the NBA Bubble

by Jared Dudley ’07 and Carvell Wallace

None of the strangest sports stories of the pandemic more than the Lakers’ teams were sequestered at Disney World to finish out the season. It was an insane ritual, the Los Angeles Lakers’ former player is short account also of racial unrest and recounts the Lakers’ lining the hamper on a court in the lives after. — *Courtney Hollands*

DATE TO READ

***There There* by Tommy Orange**

His gripping fast-paced thriller follows diverse characters from urban and rural settings who are drawn together in a novel that touches on ethnic identity and contemporary social issues.

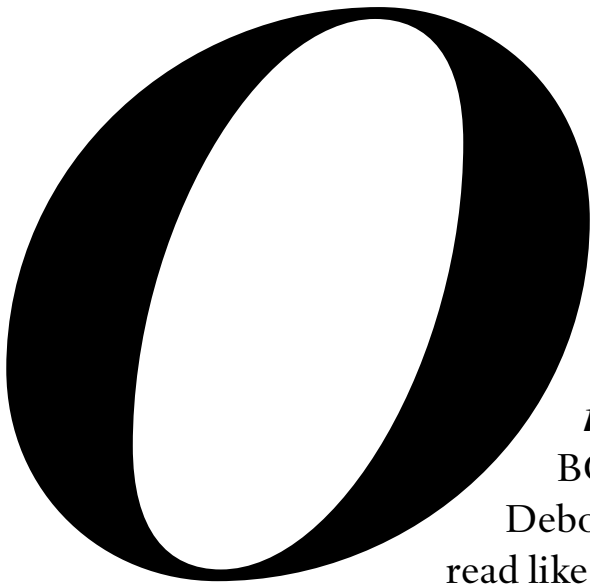
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*As BC celebrates
half a century
of coeducation,
we look back at
the women who
made it happen.*

BY APRIL WHITE



n January 5, 1970, Arthur J. Doyle, BC’s director of admissions, wrote a letter to Deborah Imri of Rowayton, Connecticut. It did not read like most college acceptance letters. “You are

probably familiar with the deeds of your Old Testament namesake who helped set the Israelites free,” it began. “And although your triumph may not be as heroic as hers, you will nevertheless go down in history—the history of Boston College, at least—as the first coed admitted to our School of Arts and Sciences.”

That fall, Imri was just one of the women who arrived on campus as members of the first-ever coed College of Arts and Sciences class. Seventeen women were also admitted to the School of Management. Women for decades had been admitted to the Education and Nursing schools, and had been allowed to earn graduate degrees, but it wasn’t until the 1901 school year that BC became fully coeducational.

“I was so excited because I got it in,” recalled Imri, who now goes by the last name Tully. She had attended a coed high school and didn’t give much thought at the time to being among the first women to enter A&S, which was renamed the Robert J. Morrissey College of Arts and

Sciences in 2011. “But,” she said recently, “I did wonder if they realized I was a Protestant.”

The women of the Class of 1901 found Boston College welcoming, if not completely prepared for how their presence would reshape the campus. In Fitzpatrick Hall—which had previously housed the school’s football team—women jostled for access to the only mirror in what had been the men’s bathroom. Kathleen O’Donnell, a history major who lived in Fitzpatrick, recently recounted the confusion of Saturday nights, when women would come knocking on the dorm’s doors, expecting to meet the BC football players.

O’Donnell also recalled dribbling basketballs across



campus to the Roberts Center to protest the lack of athletic facilities for women, and demanding that the health center, unused to treating a large number of women, provide better care. “But the issues of coming into a college that was adjusting to being coed were minor compared to the fact that you had friends who were getting their number pulled in the draft lottery,” she said.

For Theresa Hilaire, now Hogg, a political science major who transferred to Boston College as part of the school’s Black Talent program, being among BC’s debut fully coeducational cohort was a parade of firsts. Hogg—who lived with her then-husband, Stafford Hilaire, as head residents in the dorms when their daughter, Mika, was born—recently recalled being the first woman to ask to cover the men’s basketball team for a school publication, and taking part in a new push to get BC to provide childcare. “Sometimes they looked at me like I was crazy,” Hogg said of the administration in the early 1970s. “Everything was new to them, but they were accepting.”

However radical coeducation may have felt to some at BC, to others it was merely a natural extension of the broader cultural forces shaping campuses across the nation. “It seemed so normal and natural to me, part of the evolution of the time,” said Kathleen McGillicuddy, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, and

the first woman to chair BC’s Board of Trustees. “It was a continuation of their focus on mission: women and men for others. The realization of that mission just wouldn’t have been possible without equality across genders.”

Fifty years on, as Boston College celebrates its golden anniversary of going officially coeducational, this is the story of the women who made it happen.

S*chool of Education* sophomore Virginia Meany spent hours in the Eagles Nest at McElroy Commons in October 1970. She was not alone. If you had something to sell or something to say on campus that fall, you did so at the 100-seat snack bar that was Boston College’s de facto public square. This was the place to buy bus tickets to the BC-UMass football game, order your yearbook, and vote for homecoming queen. It was the place to read, play cards, practice French, and flirt. By the end of each day, the tables were littered with empty coffee cups, overflowing ashtrays, and discarded newspapers.

For Meany ’79, MA ’79, and her two classmates Martha Ann Brazier and Catherine Mongeau ’79, the Eagles Nest was also the place to persuade. There were lots of petitions on campus in 1970: That year, students were asked to support a new lounge in Lyons Hall and insti-

Women were already allowed to take electives in A&S.

So why couldn't they earn a BA from the school?

tutional recognition of the activist group Students for a Democratic Society, and to oppose a tuition hike and the Vietnam War. But the petition that the three sophomores from the School of Education had drafted had the potential to be the most consequential for the campus. It urged Boston College to admit women into the all-male College of Arts and Sciences.

Marty, as Brazier was known to her friends, brought the idea for the petition to her two classmates. Meany was eager to sign on to the campaign. Though she had been admitted to the School of Education, she was beginning to realize she didn't want to be a teacher. And she was already taking French electives in the College of Arts and Sciences. Why couldn't she simply enroll in A&S? The three friends decided to circulate the petition. They made a good team. Brazier was the outspoken activist. Her father, Gary Brazier, was a professor in BC's Political Science department and an advocate for student participation in campus politics. Cathy Mongeau, for her part, was the always-organized planner of the group. And Meany, who had been active in the student government at her coed Boston-area high school, was the storyteller. The women's goal, as she framed it, was born out of respect for the rigor of BC's liberal arts curriculum and a devotion to the school.

On the afternoon of Monday, October 19, just a few days

into the petition drive, Brazier spotted Gus Fabens in the Eagles Nest their 1963 meeting is pictured below. The young math professor was popular among students, known as an energetic lecturer but a tough grader. His signature would be a good get. At a table in the crowded snack bar, Brazier made her case. She'd already had a lot of practice. All qualified applicants should be admitted to A&S, she told anyone who would listen. Women had been admitted to the School of Nursing since its founding in 1952 and the School

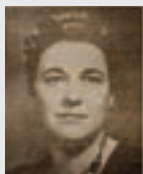


Timeline: Women at BC Through the Years



1926

Margaret McGrath (left) and Olivia C. Penell are the first women to earn degrees from Boston College.



1944

Brother Joseph (left) of the School of Social Work is named C's first female dean.

Barutler is the first female graduate of Boston College at the School.

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Engraves, Nell, and Iris Olliane, Glennon, Margaret, and Hughlin, Leah, Connell, Caroline, and Jane Sato are the first women to be admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences. Senior Jesuit officials object to the move and no other women are admitted until 1963.

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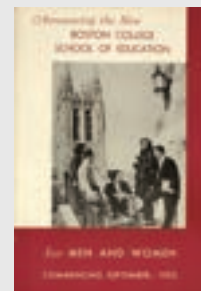
Students from teaching orders in Boston become the first women to study in Boston College.

1928

The university hires its first women faculty members: Iris Olliane, geographer; Olivia C. Penell, educational methods; and Margaret Meany, mathematician; and Josephine English.

1952

Women enroll in the School of Education, becoming the first undergraduates to study alongside men on the Chestnut Hill campus.



of Education since its start in 19 , but both offered bachelor of science degrees. Since women were already allowed to take some electives in A S, there seemed to be no reason why they shouldn't be able to earn a bachelor of arts from the school. It was unfair to limit their opportunities in that way, Brazier argued.

Fabens heard Brazier out, but declined to sign the petition. Two days later, though, he changed his mind and added his name to the 0 or so the trio had already collected. Of the students and professors who wouldn't sign the petition, however, many expressed fears that neither men nor women would thrive in coed classrooms. To counter that argument, Brazier reached back even farther in Boston College's history: In 19 , six women had graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The smiling faces of Ann Bell, Mary Driscoll, Diane Glennon, Margaret McLaughlin, Elizabeth O'Connell, and Mary Jane Skatoff stood out in the pages of the 19 *Su urri*. Though the yearbook was filled with photos of the hundreds of women who graduated from the Nursing and Education schools, these six were the only ones pictured alongside the approximately



0 men who graduated that year from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Each of the women had been selected four years earlier by the school administration to be path-breakers. The first women to enroll in the College of Arts and Sciences as undergraduates, they excelled academically in high school and had grand ambitions for a future career in the sciences.

And each of them—along with a seventh accepted student, Caroline O'Hara, who transferred to the Sorbonne after her freshman year—showed the social “adaptability” that Albert Duhamel, then the director of BC's Honors Program and in charge of recruiting the women, deemed necessary for them to pave the way and succeed in the all-male enclave.

The idea to welcome women into any of the school's liberal arts programs was raised in the fall of 19 by Boston College's new president, Michael P. Walsh, SJ. The plan was to admit women to the School of Education—but, once at BC, they would be allowed to enroll in A S via the Honors Program and be given the freedom to follow any curriculum they wished, and not be required to take education classes

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or practice teaching. From the start, Walsh's proposal was a source of controversy within the administration. Charles F. Donovan, SJ, the dean of the School of Education, worried that the policy could strip the teaching school of its most promising students. He was also concerned, as he wrote in a letter to Walsh, that the whole thing represented "a legal fiction, to cover A S going co-ed." Although Walsh didn't acknowledge it directly, this did seem to be his intent.



After six months of negotiations, a *détente* was reached, and the plan went forward. The seven women were admitted to the School of Education but were then permitted to enroll in the College of Arts and Sciences through the Honors Program.

Before the "vestal virgins"—as the group came to be known—arrived on campus in the fall of 1979, it was unclear how they would be welcomed. When news of the possibility of coeducation in A S broke in *the eighties*, in March 1979, reaction was mixed. One senior opined that "any tradition which excludes excellence is detrimental." He advocated for the inclusion of women students in the "spirit of competition" which has always been a part of the Jesuit

tradition." He was loudly countered by those who felt, as another senior put it, that "tradition is not always old-fashioned sometimes it is based on practicality." This student thought there were already enough "distractions" on campus. Then there was the sophomore who called coeducation "a dangerous move. This 'equal rights' is being pushed too far."

Indeed, for those who questioned the place of women in the traditionally male bas-

tion of academia, 1979 was an unsettling year in Boston. Just down the road, Harvard Business School—the last all-male graduate school at Harvard University—admitted four women. On BC's campus, meanwhile, Alice Bourneuf became the first tenured full professor in the College of Arts and Sciences when she joined the Economics department. And though BC's all-male cheerleading squad was resisting pressure to accept women, female cheerleaders were allowed to participate in the Boston College-Boston University Rally that fall.

Confronted with these changes, and with women students in A S classrooms, at least one professor lashed out. Elizabeth O'Connell—now Portaro—recalled the harsh

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1974

Boston College admits the first women to the College of the Sacred Heart—more than 50 female students join the university in the fall.



1981

Joanne Caruso becomes the first woman elected to the Government Council of the Graduate Government.



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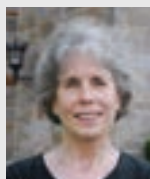
Sheila Govern joins the first female resident of the Alumni Association.



1975

For the first time the incoming freshman class includes more women than men (50 to 40).

Margaret Sherwin is appointed the first female vice president.



1983

The Women's Studies Program is established with English Professor Judith Alt as the founding director.



1989

Amie Homson becomes instrumental in founding the women's soccer and lacrosse teams. She is elected the first female resident of the Alumni Club.

reaction of her freshman-year philosophy professor. Reading the roll on the first day of class, the man was startled to see three women's names on the list. He paused and read their names aloud again. "He asked us to please stand up," Portaro remembered. "He said, 'You are daughters of Eve and don't know the difference between right and wrong, and I will not have you in my ethics class. Please take your things and leave.'" Shocked and embarrassed, the women left.

As for the AS male students, they made so little accommodation for the introduction of women into their ranks that they addressed the new arrivals as "mister," in keeping with campus tradition. In the fall of 1919, when Glennon and Margaret McLaughlin became the first women inducted into the selective Cross Crown honor society, *the eights* article announcing the news was headlined, "Men Picked for Cross Crown." Glennon was not amused. In a sarcastic correction sent to the newspaper, she wrote, "I have at last become one of the guys."

When the initial group of women AS students arrived at BC in 1919, they believed they would be just the first of many to come. They understood they were part of a pilot program, a first step toward making the College of Arts and Sciences fully coeducational. But no other women followed. Unbeknownst to them, the initia-

tive had been shuttered. The trouble had begun when coverage of the program in *the eights* in the spring of 1919 caught the eye of James E. Coleran, SJ.

Coleran, who'd attended Boston College for one year in 1911 before entering the novitiate, was then serving as the Jesuit Provincial of the New England Province, a role that gave him influence over the University. Walsh had not sought Coleran's permission for the move to admit women, which he saw as a minor tweak to a School of Education curriculum that already allowed students to take some

classes in the College of Arts and Sciences. Now Coleran wanted answers. In an exchange of letters with Walsh, Coleran demanded to know whether Boston College's plan was to go fully coeducational. Walsh confirmed that the women were meant to be trailblazers, adding that his intention had been to petition the Jesuit Order the following year to allow women to be admitted directly to the College of Arts and Sciences.

In making his case to Coleran, Walsh argued that the Catholic Church was losing talented women, especially those who wished to pursue careers in the sciences, to secular schools. Some



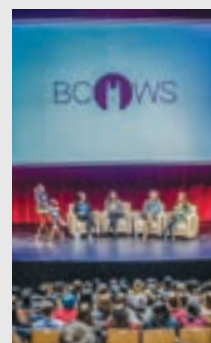
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“This anniversary is an important opportunity for reflection on what the institution was then and what it has become now.”

of these women applied to Boston College’s College of Arts and Sciences each year, despite its prohibition against them, and BC was forced to reject the promising students—and their tuition money. Moreover, Walsh wrote, the church had an obligation to educate the brightest students to challenge “Russian scientific successes.” Women could be a weapon in the Cold War.

But shortly before the start of the 1999–2000 academic year, Walsh’s appeal was rejected. “Since commitments have been made to a certain number of girls this year, you may make such provisions as you wish to carry them out,” Coleran wrote. “But no more girls should be accepted for this course and, above all, we should discreetly counteract the publicity that appeared this spring.”

And that was that until the fall of 1999, when Brazier, Meany, and Mongeau again made coeducation an issue on campus with their petition. They asked the all-male Arts and Sciences Student Senate to support a resolution in favor of coeducation, and wooed the Women’s Council of the School of Education—both voted in support of the idea. They fundraised and met with alumni on the South Shore of Massachusetts. And they campaigned to convince Arts and Sciences faculty members of the value of coeducation. English Professor Albert Duhamel, the former Honors Program director who had handpicked the first women to graduate from Arts and Sciences, was outspoken in his support. “In the four years I supervised these girls I saw no reason why their numbers could not be increased,” Duhamel told *the eights*, explaining that the pilot was “unsuccessful only to the extent it was not continued.”

An informal poll of more than 100 Arts and Sciences students found that 75 percent strongly supported coeducation at BC while only 15 percent expressed strong opposition. On December 1, 1999, the issue came up in a meeting of Arts and Sciences department heads. Coeducation had not been on the agenda, but Professor John L. Mahoney, chairman of the English department, proposed an informal vote. After the meeting, Mahoney reported to *the eights* that “a vast majority of the chairmen are also in favor of the admission of women to Arts and Sciences.”

The next day, Meany, Brazier, and Mongeau delivered their petition, signed by 1,111 people, to President Walsh. It was Walsh who’d led the 1999 effort to enroll women to Arts and Sciences, and he’d never given up on the idea. Now, with the three advocates in front of him, the president expressed

tentative support for their cause, but was neither encouraging nor optimistic about short-term change. He knew the futility of acting without the approval of the Jesuit Provincial, which experience had taught him not to take for granted. He also understood that going coed would require both time and money. Boston College was in the midst of a decade-long transformation from a commuter school that primarily served students from the Boston region to a residential one that drew students from across the country. Before women could be admitted to Arts and Sciences, Walsh told Meany, Brazier, and Mongeau, the school would need to construct women’s dormitories, an undertaking he believed would take four years or more.

Brazier pledged to fundraise for the buildings—she hoped that Rose and Jacqueline Kennedy, with their strong ties to the Boston Irish Catholic community, might donate—but bit by bit, the objections began to weigh on the young women. They continued to advocate for coeducation, even winning an audience with the Archbishop of Boston, but their belief that they could force the change began to waver. “That is interesting, young ladies,” Meany recalled hearing over and over, “but why are you talking to us about something that’s probably not going to happen?” On campus, meanwhile, a backlash to coeducation began to emerge. There were those who argued that men were better alumni donors than women. Others suggested that the school should instead establish a separate college of liberal arts for women. And some wondered if admitting more





women would mean accepting fewer men—a particularly fraught discussion in the midst of the Vietnam War, when a college admission meant a draft deferral.

Facing these headwinds as their sophomore year wound down, Meany, Brazier, and Mongeau decided to abandon the movement. “It was not going to happen,” Meany said recently. “We had done the most we could do at that particular point in time.”

The *trio of sophomores* may have at last been worn down by the resistance to change, but their efforts in 1968 and 1969 had made more of a difference than they’d realized. They thought they’d failed but their slow progress started accelerating quickly as the decade drew to a close.

By the fall of 1969, some women who’d been admitted to the School of Education were allowed to enroll in the College of Arts and Sciences through the Honors Program, as the first six A.S. alumnae had been in 1969. By that time, President W. Seavey Joyce, SJ, had taken over from Walsh, and in announcing this revived program—which coincided with a change in governance at the school that gave laypeople more of a voice—the administration was careful to say that it was not a precursor to full coeducation. But many saw it as such. There was little surprise, then, when the University Academic Senate voted in March 1969 to admit women to all colleges starting in the fall of 1970. The news merited three sentences in the next issue of *the eights*, under the headline “*es on Girls.*”

It was only a few short months after Meany, Brazier, and Mongeau left BC that Arthur J. Doyle’s letter welcomed Deborah Imri as the “first coed admitted to our School of Arts and Sciences.” Those who’d come before her were enrolled “under special circumstances,” he wrote. “In your case the circumstances are not special, you are.” When the Class of 1970—BC’s first that was fully coeducational—arrived on campus in the fall of 1970, the question of whether women belonged in A.S. was a forgotten one. There were other things to debate. The Vietnam War, civil rights, and tuition increases dominated discussions in the Eagles Nest. By the time the class graduated, another major development was in motion. In March 1970, Boston College announced the acquisition of the all-

women Newton College of the Sacred Heart. That fall, the college’s 900 students joined the BC student body. Women undergraduates suddenly outnumbered men undergraduates, 1,019 to 919, as they do to this day.

In the fifty years since then, women have thrived at Boston College. By 2000, in fact, the University’s living alumni base had become majority female. “This anniversary is an important opportunity for reflection on what the institution was then and what it has become now,” said McGillicuddy, the BC trustee, herself a 1961 graduate of Newton College of the Sacred Heart. “It started fifty years ago, but it’s not finished yet—it’s a work in progress.”

From a distance of more than five decades, Virginia Meany looked back with pride on the part that she and her friends played in that progress. Catherine Mongeau Kelly and Martha-Ann Brazier, who went by Annie Luther later in her life, have both passed away. “We had something to say and wanted to fight for it,” Meany recalled. Even when the women decided to end the campaign, she said, they were proud of the fact they had made coeducation such an issue that the school had to respond.

Meany returned to Boston College’s Carroll School of Management to earn her MBA, and built a successful career in finance. When she finally retired a couple of years ago, her children unearthed the old articles from *the eights* about the petition effort. “They looked at them and said, ‘Wow, you did that!’” ■

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FICTIONAL EAGLES

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EVERYBODY, IT SEEMS, WANTS TO GO TO BOSTON COLLEGE. For proof, consider the staggering 9, applications that the University received for the Class of 2020, the most ever submitted for a class. Or, just look at Hollywood. BC “alumni” are central characters in an array of television and movie productions. Some are spies or broken-down attorneys seeking redemption, while others are resistance leaders in the struggle against alien invaders or basketball coaches working to improve the lives of their players. Whoever they may be, what many of these fictional characters share is a call to service and a concern for their fellow humans that rings authentically BC. In the pages ahead, we profile some of our favorite fictional graduates of Boston College. Share yours with us at bcm@bc.edu and we’ll publish the best responses in an upcoming issue.



Ken Reeves *The White Shadow*

Ken Reeves is a former star forward for the Boston College basketball team who has gone on to play in the NBA for the Chicago Bulls. But when a knee injury ends his career, Reeves passes on the glamorous post-retirement opportunities available to pro athletes and instead becomes the basketball coach at a Los Angeles high school where his former BC teammate is the principal. Such is the setup for the influential CBS drama *The White Shadow*, which ran for just three seasons, from 1977 to 1980, but is remembered decades later for being among the first network series to address issues such as race, poverty, inequality, and sexual identity.

Reeves, portrayed by the actor Ken Howard—who played college ball himself at Amherst College—takes over as coach at the fictional Carver High School, only to discover that his players, most of them of

color and poor, have little trust in a privileged, white former professional athlete. But Reeves is a wildcard. Suspicious of authority himself, he is able to find common ground with the players. Sometimes that means providing the kind of guidance and mentorship we expect in television dramas. But sometimes it means something more surprising, such as protecting his players' dignity and humanity in a harsh world. In one memorable scene, a Carver player working an afterschool job as a grocery bagger is excoriated by a manager for putting a customer's produce at the bottom of a bag instead of the top. After first demonstrating that the groceries were actually bagged correctly, Coach Reeves throws the bag at the manager. When the bully fails to catch it, stumbling in the process, Reeves cocks an eyebrow and observes, "You got bad hands and your legs are going."

Reeves's recruitment as coach begins when Carver High Principal Jim Willis—played in the pilot by the actor Jason

Howard—takes over as coach at Carver High School, only to discover that his players, most of them of color and poor, have little trust in a privileged, white former professional athlete.

Ed Bernard and in the series by Ed Bernard finds him shooting practice hoops in the United Center, home to the Bulls. Willis has sought out Reeves because he knows his former BC teammate's NBA career is fading. Willis tells Reeves that he's "over the hill," and then makes his pitch for him to take the job at Carver.

"How much does it pay?" Reeves asks.

"Less," responds Willis.

"Less than what?"

"Less than you can live on."

"That," Reeves responds with a smile, "makes it irresistible."

Reeves takes the job, of course, leading



his sister to question the decision not to pursue a TV gig like every other washed-up baller. But Reeves, like so many BC grads, is drawn to an opportunity for service, in this instance coaching for almost nothing at an underperforming high school. As is so often the case, however, there is a turbulent transition period for the coach. He ruffles feathers in his first week, especially after putting his hands on a rebellious player named Hayward. An outraged school official complains to Principal Willis about the new coach: “He’s cocky, sarcastic, and he doesn’t know a damn thing about education.”

“You’re right, on all three counts,” Willis replies.

“Then why did you hire him?”

“He’s the right man for the job.”

As the show grew in popularity, BC was so taken with Reeves’s character and his connection with the University that, in 1990, it hosted a “White Shadow Day” and brought in Howard for the occasion. Reeves, a fictional character, may not have been an actual BC alum, but according to the broadcasting legend Lesley Visser, who emceed the celebration, the man who played him embodied Boston College. “When Howard fulfilled all the requirements,” Visser says. “BC’s academic, he was smart. We have a tradition of athletics, he was a great basketball player. A lot of the time, you see an actor try to speak the language of sports and it doesn’t work, but it was very natural for him.”

During the show’s finale, aired in 1991, Reeves checks in with some of his former players, who have since entered adult life. Hayward is in college and considering law school, while another player has since found his niche answering phones at a suicide-prevention center. But a pall is cast over the Carver alumni game as Reeves and the players are reminded of an absent and beloved former teammate who was recently killed by a stray bullet—an innocent bystander to a robbery. “He was just in the wrong place, at the wrong time,” the vice principal tells Reeves.

“Sometimes,” Reeves offers in a rare moment of sentimentality, “I forget how much I like doing this job. I forget that we really are accomplishing something here.”



Joe Hackett *Wings*

ACTOR: TIM DALY

Hackett, the owner of the one plane antucket airline and piper Air, pledged a fraternit at Boston College, and remains so crazy for BC sports that he leaves his heavily medicated girlfriend home alone after oral surgery so that he can catch the basket game against Providence College.



Tobias Fünke *Arrested Development*

ACTOR: DAVID CROSS

Even the internet arrested development fanatics will be forgiven for not knowing that Fünke attended BC. prone to making uncomfortable Freudian remarks, the psychiatrist turned struggling actor revealed his alma mater during a scene that was cut from the show’s pilot.



Harvey Kinkle *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*

ACTOR: NATE RICHERT

The All American boy, Harvey is Sabrina’s first love. After graduating from high school, he attends Boston College as a member of the hockey team, joining Sabrina’s other flame and fellow magical being, Derek Arlo. In one episode, Sabrina procures a pair of charmed skates from the god Mercury in order to help Harvey keep his place on the team.



Jason and Maggie Seaver *Growing Pains*

ACTORS: ALAN THICKE
AND JOANNA KERNS

Jason, a psychiatrist, and Maggie, a journalist, are a married couple who first met while attending BC. The couple now live on an island, where they are raising four children.



Frank Galvin *The Verdict*

“The weak,” exclaims Frank Galvin in the 1982 film *The Verdict*, “the weak have got to have somebody to fight for them.” He may not seem the obvious choice, but that somebody turns out to be Galvin

himself, an alcoholic lawyer played by Paul Newman who graduated second-in-his-class from BC Law, but now practices on the fringes. He’s the kind of down-on-his-luck ambulance chaser who searches the obituary pages for aggrieved widows to whom he can pass his business card at wakes. But when Galvin is handed a case by powerful interests who want a quick—and unjust—settlement, he instead finds

himself with an opportunity for redemption. Appearances notwithstanding, Galvin embodies the distinctly BC blend of determination, faith, and service.

Galvin, it turns out, had much in common with the writer who created him, the renowned medical malpractice attorney and novelist Barry Reed. In the course of his career, Reed, who graduated from BC Law in 1957, won the Clarence Darrow Award for trial excellence and held leadership positions with the American Society of Law and Medicine and the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Lawyers. Less known was his work representing the poor. “He did a lot of little things and never looked to get any credit or acclaim,” Joseph Mulligan, Reed’s former law partner, told the *New York Times*. “For the small cases he just wouldn’t take a fee.”

When Reed, who died in 2000, wasn’t practicing law he was writing novels. *The Verdict*, published in 1966, was just one of several books he authored. Boston College figures prominently in its film adaptation, which was nominated for five Academy Awards. Galvin keeps his BC diplomas on his office wall, and his ruby-and-gold class ring—the glimmer of an old promise—functions as a moral north star in moments of doubt. But more than anything, it’s the spirit of Boston College that runs through *The Verdict*. “If we would have faith in justice,” Galvin declares to the jury, “we need only to believe in ourselves, and act with justice.”



Jack Noah *Moon Over Parador* ACTOR: RICHARD DREYFUSS

Calum Noah is a movie actor filming in the fictional South American country of Parador. A civil war ensues when he is drafted into the army, forming a liaison with the resistance or the country’s rebels. He eventually becomes a leader.



Tom Mason *Falling Skies* ACTOR: NOAH WYLE

Mason, a BC graduate who is now the leader of the underground Massachusetts militia movement, uses his knowledge of American military history to lead a resistance against the alien invaders who have devastated human civilization. He is eventually elected president of the new United States.



Jack Ryan *Various Productions*

Jack Ryan always wanted to be a government agent. And the surest way to do it, he says time and again, was to get a degree from Boston College.

Ryan, the protagonist in a series of wildly popular spy thrillers by the acclaimed author Tom Clancy, is a basically regular guy who uses a methodical brain and the rigors of a Jesuit education to succeed in, among other places, the Marine Corps, Wall Street, and Washington. It's a life he leads ably but reluctantly—Ryan

often reflects, for instance, on his wife and children, and his regret at being absent from their lives due to his work. Many of the books open with a happily desk-bound Ryan being sucked back into the world of informants, assassins, and corrupt foreign leaders that he has previously forsworn.

Clancy's sophisticated novels spawned a media empire, with Ryan being portrayed by such leading men as Alec Baldwin (*The Hunt for Red October*, 1990), Harrison Ford (*Patriot Games* and *Lear and Resentment*, 1997 and 1999), Ben Affleck (*The Sum of All Parts*, 2000), Chris Pine (*Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit*, 2011), and, most recently, John Krasinski (*The Amazon Prime series Jack Ryan*, 2018) present.

Ryan's biography along with the actor playing him can change from one work to the next, but one constant is his identification with BC. Listening in frustration to a colleague exercising a faulty "circular" reasoning, Ryan muses that the logic course at BC was "probably an elective." At Boston College, he notes, "it had been mandatory." And in *Red October*, when Ryan and a colleague are comparing notes on their BC education, the colleague notes, we "Jesuit products run the world—we're just humble about it."

More one for action than words, Ryan agrees quietly, voicing his assent by sending Jack Ryan Jr., his son, to study at Chestnut Hill.



Sean Daley
The Last Templar
ACTOR: SCOTT FOLEY

When Daley, who became an BA after graduating from BC, gives up several vices—coffee, swearing, chocolate, and carbon emissions for Lent, another character expresses surprise at his deep commitment. With a name like Sean Daley, he responds, it's practically genetic.



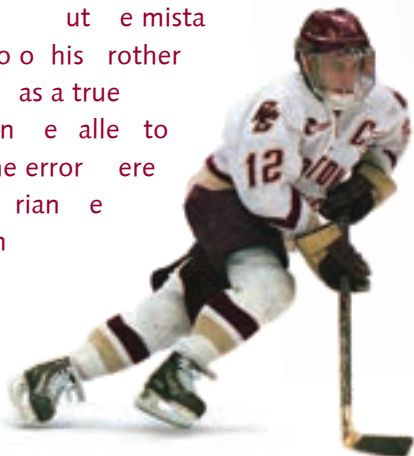
Kat Neely
Being Human
ACTOR: DEANNA RUSSO

Neely, a history candidate in early American history at BC, writes a thesis on the role for Lewin and recession at the Hartford Convention, reaks up with Aidan, one of the series protagonists, after discovering that he is a vampire.

WHO *SHOULD* HAVE MADE OUR LIST OF BC'S 25 GREATEST ATHLETES? YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED



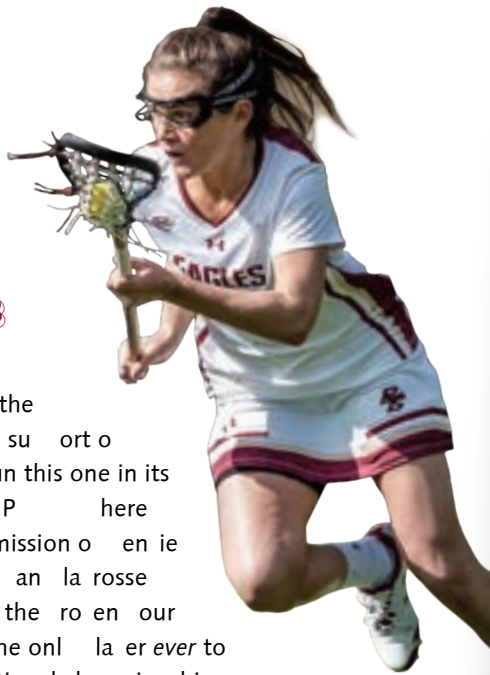
In the inter-annual issue we assembled a panel of experts to select the greatest athletes in Boston College history. We received thousands of letters in response and the list was the subject of countless social media posts and even a contest of the sports radio community. We here we got it right and just as often here we missed the mark in the ages ahead. We regret the overlooking of athletes (and one coach) who received the most support in our comments. First though we like to apologize to the Coach of great Brian Gionta. We made our list of great athletes but we missed Gionta. We ran a photo of his brother Stephen Gionta as a true gentleman. When we called to apologize for the error here is the photo of Brian Gionta who should have run.



KENZIE KENT '18

LACROSSE & HOCKEY

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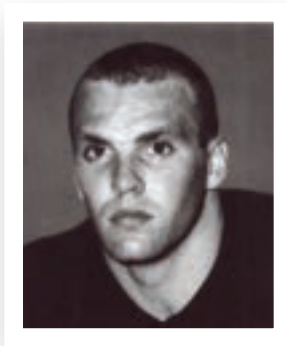
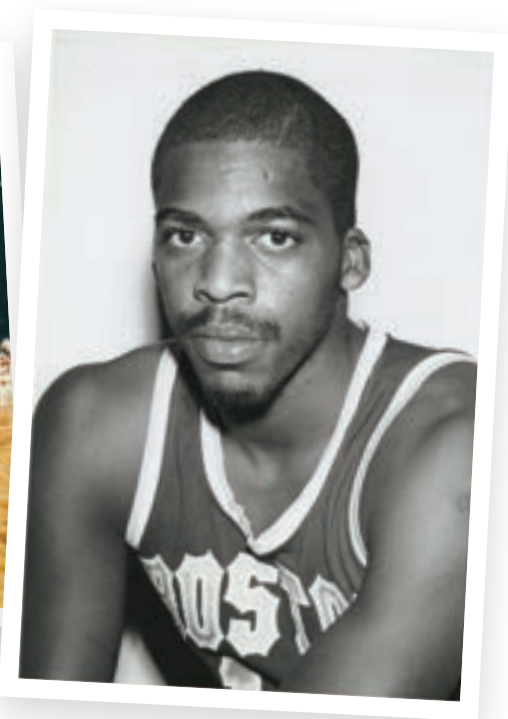
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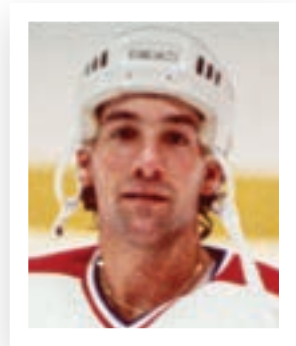
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FOOTBALL & HOCKEY

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ART DONOVAN '50
FOOTBALL

You must include Art Donovan Steve Groot told us he is arguably the number one man other than Ross for all of our readers to have (Donovan a lineman as selected for our list of athletes who must miss the top 10).



RED MARTIN '61
HOCKEY

Sixteen years after graduation Red Martin remains as beloved as ever and you wrote to remind us of his top 10 Meridian selections his team of Pantheon course his legendary stamina in the ever-coming of the ice in the 1960s in the opinion of the best defenseman that has ever played at Colorado College. In 1961, he was named to the team as Jim Nelson, the retired athlete, retired at the University of Colorado and was a starter on the base ball team that made the College World Series in 1961.



AMBER JACOBS '04
BASKETBALL

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A poem by retired BC English professor Paul Doherty

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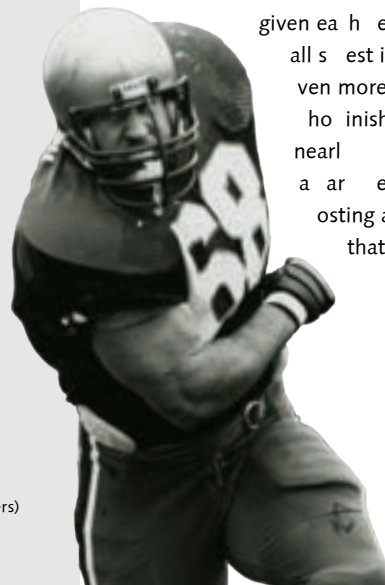
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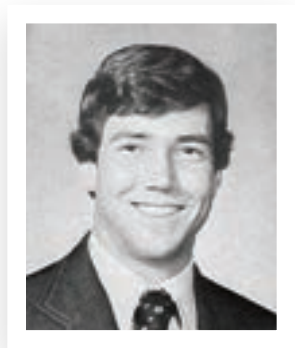
When you hear from readers who felt that sailing coach Greg Wilkinson should have been inducted on our list of CSC's greatest coaches, you know you're right. Wilkinson has won 10 national championships while at the helm of the Georgetown sailing team. He has coached the team to a national championship in the 1980s and a national championship in the 1990s. Wilkinson has coached the team to a national championship in the 1980s and a national championship in the 1990s. Wilkinson has coached the team to a national championship in the 1980s and a national championship in the 1990s.



SARAH BEHN '93

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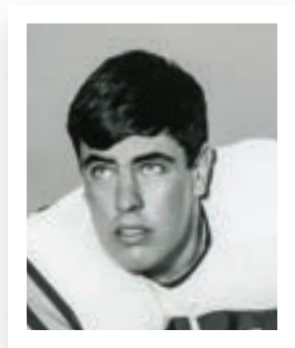
Sarah Behn is a former Georgetown basketball player who played for the Hoyas from 1989 to 1993. She was a member of the 1992-93 national championship team. Behn was a four-year letterwinner and a member of the Georgetown Hall of Fame. She was also a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame. Behn was a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame.



REV. KEVIN MACDONALD '78

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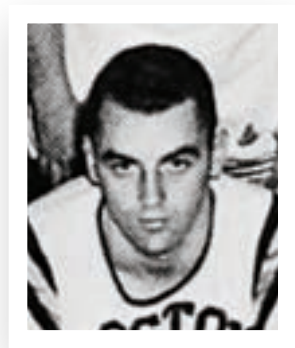
Rev. Kevin MacDonald is a former Georgetown baseball player who played for the Hoyas from 1974 to 1978. He was a member of the 1977-78 national championship team. MacDonald was a four-year letterwinner and a member of the Georgetown Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame. MacDonald was a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame.



JOHN FITZGERALD '70

FOOTBALL

John Fitzgerald is a former Georgetown football player who played for the Hoyas from 1966 to 1970. He was a member of the 1969 national championship team. Fitzgerald was a four-year letterwinner and a member of the Georgetown Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame. Fitzgerald was a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame.



GERRY WARD '63

BASKETBALL

Gerry Ward is a former Georgetown basketball player who played for the Hoyas from 1959 to 1963. He was a member of the 1961-62 national championship team. Ward was a four-year letterwinner and a member of the Georgetown Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame. Ward was a member of the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame.



BOTTOMS UP

How three BC students founded the liquor-delivery app Drizly...and sold it for \$1.1 Billion.

BY DANIEL MCGINN '93 • ILLUSTRATIONS BY DOUG JONES

Think back to the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic—a time when grocery shopping suddenly felt perilous. Millions of Americans became first-time users of the grocery-delivery services offered by Instacart, Peapod, Amazon Fresh, Whole Foods, and others. But even after securing a coveted delivery slot and solving the perennial problem of “What’s for dinner?” you soon encountered a new problem: How do I get wine to go with it?

As many discovered, there’s an app for that, too. It’s called Drizly. With a few clicks, your beverage of choice—beer, wine, or liquor—can be at your door, often in less than an hour. Drizly, as it happens, was founded in a Boston College dorm room. It’s been in business since 2019, but its orders soared to ten times the normal volume during

the pandemic. And even as COVID-19 restrictions have eased, many observers of retail trends believe Americans’ embrace of the let’s-just-get-it-delivered lifestyle is here to stay—which explains Uber’s decision to pay \$1.1 billion to acquire Drizly in early 2021, making it the highest-valued company to ever launch from the Boston College campus.

The epiphany that led to Drizly's founding occurred in Ignacio Hall, late on the evening of March 1, 2011. Nick Rellas '11 was a finance major who'd attended the Belmont Hill School and studied commercial photography before enrolling at BC. He'd just finished an internship at a local coffee roaster. Nearly everything that happened at that company was governed by strict food regulations, and Rellas had long discussions with his boss about how regulations create hurdles, but also opportunity. Rellas wasn't much of a drinker, but as he thought about his daily life—which had come to include frequent rides via the Uber app—he began to wonder why getting a six-pack of beer still required an old-fashioned trip to Chansky's Market. He texted Justin Robinson '11, a close friend: "Why can't you get alcohol delivered like an Uber?" Robinson replied: "Because it's illegal."

Rellas knew that Massachusetts had some of the country's strictest liquor laws, but he couldn't escape the feeling that there was an opening for a new kind of business. Well past midnight, Googling deep into the commonwealth's liquor statutes, he began using the "Find" function to search on the word "delivery." By the time he went to sleep around 11 p.m., Rellas had begun to see a way through the regulatory thicket.

He eventually envisioned a business model in which an app became a high-tech middleman between liquor stores and consumers. The stores, which held the liquor licenses, would provide the inventory, sell the booze, and use their employees to make the deliveries—the app would simply route customer orders to the stores. Since many liquor stores already took orders by phone or fax and made their own deliveries, it seemed to Rellas that, legally, taking orders from an app shouldn't be any different. When he consulted a Boston attorney with expertise in liquor regulations, the lawyer agreed.

What began to emerge was a plan for Drizly to charge liquor stores a monthly fee for the right to be the app's partner in a defined territory. But as Rellas and Robinson toyed with the idea, they identified one significant hurdle: neither of them knew anything about coding or building an app. So Robinson reached out to Spencer Frazier '11, whom he'd met during a campus VC-pitch competition. By 2011, Frazier had already graduated from BC and was pursuing a master's degree in computer science at the University of Southern California. After several discussions about the new company, Frazier agreed to

move East after graduation to begin work on the project they'd decided to call Drizly.

The founders called their families to explain the idea, and raise a small amount of money to get the company off the ground. Frazier began working on the technology in the summer of 2011. This required not just the app that consumers would load onto their phones, but also systems that stores would use to take orders and that drivers would use to make deliveries. Frazier integrated the whole system with software that scanned IDs to ensure the customer receiving the delivery was of legal drinking age. "What a lot of people might forget in today's age of advanced mobile applications," Frazier said, "is that back when Drizly was founded, Uber itself had only been around a couple of years. There weren't a lot of examples to go off of." Frazier worked quickly: By early November, Drizly had registered with Apple's App Store.

Robinson, meanwhile, was charged with business development. He visited scores of Boston-area liquor stores asking them to partner with the soon-to-launch app. Everyone said no. Undaunted, the company bought a booth at a liquor-industry trade show that October in Boston. At the show, the founders met a small family-owned chain in the Boston area called Gordon's Fine Wines and Liquors. A few months later Gordon's signed on as the new company's first partner. Rellas began spending long days at Gordon's learning the liquor retailing trade.

On February 1, 2012, the Drizly app went live and nothing happened. Since there'd been no publicity, there were no orders. Rellas began asking friends to make small purchases. "We wanted to make it look like the model was working, which it wasn't," he recalled.

Then, suddenly, the solitude ended. Carroll School of Management Professor John Gallagher, who'd been mentoring the Drizly founders, introduced them to a reporter at BostonInno, a news site that covers the Boston entrepreneurial scene. Soon afterward, the first article about Drizly appeared online. The next day they started getting orders from people who weren't their friends—the first sign that customers might truly want what the company was selling. It was a turning point.

The company was so new it didn't have offices. Instead, the founders worked from apartments and coffee shops. "We had a dining room, and that was Nick's conference room," said Dylan O'Leary '11, Rellas's roommate both at BC and in a postgrad Strathmore Road apartment where he placed some of Drizly's first orders himself.



Photo courtesy of Justin Robinson and Cory Rellas. Senior reporter photograph in

the founders decided to expand beyond Boston and begin operations in New York City. Instead of just launching and hoping state authorities wouldn't object, as Drizly had done in Boston, in New York the company applied for a declarative judgment from the state Liquor Authority—effectively asking the state to bless its business model. When it did so, the company received not just access to a massive new market, but also a boost to its credibility in the venture

He recalled a scene reminiscent of the HBO sitcom *Silicon alley*: “Everyone was sitting at the table at their laptops,” working on the nascent app. “I remember thinking, ‘We’ll see how far this goes.’”

In fact, Drizly was showing momentum.

Robinson, who was still energetically pitching Boston liquor stores, recalled visiting the surly owner of McCarthy’s Liquors in Charlestown. Standing in the cooler while the owner stacked Bud Light cases, Robinson delivered his spiel. “I do my own deliveries, I don’t need you or your app—good luck,” the owner said. A year later, Robinson saw a Charlestown number on his caller ID. It was the McCarthy’s owner calling him. He’d noticed his longtime delivery customers defecting to the app. “I guess I gotta get on Drizly,” the owner said.

Even with its growing customer base, by the end of 2011 Drizly found itself in the place a lot of young startups do: with some traction but not enough funds to make the next leap. With the money raised from friends and family dwindling, Rellas began pitching venture capitalists for investment. It wasn’t going well. When Drizly could no longer pay him a salary, Frazier stepped down as chief technical officer. “Continuing on for my Ph.D. was the way I needed to go,” he said.

To help the inexperienced founders, Rellas reached out to a cousin. Cory Rellas was a Notre Dame alum who’d been working at the Boston-based private equity firm Bain Capital and had provided some early funding to Drizly. Cory agreed to join as chief operating officer. Meanwhile,

capital community. Just after the New Year, Drizly raised \$1 million in a seed round of funding. With cash on hand, Robinson hired Drizly’s first real employees.

Over the next few years, the company fine-tuned its pitch to liquor stores. It expanded into Los Angeles, Chicago, and Denver, becoming adept at “onboarding” new stores to its system. By 2011, however, Rellas and Robinson had recognized a big flaw in their business model. People were downloading the app, browsing the inventory, and even adding items to their checkout cart—but many stopped short of completing a purchase. Drizly commissioned research, which revealed customers were dissatisfied with the limited product selection and fixed pricing. This stemmed from the company’s business model: Because it was selling liquor stores exclusive territories, customers saw only the inventory and prices from the store with rights to their area.

As Americans became accustomed to buying more products online—and to the wide selections available at sites such as Amazon, where third-party sellers compete with each other—Drizly’s limitations were evident. So the company scrapped its original business plan of selling exclusive territories, and instead shifted to a “platform” model, in which liquor stores would pay a monthly fee to be on the Drizly app, but would compete alongside other retailers, giving customers more choices and a range of prices. Conversion and retention rates soared. Although several other liquor-delivery apps had popped up by then, Drizly was growing more quickly than competitors—and the shift in its business model widened the gap. “That gave Drizly the lead, and we never relinquished it,” Rellas said.

Drizly is undoubtedly a Boston College

success story, but in some ways it was an exception to the rule at BC when the company was launched in 2011. “The startup scene at BC was very small back then,” Robinson said. “There were maybe five or ten people in the whole school who were trying to start companies.” Rellas recalls friends looking at him oddly when he talked about his plans to launch his own company. “The rest of my classmates were going to Wall Street,” Rellas said. “That wasn’t the track I wanted to go down, and I was trying to come up with a way not to.”

Compared with students at Harvard, MIT, or Babson, BC undergrads have historically had a reputation for being less interested in entrepreneurial opportunities. Students and faculty describe an undergraduate culture that was focused on less-risky, more-linear career paths at established, recognizable companies. Some attributed it to BC’s lack of an engineering school, which limited the number of students with the technical skills necessary to start a 21st-century startup. That should begin to change in the fall of 2021, when BC launches its Human-Centered Engineering program. Particularly among those majoring in finance—for many years one of the University’s most popular disciplines—Wall Street tended to be the de facto aspiration.

During the early 2000s, John Gallagher acted as a kind of one-man champion for entrepreneurship at BC. After graduating from CSOM in 1997, and joining BC’s faculty in 1999, “I’d spent the first part of my career here cultivating contacts in the entrepreneurship, venture, and press communities, and linking this with what I did in the classroom,” Gallagher said. In 2000, he founded BC’s TechTrek, which takes students on organized tours of startups in Silicon Valley and elsewhere. And he has routinely set up campus talks by BC alumni who have founded companies, including Jebbit, Streak Media, SyncOnSet, and WePay. Rellas said that without Gallagher’s mentorship, Drizly wouldn’t have survived its early years.

By 2011, however, CSOM Dean Andrew Boynton had decided to institutionalize and broaden the School’s entrepreneurial activities. That year, the School launched the Edmund H. Shea Jr. Center for Entrepreneurship. Boynton hired Jere Doyle ’03, a serial entrepreneur who had been lecturing at BC, as the center’s founding executive director. Doyle concedes that BC had a history of looking askance at entrepreneurship. “Traditionally BC students have taken the safer road: bigger companies in consulting and investment banking,” he said. “When I started a company

right out of school, most of my classmates believed that I couldn’t get a job—they looked at me like I was a failure.”

That’s changing, though. Gen Z is recognizing that startups can offer interesting work and a path to potential riches without the lengthy, pay-your-dues grind of Wall Street. At BC, the Shea Center is helping to drive the change. Each year it hosts a collection of startup competitions and runs an accelerator program that culminates in students pitching their ideas to real-world VCs. CSOM faculty now offer a co-concentration in Entrepreneurship and more than a dozen courses on the subject. During the 2019–2020 academic year, 1,000 students—half of them from the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences—participated in at least one Shea event, up from 1,000 two years earlier. “We’re not trying to start companies at the Shea Center,” Doyle said. “Our mission is to teach students what it’s like to be an entrepreneur, to take risks, to get outside their comfort zone, to try something.” Nonetheless, each year more students are flocking to the University’s Startup Entrepreneurship Career Fair to explore jobs with smaller firms. “Entrepreneurship has really taken its place as a full-fledged postgraduate outcome for students,” said Joseph Du Pont, BC’s associate vice president of career services.

For Nick Rellas, who’d come up with the idea for Drizly, the entrepreneurial journey came to an abrupt end in August 2011, when he ceded the CEO role to his cousin Cory and exited the company. The three founders are circumspect about his departure. “I just can’t talk about it,” Rellas said. When asked if he’d signed a non-disclosure agreement, he declined to comment.

Walt Doyle, an early Drizly investor who served as executive chairman and a close mentor to Rellas, described the transition as an ordinary part of the startup life cycle, with the brilliant founder giving way to a more experienced leader as the company scales. “Nick is a promoter by birth who can tell a story and excite a room, and that’s a God-given talent,” Doyle said. “His creative instincts and energy really drove the company to become a company. But at a later stage, you need a different skill set.”

Looking back, Rellas speaks with humility about the challenges he faced as an inexperienced founder. “I came up with an idea in a dorm room, so I was young and ignorant. I’d never had a boss. I didn’t learn what it was like to manage people, to build a culture to demonstrate real leadership,” he said. “I was someone in his mid-twenties

As Rellas thought about his life, which had come to include frequent rides via Uber, he began to wonder why getting a six-pack of beer still required an old-fashioned trip to Chansky’s Market.

who was trying to run very fast at a big opportunity. I learned by making mistakes, and those mistakes were really hard. But I can't fault 30-year-old Nick for the things he didn't know how to do."

From 2011 until early 2020, Cory Rellas, Justin Robinson, and several dozen Drizly employees kept the company growing steadily. Then, in March of 2020, everything changed. As COVID-19 forced Americans to stay at home, orders began pouring in. "The pandemic was catalytic—it probably put us two or three years ahead of plan," Robinson said. And Drizly wasn't the only beneficiary. Delivery was suddenly a hot business model: In December 2020, DoorDash went public, and within a week its market capitalization hit \$1 billion. Amid the frenzy, potential acquirers began looking at Drizly.

For Frazier and Rellas, who'd left the company and were no longer privy to its day-to-day workings, the first inkling that something was up arrived on the morning of February 1, 2021, via text message.

The first one Frazier saw said: "OMG Drizly."

Rellas, living in Los Angeles and three hours behind, awoke to a screen full of missives. "A billion dollars is a lot of zeros," said one.

Uber had just announced it would pay \$1.1 billion to acquire Drizly in an all-stock deal, adding the brand to its growing collection of delivery services such as Uber Eats and Postmates. The deal provided a nice payoff for the founders' sweat and toil: Although none of the three would discuss their personal finances, two sources estimated that each founder would receive Uber stock worth more than \$10 million.

For Uber investors, the looming question is whether Americans' embrace of getting everything—including liquor delivered—will outlast the pandemic. The founders, who believe it will, offered variations of the same thesis: The pandemic raised awareness and led more people to try Drizly, and a substantial chunk of them will keep on ordering, the way consumers who've grown accustomed to the convenience of getting household staples delivered from Amazon will continue to do so. Some industry observers said that logic is sound. "A lot of people didn't know you could buy alcohol online, they learned that during the pandemic," said Kyle Swartz, editor of *average dynamics*, who has followed Drizly for five years. "Why would you stop having it delivered to your door when it's so much more convenient?"

As for what lies ahead for the three founders, as of late



April 2021, with the Uber deal not yet officially closed, none of them could say for sure.

Robinson was still part of the leadership team at Drizly. But he was considering leaving to oversee Lantern, a cannabis-delivery app Drizly launched in 2020 that is being spun out as part of the Uber deal. "We're still in the throes of figuring that out," he said.

Frazier, studying remotely in Somerville, Massachusetts, was working on a dissertation for his Ph.D. in computer science from Georgia Tech. His area of focus: human-centered artificial intelligence and value-aligned interactive machine learning. Asked

if he's also working on potential new companies, Frazier paused. "Nothing public," he said.

After leaving Drizly, Rellas traveled the world with his camera. By late 2019, he'd settled in California, where he spent the pandemic restoring old cars, taking photographs, and working on what he calls "the next big thing in beverages." His LinkedIn profile currently lists him as the cofounder of a company called East of Eden. What's that? "No comment," Rellas said.

The founders' personal relationships remain complicated. Frazier stopped speaking with the others after his 2021 exit and only reinitiated contact with Robinson in 2021. Rellas hasn't spoken with Frazier since 2021 or Robinson since 2021. "We will be friendly at some point, just not right now," Robinson said. Rellas's take: "Life is long. I'm proud of what we accomplished together."

Acrimony like this isn't unusual. Founders are often pushed aside as startups grow; hard feelings and disputes over who deserves credit are common. Unlike some broken-up founding teams, however, when the Drizly guys recount their story, they speak respectfully about each other.

Robinson occasionally speaks at the Shea Center, and when he does, he urges undergrads to emulate what he, Rellas, and Frazier did by considering alternatives to the traditional, blue-chip career path. "I love BC, but we know how conservative it can be," Robinson said. "The lesson of our story is that if you're in the position to take a risk, take it early in your career. If you're graduating, 20 or 25 years old, and you have a chance to go full-time into your own company, you should do it. If it doesn't work out, the BC community will be there to pick you up afterward."

And if it does work out, Robinson can suggest a way to order a chilled, celebratory bottle of Champagne. ■

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A LOOK AT THE

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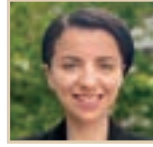
Boston College's LGBTQ+ Alumni Council, the Alumni Association's newest affinity group, hit the ground running in its first year, hosting three virtual events for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer Eagles and their allies. Built from the roots of a network of LGBTQ+ alumni who'd organized outside the University for decades, the Council seeks to create an active and inclusive community for LGBTQ+ alumni and allies, as well as to be a resource for the University.

"LGBTQ+ alumni are eager to have an outlet to connect with each other and to support students," says Laura DelloStritto '13, co-chair of the Council. "I couldn't have imagined as an undergrad that we'd have this group recognized by the University. It's been exciting to see."

Co-chair Matt Putorti '06 acknowledges that BC's LGBTQ+ alumni had varying experiences at the Heights: "Some were out at BC, others were not; some felt welcomed and others did not. The Council is a way for us to support and affirm our connections to each other and to help make BC a better place for LGBTQ+ people."

Plans are already underway for another busy year. To learn more about new events and get involved, visit bc.edu/lgbtqalumni.

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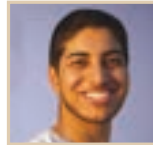


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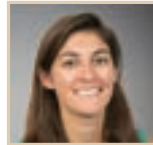
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The Executive Committee intentionally seeks to represent the diversity in age, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender identity among the LGBTQ+ community.

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1951

On September 23, 2020, **John Gunn** sadly lost his very best friend of 59 years when his wife, Barbara, passed away. He writes: "We met at the FBI laboratory. She was a tech in the document section, and I was an SA examiner in the chemistry and toxicology section. We were blessed with 3 girls and 3 boys, 12 grandkids, and a great-granddaughter." • Eileen Fiascone Sunseri '85 reports the passing of her father, **Arnold Fiascone**, in January. He leaves his wife, Agnes; 5 children; 12 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Eileen writes: "Dad was always a proud graduate and was able to see 4 of his 5 children and 3 of his 12 grandchildren attend and graduate from BC, too. We will miss him every day."

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1952

Richard Tobin writes: "After graduating from BC in 1952, almost 70 years ago, I have no great achievements, adventures, or other noteworthy events to report. My wife, Ann, and I have lived comfortably in Orleans for over 25 years now after having lived in New Jersey for 40 years. We enjoy the semi-rural atmosphere 10 months of the year, a vibrant Roman Catholic parish, and a community of seniors living out retirement. I have followed BC athletics quite closely since graduation while feeling a bit of distance from the current academic atmosphere of the University. How different life at BC is now compared to 1952, and it is difficult to explain to anyone what it was like in 1952. However, congratulations to BC for growing into what it is, a leading university in the USA."

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1953

John Cheney, a Korean War veteran, is presently attending UMass Boston under the OLLI program for seniors, which is being offered online while the campus is closed. He has taken classes in opera, English poetry, storytelling, Shakespeare, and writing poetry (and some of his poems were published). He is active in his local community, including in the friends of his local library, the Cultural Council, and Trinity Church Boston as a Sunday school teacher. John and his wife, Carol, were housing their niece, Kelly Mahoney '20, while she was home in Florida. Kelly landed a job in downtown Boston after months of searching. John also proudly listed the accomplishments of other family members: daughter Michelle '77 (Newton College, then BC), daughter Colleen (Wheaton College '81), son John (Harvard '82, BU Law '89), and four grandchildren who are either in school or working.

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NC 1950–1953

Ann Fulton Côté reports that word has come of the death of **Ann White Buttrick** NC '53 on December 29, 2020. After Newton College, Ann attended the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where she met her husband, Harold Buttrick. They lived and raised their five children in New York City. She adds: "Let us also remember that Ann was the sister of Elizabeth White, RCSJ, who was on the English faculty at Newton College and for many years at Boston College."

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1954

Here we are in February 2021, almost one year since our pandemic shutdown. I have been staying healthy and hope you have as well. Fortunately I was able to receive my first dose of the vaccine and am due for the second shortly. Looking forward to spring and life returning to normal as the year progresses. • I heard from our classmate **Lou Maloof**. During our conversation, Lou told me that at an event he was attending he picked up a book that turned out to be a BC Class of 1951 yearbook that had a report on a BC freshman football game. It is my recollection that Lou played on that team. Lou and his wife continue to be involved in community theater. While working in the advertising business in New York, Lou became a hospice volunteer. During the AIDS epidemic he volunteered at Mother Teresa's AIDS hospice, where he spent evenings assisting the staff.

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NC 1954

Mary Evans Bapst, from Geneva, Switzerland, has requested prayers for members of her family. Her brother has cancer, and her brother-in-law recently passed away. Mary notes the effects of COVID-19 on everyone's lives—"learning new ways to be present, accepting strictures without grumbling, following ever-changing rules, finding new ways to worship, and discovering a new form of prayer life as we struggle to make sense of it all." • Please send news so we can keep in touch with classmates. I hope all of you are safe and well.

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1955

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Richard Connors, JD '60, writes: "Greetings from the Southwest. Kudos to the AD for providing a thoroughly entertaining football 2020 program. I was fortunate to see all games via ACCN. My only gripe is that the announcers don't seem to know that the football stadium is in Brighton, not Chestnut Hill. Perhaps I may be just nitpicking because I grew up in Brighton!"

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NC 1955

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1956

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Lucille and **Jack Kennedy** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 2020. Along with 2 daughters and 3 sons, they now have 12 grandchildren (no “greats”). • **Joseph DiSalvo** has stepped down from the role of class correspondent, and the Alumni Association thanks him for sharing news on behalf of the Class of 1956. Please send any future class notes to classnotes@bc.edu.

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NC 1956

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1957

Hopefully, by the time you receive these notes, the COVID-19 pandemic will have eased and life will get back to normal. My first thought when reading the latest Winter issue of our magazine was “Wow! Our great Class of '57 is now on the front page of Class Notes.” I have not received any notes from classmates for this issue, and I hope that this is a sign that classmates are more comfortable in submitting their news directly to the BC editor by email. • My wife, Ellen, and I have just received our second COVID-19 shots here at Linden Ponds and are looking forward to once again watching our grandchildren participate in their sporting activities that have been severely curtailed. Hard to believe that it was 64 years ago that we all went out into the world after four great years at the Heights. • It would be great to hear more from you for the next issue. Until then, stay healthy, and wear your mask.

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NC 1957

Exciting news from **Ellie Pope Clem**: “Our next big event is our grandson Peter’s deaconate ordination on April 10. That is the last step before his priestly ordination in 2022, when he will serve in the Arlington Diocese, Virginia. All family are very excited about this. Our nephew, Msgr. Charles Pope, along with our late brother, Fr. George Pope, are the line of priests in our family. So proud!” And your classmates are also proud, Ellie and Dave. • Meanwhile the Clems are enjoying concerts by their musician son, Michael,

and his popular band, which attracted broad audiences for its 25th-anniversary concert.

• **Marion Sullivan Lucy** reports that she and Paul '58 are healthy and happy and are enjoying life in York Harbor, Maine. Their children and grandchildren (ages 7–17) visit often and are a real joy. • Our Florida reporter, **Joan Hanlon Curley**, has been in touch with **Patsy Blanchard Sabatini** as well as **Nancy Harvey Hunt**, who lives in Sarasota. Both have been doing well. Joan has been gathering items for St. Joseph’s Indian School in South Dakota run by the priests of the Sacred Heart. She reports that Florida schools are open, and life is coming alive again as they are able to attend more meetings, etc. • From Reston, Virginia, **Liz Doyle Eckl** sends along reflections on this difficult year, which she has found particularly hard without Chris and with no easy access to family members. However, she reminds us that those who have experienced hunger, loss of jobs and homes, and illness need our thoughts and prayers. Liz has been fortunate to have book club meetings in a garage or a park, long walks, lots of time to think and pray and to wonder how this will be written up in history. • Alas, after 61 years of happy marriage, **Lucille Saccone Giovino** lost her husband, Frank, in early December following a very long, difficult illness. Frank had always been a loyal attendee at and engaging addition to our glorious reunions. With Frank as treasurer and Lucille as a helpful manager, they were both instrumental in the illustrious Boston Civic Symphony for many years. Lucille’s daughter Adrienne is staying with Lucille as she adjusts to this recent loss.

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1958

Now that **Joan Downing Lachance**, of Arlington, has retired as class correspondent, she has time to enjoy (virtually) her 10 grandchildren. • **Paul Fennell**, of Orlando, is looking forward to resuming his dancing sessions when COVID-19 restrictions relax. He keeps busy by compiling his “Necrology Job,” keeping track of classmates who have passed away (340 to date). The current *BC 1958 Directory* lists 531 of us who are “still kicking.” • **Virginia DeGenova**, of Lynn, has company from her grandson, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter, who have returned to Massachusetts. • **Tony '71** and **Joyce (Ryder) Rizzuto** report that they have not been able to enjoy their home on Prince Edward Island because Canada will not let them in. • **Peter '54** and **Margaret (Malloy) Vasaturo** cope by keeping track of a variety of birds visiting their feeder. In August they attended the internment service for **Maureen Sullivan Bader** in Harwich. Margaret enjoys participating, via Zoom, in BC’s Beyond Lifelong Learning series. She and Peter joined Vic '57 and **Annette (Collins) Popeo**, of Yarmouth Port, for picnics at the Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center in Sandwich. Annette and Vic enjoy Florida warmth in their winter residence on Marco Island. • **Maureen and George Olesen**, of Andover, checked in. They have

four grandchildren and two great-grandsons. George was elected for three terms to the Cambridge School Committee, and he served a term, one year as chairman, on the Andover School Committee. After a professional life in business services and tax preparation, which included owning his own companies, George retired in 2014 but is still active as a trustee of a four-unit condo association in Cambridge. One of the three units he owns was his home during his BC days. His grandchildren marked the seventh generation (since 1814) to live in that house. • **Paul and Moira (Feeley) Lyons**, of Belmont, share news that of 12 grandchildren, ironically, 10 play hockey and 2 play basketball. Athletes all! Paul still coaches basketball, a second-grade team. Moira just retired from 20 years of volunteering at Winchester Hospital. They report that **Joelhe Gonzalez Botta** is hunkered down in Parma, Italy. • **Janet and David Ojerholm**, of New South Wales, Australia, celebrated their 60th anniversary. David had a career in the international pharmaceutical industry. David, who sang with the BC Glee Club, recently retired after 20 years from the Sydney Harmony Chorus, in which he sang barbershop. • I have the *BC 1958 Directory*. If you want to reach a classmate, email me, and I will forward your request.

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NC 1958

Judith Young Runnette shares her life’s activities since the pandemic—reading, knitting, cleaning, walking, talking, Zooming, TV-watching, cooking, eating, praying, and playing bridge online. That sums it up for many of us. • **Mary Azzara Archdeacon** is proud to announce the birth of a great-grandchild, a girl, Zia Michele Gilbraith, in Arizona. Unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions have made it impossible for her to see the new baby. • **Peg Keane Timpson** writes from Vero Beach, Florida, where she is spending the winter and loving the sun and breezy palm trees. She has had her second vaccine shot and is cautiously relieved. • **Jo Kirk Cleary** describes her new experience of Christmas Eve: a family-style picnic dinner was held in the garage. Lights were strung overhead, and lawn chairs, barrels, and lawnmowers were draped with canvas. The garage doors were wide open, letting in light from automobile headlights. Music came from Bose, and masks and social distancing were required. Everyone was happy to be together and safe. Jo’s book club, still going strong after 23 years, read an Oscar Wilde play via Zoom, which was a first and lots of fun. • **Rosemary Stuart Dwyer** notes that the AASH’s annual conference was scheduled to be held virtually in Detroit on April 24 and 25. Details can be found on its website, aash.org. Many webinars have been held this year, including the History of Viruses, and an update on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine, delivered by Dr. James Meegan, former director of the NIAID Office of Global Research and board member of WHO, and husband of Newton

alumna Rhonda Raffi Meegan NC'75. • We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Carol Healey Hanley** on the death of her husband, Al, who was a favorite of the class, having attended many reunions and events. He will also be missed by his BC classmates and parish in Chelmsford, where he and Carol were involved in parish life. Our deepest sympathies also to Carol on the loss of her daughter as well as her sister Martha Healey Swisler, NC'63. Carol has remained a faithful member of the luncheon group, Les Girls, which meets under the able direction of **Sheila Hurley Canty**. • The **Schorrs** are well in New Jersey. We follow the restrictions of the CDC, which limit our interactions with family and friends, but after two shots of the Pfizer vaccine are looking forward to Easter celebrations with those we love. • I often speak with **Kate Glutting Arcand**, who has had to move from her home in Portland to an assisted living facility, Osher Inn, at the Cedars in Portland, Maine. She is managing her situation with resolve and strength.

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1959

As this is being written, March 8, it's almost spring, but who's watching the calendar? We peek out the door and try to decide whether it's safe to rejoin the world. A whole year of terms we've never heard before: "pandemic," "quarantine," "social distancing," and the big one: "co-morbidity." But maybe this summer will be better. We hope. • I received the following note from **Alice Kaiko Burbank**, of Old Lyme, Connecticut, with news of classmates from the School of Education who were pioneers in the early years of women students at the Heights: "I just read the Class of '59 notes in *Boston College Magazine* and decided to share a few thoughts. I was part of a group of gals who first lived on Cabot Street in Newton. We were from Connecticut and Rhode Island, and since there were no dorms for girls at the time, we stayed in private homes. I lived with a group of girls that included **Frannie Bessom Herman**, **Pauline Mathieu Kellan**, **Paula Walsh**, **Kathy Desmond Hogan**, and **Ann Fagan Polacek**. Our sophomore year we lived at the McSweeney's on Commonwealth Ave., and Fr. Drinan allowed us to have dinner in the BC Law School cafeteria. Ann Fagan Polacek had the car, and she was more than generous with the rides. We had fun and helped each other. Our junior year, a few of us went down to Florida with Leo McCarthy '58, Mike Frazier '58, Dave Rafferty '58, and Charlie McGowan '58. We sang 'Hey Jude' on most of the trip. On a more personal note, I just became a great-grandmother to Jack. I plan to visit him in Florida after my second COVID-19 shot. Best wishes and congratulations to all BC Class of '59 survivors of the past 62 years. We thank God for every day." • Send news. Contact a classmate, brighten your day. If you need contact info, I've got it.

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NC 1959

I hope everyone is well during these challenging days of the coronavirus. The vaccine rollout does offer us much hope! • There is sad news to report with the recent loss of **Susan Collins Russell's** husband, Ron, and **Maureen (White) Mercier's** husband, Peter. Both husbands were enthusiastic supporters of our reunions and other alumnae events and will be missed. Please remember them in your prayers. • I had a nice chat with **Helen Craig Lynch**, who mentioned that she talks to **Dolores Seeman Royston**, **Lois O'Donoghue McKenna**, and **Marie Doelger O'Brien**, all of whom are well and happy. It's reassuring knowing that **Joan Coniglio O'Donnell** and **Nancy Maslen Burkholder** are enjoying their new assisted living homes. • **Phebe Rohan Carver** called with the news that she is relocating to San Diego and is looking forward to living near her daughter Barbara's family. • **Bonnie Walsh Stoloski** was given the Cor Unum Award at the spring Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart meeting in Detroit. The award is given to the person who best exemplifies the ideals of spirituality, compassion, and service to others. Congratulations, Bonnie, on this well-deserved honor! • Thanks to all for your news and for continuing to keep in touch.

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1960

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Bob Hart, MSW'62, MTS'03, is still amazed that my daughter Mimi and I were able to sneak him aboard the *LÉ Samuel Beckett*, an Irish Navy ship, for an evening reception during a recent port visit to Boston. Bob was able to observe ceremonies not only aboard the Irish ship but aboard the *USS Constitution*, which was berthed alongside it. • Speaking of which, **Tom Cunnally** was a Marine guard for *Old Ironsides* back in the day when he first met our late classmate **Bob Cawley**. After losing touch, they were shocked years later to find themselves sitting next to each other at our Freshman Orientation (65 years ago). After a long search, Tom has again made contact with the Cawley family. • Nice to hear from **Faith Corcoran Monahan** in Waltham. She has been married 54 years, has 12 grandchildren, and, by the time you read this, will be a great-grandmother. • **John Thompson** recently joined the town of Braintree Democratic Committee; he continues as chairman of the Braintree Veterans Council. • **Bridget Matthews-Kane '91** has informed me of the passing of her father, **J. Vincent Kane**, on October 2, 2020. Vinny was a dentist of long standing in Westfield. His eldest granddaughter (Bridget's daughter), **Fionnuala Matthews**, is a sophomore at BC and a member of the Marching Band. • Just found out from **Edi Cackowski Witherell** that **Betty Ann Dean Monahan** of the 1750 Club, the former

ladies' dorm on Comm. Ave. back in the day, sadly became the first member of the group to pass away. This group from our class and the Class of '61 have remained remarkably close over the years. Our condolences go out to the Monahan family. • **Jim Reilly**, a member of Cohasset's "Old Goats," reports he has finally "officially" retired. Is anyone else still working? • **Bob Rudman** is still involved in a number of community groups in Tennessee. • Looks like **Tom Kelly** has finally given up on skiing—not all that much snow in Scottsdale, Arizona! • The multi-talented **John Sheehan** is now singing with the Southampton Community Chorus. • Finally, **Leo Shea**, MM, H'17, has managed to rejoin the BC diaspora in Fort Myers, Florida. • Here's hoping we'll be going to football games this fall! • *Sláinte*.

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NC 1960

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Women of today have many choices and opportunities that were not available to us as graduates in 1960. Our granddaughters are taking advantage of many of these opportunities. **Carol Johnson Cardinal's** 6-year-old granddaughter, in kindergarten, is learning on Zoom which she can access, she says, "all by myself." • One of **Blanche Hunnewell's** granddaughters graduated from UVA and is planning to teach in Charlottesville; another is in her last year in Edinburgh after a year in Australia; and a third is on the polo team at Cornell. • **Dot Radics McKeon's** eldest granddaughter graduated from Rochester University and teaches in a special ed school in New York City. Dot's other three granddaughters are a senior at Tufts, a junior at Centenary University, and a sophomore at Ithaca College. • **Nan Anderson Coughlin's** eldest granddaughter, who works in education, just gave birth to a son, and her second returned from the Peace Corps in Panama and is working at EPA. Her grands also include 15-year-old twins, who divide time between rock climbing and athletics, and a 13-year-old, who is an avid runner. • **Suzanne Kenney Gaetano's** 16-year-old granddaughter is a high school student in Andover who plays hockey and soccer; her other granddaughter lives near her in Arizona. • **Kathy McDermott Kelsh** has five granddaughters. The eldest graduated from Holy Cross and is a Jesuit Volunteer in Sacramento; the next is a senior music major at St. Olaf's College in Minnesota; the third, a sophomore at Middlebury interested in medicine. The youngest are twins, (9)—one is in fourth grade and loves school, friends, and dogs; her sister has Rett's Syndrome and could use prayers. • Two of **Fran Fortin Breau's** six granddaughters are in college, one a sophomore at Cornell considering engineering and the other a freshman at Bowdoin interested in environmental studies; the younger four are in high school and participate in outdoor clubs and camping. • **Kathleen Runkle O'Brien's** eldest granddaughter, a Manhattanville College alumna, is in advertising in New York City; a second is a senior

at Creighton and has a job at Ford; the third is a junior at St. Louis University; the fourth a freshman at University of Dayton; and the fifth is 9 and lives in Milwaukee. • **Carole Ward McNamara's** fifth-grade granddaughter plays on a hockey team, paints, sews, and enjoys skiing. • **Berenice Hackett Davis's** eighth-grade granddaughter has performed in several plays, including two at Emmanuel College, and also enjoys playing softball. • **Moira Donnelly Gault's** eldest granddaughter graduated from Georgetown, worked at Abercrombie & Fitch, and remains in the fashion/merchandizing industry while raising two sons. Three younger granddaughters attend Newton Country Day School. • Our sympathy is extended to **Jeanne Hanrihan Connolly** on the death of her husband, Edmund '52, on January 29. • **Sally O'Connell Healy**, our class correspondent for the past 10 years, passed away on March 3. She was also on our Reunion Committee and ever present at Newton/BC functions. Our prayers go out to her husband, Kevin; two children; and four granddaughters. • Wow! Look how far women have come in 60 years. There are many more granddaughters to report about as well as many grandsons who are also doing marvelous things. So please keep me informed by phone or email. Let's hear about them.

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1961

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Congratulations to **Anthony Bertolino**, whose grandson, Peter Bankes, graduated from BC's Carroll School of Management in May. Peter is a third-generation Eagle, following in the footsteps of his mother, Ina "Missie" Bankes '87, and his aunt, Elizabeth Aylmer '91. Anthony also has a grandson, John Aylmer, who graduated from Emerson College in May 2020; a granddaughter, Jennifer Bankes, who is a junior at Providence College; and a grandson, Patrick Aylmer, who is a sophomore at the University of Toronto. Anthony went on to earn a JD from New England School of Law after BC. He and his wife, Patricia, celebrated 60 years of marriage this past June. • **John Higgins** retired from the National Labor Relations Board in 2010 after 47 years of service. He now teaches at Catholic University of America's law school and has also been teaching public speaking to seventh- and eighth-grade students at a local parochial school, which 7 of his 11 grandchildren attended. John's wife, Frances, died in 2015. In 2019, he married Rosemary Pye, who, like John, was a career NLRB attorney. She was the regional director for New England until she retired in 2013. John and Rosemary live in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and maintain a summer home in Mattapoisett. They are looking forward to the 60th reunion this summer!

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Reunion year! The BC staff will let us know how it will be arranged. Some parts may be in person, others virtual. It all depends on what the Commonwealth of Massachusetts says about in-person meetings. Stay tuned. • **Juliana Fazakerly Gilheany** wrote that she and Terry are staying fit and safe. She is teaching her courses at Fordham University and NYU remotely. • As many of you know, our own **Elaine Fitzgerald Shea** has been diagnosed with cancer. Elaine writes: "I have been deeply touched by the notes and prayers I have received from classmates since they were informed of my recent bout with cancer. I have fond memories of my days at Newton College, with caring friends like you. Please continue to pray that I have the courage to face what's ahead of me with grace. Thank you." • **Sallie-Ann Dow Casey** forwarded a note from Elaine: "Helping women (and young girls) find their voice is something I'm passionate about." (If you do not have Elaine's address please send me an email note.) • **Beth Good Wadden** writes: "I'm excited about the prospect of seeing our classmates in June! I will be happy to contact people and encourage participation if possible!" • Our very own **Maryann Morrissey Curtin** modeled for the Peabody Museum fashion show recently, wearing fantastic, stylish jackets. • **Sr. Judy Vollbrecht** writes: "Over this past year, my siblings and I have been Zooming weekly. At first, we prepared a favorite dessert from our childhood, shared the pictures, and then ate them together, sharing stories that went with them, laughing at all of the craziness of those times. ... For the past several years, I've visited the women in the local jail as a volunteer chaplain every week. I love doing that, but a year ago, COVID-19 closed the jail. It's been a long emptiness, but last week I got permission from the sheriff to bring them ashes for Ash Wednesday. I'm excited about seeing them again, especially on such a meaningful day. I expect to be moving to our community in Albany, New York, this summer. I'll miss New Orleans, but I might be able to get to our reunion! It sounds as if a good number of our class may be there, so that would be wonderful." • **Mary Nolan Calise**, **Ellen MacDonald Carbone**, and others have said we are so fortunate that our children keep reminding us to be careful out there, wear your mask, get your vaccine, etc. Hope to see you soon.

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1962

It was Super Bowl Sunday when **Charles "Chuck" Chevalier** called to say "Hi" and let Frank (Faggiano) know the guys are thinking of him. **David Madigan** and Frank did some phone reminiscing at the beginning of January. Dave remains faithful to the Yankees and keeps in touch with **Robert Capozzi**. • Thanks to **Charles McCarthy** for

keeping in touch with phone calls, while **Ronald Dyer** prefers email. New Year's greetings were happily received from Eileen and **William Novelline**. • After **Gerald Greely's** 80th-birthday celebration, he and Mary Anne set out on an RV and motorcycle trip to visit children. It was wonderful to learn they were on the road again. **William Nagle**, MED'70, and **Richard Mahoney** paid them a visit in November. Bill lives in Ave Maria, Florida, and Dick is in Columbus, Mississippi. • We offer our sincere condolences to the families of the following: Rosemary Thomas MacKinnon '65, wife of **John "Jack" MacKinnon** for 54 years, mother of six, and "Nan" to 21 grandchildren, died on December 1. Rosemary, a Connell School of Nursing alumna, served on the board of trustees at Matignon High School and at the Connell School and worked as the school nurse at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham for 23 years. Rosemary was admired for her grace, goodness, and thoughtful ways, entertaining family and friends at BC tailgates and hosting '62 graduates at an annual Christmas party. • **Paul Lavin** died on December 31. After graduation he entered the Peace Corps, serving two years in West Africa, then Washington, D.C. He earned a PhD in counseling and worked as a therapist/teacher, writing his experiences in mental health in over 20 books and many articles. He enjoyed running and playing softball. He leaves his wife, Roberta, and two children, Kathryn and Anthony. • **Wallace Blackwood**, MSP'73, who passed away on November 1, was a priest in the Boston archdiocese for 53 years. His ministry included work with Catholic Charities, service in different parishes, parochial vicar, and spiritual director for the diaconate program. Red Sox games, visiting his home in Maine, and traveling with family and friends brought him great joy. Double Eagle **Brian Lane**, MBA'67, balanced a career he loved in real estate with volunteering at the Natick Service Council food pantry, membership in the Kiwanis Club, attending BC hockey games, and his grandchildren's many activities. He leaves his wife, Mary Ann, and two children, Julie and Brian. • Sending you best wishes always. We would love to hear from you.

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NC 1962

Hopefully, the transition to the Octogenarian Club was seamless for everyone! **Rosemary O'Connell** wrote a while ago: "I move around a lot, but now that we are 80 I guess I have to settle down! I am in contact with **Bobbi [Schroetter Speck]** and **Maureen [Slattery]** and **Sally [McManamy Baker]** and with **Mary Jane [Moran MacLean]** and **Barbara Keane Blais** on recent a COVID-19 trip to Boston (staying with friends). So my Newton connections are strong. Also, I know a lot of RSCJs—also mustn't forget **Marsha Whelan** and **Sheila Balboni**." • **Elaine Flaherty Prince** passed away this past February. She arrived at Newton with several high school friends and after graduation taught in the Boston Public

schools for 38 years. Quite an accomplishment! • By now we have probably all had our vaccine shots. Once we're free to "go," I hope we haven't forgotten how to have fun! **Tommy Kahle Hartman** hasn't forgotten, as she was so thrilled to be able to hug again that she ran into the executive director's office where she lives just to give him a hug! • **Ann Tomasello O'Hearn, Maura O'Neill Overlan, and Jackie Gegan Mooney** are escaping this cold New England winter and heading to various Florida destinations as soon as they get their second dose of the vaccine. **Carol Carson Musso** passed away on February 1, two days after her 80th birthday. One of the best sentiments, which sums up Carol in so many ways, came from **Gerry Wang Huang**: "It was the fall of 1958, and I think God commissioned Carol to take pity on a pathetic foreign student from China. Carol took it seriously and watched over me and extended to me her warmest friendship and love." Gerry then added: "I can't help but remember her naughty side." Carol was a character and full of fun. Her comments at our 50th were hilarious and so memorable. We will indeed miss her. • **Beth Graham O'Mara and Carolyn Dursi Cunniffe** have replaced Smoker Bridge for Bridge Base online, keeping themselves busy during the pandemic. • **Alice Hurley Dickinson** rented a condo near **Ellen Markey Thurmond** in Naples, where they play golf and hang out with Ellen Mahony King '61. That bonding took place 63 years ago in Stuart. • **Vicki Capeless Donahue** made me feel like a slug when she wrote about life during the pandemic: "I have knit two sweaters, read 77 books, baked 500 dozen cookies, and walked about 700 miles. If I had it to do all over again, I would probably have learned a foreign language and painted my house." Unfortunately, she has not seen her grandchildren for a year and was unable to go to her grandson's wedding. • I feel lucky to have 12 of my 13 grandchildren living nearby, and after we could no longer visit outside, they surprised me with a wonderful room in my two-car garage furnished with couches, chairs, a table, a rug, Christmas trees, Christmas lights hanging from the ceiling, warm blankets and, most importantly, electric heaters to offset the half-open garage door. My COVID-19 visiting room has gotten a lot of use with neighbors and friends as well. • **Joanne Meehan Berghold** created a similar space, which, from the looks of it, was set up for dinner parties! Everyone seems optimistic that the day is coming when we can again entertain indoors! • Please send me some news!

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1963

Congratulations to Justice Kimberly Budd, daughter of **Wayne Budd, H'13**. Kimberly assumed the highest judicial position in the Commonwealth, chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She is first female African American to hold this position. Bravo! • **Joe Quinn's** father, retired Brookline police officer **Joe Quinn Sr.**, passed away on November

9—remarkably, 20 days shy of his 103rd birthday! Forum hockey devotees will remember him cheering on '63 stars, who included **Bill Hogan, Jack Leetch**, and the late **Paul Aiken**. • **Mike Neri** reports that his BC roommate Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice **Gilbert Indeglia** retired in June. • **Barry Grimm** writes of a number of classmates who have kept in touch over the years and would love to hear from other '63 friends: **Jack McNamara**, of Cohasset, can be reached at mcnamarajack@gmail.com; **Barry Grimm**, of North Fork, Long Island, at jbgo816@aol.com; **Tip Murray**, of South Fork, Long Island, at tiptopdoc@aol.com; **Tom Tierney**, of Jacksonville, Florida, at tktierney42@gmail.com; and **Specs O'Keefe**, of New Haven, Connecticut, by phone at 203-710-7755. They look forward to renewing old and cherished memories. • In January, amid the news tsunami surrounding the assault on the US Capitol, former FBI director **Bill Gavin** appeared on national TV news with CBSN anchor Elaine Quijano to discuss. • Last fall, several '63ers gathered for a brunch at Lewis Grille—on its outdoor patio, with COVID precautions observed. The group comprised **John Cuneo, Frank Carney, Bob Grazado, Dave Kelley, Jim Norton, Bob Parks JD'66**, friend Jack Pyne, **Tom Quirk**, and **Ed Rae**. • Sadly, **Dave Kelley** passed away on December 20. His funeral was held on December 30 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood. There was limited seating—every third pew only—and distance was observed, masks worn, but the church was resplendently adorned with crimson poinsettias and Old Glory, a salute to Dave's military service; voices of the choir flooded the nave; and three priests celebrated Mass. Attending the tribute were **Frank Carney, Paul Hardiman, Marge and Tom McCabe, Carol and Jim Norton, Bob Parks, Tom Quirk, and Ed Rae**. Burial was in the U.S. National Cemetery in Bourne.

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NC 1963

With all of us basically in lockdown, there is not a lot of news—no Naples luncheons to get the snowbirds through the winter, but there was a Cape luncheon to carry the New Englanders through the summer. • We do hear bits: intrepid classmates who are walking five miles a day (I promised I wouldn't name names) or swimming 30 laps three times a week (that'd be me) ... but there is one absolutely lovely piece of news to share: **Maureen Meehan O'Leary** was awarded the Katherine Drexel award by FADICA (Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities) in February. Maureen, representing her family foundation (the William M. and Miriam F. Meehan Foundation), has been involved with FADICA for 25-plus years. She and her late husband, Jack, worked together at FADICA supporting the organization as it grew and expanded its outreach. Following Jack's death, Maureen continued her involvement and began to focus on an emerging area of concern: working to assist those caught

up in human trafficking. Congratulations, Maureen! Thank you for all you do for these tragic victims.

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Nick Soriano passed away in January 2020 in North White Plains, New York. He was a retired self-employed attorney. • **Bob Fuicelli** reported that his ex-wife, Barbara, died in January 2021. He and his kids arranged a memorial service on Zoom. • **Jim Spillane, SJ, MA'68, MDiv'76**, is now on the faculty of a Jesuit university in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where he is designing a new course, Tourism Economics, that is specific to Indonesia. His notes to me have included describing watching a nearby volcano threatening to erupt in November 2020. Thankfully, the danger passed. • **Dan Kelleher** completed the Pan Mass Challenge (a long-distance bicycle fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund) in 2020 as he has done for many years in the past, but this time virtually. He is hoping he can rejoin the throngs of participants live in 2021.

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NC 1964

Sheila "Chip" Donohue Boes got in touch when she learned that **Peggy Cox Curran** had moved to North Carolina. Sheila and her husband moved from Savannah to North Carolina two years ago to be near two of their children and their families. She has FaceTimed with **Ines De Koning Krans**, who is living in Madeira and will return to Holland for the summer. Ines's three children live in The Hague. Sheila has also FaceTimed with **Deanna Zuger Luscre** and **Camille Revelle Hebert**. Camille was in our class through sophomore year and then attended Northwestern. Sheila said that she reconnected with Camille years ago when they spotted each other in the supermarket in Savannah shortly after Sheila had moved there. Well, thank goodness for Zoom! It lets us connect with family whom we've been unable to see. Plus, it lets us connect with classmates. • Six of us had a Zoom get-together: **Kathy Wilson Conroy, Carol Sorace Whalen, Regina McDonnell Hayes, Sue Bellanca Walsh, Rosemarie Van Eyck Winslow**, and I. I refrained from using this as a fact-finding session and just had fun. • **Kay Raleigh Di Francesca** reports that she's in touch with her roommates **Nance Lyons** and **Judy Ernst Tortora**. Judy and her husband, Peter, live 20 minutes away. Judy says that it used to be 45 minutes before COVID-19 killed traffic. In Kay's words: "That's one good thing." • Some sad news: **Cathy Bailey Urban Morris-Eck** died on November 24, 2019. In the mid-60s, when she began her career as a journalist, she took Bailey as her first name so that her byline wouldn't sound like that of a woman. Remember those years? Doesn't seem like that long ago. Her 40-year career, starting as a Wall Street stringer for UPI, included working at the *Cincinnati Post*, the *Washington Star*,

and the Brookings Institute, as well as for two Democratic administrations. However, the job she loved most was as foreign correspondent for the *Times of London*. Her obituary said “she lived life like she was on deadline.” • We’ve also lost **Eileen McCarthy McDonald** on May 13, 2019, and **Mary Joyce O’Keefe Di Cola**, on July 5, 2019. • **Eileen O’Connor McMoran** officially retired at the end of June 2020 and has been at her Cape Cod home since. Her brother, Jim ’62, died in June 2020, and Eileen said it was a very difficult time as Jim’s health declined, and then to have a funeral during the pandemic. Jim was married to Anne Morgan NC’62.

• Lots of news this time. Keep connecting! Let me know how you’re doing in these unprecedented times. I’ve been having three-hour FaceTimes with my 6-year-old granddaughter, Tessa! Fortunately, she’s a talker. And it’s a nice treat from talking to inanimate objects in my home. Think I’ve been isolated too long?

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Matthew Soldano has been elected to a third term as president of the Republican Club of South Sarasota County, which has over 400 members. Matt lives in Venice, Florida. • **Jack Kennedy** is living in Palm Springs and retired 10 years ago from community banking. Jack organized and opened banks in California. He and wife Barbara enjoy good health, and Jack plays golf three times a week. He also has enjoyed train travel throughout the United States.

• **Rick Dobbyn** relates that he recently self-published a memoir that covers his first 27 years. Rick served in Vietnam and at Fort Devens and joined Price Waterhouse after he was discharged in 1968. His career has been in financial management, and he retired as CFO of Sun Hydraulics in Sarasota, Florida. His wife, Dee, and he have 6 children between them and 10 grandchildren. They have retired and currently reside outside Charlotte, North Carolina. His book, *An Unholy Mess*, is available in Amazon e-book, paperback, and audio. • Two of our classmates have passed away, **John McCartney** and **Rosemary Thomas MacKinnon**. To their spouses and families we offer our thoughts and prayers.

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NC 1965

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Hi, everyone! Thank you to those who sent news; I know you all feel that you haven’t done anything exciting, but you will be surprised to see the variety of things your classmates have been doing during the pandemic. • **Libby Miller Fitzgerald** told us about her Change for Change project in the last column and is happy to report that the

first distribution of funds raised came to \$4,000 and was given to an organization that awards requests for help with utility and rent assistance. • **Nancy Cunniff Cole** has put her bed-and-breakfast on the market.

We have followed the work that Nancy did to turn a beautiful old home into a stunning B&B but, as she said, it was just getting to be too much. Running a B&B is a 24-hour-a-day job! • Do you remember there were two Barbara Ryans in our class? Both Barbaras left school early, one to marry John Burke, who was killed in Vietnam shortly after his deployment. Sadly, **Barbara Ryan Burke Mahoney** passed away earlier this year. I heard from the other Barbara, who is living in New York; her name is **Barbara Ryan Endrizzi**. She sends her best to the class. I don’t know how the mix-up in last names happened in the last column, and I do apologize if it upset anyone. • **Annmarie O’Connor Stanton** sent news that **Barbara Sweeney Kenny**’s husband, Bob ’61, passed away in February. • COVID-19 was responsible for the cancellation of the annual winter gathering of Annmarie, **Ginny O’Hara Bowker**, **Barbara Sweeney Kenny**, **Joan Walsh Rossi MA’66**, and **Brenda Corcoran O’Connor NC’64**. Sadly, I am sure we all have many family and friends events that didn’t happen due to the pandemic. • I heard from **Gay Friedmann**, who is enjoying online bridge during the pandemic as are Annmarie O’Connor Stanton and your writer. I am so thankful that I learned to play bridge in the smoker! • The BC tradition continues in **Angie McDonnell Larimer**’s family. One granddaughter is a freshman at BC, and another has been accepted to the Class of ’25. What fun! Angie and her husband have been “Zooming” a lot, mostly with wine-times pals around the country. • **Sandy Thaxter** continues in the position of project leader of Small Solutions, whose mission is to empower Kenyan youth with technology and education. • **Helen O’Brien Maher** left Newton after her sophomore year and has been married 57 years. Her grandson, Charlie Clark, is a freshman at BC. Helen is a realtor with Berkshire Hathaway at the platinum level of the Chairman’s Circle. • Stay safe and healthy!

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Tim O’Leary, JD’69, has published his second novel, *Robes*, a whodunit that picks up on the adventures of protagonist Connor McNeill, who was featured in his debut 2011 political thriller, *The Day Job*. In *Robes*, after a controversial judge is murdered, Connor and his wife are unwittingly pulled into a case reaching from Cape Cod to the chambers of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the offices of the Archbishop of Boston, and the back room of a Fall River auto body shop. Both books are available on Amazon.

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Some time ago, I asked about your favorite book club books from the past few years. **Dina Cockerill Burke** recommends *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman; *All Passion Spent* by Vita Sackville-West; *Educated* by Tara Westover; and *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. And my book club favorites have been *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles (I included a recommendation for that one from Dina a few issues ago); *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett; and *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. • I’m saddened to report the recent deaths of a couple of class spouses. **Meg Frisbee**’s partner, Arne Sparks, died on October 15. And **Louise Mazyck Woodruff**’s husband, Jim, died on December 11. Jim had a tough 2020—was hospitalized in January, on the day before his 80th birthday, with what would later be called “a shower of strokes.” He was home again in February, and he and Louise enjoyed some outdoor lunches on the waterfront during our pandemic summer. But he was back in the hospital in October with other problems. He had a goal of making it home from rehab by Thanksgiving but sadly, that didn’t happen. On a personal note, I taught with Jim at Suffolk and Simmons Universities in our “semi-retirement” careers, and found him to be always a positive force with a cheerful attitude. I know he will be missed in many circles. Condolences to Meg and Louise.

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1967

Greg Scime from Summit, New Jersey, informs us that due to COVID-19 his program, Assisi Performing Arts, has been temporarily suspended. Greg created this study-abroad program for musicians in 2001. It emphasizes sacred music, including Gregorian chants, psalms, music of the Baroque era, the role of the Catholic cantor, and other topics related to sacred music. The program has as many as 100 participants who form an orchestra and a choir that has participated in Masses at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican and also annually at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Musicians range in age from 15 to 80, and the students come from all over the United States. Many students receive full scholarships to study in Assisi with the Assisi Performing Arts Festival. • Our good friend and classmate **Leo McHugh** passed away very suddenly, in November. Leo served the class for many years as its treasurer and on many reunion committees. He was in the Honors Program in CBA and was a proud member of the Gold Key Society. He was the CEO of Leo Enterprises in Medford. This included overseeing a vending machine operation, and he was a licensed distributor of sports and concert tickets. His pride was his “Leo’s Taxi Company.” **Jack Keating**, **Charlie Benedict MBA’70**, and **John Keenan** attended Leo’s wake, at which we expressed

the class's condolences to Leo's wife, Mary. • **Tim Shevlin**, originally from Dedham, passed away after a long illness. Tim served in the Navy and then went on to get his JD from Suffolk University Law School. Tim lived in Milton but wintered in Naples, Florida, after his retirement as executive director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. • Both **Wayne Marshall** and **Rob Wilde** have become new members of the Shaw Society (planned giving) of BC. Wayne, of North Bergen, New Jersey, retired as VP and actuary at Mutual of Omaha. Rob is currently president of Bi-Continent Partners and lives in Tampa, Florida. • Stay well, everyone, and look forward to the BC football season! Great expectations!

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NC 1967

2021 seemingly continues at a simple pace for most of us. I had minimal responses to my request for news. • **Marcie Cormier Clarke** described herself and husband Peter as being “bubble wrapped,” even dating back to the 2020 holidays. (Makes for an interesting visual.) They look forward to family gatherings, including a wedding later in 2021. • **Pat Curtis Beirne** and her husband gathered with immediate family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary but hope to return to more traveling and scuba diving in the not too distant future. Right now, Pat is concentrating on knitting and reading books. • **Faith Brouillard Hughes** thoroughly enjoyed a book that brought back true memories of SWC: *Enraged: Why Violent Times Need Ancient Greek Myths*, by Emily Katz Anhalt. “Mother White would have adored the book,” attests Faith. It delves into “rage” in the writings of Homer, Sophocles, and Euripides, relating it to today's world. Perhaps she will find more books to recommend now that her family has moved back to New York from their safety net on the Cape nearer to Faith. • A couple others of us proudly attested to the fact that they had been lucky enough to complete their COVID-19 vaccination protocols. One even made it at Gillette Field, home to the New England Patriot football team—no athlete sightings though! • Yes, this sort of thing seems to be the extent of our excitement these days. I write with ice rapidly melting here in northern Virginia. You will read this well into the spring, hopefully thoroughly enjoying the beauty and warmth of the season. When I do hear from others in NC '67, they send their best wishes to the rest of you too. Take care and keep in touch. If there is a need for prayerful support, please send that along as well.

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1968

Greetings, classmates. • Ah, finally, after the yearlong bleak winter of our discontent, easy-living summertime beckons.

In exquisite timing as we arrive on this cusp of summer, **Joan Dunn Harrison** has published her third book, *Plants Named for People: Creating a Personalized Garden*. Her previous books are *Hydrangeas: Cape Cod and the Islands* and *Heavenly Hydrangeas: A Practical Guide for the Home Gardener*. Joan is the founding president of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society. • **Ellen and Frank Connell**, JD'73, after 20 years in Oregon, have moved to the town of Hamilton, on the North Shore, where they will enjoy the company of their son Patrick and three of their eight grandchildren. Frank plans to continue his practice as a labor arbitrator from his new quarters, as well as renew his attendance at BC football at Alumni Stadium. • **Mark Schwartz** writes that after retiring as an airline captain with Southwest Airlines, he continued flying private and corporate aircraft along with flight instructing, which ended with the COVID pandemic. Mark and his wife, Ruth, purchased a 51-foot yacht and have been self-isolating while cruising the Atlantic, the Gulf Coast, and the Bahamas. They returned to their home in Boynton Beach, Florida, during the winter months. Mark was recently honored by the Florida Panthers hockey team as part of its “Heroes Among Us” program that recognizes combat military veterans. • All good news in this edition of our class notes, thank heavens. Go, Eagles!

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NC 1968

Kathy Hogan Mullaney has kept herself very busy during these recent pandemic months. After a relaxing summer surrounded by lots of family in Hull, Kathy supported many local, state, and national political campaigns during the fall. She Zoomed both Pilates and tai classes while taking two BC continuing ed classes and listening to several one-time college lectures. She followed a Huntington Theatre presentation of the comedy *Tiger Style!* and then Zoomed with Joe and **Jeanie (Sullivan) McKeigue** and others to discuss the play. If the above is not enough, Kathy is committed to learning Spanish and spends many hours in that pursuit through the program *Fluenz*. • While in semi-hibernation, Larry '68 and **Marcy (McPhee) Kenah** still volunteer weekly, although in a more restricted environment. Marcy successfully completed a literary/home project of organizing all the multiple filled bookshelves in their home. After donating more than 100 books to the local library, Marcy finds herself with a stack of British and American detective stories and sagas which she is eager to read. • **Donna Deeley** generally spends the winter and summer months in her home in Breckenridge, Colorado, but when the ski slopes were abruptly shut down a year ago, Donna returned to her home in Virginia. As for so many of us, Donna's visits with classmates have been severely restricted, but she continues to speak often with both **Polly Kayser Hober** and **Denise Prifty McDonald**. Watching the recent situation in Texas,

Donna writes: “I realize how grateful I need to be for having such a comfortable environment throughout this pandemic. All the little inconveniences that I ‘suffer with’ are so minor.” • This year many of us celebrate a 75th birthday. May we also celebrate the successful vaccination of each and every one of us and also our loved ones. • As always, stay safe and be well.

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1969

Congratulations to **Carol Joyce** for achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award from *Marquis Who's Who*, publisher of *Who's Who in America*. The award honored Carol's career longevity and demonstrates unwavering excellence in nursing. Carol has relocated from New York City to her country home in Columbia County near Tanglewood, where she will be involved in the development and support of young women in the arts. • **Jim O'Reilly**, of the University of Cincinnati Medical School MPH faculty, has had two more books accepted for 2021 publication—his 56th and 57th. His text *COVID-19 and Other Pandemics* (PLI Press, 2020) is selling well, and his 230th article was published in *Food and Drug Law Journal*. • **Maureen O'Keefe Doran**, just prior to the pandemic breaking out, had moved her psychotherapy practice to her home office. She was therefore able to use telemedicine to continue working with patients and colleagues during the pandemic. Like many of us, Maureen misses those hugs and times together with her two daughters (BC '00 and BC '03), their husbands, and her grandchildren. Maureen and husband Kip '68 continue to reside in Denver. • I hope all of you are keeping safe. Please take the time to send me some news on what you are doing.

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NC 1969

Pat Connolly Henry responded that this year she did not send out Christmas cards. She thought it hard to say “happy holiday.” So, instead, she sent out Valentine's Day cards. If she had your address, you got a card! It's her own design and words. She wants everyone to stay happy and healthy. During the long 12 months at home, she cleaned out all the closets, the basement, the garage, the pantry, and all the other nooks and crannies in her house. She offered many “treasures” to the local recycle center. She and her husband spent some time in Englewood, Florida, this winter. • **Pam DeLeo Delaney** is a member of the Wednesday Club in Bristol, Rhode Island. She and other ladies (no men allowed) debate on different topics. Pam recently debated. You could tell she put time into her research. She said she felt it was like writing a term paper. • Some of us have been Zooming for over a year now. It all started because we were supposed to meet in Chicago last May, but with the pandemic, that was canceled. Instead, we've

been meeting each Monday on Zoom. We've even started a book club discussion. We've read *The Dutch House*, *Imperfect Women*, *The Guest Book*, and *Loving Frank*. Now, we hope to make that trip to Chicago and visit the many Frank Lloyd Wright homes in the area.

• Stay well and stay healthy!
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Hi, gang. • I had a note from **Bill Fogarty**, a longtime resident of suburban Atlanta, where he lives with his wife, Judy. He reports that he's recently retired after a career in the media, the last several years of which were with the Weather Channel. The Fogartys have two grown daughters: one teaches English as a second language, and the other works for the CDC in state and government relations; both also live in the Atlanta area. • As so often in this column as of late, I need to mention classmates whom we shall not see again. **Richard "Dick" Poelaert** passed away last September at his home in East Kingston, New Hampshire. Dick leaves his wife, Elena '71, and three children. For many years he operated his own small business focused on sales and service of pumps. He was also an active citizen of East Kingston, having served on several town boards and committees, and as a baseball umpire well-known in that area. • **Sandra Joyce Gallen**, MED'81, passed away last November. Sandy had been involved in special education for a number of years, having received a master's degree in the subject from BC. She had served the town of Westborough for over 30 years in a number of capacities. Sandy is survived by her son, Thomas '96, and daughter-in-law, Anna. **Mark Bohan**, of Mattapoisett, who had spent a career in high tech sales, passed away last year. Mark leaves his wife, Kathleen; daughters Heather, Jennifer, and Kerrie and their husbands; and five grandchildren. We extend the sincere wishes of the class to the families and loved ones of each of these departed classmates. • As I finish this column, I look back to note that it was exactly 50 years ago that I became your class correspondent. I gave it up for a few years so cannot say it has been that many years of writing. But there have been more than a few issues. As our lives change and we enjoy our golden years, remember that you are doing some interesting things and your classmates want to hear about you. Please drop me a line or give me a call whenever you get the chance.

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Writing a "news" column for alumnae approaching the one-year anniversary of a pandemic lockdown is a bit of a challenge.

But where there is a dearth of news, there is room for lots of humor. And **Kathy Sheehan's** holiday letter wryly summarized 2020's highlights. "On surviving by consuming lots of sugar: 'I don't think I'm alone. For a while there was not an ice cream sandwich to be found at Whole Foods.' On Zoom: 'Our cultural and educational institutions learned how to engage the community on Zoom, and our viewing/learning opportunities grew exponentially. What a gift! I am very well informed, and since I talk to my cat, she is too.' On the post office: 'Delivering millions of ballots was very difficult, and it wore them out. This is how I know: I ordered some Christmas stamps online on November 18, and they arrived by Priority Mail on December 9.' On holiday newsletters: 'I like to write about the exciting vacation trip I took that year, but this year I will write about the exciting trip I didn't take.' On the trip not taken (because Morocco shut down): 'Poor Delta Air Lines had a hard time keeping up. First, they told me they were doing their best to ensure that I reached my destination. I emailed back saying I appreciated their efforts, but I didn't want to reach my destination. [After several flight reminders], the flight was officially canceled two days after it didn't leave on time.' On 2020: 'Out with 2020! I've had a good year considering, but I want my old life back! To 2021!'" • **Jane McMahon** sold her home, opting to rent a lovely 1,800-square-foot, two-story apartment in the center of Litchfield, Connecticut. She is delighted to be freed of property upkeep responsibilities: "Life is on hold but continues in a busy way. My six grandchildren live nearby and keep life moving ahead." • For **Patti Bruni Keefe**, it was a year to get closer—literally—to her children. She and John, JD'74, moved in with daughter Betsy's family in Natick. Sons Peter and James left California for Massachusetts. And after seven years in Rome, daughter Helen moved to Chicago, which, while not close, can be visited without crossing international boundaries. • My 2021 wish: may all who lack the vaccine get it soon, may any side effects be mild, may you and your loved ones be safe, and may 2021 bring us much joy!

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The Class of 1971's 50th Reunion Committee has been hard at work planning our reunion, scheduled for June 2021, and raising funds for a Class Gift. As of the date of this submission, the Committee is uncertain if the reunion can take place as planned due to the current state of Massachusetts guidelines on in-person meetings. In any event, the Reunion Committee is blessed to have 26 exceptional classmates volunteer as committee members: **Mark Holland** (chair), **Maddy Nazzaro Cannon**, **Peter Cardia**, **David Castiglioni**, **Ann Harris Connor**, **Brian Curry**, **Barbara Lucas Delutis**, **James**

Deveney, **Donna Dolan**, **James "Strad" Engler**, **Maureen Foley**, **Chris Gorgone**, **Kevin Hackett**, **John Kozarich**, **Maureen Mallon Lawler**, **Joe Maher JD'75**, **David McAuliffe**, **Helen Walsh McCusker**, **Frank O'Hara**, **Mike Power**, **Dominick Preziosi**, **Donna Petrulavage Qualters**, **Bill Reilly**, **Joe Rull DEd'77**, **Mary Keefe Rull**, and **Stanley Yutkins**.

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Unfortunately, my email address has changed—with no access to previous emails. I am hoping that is the reason the news I've received is sparse. In the future, please contact me at melissarobbins49@gmail.com. • Through replies to our Newton College Alumnae Facebook page and personal contact, it seems that about a dozen people are interested in attending our upcoming 50th reunion. Several classmates are reporting on having received their COVID-19 immunizations. Hopefully, as folks become fully vaccinated, there will be more interest in participation. • One piece of happy news is that **Marie Robey Wood** has been having fun during the past year writing for *Potomac Lifestyle*, a monthly publication targeting homeowners in Potomac, Maryland, and other DC suburbs. It focuses on family, students, businesses, philanthropic projects, and community events. Recently, Marie stayed at the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown while researching for an article about that location. • In closing, please continue to contact me with all your news. See you at the reunion!

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Ash Wednesday is approaching as I write, and I think back to a fond memory from that day 50 years ago. The basketball Eagles played their last home game of the season at Roberts Center. Coach Chuck Daly called a timeout in the closing seconds to remove Jim O'Brien '71 from the game. The capacity crowd rose to applaud, and the ovation continued for several minutes after the game ended. I've never seen an athlete get a tribute like that in all the years since. • I was reminded of the adage "timing is everything" after I wrote in my previous column that **Brian Corrigan** was still in the workforce. Soon after, he retired to his home in Corona del Mar, California, where he lives with his wife, Kate. • I got a message from **Tom Baenziger** about another item in that column. He stays in touch with **Thomas "Harold" Smith**, an American Airlines retiree who divides his time between his siblings in Virginia and Spring Lake, New Jersey. Tom B. is a financial planner in Los Altos, California, with a practice called The Dollar Company. Earlier in his career, he was an agent for three members of the Oakland A's and for

some famous musicians. He sent a picture of the William V. Campbell Field dedication, which included also **Lou Silva** and **Bill Thomas**. Lou, who played linebacker at BC, is retired from a 40-year career as football coach at Marshfield High, where he won the Massachusetts Super Bowl five times. Bill was the first-round draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys in 1972 as a running back. He played there and for two other NFL teams, then became a biology teacher and an assistant coach at Northeastern University. • **Dr. Kevin Nealon** wrote from Chevy Chase, Maryland, where he's still practicing as an internist. He and his wife, Marguerite (Candon) '73, have 4 daughters and 10 grandchildren. • **Larry Johnson** wrote from Redondo Beach, California, that he stays active after retiring from his career as an investment banker. He owns a business, does volunteer work, and follows the progress of his granddaughter, who's a freshman at Trinity College. • **John Shack**, MBA'76, wrote that he's retired in Greenpoint, New York, after having practiced law in Woburn. • **Alan Kreczko** wrote from Weatogue, Connecticut, that he's the chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, and that he's led a fundraising effort to build a new facility on the south side of that city. • My condolences to the family of **Patricia Murphy**, who passed away in October. She was a VA hospital nurse and a resident of Gloucester.

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On January 19, 2021, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart marked the National Bell Ringing Memorial for the 400,000 lives lost to COVID-19, with the first tolling of the bell in the **Laura Richardson**, PhD, Bell Tower. Amy Richardson, Laura's sister, led a brief prayer service. **Lisa Kirby Greissing** and I attended. • In Florida, Mario '72 and **Meg (Barres) Alonso** have downsized to a condominium with a spectacular view of the Gulf. • Sadly, **Judith Callahan** passed away last September. • **Ellen Conway Barber Morse** sent us this note: "Due to COVID-19, I continue to work remotely with Project Citizen under a research grant from our parent organization, the Center for Civic Education, for the curriculum I teach. The lack of civic education is sad, but I think the recent events are renewing a call for more. Massachusetts recently required students to have two 'student-led civics projects' during the middle and high school years. Since my program is student-led, we are getting many inquiries. COVID-19 made us cancel several in-person events. However, this winter, we are working with 16 teachers and will repeat that for the next two years. It is a drop in the bucket, but that is where you begin. Grassroots organizing is the way to go to succeed." • From Northern California, **Penny Price Nachtman** writes about spreading COVID-19 and raging fires. She is coaching new school administrators through Zoom, and her daughter brings her groceries. Her garage is her new gathering place, complete with ambient lighting and

a rug. Her daughter and son visit her there with the door open and masks on while social distancing and enjoying a takeout meal. Since August, she has had her car packed and ready for evacuation as she lives about 50 miles from a one of those devastating fire sites. • To be closer to family, **Mary Coan** and husband Greg Paulsen moved from Iowa to Frederick, Maryland. • Through North Country Press, **Barbara McGillicuddy Bolton** from Newton's graduate school recently published *When They Took Dad Away*, a memoir of her growing up in northern Maine. • *Boston College Magazine* has released an updated website that will now include Class Notes. Please take care and continue to send me news.

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Beth Corrigan Hedges was part of an online Hero Art Project in Brooklyn in October 2020 for her portrait honoring a medical person, one of our fallen heroes of COVID-19. You can view the show on the website arthouse.nyc to fully appreciate some of the medical heroes we have lost to this dreaded virus. • I hope all Eagles are staying safe and healthy and have access to vaccines!

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NC 1973

Dear classmates, we hope you are all well. It seems as though many of us have been able to receive at least one dose of the vaccine. Luckily, my [Kathy's] husband, Ken '71, and I were able to be vaccinated through my volunteer work. • **Patrice Muchowski** reports that, although she had planned to retire, she is still working for AdCare, although on a part-time, virtual basis. After selling their home in Worcester, she and her husband now divide their time between their homes in Florida and New Hampshire. They are becoming actively involved in these communities. Patrice is thoroughly enjoying her participation on a clinical excellence committee at the local hospital and finds it very invigorating. David is on the insurance board for the health-care system, meeting new, interesting people. Their sons are doing well and both, as well as one daughter-in-law, have been working throughout the pandemic, providing addiction services at AdCare. Their older granddaughter is a freshman at Colby College in Maine, and her classes have been in-person, which she loves. Their second granddaughter is a junior in high school, getting ready for college applications, and their grandson is preparing for high school. • We look forward to hearing from you. Please send your news at any time, and we will include it in the next issue.

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Thanks to all for getting in touch. I am writing this note in mid-February, hoping that by this summer we will be on the other side of this virus. It will be wonderful to be able to visit, laugh, and hug again! • I got a great note from **Dan Sullivan**; he's become a devoted sailor, racing a Rhodes 19 out of Hull and cruising in a 38-foot Alerion Express. Sounds perfect! Last summer he was able to take an item off his bucket list with a two-week trip to Maine, exploring Casco Bay. This summer he hopes to sail to Penobscot Bay and more. Dan has four "kids," ranging from 16 to 34, and two grandchildren, and all are doing well. • Happily, **Maureen O'Brien Levine**'s family is also doing well. They did a lot of traveling in 2018–2019, and she is looking forward to more international trips in the future. She put Zoom to good use during the pandemic, taking classes in studio art (from Key West), art history (Rhode Island), and Italian (Cambridge). Thanks, Maureen! • Congratulations to **John Chessare** and his staff at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, where he is the president and CEO of GBMC HealthCare. GBMC has been awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. • I heard from **Ed Kaplan**, who has retired and is still living in the Chicago area. He is thoroughly enjoying his three grandchildren: Jordan, Andrew, and Harriet. • Jim and I are doing well; we have spent most of the past year in Harwich. Our family is healthy, and we appreciate how blessed we are. • Please write.

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2020 certainly was a year of misses—we missed family and friends. We miss **Maureen O'Halloran**, RSCJ, JD'90, who died on September 24, 2020. After NCSH, Maureen earned her MBA and then a JD from BC Law School. She was member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and served on the Provincial administration as treasurer and legal consultant. • Your class correspondent missed Class Notes deadlines, so thank you to **Julie Hirschberg Nuzzo** for the following notes: "It has been a year since COVID-19 descended upon us. The virus has disrupted our daily lives and interrupted how we interact with one other. My wish is that my NC'74 classmates are healthy and managing what we hope is a temporary setback. The Duchesne East third-floor women continue to connect through Zoom (a term new to me a year ago). **Trisha Keough Almqvist** schedules our meetings every three weeks. After so many years, we still laugh, share priceless Newton photos, exchange fond and funny memories, recommend book titles, and catch up on everyday topics from family matters to world events when we get together on these calls. Our regular Zoom attendees include **Mary Faith Schilling Saavedra**, **Deirdre Finn Romanowski**, **Cris Day**, **Chris Meyer Gregory**, **Elise Gaudreau Bradley**, **Robbie Grassi Magee**, and me, and

Beth Meehan and **MaryGail Bryan** join us when they can. While most of us are retired, Robbie is still employed at Flynn, a marketing and advertising agency, where she serves as executive director. Robbie plans to cut back to three days a week. Trisha remains in the education field as a guidance counselor at a charter school in Rhode Island. Deirdre continues to work with special needs students in the Hanover Township, New Jersey, school system and she has no plans to leave her post any time soon. On a side note, can you believe Carole King's *Tapestry* album is 50 years old? What a wonderful memory that album provides. Those 12 crisp tracks played day in and day out in our dorm. I remember King's music blasted out the Duchesne windows to the green below where we studied for finals. Her music was emotional and true with songs of love, friendship, and female empowerment. How lucky we were to experience that piece of musical greatness while at Newton."

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Hi, all. • **Mary Morley** writes: "COVID-19 hasn't stopped a group of friends from reuniting as we do each year. In fact, COVID's restrictions led us to meet more frequently thanks to weekly Zoom calls. **Kerry Sullivan**, **Brett Capshaw**, **Ann Hayden**, **Ann Crosson Tyler**, **Mary Iandoli**, **Gina Kernan MSW'80**, **Janet Dunn**, **Lynn Fallavollita Hennigan MSW'91**, **Mary Pat McEnrue**, **Laura Mentch**, and I chat each week as schedules allow. It's been fun and supportive being more connected than ever. Sadly, we lost Kerry Sullivan in November to cancer. Kerry retired from a long, respected career at the Frick Collection in New York City. Her kindness and effervescence continue to inspire us." We extend our sincerest condolences to Kerry's family. • **Anne Camille Maher Talley**, MBA'81, is the first non-physician business person on the board of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, recently appointed chair of the Membership Imperative. • Congratulations to Mod-19B roommates **Jo Ann Przewoznik Woods** and **Maureen Martin-Brown**, MED'76, on the arrival of their beautiful granddaughters! Jo Ann and her husband, Warren '74, are ecstatic as they welcome their first grandchild, Kelsey Rose White! Maureen and her husband, Ken, are overjoyed with the arrival of their sixth grandchild, Scarlett Grace Gillespiel. • We are saddened to learn of the January 29th passing of classmate **William Clare**. His wife, Barbara, informed us that although Bill had fought prostate cancer for 24 years, an unknown infection took him from the family in less than 24 hours. Bill had most recently been the business manager of Bishop McHugh Regional Elementary School in Cape May Courthouse, New Jersey. Prior to that he was the business manager at St. Damien Parish in Ocean City for 10 years. The family moved to Ocean City in 1998. Bill was happiest cooking

for family and friends on his back deck and porch no matter the season or weather, and he was a man of great faith and love. He will be missed. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a Villanova graduate; sons Christopher, Andrew, and Brendan; daughter Allison King; grandson Liam; and two beloved dogs, Wilson and Charlotte. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to you, Barbara, and your entire family. • Take care, stay safe and well, and hopefully in the near future we can look forward to reuniting at alumni events!

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I'm happy to welcome June, with its promise of summer and our 46th reunion! I hope many of us were able to be together celebrating our class, either in person or virtually, and I look forward to sharing everyone's stories in our next column. Here's some news to tide us over until then. • I had a wonderful chance to chat with **Mary Stevens McDermott** on a wintery February day on the Cape. She sounded great and was feeling well and very positive after reaching the three-year anniversary of her kidney transplant. Like many of us, Mary has been staying home, keeping her circle of friends close (she has high school friends nearby, which is a blessing), and safely limiting outside activities over the last year. Nothing was stopping her community outreach efforts, though, from working with the local food pantry and being on the Creative Arts Board to supporting local businesses during these challenging times. Thanks to technology, she keeps up with classmates including **Lisa Antonelli DellaPorta**, **Cyndee Crowe Frere**, **Nancy Coughlin Ferraro** MED'77, **Liz Mahoney Flaherty**, and **Pam McNaughton D'Ambrosio** with Zoom get-togethers and phone calls while connecting with others on Facebook. We were both remarking on the migration she has seen in Chatham as people left their city dwellings to live at their summer houses full-time. We certainly have seen a similar influx of snowbirds becoming full-time residents here in Florida! • **Helen Fox-O'Brien** spoke with **Lee Costello** recently. And I saw that **Barbara Callahan Saldarriaga** welcomed a new grandson, Charlie, in February! Congratulations! • In case you missed it, you can now read Class Notes online, along with the print edition of *Boston College Magazine*. So, please be sure to send your reunion stories and any news and updates my way. Take care, and be well!

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Duane Deskins, JD'79, was, for many years, an assistant US attorney. Now residing in Chicago, he continues his involvement in

diverse legal matters. In the aftermath of the Capitol riot in January, *NewsNation* interviewed him in an extended segment about his concerns and important legal considerations at play. The interview can be seen on YouTube and is worth tracking down. As all will remember, Duane served as UGBC president before graduating from BC Law and embarking on his respected and lengthy legal career. • After graduation, some were meant to fly into the wild blue yonder, and one was our classmate **Don Oakes**, who became a Navy pilot. Don enjoyed a 10-year naval career before joining US Air (which later merged with American Airlines). Over a long career, he happily logged over 30,000 hours in flight and over 1,000 North Atlantic crossings! Don retired in 2019 after 44 years of flying and now resides in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, where he is often seen skiing and biking when he's not enjoying time with his grandkids and family. • BC has a new website where one can read Class Notes. • Our Reunion Committee is in serious discussions with the Alumni Association given these uncertain times, as all would love an in-person reunion. A virtual experience for the same weekend is also on the table. • **Chuck Sheehan** still resides in Maryland and sent a shout-out to this writer expressing his desire to attend our reunion, if possible. Hope to see all the bicentennial babies then! • **Kathy Murphy**, **Beth Hurley**, and **Gerry Shea** enjoyed a mini-reunion last summer on Cape Cod, where the memories of the late **Danielle Delie** and **Judy Harvey Hayes** were toasted. Let's do it again! • Wishing all a healthy and happy spring and summer, resist the pandemic, get a vaccine, and God bless! Go, BC!

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Lou Chrostowski finally found the time, due to COVID-19, to share his first update since graduating. After working in HR in the investment management industry in Boston, he "retired" in 2007 and has been working as an executive coach and HR consultant. When he left the corporate world, his family sold their home in Newton and now divide their time between a beach house in Rhode Island and a villa in the Turks and Caicos Islands. If any classmates find themselves in either location, Lou encourages you to look him up via his email address: lou.chrostowski@verizon.net. Like all of us, Lou is looking forward to our next reunion! • **Joe Ramos** has been practicing anesthesiology for close to 40 years in New Jersey, and he and his soul mate, Lisa, now reside in Lyndhurst. His children, Kimberly Castelli (MSN); Christopher '09; Bryan '10, MA'11 (and NYU, MBA'20); and Gabrielle (Penn, BSN'20, now a pediatric oncology nurse at MGB in Boston)—have graduated from college, and Brooke Caroline is a sophomore in the honors scholarship program at Rutgers University. His three eldest have brought him six grands: Olivia (6), Juliette (3), and Christian and James (almost 2), as

well as Lukas, Ryan, and Diana (all under 1). Lisa has two children: Michael, a graduate of John Jay University, and Martina, a May graduate from Drexel. Joe's parents, Edward and Carmen, are still flourishing at age 90. When Lisa and Joe are not with the family, they enjoy traveling to warm, sunny beaches. • In September 2020, **Jeff Bauer** became the regional chief operating officer of the American Red Cross in Michigan. While still an arbitrator and mediator, Jeff transitioned from the active practice of law to full-time humanitarian services. Jeff has been a leadership volunteer for the past 37 years with the American Red Cross and has served on many national, regional, and local disaster operations. He is also a certified communications unit leader for the US DHS and for the state of Michigan. • After 17 years as the sixth president of the Cotting School in Lexington, **Dave Manzo** will be retiring in September 2021. Cotting School was founded in 1893 for children with complex special needs. Dave has also been an adjunct professor, since 1980, in BC's PULSE Program and will continue teaching BC students about nonprofit services and leadership. • **Ellen McElligott's** roommate Maureen Mahoney '76 has been trying to connect with Ellen for a long time and thus far hasn't had any luck. Ellen, originally from Brooklyn, went to Suffolk Law after graduation, and Maureen thinks that she lived in the Boston area. Ellen, and/or anyone reading this article who knows how Maureen can contact her, please reach out to Maureen at mahoney.maureen@gmail.com or by phone at 972-672-7152. • Yours truly, **Nicholas Kydes**, and my beloved wife, Carol, are very proud of our son Alexander, who graduated with the Class of 2020 from UConn as a scholar athlete. Alexander was on the UConn lacrosse team, earned leadership and academic awards, and was inducted into the Honor Society. • May all good things find the path to your door. God bless our world.

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Jim Sano's first novel, *The Father's Son* (Full Quiver Publishing, 2019), received the Catholic Writers Guild Seal of Approval Award for its literary integrity and faithfulness to Catholic teachings. Jim retired in June 2020 after 32 years at Dell-EMC but has stayed busy. His second novel, *Gus Busbi* (Full Quiver, 2020), was released in December. What can a Black teen from the gang-controlled South End projects of Boston and a 70-year-old, curmudgeonly Italian man, who has given up on life, have in common? More than you might think.

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The BC-Texas football game was our class's home opener in many ways. What an Eagle-life introduction we had! **Chris Calabro**, of Fort Myers, Florida, recalls that night as a favorite BC memory. "How did time go by so fast?" he asks. With the goal to wind down and spend more time with grandchildren, after 19 years with Carrier Corporation, he is now a VP at Channel Marketing Group. He's now locating and thanking those who helped his success. "One of the benefits to slowing things down is being able to reflect on what brought me here," he writes. • **Bob Ziomek** continues to enjoy Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, and leads the BC Jacksonville Alumni Group. His youngest received early BC acceptance and is heading to the Heights in September. • Also in Florida, **Harold Cordner**, of Vero Beach, was elected president of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. • Another first responder, **Vickie Karian**, currently works as a CPNP at Boston Children's Hospital Multidisciplinary Headache Clinic. She recently published a book, *Getting Ahead of Pediatric Headaches: A Comprehensive Guide for Nurse Practitioners to Manage Headaches in Children and Adolescents* (Damianos, 2020). Vickie remains close with classmates **Laurie Reilly** and **Ann O'Connell O'Connor**. • **Jim and Maura (Haggerty) Sweeney** have been living in Clearwater, Florida, for 38 years. COVID-19 curtailed Maura's public speaking but enabled Jim to research and pen the book, *Old School Hoops: Stories of an Aging Baller* (Lulu.com, 2020). It chronicles his masters' age basketball journey since 2009, often accompanied by Maura, playing in 100 senior hoops tournaments in over 20 countries, and features places visited, incredible food, and people met. • **Diane di Scipio Driscoll**, of Connecticut, and her golden retriever, Spell, received an invite to the 2021 AKC National Obedience Championships in Wilmington, Ohio. Sending paw-sitive vibes. • **Karen Pappas** is managing a global marketing campaign for her latest business venture, CareerMode. Leveraging her psychology background, she offers holistic career counseling services for professionals at any stage. Karen gets together with classmate **Carol Vartanian Molina**. • Rhode Islanders **Michael Voccola** and his wife are proud grandparents of two toddlers. He is hosting his seventh Roger Williams School of Law seminar, How to Become a Sought-After Deal Maker. • **Mary Michalis Hanraets** lives in Sun Valley, Idaho. She teaches 5-year-olds to ski, walks her Brittany puppy up miles of canyon trails, and volunteers for the Hunger Coalition. She writes: "Life is good, I'm incredibly happy and grateful here, especially to be healthy and well. Now I'm waiting to do my travel bucket list!" Amen to that, Mary. • *Congratulations* to our class! We raised the most revenue of all 2020 reunion classes. Special thanks to our Reunion Gift Committee: co-chairs

Bill Geary, Peg O'Brien Bernhardt, Kevin Connolly, and Brien O'Brien; committee members **Christina Ravelo Amundson, George Harrington, Scott Hughes, Keith Mathews** (deceased), **Karen Michaud Moran, Michele Nadeem-Baker, Donal and Jean (Roney) Orr, Bambi Smith Riegel, Lou Taylor, Diane Eckland Van Parys, and Paul Vanderslice**.

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Gene Butera has been an attending physician at NYU Langone-Long Island Hospital since 2013 and is an associate professor at NYU Long Island School of Medicine. He and wife Wendy live in Huntington, New York. Gene gives a shout-out to **Jon Blancaflor** and **Pete Girolamo**. • Last year **Bettina Pels-Wetzel** hosted a wedding at her home in Niskayuna, New York, for her daughter **Brittney '14** and **Charles Stewart '13**. The bride and groom, wedding party, officiant, and some guests were members of the University Chorale of Boston College. Bettina also became a first-time grandparent on the birth of her son **Jonathan's** daughter, **Emily Giselle Wetzel**. • **Elizabeth Granata Hickey**, of Alexandria, Virginia, writes that after beginning a career in banking and then working on Citibank's trading desk in New York City, she got her master's in environmental policy at the University of Maryland College Park, where she met her husband, **Chris**. She started a nonprofit, university-based program dedicated to environmental finance for local communities, land trusts, local governments, and states. Following the birth of her daughter, she became a teacher and later an assistant head of school of a private Montessori school. Elizabeth retired and pursued her most meaningful job to date—as a yoga and meditation teacher, primarily for older adults. "I have never been as relaxed and calm as now," she reports. • **Mike Brennan** is senior principal of a technology consulting and engineering firm, Technology Plus, in Aurora, Colorado, which provides design and engineering services to next-generation smart buildings, campuses, and cities such as the Wiltshire Grand, Century Plaza, and the city of Riverside, California. Mike and his wife, **Maria**, recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary; the marriage of son **Conor**, a VP at Marcus & Millichap, to his college sweetheart, **Bethany Jenkins**; and the marriage of their daughter **Tara**, lead mobile applications program manager for Einstein Bros./Bruegger Bagels Corp., to **Tim Hughes**, a director at Vapor IO. Mike and Maria live in Morrison at Red Rocks Country Club, just west of Denver. • With a heavy heart, I report the death of two dear classmates this past December, **Peter McCourt** and **Kevin Curtin**, MA'87, JD'88. Peter had a successful career in the mortgage industry and founded the McCourt Foundation with his brothers to assist families affected by neurological

health challenges. Kevin was a beloved lawyer in the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office for 26 years and taught in trial advocacy programs at BC Law, Harvard Law School, and the University of Virginia School of Law. Kevin leaves behind his wife, Susan Jeghelian '86, and daughter, Francesca.

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Charlie '81 and **Maureen (Bourgeois) Simmons** celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary this past fall at Trinity Chapel in Newton, where they were married in 1983. They dropped off their youngest daughter, Kristine Grace '24, their fourth and final Eagle, at Keyes North dorm to begin her freshman year at the Lynch School. They welcomed their fourth grandson, Peter Francis Byrne, in July 2020. Peter's paternal grandfather is Patrick Byrne, of the BC Philosophy Department, who was professor and mentor to Maureen as an undergraduate. • **Sue Gallant** celebrated her 30th tax season in Chelsea this year. She is grateful for her client base and dedicated staff. Sue and her B52 roommates, **Donna Hofmann Emerzian, Deb Wood O'Brien, Pam Cugini Giatras, Mary Ann Stamm, and Paula Deakin** celebrated turning 60 during a pandemic with driveway and drive-by celebrations, Friday Zoom happy hours, and other socially distanced celebrations. Sue is a loyal BC football season ticket holder, along with MaryEllen Flynn '81, and cannot wait to get back to tailgating with Mike '84 and Sue (Cayer) Flaherty '84. She is a proud aunt of two nieces: Lauren Gallant, a senior at the University of Delaware who is heading to grad school next fall to study physical therapy, and her sister, Samantha, who is a star basketball player for Franklin Pierce University. • **Susan Erikson** has written an article for *Nature*, "Pandemics Show Us What Government Is For," and co-authored a piece in *The Lancet*, "Will Financial Innovation Transform Pandemic Response?" both published in 2020. After BC, she joined the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone and worked for a while in Washington, D.C. She then earned a PhD in medical anthropology. She's a full professor in the faculty of health sciences at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. • **Cindi Bigelow** had a terrific ski weekend with Mike Blanchard and her partner, Alison Becker, at Okemo Mountain. • **Vanessa Parks** has a new book out, *The Story of Mom: A Question & Answer Guide to Mom's Life, Lessons, and Legacy* (Adams Media/Simon & Schuster, 2021). • **Bob Gallagher**, MA'84, is glad to report a return to full health and to his classroom at Marshfield High School. He says MGH oncology was fantastic, as were his coworkers, friends, and family. He is eager to share the stories and build gardens with the arrival of warmer weather. • **John Mannion** reports that his son Conall is a senior and living in the same Mod—22A—where John lived

during his senior year. Conall and his roommates have not had the opportunity to host the type of parties they had heard were hosted back in 1982. They are crossing their fingers for a more normal second semester and the return of the Pajoga Party. John also reports that his 22A roommates, **John McCormack, Mike Nogas, Lenny Attisano, Bill Dermody, and Dave Crispi**, are well and looking forward to the invite back to Mod-22A. • **Rosemary Fandel Hall** has enjoyed the company of her toddler grandson, James, during the pandemic. She has down-sized from a three-story home to an apartment. She loves teaching the children of immigrants in Chicago; as a special ed teacher, she is working in a resource room for second- and third-graders. She has had some positive experiences with remote learning and says it's great to see how proud kids are of learning to read!

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1983

Diane Bailey-Boulet's book, *Poverty to Possibility: Snapshots from a Yorkshire Boyhood*, is now published and was ranked as the No. 1 children's historical biography on Amazon. Diane writes: "It tells the story of my dad's childhood in a Yorkshire, England, coal-mining community from the start of the Great Depression through World War II: In Britain, during the desperate Depression-era 1930s and war-torn 1940s, a poor but promising and determined Yorkshire coal miner's son finds the friendship, love, and community he needs to break the forceful grip of poverty and let his boldest dreams take flight. My dad died of cancer in 2003. Writing this book was my way of honoring him and coping with my grief. I have traveled back to England many times in researching the story—and reunited with many family members and my dad's childhood friends in the process. Among the people I credit for helping me achieve this is John Rosser, my wonderful BC history professor." • After a career spanning more than 30 years as an academic otolaryngologist, head and neck surgeon, **Mark Hoy** retired in December from his position as assistant professor and head of the General Otolaryngology Division in the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. The recent acquisition of a second home on beautiful Wadmalaw Island has kept him far from bored as he enjoys more time there and with his wife of 31 years, Nancy, and sons Connor, a practicing attorney, and Payne, who is in his final year of law school. • **Dan Head** writes: "Shortly after COVID-19 locked us down, the former Newton RAs, with a few adopted members, instituted a Sunday-night call just to check in to see how everyone was managing. Last June, we mourned the loss of John Walker '82, JD'85, our staff assistant in Keyes Hall. The Class of '85 students who lived in Keyes will fondly remember Johnny Walker. He graduated from BC Law and served as a

special agent in the FBI. When we last traded emails in March, John was touring the law school campus with his daughter, a BC student. He said he spent five of his best years on the Newton Campus."

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1984

Greetings! • May 15, 2020, was a great day for **Melissa Baker** and family as both her children graduated. Lindsey '17, earned her MA in theology and ministry from Villanova University, and Christopher earned his BS in electrical engineering (and surfing!) from the University of Southern California. Both children are gainfully employed in their fields. In July 2020, Melissa and husband Wayne celebrated their 30th anniversary. COVID-19 interrupted a celebratory vacation, but they are reveling in being empty nesters without any more tuition payments! • **Gary Ferreira's** twin daughters, Amy and Allison, graduated with honors from BC's Carroll School of Management in spring 2020. They were awarded the coveted honor of being selected by *Poets & Quants* as two of the country's top 100 Best and Brightest Undergraduate Business Majors of 2020. Both work in New York City. Amy is a global markets analyst for Citigroup, and Allison is an investment banking analyst for UBS. • **Todd Veale** and **Andrea Rocanelli '86** have lived in Delaware since 1991. After a career in the corporate world, Todd enjoys his role as executive director of a Delaware-based nonprofit foundation. Andrea is a Delaware Superior Court judge. They have three daughters, two of whom returned to live temporarily with Todd and Andrea last March, while their oldest daughter remained in DC. They are looking forward to their renewed empty nest, which is contingent upon their youngest daughter's return to Williams College for her senior year and final year of field hockey. • **Bill McDonough** retired after 30 years from John Hancock Investments and moved to Cape Neddick, Maine. His youngest son, Liam, graduated last spring from Colby College. • **Kim Nagy** has published the fifth book in the True Wildlife Adventure Series for Children, *KZ & MK, Lord & Lady of the Lakes: A True Story of the Mystic Lakes Bald Eagles*. It follows *Wally & Wind of the Woburn Cliffs: The True Story of a Peregrine Falcon Family*, which includes a section on the Tufts Veterinary Clinic, so important to wildlife. Kim lives in Brighton. • In August, **John and Caryn (Bollhofer) Wolak** celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Julia '16, a Connell School of Nursing alumna, to Matthew Munfakh '16, a graduate of the Carroll School of Management. The bride and groom's immediate families were present for an intimate wedding ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina. John and Caryn have three children and reside in New Jersey. Julia and Matthew have settled in Chicago.

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1985

36TH REUNION

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Congratulations to **Maria Donoghue Velleca**, who was appointed dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at William & Mary College in March 2020. • **Eva Samaan** is director of operations and strategic partnerships at Tiffany & Co. in New York City. • **Denise Pampena** is the president of Graziano Construction & Development Company, a 100-percent female-owned, Pittsburgh-based, general construction and development firm. • **Chris Canning** is a partner at the law firm of Canning & Canning and a member of the board of PACE, the suburban Chicago transit provider. • **Daniel Callaway** is chief compliance officer and general counsel at Sustainable Growth Advisors in Stamford, Connecticut. • **Doug Stevenson** is president at Kistler & Knapp Builders in Acton, a custom builder of home renovation and homes, and a dad to three children. • **Elizabeth Germani** is a founding member of the law firm Germani, Hill & Hayes in Portland, Maine. • **Edward Capobianco** is general counsel and VP of human resources at Swarovski North America in Cranston, Rhode Island. • **Ken and Wendy (Fai) Roos** are still living in the beautiful San Diego area. Wendy is VP of finance at Qpex Biopharma, and Ken is chief revenue officer at Arena. • Speaking of beautiful areas, **Mike King** is managing partner in the LA office of the law firm of Hennelly & Grossfeld. • **Newton Chung** is manager and head trader at John W. Bristol & Co. in the Greater New York City area. • **Mike Glynn** is assistant state's attorney, chief juvenile unit, in the Prince George's County State's Attorney Office in Maryland. • **Armand Doucette**, MS'91, is a principal at Port Harbor Technologies, a technology consulting firm, and also a full-time lecturer in the Information and Process Management Department at Bentley University. • **Gregg Sweeney** is president and COO at IKON Communications Consultants, Inc., in Wellesley. • Classmates, I would love to receive some updates from you; this column was largely sourced by my combing through LinkedIn for alumni news.

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1986

35TH REUNION

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Hi, '86 Eagles! I hope everyone is making the best of remote work, enjoying COVID-19 bubble activities, and getting excited for our 35th reunion! My deepest sympathy to all who have lost family, friends, and livelihoods during this unprecedented pandemic—here's hoping 2021 is the best year ever for the world! Please keep sending in your email updates; I love hearing what is up in your life, and I know our classmates love it too. • **Mike Hudzik** writes that he and his fiancée, Debbie (who joined me at the

last reunion), were married on March 21, 2020. Unfortunately, the celebration has been postponed indefinitely, and the honeymoon in Antigua has been rescheduled to May. Mike and Debbie moved into a new house in Cortlandt Manor, New York, in May 2020, and Mike left Swiss Re to join Munich Re in November 2021. They are looking forward to visiting BC again when possible and hoping the football team will keep positive momentum from this past season. • **George Waters** sent an update on a few Eagles: **Patrick Geraghty** is continuing his worldwide exploits in the U.S. Department of State. After a year in Kabul, Afghanistan, he is now stationed in Reykjavik, Iceland. **Rich and Karen (Flanagan) Mullen** continue to telecommute from Needham for their jobs with BBN/Raytheon and the Needham public health department. George and his wife, Sarah, are in Medfield. George just completed an MBA in the Executive MBA for Physicians program at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis and now works as a staff cardiologist at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro. • **Donna Consolini** writes that she *loves* being home 24/7, fixing up her family homestead, working remotely for Dartmouth College advancement, and joining TCM Backlot virtual film club meetups. Her last travel adventure was a delightful February visit to BC's Lyons Hall, where she surprised her boss from college, Cindy Nicholson Bravo, at the language lab—best college job ever! On the same trip, her twin, **Dina Consolini Dommett** (who lives in the UK with her husband, Mike), saw a Le Vent du Nord concert at the MFA—a terrific Quebecois band they've followed since discovering them at Pete Seeger's Clearwater Festival. Dina and Donna look forward to our virtual reunion in June! • The 2020 pandemic has taught us to be resilient, positive, patient, flexible and, above all, lucky to have our BC forever friendships—it was the overarching theme of all the emails, social media posts, and Zoom cocktails meetings. Everyone, get those dancing shoes out, party hats on, because we are going to rock the BC campus at our reunion with the best class of Eagles ever! Seems like yesterday we were living the dream, 1982–1986. Impossible to think it was 35 years ago! Mark your calendars for the epic 35th reunion and reliving our BC glory days.

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1987

Mary O'Neill is still living in Atlanta. She writes: "I would love for y'all to visit. I'm working at Bayer Consumer Health and 'sell drugs online'—better known as Amazon/e-commerce. If you are in town, please give me a call/email (mary.oneill@bayer.com)." • **Judith Czaja McCaffrey's** twin daughters will be attending college in Boston this fall—Katherine at BC, Class of 2025, and Elizabeth at Northeastern. Travel from Florida for Parents Weekends will be easy for Mom and Dad! Judith recently retired after a 25-year career as

head and neck cancer surgeon at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. She and husband Thomas are looking forward to settling the twins in and hope to travel and enjoy the world post-pandemic! • After 33 years in the private sector, **Rocko Graziano** retired from L.L.Bean to join the faculty at the University of Maine at Augusta, where he will teach classes in data science and computer information systems. • **Quentin Williams** writes that he is honored to be a part of the D2C (Dedication to Community) family as that organization addresses the justice issue. • **Tom Porell** and his wife, Christine, will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in November, all thanks to classmate **Patty Piechota Emerson**, who set them up on a blind date back in 1987. The Porells still live in Littleton, where Christine is the school nurse at the high school and Tom is a senior VP at USI Insurance. • Last August, a group of classmates converged on **Karl and Jamie (Conte) Kreshpane's** house on the Jersey Shore for a fun weekend of eating, drinking, boating, and reminiscing about the good old days at BC. The group included **Dave Nugent, Sean Dombrowski, Pat Ard, and Karl Maier**. It was an epic weekend!

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1988

Marty Kane, JD'92, reports: "My roommate and dear friend, Brian McDonnell, aka "McD", passed away peacefully this January in Haddonfield, New Jersey. He fought hard [against cancer]. He was surrounded by his family. A week prior to his death, a bunch of us—**Mike Connolly, Joe Hoffman, Mark Murphy, Peter Everin** MS'96, **Doug Mantz, Perry O'Grady, Matt Bradley, Greg Nardolillo '89**, and I—went down to his house and spent the afternoon and evening with McD and his family. We ate, drank, and roasted McD. He was in great spirits, gave back some of the roasting to us. We shared great memories, many of which occurred on campus. He was one of the Delbarton boys who infiltrated our Class of '88. He was courageous in his battle. Take the time today to check in with your old gang from BC."

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1989

Classmates! What a crazy year. Please forgive the brevity of the last update, but please do keep submitting your updates online or via email to me. You can find the notes on the BC magazine website too! • **Christine Bracciotti Pier** (stinepier@yahoo.com) writes in with a great update on five friends—who all met on the second floor of Fitzpatrick freshman year—whose friendship has only been strengthened by the COVID pandemic. Over the years since graduating, **Karen Sullivan Louie** (South Carolina), **Colleen Borger O'Connor** (New York), **Laura Pollock Salamone** (Texas), **Julie Tierney Spurr** (England), **Suzanne Suppelsa Zilvetti** (New Jersey), and

Christine (Pennsylvania) have reunited in person countless times. • Inevitably, life has prevented one or all from gathering each summer. In March 2020, when COVID-19 began to wreak havoc, they began (like many others) to convene on Zoom. What began as a weekly call has gradually moved to every other week, lasting hours, as they are never at a loss for conversation. Their friendship forged all those years ago has proven to be a sisterhood that sustains them through the trials and tribulations of raising young adults, coping with personal life/health issues, and the reality of dealing with aging parents from afar. Thanks, BC! They went to BC for an education and left with so much more than that. • Sharing another good story about reconnecting, **Kimberly Yeskevich Adam** (kadam22@charter.net) and friends started a biweekly Zoom party this year, starting with Mod mates (Mod-39A) **Kristin Lisi Conway**, **Patti Kavanagh Edwards**, **Liz Costigan Fischelis**, **Liz Ryan Dole**, **Traci St. Pierre**, and **Kim. Robin Kilduff** and **Cathy Griffin DiMassa** have now joined, and all agree that it is one of the best things to come out of 2020. • Our class lost a great light this January. **Maria Salomao-Schmidt** passed away at her home surrounded by family and friends after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Maria leaves behind husband Douglas Schmidt, four children (Mialotta, Olivia, Isabella, and Christopher), six siblings, and many nieces and nephews. Maria is predeceased by her daughter Sophia. Many classmates reached out and supported Maria and her family and joined in both the visitation and online memorial service. Many thanks to **Kathleen Zinzer McCarthy** for sharing so many updates this year on Maria on our class Facebook page.

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1990

31ST REUNION

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Hello, everyone! I sincerely hope this year finds you all happy and healthy! What a crazy year it has been. Thank you to those who have submitted class notes. • Congratulations to **Michael Baroni** on being named Entertainment Lawyer of the Year, USA, by *Lawyer Monthly* magazine! Baroni Law, the firm he launched in Newport Beach in 2020, caters to business and entertainment clients. Currently, they are working on a TV show with a No. 1-rated producer. Michael is now working on a music festival and documentary film about a university's famous basketball season. • **Matt McConnell's** son Jack is now a freshman in the Carroll School of Management. He is a fourth-generation Eagle, following in the footsteps of Matt and his wife, Aileen (Kelly) '91; her father, Thomas Kelly '60; and his father, Thomas Kelly Sr. '30. Matt's daughter, Katie, is a junior in high school and in the midst of her college search. Matt recently joined MediaKind as the CEO, which is a PE-backed company focused on next-generation media and video distribution technologies. Aileen, after receiving her

MBA and working in the world of financial consulting for many years, now volunteers with Boulder Voices for Children, working as a court-appointed special advocate. The McConnells still spend time with a great crew from Matt's Xavier Hall days, including **Steve Santaguida**, **Michael Sousa**, **Joe Soto**, **Pete Moser** JD'94, **Jim Hickson**, **Omer Gingras**, **Greg Schwake**, and **Bryan Bradshaw** MS'93. Matt would love to catch up with any Eagles in the Denver/Boulder area! • **John Harrington**, MBA'99, MS'03, and his wife, Bethany, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this spring. John participated in each of the Morrissey College's Endeavor Programs, career exploration programs for liberal arts majors during winter break. He has worked for PNC Financial Services Corp for the last seven years in their Asset Management Division. John and Beth have two children: Andrew, University of Alabama '20, and Elizabeth, University of Virginia '22. • **Greg and Ila (Gadhavi) Rosengarten** attained empty-nester status when their youngest daughter began her freshman year at the Heights this past fall. For the past 28 years they have lived in Colorado, where Greg enjoys sales with RingCentral, and Ila works at Greg's high school alma mater in its college counseling department. • **Tammy Dinicola Cracolici** has been in the income-tax business for 25 years. • **Amy Bettez Cronin** has been visiting campus to see her talented daughter, Bridget, who is a junior in the Connell School of Nursing. Her family is hoping they will again experience a BC tailgate in September 2021! • **David Pierre** recently published his fourth book, *The Greatest Fraud Never Told*, a counter-narrative to the media's reporting of the Catholic Church sex abuse story. He was recently cited in the *Chicago Tribune* and interviewed on the Catholic Channel on Sirius XM radio. • **Stephen Soukup** just finished his first year as CEO of DefenseStorm, a cybersecurity and cyber-compliance company built for the banking industry, which was recognized on Inc. 5000 last year. Stephen and his wife, Ginger (Boettcher) '92, have four high-schoolers. Twins Tom and Charlie will be heading off to college this fall, while Michael (a senior) and Maggie (a sophomore) attend Wesleyan School near their suburban Atlanta home. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, Steve and several of his classmates, including **Mark Keating**, **Mike Stapleton**, **Craig Piskura**, and **Joe Schoenfeld**, have participated in a daily clip-of-the-day text group started by **Scott Bonneau**. They exchange music video clips from favorite artists today and from their days together at the Heights. It has been a great way to stay connected. Love that idea, guys! • Keep the news coming!

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30TH REUNION

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Lots of notes this time around again! I couldn't get to everyone, so stay tuned for

more in the next issue! • **Meg Nocero** is the founder of the nonprofit Spirit Hope Insight Networking Event (S.H.I.N.E Networking, Inc.) where they are doing amazing work with donations of laptops and mentoring students. After resigning from the Department of Homeland Security in 2017 after nearly 20 years as an immigration attorney, she promoted her award-winning, best-selling first book, *The Magical Guide to Bliss, Daily Keys to Unlock Your Dreams, Spirit & Inner Bliss*, and landed a panel at the New York BookExpo BookConline 2020 called "Improve Your Mind, Body, Soul and Even Your Wallet." Meg hosts her own YouTube channel and podcast, *Manifesting with Meg: Conversations with Extraordinary People*. Classmate **Lisa Tarranova Lommerin**, an ESL teacher and wellness coach, was a guest in September to discuss how she is successfully navigating the stresses of being a teacher in the time of COVID-19. Lisa lives in New Jersey with husband Chris, a school superintendent, and their teenage twins, Sydney and Ashley. Meg's next book, *Sparkle & Shine 108 M.A.N.T.R.A.s to Brighten Your Day and Lighten Your Way* (Butterflies & Bliss, 2020) launched in October. Her memoir *Butterfly Awakens: A Memoir of Transformation Through Grief*, will be published in September. Meg lives in Miami with her husband Frank, an attorney, and two kids, Michael '21 and Ava (11). • **Jennifer Ament Moeller** was honored by her local domestic violence resource agency with the 2019 Ann Kok Social Justice Award for her commitment to eliminating violence in all its forms while making an impact in Door County, Wisconsin, where Jennifer lives and works. She has served as the Door County family court commissioner and register in probate for over nine years. • **Kathryn Haber**, MA'95, has published a self-help/memoir, *Fear Less, Love More: What to Do When the Unexpected Happens* (Koehler Books, 2020). Kathryn lost her mother, father, brother, and sister to cancer, and had her own cancer fight with three babies under 3 years of age. Kathryn hopes all will find hope and solace in the pages of her book. • **James Jean-Pierre** successfully launched an enterprise-wide, corporate "BC Eagles" affinity group at Pfizer. It started with about 12 targeted Pfizer colleagues but has ballooned to about 40 colleagues across different divisions and units and may continue to grow. This is a great opportunity to leverage the experience, expertise, and talents in the group to network, execute mentorships, and define best ways to effectively support BC.

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1992

Hi, everyone! Hope you and your families are all doing well. Thanks to those who sent in updates. Please reach out if you have news to share, thanks so much! • **Ed Nawotka**, bookselling and international editor of *Publishers Weekly*, coordinated the launch of *PW en Español*, the third edition of the 150-year-old trade magazine covering

the international book market, which also includes an edition in Arabic published out of the U.A.E. The new magazine will serve the global Spanish-language book trade. It is published 26 times per year and includes news, interviews, and more than 50 book reviews per issue. You can get in touch with Ed at enawotka@publisher-sweekly.com. • **Michael Shoule** writes: “My two middle-schoolers convinced me that we should drive from Queens to Sarasota, Florida, to visit **Dave Decker** ’91 during their mid-winter break. Classmate **Patrick Poljan** and his family joined us for a few days. Speaking of surprises, I hope Patrick has forgiven me by now for his unexpected dip in the pool! From a business perspective, I am still working for my family’s 156-year-old logistics company and expect to be self-publishing a few more children’s books this year. Happy to hear from anyone who wants to say hello: mikes@jwhampton.com.” • **Peter Fernandez**, aka “Peter Tahoe,” is back in Boston making commercials with **Matt McGovern** for McGovern Auto Group. The current ad “Carati” features Matt in a *Cobra Kai*-themed spot and is airing in the Northeast now. • **Kara Moheban McLoy** shared the following update: “I am thrilled that my daughter, Brooke, has followed in my footsteps and verbally committed to play lacrosse at BC, Class of ’26. She can’t wait to be part of such an amazing coaching staff and group of athletes. It has been her dream since she was old enough to pick up a lacrosse stick!” • **Marie Kendra Manning** sent the following update: “**Serge Georges** was sworn into the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in December. He wore an Eagles face mask at his swearing-in! His BC roommate, Double Eagle **Dan Cavarello**, JD’95, a judge in Buffalo, attended the ceremony.” • **Mary Battaglia Petrick** writes: “It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of my brother **John Battaglia** ’92, JD’97, on February 2. John fought a nine-year battle with colon cancer and during that time achieved some of his greatest achievements. In 2019, he received the prestigious Brennan Award from the University of Virginia School of Law for his contributions to trial law. He was a superstar in the courtroom, a prolific writer, and an award-winning public speaker, but he will be best remembered for his kind and loving heart. He leaves behind his wife of 20 years, Kim, and four beautiful children: Jack, Hannah, Samantha, and Michael. John’s longtime BC friends, **John Doran**, **Rick Finch**, **Chris Gildea**, **Matt McGovern**, and **Mark Walker**, were in attendance at the services.”

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1993

Happy 50th to all, BC ’93! It’s our big year! And what amazing celebrating must be happening to mark this milestone: Zooms, Corona drive-by parades, lots of heartfelt text messages, distanced drinks with 10 or fewer people freezing on your front lawn. Good times. I sit here at the end of February in Austin, where today it was



Jacqui Canney, keynote speaker at the 2019 Wall Street Council Kickoff Event

“Treating people so they feel celebrated on your team, not just included; that’s good no matter what your profession.”

JACQUI CANNEY ’89, P’21

A Voice for Inclusion

DETAILS:

Global Chief People Officer,
WPP

Council for Women of
Boston College member

Lives in Demarest, New Jersey,
with husband, Joe, and
daughters Julia ’21 and Lauren

“I remember being called to More Hall because we were late on a payment. That feeling of ‘I may not be able to come back here’ was really hard to carry around.”

As a first-generation student, Jacqui Canney ’89, P’21, was acutely aware of the sacrifices her family had made for her to attend Boston College—and the student loans she was accruing. She chose to study accounting for its promise of financial security and spent the next 25 years at Accenture, where she found her calling in human resources.

Now, she is the global chief people officer for WPP, the world’s largest marketing and communications company that seeks to build better futures for people, the planet, clients, and communities—a particular passion for Canney. An outspoken advocate for prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion, she says her work is deeply influenced by the Jesuit values she encountered at Boston College.

“BC not only taught me the functional things I needed to know for work, but also it built up my sense of empathy and compassion for others,” values that she says have driven her work in HR, particularly as she navigated the pandemic and social unrest of the last year.

“WPP is responsible for one in six ads in traditional media worldwide,” she says. “When you think about what those messages are, who’s creating them, and how they are received, having an inclusive and diverse workforce is really important to make that work amazing.”

A member of BC’s Board of Regents, Canney is actively involved on campus as a guest speaker, mentor, and proud BC parent. Her message to students is the same one she shares at work, she says: “It’s not enough to just ‘accept’ people—we want a culture in which we all feel a deep sense of belonging; not just safe and welcome, but celebrated and cherished.”

75 degrees and sunny, but one week ago, we were in single digits with six inches of snow on the ground and massive power outages. More good times. I hope you are as healthy and happy as you can be. • **Matt Fitzpatrick's** second novel, *Matriarch Game* (Green Place Books, 2020), is available now on Amazon. He also signed a new publishing deal, so the third installment of the trilogy will be coming, tentatively, fall 2021. His older daughter is currently at BC. • **Jay Carroll** and his wife live in Wellesley and have three children. The oldest, Maddie, was learning how to navigate COVID-19 protocols this past fall as a freshman at BC. • **Nicole Choiniere-Kroeker** was selected as the winner of the Connecticut Association of School Librarians' Follett Creativity Award for 2020. • **Martin Gobbee** and family moved to Sonoma, California, in 2019 after 23 years in Brooklyn. Martin is general manager of a wine shop, restaurant, cocktail bar on the Plaza in downtown Sonoma and says, "come visit when things get semi-normal, BC'93ers!" (Shall we listen for loud tunes, Martin? A blast from the Keyes freshman past!) • **Carrie Finison** says she finally put her English major to good use and recently published two picture books with Penguin/Random House. *Dozens of Doughnuts*, which came out in July 2020, is about friendship, doughnuts, sharing, and math. *Don't Hug Doug* came out in January 2021 and is meant to help spark discussion about personal boundaries and consent in a way kids can understand. Carrie lives and writes in Arlington with her husband and kids ages 12 and 15. • After 22 years as a partner with the branding agency Tank Design, **Kelly Moran Heath** joined Gupta Media as their head of people in March 2020, at the start of the pandemic. She's working harder than ever at a company very fortunate to be growing. Kelly still lives north of Boston, is mom of three, and stays in close touch with **Stacy Eberlein Meyers**, **Ali Gianinno**, **Erin McElroy-Barker**, and **Megan McMahon Cosentino**. • We'll end with news that'll really make us feel old: **Brian** and **Dana (Kawalautzki) Lauducci** welcomed their first granddaughter, Kristen Marie, on October 23, 2020. • Remember, I am writing this at the end of February, so whenever you read it, *that* is how long the turnaround time is for news. If you share updates, it does take a while to see 'em, and this is hardly a place for breaking class news. That can be found on our Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/BostonCollege93/.

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1994

Class of 1994! I imagine that you are all feeling as overwhelmed as I feel with the pressures of work, family, and the pandemic. I do hope that you and yours are safe and healthy despite these difficult times. I didn't receive notes this time around. It would be great if you could take a moment to send me some news for next time. • There was a fun exchange on the Class of 1994 Facebook

page identifying those who were expecting to have a freshman at BC in fall 2020. It was quite a considerable number! Those in that category included **Kerry Gioffre Casey MS'21**, **Gary Lynn**, **Jennie Osborne Burke**, **Melissa Laux Burstiner**, **Dan and Allyson (Rsha) Hayes**, **Jeanne Hurlley Horsey**, **Kelli Chamberlain Tosone**, **Mike Sullivan**, **Mike and Katie (Smith) Spalla MS'01**, **Brian JD'94** and **Sandi (Chisholm) Falvey**, and **Annie Walsh Watts**. Several reported a smooth move-in and that BC was handling COVID-19 very well. I'm sure there are more of you! • For those of you in Massachusetts, look out for **Matt West's** Jersey Mike's sub shops in Plymouth, Hyannis, Pembroke, and Wareham. • Finally, I would like to correct an error. In the Winter issue I mistakenly referred to Cheryl Mastrogiovanni as "Carol." Not sure where that came from, but my apologies. • Now send me some notes! How are you coping with COVID? Tips for staying upbeat and coping? Please share!

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1995

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In January, **Graig Paglieri** became the new CEO of Randstad Technologies Group, a business unit of Randstad US that provides collaborative, customizable technology talent solutions to companies of all sizes. • **Christine Wischusen McCoid** earned her EdD from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, in July 2020, after successfully defending her dissertation titled "Teacher Growth Through Personalized Professional Development." She is in her eighth year as principal of Hazlet Middle School in Hazlet, New Jersey. • **Roshan Rajkumar**, a partner at the law firm of Bowman and Brooke LLP, was re-appointed for a third term as co-chair of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee and elected to a second term as the co-managing partner of the firm's Minneapolis office. He and his wife, Jen, were looking forward to celebrating the second birthday of their son, Remington, in March 2021 and hope he will be an Eagle in the Class of 2041. Roshan remains active in the leadership of the Minnesota Chapter of the BCAA and continues to actively recruit for BC admissions. • **Jennifer Brown** has been living in Annecy, France, for three years. She is practicing landscape architecture and environmental planning, with a focus on storm-water management, both in France and in the States. She writes: "It would be a pleasure to connect with any BC alumni or current students who visit or live in the Haute-Savoie."

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1996

25TH REUNION
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Tom Lane joined Western Foothills Land Trust as development director in Norway,

Maine. His twin brother, **Chris Lane**, is senior counsel with Capital One in Washington, D.C. • **Ivan Illan** is CIO and a founder of AWAIM; the company has launched a sub-advised relationship with its ACGM model portfolio suite for distribution through Investment Advisor Representatives of MML Investors Services, a MassMutual Company. • **Tricia Fleming Xavier's** son, Patrick, will be part of the Carroll School of Management's Class of 2025! • **Danielle Shuckra Sparks** founded a nonprofit organization, Loving Moms Together, in New Hampshire. Its mission is to provide mothers in need with essential care items to keep their families safe and healthy and to help establish connections to resources, educational opportunities, and support available in the community. **Beth Lease Herbert** and **Victoria Ferraro** serve on the board of the organization.

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1997

As we are still dealing with COVID-19 and its aftermath, I hope this note finds you and your families well. • **Thomas Sawyer** would like you to know he is still married, still employed, and still alive despite the pandemic! • **Erin Lynch Prata** was sworn in as an associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court in January after having been nominated to the post in December by Governor Gina Raimondo and being confirmed by both the Rhode Island House and Senate. • In November 2020, **Chris Duncan** was elected to the City Council in San Clemente, California. • **William Waters** completed his 15th year as a chief deputy public defender at the Clark County Public Defender's Office in Las Vegas in October 2020. Also, his daughter Zoey Isabella was born on January 19, 2020! • **Laura Thompson**, MBA'04, has recently launched a new entrepreneurial adventure with a clean-crafted wine business that also is fully online. The wine is organic, has no added sugar, and is low in sulfites. It delivers right to your door, and there is no mandatory wine club. She would love to share recommendations! She hopes everyone is doing well and is looking forward to reconnecting. Get in touch with her at laura@growonthevine.com. • Joel '99 and **Tracey (Maffeo) Amico** welcomed a son, Callum, in April 2020. Callum joins sisters Isabella (5) and Liliana (3) in New York City. • I'm looking forward to hearing from you! Keep your updates coming.

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1998

Richard and Allyson (Olewnik) Gosselin, wanting to be closer to family and friends, along with daughter Lillian Gosselin, recently relocated to Collinsville, Connecticut, from New York State. Rich is working for Bristol Health Medical Group, and Allyson has recently become a travel

planner with Tink's Magical Vacations, specializing in Disney destinations.

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1999

Congratulations to **Gwen Cherne**, who was appointed as the first-ever veteran family advocate for the Australian government's Department of Veterans' Affairs in August of 2020. • In December 2019, **Jessica Edreich Lang**, MEd'05, started a new job at Swarovski North American Headquarters in the Consumer Goods Business Division. She also became a 200-hour registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance after completing her training at Create Power Yoga in May 2020. • **Juliana Castelli Grohman** has been living in Paris with her husband and two daughters for the last year and a half. Despite travel restrictions and COVID-19 lockdowns, they have taken advantage of travel opportunities and all the culture that surrounds them. They will be returning home to Charlotte this June. Meanwhile, Juliana started her own travel company: Kingdom and Cruise Travel, a full-service travel planning company offering personalized itineraries for destinations around the world. • **Shawn and Michelle (Lapworth) Liberty** welcomed a son, Cooper Thomas, in December 2019, and a daughter, Olivia Nicole, born via surrogacy, in May 2020. Their silver lining to the global pandemic and working from home is the time at home watching their beautiful babies grow and change day by day, which they will forever treasure. • **Jake Myers** shared the following: "Unplugging my psychotherapy practice to telehealth (video) only during the pandemic made me realize that there is a need out there for this kind of service, catering to LGBTQ clients. Therefore, I am launching my own business/website called GayTherapySpace.com, which will be a digital lounge for mental health services and information, including matching clients to therapists for LGBTQ-affirmative counseling through our online platform. Look for the site to launch around mid-March 2021!" • After 13 years in a variety of public accounting and finance roles, **Kate Ming-Sun** went back to school for outdoor adventure. During the school year, she teaches business classes to college students who are training to become adventure guides, and in spring and summer, she guides backpacking and canoe trips through her company, The Quiet Guiding Co. She writes: "Navigating the tourism industry during a pandemic has been...educational."

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2000

21ST REUNION

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Hello, Class of 2000! • **Matthew Moore** married Cheryl Blauth in a beautiful intimate setting along the Hudson River in



"The more BC leans into these issues of social, racial, economic, and environmental justice, the bigger and stronger the tent becomes, and for all the right reasons."

ARNIE SOOKRAM '91

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Aching for—and Making—Change

The Boston College that Arnie Sookram '91 attended in the late '80s was vastly different from today's University. Back then, students of African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American descent (AHANA) accounted for less than 10 percent of the population.

Three decades later, 42 percent of BC's Class of 2025 are AHANA, 11 percent are first-generation, and 7 percent come from outside the United States.

"When I moved out [to Seattle] almost 20 years ago, the Alumni Association was a great way to connect with people who had a common history. What resonates now is that feeling when you sit in a room of BC grads—there's something unique about the people and values in that space, how they think about caring for others, servant leadership, social justice."

Now a vice president of the alumni board and a founding member of the AHANA Alumni Advisory Council, Sookram is inspired by the leadership of Joy Moore and Leah DeCosta Spencer as well as a number of student organizations. He uses this platform to leverage his passion for justice toward "strengthen[ing] that fabric BC has with its alumni of color," mentoring AHANA alumni in their careers, and encouraging the University to lead on the issues of the day.

"I believe in the people at BC—students and leadership alike—who ache for change," says Sookram. Sookram sees BC as a leader in the fight for social justice and equity and is confident the University will remain true to its founding mission and continue driving meaningful change, locally and globally.

Poughkeepsie, New York, on October 24, 2020. Although not all of his BC family could be there in person, many were able to watch the ceremony online and share in the joy of the day with the couple. For a few local lucky ones, being there in person to celebrate with Matt and Cheryl was amazing. I know that I can't wait for the return of Irish coffees in December and St. Patrick's Day runs in March at Matt and Cheryl's home in Cambridge! • Paul and Sarah (Stiglmeier) McNeeley welcomed their third daughter, Evelyn Francis, to the family on November 4. Evelyn joins big sisters Abigail (6) and Olivia (4). The family resides in Natick, and they all can't wait to get back to campus to catch a football game this fall! • Erick Hunt was named director of strategic partnerships at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He will be leading the lab's business development, industry engagement, technology licensing, and economic development functions. He recently returned from a stint in Washington, D.C., as a commercialization executive in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Technology Transitions. • After living in Avon, Connecticut, for the past 16 years, Tae and Marie (Hong) Namkoong moved to Frisco, Texas, last fall. Selling their home and moving cross country in the middle of a pandemic was quite the challenge. Thankfully, their two sons—including their older son, a new freshman at BC!—were able to start school in the fall. Although they were sad to miss our 20th reunion, they are happy to now have a great excuse to visit campus for the next four years. The family has now settled into their new community, and the couple's 9-year-old-daughter is loving her new school. • Keep the wonderful news coming, Class of 2000! We all love to read about your many accomplishments and celebrations!

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Renée Pitts Moran opened her second medical spa in the Seaport, (451 D Street, Boston) and continues to offer her services at Dr. Renée Moran Medical Aesthetics in Newton Centre. • Doug McMahon is an allergy and asthma doctor at a private practice he started in the Twin Cities. • Brendan Quirk landed in the Miami area after over six years in South America. Brendan heads up Moore North America, an association of accounting and consulting firms, and looks forward to settling in and starting this new chapter with wife Ana and kids Mica, Maggie, and Patrick, along with their miniature poodle, Lady. • Meghan Burk married Greg Osisek in September 2019. In October 2020, after more than 15 years as an analyst in the advancement office at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, she became the associate director of the Center for Addiction and Recovery Education at SJU. She provides training and education on addiction and connection to treatment to the first-responder

and legal communities. Meghan finds it very rewarding to be working to bring the addiction crisis out of the shadows and cultivate empathy for those who suffer from substance use disorder. • Despite the economic challenges the pandemic has presented to many industries, the real estate and mortgage markets have continued to prosper. Many homeowners have been relocating from urban areas to suburban and rural communities to have more outdoor living space and allow for easier social distancing. Nick DeSimone originated the highest volume of mortgage loans in his career! He and his wife, along with their rescue German shepherd mix, Juno, and rescue domestic shorthair, Ashes, relocated to Bluffton, South Carolina. Hilton Head Island has always been their favorite summer vacation destination, and they're excited to make their permanent home in the low country. Nick looks forward to networking with local real estate agents and professionals in peripheral businesses throughout Beaufort County while continuing to develop his mortgage business in New Jersey remotely. Nick looks forward to spending a lot more time outside and hopes to run into fellow BC alums who reside in the Carolinas during his adventures. • Stay well and be safe, Eagles!

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2002

Congratulations to Kim Karagosian Chhabria, who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Lucas Craig, on November 20, 2020. Three-year-old Gabriella Grace "GG" is thrilled to be a big sister! • Kelly Cook shared that in a time of needing to remain physically distant, a group of girls who first met on the Newton Campus in 1998 became closer once again. Needing an outlet beyond the walls of their homes, text chains that had previously been quiet for weeks at a time began lighting up daily, and "Whine with Wine" Zooms allowed them to vent about lockdown while sipping some wine and reminiscing about fun times of the past were initiated. Although they would happily have done without COVID-19, it is wonderful to have the silver lining of a renewed closeness with other BC women: Meredith Millet Rosen, Andrea Fox, Meghan Robinson Moran, Meghan McClure Williams, Julie Dyer Wood, and Moira Mannix Votel. • Andrew and Liz (Skora) Sowa welcomed twins, Henry Stefan and Ella Margaret, to their family in December 2020. • Mehmet Özarlan thought it would be interesting for the BC community to know that there are alumni in all parts of the world—even in Istanbul, Turkey. He has read about BC people who are doing great in the US, and in all parts of our globe. Mehmet is the founder and CEO of Slimwell Company, operating in the field of beauty and dermocosmetics. Slimwell operates in all 81 provinces of Turkey, does business with over 25 countries worldwide, and is recognized as a leading company in its field. Mehmet credits BC for the education that allowed him to be the person and businessperson that he is today. He feels he is making a difference by employing people, inventing new products via

investments in R&D, and keeping the company running in good health while we are all going through a worldwide pandemic. He also would like to use this opportunity to salute everyone who knew him back at BC by the nickname "Memo," and he wishes everyone a wonderful day wherever you are in the world.

• Farah Bernier recently served as keynote speaker for Babson College's 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Day. The event's theme leveraged the title of King's final work, *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* During her speech, Farah shared her personal leadership model of "engage, empower, elevate" as a call to action for the members of the Babson Community to choose community. Farah was also recently promoted to head Google Professional Services' people operations team.

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2003

Ken and Jeaneille (Sandy) Clarke welcomed Cameron Luca to their family on January 10. Mom, dad, and big brother Aiden (and their dog, Bo) are in love with the newest little Clarke. • Trevor Haynes was recently elected to the partnership of Phelps Dunbar, LLP, where he practices in the business and finance groups handling clients' real estate, banking, and commercial transactions. He lives in New Orleans and maintains offices in the firm's New Orleans and Baton Rouge offices. • Ted Goff won the 2020/2021 Ken Patrick Nolan Fantasy Football League. A multi-year champion in the elite KPNFFL, Ted celebrated hard for one night and then set his sights on next season. • Alexa Fox recently joined the Crimson Wine Group, based in Napa Valley, as the VP of direct to consumer and revenue marketing. • Meghan Dunn's debut book of poems, *Curriculum*, is the recipient of the 2020 Barry Spacks Poetry Prize and was published in March 2021 by Gunpowder Press. • Corey Podell is living in LA, where she works as a writer and director in TV and film. She married David Futernick, a professional actor, in December 2019. The couple are close to completing their licensure to become foster parents and are excited for their next chapter! • On February 5, Dan Reilly and his wife, Erin, welcomed Declan John-Edmund to the Reilly family. He joins siblings Mikaleigh (6) and Tristan (5). Everyone is happy and healthy and looking forward to Eagles football in the fall. • Last summer, Kevin Meme joined LA-based alternative investment manager Oaktree Capital as VP, private equity special situations. He spent the previous 11 years with Boston Consulting Group, where he advised major consumer and health-care companies, most recently as a partner in Philadelphia.

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Julia Coquillette MacIntosh is an assistant principal of a local elementary school and lives in Amherst, New Hampshire, with

her two daughters. • **Matt '01** and **Julie McCartney Mainelli** welcomed Caroline Margaret on August 15, 2020. Big sister Kate (7) is overjoyed! • **Chris Johnson** was named a co-chair of the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation's board of overseers. • In January, **M. Patrick Moore**, JD'07, was featured in a *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* article for his work on the Biden campaign. Pat served as the campaign's deputy general counsel. From the unique challenges of administering an election during a pandemic to preventing foreign interference, Pat helped lead the litigation team tasked with preserving voters' rights to a free and fair election and defending the election results from challenge. • **Brandon Barford** and his wife, Susie, welcomed their first child, Orion Leonard Rocco, in early December. They are loving parenthood and can't wait for their COVID-19 vaccines so that they can take Orion to the UK to meet his British friends and family. The family plans to split their time between Georgetown, Washington, D.C., and their UK home in a small Cotswolds village.

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16TH REUNION

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Steve Sztuk '02 and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Donahue, MS'10, were engaged in Boston in January and married this summer. In a charming twist of fate, their union will bring Lizzie even closer to her freshman-year roommate, **Meredith Mulvaney Sztuk**, as they will become sisters-in-law! Meredith's husband, **Matt Sztuk**, is the groom's brother. • Five BC grads—**Dana Vartabedian Nentin**, **Sarosh Nentin**, **David Swanson**, **John Castiglione**, and **Hung Lam '06**—will be opening their fourth Playa Bowls location in the Greater Boston area. A fast casual açai bowl shop featuring smoothie bowls, smoothies, fresh juices, and oatmeal, Playa Bowls' newest shop will be located at 532 Adams Street in Milton and is expected to open this summer. That location will join their other locations: 219 Commonwealth Ave. in Brighton (opened February 2019); 277 Huntington Ave. in Boston (opened December 2019); and 71 Mt. Auburn Street in Cambridge (opened August 2020). • **Kate Kreinbring** and husband Joe Halli are happy to welcome their second little Eagle, William David, into the world on September 30, 2020. His big brother James has been so excited about his new role, and both boys will surely get to visit campus when the world is a little safer for travel back east from Chicago. • **John Curley** and **Andrew Grillo** decided to embark on a socially distant, pandemic-inspired, drive-in-movie-theater marathon across New England. The two have been watching movies together since sophomore year as roommates in Walsh, and they traveled to seven different drive-ins—symbolic of Tom Brady's Super Bowl titles—watching films exclusively in black and white. Carrying gobs of Hobbs popcorn

from the famed Salem Willows, John and Andrew traveled to Massachusetts' Leicester Triple Drive-In to watch Alfred Hitchcock's iconic *Psycho*, enjoyed the mozzarella sticks at Maine's Saco Drive-In during *Frankenstein* and *The Bride of Frankenstein*, upset their tummies by overindulging on the clam boats at Connecticut's Pleasant Valley Drive-In during *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, and caught a beautiful sunset while watching *Dracula* at Vermont's Sunset Drive-In Theater. • **Annie Kryzaneck Karreth** was promoted to associate professor of politics and international relations with tenure at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. • **Richard Boles**, MA'06, an assistant professor of history at Oklahoma State University, wrote *Dividing the Faith: The Rise of Segregated Churches in the Early American North*, which was released in December. The book examines the transition from racially diverse churches during the early 18th century to separate Native-American and African-American congregations by the early 19th century in the mid-Atlantic and New England regions, as well as shows that a significant portion of northern Protestants worshipped in interracial churches between 1730 and 1820.

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15TH REUNION

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Three BC '06 roommates welcomed future Eagles to their crew within weeks of each other. **Stephanie Mitrione** and **Ryan Dinsdale** welcomed Kaylie Grace Dinsdale on May 17, 2020, in Jupiter, Florida; **Ali Leshik** and **Frank Deluccia** welcomed Amelia June Deluccia on June 4, 2020, in New York City, and **Chip** and **Shawna (Sullivan) Marino** welcomed Julia Frances Marino on June 16, 2020, in Santa Monica, California. Congratulations to all! The future Eagles look forward to tailgating with their parents in 18 years. • **Sylvia Hechema Rutherford** is now the executive director of NYC Mamas Give Back, an organization serving mothers, children, and families living in poverty in New York City. She asks that you please reach out to her if you would like to get involved! • **John** and **Melissa (Abruzzese) Alesi** welcomed their second daughter, Olivia Noelle, into the world on December 16, 2020. • **Ted** and **Tara (Friedlander) Dunlap** welcomed their second child, Cooper Fredrick, in May 2020. The family is doing well and attempting to wait out the pandemic by alternating between trips to the park, long walks, and episodes of *Sesame Street*. They live in LA.

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2007

Fahlgren Mortine, a national integrated communications company, promoted veteran **Melissa Koski Carney** to VP, managing

director, of its Cleveland office earlier this year. Melissa, who has spent her entire career at the agency, will focus on client retention and acquisition, employee development, and agency marketing. • **Hayley Hindinger** married Charlie Piechowski on October 19, 2020. They eloped in Big Sur but wish that all of Walsh 305 (circa 2004) could have been there. They live in LA, where Hayley works as VP of publicity at FOX Entertainment. • **Lindsey Steffen Masters** and her husband, Ben, welcomed their first child, Theodore, in May 2020. • **Marisa Ramírez** and **Adrián Rosselló-Cornier '06** celebrated their second wedding anniversary in April 2021! Marisa also recently launched her own coaching and consulting practice focusing on organizational change, program design, and meeting space design and facilitation, all with a focus on equity and antiracism. • **Ashley Mattys Biladeau**, husband Andy, and their daughter Evie welcomed Lillian "Lily" Charles on January 9, 2021. • **Tim** and **Amy Gaither Speros** welcomed their third child, Troy Timothy, on January 15, 2021. Big sisters Zoe and Stella are thrilled for their new baby brother. • After five years of infertility and two miscarriages, **Kate Pierce** and her husband, Nick Maurer, welcomed their first child on June 4, 2021. If anyone else is suffering from this disease that often isn't talked about, Kate is happy to lend an ear and be a source of support. Feel free to email her at missmollyster@gmail.com! • **Lindsay Cowan** married Nicholas Webber on October 17, 2020, on Cape Cod. After downsizing their original wedding plans due to the pandemic, they celebrated with a small ceremony and reception in a family friend's backyard in Orleans. Fellow Eagle Lea D'Arminio '08 was in attendance.

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2008

After spending much of 2020 with the ACLU, serving in their Justice Division and leading some of their criminal justice reform campaigns across the country, In January, **Dylan Hayre**, JD'11, MED'11, started in a new role with Arnold Ventures (AV). AV is a philanthropic organization working to maximize opportunity and minimize injustice by advancing evidence-based research and policy reforms. • Congratulations to **Katherine "KC" Bissett**, who was elected to the partnership of Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP, a preeminent, full-service law firm in LA focused on real estate in the United States, in January 2021. • **Chris** and **Aubrey (Timm) Ritter** welcomed their second boy, Graham, in November 2020. Big brother Teddy (2) is learning how to share his Baldwin stuffed animals. • **Angelique Hrycko** married Travis Kennison on December 12, 2020. The couple had a very intimate ceremony at Stage Neck Inn in York, Maine, and exchanged vows with the ocean as their backdrop. • **Michael McCarthy** recently joined the Indiana Spine Group located in Carmel, Indiana, and became an associate clinical professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at

Indiana University School of Medicine. He and his wife, **Bridget (Arbuckle)**, welcomed their third child, Kathryn Marie, in October 2020! • Congratulations to **William Michener**, JD'11, on being named partner in Ropes & Gray's latest round of promotions. • **Shannon and Kevin Foote** welcomed their son, Mason Stephen (BC 2042), on November 10, 2020. Mason can't wait to study in Bapst, play pickup basketball in Power Gym, and follow every single Mod rule (just like his father did). • **Dominic Kim** recently returned from a six-month deployment with the US Air Force as an emergency medicine physician as part of the Tactical Critical Care Evacuation team. He returns to Alexandria, Virginia, where he lives with his wife, Heather Tom Kim '09, and their daughter, Logan, whom they welcomed in January 2019.

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2009

Julie McDermott and **Austin Bryant**, welcomed a baby girl, Hazel Ruby, in June 2020. • Late in 2020, **Cristina Costa** launched her own career and empowerment coaching business, Cristina Costa Coaching (ccostacoaching.com). She writes: "I especially want to offer career and professional development resources to people of color who have been severely impacted by the pandemic and help others transition to roles in the technology sector and beyond! I am currently taking on new clients and also provide diversity, equity, and inclusion training for organizations, universities, and technology startups and companies." • **Brittney Sullivan van de Water** '09, MS'10, and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed their second child, Annabelle, in January 2020 while living in South Africa. Also, Brittney has accepted a position as an assistant professor at Boston College and looks forward to returning to the Heights in September as a faculty member. • **Kristina Aste-Mayer**, MED'10, and her husband, Jean-Paul Mayer, recently welcomed their first baby, Cecilia Aste Mayer. Born on December 6, 2020, Cecilia is a smiling little girl who loves to hear "For Boston." • **Will Morro's** debut book, *Nobody Believes Crazy*, was published in summer 2020. The book, chronicling his struggle with bipolar 1 disorder, tells his story starting at Boston College. Nowadays, Will is in his hometown, Chicago, trying to play golf.

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2010

11TH REUNION

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Daniel and **Jessica (Nolan) O'Connor** were married in a small ceremony in New York City on November 21, 2020. They met through **Mary O'Connor**, Daniel's sister and Jessica's maid of honor. His sister Megan O'Connor '12 was a bridesmaid, and Jessica's father, John Nolan '84, was in attendance. The other bridesmaids—Kristin

Ryan Brown '10, Anna Smith '10, and Kate Swofford '10—joined via livestream.

• **Thomas and Claire (Schoen) Sharkey** welcomed Thomas "Tommy" Sharkey III to their family in September 2020. He joins big sister Eveline as the next generation of Eagles! • **Kaelan Sullivan** married Patrick Fleury on October 17, 2020. They had a small ceremony in St. Louis, Kaelan's hometown, and are hoping to have a bigger celebration in 2021 as soon as it is safe to do so, including with BC friends. Kaelan met Patrick when they both joined the same improv comedy team at Washington Improv Theater; they are both looking forward to resuming performing when it's safer to do so. Soon after getting married, Kaelan moved from downtown Washington, D.C., to Silver Spring, Maryland. She continues to work in the international development sector focused on gender equality and social inclusion. • **Tim and Cecily (Brennan) George** welcomed their first baby girl in May 2019. Since then, they have been living in their childhood hometown, Manchester-by-the-Sea. Tim and Cecily grew up as neighbors, reconnected many years later in 2015, and ultimately married in 2019. The pandemic proved to be too isolating for them, so they decided to add another baby to the mix and welcomed their second daughter in January! Here's hoping both girls become fellow Eagles!

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2011

10TH REUNION

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Fr. Wade Bass was recently assigned to serve as the director-chaplain of SMU Catholic Campus Ministry in Dallas. • **Julia Wilson** and **John O'Reilly** welcomed their first child, Athena Molly Wilson-O'Reilly, into the world in January. All are doing well and looking forward to watching Athena grow! • On October 23, 2020, **Dennis Murphy** and his wife, Holly, welcomed their son, Finnegan Jacob, into the world! • **Spencer Frazier**, **Justin Robinson**, and **Nick Rellas '12** had their startup—founded after they graduated in 2012—acquired by Uber this winter. Drizly was purchased for over \$1 billion in stock and cash. • **Joe Matta** is launching a company that seeks to build vertically integrated, regionally specific regenerative food brands. He welcomes the opportunity to connect with fellow Eagles who might see both the economic opportunity as well as the positive environmental and social impacts in this effort.

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2012

Last spring, **Michael Goodman**, MS'20, earned his master's in leadership and administration with a specialization in corporate communications and marketing. Congratulations on becoming a Double Eagle! • **Shotaro Imazu** and **Sayuri Fujita '10** were married on February 22 in Tokyo,

Japan. • **Nick and Lisa (Mao) Freihofer** were married in August 2020. Due to COVID-19, they had a "mini-mony" with their immediate family in Cincinnati, where they currently reside. Lisa and Nick postponed their bigger wedding, with all of their extended family and friends, to July 2021, hoping it will be safer to celebrate by then!

• **Theresa Cunningham** graduated with a doctorate in art history from Penn State in December. She is currently a curatorial fellow in the Department of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. • In January, **Will Rasky** was appointed as a special assistant for governmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation, following work in multiple capacities on behalf of Joe Biden's campaign for president in 2019 and 2020.

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2013

Tyler and Olivia (Roome) Bittner welcomed their daughter Ella Paige on October 6, 2020, with **Jillian Baker** serving as her godmother! • On August 29, 2020, **Joseph Bronzo** married Christina Herrero (Amherst, Class of '13). Although the wedding was not what they had originally planned, it was attended by Eagles from both sides of the family. Pending the successful distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine this year, Joseph and Christina are looking forward to throwing the real celebration of their marriage in October, when more than 40 former Eagles will be in attendance to help celebrate! • **Marci Park** writes: "Our wedding reception was pushed back due to COVID-19, but that didn't stop us from officially tying the knot. We got legally married and bought a house last October!" • **Christina Beachnau**, MED'14, and her husband, John McCarthy, welcomed their daughter, Amelia McCarthy, into the world on November 24, 2020. • **Alex Dripchak's** book, *100 Skills of the Successful Sales Professional: Your Guidebook to Launching and Levitating Your Sales Career* (Business Expert Press, 2021) became available in print and digital in late spring.

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2014

Katherine Donahue recently moved her real estate business to Boston's Compass brokerage firm, where she continues to serve buyers and sellers in Boston and the surrounding markets. Katherine, a Weston native and longtime Back Bay resident, is one of the founding agents of Greene Properties Group, a team of elite real estate professionals with over 20 years of combined experience in the Greater Boston area. • **Nicole Sandonato**, MSW'18, earned her LICSW, which allows her to practice social work as an independent clinician. • **Christine Zhao** writes: "The ladies of Iggy A31 continue to be boss biddies (can we still use that term?). **Michelle Cunningham Gulen**, science

queen, gave an awesome keynote about data analytics (not sure what that means but sounds important) for the Women in Analytics virtual summit. **Charlotte Parish**, MEd'15, is still educating youths and recently got involved with the New England Region Volleyball Association's DIG Group to bring some diversity to New England volleyball. **Clara Kim** continues to be a big deal at Uber (she can't give you a discount, sorry). **Allie Rottman** is now editing genes (at least, writing about it). **Lani** "certified fancy business lady" **Frankville** started her new job doing ESG management (that's environmental, social, and governance, aka very important and very hot right now)." Christine is "one step closer to moving to California," leaving her Wall Street firm to go to a California-based firm's New York City office. • **Adam Esposito** has been working as a chemist at Moderna in Cambridge, where the company released one of the first COVID-19 vaccines approved for emergency use last December. • **Eddie Parisi** writes: "It was another noteworthy quarter for the gregarious gentlemen of Mod-24A." In September, amid much merriment, Eddie was married to Faith Mannix (Cornell '14) in Saratoga Springs, New York. He also reports that **Nate Schlein** was accepted into Stanford's Graduate School of Business—where he hopes to outperform his fellow Mod-mates by having an actual in-person graduate school experience; **Alex Trombetta**, **Sam Shriver**, and **Taylor Stockton** all started new ventures; and **Kevan Olander** became a VP of an equity firm in San Francisco in January.

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2015

6TH REUNION

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Veronica Glennon married Kevin Patrick Coughlan Jr. (a fellow Jesuit university alum—Fordham '14), on July 25, 2020, at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, New Jersey. The wedding was officiated by BC professor Richard McGowan, SJ, MDiv'83. • **Billy and Katie (Ronan) Chamberlin**, MEd'19, welcomed their first child, Amelia Catherine, on December 11, 2020. They are loving every moment with their future Eagle! Katie, Billy, and Amelia reside in Danville, California. • **Maria Vazquez** has earned her PhD in counseling, clinical, and school psychology from the University of California at Santa Barbara, specializing in working with trauma. • **Ashley DeCicco** is working as an RN at Massachusetts General Hospital on a general medicine unit. She is also finishing her master's degree in nursing at Boston College this spring to become an adult gerontology nurse practitioner. • Last May, **Dylan Salomone** received his MSW from Columbia University School of Social Work. He is now a licensed social worker in New York City, providing clinical therapy to youth in juvenile detention.

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2016

5TH REUNION

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Congratulations to **Cameron Simon**, who received his black belt in taekwondo during quarantine. • **Matt Walsh** treated **Jim Fiore** to a steak dinner in Boston after losing a bet that BC football would finish the season as a top 25 team in 2020. Matt looks forward to enjoying an 18-ounce prime, bone-in, dry-aged ribeye on Jim's dime when BC finishes in the top 25 in 2021. Go, Eagles! • **Abby Regan** has stepped down from the role of class correspondent, and the Alumni Association thanks her for sharing news on behalf of the Class of 2016. Please send any future Class Notes to classnotes@bc.edu.

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2017

John Pugh graduated from the University of Maryland in May 2020 with a master's in English language and literature. He has now happily returned to Colorado, where he is pursuing his PhD in literature at the University of Colorado Boulder. • **Sarah Bradley** and **Darrien Bush '16** were married on October 16, 2020. They met at BC in 2015. • Last June, **Samantha Jaszewski**, **Carly Phillips MS'19**, and **Taelor Coon** went to stay in Uncle Frederick's yurt in New Mexico to rekindle their friendship, disconnect from technology, and reconnect to nature. They learned local craft, canned chokecherries, and tested their backcountry skills on a 10-day excursion into the Mount Taylor Wilderness. Except for the stinging nettle and bear encounters, they're looking forward to next June!

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2018

Evan Otero has started a new venture and is part of the founding team for a new experimental product that is being incubated inside Google.

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2019

Kaley Bent was accepted into the Xavier University of Louisiana Physician Assistant program. Once she completes the 28-month program, she hopes to practice in New Orleans. • Earlier this year, **Nicole Sly** completed her MA in curriculum and teaching at Teachers College Columbia University. After finishing the degree, she landed her first chemistry teaching position at Dexter Southfield School in Brookline!

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2020

In March 2020, **Alyssa Pullin** started a podcast, *Grateful Living*, where she highlights positive and inspirational stories of people from many different walks of life. To follow it, just search "Grateful Living" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or YouTube. She has had many BC alumni on the podcast. • **Rosemary Barnhart** has moved to Southie and started her first job in critical care nursing. She is working on the surgical ICU step-down unit at Boston Medical Center.

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BC SOCIAL WORK

M. Elizabeth Cinquino, MSW'84, just completed her 20th year working at her alma mater, Boston College School of Social Work. She is the director of student services and advising, assisting students with successfully navigating the program requirements while sharing her many years of direct social work practice. • In October, Governor Roy Cooper appointed **Carolyn (Ahmann) Craddock**, MSW'94, to the North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board. Carolyn is a lecturer and assistant field coordinator at the University of North Carolina Wilmington's School of Social Work. • **Jeffrey Yarvis**, MSW'94, recently retired as a colonel after 34 years in the US Army. He culminated his military career as the first social worker in the Army's history to command a combat hospital. For his years of honorable service, Jeffrey received the Legion of Merit and recognition from Governor Greg Abbott of Texas. He has since entered full-time academic life as an associate professor of social work and director of external plans for Texas A&M University-Central Texas.

• **Justine Romano**, MSW'11, has started her own private practice. She writes: "The experience has had challenges but has also been rewarding, especially through the pandemic. Many people are struggling, and the ability to connect through telehealth has been amazing. It's so interesting because we used to sit in class and debate the ethics of online therapy and now it's our expected platform to connect with our clients." • Since graduating, **Kadian James-Giuliano**, MSW'13, has successfully moved up the professional ladder in the field of correctional mental health. From 2016 to 2019, she served as mental health director in HOC in Boston. Currently, she is a recovery/drug court clinician in two of the district courts in Middlesex County. She is the mother of three girls, ranging from college-aged to a preschooler and toddler. She writes: "Juggling motherhood and working from home full-time has been a balancing act during this pandemic. I am looking forward to continue growing professionally in the future. I am grateful for the first-class education I received at Boston College."

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CARROLL SCHOOL

Richard Kozacko, MBA'63, is enjoying life in Raleigh, North Carolina, after having lived in Elmira, New York, for 42 years. He is still running his company, Kozacko Media Services, brokers in the sale of TV and radio stations. He married Marilyn Chrabas of Yorkville, New York, in September 1962 and writes: "That step made the difference in my completing my MBA thesis/oral and being able to graduate in June 1963. Otherwise, I may not have found the time to get it all done." • **Bruce Nourie**, MBA'72, is still running a large dry-rack marina on the Intercoastal in Osprey, Florida, and is also the executive officer/treasurer of a large condo association. He would like to hear from classmates. • In 2017, **Franz Garcia de Paredes**, MBA'83, moved to El Salvador and in 2019 married wife Karla. Franz is the founder and senior managing director of Latin America Synergies, a corporate finance firm, and Quantum Consulting Studio, which provides financial advisory services for small and medium sized-companies. He works with companies in a variety of industries but has lately focused on renewable energy projects in Latin America. When not working or traveling with Karla (not so much now because of the pandemic), he writes and reads and is studying French as a third language. • **David Hagan**, MBA'91, lives in Woodstock, Connecticut, with his twin sons, Sam and Liam. The boys turned 17, have their licenses, and are honor students at Woodstock Academy. David plays guitar and mandolin-family instruments locally in his band, Beck n' Call. He is the executive director at Why Me & Sherry's House, a nonprofit providing support services to families with childhood cancer. He and his boys have rafted the Salmon River in Idaho and the Alsek River in the Yukon! • **Margaret Sullivan-Carr**, MBA'93, has accepted a position as the director of advancement at the Newport Art Museum in Newport, Rhode Island. She hopes to see many Eagles as visitors! She is frequently on the BC campus as she drops off food and provisions to her son, a sophomore, and his roommates. She says that it has been so fun to experience BC as a parent and alumnus! • **Mukul Sheopory**, MBA'00, is a first-time author, having self-published his novel, *Bucephalus' Shadow*. His book draws business lessons from the life of Alexander the Great.
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CONNELL SCHOOL

Jennifer Knapp Koskinen, MS'94, recently relocated to Southern Arizona from New England. She is currently self-employed as a doTERRA wellness advocate. She and her husband are enjoying their new e-bikes. • **Susan Wilkinson**, MS'14, opened a private practice in May 2018 that has grown to four providers with a focus on increasing access to mental health treatment. She is also the founder and president of a nonprofit, Your Ally Foundation, Inc. • **Beatrice Costagliola**,

FMM, MS'67, helped to plant a garden at her retirement home, the Franciscan sisters, which was named the Laudato Si' Garden after Pope Francis's encyclical on the care of our common home. • **Lisa Wolf**, PhD'11, has directed the Institute for Emergency Nursing Research at the Emergency Nurses Association since 2012. She writes: "I developed a program of research that examines the intersection of individual nurses and the socio-clinical environment of the ER and the impact of that intersection on nursing and patient outcomes (see, your dissertation can actually be useful). I teach research and ethics (using [Connell School Associate Professor] Pam Grace's textbook) at Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee as an adjunct and also teach at UMass Amherst every once in a while. I'm happy to be working on some ENA research with my classmate **Tania Shaffer Strout**, PhD'11—if we were able to meet in person and have a snack, it would be just like grad school." Last October, Lisa was inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, and she is looking forward to doing more policy work with them, and also some work with NANDA-I.

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LYNCH SCHOOL

Carmen McNeil, MA'97, holds a PhD in psychology from Saybrook University. She has launched the Official Period of Empowerment private Facebook community to support power parents in raising their tween girls. This community is the ongoing resource for support, tips, feedback, and late-breaking information related to helping parents/caregivers empower their girls with the tools they need to foster confidence and self-love as they experience this critical moment in their lives. • **Lisa Recchuiti**, MEd'10, has been teaching in the North Carolina Community College system since graduating in 2010. She is currently teaching psychology at Sampson Community College in Clinton, North Carolina. In 2020, she completed training to become a guardian ad litem for children in the foster care system, working to communicate with the children and families as they work through the legal process. • **Coral Grout**, MEd'76, reports that although her master's degree was in secondary administration, she never became a principal. After serving as assistant principal in a middle school and a district-wide assistant superintendent, she retired in 2003 as superintendent in the Acushnet Public Schools. • **Kozue Shimo**, MEd'09, writes that, after graduating from the Lynch School, he went back to Japan and has been studying educational issues. He has written several articles on the history of the Council for Exceptional Children, three of which were published in peer-reviewed journals. Kosue completed his PhD from the Graduate School of the University of Tokyo and now teaches special education as a lecturer at Kokugakuin University in Japan. • **Atiera Horne**, MA'16, is in the process of launching a travel

newsletter and travel e-book incorporating vivid imagery and visuals of international cities across the world, including Tulum, Mexico; Marrakesh, Morocco; and Chiang Mai, Thailand, to name a few. Since graduating from BC, she has visited over 15 countries and has established long-lasting, impactful relationships with creatives, academics, musicians, and more. • **Michael Paribello**, MEd'74, is happy to report that he and his spouse, Joan, welcomed the newest addition to their family, their seventh grandchild, at the end of December and were blessed with their first great-grandchild last July 4. • **Maria Cleary**, MEd'99, announced in the last issue the impending launch of Readeezy, a platform for e-books targeted at teen and young adult challenged readers. Well, it's here! The first book is *Perfect Pitch*, and it's illustrated, animated, and interactive and the *only* digital book of its kind for this audience. You can find it at readeezy.com, and Maria would be happy to offer a free guest login to any of her fellow alums who'd like to check it out. • **Tom Mackey**, MEd'14, finished a PhD in environmental education in 2020 and is now an assistant professor of outdoor education at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. • **Phil Huss**, MA'97, has been teaching English, writing, and law for 25 years at independent schools—20 of those years at Sun Valley Community School. He leads six outdoor trips a year, ranging from fly fishing and whitewater kayaking to backcountry skiing and backpacking. Phil has just published a book, *Hemingway's Sun Valley: Local Stories Behind His Code, Characters, and Crisis* (The History Press, 2020). • Congratulations to **Julia Whitavitch DeVoy**, PhD'06, who was awarded an Ignite Grant by the Office of the Provost for her research work on "Greenhouse Gas Generation and Other Human Health Effects of Post-Consumer Textile Waste in the U.S." Julia is associate dean of undergraduate students and programs at the Lynch School and has a track record of multi-disciplinary collaboration across the disciplines of human development, social impact, social entrepreneurship, public health, and environmental justice. • **Melissa Villarreal**, MA'01, is the president of the Gemological Institute of America's alumni chapter in Monterrey and of the Women's Jewelry Association in Mexico. Founder and CEO of fine jewelry brand Orofina, she is working hard with a fantastic team to elevate the jewelry industry through educational opportunities. • **Elise Mostello Congreve**, MEd'11, welcomed her second child, Daniel, in March 2020 and then moved to the West Coast in September 2020 to become the vice principal of Hayward Collegiate Charter School in Hayward, California. • **Marc Burton**, JD'11, MEd'11, was lead counsel in Miami-Dade County, Florida, for Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election. He was named a Top Lawyer in litigation by *South Florida Legal Guide* for 2020, is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been rated as a Rising Star in Florida by *SuperLawyers* since 2011. • **Laurie McLeod**, MEd'91, recently joined the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters as their COO. She's excited about

supporting work on environmental conservation and environmental justice, especially in her own state. And it's even more relevant as she is thoroughly enjoying her new home on the Jersey Shore, where the work for clean air and waters couldn't be more pertinent.

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MORRISSEY COLLEGE

D. Michael Ryan, MA'67, writes: "Since my wife, Kate Shannon, passed after nine years of marriage in 2019, I have been performing random acts of kindness in her memory: \$20 bills to essential service people and gifting stuffed animals to young children. To date, in the latter category, I just surpassed 300! I still enjoy sunrises, sunsets, Intercoastal water behind and Gulf of Mexico in front, with miles of beaches. Life is good!" • A note from **Patrick Clarke**, MA'74: After MA studies in philosophy, graduating in 1974, when Fr. Joseph Flanagan was dean, I went to South America (Brazil) to work as a member of the Holy Spirit Congregation, now usually referred to as Spiritans. I have spent all my life there and am at present in Ireland, waiting during this pandemic time for the chance to return whenever it becomes possible." • **Emily Hoffman**, MA'68, earned her PhD at UMass in 1975. She taught at Western Michigan University until she retired in 2009 as professor emerita. She has remarried and lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan; she is an amateur artist. She would like to hear from others who knew her at BC: emily.hoffman@wmich.edu. • The debut picture book by **Lisa LaBanca Rogers**, MA'86, 16 Words: *William Carlos Williams and "The Red Wheelbarrow"* (Schwartz & Wade, 2019), received the 2020 Julia Ward Howe Award from the Boston Authors Club. Lisa is also the author of the picture book *Hound Won't Go* (Albert Whitman, 2020) and *Look at Her Art*, which presents a way to learn about art by looking at women's artworks and is forthcoming in 2022 from Chicago Review Press. • In addition to continuing as VP for academic affairs, dean of the faculty, and professor of practical theology at Claremont School of Theology, and professor of Anglican studies at Bloy House, **Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook**, PhD'93, was elected a fellow of the Royal Historical Society in November 2020 and as editor in chief of *Anglican and Episcopal History* in January 2021. • The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce named **Lorne Steedley**, MA'00, as VP, diversity and inclusive growth, in November 2020. • **Anthony Coleman**, MA'01, PhD'14, is now assistant professor of historical theology and director of the Albany campus at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. He and his wife, AnneMarie (Anderson) Coleman, MA'04, live in Saratoga County, New York.

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STM

Jeff von Arx, SJ, MDiv'81, is a visiting professor of the history of Christianity at BC's School of Theology and Ministry, where he taught a course during the spring 2021 semester in modern church history. He was the Thomas I. Gasson, SJ, Professor at BC for the 2018–2019 academic year. He is also superior of John LaFarge House, the Jesuit House of Studies in Cambridge. • **Martin Schade**, MA'82, MDiv'88, STL'88, has published a book, *Incarnation: The Harmony of One Love in the Totality of Reality* (University Press of America, 2016). • **Nancy Jukins**, MA'86, is retired and living in Amesbury with her wife and two kitties. She continues to be active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport, involved in music ministry, baptism preparation, and Eucharistic visits to the homebound. Nancy and her wife enjoy kayaking, traveling, and bird-watching. • Thanks to a grant from the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, **Carolyn Capuano**, HM, MTS'88, VP of the Mission at Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio, was able to spearhead a family meal outreach during the coronavirus emergency in urban southeast Canton. With colleagues from the hospital, 6,000 meals (ready to be warmed and eaten) were distributed over a seven-month period, and household sanitation items, personal-care items, bus tickets, grocery gift cards, and family games were also provided. • In February 2021, **Julie O'Heir**, MTS'10 will mark 10 years with the Saint Louis University Prison Education Program. The program is a national leader in the higher education in prison field and is the only program in the nation to offer on-site degree-seeking courses to both incarcerated people and prison employees. In the past decade, Julie has raised over \$1.3 million for program operations and coordinated with her facility partners and the university to offer daily higher education opportunities, including 90-plus college courses, 145 speaker events, 76 workshop series, and more than 30 college preparatory courses and 240 tutoring sessions. She lives in St. Louis, with her spouse, Christian Schaeffer. • **Jocelyn E. Collen**, MDiv'12, is the director of training and recruitment for Life Together Community, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. • Since graduating, **Steffano Montano**, PhD'19, has been awarded the Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University. He also overcame a serious lung condition through the gift of a bilateral lung transplant in August of 2020. He writes: "I am extraordinarily grateful to my donor, to God, to my family and all my friends for their support. I'm also grateful I've been able to continue working, teaching, writing, breathing, and exercising throughout this time. A minor miracle given this pandemic."

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WCAS

Peggy Sheehan '69 and her husband, Jack '62, are living between Alexandria, Virginia, and the Northern Neck of Virginia. Retired and restricted from traveling due to COVID-19, beekeeping, oystering, boating, and gardening are a big part of their leisure time, not to mention time with their children and 15 grandchildren and friends (masked as necessary). They are looking forward to the time when we are all feeling safer so we can mingle more easily with those we have not been able to see in what seems like a long while. • **Ford Curran** '02 is celebrating 17 years as a graphic designer and archivist at Boston University's department of special collections, most famous for being the home of the archive of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who earned his PhD in theology at BU in 1955. Now named to honor its founder, who was Ford's first boss at BU, the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center is a major repository for archives of individuals in the fields of literature, journalism, drama, music, film, politics, and religion, and more than 140,000 rare books. Not long ago, Ford identified an anonymous painting that had been hanging in the lobby of his office at BU. He has also used skills acquired at his radio show to DJ hundreds of concerts, weddings, and vintage Vespa rallies. He and his wife, Kamiko, live in Weston with their two children, Concord and Caleb. They spend most of their free time driving to hockey rinks and lacrosse fields throughout the Northeast. • **Jay Maldonado Mosquera** '19 states that he is a proud graduate of the Woods College. After completion of his bachelor's degree, Jay was accepted to the higher education master's program at the Lynch School in 2020. Now in his second year of studies, he is also working as a proctor and a hall monitor for student-athletes. He is also happy for the opportunity to collaborate with Lynch School Professor Gerardo Blanco on a research project that seeks to understand some elements that have impacted the internationalization of higher education globally. Finally, Jay has had conversations with his spiritual director, family, and close friends regarding a profound desire in his heart to serve the Catholic Church as a priest. He has begun the discernment process and has reached out to fellow alumni, friends, students, faculty, and Jesuits to keep him in prayer during this time of discernment. Jay, I offered prayers on your behalf while at an assigned Holy Hour of Adoration.

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OBITUARIES

BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI DEATHS

1940S

Joseph J. Volante '43 on 1/18/21.
James W. Skehan, SJ, '46, MA'47,
STL'55, H'98, on 11/1/20.
Eileen M. Tosney, MA'46, on 1/1/21.
Joseph P. Gillis '49 on 11/25/20.

1950S

William E. Collins '50, MA'58, on
12/9/20.
Anne Rogers Devereux NC'50 on
11/12/20.
Richard C. Gallagher '50 on 10/19/20.
Francis J. Grondin, Esq., JD'50, on
12/27/20.
Victor L. Hatem, Esq., '50, JD'56, on
1/2/21.
Eugene J. Isotti '50 on 12/2/20.
John P. Lyons '50 on 11/8/20.
Henry P. Murray Jr. '50 on 1/19/21.
Anthony C. Simboli '50, MA'50, on
12/29/20.
John Ransford Watts '50, MEd'65,
on 12/14/20.
Arnold D. Fiascone '51 on 1/4/21.
Paul F. Gallagher '51 on 1/28/21.
Dorothea Shea Hogan, MSW'51, on
12/19/20.
Robert F. Howard '51 on 11/18/20.
David F. McAvinn '51 on 12/4/20.
James A. McAvoy Jr., Esq., JD'51,
on 1/8/21.
Joseph T. Mullen, MS'51, on
11/17/20.
William I. O'Connell '51 on 11/1/20.
Arthur Frank Pierce '51, MA'53, on
10/12/20.
John F. Sheehan '51 on 12/23/20.
John J. Svagzdys '51 on 1/20/21.
Joseph V. Wood, Esq., '51 on 1/1/21.
Raymond T. Boyle '52 on 12/23/20.
Edmund J. Connolly Jr. '52 on
1/29/21.
James C. Farrington, Esq., JD'52,
on 1/5/21.
John E. Finnegan '52 on 12/18/20.
Pauline Devitt Grasso '52 on
9/26/20.
James D. Leonard '52, MEd'53, on
12/24/20.
Mary Fallon McCabe '52 on 11/5/20.
Rita Walsh McGowan '52 on 1/10/21.
Joseph F. Ottaviano '52 on
12/26/20.
Margaret Gately Bonanno, MS'53,
on 1/13/21.
Ann White Buttrick NC'53 on
12/29/20.
Raymond A. Terfera, Esq., JD'53,
on 11/1/20.
Ellen Bowen Bellissimo '54 on
12/17/20.
Robert H. Breslin Jr., Esq., JD'54,
on 1/11/21.
John J. Cawley '54 on 12/14/20.
John T. Collins, Esq., '54 on
12/11/20.
Robert E. Collins '54 on 1/8/21.
William A. Haddad Jr. '54 on 1/3/21.
Charles M. Hurley '54 on 1/18/21.
John P. Irwin '54 on 1/1/21.
John M. Kelley Jr. '54 on 11/27/20.
Gerald B. Power '54 on 11/8/20.
Theodore S. Samet, Esq., JD'54, on
12/30/20.
Norman T. Campanaro '55 on
11/6/20.
Frances J. Diebboll NC'55 on 5/7/20.
Robert P. Dolbec Sr., Esq., JD'55,
on 12/30/20.
Robert E. Galvin, Esq., '55, JD'61,
on 11/14/20.
Beverly McDermott Gorman,
MSW'55, on 11/21/20.
Frederick M. Kelley '55 on 11/27/20.
Gloria Roy Mastro '55 on 1/7/21.
Robert W. McAllister, Esq., '55,
JD'59, on 1/21/21.
Margaret Reis McCormick,
AA'55, BA'58, on 12/29/20.
Joseph M. Pagano, MS'55, on
1/11/21.
William A. Pfau '55 on 12/9/20.
James K. Smyth '55 on 11/6/20.
John F. Bergin '56 on 12/25/20.
Leocadia Bajek Burke, MSW'56,
PhD'73, on 12/1/20.
John F. Clunan '56 on 1/9/21.
Peter F. Colleary '56 on 11/14/20.
Pacífico M. DeCapua, Esq., '56 on
11/26/20.
John J. Duffy '56 on 1/4/21.
Frederic L. Gannon '56 on 1/5/21.
Albert J. Hanley '56 on 1/21/21.
John V. Kiely '56 on 11/30/20.
John E. O'Malley '56 on 1/24/21.
William G. Shea '56 on 11/28/20.
Elizabeth Chapowicki Shedlick '56
on 12/27/20.
F. William Smith '56 on 1/17/21.
Eugene A. Tambascio '56 on
11/26/20.
Mary Condon Walsh '56, MS'58,
on 1/10/21.
Frank N. Wentworth Jr. '56 on
12/26/20.
John R. Bresnahan '57 on 1/27/21.
Keith G. Cassidy '57 on 1/16/21.
Daniel R. Kudrak, MS'57, on 1/18/21.
Vincent J. Looney '57 on 12/17/20.
William A. Muello Jr. '57 on
11/30/20.

Robert A. Murphy Jr. '57 on 1/10/21.
Raymond A. Beahn '58 on 12/2/20.
William W. Corcoran, Esq., JD'58,
on 1/19/21.
John F. Daley Jr. '58 on 11/1/20.
Anne Colbert Lawlor, MEd'58, on
10/21/20.
Charles J. McGowan Jr. '58 on
11/30/20.
Walter J. Powers, MA'58, on 1/13/21.
Helena Eddy Samek NC'58 on
12/22/20.
Richard B. Scibeck '58 on 11/26/20.
Eugene W. Twomey, Esq., '58 on
10/28/20.
R. Victor Wade, Esq., '58 on
12/26/20.
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 Susan M. Rogers, DEd'83, on 12/20/20.
 Timothy T. Shannon, MBA'83, PhD'04, on 11/11/20.
 Debra A. Hintz, MA'84, on 10/23/20.
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 Elizabeth A. Buckman, MA'99, on 1/2/21.

2000s

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2010s

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 Andrew H. Annobil '14 on 11/17/20.
 Michael F. McLaughlin '15 on 10/25/20.

BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY DEATHS

Paul R. Leonelli, of Waltham, on January 5, 2021. He was a campus security officer in the BCPD from 2018 to 2020.

Jean F. Mooney, PhD'72, of Chestnut Hill, on January 8, 2021. An associate professor in the Lynch School of Education and Human Development from 1971 to 2003, she also served as director of the Campus School.

Linda Lytle Holmstrom, of Cambridge, on February 6, 2021. She was a professor in the Sociology Department from 1969 to 2009.

John F. Wissler '57, MBA'72, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, on March 5, 2021. He was executive director of the Boston College Alumni Association from 1967 to 1999.

The "Obituaries" section is compiled from national listings as well as from notifications submitted by friends and family of alumni. It consists of names of those whose deaths have been reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information on deceased alumni to Advancement Information Systems, Cadigan Alumni Center, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 or to infoserv@bc.edu.

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“ Although we may leave Chestnut Hill, Boston College will never leave us. For this reason, I, alongside a group of fellow Eagles, helped to reorganize the BC Puerto Rico Chapter by hosting events consistently and continuing the sense of community that BC instilled in us.”

GLORI ALVAREZ '88
Puerto Rico

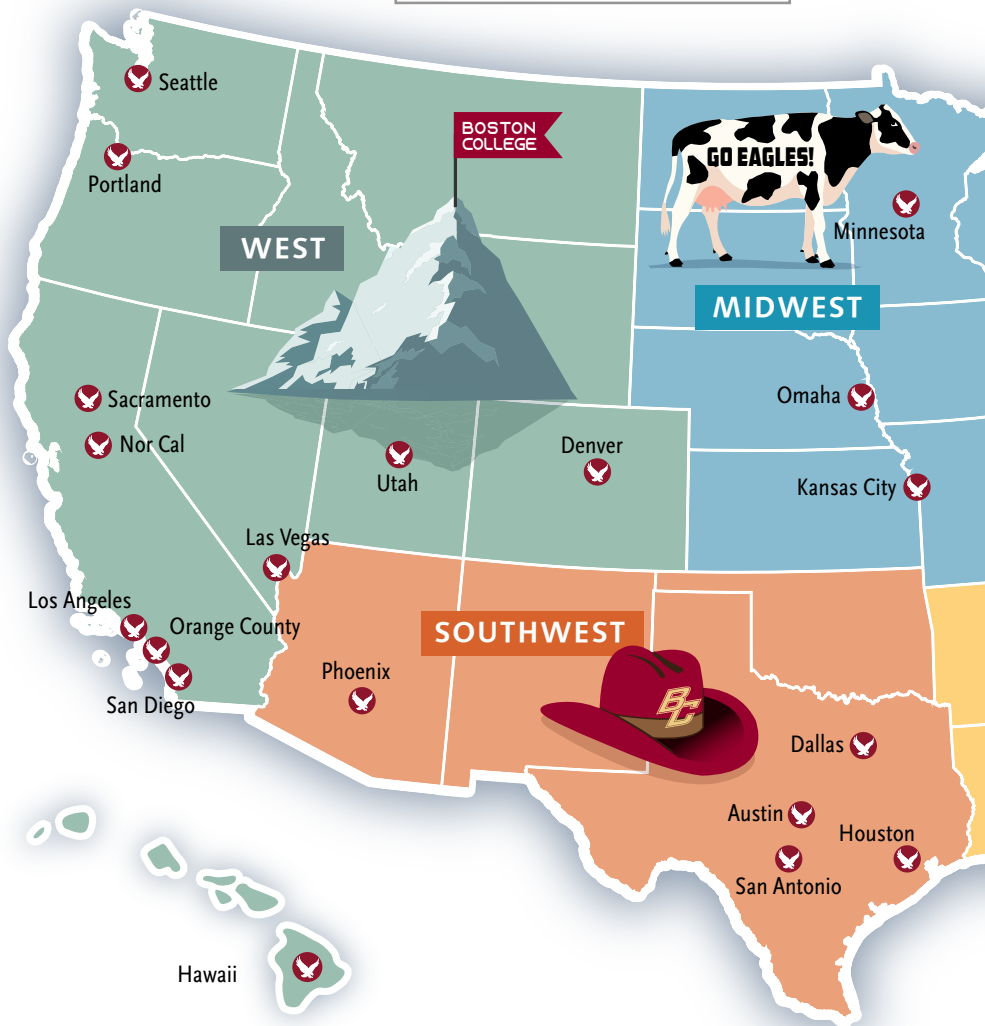


“ After moving to Hong Kong, I missed the BC community, but then I realized just how many Eagles live here! I serve as a chapter leader to help create that BC culture here and to give back to the community that has given me so much.”

GEORGE YANG '16
Hong Kong



 Alumni chapter





ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BY THE NUMBERS

Total number of alumni:
185,000+

U.S. Chapters: **69**

Law Chapters: **19**

International Chapters: **8**

CHAPTER SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING

Global Days of Service

In April and May, BC alumni worldwide unite to perform service projects in their communities. It's a chance to reconnect with fellow classmates, make new friends, and share in the Jesuit ideals that are central to Boston College's mission.

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INTERNATIONAL

- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Madrid
- Panama
- Paris
- Philippines
- Singapore

“As an East Coast transplant on the West Coast, it's great to have a community that feels like 'home.' I wanted to be involved in the local chapter to gather to shape our greater community in the Jesuit tradition of being men and women for others.”

KEVIN SNYDER '01
Orange County, California





Susan Gennaro

Reflections on a life in nursing from the former dean of the Connell School.

After thirteen years as dean of the Connell School of Nursing, Susan Gennaro stepped down in May. But she's not going anywhere. The internationally recognized nurse-researcher will remain on the Boston College faculty and focus on teaching, editing the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, and leading an NIH-funded study that promotes wellness among pregnant women of color. When we caught up with her in March, just days before she delivered the Connell School's biannual Pinnacle Lecture, Gennaro talked about finding purpose in your work and why BC was the only place she ever wanted to be a dean.

—John Shakespear

I grew up on Staten Island, back before the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge was built. In those days, you had to take a ferry to get to Manhattan, and I learned a lot about resilience just by commuting three hours round-trip to Hunter College High School every day. During World War II, my mother trained in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and one of my aunts served as a nurse on both fronts. It was

one of the jobs women could get back then, so naturally, I decided there was no way I was going to do it. I didn't even like feeding the cat. How was I going to be a nurse?

I was the first in my family to go to college.

I went to Le Moyne College, another good Jesuit college, and majored in English. After graduation, I got a job at an insurance

company on Wall Street, but I hated it. I thought, *If the world ends tomorrow, it won't have made any difference what I did all day.* Without knowing it, I'd started asking myself those questions we ask our students here at BC: What brings you joy? What are you good at? What does the world need? I'd initially rejected nursing because I saw it as a stereotypically female profession. But in my discernment, I realized I *liked* helping people. Was I going to let society's stereotypes define who I was?

The world certainly needs nursing, and I felt I could be good at it and find joy in it. It turns out there are lots of things nurses can do, and none of them involve cat food. So, I enrolled in the master's program at Pace University. It was the best thing that ever happened to me, because that's where I met my husband, Bill Fehder. Forty-four years later, here we are.

Finding your specialty is like dating: You explore the opportunities that come up until you figure out what suits your personality.

My first nursing job was in obstetrics, and that got me interested in perinatal care and labor and delivery. I've never seen a baby being born without getting tears in my eyes. Every single time, it's a true miracle. It affirms that there's more out there than just us.

Bill and I have been nurses in a lot of states—California, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Alabama. We've been in Boston for thirteen years. Bill was on the BC faculty until he retired last May. I used to tell him I never wanted to be a dean, but he'd tell you I always added, "Unless it was at Boston College." That's because I share BC's mission and values. Remember, I was formed at a Jesuit institution. Here, the culture is never just about writing the next R01 grant. It's about being the best human being you can be.

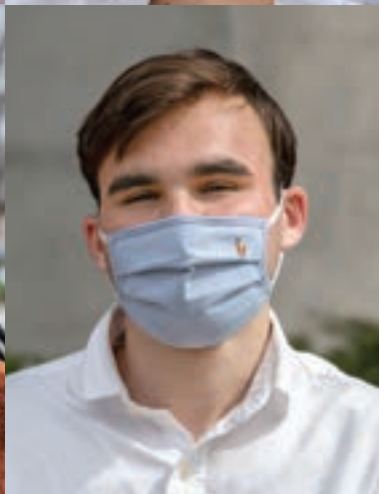
This past year has been a journey. We had to pivot quickly to help our students and our community. Our faculty took extra shifts in ICUs and COVID-19 wards between teaching on Zoom and homeschooling their kids. Our nurse practitioner students started offering telehealth visits to students in quarantine. As we work to get back to normal, nursing schools will be on the front lines. Luckily, when there's a real need, BC takes care of people, and I've felt supported throughout my time as dean. My years here have made my family and my spiritual life stronger. I feel as though I'm leading the life I was called to lead. ■



PARTING SHOT

Cover Stories

Around campus, BC students showed off their personalities, principles, and school pride with creative face masks.





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