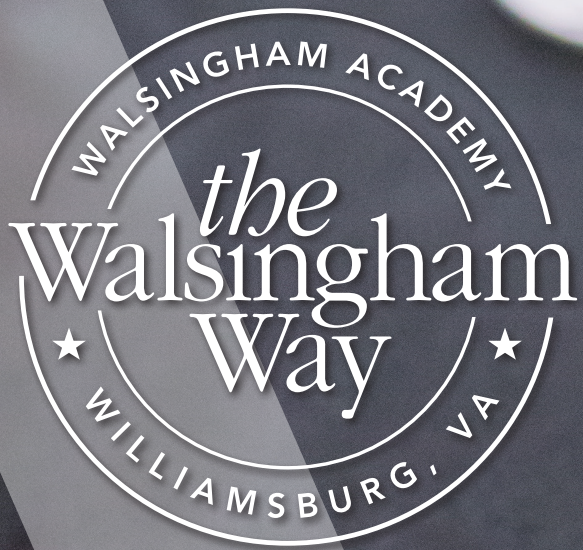


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



September

24th Mercy Day Liturgy
Unlike previous years, guests are not welcome.

October

9th Athletic Booster Club's Annual Golf Tournament

November

11th Veterans Day Celebration
13th Upper School Ring Day Ceremony



December

1st Giving Tuesday
3rd Lower School Christmas Concert
4th Christmas Lighting on the Green
10th Upper School Christmas Concert



January

29th Grandparents' Day for Grades K-3
31st Open House



February

1st–5th Catholic Schools Week
5th Annual Spirit Night BBQ Dinner
27th 50th Annual Dinner & Auction

March

28th Easter Egg Hunt on the Green



April

23rd Upper School Spring Concert

May

7th Lower School Crowning
28th Upper School Crowning



June

5th Walsingham Academy's 74th commencement exercises

Please note that due to COVID-19, all events are subject to change or cancellation. Be sure to check www.walsingham.org for event details.

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*On the cover:
Masks and flowers given
to the Class of 2020 on
their graduation day on
August 1, 2020.*

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From the Pen of Sister Mary Jeanne...

Dear Walsingham Family & Friends,

Perhaps even more so than in past years, I have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome students for the new academic year. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, it has been months since the halls of Walsingham Academy have been occupied by our gifted young people. Thank you all for all that you have done to support us during these difficult few months. It has been a beautiful example of what the Walsingham community is capable. While at times challenging, I'm so proud of what was accomplished during the 2019-2020 school year. Our faculty continued to deliver the excellent education one expects from Walsingham Academy through distance learning. I applaud all of them for their hard work as well as our students for making the best of the circumstances.

Our Fine Arts program delivered incredible performances of *Miracle on 34th Street* and *42nd Street*. The coronavirus crisis began to really intensify right before the weekend of our spring musical but, thanks to the effort of a few folks behind the scenes, we were able to present a limited screening of the musical's dress rehearsal online. What a blessing!

While our baseball and track & field programs did not have the opportunity to repeat as state champions, I am thrilled that two student-athletes from those teams will go on to compete at the collegiate level. Tanner Schobel will continue playing baseball at Virginia Tech, while Leyjah Hamrick will continue her track & field career at James Madison University.

On August 1, our 73rd graduating class received their diplomas in a ceremony that was delayed but included all the traditions one would expect from a Walsingham commencement. The 37 graduates earned acceptances into more than 220 prestigious colleges and universities and \$5 million in merit-based scholarships and awards as of August 1.

At our 49th Annual Dinner and Auction in February, \$135,000 was raised which went toward McAuley Hall in the Upper School and upgrading the computers in the Lower School computer lab. I thank the Walsingham community for their incredible generosity. Funds raised from the 48th auction went toward updating the Lower School gymnasium, now named Mercy Hall, and it is beautiful!

I hope to see or hear from many of you soon, perhaps at our annual golf tournament or the momentous 50th auction event. Each of you are important members of this community, whether it be through your donations, through spreading the word about Walsingham or by keeping the Academy in your prayers. You are most certainly in mine.

Sincerely,



Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle
President



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INSIGHT FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER

One Constant Remains

by Ann M. Efimetz

I remember one weekend last winter, I woke up on Saturday morning, got dressed, went to the grocery store and stocked up on all the essentials, the aisles brimming with everything I needed—and more. Later that day, I took a ride to a local home décor store and poked through the spring and Easter merchandise, and purchased a couple of decorations to brighten up the classroom.

That Sunday I went to Mass, greeting and hugging many of the people that I see there each week. That evening, my husband and I treated ourselves to a meal from a favorite restaurant, enjoying not having to cook before the beginning of the coming week.

At school, preparations for an upcoming liturgy were underway and plans for our Living Stations of the Cross in April were being ironed out. The comings and goings of my classroom, interacting with my students, school staff and administration kept the days passing briskly as we anticipated all the wonderful events planned for the coming weeks leading to Easter break.

But by the end of February, news reports began ramping up with a startling reality—a virus, which had been circulating in other parts of the world was also in our country—with a vengeance. Soon we learned it claimed its first life in the United States, in Washington State.

The weeks that followed irrevocably changed every aspect of the life that we had known. COVID-19, the Coronavirus pandemic, began to write world history in ways that no one could have ever imagined.

When I said ‘goodbye’ to my students on March 13, as school was being closed as a precaution, I never would have dreamed that I would not be returning to the classroom for the remainder of the school year. Neither would I have imagined that within a short time, we would be asked not to leave our homes unless absolutely necessary, to wear masks in public and to stay at least 6 feet away from everyone. Church services were suspended. Stores closed. Traveling banned. Sporting events canceled. Restaurant dining rooms shut down. Grocery stores, depleted. Millions lost their jobs and way of life.

Fear, uncertainty, and a palpable feeling of dread seemed to drape our entire world like a pall.

I will be the first to admit it—I was troubled. I didn’t know when I would get to see my adult daughters again, as both of them live elsewhere. And that made me truly sad.

Everything changed in just a couple of weeks. Everything that we had taken so much for granted was unattainable. Everything was unsettling. Except for one thing. And that is what I grabbed onto with a renewed might and dependence—faith in God.

Through all the continually and conflicting and disturbing reports, God remained and remains the only constant, the only solid anchor that has kept my churning boat of doubt and anxiety from floating into the abyss.

As we were told to ‘socially distance,’ stay away from each other—to almost fear each other’s presence, came the words

through Scripture from Matthew’s gospel:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

If I had ever needed to hear those words, it was when the pandemic and its reality began taking hold of the headlines and our daily lives. “Come to me,” he invites. “I will give you rest,” he promises. And his words are true and unchanging. In Hebrews, Paul writes, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”*

The Scriptures brim with hope for all our tired and weary souls as we continue seeing the effects of the illness touch so many lives irrevocably. It is probably safe to assume that none of us will ever forget this unprecedented time nor ever be quite the same again. And that is why the unwavering God who created the universe and created each of us to be living in this time and place is the only one who can supply us with what we need to endure day by day. God’s steadfast spirit and the unwavering example of faith of his Blessed Mother offer the balm for this world that is fighting the unseen viral enemy responsible for claiming so many lives.

God will not leave us nor abandon us during these difficult times. He stands at the ready to offer us what we need each day. He extends and will continue to extend the invitation to us as the uncertainties of the days, weeks and months loom large. No one knows what the next day will bring, but we can be assured of the constancy of God.

As David wrote in Psalm 91:

“You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, say to the Lord, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.

He will rescue you from the fowler’s snare from the destroying plague, He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge his faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness Nor the plague that ravages at noon.” nor the arrow that flies by day.”

Let us take courage in these words as times continue to shift due to the disease that has affected our entire human family. Let us be confident in our steadfast God and may we seek to draw to Him closer now than we have ever been.



IN MEMORY OF Sister Berenice and Sister Agnes



SISTER BERENICE ELTZ

A beloved member of the Walsingham community, Sister Berenice Eltz, passed away on Friday, August 16 at McAuley Convent in Merion, PA. She was 103.

Initially an elementary school teacher for nine years, Sister Berenice taught English at the high school level for 25 years in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She then moved to Walsingham Academy to teach English for seven years, but later found a new passion as a parish minister at Saint Bede. For 45 of her 85 vowed years, Walsingham Academy was her home.

With her quick wit and love of dance, Sister Berenice brought joy to all she encountered. Persistent in her desire to care for people who were impoverished, she prayed daily for people in need.

SISTER AGNES LORETTA, A FOUNDING SISTER OF WALSINGHAM ACADEMY



Sister Mary Agnes Loretta Ford, a member of the Sisters of Mercy, Mid-Atlantic and a founding sister of Walsingham Academy, died on Friday, April 17 at McAuley Convent in Merion, Pa. She was 99.

Sister Agnes Loretta was an educator for more than 37 years as an elementary school and music teacher at Walsingham and at various schools in the Philadelphia and Allentown dioceses. She also served as principal at St. Catherine of Siena in Horsham, Pa. for six years and as a religion teacher at John W. Hallahan High School in Philadelphia for 10 years.

Later in life, she served at St. Mary Convent and Home for Women and visited the sick of St. Richard Parish in Philadelphia. She then moved to the Convent of Mercy as a staff member until she retired at 98 to McAuley Convent.

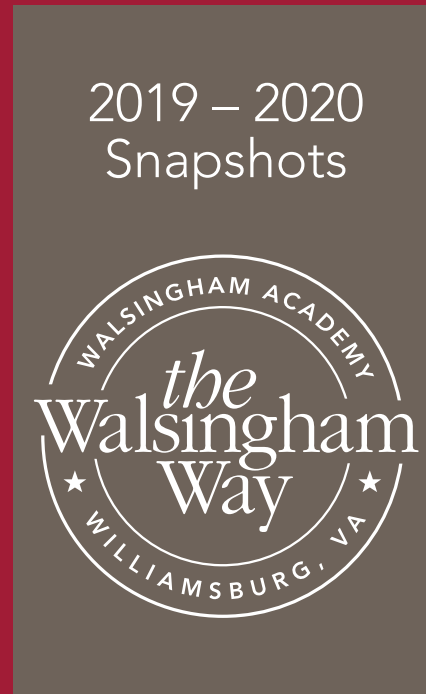
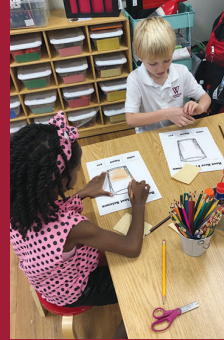
"Even later in life, from several states away, Sister Agnes Loretta always kept Walsingham Academy at the forefront of her thoughts and prayers," Walsingham Academy President Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle said. "Her love for music was only surpassed by her love for her students. She will be deeply missed."

WALSINGHAM HERO Sidney Woloszynowski



This school year brought on some unprecedented times in the world and in our Walsingham Academy community. One senior from the Class of 2020 not only took in stride learning from a distance due to COVID-19, but worked tirelessly volunteering to serve the homeless in our community. For the past few months, Sidney volunteered at the House of Mercy. She says, "Although under regular circumstances House of Mercy does much more, in order to continue serving the community they have set up a drive-thru where people can pick up groceries. I have mainly been helping check people in before they pull through to get food and occasionally doing other jobs like breaking down boxes, packing Easter baskets, and bringing in donations. I also have taught a few of the other volunteers how to ask pertinent questions in Spanish as well as occasionally translating as some clients speak very little English." When we put out the call to thank our Walsingham Community heroes during this unprecedented time, Kathy Eanes, Upper School English teacher, saw firsthand what Sidney was doing. "She has attended classes with me on Zoom on location while distributing food and other necessary goods to Williamsburg's

homeless clients," Eanes said. "We've all heard it lately that not all heroes wear capes. Most of them wear masks, and Sidney is one of them." Thank you, Sidney, for your service to the community!



SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Q & A with Olivia Clark



Olivia Clark has attended Walsingham Academy for the past 10 years. While at Walsingham, she was involved with the varsity tennis team, including as the captain in her junior and senior years and the MVP in her junior year. She was also on the varsity swim team; manager of the varsity boys' tennis team; member of the National Honors Society; member of the Spirit Club, including as secretary in her senior year; secretary of Key Club in her

junior and senior years; and a student ambassador for Walsingham. Clark says "it is important to be a well-rounded student and participate in a wide range of programs. I benefitted from not only being a member of academic-based groups but also athletic and service organizations as well. As a captain of the tennis team, I learned valuable leadership skills. I appreciated the importance of creating a positive atmosphere and working together as a team, both on and off the court." Olivia received the Harvard Prize Book award; AP Language Capstone project; highest honors in grades 8-12; and Iron Trojan in her junior and senior year.

Come fall 2020, Olivia Clark will attend North Carolina University with a major in animal science with a pre-veterinary track. She was accepted into the University Scholars Program and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Honors Program. After college she hopes to attend veterinary school.

Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?

A. When I reflect on my time at Walsingham, there is not just one big event that I am going to miss. Instead I think of all the amazing memories I made. I think of all of the bus rides

with the teams I was part of and the many victories we celebrated. I think of the pep rallies and running out of the locker room together as a senior class. I think of the Thanksgiving Feast in McAuley, where we all sat together, students and teachers,

sharing in each other's company. I think of all the senior nights and spirit games I went to and the Trojan atmosphere that we brought as a school. The part I am going to miss the most at Walsingham is making memories with friends, as a school, and as a community over the years.



Q. Do you have a mentor here at Walsingham Academy that really inspired you?

A. Throughout my years, there have been many teachers that have inspired me. Mrs. Johnston was the first person to welcome me into the Walsingham community, which left a lasting impact. Mrs. Kincaid taught me how much fun learning could be. Mrs. Carpenter gave me confidence in my knowledge of math and in myself. Mr. Green guided me through the Upper School and always made me laugh. Mrs. Eanes challenged me to push myself and believe I could achieve whatever I put my mind to.

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be? And why?

A. I would tell the underclassmen to enjoy each day and every fun event or opportunity Walsingham has to offer. After losing the final semester of my senior year, I am more appreciative of the memories I made over the last few years. I would tell them to try not to look ahead but to live in the moment.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote?

A: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt



SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Q & A with Drake Ellis

Drake Ellis has attended Walsingham Academy since the 8th grade. Since 10th grade, he has held two jobs at local restaurants and served as a firefighter/EMT at Prince George Fire and EMS since 10th grade, making him one of their youngest providers. Ellis completed his emergency vehicle operators' course, was the class leader at his EMS Academy, and was awarded the highest GPA during his EMT class. He now works with the probationary firefighters, helping to train and inform them about what to expect in both academies. This past year, he received his private pilot license and became a Stop the Bleed instructor. In his free time he teaches a class with the Chesterfield Fire and EMS. These various experiences have given Ellis the ability to lead people through tough situations. As he says, "It also has given me the enhanced ability to think things through in stressful situations where others may run."

Come fall 2020, Drake will be attending James Madison University, where he is still deciding if he would like to major in international relations or pre-med. After college, he hopes to follow his dreams and join the military and later go back into fire/EMS or become a police officer.



Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?

A. This one probably hits hardest, something like a third of my senior year was taken away and it's really unfortunate. I will miss lunch in the senior lounge. I miss eating lunch outside, I will miss Mr. Jordan's Economics/Geopolitics class, and I will especially miss AP Bio with Dr. Barko. I really will just miss all the faculty, and my friends.



Q. Do you have a mentor here at Walsingham Academy that really inspired you?

A. He probably doesn't realize it, but I would say someone who inspired me is Dr. Barko. Most of the conversations we have are so casual that he does not realize he is giving pretty good advice and stuff that is inspirational. We discussed the topic of colleges, military, and he even wrote me a recommendation to the Coast Guard Academy. I will always remember us talking about COVID-19 in January and him predicting that it could get bad. If only we knew!

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be?

A. It sounds super-duper cliché, but enjoy your time while you are there. Everybody says it, but time really does fly. I can remember sitting in Mrs. Baker's physical science class in 8th grade thinking I'll never be a senior, now look where I am! Just enjoy your time, hang out with friends after school/on weekends, and don't freak out too much over grades because that just takes enjoyment out of your life in general.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote?

A. "Good judgement comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgement."



GRADUATION

The Class of 2020



37 graduates...

Awarded \$5.0 million in Merit Based Scholarships & Awards.

Received 229 College & University Acceptances

Sarah Eleanor Benson – *James Madison University*
Lan Chen – *Pratt Institute*
Juliana Grace Chisholm – *Hollins University*
Olivia Nicole Clark – *North Carolina State University at Raleigh*
Margaret Anna Ehrhardt – *Virginia Tech*
Drake Sanford Ellis – *James Madison University*
Jingxi Feng – *University of California, Irvine*
Anne Dolby Forrest – *Colorado State University, Fort Collins*
Alexandra Elizabeth Lumsden Haggerty –
James Madison University
Leyjah Iman Hamrick – *James Madison University*
Anthony Louis Hinojosa – *Auburn University*
Khanh Minh Hoang – *Howard Community College*
Shiyu Huang – *University of California, San Diego*
Ethan Kyler Hughes – *James Madison University*
Nicholas Stephan Kearns – *James Madison University*
Riley Katherine Kelley – *William & Mary*
Olivia Grace LeJeune – *The University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Yu Liu – *Michigan State University*
Porter Holbrook Marshall – *Clemson University*
Madeleine Blake Nassabi – *Virginia Tech*
Martha Page Norsworthy – *Virginia Tech*
Madeleine Ruth O'Connell – *Christopher Newport University*
Jamie Ann Papazis – *The University of Alabama*
Khatiana Perez – *University of Virginia*
Ethan Adams Ricker – *Georgetown University*

Frances Sydney Riggs – *Radford University*
Caitlyn Dillman Rogerson –
Thomas Nelson Community College
Nicholaos Demitrios Sarantakos – *Hampden-Sydney College*
Tanner George Schobel – *Virginia Tech*
Chloe Anna Tringali – *University of South Carolina, Columbia*
Jacob Lloyd Ward – *James Madison University*
Matthew Wade Wilcox – *University of Virginia*
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Thomas Nelson Community College
Zhe Yang – *University of Virginia*
Beibei Yuan – *Pennsylvania State University*
Ziyin Zhao – *Mount Holyoke College*
Emily Rachel Zielinski – *Boston University*



Matthew Wilcox,
Valedictorian



Olivia LeJeune,
Salutatorian

GRADUATION The Class of 2020

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY



We bid a fond farewell to our 'lifers'!



Top row: Nick Sarantakos, Anthony Hinojosa, Matthew Wilcox

Middle row: Alexandra Haggerty, Martha Page Norsworthy,
Maddy O'Connell, Margie Ehrhardt, Porter Marshall

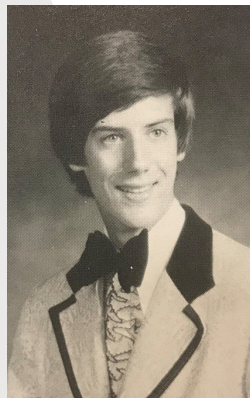
Bottom row: Olivia LeJeune, Caitlyn Rogerson

These members of the Class of 2020 have attended the Academy since pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. These students have experienced all that Walsingham has to offer over the course of their time with us. Lifers hold a special place in the hearts of our faculty, staff, and community, and we take great pride in their growth and development at Walsingham.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT – CLASS OF 1975

Q & A with Mike Maddocks

Mike Maddocks attended Walsingham Academy from 1968 until his graduation in 1975. His accomplishments as a student include running track and cross country for five years, participating in the junior and senior chorus, and starring in lead roles in *Harvey* and *My Fair Lady*. Following graduation, he attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington where he received a B.A. degree in history with a minor in economics.



In July 1979, Maddocks commissioned into the United States Naval Reserve where he was the line officer on a DDG for five years followed by twenty years of service in the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program. He retired as Captain in July 2005. During his years in the Naval Reserve until his retirement in 2019, he worked in various roles for several banking and financial institutions. A career that began at SunTrust Bank in Washington, D.C. as a private client advisor later lead him back to Williamsburg, where he served as senior vice president of Old Point National Bank and Middleburg Financial Corporation, respectively. In July 2017, he began the final role of his career as senior business development officer at Village Bank.



Mike Maddocks '75 and his daughter Morgan Maddocks '19

Maddocks continually embodies the Mercy values instilled in him during his days as a Walsingham student. For nearly fifteen years, he has served on numerous non-profit boards including Greater Williamsburg Area United Way,

Williamsburg Community Foundation, and, more recently, Walsingham Academy's Board of Trustees. When he's not volunteering, you can find Maddocks sailing, playing the piano, rowing, fox hunting, and wrangling horses on movie sets.

Mike Maddocks shares his enthusiasm for and love of Walsingham with everyone he knows, including his daughter, Morgan, who attended the Academy from kindergarten until her graduation last year.

Q. Tell us about a favorite Walsingham memory.

A. The cross country team came in third in the VA Catholic tournament and I was first for our team. It also was an honor to star in the lead role in *My Fair Lady*. Forty years later, I had the opportunity to be back on the same stage alongside my daughter Morgan, which was a real treat.

Q. While here at Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher or mentor who was particularly inspiring to you?

A. Nancy Allen and Nancy Bounds were excellent English teachers. The communication skills I gained were invaluable and have served me well to this day.

Q. If you could give current Walsingham Academy students a piece of advice what would it be?

A. Be flexible and never give up.



THANK YOU Excellence in Action

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY'S ANNUAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

As an independent school, Walsingham Academy relies on private support from individuals and corporations to help fulfill our mission of providing Mercy-based education grounded in the values of compassion and service. Because tuition alone only covers approximately 83% of the funds needed to deliver the robust programming that enhances and distinguishes a Walsingham Academy education, contributions to the *Annual Fund for Excellence* are critical and directly impact the quality and scope of the educational and extracurricular opportunities available to our students.

Gifts to the *Annual Fund for Excellence* help provide financial assistance to qualified students, salaries to recruit and retain dedicated and accomplished faculty and staff, upgrades to technology, enriching arts and athletic programs, instructional resources, facilities improvements, and much more.

Because of the generosity of many this year, the following was possible:

- The new technology application IXL, a customizable math tool that provides additional skill practice and enrichment opportunities for K-7th grades, was implemented.
- In the Lower School, a math specialist was welcomed back, and a leveled library was added that helps match our young readers to books that best match their reading level.
- The theatre program presented top-notch productions of *Miracle on 34th Street* and *42nd Street*.
- Students at all grade levels participated in interactive field trips until COVID-19 forced us to quickly transition to an online learning format.
- Upper School faculty participated in a yearlong professional development training on wellness for the whole teacher, while the Lower School faculty learned new teaching techniques in the program, "Teaching Like a Champion."
- The Directors of the Upper School and Lower School attended a Mercy Education System of the Americas conference, which offered professional development and networking opportunities with other administrators of Mercy schools.

These are just some of the ways your unrestricted support for the *Annual Fund for Excellence* enhances the Walsingham Academy experience for all.

We are delighted to report that \$300,000 was raised last year for the fund. During such a challenging time, this is incredibly heartening. Thank you for helping ensure Walsingham Academy remains the remarkable place it has been for over seven decades. We are grateful.

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2019 WALSINGHAM ACADEMY Golf Tournament

The 2019 Walsingham Academy Golf Tournament took place on Friday, October 11, 2019. More than 80 golfers joined us for a wonderful day at Williamsburg National Golf Club. The tournament raised over \$13,500 for the Walsingham Academy Athletic Booster Club. To all of those involved in the the Golf Tournament, thank you for your generosity, sponsorship, volunteerism and participation.

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Q & A with Christine McBeath

As a Walsingham “lifer,” Christine McBeath attended Walsingham Academy from kindergarten through 12th grade before graduating in 2016. Starting in eighth grade, McBeath played soccer, ran in cross country, and played basketball at the varsity level. Her main sport was soccer, where she was named First-Team All-State and All-TCIS. In her senior year she won the highest athletic achievement Walsingham could award—the Eloise Jacobs Sportsmanship Award. McBeath also succeeded academically and was named Salutatorian for the Class of 2016. After graduating from Walsingham, McBeath went on to play D1 soccer in the Big East Conference and graduated early in December 2019 from St. John’s University in New York City with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. After graduating, she decided to keep with her passion for soccer and was given an opportunity to take up a volunteer assistant coaching position at Stanford University in California. McBeath says, “This was a big step for me because I knew I wanted to learn from the best in the collegiate coaching world, and fortunately enough, I get to be part of a staff that is just coming off a National Championship title and a PAC-12 Championship title in 2019. Hopefully, come this fall season, we can do the same again!”

Q. What was one thing that Walsingham prepared you for with college and sports at the collegiate level?

A. Walsingham enabled me to tap into the resources around me. What I mean by that is during my time at WA, I was never afraid to reach out for help or to ask for guidance from my teachers and coaches. The WA community environment is full of individuals that want you to succeed, so I knew that I was surrounded by people that would go above and beyond normal expectations. Those were some of the qualities that I looked for in schools and soccer programs when I underwent my college search. Fortunately, I was able to continue to be blessed by a similar type of institution at St. John’s that favored those values.

Q. While here at Walsingham Academy, who was your mentor that inspired you?

A. I have had numerous teachers and coaches inspire me throughout my time at Walsingham. If I had to single out

one individual, it would be my cross country coach, Mike Sheedy. Even though he wasn’t a coach for my primary sport, Coach Sheedy truly instilled in me the importance of mental toughness and that Marine-like mentality. Coach Sheedy always had little bits of inspiration before we ran at some of the hilliest courses around, but a quote that has always stuck with me from when I first heard it from him was: “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Throughout my college playing career, there have been numerous games where I have had to dig a little bit deeper and find that grit to persevere in the final moments of a soccer match because it truly was the difference between winning and losing. Coach Sheedy was one of those mentors for me that inspired me with that refuse to lose attitude, and I’m grateful that I was able to have him as a coach during my time at Walsingham.

Q. What was your secret for balancing sports and maintaining your grades while playing at the College level?

A. The secret really is time management. For me, it was all about planning out my days ahead of time. I knew I had lifts/practices and classes at a set time, so what I did with my time outside of that really was my choice. Most of that free time ended up being devoted to my studies. Of course, I still had time to socialize with friends, but overall, my priorities were set on excelling with my academics and winning games with my college team.

Q. What is the best piece of advice you can share with a Walsingham Academy Student-Athlete?

A. “Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn’t work hard.” It may sound cliché, but when I look back at my playing career in club soccer and high school, the ones that ended up being the most successful weren’t always the most talented, but rather, they were the ones putting in extra time outside of practices and games in order to get better. At the end of the day, it comes down to you individually wanting to get better and putting in the extra effort to do it.



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Although our year was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have some great highlights to share with you, as well as standout performers.

FALL 2019

The fall season saw the Trojans field 11 total teams over six different sports. The varsity field hockey team was led by a tremendous group of seniors and had their most successful season in years. The Trojans defeated TCIS rival Hampton Roads Academy three times including a 2-0 victory in the finals of the inaugural TCIS Invitational Tournament and advanced to the VISAA State Tournament. Seniors Martha Page Norsworthy (First-Team All-TCIS, First-Team All-State), Margie Ehrhardt (Second-Team All-TCIS), and Olivia LeJeune (Second-Team All-TCIS) all earned postseason honors. Coach Erik Wright returned to lead the varsity girls' tennis team and once again, the Trojans improved despite the loss of their top player from the previous season. The team won six matches including two against HRA and had a strong showing in the TCIS Tournament. The varsity boys' soccer team made tremendous strides as the program continues to rebuild. The team won six games this year including a dominant 6-2 victory over Portsmouth Christian in the season finale. Senior Jacob Ward was recognized for his outstanding season by being named Second-Team All-TCIS. Coach Owen Ranger took an extremely young group of girls and built a foundation for great things to come with the future of the varsity volleyball program. The Trojans' cross country teams both showed great improvement as the season progressed, ultimately leading to their best showing of the year in the VISAA State Meet. Numerous Trojans set their personal best times in the final meet and both teams finished in the top half of the competing teams. Senior Ethan Ricker led the boys' team throughout the year and earned All-TCIS honors. Varsity sailing continued to improve their skills and draw interest from new sailors as the program took another step forward under Coach John Wandling.

The JV and JJV Trojans truly excelled during the fall and gave an exciting look at the future of Trojan athletics. Win totals went up for all our younger teams, led by the JJV boys' soccer teams winning an outstanding nine games. JJV field hockey continued to improve and won three games this year, including wins against Steward and HRA. JV girls' tennis had excellent participation and won four games this season, including three against TCIS opponents. The JV cross country teams were a little depleted due to "call-ups" to the varsity teams but all runners showed continued improvement throughout the year and look to bring a strong foundation to the future of the program.

WINTER 2020

The winter season saw some tremendous achievements from our teams and showed the promise of what's to come in the next few years for Trojan athletics. The varsity boys' basketball team lost their four leading scorers from the 2019 season and entered the year with a very young and inexperienced team. Despite their youth, the Trojans picked up great wins against Oak Hill Academy and Peninsula Catholic and started the season 7-0. On January 21, Head Coach Billy Barnes earned his 500th career victory against Greenbrier Christian—an incredible milestone. The team battled injuries during the TCIS season but was able to qualify for the state tournament as the tenth seed. The Trojans traveled to Richmond Christian for their first-round game in the state tournament and were able to pull off a 70-64 victory despite losing star player Matt Nunez (First-Team All-TCIS, First-team All-State) to an injury prior to the game. The varsity girls' basketball team welcomed first year Head Coach Pete Kokolis to a group of both talented newcomers and experienced players this year. The team showed great improvement, winning 12 games despite numerous injuries to key players throughout the year. After winning just five games this previous season, the Trojans played well enough this year to earn a state

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tournament appearance. The team traveled over four hours to face fifth-seeded Roanoke Catholic in the first round of the VISAA State Tournament and pulled off a huge 36-29 upset. Nicole Hagopian was named First –Team All-TCIS and All-State for her outstanding season. Varsity swimming faced significant adversity this year as the JCC Rec Center pool was shutdown mid-season and the team was left scrambling to find a place to practice. Despite this, the team continued to improve all season and had six swimmers qualify for the State Championship Meet.

JV boys' basketball had a young group with just one sophomore on the team and battled injuries to key players all season but was still able to win nine games including over Tabb High School and Hampton Roads Academy. The JJV girls' basketball team had an incredible 12-2 season, winning the PIAL Championship, despite having primarily fifth graders playing against seventh and eighth graders and a new coach. The team showed tremendous ability and will be fun to watch for years to come. The JJV boys' basketball team won 15 games and earned another PIAL Championship. The boys also won two games in the Kiwanis Tournament, defeating Toano and Berkeley Middle Schools.



SPRING 2020



Unfortunately, all our spring seasons never had the chance to get going as they were shut down in the first week due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Varsity baseball was the only team to play an official game and was off to a promising start after slugging an incredible five home runs in just two games. Despite the lost season, seniors Leyjah Hamrick (track & field) and Tanner Schobel (baseball) committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TROJANS WHO WILL BE COMPETING AT THE NEXT LEVEL!



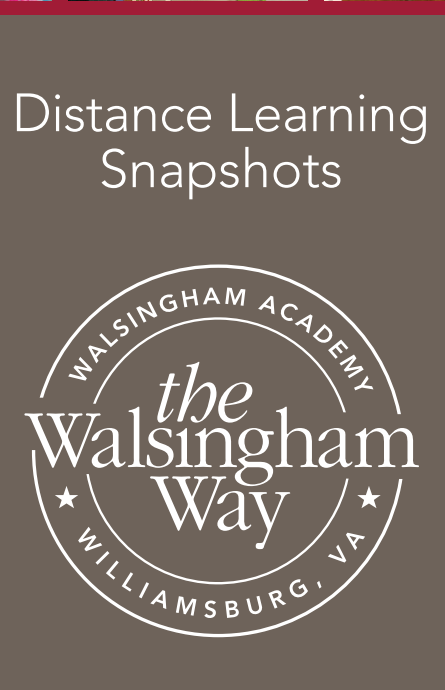
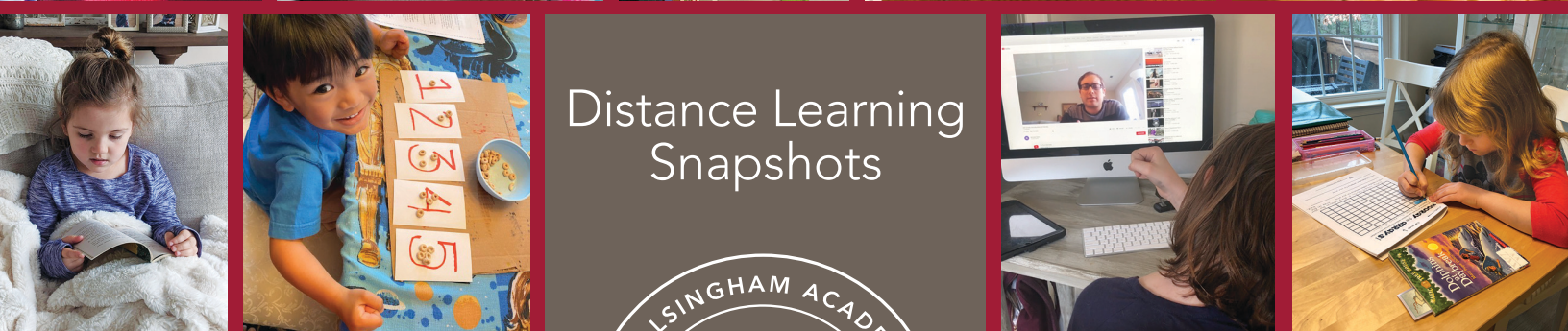
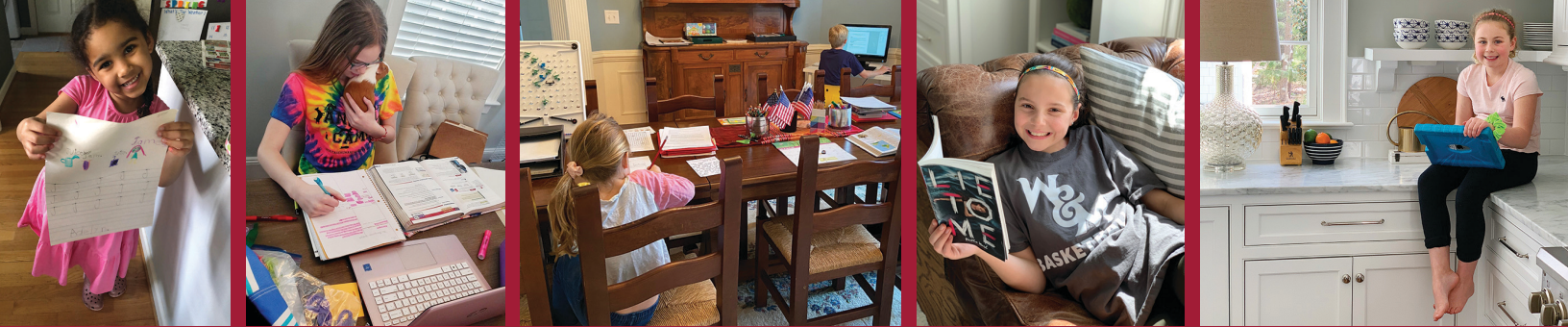
Leyjah Hamrick,
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Have an update for the Class Notes section? Contact your class correspondent or Kaitlin Sorrentino at alumni@walsingham.org.

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Margaret Celeste Cook passed away on June 9, 2020 at the age of 82. After earning her bachelor's degree at Sweet Briar College and master's at the College of William & Mary, she began her career as an archivist at the Connecticut Historical Society and the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe. The experience she gained there served her well when she joined the staff at the Swem Library at William & Mary in 1966 as the curator of manuscripts and rare books. Devoting 36 years to serving as curator, Margaret was responsible for the upkeep and documentation of 30,000 rare books and more than a million manuscripts and maps. Her background in history made her a valued partner to the Tyler Department of History, assisting many history students with research assignments and dissertations. Even after retiring, she continued to serve Swem by volunteering and continuing her research in local history.

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Jeff Hutson and wife Susan are at home like most folks riding out this pandemic happily in good health. Jeff has moved away from trial work and is mediating and arbitrating construction cases as a neutral. He finds moving this work to the Internet challenging but is enjoying learning new skills. He reports that Walsingham set him on the right path to enjoy learning.

Kaywood Greeve Fuqua writes: My family and I, son, wife, two large grandsons, were caught at a wonderful house on a beach in Hawaii when all this came down, so we changed flights and headed home in time for our Governor to Secure In Place! The boys are finishing school online but there will be no graduation for Ashton, who did it in three years! He is busy applying to grad schools for his MBA. Son, Sean, still teaches-online-but the City Council meets live to try and solve mostly our homeless problem. His wife, Amber, is very fortunate to work at home. My granddaughter was named Employee of the Year for Lab Corp in the Fall, youngest ever! She is a supervisor of fifteen labs now but mostly working from home. In June I will get to be a Great Grammie so we must protect her! Busy putting her nursery together.

Me, I still make quilts; had to get two baby ones finished and I read a lot-not

particularly the heavy stuff! Like everyone I pray for this to be over and that our friends and families are spared.

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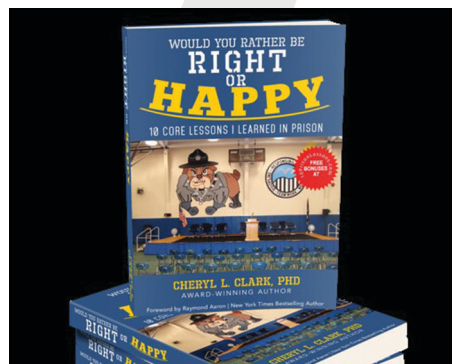
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Please send your updates!

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Gerry Greeve writes: We live in the absolute center of the most populous area between San Francisco and Seattle and between the Pacific Ocean and Denver... and things are just fine out here. We have been mitigating since early March and our restaurants and non-essential stores have been closed. Unfortunately, so have our breweries and wine tastings. Our golf courses remained open which was a boon to Margo and me as we play twice a week. Have taken up helping her with her needle point and am enjoying it. We binged on Tom Hanks movies and all of the Ken Burn series and we cook in almost every night. Had to cancel 3 trips - Japan, The Indian reservations of Arizona and New Mexico, and postponed a short Hawaiian trip thrice. Right now scheduled to go to Maui June 8...fingers crossed. I am doing a lot of Instagram postings as I sort through 40,000 digital photos from the last 20 years. Best wishes to all Gerry and Margo Greeve



Cheryl Clark's upcoming book

Cheryl Lirette Clark writes: My Upcoming Book, due out before the end of this year is a memoir of my work in Prisons and focuses on Social Justice issues. My Doctoral Dissertation: 12* of Freedom: Synergetics and the 12 Steps to Recovery is available at www.SocialSynergetics.com on my page. Since COVID, my travel has been greatly curtailed. I continue to enjoy virtual meetings with international groups and Zoom Zumba, seven days a week. It's

a wonderful life. I think everyone knows that my mom, Eileen Sloan Lirette Coghill passed away on September 23, 2018. She was our class booster, always cheering us on, supporting in so many ways. Hope all are well, happy and safe!

Marilyn Meyer Wolfe-Kirk writes: We are doing well and following all the guidelines to prevent the virus spread. We made a trip to New Zealand in February and had a few storms to avoid with 20 ft seas. We had a trip planned to Costa Rica, but cancelled. We have been spending more time at our ranch in South TX and staying a week there, then a week at home, then back to the ranch. We have great timing for weather and seeing lots of migrating birds. We got to see our daughter and 3 grandchildren for the first time in 5 months as they flew here from CO this week. We are still planning on flying July 10th to Maine and staying 3 weeks at a rental house in Camden. Two of our children's families will be there as well. Our son got the virus but had a mild case and recovered quickly. Everyone else is fine. Best wishes to all!

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Anne Molesky Miller writes: My heart goes out to any of my Walsingham classmates that may have a family member who has suffered with covid. We will be making our first venture away from our home in Allentown, PA. Ed and I will be attending our granddaughter's outdoor, socially distanced high school graduation in Richmond, VA. Next year she will attend the same college as her mother, University of Richmond. One of the recent highlights of my life, was reconnecting with my dear Walsingham friend, **Sheilah Cassidy Perrin**, who is now living in Florida. We have been using our extra time now doing things that have been on the back burner for years. That is, organizing old family photos and slides, which all are now conveniently digitized. That, and having an Ancestry DNA test has gotten me involved in creating a family tree through Ancestry. The whole process is fascinating and quite addictive. Still on our calendar for August, is a family trip to OBX. It will be different this year, but still good. Stay safe and healthy!

Kenneth Lucas writes: **Philip Sparks** and his wife Anne have recently retired to Richmond, VA to be near their 2 children who recently moved here. The move has given Phil a chance to renew a friendship with **Kenny Lucas**, a long time Richmond resident. Before the pandemic shut them

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in, Phil and Kenny had multiple occasions to get together and relive their memories of their time at WA, the University of Virginia, and their summers of working together at Jamestown Festival Park. It's probably best those memories not be published here! One eve last summer, while Phil and Kenny were waiting for a table at a small local restaurant, who walks out but **Wally Hutchinson** and his wife (also a Richmond resident). What are the odds that 56 years later, 3 members of a high school class of 33 would all be dining at the same small restaurant in Richmond? It is a small world!

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Robert (Rob) Schmitz, passed away on May 8, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Kelly, and his sisters Sue and Beth, also former Walsingham students. After graduation, Rob, enrolled at Marquette University but after two years, joined the Army. As an Army officer, had several posts including a tour in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne Division. He was wounded at the battle of Hamburger Hill for which he received the Purple Heart medal. After his discharge, he returned to Marquette University where he completed his bachelor's degree in business and started his masters. Rob worked at Miller Brewing Company from 1974 until he retired in 2003. Besides participating in a variety of sports, Rob was an avid reader, wrote poetry, and was obsessed with crossword puzzles that he "worked" every day until his passing.



Rob Schmitz

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Russell C. Smeds is a 1965 graduate of WA. Following his graduation, he attended the College of William and Mary receiving a BA in Geology in June 1969. He subsequently received an MS in Geology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1972. He reported for active duty at Ft.

Sill, OK in September of 1972. He served 10 years in Fulda, Heidelberg and Stuttgart, Germany. He was also assigned to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB, NE, the Defense Mapping School at Ft. Belvoir, VA and the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) Hydrographic/Topographic Center in Bethesda, MD. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in September 1992. He subsequently worked as a Cartographer/Physical Scientist/Staff Officer for DMA, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA). He retired from NGA at White Sands Missile Range, NM in August 2009. The next ten years were spent traveling in Europe and the US. He has three children, Chris in Charlottesville, VA; Dr. Kimberly Cassidy (Smeds) in Austin, TX and Dr. Matthew Smeds in St. Louis, MO. He currently lives in Georgetown, TX with his wife of fifty years Deborah and they are the proud grandparents of ten grandchildren.

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Janette Dow Haybert writes: I wish I had something interesting to tell you but I do not. With this virus keeping us home so much, our new normal is quite boring! We have expanded our garden and like everyone else, are doing more work in the yard. I am making sourdough bread and have to laugh that that seems to be a pandemic "back-to-basics" thing this year. Our hearts go out to all those that are struggling to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads while out of work. The horror of not being able to be with a loved one as they pass on is a constant worry for us as my Mom is 96. Add to that the senseless horrific killing of George Floyd and the ensuing riots and we find ourselves living a life unimaginable just a few months ago. We do what we can to help family, friends, neighbors and those less fortunate, and pray for better days ahead. Our best to you, yours and the class of '67.

Eleana Watson Ikeda writes: It's been a long time since I graduated from Walsingham and lots of things have happened ever since. I have traveled the world, too much for my own good, although it has been an interesting life. I went to Bennington College after graduation. I majored in social anthropology with a professor from Great Britain, who had done field research work

in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I also studied dance--modern dance and ballet-- this was great as their dance program is one of the best in the states. Also, I continued piano and music. The music department is excellent there with composing and study of instruments. From my third year, Bennington became co-educational which made it much better and healthier. The men students were great and made the campus beautiful like flowers have grown. The men, transfers from colleges like Dartmouth, Northwestern, and Brandeis. I practiced piano for four hands with a male student who had transferred from Brandeis. The dormitories were livelier and fun with men students---co-educational dorms. It was better than when there were only women which made the atmosphere seclusive. I took my third year off, and junior year abroad program. I made my own junior year abroad in Hong Kong. My mother then lived in Hong Kong, and my stepdad lived in Saigon, Vietnam. So, I decided to live in Hong Kong which would be close to my mother and go to some educational institute there to get enough credits for my home college at Bennington. It was a beautiful Chinese harbor. I ultimately became an external student at the University of Hong Kong, and I studied economics, social studies and Japanese history. There were few foreign students like myself but mostly Chinese students. The curriculum was all in English, thank god, and I made friends including a Chinese doctor and an Australian lady from Melbourne. I had a job too teaching Spanish to American children at the International American Lutheran School in the repulse bay area. The Australian lady worked for the British information service. It was great to be close to my mother also since I had spent many years in boarding school when young. I also went to see my stepdad in Saigon, Vietnam, for couple of days. There was a war in those days but I enjoyed the atmosphere of the Southeast Asian city with incense, markets, and coolie-bicycles going around carrying passengers. My stepdad and I, along with his friends, went to a French restaurant there one evening. The flight back on Cathay Pacific to Hong Kong was short. I loved my university there and also my Chinese doctor friend because he was so kind and good to me. I was nineteen and he was twenty-seven years old. We went to Osaka, Japan together to see the expo there. We also visited Nikko and Kyoto together on tours and on our own staying in Japanese inns, eating sushi at hotel-counters and also taking the very warm Japanese Onsen in room baths with lots of sulfur and minerals. I found the baths very relaxing and nice. He also invited me to go to Taiwan together because he had to

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inspect some hospitals there but, I didn't go, he went on his own. I also mixed with British people my age through introduction from my Australian lady friend who knew them. I also liked my job teaching the American children at the Lutheran school. The principal was an American fellow. At the university I knew a Canadian friend from Montreal, an exchange student. As well as men exchange students like Louis Veillaux and Keith Johnston. I returned to Vermont and completed my studies there. Then, I married as I graduated. When I returned to my college my old friends Tory Cowles and Claude Fredericks greeted me. Claude was a literature professor of Japanese and Greek literature. He went to Harvard, spent time studying in a Japanese monastery and grew up in Houston, Texas. He was much older being a professor there. He introduced me to some Japanese male students who studied at a nearby Williams College. That was where I first met my ex-husband. I was getting conscious of my Japanese heritage, and maybe my mother influenced me a lot, having grown up in Japan solidly herself. Anyway, I was married in Tokyo in 1971. The reason I now live in Cuernavaca, Mexico is because my mother lived here since retirement in 1975. She had lived there with my stepdad since 1975. I was married to Katsuya Ikeda for almost twenty years and we worked in the diplomatic corps for the Japanese Foreign Ministry, the Gaimusho, all that time but we had to divorce in 1989.

LuAnn Witty Klein writes: Life is still very good for me. My Mom, age 96, lives with me. We spend our summer days between my home and long weekends at the lake house in Louisa, VA. Finally, after months of isolation my children and grands are visiting and hugging. We are generally reclusive except for family so the lifestyle change with COVID has been minimal. Washing hands and never touching your face - thank you Sr Stella Marie (I think) - is my habit and has been my mantra to children and grands, mostly ignored, until now! Since my brother Tom's death in 2019, Mom has been very sad, wishing her time would come. However, we have been blessed with Ada, born in February, and expecting another grand in November. That makes an even dozen. Cheaper by the dozen? I think my late husband, Jim, is dancing.

Rick Long writes: Things here are going well. We're both in decent health (nothing's perfect anymore). You know I had triple by-pass surgery in late 2017. I recovered and went back to work. I know a lot of our classmates are retired, but frankly, I can't see myself ever retiring so long as I'm healthy enough to work. I've been with Verizon for 18 years. Most of

that time I've managed the relationship with the State of Georgia. It's grown from basically zero in 2005 to about \$78 Million/yr. Recently we went through a major internal reorganization. I took on new responsibilities in business development, pursuit and capture of large accounts. I'm working on a couple of new opportunities that, should we win, will generate as much as \$500 million in the next six years. Bottom line, I'm having too good of a time and making good money to want to retire now. Sheri continues her teaching career at the local technical college. She is truly an inspiring teacher. Her greatest challenge over the last few months has been adjusting a virtual classroom. I think I may have mentioned that my son also works for the company. He is a Managing Partner on our Fed Civ Team. He has two daughters. One is a rising HS senior and the other a rising college sophomore. Victoria, who is attending UC Denver has joined Army ROTC and is talking about law school and JAG. We went to New Orleans in January with Tom and his wife. Assuming we can travel safely in August, we plan on a week at the Westin Hilton Head Island.

Robert Ryczak writes: The last 12 months have flown by with many blessings, joys as well as sufferings and sorrow. Two of my train buds and I (we call ourselves, "The Rail Guys" and have the tee-shirts to prove it!) amtrak'd to Albuquerque, NM for our first Train Collectors Association National Convention. What a great 8 days we enjoyed in our beautiful American Southwest. Two highlights of the trip were the Cumbres & Toltec Narrow Gauge RR ride and an evening of Native American foods and several Puebloan dances previously not viewed by non-natives, but now presented at the Native American Cultural Center. Our daughter joined us in Boston for the start of a September cruise to Quebec to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. However, Hurricane Dorian had to have her say and our cruise was significantly altered. Still we enjoyed our time together on the boat and what ports we could visit. Best kept secret place in Quebec to visit: Saguenay on the Saguenay Fjord on the St Lawrence River. Enjoyed lobster every chance we got. We were very disappointed in Montreal; liked Quebec. We continued to enjoy musical shows at the American Musical Theater east of Lancaster, PA, with good friends. We continued to be active in our parish with the Holy Name Society, the Catholic Men's Fellowship, a monthly Catholic Couples group, weekly bible study, Legion of Mary, Ladies of St. Ignatius, and other liturgical ministries. Thanks to COVID, all of our

planned spring activities were cancelled, including musical shows; Sight & Sound presentation of "Queen Esther"; family wedding in Florida; a college graduation; and my youngest sister's 35th wedding anniversary Caribbean cruise. Sadly, my Mom quietly and peacefully left us April during one of her usual mid-morning naps in her nursing care wing; God's answer to her daily prayers. We buried her with only immediate family viewing and graveside service; no group rosary, no open viewing for family and friends, no funeral Mass, no reception. We had to grieve at the graveside wearing masks and standing 6 feet apart; awful for an affectionate family. The day of my Mom's funeral our daughter called to tell us that she was going to have emergency eye surgery the next day in Alabama for a "Giant Retinal Tear". What a week. Surgery was successful and recovery is going well; but there will be some vision loss. Just what she needed one week before your summer intern program begins for her Master's of Public Health program. Sonia is fully retired as of 1 July, with planning for road trips in progress. This October we hope to be on an 8-day pilgrimage to Poland in celebration of St Pope John Paul II's 100th birthday. The pilgrimage is centered in Krakow, the area in which my ancestors on Dad's side lived; trip of a lifetime for me.

Scott Whitehead writes: Like you and millions of others across the country we are hunkered down at home in Beaufort trying not to contract the COVID-19 virus and hoping that you and your families are safe. We are grateful that if we have to be isolated it is in such a beautiful place. Last August, Kathy and I took a trip to Norway spending a few days in Oslo and Bergen sightseeing before connecting with a hiking tour. After evacuating to Atlanta in September for Hurricane Dorian we spent five days on Cape Cod with our Beaufort neighbors who reside there during the summers. After another trip to Atlanta and Thanksgiving at St. Teresa Beach in Florida we decided to spend a quiet Christmas by ourselves. Kathy had hip replacement surgery at the end of January so thankfully we had made no travel plans for the spring or summer. Our sons, **Doug Whitehead '98**, **Patrick Whitehead '00** and **Sterling Whitehead '03** and their wives and children are all doing very well. We are blessed to have four grandchildren, Bridges, Mercer, Mac and Will with another boy expected in August.

Darlene Bowen Woolery writes: Ever since January 9th, this has been a difficult year for my family. I was teaching on the morning of the 9th when my daughter called the school to tell me her father had been hit

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by an Amtrak train while driving his pickup truck. The accident took place in southern Oklahoma and I was in Texas. I then had to leave the school and ride with my daughter to a critical care trauma hospital in north Texas. Dan had been taken there via a Care Flight Helicopter. For over a month he was in a critical care unit and a ventilator was keeping him alive. He had five major surgeries during his stay at Medical City Denton. The doctors claim he is the bionic man, and it is a miracle that he is still alive. As of this date, he is still recuperating in the Veterans' Home in Ardmore, OK. He gets good care at this facility and he can stay there the rest of his life if necessary. I have been staying in Oklahoma with my mother-in-law as she has Parkinson's Disease and needs my help. When the schools open back up in the fall I hope to work again with young people. This has been a challenging year, but I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. My condolences go to Robert on the death of his mother. May God bless you all. Keep your chins up and press forward. Love you all, Darlene

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Leslie Lowenbraun Weitzman, passed away on November 21, 2019. Leslie, born in Queens, NY, was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and sister-in-law. She graduated from The Pennsylvania State University Phi Beta Kappa and received her law degree from Fordham University. For 43 years, Leslie was a securities lawyer at Smith Barney, Sullivan & Cromwell, Skadden Arps and Deutsche Bank. Leslie was a multi-talented "perfectionist" known for her amateur portrait photography. Leslie never let her illness slow her down; she continued to work full time and was a pillar of strength and dignity.

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Robert Amsler writes that he and Julie are well. He is enjoying his semi-retired

status and nature walks on the 100 acres of wetlands in his backyard. No complaints from him though he does terribly miss being able to work at his church office which he has not visited since mid-March. But he continues God's work and ministering to the local Latino community. According to Robert, his biggest challenge is staying in shape while at home and trying to avoid eating too much!! Believe me, we ALL feel his pain. As always, he and Julie are thankful to the Lord for what they have and for what they are able to do. He sends his best wishes to the Class of '72 for good health and happiness and he is looking forward to the 50th reunion.

Sheila Bacon writes that, like all of us, she is trying to adjust to the impacts of COVID in our lives and the new normal. Staying put is a real challenge for her and unfortunately, she had a few overseas trips planned that had to be postponed.... but NOT cancelled!!! What she really misses is going to restaurants and enjoying "other people's" cooking. Sounds to me like someone needs to sign up for some culinary classes (with Poncho? see below) or ask John Chohany for take-out/curbside delivery. Does that work from VA to TX? She sends best wishes for good health and the hope for a vaccine soon (amen!!) so that we can all get back to enjoying life and she can get back to her favorite restaurant as well as start wandering the world again. She too is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50th.

Laura Townsend starts off with questions we all probably have....What was I doing before this? What am I doing now? Who AM I anymore? Hmm...That is quite the challenge these days, eh? The struggle is real.

Prior to COVID, she and **Lisa Jones** met weekly at the Rec Center in Williamsburg. It seems only a short time later that Laura and **Nancy Kennedy Byrd** were providing love and support to Lisa at her mother's funeral mass. Laura and Nancy were planning a surprise birthday lunch for Lisa in March but COVID nixed that.

Laura did provide an update on the helicopter incident at her apartment complex that she had previously mentioned about a year ago. What was Building 1100 where the helicopter "landed" was rebuilt in March and is now back to being Building 1100.

But the neatest thing to happen to Laura and Randy was that Randy's brother gave them a two-night stay in Colonial Williamsburg's Peter Hay Kitchen for his birthday in January. Randy and his brothers grew up in the Peter Hay Kitchen and Laura grew up in Waters Storehouse nearby. Randy was the "boy next door" but not technically as he was the boy across the street and on the

corner. Laura will see us at the 50th!!

Susan Anthony starts off with saying she is loving every minute of this break from life as we know it!!! Prior to the shutdown, she and Rob were able to disappear on vacation in 2019 for an entire month. They spent time in South America visiting Cartagena, Columbia. And on the way back, they spent time in the beautiful colonial-era city of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. It was Susie's longest vacation ever and she, "Loved it, Loved it, Loved it!" The adventures were so fantastic, there might be a traveler's guide in the works.

Julianna Holm Grammo writes Greetings from West Virginia! 2019 was a busy one and full of changes. Joining the ranks of many of us, Julianna retired in May and wonders how she got anything done at home while she worked. Her husband, Mark, still works at Dulles Airport and—at least for now—has no plans to retire. Julianna's biggest project has been home projects. It appears she had an extensive "honey-do" list and not just for Mark! Projects included a complete house painting as well as reorganizing one of the bedrooms into a craft room where she can continue to hone her skills in scrapbooking.

Pre-COVID, Julianna spent a month in upstate New York with her son Jason and his family, helping them move into their new home. Besides the work, the real blessing was being able to spend every day with her 3 grandsons. She again utilized her moving skills when visiting her daughter, Sheila and husband, Kaden, in Georgia, helping them to move into a new apartment. While there, Julianna and crew were able to be present and cheer on Kaden at his graduation from Army Ranger Training School.

For the Grammo family, the biggest adjustment is how to schedule their lives with Mark now working at home. They are trying to figure out solutions for problems including when family members walk into the view during a video meeting or keeping the dog from barking at all the deer who run through the yard. They are mostly thankful that Mark continues to have his job!

FaceTime is their platform of choice for family happy hour chats. Julianna's thoughts are with the families who have had sadness during this difficult time. She looks forward to getting together again soon.

For **Helen McKay Lopez**, the very BEST part of the past year was a trip to Iceland in February- just before the lockdown. Helen and her best friend, **Lindsay Powell**, Lindsay's sister, Peyton, and Peyton's son, Andrew, several friends and Helen's husband, Rudy, spent time seeing the beautiful countryside and enjoying the sights. Helen comments was that even though she and

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Helen McKay Lopez and Lindsay Powell

Lindsay kept loosely in touch over the years, they hadn't spent any real time together. Of course, when they got together for the trip, it was as if all those years just melted away. Once BFFs, always BFFs. Lots of those in our class!!! Our photo is of our travel group. All Smiles.

Helen continues to enjoy travel these days, primarily in North America including a two-month RV road trip through Canada, the Caribou and Yellow Highway area, Lake Louise and Jasper NP, reaching Alberta before turning home. There was incredibly beautiful scenery as well as rough roads with the RV. Additionally, Helen was able to go to Puerto Rico twice and take a nice relaxing cruise. Helen has worked for 35 years as a surveyor with a national accreditation agency (CARF) for rehabilitation agencies and facilities. It is similar to JCAHO for hospitals. Her work previously involved loads of travel but that has decreased, allowing Helen to exercise her seniority and choose the fun places to go like Puerto Rico or Mexico or Hawaii.

Hopefully, there will be a family party in Vegas in July for Helen's grandson turning 21 and her grandson's dad who will turn 50. All is good with the Lopez family as they keep busy managing various properties and projects in CA and Mexico. Helen echoes the good wishes for our classmates and the anticipation for the 50th reunion.

Charlee Gordon Tramonte continues to dedicate her time and volunteer spirit as part of a group called "Mission Honduras". It all started as an outreach program with a handful of families from the North End Baptist Church in Galveston and has been going strong now for over nine years. Though COVID has stopped travel for the group in the short term, Charlee and the group of about 30 folks had been traveling

annually to rural villages in Honduras.

They minister to the people as well as provide education on hygiene and sanitation, provide filters and repair systems that can provide clean drinking water and help with building improvement projects. There is a group that sets up a small medical clinic as well as a program for Bible Studies (men, women and children), Sunday church services and group dinners. The group is able to provide much needed to support to as many as 120 homes. At the medical clinic, the lines start early while they provide much needed medical care to as many as 300 people. There are even shopping days organized which Charlee says gets a bit crazy with villagers picking up (for free) things like shoes, clothing, toys for the kids, and medical kits.

And most important is that Mission Honduras has over the years provided sustained assistance and in doing so has built up strong relationships and trust with the villagers. The group's last visit was to Buena Vista, Honduras and was such a success that several of the villagers joined the group as volunteers to help with other villages. You can see the smiles on the faces in the photo and, in case you cannot see Charlee, look at the lower right corner and for the lady with signature red hair!

Charlee sums up her experiences and the joy it brings, "By committing to one village at a time we are able to see babies born and adults grow, teach things that can improve their lives, leave them with these tools, and then return 1 year later to love on them some more, and see again how much our newly expanding family has all grown during our time apart. It is something that is easy to explain by saying that it is one of the most beautiful sights of transformation I have ever seen in my life."

Well said Charlee.

Frank "Poncho" Villa continues to embarrass us with his devotion to and achievements in running. He completed (by that I mean he actually crossed the finish line) two full marathons and said his daughter finished ahead of him in both. What he did not say is if he "let her" beat him. COVID put a big wrench in his volunteer work and instead of traveling to Senegal on an eye mission trip, he, like most of us, sheltered in place. Of course, Frank being Poncho, he used the time wisely and endeavored to improve his cooking skills to the point that those partaking in his culinary experiments not only survived but actually asked for seconds. Perhaps he can do some part time work as a sous chef at Second Street?

Frank saw his youngest child finish his civil engineering degree from VMI and his daughter is one experiment and thesis paper away from a PhD in Biochemistry

from the University of Texas. That is pretty amazing given Frank's efforts demonstrated in the back of Arune Jetli's chemistry class with the other budding scientists. Some might say Frank's chemistry experiments were exceptional and innovative, even groundbreaking while those of us sitting around him would simply say we were lucky to still be alive and thankful that no one had to pull the fire alarm. The gang in the back had quite a reputation to the point that Arune frequently pointed to the gang and said, "Do you people do not obey any basic social ethic?!" And yes, we deserved that recognition.

Frank will continue his running and volunteer work and is eagerly looking forward to retirement in 2021. Frank finishes by wishing the best to the Class of '72 and looks forward to seeing the group of "wannabe" chemical engineers at our 50th.



Lindsay Powell

Lindsay Powell is doing well and really enjoyed the trip to Iceland with BFF **Helen McKay Lopez**, her sister and nephew. It was great to reconnect and see that beautiful countryside. Her daughter, Cortlandt, had a baby girl on October 12, 2019, Lindsay's first grandchild. The beautiful picture of Eleanor "Ellie" and smiling grandma tells it all. She closes with best wishes to all and looks forward to seeing everyone in 2022.

Mall Sears Frasier-Seay writes that all things considered, life is pretty good and the family is doing well. They have been back in her childhood home in Gloucester Point for quite a while. Wait! That house is still standing after all those "evening events" back in the day?? Impressive. The setting provides a great environment for isolation/quarantine including woods to walk, the river to enjoy and still maintain social distancing. She is finally settling into retirement from teaching and enjoying a life with much less stress. Her twins and their families live in Maryland and thankfully she has been able to stay connected through FaceTime and Zoom (like all of us). What she misses is the "real" hugs.

Linda Wallace Fosdick and **Bill Fosdick** started the year off with the great news



Charlee Gordon Tramonte

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of the arrival of a new granddaughter. As Linda says "I am a reminded of everything that is wonderful in life and that gives us so much to look forward to". With regards to COVID, she and Bill are making the most of the mandated "stay at home" order but they are able to enjoy frequent airborne outings in their seaplane as the perfect combination of social distancing and getting "above it all". Always wanting to try new things and continue exploring, the two of them have decided to pursue new adventures and travels not in a seaplane but in an RV, staying earthbound for a change. Linda closes with how immensely blessed they are to be safe and secure in these challenging times...that and loving life as they enjoy social security and the Golden Years.

Linda Resca writes that shortly after our last reunion she flew to Florida to meet her biological father (referred to as "Wally") and brother for the very first time. She had tried on and off for over 30 years to find Wally but with no success. It was a dream come true for her. Linda's words express it best, "It was like meeting myself, something I'd not experienced before. The visit and being able to reconnect was almost indescribably beautiful. I was so blessed that Wally welcomed me into his life. Sadly, Wally died a year ago this Spring. I feel complete with him. I miss him but in a way that doesn't have sorrow and instead has infinite gratitude."

Linda's work has moved her towards care management and consultations for elders and their families and very little of her former 1-1 direct care. She is also exploring new areas including teaching and especially performing. She recently completed 2 weeks in a silent meditation/healing retreat. She was amazed that she could go that long without talking! It was intense to meditate for six hours a day and sit with nothing but yourself! Believe me Linda, you are to be commended. There are not many of us that could do that...even for one day.

And with emphasis Linda shares that she is healthier than ever and closes with a very clear message, "Life keeps getting better. Remember, it's all an inside job and I'm grateful for every breath."

John O'Connor continues working as a professor in the Art Department at Radford University teaching graphic design and digital art and illustration with no plans to retire. He and his wife, Michelle, celebrated two of their grandchildren's second birthdays in the spring as well as the new arrival of grandchild #3. In between work, grandkids and his student Zoom meetings, he is able to get out and play as much disc golf as he can. I had to GOOGLE to find out that — disc golf is a "flying disc" sport that involves throwing a disc at a target while following rules similar to golf (with 9-18 holes/targets). Sounds a

lot like the games we played with frisbees, only this time with golf carts! When not in their house in Salem, Va., they enjoy getting away from it all in their cabin off the Blue Ridge Parkway where time is spent trail riding and star gazing. John closes with, "My best to all and see you at the 50th."

Clair McNelis Folkes had a big excitement for 2019 was the arrival of grandchild # 6!! Silas William Mavroides arrived in March, so at this writing he's already a year old! That makes 5 boys & 1 sweet (tom-boyish) girl! Truly, all six are a blessing but in Clair's words "Certainly we are not old enough to have so many wonderful grandchildren." Sorry to rain on your parade Clair — but YES, we are!

She continues to work part time at the PACU (recovery room), which allows a great work-life balance and keeps retirement at arm's length.

David Foster is still living the good and busy life in retirement. COVID really cramped his traveling style, leaving his wife and he restricted at home and having to cancel trips. What it highlights is just how much they had been traveling pre-COVID to distant places in Asia, Europe, South America and many US destinations. They were in Hawaii right before the shut down and were barely able to get an outbound flight. Hmmmm...stuck in Hawaii....that would have been terrible! David's active lifestyle continues with paragliding, skiing and other outdoor activities back at their home in New Hampshire in the summer. But with being stuck at home comes plenty of time to make progress on those long neglected "honey-do" list items needed for an older home including loads of painting, electrical and plumbing work. He ends with the sincere hope that everyone is staying healthy and happy during this trying time and hope we will be back to a normal routine soon.

Brian "Chipper" Rose sends greetings to the class of '72. As you might imagine, things in New York have been pretty rough with COVID. He has been in lock down since the 20th of March with social distancing and the wearing of masks strictly enforces. But of recent these containment efforts have made a positive impact with infection numbers going down and with that the hope that things can loosen up once certain required benchmarks are met.

His dear mother, Louise Rose, is in a memory care facility in northern New Jersey, which was at the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a small house with only nine residents. So far, miraculously they have escaped the virus but the number of elderly who have died is so tragic and beyond comprehension. It's become a cliché to say "thoughts and prayers," but

this is the time for them and so important.

Instead of just sitting around the apartment idly scrolling through Twitter, Brian made good use of the time and vacant streets to complete well over 16 long walks in a month's time through Williamsburg, Brooklyn, photographing every corner of this large and diverse neighborhood.

The collection of all these photos has been put together in a book Williamsburg, Brooklyn: In Time of Plague which is offered on Kickstarter. Another Williamsburg!!

Check it out!

Lou Oliver Brooks writes that life on the farm is the best way to weather the pandemic. Acres of open spaces without the need for a face mask. The cows refuse to wear them anyway and are oblivious to anything beyond their next mouthful of grass. With the closing of schools and day-care centers, Lou has been running YaYa's daycare/school at her house since March. There was a reason Lou never considered home schooling her own children back in the day and she hopes her grandchildren will not suffer permanent damage from their current experiences. She is praying for some...ANY...in person school to happen in the fall so she can resume what retirement is all about. Though there's A LOT to be figured out in life before then, make your plans for the 50th...We'll redefine what a 50-year grad looks like!!

Rob Lorigan writes: Hey Classmates! First of all, I hope this finds you and your loved ones well during this very challenging time dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. It is hard to imagine how this virus has impacted just about every facet of our lives, from missing familial gatherings, cancelled trips, working from home, business impacts and just our every-day activities like going out of the house. As you will read, COVID impacts are a common thread in most of the inputs received. I truly hope you all are staying safe. Second, I wanted to say thank you to those who submitted inputs and photos for the WA Alumni Updates. It was great to hear all the good things happening and once again the Class of '72 will take center stage in the magazine.

Things are well with Kim and me. We were able to take our bucket list cruise in late summer 2019. We boarded the small cruise ship in Lisbon and ended in Stockholm. We visited some amazing places like Mont Saint-Michel in France, Amsterdam and St. Petersburg, Russia. It was spectacular but we both agreed that three weeks on a ship was a bit much. We had plans in 2020 for a trip to the UK and Scotland but COVID disrupted those. I have six years now with International Registries and overseeing their quality

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management program. I am still enjoying the work but now, thankfully, with less traveling. No more 15 hours flights with those very tasty complimentary pretzel snacks. I did get to visit our company headquarters in the Marshall Islands this past fall to conduct an audit and some training. Most of it was work but I managed to get in some scuba diving in those crystal-clear waters.

Like you, Kim and I are trying to manage the impacts of COVID and so thankful for ZOOM and SKYPE. Virtual hugs with family are good for now but we miss the real thing.

Sadly, since the last alumni update, we lost another classmate and friend. **Leslie "Sims" Pitts** passed away in March 2020 after a long battle with cancer. While she did not graduate, she was with us most of the way and always made the reunions. We also noted the loss of parents in the last year. **Susan Hughes Lindstrom** and **Lisa Jones** both lost their mothers. Both mothers were amazing ladies and had a special kinship with our class. Please keep all in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope all of you are in good spirits and doing what you can safely do during this time and being thankful for the connections we have. I wish you and your families good health. You are a very special group of friends that I hold near and dear to my heart. Keep your sights and calendars open for 2022 when we will have the good fortune to gather again for the 50th Reunion! Stay Well – Stay strong and for now... 6 feet apart!

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Kirk Johnson teaches sociology and African American Studies at the University of Mississippi, where he and his wife and sociology colleague Willa Johnson look forward to promotion to full professor next year. Their daughter Olivia is finishing her senior year at Bard College.

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Jessica Raynor Callanan and husband Sean welcomed a baby girl, Raynor Joan Callanan, to the family on February 4, 2020. She joins brother Thomas (5) and sister Casey (3).



Raynor Joan Callanan born on Feb. 4

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Lisa Brabon Woodward moved last July with husband Abram, daughter Annabeth (age 8) and son Andrew (age 5) from Reno, NV to Orange County, CA. We are enjoying living back in California and being at the beach!

Katie Casto Hynes participated in the men's and women's U.S. Olympic Trials for the marathon event on February 29th in Atlanta, GA.

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Haynes Arthur Friedman born on March 29

Matt Friedman and wife Shannon welcomed a son, Haynes Arthur Friedman, on March 29, 2020.

Louise Monk is a Diesel Technician.

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Jacqueline Camille Langholtz married William Randolph Taylor on June 1, 2019 and just celebrated their first wedding anniversary at their home in Charlottesville, VA. William completed his MBA at VCU this past spring and is a Vice President at Scott & Stringfellow. Jacqueline is beginning her ninth year at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and is pursuing a Doctorate of Education at UVA. She hopes Walsingham's Environmental Concerns Club is still going strong!



Jacqueline Langholtz and William Taylor

Brian Bostian writes I still reside around the Richmond, VA area. Oddly enough, I still head into work (though the 'work' aspect has dropped very sharply). I still work for one of those 3-letter government agencies and have switched gears to focusing on assisting payroll as a dedicated timekeeper. Since being a dedicated timekeeper isn't my main job function, I don't get to work from home like others (it's what work calls a 'collateral duty'). As for me, I got married to a great gal back in November 2017 and we bought a house and moved into it... right before COVID-19 was declared a pandemic.

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Jonathan "Jonny" Dansby passed away on December 29, 2019 at the age of 36. Jonny will be remembered for his compassion, loyalty and exuberant personality and warm smile that lit up the room. He loved life and didn't shy away from an adventure. He enjoyed music and loved to DJ at parties, perform in a band and attend concerts with family and friends.

Patrick Kellow took on a new role as an Associate Director with AT&T in January 2019, and moved from Atlanta to Chicago that following June, where he's been living since. In addition, Patrick married his wife Kristin Bernhard, whom he met in Atlanta, on March 20, 2020—mere hours before the shelter in place order was issued in Chicago. Congratulations to Patrick and Kristin!

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Sterling Whitehead and wife Rachael welcomed their son, Ethan Raymond Whitehead on August 14, 2020, weighing 9lbs 5oz.

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Ashley Goodroe Winstead and John Winstead welcomed their newest addition, a baby boy on May 16, 2019. Brooks Harrison Winstead was 8lbs 2oz and was 20.5" long.

Meredith Springer Mullenax and her husband **Rocky Mullenax** welcomed a

second child, their daughter Adelaine Grace Mullenax on June 3, 2020. She was 7lbs 4 oz and 19 inches long.



Brooks Harrison Winstead born on May 16, 2019



Adelaine Grace Mullenax born on June 3

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Vernon Geddy got engaged to Jennifer Marie Brogan on June 22, 2020.

Brian Twiddy and wife Darley welcomed their second boy, Cullen James Twiddy, on April 26, 2020 weighing 7lbs 6 oz.



Cullen James Twiddy born on April 26

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Andrew Mack Sims born on May 11

Mack Sims and wife Lindsey Sims welcomed their first son, Andrew Mack Sims III born May 11, 2020.



Caroline Juliette Galifianakis born on Nov. 11, 2019

Mandi Soberick Galifianakis and husband Constantine had a beautiful daughter, Caroline Juliette Galifianakis on November 11, weighing 6lbs 6 oz.

'06

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Laura Hayes and Jared Chalk

Laura Hayes married Jared Chalk in February 2020. They were married at the Williamsburg Inn. They reside in Norfolk, VA.

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'08

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John Samaha and wife Sarah Samaha had a baby girl, Abigail Helen Samaha, on May 14th, 2020 at 11:47pm in Richmond, VA. She weighed 7 pounds 10 oz and is 20 inches.



The Samaha family

Maria 'Dahlia' Toney passed away on May 23, 2020 at the age of 29. Dahlia was a Walsingham Academy lifer. She found a love for animals. She was a graduate of the Animal Behavior College, CA, Certified Veterinary Assistant Program, and worked for several kennels and veterinarians. Dahlia was also a summa cum laude graduate of Centura College's Phlebotomy Technician Program. She dedicated a lot of time to rescuing and caring for stray cats and dogs, and she leaves behind her beloved cat, Jimmy. She was very compassionate and kindhearted. Dahlia loved her country, and her Southern and Peruvian heritages.

Caroline Wilke has been named the head girls basketball coach for The Covenant School in Charlottesville, VA. In a recent



Caroline Wilke and her basketball team

article that was published on April 1, 2020 in the Daily Progress, Wilke stated that "I get to lead and inspire these girls to push themselves and come to a new level of understanding of what is possible, both on and off the court," Wilke said. "It also means that I get to lead by example and cultivate an even stronger relationships with God by serving them in the best way that I can." She has been at the Covenant School since 2013 teaching and coaching various basketball teams. She also taught for the Virginia Basketball Academy since 2015. While her time at Walsingham Academy she won four VISAA Division II state titles and went on to play club basketball at the University of Virginia and led the Cavaliers to 5 East Coast championships and a national title. In the article, she said, "Throughout high school and even the college club level, we had a good amount of close games with packed, noisy houses and lots of pressure-filled moments," Wilke said. "Having these types of experiences as a player makes you feel like you can block out any distraction that comes your way. It is similar to coaching. While I love coaching in a packed, noisy gym, I am able to tune all of that out and focus on my players and maintaining a sense of calmness, even when calls are not going our way or shots are not falling."

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Isobel Bishop's engagement

Isobel Bishop graduated from the University of Kentucky with her bachelor's degree in Dietetics. She will be starting her dietetic internship through Sodexo. In the fall, she will begin a master's program through the University of Rhode Island. Isobel is also engaged to be married in November.

Gabrielle Granger moved back to Virginia. She teaches government in Mecklenburg County, VA. Gabrielle is engaged to be married in summer 2021.

Chad Hartman lives in Chicago, IL. He is a senior consultant in the healthcare and life sciences practice at West Monroe Partners. He works primarily with private equity firms to support mergers and acquisitions activity.

Mackenzie Karnes graduated from law school in December 2019. She practices law in Charlotte, NC.

Kevin Holder is a sailor in the Navy stationed in San Diego, CA.

Sydney DeBlass lives in Steamboat Springs, CO aka Ski Town USA. Ms. DeBlass works for the Steamboat Springs Public Defenders office as an administrative assistant. She finds the work helping people get the justice they deserve rewarding. She and her boyfriend enjoy yoga, skiing, hiking, fishing, camping and generally all activities in the Rockies.



Caitlin Raybourn's engagement

Caitlin Raybourn is engaged to be married in April 2021.

Jeremy Andrews lives in Washington, D.C. doing defense contracting work for the federal government. He is engaged to be married in 2021. He and his fiancé adopted a dog named Balto.



Jeremy Andrews' dog Balto

'14

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After working for a year at Pinto Chiropractic in Williamsburg as a Certified Athletic Trainer, **Maggie Harris** decided to continue her education even further. Maggie is currently starting her second year of Chiropractic school at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, Florida. Maggie will graduate in June 2022

with her Doctorate degree and she can't wait to start changing people's lives.

After graduating top of her class in December 2019 from Tulane University, with her Master of Public Health degree, **Lacey Gero** took on the role as the Legislative Policy Coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Health-Office of Public Health. In her role, Lacey worked with legislators to pass legislation related to police reform studies, telehealth service coverage, maternal mortality, and several bills related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

In May of 2020, **Shelton Piland** graduated with her Master of Social Work from VCU and will begin Residency this summer to begin earning hours towards her License in Clinical Social Work.

'15

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Ashley Barnes had been working at an immigration law firm since graduating from college in May 2019 and recently made a career transition. She currently works as an operations coordinator for a startup company.

Alex Bolton is currently working for NIWC Atlantic in the Department of the Navy as an engineer in Suffolk, VA.

Kavron Carr '15 passed away on August 15, 2020. While attending Walsingham Academy, Kavron was a percussionist in the band and sang in the Madrigals. With a few close friends, they formed a band called KC & The Cute Boys. He will be most remembered by his classmates for always having a smile on his face, laughter in his heart and with an awesome sense of humor. Kavron was a friend, a mentor, and was fun to be around. He brought joy to everyone he came in contact with.

Jenna Hamra started a nutrition business called MetaFood Nutrition. You can find updates about her company by searching the business name on Facebook or Instagram @MetaFood_Nutrition.

Austin Jennings recently made a big move to NYC to transition to an investment banking analyst position at Goldman Sachs.

Brett Smith is currently working for Massimo Zanetti Beverage USA, a coffee company located in Suffolk, VA doing product development and business development.

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Meredith Watkins is using her talents at the Alexandria, VA branch of Ferguson Enterprises in their showroom sales.

'16

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Ali Ague graduated from William & Mary on May 16th with degrees in Psychology and Global Business.

Emily Mauk graduated from William & Mary on May 16th with degrees in Elementary Education and Government. Emily has joined the Walsingham Academy faculty as a fifth grade teacher.

Christine McBeath graduated from St. John's University in December 2019 with a degree in Finance. She is now working as a volunteer assistant coach at Stanford University Women's Soccer Program (National Champions 2019 and PAC12 Champions 2019). She is also working for the MVLA soccer club (Mountain View Los Altos) with their U13 Girls Team.

Courtney Diaz graduated with Honors Research Distinction from The Ohio State University's College of Nursing. She finished her honors thesis on scoping review of stress management and mindfulness mobile applications. In July she will be starting a nursing job at the James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, OH.

'17

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Allison Schubring was rehired as head social media marketing intern for Creative Marketing Arts in Danville, CA. She was elected as the head of Public Relations for Public Relations Student Society of America.

Ginnie Lynch completed an internship with the Alzheimer's Association in the spring. She will be completing an internship with the Business Group on Health in Washington DC this summer. She is the current Founding President of National Society of Leadership and Success at the University of Virginia.

Jonathan Bevelacqua is the Chairman of No More Campaign at Hampden-Sydney College, an organization that raises awareness about drug and alcohol abuse. He is majoring in Foreign Affairs and currently working on his senior thesis pertaining to the threat of the Iranian

regime in the Middle East. He is the Event Coordinator & Administrative Assistant for the Office of Student Affairs that works to establish and execute short and long-term departmental goals/objectives to further the college's mission of creating good men but better citizens.

'18

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This summer, **Bailey Ward** has accepted a position as a Junior Fellow in the Science, Technology & Business Division of the Library of Congress. She has also received the Lyon G. Tyler Undergraduate Research Award in addition to being named a William & Mary Woman of Influence for 2019-20.



Julia Vidlak

Julia Vidlak was awarded the prestigious Beckman scholarship to pursue her research in organometallics. The University of Richmond newsroom published an article on March 26th about Julia's scholarship. Here is the article, "Sophomore Julia Vidlak, of Williamsburg, Virginia, has been awarded a prestigious Beckman Foundation Scholarship to pursue her research in organometallics. Vidlak is majoring in chemistry and minoring in dance. Under the mentorship of chemistry professor Miles Johnson, Vidlak's undergraduate research focuses on the synthesis of cost-effective and sustainable materials for cross-coupling reactions, which are important in the creation of a variety of pharmaceuticals. Vidlak is specifically working with nickel as a metal catalyst to develop new chemical compounds. The cross-coupling reactions she and Johnson are researching have played a pivotal role in the synthesis of new pharmaceuticals for decades and represent some of the most powerful tools at the disposal of medicinal chemists. "My research focuses specifically on the synthesis of

ligands, which are molecules that bind to metals, to improve cross-coupling reactions catalyzed by earth abundant metals such as nickel," Vidlak said. "Earth abundant metals are cheaper, and also believed to be comparatively less toxic to the environment than more commonly-used metals for catalysis such as palladium." Vidlak's scholarship is part of a larger award to the University of Richmond from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, which supports student research in the sciences. She is also a Richmond Scholar. "This award affirms my dedication to my research and will provide me with the opportunity to continue to develop independence in my work," said Vidlak, who plans to pursue a M.D.-Ph.D. program, which provides training in both medicine and research, following her undergraduate career at Richmond."

Julia Grimson is working as a Patient Care Assistant (PCA) at the UVA Medical Center starting in May.

Kiely Curran is graduating from Clemson University with a Biology Major and Minor in Spanish in May 2021. Currently, she is applying to medical schools and continuing to run marathons. She ran Richmond last fall and plans to run NYC in the fall!

Maggie Kauffman finished her second year at Virginia Tech. This past semester she joined Chi Omega Sorority. This summer she will be interning at a Physical Therapy Clinic.

Clare Provoncha continues to be heavily involved with the Core of Cadets at Virginia Tech. This past semester she interned at Robert Wittman's office through the Hokies on the Hill program. This summer, Clare plans to finish her Private Pilot's License training and train for the Hokie half-marathon in the fall.

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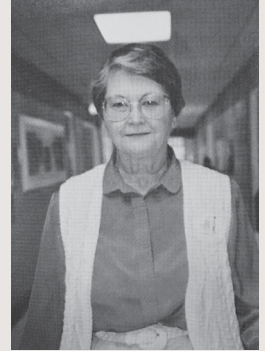
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New correspondent!
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REMEMBERING Margaret Webb



A beloved member of the Walsingham Community, Margaret Clarke Webb passed away on August 15, 2020. She was 93. Margaret Webb taught for over 30 years at Walsingham before retiring in 1997. She loved working with Middle School students and devoted hours of planning to deliver challenging and interesting lessons in History and Government. Teaching integrity and responsibility was an integral part of every lesson. Margaret was a kind and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She took great delight in babies and toddlers, fresh flowers, hummingbirds, good books, and tea with shortbread. She was the mother of Isaac Webb '73 and Mary Johnston '76.



Condolences

Richard Irons '55 on the passing of his wife Judith Irons.

The family of **Margaret Celeste Cook '55**

Cheryl Lirette Clark '62 on the passing of her mother.

The family of **Robert (Rob) Schmitz '64**

Robert Ryczak '67, Maryann Casterline '69, Paul Ryczak '71, Maureen Radford '75, and Martha Whiteley '80 on the passing of their mother.

The family of **Leslie Lowenbraun Weitzman '70**

Linda Resca '72 on the passing of her father.

The family of **Leslie "Sims" Pitts '72**

Susan Hughes Lindstrom '72 on the passing of her mother.

Lisa Jones '72 on the passing of her mother.

Isaac Webb '73 and Mary Johnston '76 on the passing of their mother Margaret Webb

Cynthia Pearson Vaughn '79 on the passing of her father

The family of **Jonathan Dansby '02**

The family of **Maria "Dahlia" Toney '08**

The family of **Kavron Carr '15**

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