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The Power of Art in the Beauty of Every Day



Spartan Studio Actors in their spring performance of "Flying Colors." Gayatri Harikumar '23 and Laylah Abdullah '21, as Molly and Valerie, discuss why the Greens and the Blues of Splitsville don't get along. Sadi Gomez '21, as Butch, ponders why he cannot paint with colors other than blue.





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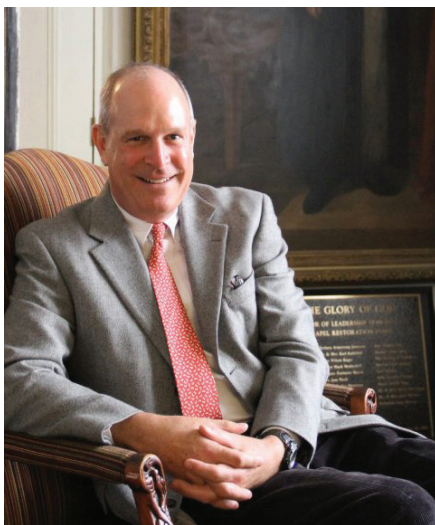
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Letter from the Headmaster



As our vision statement proclaims, Doane Academy “develops confident, ethical leaders prepared to improve the world.” Moreover, we affirm that we “believe that good leaders are those who inspire and work with others in achieving extraordinary goals.” While the sentiment embedded in these ambitious declarations is laudable, the more pragmatic among us might ask how we achieve this end, or if it’s even possible to fulfill our goals.

Asking these questions is timely this year, as the class of 2020 has become our first group of students to complete our reimagined leadership program.

Leadership training has been an important part of a Doane education for many years; we have particularly emphasized leadership in our outdoor programs, such as Rocks, Roots, and Wings and the Senior Sojourn. We recently have been even more intentional about incorporating leadership into the classroom curriculum. We call this our “Lead Onward” program, drawing upon Bishop Doane’s “Right Onward” exhortation as inspiration. Comprised of a series of required grade-level courses in both middle and upper school, and overseen by division heads Allison Baratta and Ran Holeman,

this program serves as a core pillar of Doane’s culture and curriculum. I’m deeply indebted to Ms. Baratta, Mr. Holeman, and Katie Sereduk for their outstanding leadership and their significant contributions to this description of Lead Onward.

As part of this program, 6th grade students develop foundational leadership skills through their combined focus on civics, communication techniques, and empathetic reading. Then, in grades 7 and 8, students build the organization, inquiry, and design skills needed to become reliable, trustworthy, and productive individuals. Moreover, these students learn about the importance of their digital footprint in their development as respected leaders. Eighth graders then cap their Lead Onward experience with their “Here I Stand” presentations, through which they communicate to their peers their defining personal values.

Our focus on leadership education gains momentum in the upper school. In 9th grade, students write their “Generation Essay,” in which they communicate the core beliefs and attributes that they believe define their generation. In 10th grade, students explore the qualities of effective leaders in preparation for assuming leadership roles in the Doane community. As 11th graders, they then devote a trimester to developing the research, rhetorical, and listening skills needed to fully consider and ultimately answer a single complex and controversial question. This deep-dive approach requires them to consider and attempt to reconcile a range of differing opinions, and it invites them to propose a solution that includes others, even those who disagree with them. In recent years, topics of study have included gun violence, Big Data, and palliative and end-of-life care.


Having participated in an inclusive conversation around a challenging issue in 11th grade, seniors then spend two trimesters learning to facilitate these kinds of essential discussions. This year, as part of this training, seniors completed a two-day, on-campus program run by the Sustained Dialogue Institute. As I write this letter, seniors are making final preparations to utilize the skills that they developed in this program and lead a series of hour-long, seminar-style meetings during the second half of the year. All students in grades 6-12 will participate in these meetings, and the focus of each will be an issue related to social justice, diversity, and inclusion, beginning with a conversation about how the monuments we have, or lack, represent or fail to represent our collective memory. We were very fortunate to have Paul Farber, one of the founders of Monument Lab, a public art and history initiative based in Philadelphia, and a frequent lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania, visit Doane and help initiate the discussion.

As Mr. Holeman has observed, we live in a cultural environment of quick judgments and deep divides, and it is conversations of this kind that will help us chart a way forward to a more connected society. Having completed the Lead Onward program, Doane students graduate not only able to participate in these conversations but ready to lead them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "G. B. Sanderson". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

George B. Sanderson
Headmaster



Dorian Webb in her California studio where she creates her award-winning jewelry and chandeliers.

The Power of Art in the Beauty of Every Day



Being named “most likely to succeed” by your St. Mary’s Hall-Doane Academy classmates does not guarantee a happy and deeply fulfilling life after graduation. But in the case of Dorian Webb ‘87, the prediction of success was uncannily accurate.

Today, Webb is an award-winning artist and designer of hand-crafted jewelry, chandeliers, and distinctive works of art. Michelle Obama has donned her creations and Webb has been featured on NBC’s Today Show, the Oprah Winfrey Show, and in numerous national and international publications including *The New York Times*, *InStyle*, *New York Magazine*, *O* — The Oprah Winfrey magazine, *San Francisco* magazine, *Real Simple*, and *Marie Claire*.

Now living in Oakland, California, Webb grew up in Pemberton and enrolled at St. Mary’s Hall-Doane Academy in fourth grade. “My father was a school principal in Willingboro and my parents were looking for a small

school that would challenge me. They really liked what St. Mary’s Hall was about,” she recalls.

At a young age, she became interested in art. “I always loved designing and drawing and making things,” Webb remembers. “Through art, I could communicate with people and share my ideas and thoughts.”

By the time she became an upper schooler at SMH-Doane Academy, Webb’s love of art was already deeply felt. “My art teacher, Sandy Walther, was wonderful in letting me construct a program that fit my interests. She was instrumental in developing my skills and introducing me to a variety of media,” she notes. In addition to doing a great deal of painting and drawing



while at SMH-Doane Academy, Webb completed a tapestry that won a national award, and was exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC. Outside of school, she took classes in glassblowing and jewelry design at Temple's Tyler School of Art and Architecture and at the Moore College of Art and Design.

Upon graduation, Webb headed to Yale University, where she majored in architecture, a concentration that allowed her pursue her love of art within a program that leads most of its graduates to a stable career. But after spending time learning about Venetian glass-blowing during her junior year study abroad program, it was clear that Webb would pursue a career in the arts as opposed to architecture.

"When I graduated, most of my friends moved on to high-paying jobs in New York. I, on the other hand, moved back home, where I designed and made jewelry," Webb explains. Her bedroom served as her studio and business was challenging, as she went door-to-door in Philadelphia, hoping to gain sales. Exhibiting at her first New York trade show in an effort to

"Through art, I could communicate with people and share my ideas and thoughts."

reach multiple stores more easily, Webb was discovered by a buyer for Neiman Marcus, who purchased her jewelry for its luxury department stores. Shortly thereafter, Halle Berry appeared on the cover of Essence magazine, wearing earrings that Webb designed and crafted. With these developments, Webb's business was off and running.

Since those early years after college, Webb has expanded her work to include designing and producing chandeliers comprising Venetian glass and semiprecious stones, inspired by her time in Venice. Often customized to the specifications of interior designers, Webb's chandeliers have been shown nationwide in galleries and museums as part of a travelling exhibition that showcased African American poly-rhythmic art. She works now with artisans in Venice, the Bay area, Bali, and New York.

Webb credits St. Mary's Hall-Doane Academy for nurturing her love of art and pointing her towards her eventual career. "I feel lucky to have gone to SMH-Doane Academy because it really did make a difference for me. It wasn't just the smaller classes; it was an opportunity for my classmates and me to come into our own and feel supported. It was just a great place to go to school and learn," she explains.

And for Webb, her high school and college experience extended far beyond becoming an artist. She explains, "A good education is important whatever you do—being an artist is not only about producing art. It's also about selling and market research, managing expenses and inventory and setting targets and goals. It's not limited to just art production."

Webb's work continues to evolve. During a hiatus from her business, she



taught entrepreneurship to women from financially disadvantaged backgrounds and served on the board of trustees of the Museum of the African Diaspora, a contemporary art museum in San Francisco. She has expanded the range of her work and recently had a solo exhibition of her paintings and sculptures at a gallery in Oakland.

Thirty-three years after her graduation from St. Mary's Hall-Doane Academy, Webb thinks about her classmates often. "Our class was close, so any time we were able to spend time together, it was wonderful. Even now, whenever I reconnect with school friends, I am always reminded of how everyone has a wonderful sense of humor, and is so engaged in what is going on in the world. Conversations with classmates are just as easy and inspiring as they were when we were in school together." Webb says that she and her classmates are genuinely pleased about each other's successes; presumably her classmates take special pride in the accuracy of their prediction about Webb's future.



Dorian Webb working on her craft during her time at SMH-Doane Academy, 1987.





Campus Expansion Unites Past, Present, and Future

In October, Doane Academy announced the acquisition of the former Boudinot Elementary School, located directly across West Pearl Street from the present campus. This acquisition increases the size of Doane's campus by approximately 15 percent and provides room for the school to expand its facilities and programs to better serve its students and faculty.

The property acquired by Doane was owned by the school until 1955, when it was sold to the city. Thus, the addition of the property to Doane's campus represents a reacquisition of acreage that was part of its original campus. Archival records,

maps, and photos show this land to be formerly known as College Field, an apparent reference and connection to Burlington College, Bishop Doane's boys school, which was open from 1847 until 1877. Indications are that the girls of St. Mary's Hall used it as a riding ring for horses, and by the mid-twentieth century it had become the school's field hockey field.

"This purchase is about our past, as it reunites us with property that was once part of our campus, but it's much more about our future," remarked George Sanderson, Doane's



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Headmaster. “We look forward to determining how the newly acquired property can help us to continue to develop and support outstanding academic and extracurricular programs for our school community.”

A celebration of the announcement was held in the parking lot of the Boudinot property, attended by the entire student body, and comments about the exciting new opportunities here were made by Headmaster Sanderson and Student Government President, Manav Raval '21. Members of the school's band also performed festive songs, and all were treated to cookies and a cake, adorned with a representation of the school's newly expanded footprint.

“We feel very fortunate to have this opportunity because it is so rare for property contiguous to our campus to become available for purchase. This investment is an important statement about the bright future of Doane Academy,” Sanderson added.

The property Doane acquired includes two lots, separated by Ellis Street, including where the former Boudinot School stands. That school closed in July, 2018 and was put up for sale by the Board of Education later that year.



Headmaster George Sanderson speaks on the importance of this expansion and students enjoy cake and cookies beside the former Boudinot school. Even Doane Academy's mascot, Sparty, joins in to celebrate the expansion of the school's campus.

Discovery Days Add Breadth To Curriculum

Discovery Days, a new, innovative co-curricular program for the upper school, began in October. This unique set of mini-courses, each comprised of three sessions, allows students to choose from a number of offerings, each giving them more opportunities to explore their passions and to experience transformative learning beyond their regular courses and schoolwork. This year's mini-course topics included astrobiology, Greek philosophy, chariot design and construction, understanding "otherness" through music, the secret language of movies, examining global poverty, finding your passion in life, the history of political advertising, and the archaeology of the Doane Academy campus.

In Julian Cook's Discovery Days course, "Understanding Otherness Through Music", students focused on understanding the concept of otherness and its role in music, as well as noticing common themes of otherness across musical genres. They read excerpts from sociologists, musicians, and other scholars, including an ethnomusicology essay written by Mr. Cook. Students were also treated to a session with Pauline Batista, a doctoral student at the University of Connecticut and scholar in the fields of music, theater, and film as it relates to cultural representation and production.



Dr. Hank Healey discusses global poverty definitions and causes in his Discovery course.

Jordan Bennett '98, English teacher in the Upper School, described his mini-course Introduction to Greek Philosophy, "In our three meetings, we focused our attention on Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. We read ancient texts, learned the history and context, analyzed Renaissance art, and learned about recent discoveries in the solar system."



In Katie Sereduk's "Get outside" Discover Days course, students used objects from nature to create art sculptures, practiced nature photography, and removed trash from around the campus.

Diversity and Inclusion Highlights Faculty Professional Development

In early December three faculty and staff members, John Stevens, Oliver Tingling, and Claudia Buszko, attended the NAIS People of Color Conference (PoCC) in Seattle. The goal of this annual conference is to strengthen commitments to equity and justice in teaching and learning in independent schools. Educators from around the country attended workshops and participated in discussions to provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to improve and



Admission Director John Stevens, and teachers Oliver Tingling and Claudia Buszko in Seattle.

enhance the interracial, interethnic, and intercultural climate within their schools. More than 7,000 educators and students gathered for the 2019 PoCC, the flagship of the National Association of Independent Schools' commitment to equity and justice in

teaching, learning, and organizational development.

All three attendees brought back new insights and ideas, which were then presented and discussed at faculty meetings and in classrooms.

Students and Teachers Clash on TV. And The Winners Are ...



Front: Oliver Tingling (teacher), Back Row (l-r): Rebecca Mikulski '22, Eliza Bent '25, Jade Glass '23, Jailyn Glass '26, host Richard Curtis, Jarred Williams (teacher), Mary Ann Williamson (teacher), Ariana Clue '20.

In January, teams of students and teachers from Doane competed against each other on the Fox29 TV game show "The ClassH-Room". The competition included questions that ranged from pop culture to ancient Greek mythology. Perhaps the question that resulted in the greatest puzzlement was a math question: The sum of the number 8's proper divisors is less than 8, which makes it what kind of number? Stumped? So was everyone else, including Doane's math department, watching from home. The answer is *deficient* or *defective*. The competition, which aired on January 23rd, was close for a short time, but the students pulled away to a resounding victory. The student team of Ariana Clue '20, Rebecca Mikulski '22, and Jade Glass '23 won a \$500 prize, which they are using to set up a workshop for generating community service projects at school.

In The News

Students Lead 'Lesson Jams' to Promote Cross-Curricular Learning

In October, Michael Russell, Director of Studies and Academic Innovation, and four upper school students presented at the 6th Annual STEM Pathways Summit in Washington, DC. The students led groups of educators, authors, consultants, and reporters through a "lesson jam" workshop wherein members of a community—who don't regularly interact—stop doing their regular jobs and, instead, come together to create a solution to a design challenge. The students provided the design challenges by proposing topics centered on the theme "things I wish I learned in high school," and then served as "project leads" throughout the process.

Mr. Russell then joined Education Talk Radio host Larry Jacobs for an interview about how the larger community of faculty and students are now being introduced to lessons jam—also known as hackathons—to promote

new, collaborative, cross-curricular approaches to education. Mr. Russell explained, "It's a concept borrowed from the tech world, where they shut down their offices for days or even weeks, and just get together and engage in a manic, unhinged, idea generation factory." He continued, "It's a better chance for us to capitalize on the unknown excellent qualities that our teachers, our students, and our communities have."



Left: Doane students lead their groups through "hackathons."

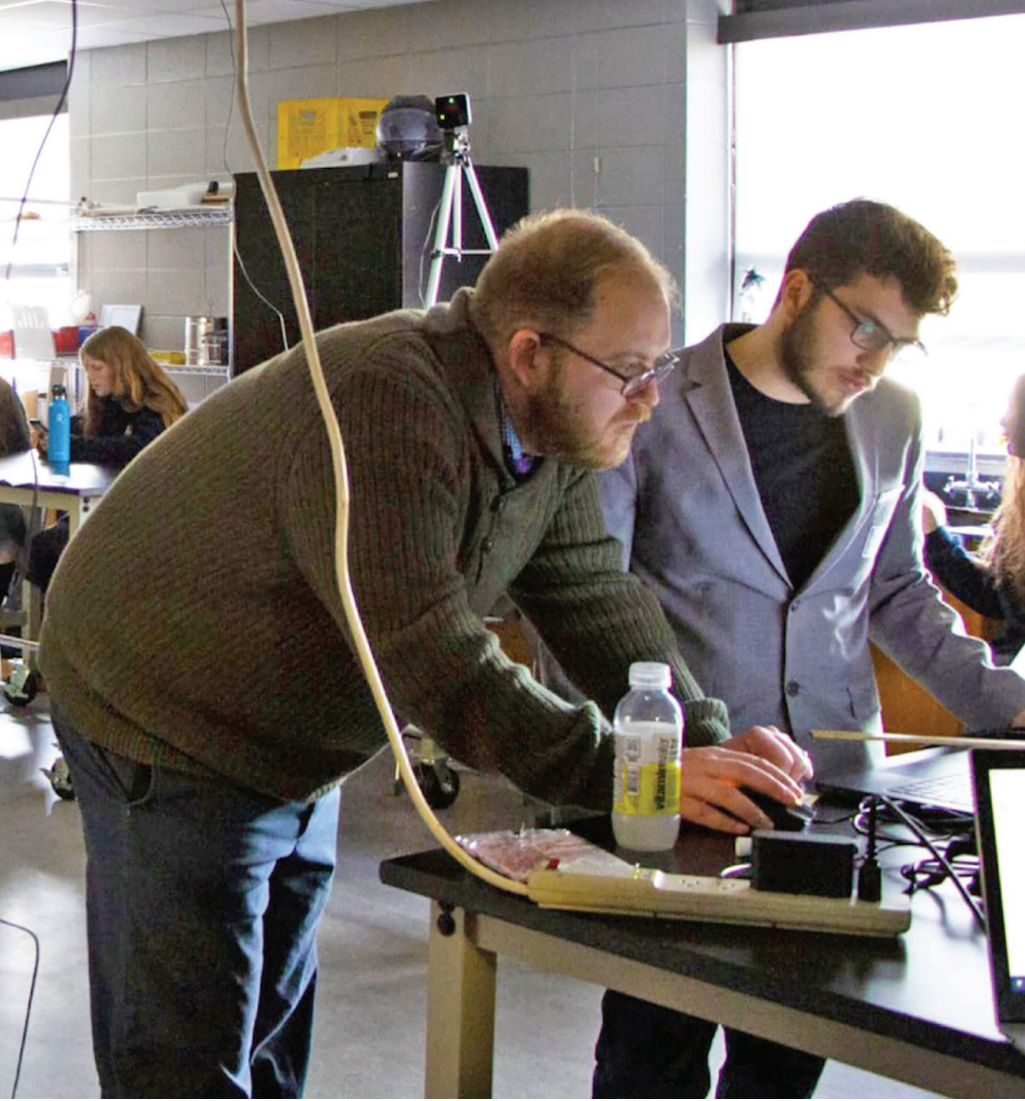
Below: (l-r) Tomi Oluwaseun-Apo '20, Emily O'Connell '21, Michael Russell, Nick Kern '20, Quinn Canivan '20 at the STEM Pathways Summit, in Washington, D.C.



School Daze: Virtual and Augmented Reality in the Classroom

Students of an AP Psychology class, as well as some freshmen visitors from a coding class, recently learned about Psychophysics from guest speaker Dan Panfili, a PhD candidate at the University of Texas, Austin. Mr. Panfili, older brother of Sami Panfili '23, is studying how the use of virtual reality can help us understand optic flow and how we perceive the world around us to guide ourselves within our environment. His research combines the areas of psychology, physics, neuroscience, engineering, and coding. Students enjoyed taking turns with V/R goggles exploring how optic pathways can be manipulated for the sake of beneficial research.

Another section of AP Psychology gained some firsthand experience in augmented reality. In their unit on Sensation and Perception, students explored how and why external stimuli can impact behaviors and mental processes, rotating through a series of sensation and perception stations. One of the most popular stations involved the use of perception goggles. These goggles distort the wearer's perception of the world, by shifting the visual input 45 degrees or by completely inverting it. Students wore the goggles to perform tasks such as playing hopscotch and having a catch. With time, students were able to succeed in the tasks while wearing the goggles, demonstrating the term perceptual adaptation.



Above: Sadi Gomez '21 adjusts to a virtual world while teacher John Baunach and Dan Panfili manipulate his "reality."

Below: Shawn Congleton '21 reacts to what his perception goggles are showing him.



In The News

S.T.E.A.M. Fair 2020: Innovation Symposium

The school's commitment to innovation continues to evolve, as was highly evident in this year's S.T.E.A.M. Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). In fact, the term "S.T.E.A.M. Fair" may need to be supplanted with another name next year, as Doane Academy has moved beyond traditional S.T.E.A.M. Fair boundaries.

The Lower School worked together on a single focus, addressing the 6 "R's" of waste; rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and replace. Each grade worked on one aspect of this set of actions and presented their efforts and findings as a cohesive unit. Each student also made a personal commitment to take this newfound knowledge back to their communities to make a difference within the local environment.

In the Middle School, each grade was given a separate guideline task, but also a level of autonomy to work with from there. The 6th graders each programmed games that told stories about the human body systems, 7th grade students explored the geology of the novel "The Phantom Tollbooth", and 8th grade students created stunning Rube Goldberg Machines that paid homage to a research project that they completed earlier about ancient world civilizations.



Bottom left: Ava Sadar '26 and Daniel Williamson '29, Bottom right: Taylor Ward '20, Center: Adam Potts '26.



The Upper School students were given the directive to explore a subject of their own personal passion. Projects that resulted ranged from architectural redesigns of the recently acquired Boudinot School, to triptychs celebrating Doane Academy student culture and our annual Rocks, Roots, and Wings outward bound program. Students programmed in VR (virtual reality), wrote and performed radio plays, and researched the historical impact of bread, in the most varied presentation of student work to date for any Doane Academy STEAM Fair.



Leila Daly '20, of Willingboro, with her project entitled *Practical Robotics*. Leila designed, constructed, and programmed a robotic hand that could, when directed, sign selected letters of American Sign Language. As of our publishing deadline, Leila was still choosing between several colleges and universities, but she is looking to pursue a career in robotics and programming.

Sports Shorts

Now part of the Burlington County Scholastic League, Doane athletes have risen to the challenge and competed at a higher level against twenty-one public and private schools.

Girls' soccer dominated its competition, finishing with a record of 12-4. Tomi Oluwaseun-Apo '20, of Yardville, finished her vdrsisy career with 50 career goals. She now becomes the all-time leading scorer in the girls' program.

In tennis, Bella Trimble '20, of Marlton, won ten singles matches across the season. That translates to winning a minimum of 120 games, or 480 points. Bella went on to place 4th overall in the Burlington County Scholastic League Open, in Doane's first-ever appearance in that competition.

The Cross Country program made its mark in the Burlington County Division Cross Country Championship Open, running away with a first place finish.





In basketball news, Ernsvitha Saint-Juste '20, of Mercerville, became only the fourth girl in the school's history to score 1,000 or more points as a Spartan, joining Stephanie Daniels '02, Stephanie Spicer '05, and Zaniya Lewis '15. Congratulations to all of our Spartans. The boys started off 2020 by winning the Spartan Classic Tournament, a competition pitting eight regional programs against each other. Coach Dan Williamson achieved his 200th win as Head Coach of Doane Boys' Basketball with a win against Cross Christian on January 4th. Just a few weeks later, in a victory against Cinnaminson, Coach Dan marked his 300th overall career win as a high school basketball coach.



In bowling, Mackenzie Cardis '21 (first on left), of Edgewater Park, established a new all-time girls' high score when she bowled a 199 in a January match vs. Burlington Twp. Nick Colavito '20 (second from right), of Burlington City, set a new Doane Academy all-time high score when he bowled a 254 in a match vs. Northern Burlington.

From the Archives

A Time Capsule in the Attic

Emma Mellon, Beatrice Kennedy and Hilda Wilkie used their opportunity to proclaim themselves “Mrs. Fearnley’s favorites.” They signed their names, in 1905, walked away, and sent a mystery to the future.

Ask alumni or any senior class member and they will likely tell you that it has always been a tradition for seniors to sign their names in the Odenheimer rafters to commemorate their time at Doane Academy and their graduating class. But there is more to the story, and always more behind each signature.

Emma Mellon came to St. Mary’s Hall in 1904, from the Overbrook section of Philadelphia, but left before graduating, while Beatrice Kennedy, who was from Doylestown, and was a niece of W. Atlee Burpee of the Burpee seed company, graduated in 1908. Hilda Wilkie, also of the class of 1908, went on to graduate from Vassar College, and worked as an Assistant Secretary in the National Child Labor Committee before tragically succumbing to the influenza pandemic of 1918. Mrs. Fearnley was the headmistress of the school from 1900 to 1925. Were these girls really her favorites? What was their relationship like? We may never know, but each is memorialized in that amusing personal snapshot of a note that they left behind.

On another rafter, high up near the peak of the roof, the large and distinct signature of Therese Dorrance, class of 1899, may be seen. She had to be an intrepid climber to reach this height

and write her name on such a scale. Research reveals that Miss Dorrance was the daughter of Arthur Dorrance, owner of the Campbell Soup Company, the inventor of condensed soups. Her interesting biographical sketch, kept in Doane’s archives, shows that after graduating from St. Mary’s Hall she went on to marry, have three children, and that she “. . . spends summers out in Wyoming. Bought Buffalo Bill’s ranch out there!”

But if one wanders, and reads more of these early chalk writings, something doesn’t quite make sense. There are a number of signatures of boys, or men, written with years that pre-date the school becoming co-educational in 1955. In fact, the earliest signature found dates from 1879, and was written by John H. Irwin, who then signed his name again, in another area of the attic, in 1882. More of these “too early” male names can be found all around the room. It’s likely that another signature from 1899 can provide insight into how male names began to appear here in the 19th century, and perhaps how all of this began.



The earliest signature in Odenheimer Hall’s attic is a mystery unto itself.



Emma Mellon, Beatrice Kennedy and Hilda Wilkie say that they are “favorites” of Headmistress Fearnley.

On August 26, 1899, John Heal signed his name and added “plumber” at the end of his writing. While early registers in the school’s archives list all students, administration and faculty, nowhere are there any records of maintenance or other workers. But it is known that workers were regularly in the attic of Odenheimer Hall. Oversized windows on the south end of the building and a hoist bar at the attic level indicate how the large steamer trunks (which boarding girls would have traveled with) would have been moved into the building. In Victorian times and later, luggage would often have been labeled with names written in chalk. So it is possible that an old senior class tradition—signing the rafters of Odenheimer—has its origins with workers moving trunks into the attic of the building and immortalizing their presence with their signatures.

The time capsule that is the attic of Odenheimer has its mysteries, many of which may never be revealed, but it will always remain a place of personal stories and connections, including connections that reach out to new generations across the centuries.

Class News & Notes

In Memoriam

1955

Daphne Sterling Dill Stobo
October 28, 2018

1959

Diane Hauserman Pilgrim
December 2, 2019

1961

Nancy Walton Plumeri
January 24, 2017

1961

Joan Gale Smith
November 7, 2019

Class Notes

1936

Jeanne Tirpak, our oldest known living graduate, was in a wonderful parade right before Christmas and there were lights all over her float. In the parade, she wore a fancy long dress in red and white with a hat that matched the colors.

1939

Kay Phelon Allen spent Christmas 2019 in Kansas surrounded by her loving family.

1942

Eloise Woodward Gardner turned 96 in January! She now has a great-granddaughter who is also named Eloise and lives in Croatia. Eloise Gardner is lucky that one of her daughters lives close to her. Eloise now has a total of six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1944

Helen Richards Pearson is expecting her twelfth great-grandchild soon. She is also soon to meet her eleventh great-grandchild named Harrison. Helen and her family meet every other year at Thanksgiving. Down in Louisiana, **Mary Cox Morrison** now only eats butter from Paris that she gets from a friend. In December her great-granddaughter, Emma Charlotte, turned four.

1945

Emily Wright Holt reports that her oldest daughter Caroline takes care of Emily's dog and brings the dog to see Emily often since Caroline lives close by.

1947

Joan Ferguson Parsons wants to go to London and live with her son and his wife. Joan's daughter lives in New York but came to Virginia to have Christmas with Joan. As soon as she can, Joan will live in London.

1948

Marleigh Morland Baratz is still working on her six operas. All the stories told in these operas are true. Doing all of this takes hours and days. When we spoke, **Shirley Lukens Rousseau** was in Berkeley, California, but at Christmastime she took one daughter and her twenty-year-old son to Kauai.

1950

Toni Hulbert Huntling continues to amaze. Her pacemaker keeps her chugging along, and she is miraculously free of the aches and pains that beset the rest of us. Still managing her ten-acre spread in Oregon and hiking a distance to the road for mail and to roll out the trash, she is upbeat and content with her life. Her gentle, smart 177 lb. (!) dog of an indeterminate herding breed is her companion and guardian. She loves curling up and reading. And talk about amazing, **Eleanora McDonald Worth** continues to live at home in Alexandria, Virginia, despite being wheelchair-bound. Making this possible are four wonderful helpers and her own determination and attitude. Her legs aren't working, but her brain, eyes, and ears are functioning well, and her voice sounds like the young "Eleo" at St. Mary's Hall. Her cat and dog, a Yorkie (somewhat smaller than Toni's dog), are company as well. Her great pleasure is reading on her chaise, dipping into the library that she amassed over the years. **Alice Shoemaker** is another reader, and she takes full advantage of the library service provided by the CCRC where she lives about twenty miles from Seattle. She can put in an order for books, old and new, and they bring enough to

keep her busy. She must use a walker because of her peripheral neuropathy but fortunately has assistants several days a week. Hoping to move to a facility in Seattle near her old haunts, she's on waiting lists at several other places. Two cats make their home with her. We were saddened to learn of the death in November of Steven Ausnit, husband of **Anne Porges Ausnit**, at the age of 95. Steve fled Romania for the US and became a successful engineer, developing the Ziploc bag. He and Anne were leaders in promoting Holocaust education in Romania in recent years. In addition to Anne, he leaves their two daughters, Christine and Suzanne, and three grandchildren. Reading seems to be important to a lot of us in our late 80s. Thank you, St. Mary's Hall! I, **Sallie Siegrist Sypher**, am happy that cataract operations in May improved my vision immensely. Wylie and I are more stay-at-homers now. Probably no more long trips requiring air travel, but we do frequent overnights to see children, grandchildren, museums, and second-hand bookstores. I'm still playing two days a week in the county archives, doing some research and writing, going to the gym (boring), and being grateful for every day.

1952

Gail Durnell Batchelder has lived close to Newtown Square in Pennsylvania, for three years. There she has gardens with many perennials, a beautiful view of the pond surrounded by deer and bluebirds. **Ann (Scottie) Richards Cook** says much is the same. Her children and grandchildren live near her. All her family were at her place for Christmas. **Sandra Krusen Heede** went to her daughter's home for the special event of December; she and her husband had a wonderful time in December, celebrating their 65th anniversary of marriage. **Riva Magaril Poor** has been working on her book called "Raising an Innovator". She says what makes an innovator is having no playmates, and being exposed to interesting times.

1954

Toni Black Medwedeff writes that she spent Christmas visiting her daughter and family in Maui. She is so lucky

Class Notes



Jeanne Tirpak '36 marches in a parade.



Headmaster George Sanderson with Emily Wright Holt '45 and Kathleen Keays '88



Kay Phelon Allen '39 wishes all a Happy 2020!



Judith Walters Stein '57 celebrating her 80th in Ecuador.

to have a warm place to spend the holidays. **Bette Birdsall Evans** was voted Volunteer of the Year in her hometown of Hobe Sound, Florida. Bette and I (**Margaret Stillwaggon Collis**) cruised the southern Caribbean over Thanksgiving. I just returned from Portugal and the Azores with my family. My wish for everyone is a healthy and happy year.

1956

Susan Aaronson Hinckley enjoys having her daughter live close by. She has two granddaughters; Olivia is a captain in the Marines and Peggy is getting her master's degree in psychology. **Margaret Siegrist Robbins'** husband of 25 years, Clifford, died in September. He was much loved by his step-family, especially Maggie and Pierre Lair's five children and six grandchildren and by his sister-in-law, Sallie Siegrist Sypher '50, her two children, Jonathan and Ann, and their children. Maggie has been widowed twice; both husbands were her senior by ten years. On the other hand, she had two great husbands, two more than a lot of people!

1957

Class agent **Judith Walters Stein** is hoping to hear from everyone in 2020! Most of us turned eighty last year or in 2020! **Peggy Fenimore Morris** and Bob like their new home at Medford Leas but had not sold their lovely Moorestown house yet at Christmastime. **Sally Garrison Thomas** and Marvin had a visit from their youngest grandson, a University of Florida graduate who lives in Maryland, not too far from where they used to live. He applied for a job at NSA a year ago. After many, many weeks of the rigorous interview and investigation process, he got the job! For Sally's 80th? Their daughter and her husband flew down from PA to spend a week with them to celebrate. **Julia Gleason Rhodes** came down to Florida for a conference with her "doctor" husband, and visited with Judith Walters Stein. She had lunch with **Cynthia Johnson Floria** and **Sidney Hagert Gommel** who is still working as Lead Tutor. Cynthia went to the West Coast but never got to see Sally and Marvin. **Cindy Johnson Floria** (Our President for Life) had a surprise party for two busloads of folks when her husband

took everyone to the boat and out to tour Ft. Lauderdale's beautiful homes on the bay. We ate and drank (open bar). I, **Judith Walters Stein**, brought her yearbook and Cindy's children were excited to see the President for Life at 17! **Sidney Hagert Gommel** writes: "I can't believe I am about to turn 80! Some of my classmates had some fabulous celebrations, and cheers to everyone! As for me, it might be a quiet lunch or dinner with those close to me, as life has gotten quiet but tranquil at home in South Florida. We have no travel plans but enjoy living and working right here! I am still working as a Senior Lead Tutor, and my Lead activities include a writing team in the Philippines, and another in South America." **Judith Perinchief** celebrated 80 at Thanksgiving as her birthday is within five days one way or the other each year. Until she was in her thirties she had never had a cake, only pumpkin pie with a few candles. Her sister-in-law has taken on the cake each year since then, so they have cake and pie at Thanksgiving. "The great-nieces and nephews (six of them) love the word 'octogenarian'. They are constantly reminding me that I am one. Just glad to be on foot, mobile, cognitively within normal limits and enjoying family and friends." **Julia Gleason Rhoads** and Jack moved to Foulkeways, a life-care community outside of Philadelphia. They did the really "big" celebration for their 50th anniversary in 2017. Joined by their granddaughter, Alice, and daughter, Margaret, with her baby, they had the tour of their lifetime in Italy and Switzerland. The next spring, they joined their three daughters and their families in Leicester, England, a first-time event. Julia now has a new knee and is ready to head back to the UK to lend a hand to Margaret who's expecting identical twin boys in April. **Ginger Shaw Mercer** and Peter celebrated her 80th birthday this year with a grand party: a catered dinner, some wonderful tributes, and dancing to a jazz band. She continues to do organ locums, sing in a choir, play piano while lunch is served at the cathedral, and support grandmothers in Africa, and a student in Kenya. Their travels include a tour to Costa Rica, a Viking Ocean cruise to Norway, the Faroe Islands and Iceland, and a week on Vancouver Island to hike, read, eat,

and nap. **Kathi Shinn Rickus** and Bob are still enjoying their retirement years in Tonawanda, NY. As much as they like an occasional snowfall or two, they look forward to their annual trek to Florida in February in search of warmer weather and sunshine. They keep busy and are in fairly good health, considering hitting 80. She finds that milestone quite incredible! They were blessed to host their children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving and Christmas and are thankful they live nearby. Your class agent, **Judith Walters Stein**, went to Ecuador for two months staying in an apartment on the river. I met new friends and will go back in July this year. The photo was taken at the Hilton Hotel in Guayaquil, Ecuador. They surprised me at the concierge floor with a cake after a great dinner there. I visited the beach (Pacific Ocean at Salinas) and stayed in Cuenca in the mountains. In Florida I had a nice breakfast with our headmaster at Denny's before he took off from Ft. Lauderdale airport. Wishing our great class of 1957 a very Happy New Year and a healthy one, too. Love to hear from the rest of you.

1961

Jean Scott Lendvay has no real news to report, just very busy with their two granddaughters. She has no plans to come to Founder's Day this year but sends regards to everyone. **Trudi Scott Lefavour** attended two church music conferences in August, a longstanding one in East Stroudsburg, PA and the other for the first time in Nashville with her daughter who lives in that area. Trudi's daughter and three children were with Trudi and her husband for Thanksgiving, but her son-in-law, with a new job, had to stay behind. Her daughter, who had lived in Taiwan where they don't celebrate Thanksgiving, wants to celebrate every holiday she can now. A special present of attending the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall was given to her daughter and six-year-old grandson, and he was very excited about it! Trudi's son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old granddaughter were also home for Christmas, so the whole clan was together for the first time in two years, a nice opportunity for the cousins to reunite. Trudi's husband turned 90 in

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January so they were able to celebrate together a little early. **Betsy Siegrist Petri** said her grandchildren are all grown up and are either in high school, in college, or graduating from college. She has been in touch with **Suggie Dorsett Cary** recently but won't be able to attend Founder's Day this year. They're getting through another cold winter in Buffalo with not too much snow and sends her best to everyone. The sad news this year is that **Suzi Shaw Smith** is now living in a care facility in the dementia unit. Her family is very pleased with the care she receives there. As for my news, **Linda Whinney**, I finally fully retired on the last day of the year, but since I enjoyed working even part-time, I will be able to fill in when needed. I was lucky to have such a great place to work. It is an adjustment; I'm already involved with an environmental project in my community and looking forward to being another retiree who says "I don't know how I had time to work!" Movies, books, and lunch with friends – it's all very inviting! We're missing our friends **Susan, Elaine, Nancy**, and **Joan**. We don't have to wait for *Ivy Leaves* to stay in touch. Would love to hear from you and hope it is a great New Year!

1965

Sandy Aves Belcher still works three days a week as a chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital. Two years ago, she decided to use her passion for yard sales, Goodwill, thrift shops, etc. to buy fun tchotchkes and resell them!! She rents a very tiny space and her goal has been simply to cover her rent each month!! With the exception of three or four months, she's been able to do that but so far, she has not made a penny of profit! She named her little "shop" "BT's Nest", BT being what her granddaughters call her. **Lenore Bell Reitz** retired Sept. 6, 2019. "The only thing good about retirement is you can sleep late." Last May she spent a week in Petoskey, MI and enjoyed jamming with some terrific women musicians. Her son and his family spent Christmas Eve with her. Her grandson is such an active three-year-old; she'll be able to visit him more now. They live in Hollywood, Maryland. She also drove to Ocala, FL to visit her very active eighty-five-year-old sister. **Mimo Black Betten**

and husband Keith spoke with **Marsha Megariotis** at the Christmas Mystery, had lunch in October with **Teddi Groff**, and keep in regular contact with **Sandy Alves Belcher** and husband Bob. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year in Bermuda with their two sons and their families (five grandchildren ranging in ages from 15-6). Should be great fun. Lanny and **Susan Brotz Lippincott** had a year of traveling. From California, they went to Tampa to take care of their grandsons while their parents went to the Daytona 500 to camp in the infield. Then Susie went back to Doane Academy for Founder's Day weekend. She had not seen the Hall since the beautiful 2015 construction. **Sherry Shaw Butterworth** and Susie then spent a wonderful weekend at Susie's favorite beach, Beach Haven. Last fall, Lanny and she went to Europe to visit their son who was there on business for the US Navy. They stayed at an Airbnb in Kirchburg, Austria with Scott's in-laws, wife, and children. They went to a parade in Kitzbühl where they saw some amazing cows and all Austria has to offer. They were in Germany for Oktoberfest. "Need I say more? The Airbnb had a magnificent farm behind it and we saw some of the most beautiful cows." They also went to Salzburg and Zell am See to see castles and have the kids ride an Alpine slide. After Austria Lanny and Susie ventured off to Venice for five more days where they rode a gondola, toured the Murano glass factory, and shopped. Susie had never been out of America, so it was quite a thrill for her. **Nancy Carson Berst** enjoys being able to spend time where they want (Marco Island and LBI) and seeing the grandkids when they want. Wishing everyone the best in 2020. **Teddi Groff** will be moving to North Carolina getting away from the harsh Maine winters and moving closer to her newly found family. She hopes to be in Cashiers within six months and will be taking a trip in February with her sister to find something suitable. While the thought of another move isn't thrilling, the end result should be! She hopes this finds all of you in good health and enjoying yet another decade. **Marsha Megariotis'** usual day consists of: "wake up, get dressed, make coffee. Go to the YMCA for Silver Sneakers classes four days a week, line dancing two days.

Come home and find things to keep me busy." On February 7 she will be going to see **Jerry Blavat** at the Bordentown Elks with friends. **Andi Pierce Bigelow** is in Colorado this winter, not the Turks & Caicos Islands, due to health issues. Andi has three children, two boys and one girl, who each have three children. She had eight grandsons (now seven) and one granddaughter ages 8 to 17. They all live within forty minutes of one another and it can be a real circus when they are together. The family finally has a trial date, April 8, for the murderer of their thirteen-year-old grandson, Vaughn Jr., almost two years afterward. Ray and **Jo-Ann Trouts Falcon** report all is well and quiet in their corner of Northwest Florida. They spent some time debating on whether to sell their townhouse and move to an over-55 community but, in the end, decided they didn't want to give up their home of over thirty years quite yet. So on to a bit more remodeling. 2019 is finally over and for that **Jane Walton Mashburn** is grateful! She had both knee & wrist replacements in November and is almost fully recovered! Christmas was spent in Boston with her daughter and family, New Year's was back home in Cincinnati with special friends. She heard from **Nancy Carson Berst** by Christmas card. "Perhaps next year I shall get back into the game of sending! I wish you & all that read this a great year!" **Susan Wojick Carrow's** summer was quiet on the Eastern Shore of MD—way too hot to do much of anything! Last fall she decided it was time to remodel a bathroom—five weeks of dust, removing 1950's tile, new wallboard, removing a pocket door, but it was definitely worth it! In November she toured southern Italy with three friends. "Sadly, at the end of December my mother was in critical care and at 102 years passed away on Jan. 10. Think of the things she has seen in her life!" It was a long five years watching my husband John Butterworth disappear into Alzheimer's. The last two months he was in two hospitals and finally used his wings to fly to his cloud on August 5. I now think of him as the man I loved and married, with a Manhattan in one hand and cigar in the other. His Life Celebration at St. Peter's Episcopal was everything dear to him: Grateful Dead music, folks wearing favorite team or music group tee shirts, and the parish

hall tables had his 300+ CDs in paper holders with descriptions. Folks were asked to take home all they wanted. Loving rescue dog Charlie and I are enjoying our freedom. I was still able to nanny since Katie would sit with Dad. Founder's Day weekend a nurse stayed here so **Susie Brotz Lippincott** and I could go to "the Hall" where we saw **Marsha, Mimo** and Keith, then Long Beach Island. The future? My only sure thing is I'm never moving! I love this old house and everyone on my block is extended family with lots of little ones. I will always love and miss John, but he was only 62 when diagnosed so we made the most of the good times. Please don't let a day go by that you don't laugh and smile! Maybe more of us can meet in 2020! Wishing you all peace and good health!

1966

Mona Fishmann just celebrated her mom's ninety-sixth birthday with her family in Palm Beach, Florida. "My mom is amazing for her age. Very lucky to have her in my life." Mona also celebrated her first anniversary with Warren and is planning to go to Philadelphia in May for her 50th reunion at Drexel University. She's hoping **Barbara Sharlin Berkman** will join her. Mona wishes our classmates and their families a very happy and healthy New Year. May 2020 be the best year ever for us. Jeff and **Diana David Horowitz** were blessed with their fourth grandson, Matias, on August 12. Last fall Diana had a great hour-long phone conversation with Darla Locke Geiger. Diana and Jeff took a fourteen-day cruise in October including a fascinating trip through the Panama Canal. In July they also spent ten days in NJ seeing friends and family and as much time as possible on LBI. Diana extends an invitation to anyone who would like to be hosted in the Vancouver, Washington area. Her number is 360-836-7974. I, **Evangelina Apostolaros Biehl**, am still working at a Behavioral Health Center helping the adolescent patients keep up with their school work. Although part-time, it keeps my days full. Just booked a trip to Italy (Rome and Sorrento) for June to celebrate my granddaughter's 18th Birthday and my daughter's 29th (you do the math!) I, on the other hand, started going back in years, so this year I will be 49. Live, laugh, and love with gusto!



Diana David Horowitz '66 and Jeff with grandsons.

1967

Some classmates may remember that **Nancy Applegate Carlson** was the first in the class to have a niece or nephew; Cindy was born in October of 1966. Her daughter Stephanie has lived with Nancy and Jeff for the last four summers and lifeguarded. She is the eighth lifeguard in the family! Nancy's enjoying reading Pam's novel that Jody was kind enough to get her at the book signing. Great work, Pam! Everyone is always invited to stop in Seaside Park whenever you are in town. Hope to see Anne, Larry, and family next summer! **Karen Berger Levin** and Bobby closed their Fleet Feet Baltimore store after seventeen years and are retired. Son, Jeremy, who worked in the store with them, went back to law and Greg, a producer for NBC News channel, still resides in Charlotte, NC. Karen and Bobby can now enjoy more of their nine- and eleven-year-old grandsons' activities. In October Karen ran a 50k outside of New Hope, got lost crossing over the canal, and ended up running thirty-three miles! She came in second woman though! Nothing changes...she still has a terrible sense of direction! Husband Clark gave **Pam Borden Heckert** a scare in January when he had two TIAs requiring a helicopter and plane ride to

Denver where he had a stroke in front of the ICU nurses. He is finally on Lipitor! Know the signs of stroke (www.stroke.org). Pam has uploaded her novel *Alma Mater* to Kindle and her 2020 resolution is to learn how to do an Audible version before she finishes a (much shorter) sequel. **Marcia Evans** says that life goes on and she enjoys her little garden that includes some perennials but mainly annuals in container pots on her patio. She fell this past summer and fractured her foot, which has been slow in healing and has restricted her activities. **Anne Gold Gleason** and Larry are doing very well. They enjoyed a great holiday season with family and friends. In February they will head to the Caribbean for a cruise, visit friends and family in Florida as well, and will almost be declared snowbirds. Anne is still singing in the chorus, voraciously reading, and swimming about two or three times a week. Anne wishes a Happy Spring to everyone! Please feel free to contact her at Gleason7269@yahoo.com. **Jody Hardenbergh Tucci** hopes everyone is doing well. **Judy Herman** has cut back a bit on her work schedule and is enjoying more free time with family, friends, and books. **Donna Lanting Davison** hopes 2020 will bring health, wealth, and prosperity to all.

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Pam Borden Heckert '67 and Clark letting go of an old Jeep Cherokee.



Linda McMillan '69 and Melissa Craven Fowler '69 then and now.



Left: Arlene Kolman Harris '68 and Doris Fischer '68.

Below: Kate Thropp '68, Arlene Kolman Harris '68 and Jane Lawrence Purdy '68.



Kate Thropp '68 expects her boat to arrive this March!



Caroline Shaw Oliver '73, husband "T" and their dog Sparky and vehicle.

Kay Newberry Dubit reports that things are going OK. Husband Jerry passed away in April, and after thirty years, she had to give up her equine boys due to medical issues, but she can go see them anytime and she does...with carrots!

Janie Schorr Rosenthal says their new house meets all of their needs and even has enough space to accommodate three grandkids, their parents, and her mom sleeping over. The highlight of 2019 was their trip to Ibiza; Janie had wanted to go there since the 70's, because of its reputation for having amazing rock bands, beautiful beaches, and cool shops with inexpensive hippie-type clothing. Well, even though those things that attracted her to Ibiza in the 70's are no longer important to her, she still had a great time at 70! **Gayle Van Duzer Carson** relates that her dear husband Joe and she had their 50th wedding anniversary this December (and they said it wouldn't last). They celebrated for a week in Disney without the kids and had a magical time. She said that it's really hard to grow up!! Maybe she won't. I, **Bonnie Dix Cavanaugh**, and Tuck spent a wonderful week just before Christmas with our son, Sean, and our new daughter-in-law, Kelly. It was such fun to meet and get to know her and get to know them as a married couple. They enjoyed down time from their work schedules and survived being off high-speed internet! They are so much alike and we are glad they found one another.

1968

Donna Griffing Dovi writes that the family is doing great. Her grandkids are growing so fast that three of the boys are taller than she is and Clay is getting ready to drive. She wishes all a happy 2020. **Arlene Kolman Harris** met with Doris Fischer and her brother Craig in Langhorne, PA in October when Doris was east to celebrate her aunt's 100th birthday. **Jane Lawrence Purdy** writes that she, **Kate Thropp**, and **Arlene Kolman** met outside of Trenton this past fall for an intimate reunion that was terrific! Kate and husband, Josh Masson, are waiting for their boat, "Silver Lining", to arrive from China. It should be in Fort Lauderdale in March and Kate is already checking the weather in the Pacific. I am **Barby Stults Crear**, and I finally

have some news! **Chris Picard Olson** and her husband Todd were flying back from Hawaii when she texted me that she thought they might be flying over me in California. I texted back that I was running outside to wave up at her. She said she'd wave back from the plane's window. So...she and I are counting this as an official reunion. :-)

1969

Melissa Craven Fowler and I, **Linda McMillan**, had a three-hour lunch on Cape Cod in August. Many of us have reconnected in a new way since our 50th Reunion in May last year and it has been great. On the facing page is a picture of Melissa and me, and also a picture of us at St. Mary's Hall in 1968. Can you recognize us? I had a busy fall. I went to Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Parks with my family and saw three grizzlies, moose, bison, elk and wolves, and hiked in the snow. It was marvelous. I also took my husband to Nashville for his 65th birthday and loved every minute of the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Ryman Auditorium Tour.

1970

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1971

John Borden and his son visited Key West recently and caught up with **Tom Rose '69** and **Larry Rogers '70**. For those who do not know, Tom's younger brother Paul Rose passed away last year. He was a wonderful friend to many in our class and our thoughts go out belatedly to his family and his friends. **Sheryl Kemp Kittrell** and Ralph have not let any grass grow under their feet this past year: Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Antarctica for starters. In their new motorhome, they travelled more than 20,000 miles, and visited over twenty National Parks and Monuments in Canada and the US including Alaska, hiking and visiting old college friends along the way. Not to be missed, Sheryl has an extraordinary Facebook page full of her photographs. Their fifth grandchild has just arrived, and they are blessed to have all five in

Atlanta where they can visit frequently. I, **Wendy Elliott Russell**, have spent a lot of time in NJ this past year with my ninety-year-old mother, keen to move to Assisted Living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, when Andy and I retire there in a year's time. We had three weeks in this idyllic city in September wrapping up the purchase of our new home and welcoming our tenants, a super couple and elderly dog from LA. Santa Fe and New Mexico is/are a city/state worth visiting and a day at the Albuquerque Balloon Festival is a real treat. Andy and I plan to see as much of Europe and Eastern Europe as time allows while we organise another overseas move, and with the help of an immigration lawyer, apply for his spousal visa, a year-long process. Germany has just offered citizenship to Brits caught up in Brexit, but one of us has not done her German language qualifications! A reminder that our 50th Reunion would be great fun to celebrate in Spring 2021, and if you can help make that happen, please get in touch at wendyrussell321@gmail.com

1973

Caroline Shaw Oliver is on the board of the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Last summer it held an exhibit entitled "Barkitecture" featuring three dozen clever doghouses like the mini trailer pictured nearby. Caroline's Westie, Sparky, enjoyed strolling (literally in his stroller), around all the fantastic displays. Caroline hosted a family reunion in 2019 and enjoyed having folks aged 5-70 from Denmark, Oregon, Arizona & New Jersey visit with her and her husband. Perfect weather for pool, beach, parks, etc. Hmmm, somehow Caroline believes she is getting closer to that older number. Well, we all did graduate in 1973, so do the math! Caroline also included a photo of her husband "T." and herself, but believes readers would enjoy seeing Sparky instead of them! Well, Caroline, we are all aging gracefully. Must be those great meals we had at SMH. **Tom McMillan** and his wife are now proud grandparents; **Ronan Oliver Thomas McMillan** was born 9/19/19. Everyone is doing great. Tom is still doing the realtor thing in the Lambertville, NJ/ New Hope, PA area. Anyone selling their home in that area should look him up.

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Tom is also writing and playing music whenever he can. Tom and family had a great trip last summer to Banff, Canada. As for me, **Denise De More**, I am happily married to my husband of thirty-one years, Peter Keohan. I still don't understand why he didn't take my last name! I am on the board of the Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest accredited museum in the United States, and the Plymouth Antiquarian Society. I have most recently semi-retired and spend time taking care of my eighty-eight-year-old mother who wants to stay in Florida for the winter and I travel back and forth between West Palm Beach and Boston weekly, just racking up those frequent flyer points like I did when I first started working. I love flying as it gives me personal time that is so hard to come by. As the founder of the Mayflower Sampler Guild, I am very busy orchestrating events, teachers, breast cancer auction items, and other programs. I have also started on the lecture tour with the Embroiderers Guild of America local chapters presenting topics such as the Plymouth Tapestry, Boston Band Samplers, and Plymouth Forget-Me-Nots, all dealing with embroidery of one kind or another. I guess I can't say I am even semi-retired. Wishing everyone a blessed new year.

1982

Eiris McCoy and husband Chris are coming up on their twenty-ninth anniversary! They have two children; daughter Kelsey is a 2018 graduate of Widener University and is a Doctor of Physical Therapy who works at an inpatient rehab hospital in Delaware. She is working towards completing her specialty in Neurological PT rehab. Son Brian is a new graduate of Rutgers University, completed a pre-season internship with the Arizona Cardinals this past summer, and was asked back again this coming summer. His dream is to work as an athletic trainer in the NFL, and is well on his way with his first acceptance to Jefferson University Graduate program in Athletic Training. "Our lives seem so much less exciting, but it is a joy to spend time with them both, as we took a family cruise of the Hawaiian Isles last year!" **Kimberly Irving** was headed to the Bahamas in late January. Her older daughter is getting married to a very nice man. "So

excited! Nice break to the winter. Right Onward!" Your class agent, **Susanne LaGraff Galioto**, says: "I will be getting married June 28 to William Kodora at the French Manor, Sterling, PA."

2008

Abena Bonna is now working for an architecture firm, Kohn Pedersen and Fox, in Manhattan as an architectural designer. **Devin Guerriere** is in her fifth year working in special education. **Kevin Sanders** is working full-time for Endeavor EMS in Burlington Township and the surrounding area as an EMT. He is also going back to school to earn a degree in Paramedic Sciences. **Mike Slater** loves his job working as a territory manager for a flooring wholesale distributor. He recently celebrated his fifth-year wedding anniversary with his wife Andrea, started his own YouTube channel, and trained a waterfowl/upland bird hunting dog. He also remodeled his second house in two years by himself. **Mikal Smith** started a new Human Resources job for an art marketplace called Redbubble based in Melbourne, Australia.

2009

Gina Marie DiPierro was married to Ray Lopez on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Whittier College's president's house in California. They are pictured together with Ray's young son Noah. Gina graduated from Whittier.



Mr and Mrs Ray Lopez (Gina DiPierro) '09 and Noah Lopez in Whittier, California.

2010

After three years working in oncology clinical trials at Thomas Jefferson University, **Liz Baldwin** recently moved to a new job continuing in the field of oncology research at the American College of Radiology in their Protocol Development and Regulatory Compliance Department. Apart from work she performs and works with local theaters in South Jersey. Most recently she performed in the Ritz Theater Companies' Christmas show "Scrooge the Musical". She is now working as the choreographer for McMagical Productions, a charity-based theater company; their production of "Seussical" will be playing at the Ritz Theater in Oaklyn, NJ the third weekend in February.

2015

Chuck Marchesani began working as a conversion analyst at Broadridge Financial Solutions in Newark, NJ. Broadridge is one of the leading global Fintech providers to the Financial Services industry. His role is focused on helping new clients use Broadridge solutions to support their securities processing needs. **Wren Newman** (formerly known as Connor), who recently came out as trans feminine, is currently working as a middle school science teacher at a private Jewish school in Rochester, NY. She is also waiting to hear back from two PhD and three Masters programs that she applied to with the intention of beginning these higher studies in the fall.

2017

Eliana Harrison spent the last semester abroad in Florence, Italy, where she studied art and art history while being immersed in Italian culture. She also had the opportunity to spend time traveling to countries such as Denmark, Spain, and Ireland. This experience was unforgettable, and she is grateful to have been able to learn in such a suitable place for her interests. Back in Michigan for the second semester, she will be serving as the president of her student theater organization. **Evan Koch** is pursuing a chemistry major and a public health minor in the pre-medical program at Washington College. He is primarily rowing in the top varsity 8+ boat for Washington College, voted

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team captain his sophomore year, and has been re-elected to the position for his junior year. He has competed in several regattas, most recently at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, the largest regatta in the world. He is also an assistant coach at Delaware River Rowing Club, helping to direct the kids summer rowers' program.

Tim Schwanitz quite literally spent the fall semester in a supply closet studying cockroach behavior with a user-unfriendly tracking software that required him to develop an entirely new protocol. The closet was illuminated by a single red-light bulb (cockroaches can't see red light, so it was like being around at night for them). Tim felt very much like a vampire, and he is happy to be finished with that research project. He looks forward to a spring of genome work and literature classes, including one on Vladimir Nabokov.

Please submit your class updates for the next edition of *Ivy Leaves* by August 1, 2020. If you do not see your year listed below, contact Elizabeth Jankowski (ejankowski@doaneacademy.org) for your class agent's contact information or submit your class notes at www.doaneacademy.org/alumni

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Saturday
May 2, 2020

9:00—10:00 am

25th and 50th reunion classes
Breakfast with the Headmaster

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Chapel

11:00 am

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Noon

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Phone _____

Class Year _____

Yes, I Wish to Support the Annual Fund

- ☐ Scarborough Society (\$5,000+)
- ☐ Doane Fellows (\$2,500–\$4,999)
- ☐ Odenheimer Society (\$1,000–\$2,499)
- ☐ Headmaster's Circle (\$500–\$999)
- ☐ Right Onward Club (\$100+ for alumni 2009–2019)

Name(s) to Appear in Annual Report

Check an Option Below

- ☐ Gift is eligible for corporate match
- ☐ Matching gift form is attached
- ☐ Matching gift form will be provided
- ☐ Contact me: Special Gift with
Naming Opportunity
- ☐ Contact me: Estate Planning
- ☐ Contact me: George Washington Doane
Heritage Society

2020 Founder's Day — RSVP by April 17, 2020

Society of Graduate Dues — \$20.00

Yes, I will Attend

- ☐ 25th and 50th Reunion Breakfast, no fee
- ☐ Saturday Morning Chapel Service, no fee
- ☐ Saturday Annual SOG Meeting, no fee
- ☐ Saturday Luncheon _____ @ \$20.00 each
- ☐ Saturday Softball Game and cookout, no fee
- ☐ SOG Dues, \$20.00

Total \$ _____

Payment Options

Alumni Events Form Total (above) \$ _____

Donation Form Total (left side) \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

☐ Check made payable to: Doane Academy
Mail to: 350 Riverbank, Burlington, NJ 08016

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In February, Doane Academy students celebrated the end of spirit week with a festive pep rally.