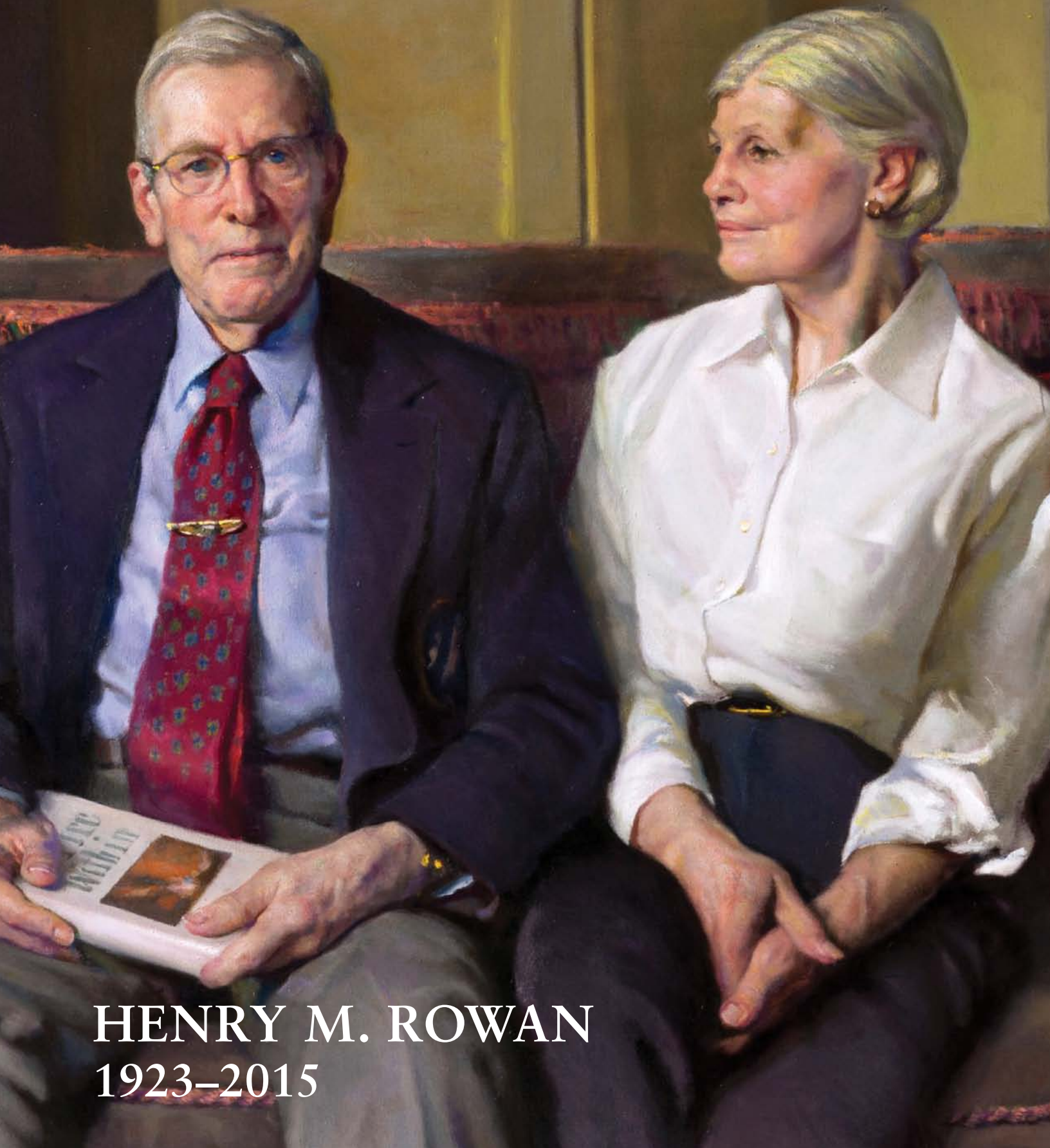


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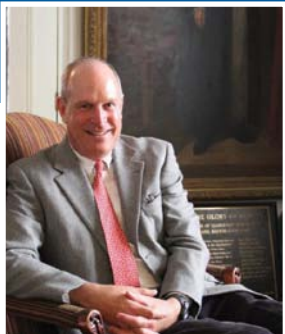
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FROM THE HEADMASTER



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

It has been a very exciting year at Doane Academy and if you have not had the chance to visit the campus, I hope that you will do so very soon. We have a lot to show you.

The impact of Rowan Hall cannot be overstated. Our students now work in beautifully designed and furnished classrooms that reflect the high quality education they receive at Doane. Our highly acclaimed band program now has a room that appropriately reflects the high quality of our music. The first floor of Rowan is constantly abuzz with students traveling from one building to another or using the main parlor — named St. Mary’s Hall — to study, meet with teachers, or to quietly socialize. And the Doane Primary program, for our 3 to 6-year olds, utilizes beautiful new space both inside and outside of the ground floor of Rowan.



In October, we hosted a small reception in Rowan Hall for Henry and Lee Rowan with members of three generations of the Rowan family. Joining us also were John and Alice McGee, visiting from their new home in Minnesota. The gathering was in part a way for Doane to thank the Rowans for their support and to show the family the finished product of their generosity. We were grateful to be able to thank Mr. Rowan before his passing in December and we hope that you will enjoy reading about our relationship with the Rowan family in this issue of Ivy Leaves.

We are currently working on a number of other campus improvement projects, including the relocation of our playground and the construction of a baseball field on campus. The latter will allow our teams to practice and play near the dramatic backdrop of the Burlington-Bristol Bridge instead of being transported to an off-campus site on a daily basis. We are also completing the design of a new Student Resource Center on the third floor of Rowan, which will be furnished by the end of this academic year. And we are in the beginning stages of our assessment of the former Temple B’nai Israel that we acquired a year ago and which we hope to convert into a center for our performing arts program.

While the look of our campus has changed dramatically over the past year, our dedication to our core values remains as firm as ever. We are devoted to developing strong ethical leaders at Doane, and the addition this year of six different classes on this subject is a testament to our commitment to this priority.

So, when you visit Doane, we hope that you will admire the new additions to our campus, but we hope even more that you will appreciate our faculty and students, who embody our mission every day.

Respectfully,

GEORGE B. SANDERSON

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ON CAMPUS AND BEYOND



Setting the Foundation to Last a Lifetime

Our new Primary Program began this year with 16 children and 2 teachers. Serving children ages 3 to 6, the program delivers a mixed indoor and outdoor multisensory learning environment, on the lower level of Rowan Hall. In an atmosphere for exploration and discovery, and multi-year age span provides family-like groupings where peer learning takes place naturally. Students become confident, enthusiastic, self-directed learners, who are able to think critically, work collaboratively, and act boldly — a skill set for the 21st century.



Every Mile is Worth While — Going the Distance

The 2015 Cross Country season delivered another first for Doane Academy. While the boys' team left it all on the course to win their fourth consecutive Penn-Jersey title, our girls' team gave an equally strong performance and took home their first championship. As a result, Doane Academy is the all-around Penn-Jersey Cross Country Champion for the first time. Congratulations to coaches Kirk Lombardi and Kristen Rusinko, as well as to all of our dedicated athletes.

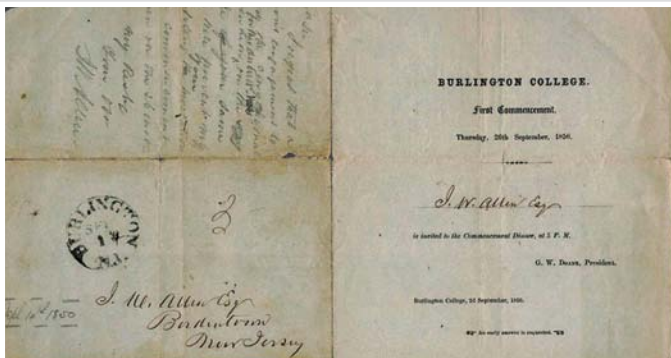
High Notes and High Achievements

South Jersey Region III Band auditions were held in January at Southern Regional Middle School. Three members of the Doane Academy band, Leila Daly, Connor McHugh, and Nicholas Colavito, scored high in their auditions and were accepted into the performing ensembles. A total of only 160 students, from a pool of over one thousand are accepted. Our three students went on to a series of evening and weekend rehearsals before performing at Lower Cape May Regional High School on February 28th. Congratulations to Band Program Director, Adrienne Mazar, as well as to Leila, Connor and Nicholas.



Archives on Display

The archival collection of Doane Academy is a forever growing body of objects and information, with items ranging from the most recent issue of Ivy Leaves and going way back to pieces that were left on the grounds of this campus in prehistoric times. With the addition of Rowan Hall, there is now an opportunity for some of these samples to be seen on a regular basis. The 1844 diploma of Susan McDonald Nelson and the invitation to the first commencement of Burlington College, are already visible in the main parlor, while others are being prepared for display. Look for them on your next visit.



Doane Academy in Florida

On Monday, January 25th and Tuesday, January 26, Doane Academy held its first Florida Regional Luncheons. Headmaster George Sanderson and Kathleen Lisehora Keays '88, Director of Alumni Relations, traveled to Florida to meet with 20 alumni and friends of Doane Academy. The first luncheon was held in Sarasota, FL and hosted by Alice Collins Fisk '61 and Sally Garrison Thomas '57. Alumni, friends, past parents and past faculty gathered to meet the new headmaster, reminisce and learn about all the exciting things happening at Doane Academy. In attendance were: Bernard and Alice Collins Fisk '61, Stephen Toner '84 and guest Mandi, Marvin Thomas (husband of Sally Garrison Thomas '57) Tom Hedge, Jr. '89, Tom and Charlotte Hedge (parents of Jeff Hedge '87 and past faculty member) and Art and Angeline McTighe (parents of Alex '95 & Neal McTighe '96). The next day, a luncheon hosted by Patricia Decker Patterson '56 was held in Palm Beach, FL. George Sanderson spoke about Rowan Hall and other renovations, improvements and advancements occurring at Doane. Both groups were treated to a beautiful slide show of the campus that triggered memories and excited everyone with all of Doane's wonderful additions. In attendance were: Patricia Decker Patterson '56, Elizabeth Birdsall Evans '54, Margaret Stillwagon Collis '54, Sidney Hagert Gommel '57, Judith Walters Stein '57, Cynthia Johnson Floria '57, Richard and Gwendolyn Snover Leys '62 and Jennifer Schwed Kellum '64. Doane will host more luncheons in other parts of the country in the future. Please be sure to join us!



STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ADAM ZIEGLER, a junior at Doane, is also a “Lifer,” having started at the school in pre-kindergarten. From the beginning, he said, the Delaware River and then Discovery classes had a profound effect on him. Evidence of this can be seen in his last two Doane Academy S.T.E.A.M. Fair projects.

In 2015, Ziegler studied the green crab invading New Jersey waters and threatening the native blue crab. He approached Professor Brian Beal, at the University of Maine at Machias, as it was Beal who had designed pens to help grow shellfish (the green crabs’ favorite food) safely. He also contacted party boat companies to see if they might use the green crab for bait, which would in turn create an industry to catch the crabs and sell them, reducing the green crab population. After then contacting the New Jersey D.E.P., Ziegler continues to work to find a way to implement these ideas in New Jersey’s affected waters.

For this year’s S.T.E.A.M. Fair, Zeiegler created shark fin prosthetics, which can be placed onto a shark that has been finned so that it can be rehabilitated and returned to the wild. To date he has contacted the Georgia Aquarium, Virginia Aquarium, MATES Laboratory in Florida, and Shark Rescue about his invention. He continues to engage in a dialogue with the Virginia Aquarium, developing strategies for transporting the injured sharks. “This is a long term project,” he says, but one that he will see through.

Besides these projects, his strong academics, and other numerous extracurricular activities at Doane, Ziegler is constantly immersed in other work related to the marine world. He spent last summer studying at the Acadia Institute of Oceanography in Maine. This summer he will work at Jenkinson’s Aquarium and the Marine Science Day Camp.

Ziegler is looking to double major in Marine Biology and Environmental Sciences in college, it is clear that he will take his passions, which began by the Delaware River, on to oceans and rivers far and wide.



Fifth grader **CAMEREN BERRY** is a true life “Annie” story. Removed from her biological home at age 4, Cameren finally found a forever home as a shy, sweet 6 year old. After third grade, feeling that the local school system was not providing the best for their children, the Berrys found Doane Academy, where Cameren has blossomed. Mrs. Berry says that Cameren has excelled academically, and that “Doane has nurtured her leadership skills while enabling her to develop strong character traits.” Cameren has initiated numerous community service projects. She collects canned goods for the local food pantry, toys for foster children and winter items for the homeless. As a result of Cameren’s significant volunteer hours and community contributions, she recently achieved the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Presidential Volunteerism Award. Cameren has also competed in and won interview-based community service pageants.

She is also an actress and will be making appearances in upcoming movies including: “All We Had,” starring Katie Holmes and “Going in Style,” starring Morgan Freeman. You will also see her in an episode of “Daredevil,” Season 2, on Netflix, and “The Character Show,” also on Netflix, later this year.

STARTING THE BOLD NEW ERA

*Tracing the origins Henry Rowan's
partnership with Doane Academy*





A story, even one that is fantastic in its factual truth, can often evolve, split and become a number of clouded myths and legends. How many versions exist of the Rowan and Doane Academy relationship? Stories range from the reasonable to ones hinting at some grand conspiracy theory. Three versions (all wrong) include one that Henry Rowan's mother had attended the school in the early 1900s; that Mrs. Rowan had once been a teacher at Doane; and one about how Mr. and Mrs. Rowan had befriended a waitress at a restaurant and that said waitress piqued the Rowans' curiosity about Doane Academy. Well, at least that last one approaches the real story.

In the late 1990s, Melissa Kensler (now Walsh), was a waitress at a South Jersey restaurant. Virginia Rowan Smith (Henry Rowan's daughter) remembers being struck by her waitress' "distinctive voice". Walsh and Smith became involved in a friendly conversation and it was soon revealed that Walsh was planning on taking graduate courses at Rowan University. Smith, having obvious connections to the school, gave Walsh her business card and said that perhaps she could help.

A few years passed. Smith and her husband, Manning Smith, were at another restaurant when Mrs. Smith heard that distinctive voice once again. Walsh was waitressing there, and Smith found and engaged her straight away. While Walsh told her that she ended up not going to Rowan University, she also told her that she was now a teacher, having accepted the offer to teach French at St. Mary's Hall/Doane Academy. Smith had heard of the school when she was a child, going to school in Beverly and then Moorestown, but didn't really know a lot about it. Still, Walsh's description of the school interested her.



Soon after, on a warm spring afternoon in 2002, Walsh was outside monitoring the students of the After School Program, when SMH/DA's headmaster, John McGee, approached. Light conversation revealed that while commencement was nearing, McGee had yet to find a speaker. Walsh immediately suggested Smith, a top executive at Inductotherm, the world-leading manufacturer of induction furnaces. McGee called Smith and suggested that she come to SMH/DA for a visit. Smith visited and recalls that her impression was that the school was "a magical place" to which she wished she had sent her own children. She had never given a commencement speech before, but McGee talked her into it. That year's graduating class was made up of just seven students, and in what is still remembered as a most unique of commencement speeches, Smith addressed each of the students individually.

The following year, Doane Academy held one of its annual fund raising events, with all proceeds going to the school's scholarship fund. Vince Farias, a County Freeholder, was to be the guest auctioneer that year. Being friends with Smith, he asked if she had an interest in donating an item to be auctioned off. Smith offered a long weekend at her family's rental house at Lake George, NY. In what may be seen as one of the most serendipitous events in the school's history, the faculty bought the weekend and then gave it as a gift to John and Alice McGee. What was so serendipitous about this gift? Because at this weekend getaway the McGees met Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rowan, who were staying at their lake house next-door, for the first time. John McGee and Henry Rowan found that they had a lot in common: both were hard workers, hard thinkers, liked to chop wood, and were people who challenged

themselves and those around them to always be the best that they could be. Not long after, McGee was invited to Inductotherm, the company that Henry Rowan had founded in his garage in 1953 in a great leap of faith and with the aid of his late first wife, Betty. Inductotherm has grown to 21 manufacturing facilities in 18 countries and an additional 29 service locations worldwide. As they spoke about leadership and taking risks it was obvious that they had "hit it off", Smith said.

Over the next few years the relationship between the Rowans and Doane would grow with ever-increasing vision and intensity. Smith joined the school's Advisory Council. The Rowan Family continued to donate their rental home to the annual auction. The Rowan Family Foundation, focused on education, gave their first cash gift to the school at the end of 2003. McGee read Rowan's book, *The Fire Within*, and began to weave the stories and lessons from that book into the fabric of the school. "You can't let pretty good be enough. You have to get a little bit better every day. It will compound itself. Be strong, unafraid, confident and determined," are among the statements that McGee would repeat often to the students, faculty and staff. Henry Rowan saw what McGee was doing and, although already impressed with the school, saw that the school was evolving into something even better, a school building future engineers as well as leaders of character. Never one to be satisfied, Rowan challenged McGee to "be bold". He said that if he saw the school moving boldly forward, he would boldly support the school.



The relationship between the Rowans and Doane and the McGees grew ever-stronger. Mr. Rowan came to the campus with greater regularity, speaking about character, leadership and determination with the senior class at a planned breakfast each year. The Rowans could be seen here cheering on sporting events, at school shows, charity events, and at annual

The “Bold New Era” at the school was born. A new master plan was drawn up, and set into motion. Within those plans were drawings for a new building, one which, while giving a nod to the school’s past by resembling the original school building, which was lost to a 1974 fire, would also allow for the school to not only expand, but meet the challenges and needs of the 21st century world.

commencements. At the same time, John McGee could be seen often at the Rowans’ home. As much as Henry Rowan challenged McGee, McGee challenged Rowan to make a real commitment to Doane. Soon, at the strong suggestion of Eleanor Rowan, the Rowans made a personal gift of \$5 million to the school. The building now known as Rowan Hall is the direct result of that gift.

But McGee’s challenges to Rowan were not limited to changes that he could bring to the school. Four years ago, at the age of 88, Henry Rowan took a bad fall and broke his hip. While hospitalized other complications set in. McGee sensed that Rowan was not fighting to the best of his ability for his own recovery, and he challenged him, “You can’t go out on a hip!” he said. It was a long road back, but McGee pushed him hard. The students of Doane Academy bought Rowan an adult tricycle, and McGee and Rowan were soon to be seen riding around, side by side. McGee would be asked, “Is that your father?” He always answered, “No, he’s my brother”. In the spring of 2015, at the age of 91, Henry Rowan showed, once again, that we each set our own limits, as he completed a five-mile bike ride in support of Ride Onward, Doane’s scholarship bike ride.

As John McGee’s era as headmaster was nearing its end, Eleanor Rowan greatly encouraged her husband to make yet another bold personal gift to the school. Together, the Rowans announced that they would give \$17 million to create a perpetual endowment at Doane. This gift was transformational by establishing a financially sustainable future for Doane.



In November of 2015, the McGees flew in from their home in Minnesota in order to see the completed Rowan Hall and to visit with their friends, the Rowans. For all four of them, it was their first chance to see the completed Rowan Hall together; it was also Henry Rowan’s final visit to the school, as he passed away just a few weeks later. One can only guess what this man, who started off as the son of a single mother (in a time when this was looked down upon), who rose to become a world leader in engineering and then in educational philanthropy, thought about the finished building. One imagines that he would think that it was nice, but that nothing is ever truly finished. There is always more to be done; more effort that can be made; and more that we should do for education and how that education then impacts individuals and the world. He might also have noted how a chance conversation in a restaurant, followed up with care for making the most of every opportunity, has not only changed the course of the history of this school, but that of all who pass through these hallowed halls, and then all that they touch in the larger world.



MARK BUCHER '86

Always Leaving His Mark

On first glance, the career of Mark Bucher '86 appears to have lurched from path to path, with very little connection among his experiences. While he once was so certain that he should go to law school that he applied, got in, and put down a deposit, Bucher has since found success in fields as varied as commercial real estate development, restaurant ownership, and advising NFL players on their post-football careers.

“But the thing is, all of these pieces are connected,” Bucher commented recently. “What I love about what I do now is that it combines so many of my interests. And the common bond among my pursuits is radio, which is really where it all started,” he added.

Bucher's love for radio started at Doane, where he began as a student in 7th grade. “I was pretty shy when I first came to Doane,” Bucher notes. That's hard to believe these days, as Bucher oozes confidence while he works the room at a DC restaurant for which he served as a consultant.

He conquered his inhibitions early on at Doane, where he was deeply involved in a wide variety of activities at school, ranging from Mock Trial to Student Council. During his senior year he immersed himself in radio, interning at WMMR in Philadelphia. “On Tuesdays and Thursdays I would get myself to the radio studio by 4:30 in the morning and then work until 7:30, leaving in time to arrive at Doane by 8:00,” Bucher recalled with a smile, not acknowledging that working such hours must have been grueling. When he wasn't working at the station, he fueled his appetite for music by serving as a DJ at Doane dances and local parties.

Bucher found his time at Doane to be energizing, especially because of the inspiration of several encouraging teachers. History and government teacher Dirk Lorenz and science teacher Helen Greich were particularly influential. “These were teachers who convinced me that I could do anything,” Bucher explained, “and they were always there to support me.”



The lessons learned at Doane have served Bucher very well in the thirty years since he was a student. Upon graduation, he headed to American University in Washington DC, where Bucher now serves on the board of the trustees of the business school. As an undergraduate student at American, Bucher continued to pursue his passion for radio, working the 7:00-11:00 pm shift at Q-107, a local top-40 radio station in Washington. To find time for both his work at the station and his studies at American, Bucher says that he became somewhat of a specialist in finding classes that met only once per week.

Mark Bucher still lives and works in the DC area, where he splits his time between his work with the NFL Players Association and his restaurant business. His original foray into restaurants led him to found BGR — The Burger Joint, a successful collection of high-end hamburger restaurants that Bucher started in Washington and which has since spread to eight states and an overseas location. Along the way, Bucher also became a celebrated burger chef, a top ranked competitor in the World Food Championships and creator of hamburgers that won “Best Of” in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

Bucher more recently has opened two Medium Rare restaurants in the Washington, with a third to open soon. The restaurants specialize in steak and frites, and have consistently received excellent reviews from their loyal followers. He also has recently launched an upscale diner-themed restaurant in his hometown of Bethesda, Maryland.

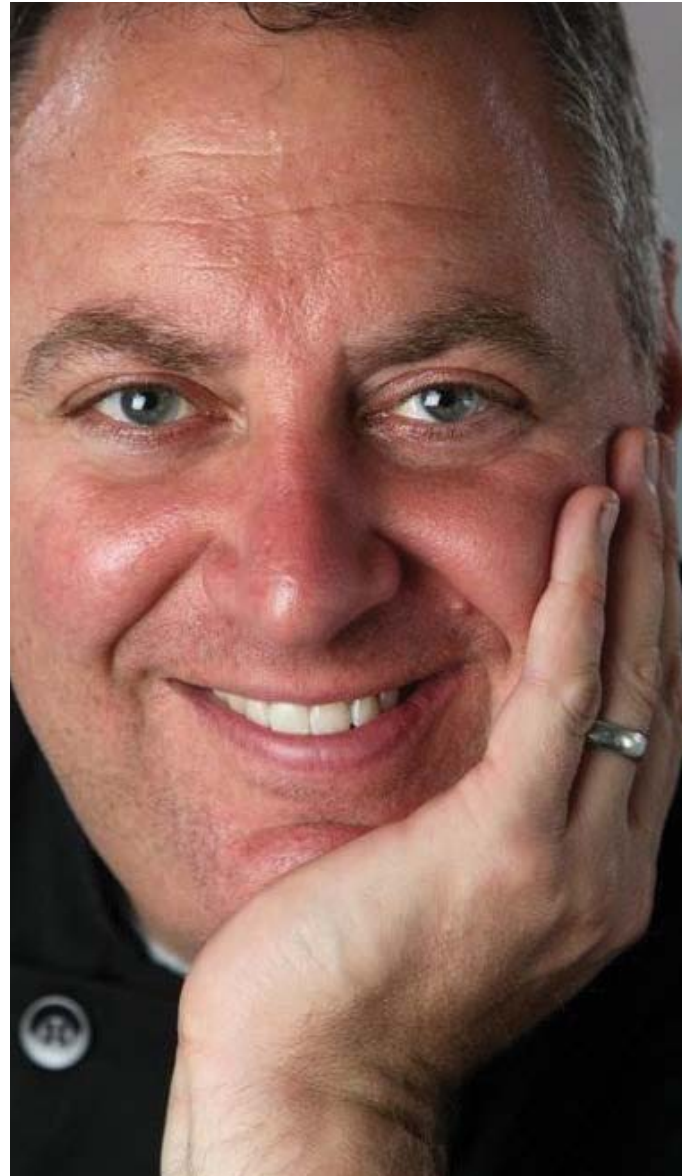
One might wonder how football players fit into all of this. It all goes back to radio because even while he pursued other ventures, Bucher always maintained his connection to the airwaves. For four years, he hosted CBS Radio's "Start Up or Shut Up" a weekly program that he described as "a radio version of Shark Tank before there was Shark Tank." As luck would have it, the executive director the NFL Players Association was a fan and ran into Bucher a few years ago, and in doing so complimented his work.

It turned out that the Players Association was looking to help out NFL players with their transition to their post-football careers, so since that chance encounter Bucher has become a go-to consultant for players needing direction on making the move out of football and into business. On behalf of the union, he leads seminars and meets with players on a regular basis. The value of the bonus of attending the Super Bowl is perhaps a bit lost of Bucher, who does not consider himself to be a football fan, but he immensely enjoys the pageantry of the week leading up to the big game.

While food and football don't appear to be connected naturally, the synergistic aspects of his work are clear to Bucher. "I love to take players to my restaurants, which can only be beneficial to business," he notes.

And it's clear that entrepreneurship also connects Bucher's various ventures. He has shared his talents as an entrepreneur with American, which two years ago with Bucher's support opened an Entrepreneurship Incubator to promote and back students' ideas and passions. Bucher seems particularly well qualified to play a role in this venture, as his life story is a textbook case of coming up with, and bringing to fruition, one

great new idea after another. And one of those initial great ideas was to come to Doane Academy, where Mark Bucher received the inspiration to support thirty years (and counting) of entrepreneurial spirit and achievement.



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JARU HARRIS-KURTZ '03

Making A Difference

When Jaru Harris-Kurtz first enrolled for her sophomore year at St. Mary's Hall-Doane Academy there were legitimate concerns about the future of the school. But somewhere at the very heart of the school, from deep in the history and tradition of "right onward," the students, faculty and trustees found the strength and made the commitment to prevail. The 2001 Ivy yearbook is entitled "New Life". In the opening pages the students thank the faculty, saying, "We have each gained something and lost something — those of us who have just come to SMH and those who have stuck by her. We have gained a place in the race to keep St. Mary's in the running. We have lost the option of ever turning back or quitting."

The state of the school in 2001 is important to this profile of Jaru Harris-Kurtz because she and her classmates were clearly impacted by the state of their school. They are also, in large measure, responsible for where the school is today. They created and benefited from a school culture where quitting was not an option. They have embraced, within their own unique vocation, the challenge to be and do their absolute best in their life and work.



From very early on, Harris-Kurtz's parents were well aware of their responsibility to provide a quality education for their daughter, who had shown significant talent and enthusiasm for school. They moved her from public school to the Chapin School in Princeton, where she had two extraordinary teachers, Penelope Denechaud and April McCarthy, who saw her potential and went out of their way after school and over the summer to bring her math skills and confidence in line with her aptitude and interest in science. Much of this same support and encouragement continued as part of Harris-Kurtz's high school education at St. Mary's Hall. She is especially grateful to Dr. McCormick, Dr. Paradis, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Lisehora. On her senior page in the 2003 Ivy, Harris-Kurtz includes two quotes, which clearly set the stage for her post-secondary education.

After high school graduation, Harris-Kurtz followed her interest and aptitude in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Cell and Developmental Biology at Rutgers-Camden. In the summer of 2007, with her bachelor's degree in hand, she moved with her parents to Georgia where she enrolled in a master's program in Cellular Biology at Georgia College and State University. After earning this degree she moved back to the New Jersey area to be closer to her fiancé, Tim Kurtz. They were married in 2011 and Jaru gave birth to their son, Kellan, in 2012.

Fresh out of grad school, Harris-Kurtz went to work in labs for Astra Zeneca and Merck. She admits that she didn't really enjoy the work or see much value in it, but was glad to have the resources to pay off some of her graduate school loan. In retrospect, however, she sees these positions as having been excellent stepping stones and skill development for the current research position in gene therapeutics she has held for the last year at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She is especially pleased to have the training she completed in qPCR (quantitative polymerase chain reaction), a very technical DNA analysis procedure.

Harris-Kurtz is proud to be doing cutting edge research at one of the most respected children's hospitals in the world. Products that come through her lab, and tested by her, are used in clinical trials that directly impact the

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lives of children all over the world. CHOP continues to expand its connections with hospitals in this country and internationally, including a recent venture in Dubai.

Harris-Kurtz's motivation and enthusiasm comes in part from home. She says that "being a mom keeps me humble and reminds me of the parents who don't have healthy children and who rely on scientific research, like we are doing at CHOP, to give them hope for their child. That understanding drives me to work hard and keep making strides to better the lives of children."

Harris-Kurtz aspires to continue her personal and professional growth driven by the fact that she loves her family and she loves her work. Her days start before dawn and often end well after dark, with time for family and meals together still being a high priority. She says, "I wouldn't change what I do for the world. I am where I am for a reason and I'm grateful for all the years of support from family and friends." She hopes to continue to move up the ladder of respected scientists, learning the latest techniques and possibly some day running her own laboratory.

We count Jaru Harris-Kurtz among a growing number of Doane Academy Young Alumni who left their mark on the school and who have gone on to make a significant difference in the world. Doane Academy has helped write a chapter in Harris-Kurtz's wonderful life story. She, in turn, is one of many outstanding alumni who are living out Doane Academy's commitment to strong ethical leadership.

CLASS NOTES

1936

Jeanne Browne Tirpak is in a singing and dancing group on Saturday nights in her town, Wickenburg, Arizona. This February she will be on a float in the Wickenburg parade, and she plans to be in the Senior Olympics in March.

1939

Kay Phelon Allen has published her first novel, *"If..."*, and it is available on Amazon. Do an advanced search using her pen name **Catherine K. Allen**. She mentions our alma mater, St. Mary's Hall, in it. She spent many months working on it while staying with her son on Whidbey Island, and was inspired by a writer's group there. Readers to write reviews on Amazon.

1941

Kitty Helwig Kline loves the fact that her son calls her every Saturday morning. Now she likes to say: "I live with my television, my best friend!"



1942

Wezie Woodward Gardner is always active and enjoys the people in her retirement home and the many courses that are offered there. In the summer she sees her children and grandchildren often at her place in Vermont. **Barbara Jutson Yarlott** sees her son and his wife every Sunday for dinner. For two years she has been living in a cottage at a retirement place, which she likes very much.

1943

Carolyn Spencer Megargee has three great-granddaughters and another one on the way. She adores her dog, a Schnauzer she has had for fourteen years. **Nancy MacFarland Wismer** has lunch with her friends often. She still lives in Pennsylvania.

1945

Emily Wright Holt retired to Bedford, MA and is living in a retirement home where she has met some very nice people. Now she lives close to one of her daughters,

and she loves to see her. One of her granddaughters is expecting a baby, which will make Emily a great-grandmother! Last May **Pat Van Horn Lix** came from California to Doane Academy to attend the Gala for John and Alice McGee. Pat's children want her to move near them but she doesn't want to move from her own home. **Arlene Spencer Waddell** is president of her residence association and her daughter and her dog, a bichon-poodle, are now living with her.

1946

We are sorry to report that **Ann Jachles Vees** died February 10, 2015 in Charlotte, NC. **Patricia Brown** continues to enjoy the classical music of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, and others. **Anne Marie Welling Demetroules** has three sons and a daughter and too "many grandchildren to count!" She has a place in Canada and is there from April to November. **Temple Fawcett** continues to be busy in politics and helping her local library.



1947

Nancy Hogeman Hillas may go to her 65th reunion this year at her college alma mater, Mount Holyoke.

1948

Marleigh Morland Barlatz is composing four different operas, still teaches music, and one of her students was playing Chopin in a concert. Her son plays in a band in Pittsburgh, PA. In the winter **Shirley Lukens Rosseau** lives close to her daughter in California. This past October she and her husband went to France to visit another daughter who lives there. In Maine **Phebe Gulick Snow** is "chugging along pretty well." All of her grandchildren are grown up except for two. She belongs to a knitting group and a book club.

1949

The January blizzard was a good time to get in touch with a few classmates. **Joan**

Longbottom Clemons is now living in a retirement community in Belfast, ME following the death of her husband Maynard last summer. Her phone number remains the same, so give her a call. **Anne Harvitt Barlow** has been ill and is recuperating at home under the care of her beloved husband, Dave. A card would be nice. **Joanna Pierce Huddy** is also a recent widow. She is surrounded by her children who keep a close eye on her. She is well and plans to continue living in their home in Trenton. **Maxine Rosenthal Lampert**, the inveterate traveler, went to Cuba in October. It was an enjoyable and informative trip but she says her traveling days are over now. Her most exciting news is the Bar Mitzvah of her youngest grandchild, Daniel, on Feb. 5, 6, 7. **Meredith Wickes Thomas** sends greetings to her classmates. Your class correspondent **Betty Budd Breithaupt** keeps busy with genealogy and various other hobbies. I am looking forward to a first time trip to Hawaii in March with my daughter and two granddaughters. For those that I was unable to contact, I'd like to hear from you for the next Ivy Leaves.

1950

Anne Porges Ausnit and her husband continue to set up seminars in New York, Romania, Bulgaria and Austria for the study of genocide. The seminars are underwritten by the Memorial Library of World War II. The directors of the library choose around thirty applicants, all educators, who may attend this seminar, though many more would like to participate. **Alice V. Shoemaker** recommends that alumni read "The Boys in the Boat" about the Seattle rowing team in the Olympics, a fascinating book.

1951



1952

Gail Durnell Batchelder sings with the Hershey's Mill Choir in Pennsylvania that gives concerts at Christmastime and in the

spring. Every other year she is in charge of selling 15,000 tickets for the Hershey Mill's play. In the summer **Lucy Kellogg Daniel** goes to Maine. At home her daughter, Mimi, lives near her and is helpful. **Sandra Krusen Heede** enjoys playing duplicate bridge. **Riva Magaril Poor** is finishing her memoir, now needing an agent or publisher. In it she remembers how her parents raised her, thanks them, and is grateful that her father said she should always make her own decisions.

1953

Debbie Bogan Errickson's grandson was accepted at his first choice of colleges, Whittier in California, even though he is only a high school junior. Debbie is still a very busy realtor near Boulder, CO. Continuing to help her son, **Jeanne Clark Kilcullen** says they are now making bagels that they sell in the Farmers' Market close to them. **Judy Focht Steele** sings in the Cambia Chorale that raises scholarship funds for music lessons for almost fifty high school students. One of her grandsons is in graduate school and another one wrote three episodes that were broadcast on the Fox TV series, Nashville.

1954

Even though most of us turn 80 this year, we like to keep active. **Bette Birdsall Evans** still works 27 hours a week and stays involved in the chamber and women's club. **Toni Black Medwedeff** gets together frequently with **Elaine Thatcher Smith**. Toni and husband Chan spent Christmas with their daughter and family in Hawaii. Elaine traveled to Ireland and Scotland during the year and expects to visit Toni in the spring when Bette and I plan to meet for lunch with her, Toni and Chan. Bette and I attended the luncheon in North Palm Beach, Florida, given by Pat Decker Patterson '56 in January. We enjoyed meeting some other graduates and the new headmaster, George Sanderson. He brought with him pictures of the recently completed Rowan Hall. We look forward to seeing the new look on campus.

1956

Susan Aaronson Hinckley lives close to her daughter, Marjorie '81, who has two daughters. One graduated from Princeton and is now a first lieutenant in the Marines, and the other one is at Northwestern University. Susan loves having her two Yorkies with her. **Pat Decker Patterson**

gave a wonderful luncheon in Palm Beach, Florida, for eight other SMH graduates, Headmaster George Sanderson, and Director of Alumni Relations Kathleen Lisehora Keays '88. George related all that is going on at the school and how well it is doing. **Vicki Gutstein Schlosser** is looking forward to this class's 60th reunion in June. Her grandson is volunteering at the nearby Masonic home, and her younger granddaughter is in a circus group that performs tricks for under-privileged kids.



1957

Cindy Johnson Floria and Jon enjoyed meeting Headmaster George Sanderson at Pat Decker Patterson's in January. It was a lovely party. **Sidney Hagert Gommel** still enjoys tutoring. **Peggy Fenimore Morris** and Bob are planning a trip to Australia this winter. **Ginger Shaw** and Peter have been doing a lot of traveling. **Sally Garrison Thomas** unfortunately was under the weather in January, but Marvin was able to attend the party to meet Mr. Sanderson in Sarasota. I, **Wezie**, your correspondent, am just trying to stay dry in this rain! Generally speaking, the class of 57 is alive and kickin' and still in love with St. Mary's Hall and Doane Academy.

1959

Anne Cramer Hoover and Ben keep busy trying to follow the many accomplishments of their grandchildren. The oldest is in the Honors College at the University of Oklahoma. One is being recruited by numerous Division I colleges for football. Another will be playing at Carnegie Hall in NYC this spring. **Joan Wright Konecny** and husband, Bill, made their annual December trip to New Mexico to visit John (Barb Ward Schuessler's brother) and Betsy Ward. Bill retired from one oil and gas company and was lured back to work by another company. Joan continues her Altar Guild work at her parish and Camp Allen in Texas. **Susan Probasco Olsen** asked about our careers last year. Hers was in Industrial Market Research doing Competitive Perception studies in multiple industries (paper, chemicals, metal, plastic & electrical). She says that switching

from one industry to another was like getting two master's degrees a year. She and Ed are still happily married after 55 years with three sons and seven grandkids. Please let us all know which careers you enjoyed. Granddaughter Kristen, 16, joined Charles and **Katie Hutton Tweedy** in attending Doane's Taste of the Best and Auction party in February. It was great to see the Winzingers and many old friends and bask in the beauty of Rowan Hall, which perfectly blends the old and new! Your class agent, **Frances Mulford Young**, reports that Bill retired from the practice of law at the end of 2015 but continues to work as the Executive Director of the Fletcher Foundation here in Washington County, MD. I hope anyone who reads this newsletter and has never sent any news, will consider sending an email to me so we can keep in touch with you.

1961

Linn Davies goes to Florida to avoid the bad weather, and will be visiting **Suggie Dorsett Cary** at the end of this year's trip. Linn still enjoys living at the beach and playing poker at the Borgata casino, and adds that she hopes to "see many gals at the reunion; can you believe we are the old ladies now?" **Susan Kahn Ferry** hopes to attend on Saturday for sure and would love some time to hang out that day if possible. She adds "55th reunion . . . yikes!!" **Diane Bethel Jones** is as busy as ever, brand new litter of pups, several headed for service work. Eight ponies to feed and play with. Playing lots of music. Check out Driven Women on YouTube. She asks us all to plan on coming to our 55th class reunion in May. **Diane Wilson Koger** cannot wait to see everyone in May. Their new deck is done so we can all get together at Diane's house. **Trudi Scott Lefavour** shares that her only significant news is another grandchild born Dec. 16 - her son's first ("of course, his wife is the one who had the baby - the veterinarian in northern NH"). Trudi and Roy went up right after Christmas for a day or two to meet the first grandchild born in this hemisphere! So Roy actually got to meet one of his grandchildren in person (he did meet the Taiwan-based granddaughter when she and Lisa came to NJ for a visit when Vivienne was 17 months old). The rest of Roy's contact with grandchildren has been through the computer on FaceTime. Trudi is still working full-time for now. **Jean Scott Lendvay** has been

busy, but more importantly is looking forward to our reunion. She adds that it would be such a treat if all of us could meet for the weekend and perhaps plan a separate dinner with just our class. It's a perfect opportunity to share memories and consider how things have changed during our relatively long lives and what we are planning for the future! **Betsy Siegrist Petri** asks what we're all wondering: where does the time go? She will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary in April, 3 middle-aged children and 7 getting-older grandchildren, one of whom is a freshman at the University at Buffalo. They continue to travel to Maine where she says she would love to live if it weren't so cold in winter – she notes that she is rather tired of the cold weather in Buffalo. **Alice (Lollie) Berger Rogers** moved back to Columbus, NJ in June after 9 moves in the past 45 years. She's volunteering in the Doane Archives one day a week and it is great to finally be back "home". **Sandy Stoddart Smith** says she and Mike are struggling a bit with getting older – she adds, "more physical challenges and less energy, but that's no surprise, is it?" Despite it all, she and Mike are still enjoying their beautiful view of vineyards and mountains and having a good time with friends. She was Golfer of the Year for their nine-hole golf group. Sandy adds, "Guess all that field hockey practice is finally paying off". **Nancy Walton Plumeri** writes that her granddaughter, Elizabeth, age 14, is awaiting news of what boarding school she will attend next year — hopes to hear by the middle of March. She and Nancy will go to Palm Beach while awaiting the news, as her spring break is when news arrives. Nancy had a few days skiing with her daughter Leslie and her three children, ages 7, 6, 3 — she says that they took to it like ducks to water! Nancy's son Jay and his two, 9 and 4, along with his wife Ro, and Nancy with them, will travel to warmer weather over Easter when the kids are off from school, probably Mexico. **Linda Whinney** survived the Blizzard of 2016! She remembers the Blizzard of 1996 and hopes it will be another 20 years until we experience such a phenomenon again! In the beginning of January she had a delightful vacation traveling with **Linn Davies**. First they drove to Hilton Head Island, visited Historic Savannah and then to Orlando where they spent a couple of days visiting Disney parks. David and I (Suzanne Shaw Smith)

are still enjoying the Pacific Northwest (or Pacific Northwest as people call it.) Lots of travel is based around David's new book, *"If..."*, which was in the top 100 of all books on Amazon.ca for most of last year, and was the #1 best-selling children's math book on Amazon as well. Travel in early 2016 included working trips to Hawaii, Winnipeg, Phoenix, Denver, New Zealand, and 15 libraries all over central BC. Our 50th anniversary is in June! I'm looking forward to the reunion, and hope most of us can be there.



1962

Judith McTighe Donoher, Caroline Kerlin Kemmerer, and Sandra Harbourn Bishop plan to get together when we're not traveling. We'll send out the details to all of our classmates. Next year is our 55th Reunion and the 180th Anniversary of our school!

1963

Meredith Ates Gray and **Sonny** continue to treasure a whole passel of spoiled kitties that live in the house and in the barn with special doors and lights and places to stay warm in that cold (63 degrees!) Alabama weather. As soon as Merry muscles through a persistent bacterial infection, she will have knee replacements. For **Martha Conway Gabriel**, the past has cleared a bit. Through Ancestry investigation she discovered family in Ireland and Bern, Switzerland dating back to mid-1500s. The future, too, is bright as her son Chuck and his wife Lauren have moved to Melrose, Maine where they bought their first house and Lauren is Assistant Dean of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct at Harvard. Martha looks forward to spring gardening, a trip to Niagara Falls and western Pennsylvania, and a summer trip back to Langhorne, PA and, hopefully, Founder's Day. Hooray for **Doctor Monica Goggin Moyer**! The Class of '63 is proud of her and her new, important degree. She is teaching at Rowan University part-time and doing professional development for districts in New Jersey even as she's formulating some serious travel plans. **Aileen Howe Ward** will be in Tampa

until mid-May when she packs up and heads back to her Happy Place in Beach Haven. **Bonnie Clark Lenhard** will also be in Florida until April. They see each other almost every day, and they play pickleball, which "gets the ol' bones moving!" She and Bonnie are only a few blocks apart in Beach Haven so it's a two-for-one visit if you're ever back at the New Jersey shore. Aileen says that she really doesn't have any news except to say that she's still here to be able to say she has no news. [picture a smiley face here] **Leslie Pearl** has moved to another NYC address and will soon move again; the best way to contact her is through her email. She no longer makes music but has started to write. She's working with an editor on an essay for *Modern Love* in the New York Times. If you haven't heard Leslie's "If the Love Fits, Wear It," Google it. Along the lines of bragging about our classmates, guess who wrote this jingle: "The best part of waking up, is Folgers in your cup"? Leslie is spectacular. As if it were yesterday, **Sherry Popkin Triebe** walked into an Indian restaurant in Charlottesville, VA to meet me for dinner. She is poised, yoga-calm, and pretty as ever. She lives way outside of town in that beautiful mountainous area with her cat and travels a few days a week to teach yoga classes. **Sherry, Linda Sharlin, and I** plan to get together this spring. Anyone want to join us? **Shari Reilly Culotta** wrote that she and Paul had recently returned from a cruise to Hawaii. They just ran away from winter to catch some rays of sunshine and to see her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson whom they had not seen in five years. Grandson Caden is now six feet tall; Shari had to stand on tippy toes to hug him. It happens. **Carol Richards Culberson's** news began so peacefully. Last summer Carol's son and family took her to Hawaii to celebrate the end of her chemotherapy. Then her news turned horrible. She wrote from a rehab facility after she had spent eighteen days in the hospital after two surgeries requiring fourteen units of blood. Soon she will be home as she is getting stronger every day. She ended, in true Carol-style, on a sweet note: she is back to her SMH weight and is supposed to gain ten pounds before she goes home. She sends thanks to everyone who donates blood. Life for **Frances Rosenzweig Kaufmann** is, happily, much the same. Michael still works full time. Son Norm, with encouragement from his employer Bose Allen, has completed his

first semester at Georgetown working towards an M.B.A. and a M.S. in Foreign Service. Daughter Wendy is doing well. Frannie herself has completed another year on Historic Bethlehem's Board working toward the restoration of a mill and organizing their major fundraiser, a big dinner and auction. **Linda Sharlin** and Michael adopted Charlie Socks from 11th Hour Rescue; email her for the cutest pictures ever. She is busy traveling mostly for work with some happy side trips including Cape Cod where Michael's parents live. They're doing some house projects. Their daughters Meredith and Annie are happy working and singing at clubs and festivals. Linda and **Martha Conway Gabriel** had a wonderful time when they got together last summer. **Jeanette Smith Cureton** and Bryant traveled to CA in early January for a belated celebration of Christmas and grandson Tyler's first birthday. In one short year, Jeanette and Bryant have watched with delight as Tyler has grown physically, developed cognitively and socially, and charmed his way into their hearts. During an October vacation to Cape Cod, Jeanette enjoyed a delightful lunch with **Ginger Volkommer Collier**, whose arm she tried to twist to return to the Riverbank to reconnect with former classmates and see the myriad of wonderful changes. Hats off to our Board of Trustees member, Jeanette. **Anne Wright** is pleased to announce that the "grand old lady" house of her youth is regaining her allure through restoration by the lovely family who purchased her. Still living in Milwaukee, Howard continues with tax accounting while Anne relishes retirement. She ended her eight-year stint on the Congregation Shalom board of trustees and is now co-chair of the Mount Holyoke fundraising committee for her 50th reunion. Retirement for Anne means classes and trips and museum visits. She said that her New Mexico sojourn was a nice birthday gift to herself. I, **Ibby Stratton**, with Jim smile as our family grows. Bob and Lisa in England have adopted two sweeties: Crystal and Kyle. Jon and Avery in Texas await the birth of their son born by benefit of surrogacy. The other six grands flourish and delight us as daughter Bonney entertains us with stories from Campaign 2016. Cat, dogs, chickens help us announce our newcomers: Sancha and Pansy who have joined Donkey Xote in our snowy field. Here I must sing a short birthday song to

the Class of '63 as we members enter our Seventies. Capitalization intentional, Miss Cathell. How could it have happened so quickly? Here I offer the Champagne toast: "We are happy, but why shouldn't we be? We're the Class of '63." To our happy and healthy future!

1965

As we enter our 51st year since graduating (seriously?), the class of 1965 has many travelers. **Sandy Alves Belcher** still loves her work as a hospital chaplain at Yale-New Haven Hospital, serving mainly the oncology unit and medical ICU. She just passed her 18th year there AND will soon celebrate 30 years since her ordination! She and Bob are blessed with granddaughters Avery and Riley, 7½ and 3½, and babysit every Thursday. She writes that grandchildren are life's dessert! She and **Mimo Black Betten** try to connect at least once a week on the phone. **Nancy Carson Berst** and David are adjusting to their move to Kansas City and the adventure of retirement. They recommend condo living and all the downsizing that goes with it. After the holidays they took off to Marco Island, Florida for an extended stay. Nancy says it is now their second island; Long Beach Island still wins first place. **Andy Pierce Bigelow** and Frank were on the cruise of a lifetime, from Dubai to Cape Town, when the prosthesis on her right leg came apart. They were home in time for Christmas in the hospital. Recovery has delayed their yearly escape from Colorado's cold to their place in the Turks and Caicos Islands. They have eight grandsons and one granddaughter and all live in Colorado, which makes for much raucous cousin time. Susan Wojick Carrow did return to Maryland after the trip she and Paul took to South Africa in May where she patted a cheetah and scratched the head of a vulture. In November she visited **Susan Brotz Lippincott** and Lanny in San Diego and had a wonderful time. In December she had her right hip replaced, and it matches the left one she already had replaced. It's so hard to believe but in March, she will be returning to New Jersey to celebrate her mother's 99th birthday! **Jo-Ann Trouts Falcon** reports that since husband Ray retired in January of 2015, they are doing their best to sleep later than the 5:30 a.m. alarm they had been used to for so many years. They travel to favorite local spots, St. Mark's Sanctuary and their

favorite Apalachicola, a small fishing village on the Forgotten Coast where the seafood is too good to describe. They actually saw a few snowflakes on the first night of Winter Storm Joshua. The rest of the winter will be renovating their townhouse; Jo-Ann will be redecorating and Ray will be plotting their garden. **Martha Mulford Gray** and Guy are loving life on the water on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where they can "shop" for crabs by walking a few steps. Martha spends most of her time spoiling their two granddaughters aged 2 and 7. Guy is another member of the "Body Parts Replacement Club" and volunteers at the Ruark Boatworks trying to keep the old wooden boats out working on the Chesapeake. They both sing in the Chorus of Dorchester and until our last storm, Guy swore he could keep snow away by having his snowblower ready to go! **Teddi Groff**, our awesome rep of so many years, was not able to travel south for our 50th but did spend enviable time on Long Beach Island in June where she and Nancy were able to meet for a long lunch and had a wonderful time bringing each other up to date on 50 years. In October, Teddi met me, **Sherry Shaw Butterworth**, at a different restaurant where three hours flew by. We warned the kind waitress we would be talking 50 years of time and when **Susan Brotz Lippincott** called, the three laughed long and loud before deciding it was time to depart. Teddi's trip back to Maine was not as she had planned since her feline passenger was not quieted by two Xanax. Susan Brotz Lippincott and Lanny are so happy to be living in San Diego a short distance from daughter Sabrina, son Scott and wife Julia, and two grandsons Colton 4, and Eugene Michael born in September. They are living in a 55-plus park and Susan keeps busy as secretary of the Social Club in the park where they enjoy new friends. Lanny volunteers on the carrier USS Midway, is Emergency Coordinator for the park and edits the park newspaper. I was relieved to hear Susan's favorite hobby is still shopping!! They both welcome anyone who wants to visit. **Susan Wojick Carrow** confirms they are awesome tour guides! **Marsha Megariotis** moved to a 55-plus community in Columbus, New Jersey six years ago and is involved with the Activities Committee helping organize various events at the clubhouse. She has taken advantage of the many trips offered, both day trips and longer. She stays

in contact with Susan, Susan and me. Marsha and I made at least one trip a year to Maryland where, with the two Susans and Martha, a “mini reunion” of 25% of the class was great. **Lenore Bell Reitz** is waiting for her grandchild, due to arrive February 15. She is learning to play the ukulele and totally enjoys it. She enjoys her job with H& H Industrial where she has been for 11 years and hopes to continue until it stops being fun. Her nephew Don, who went to St. Mary’s also and is five years younger, and his wife have moved in with her. Lenore has a dog and so do they and all are getting along great. They joke that they are three “old” feisty people and if one falls, two can help get the third back up. And then there’s me ... I am still a nanny to the Little Dude I started watching when he was 18 months old and is now almost 6, going on 30, and I love every minute. Katie and Ray have rescued three dogs, four cats, a long hair rabbit and many crawly things that live behind glass. I’m thinking our dog Charlie is as close to grand-parenting as we will get. I am known for gladly holding babies at church, smiling or crying. John still enjoys working with the elderly at Abington Memorial Hospital. We joke that I like little people, he likes old people, and the in-betweens are on their own! I’m hoping to someday get out to visit the Lippincotts. I’d gotten too used to their being only a 4-hour car ride away. We are not travelers but spend two weeks every September on the beach in Sea Isle City. The crowds are gone and we can sit on the balcony and see the beach if it’s too windy to sit in the sand. I’m really hoping we can start anniversaries of our 50th reunion. My dream is renting a huge beach house in May and we could all get to know each other again! If you have addresses, email or snail mail, for any other classmates, please let me know. Thank you all for responding to my nagging emails. Now...you have about 6 months until I will be back!

1966

Mona Fishmann sends greetings from sunny Florida. Mona stays busy with golf and going to the theater as well as the gym; she is really enjoying Canasta, which she learned recently. Her parents live very close to her and she spends a lot of time with them. Although her dad suffered a broken hip in October, and had a diagnosis of dementia recently, he is recovering very well and they are all

looking forward to his 100th birthday in December. Mona sends her love and wishes for everyone to be well. Last we heard from **Susan Hopper** she and her husband Jonathan were vacationing in Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona. However, that was in 2011. Hope to hear from you soon, Susan. **Diana David Horowitz** reports that after graduation, she went on to earn both a BA and MA from Hofstra and spent 26 years teaching high school and college English, Speech and Drama. She directed or choreographed 30-40 musicals and simultaneously ran her own party business called Diana’s Designs. She retired in 2014 and she and her soul mate, second husband Jeff, moved to Vancouver, Washington in August of 2015. There they are close to their girls, Karyn, a counselor at Clackamas Middle College and Lauren who is with Amazon and has blessed Diana with two grandchildren, Simon, 6 and Nathaniel, 4. She would love to hear from you dvh114@gmail.com. Diana Horowitz, 2709 NE 152nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684. I, **Angie Apostolaros Biehl**, am still loving my part-time job partly because I have time for travel (Italy in November and Arizona in the spring) as well as time to keep up with the grandchildren. Please contact me for the 50th reunion this spring. We could have a luncheon at Doane Academy as well as a tour in addition to the other events. I need to know who can attend. Please keep in touch: angiebiehl@aol.com 609-744-3214



1967

Bobby and **Karen Berger Levin**’s store, Fleets Feet Sports Baltimore, once again won one of the 50 Best Running Stores in the country. She and Bobby continue

to run marathons and half-marathons, and they just added a new Peloton bicycle to their exercise repertoire. Their grandsons are now 5 and 7 years old and keep them moving as well. If anyone is in the Baltimore or Pikesville area, please stop in and see them! **Pam Borden Heckert** and Clark are beginning the great clean-out of their home of 30 years, planning to sell the house that Clark’s dad built in Wilmington, DE. Pam spent January in DE to care for her dad who sustained a small subdural hematoma after he was knocked down by a car in a shopping center parking lot just before Christmas. He is back home now in Beverly. **Barbara Branche** and **Donna Lanting Davison** both have nothing notable to report but wish everyone a good New Year. For two years now, **Marcia Evans** has been living in her new but older home, built in 1771, in the historic district of Langhorne, and she enjoys her flower garden there. She survived the 22” blizzard in January. Last summer she traveled to England for the final time to settle Suzanne’s estate. **Anne Gold Gleason** says that she and Larry are doing very well. They took their first bus trip visiting Mt. Rushmore and sites in South Dakota last summer and loved it. They are enjoying their grandchildren and still sit on the board and perform with the Majestic Boys chorus. She would enjoy hearing from any classmates at gleason7269@yahoo.com **Jody Hardenbergh Tucci** can hardly believe she’s been retired two years and somehow she’s very busy. Her husband may work another year. Jody’s mother passed away at the age of 94 and lived a great life until her last couple of weeks. Jody saw **Nancy Applegate Carson** just before Christmas and she was making her annual candy run to Aunt Charlotte’s. **Judy Herman** was in NY in October with her sisters and of the many wonderful shows they packed into a short week, they saw Judy Light in “Therese Raquin”. Judy, Bruce and the animals are surviving the Oregon weather wrapped in raincoats. **Judy Millstein Langer** has hit quite a milestone – 35 years as Director of the Boston Children’s School, which is directly across from Mass. General if you are in the area and want to visit. Students come from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds so it really is an international experience. Judy has no plans to retire, continues to love the Boston area and is close enough to visit family in PA. **Jane Rosenthal Schorr** says this year will be consumed with building

and moving to a new house in Las Vegas because they would never live in a different city than their grandchildren and son. Their daughter married in April and is living in the fabulous Aspen area so they have to spend time there too. Their family still skis in Sun Valley, ID. Since her husband's retirement, they also spend time in Los Angeles and love the culture, dining and great weather there. They continue to stay busy fundraising for the Jewish Federation and Hospice. Janie says it was great seeing **Judith Light** nominated for a Golden Globe. Janie binge-watched all the episodes of "Transparent" and said Judith was incredible. **Debbie Stults** had 24" of snow with the blizzard. She is active in her church, is a Christian counselor, and is taking classes for further certification. She does family counseling and helps those with PTSD. Since her daughter lives within a mile, Debbie can easily visit in her motorized wheelchair. Her outdoor activities include enjoying her Koi pond and flowerbeds. **Gayle Van Duzer Carson** reports her daughter Becky finished her master's degree in Special Education and is doing her student teaching, and that has not been easy with two girls ages 13 and 4. Gayle said that is why they live right across the street and are always tired. For me, **Bonnie Dix Cavanaugh**, this early winter has been challenging with a broken snow blower, loss of power five times, mailbox destroyed by the snow plow twice, phone pedestal also demolished, and multiple trees down across our roads. I was on the phone with our son, Sean, in Plano, TX, when the tornado sirens went off and destroyed so many homes only 10 miles away from him. Our class' 50th reunion (yes, can you believe that?) is a year from this May and our class needs someone to help plan for our festivities, so please consider stepping forward to make this a memorable and fun occasion. Please let Pam or me know if you can help organize this. It would just be planning additional activities on Saturday night and/or Sunday morning of May 6 and 7, 2017. Put these dates on your calendar now!

1968

Arlene Kolman Harris and her husband Steve enjoyed a week traveling around Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky and also Nashville, Tennessee...all beautiful areas with wonderful sights to see. For her 65th birthday (Arlene says she can't believe she's 65!) they went away with their

children and grandson and had a great time! **Kathy McMillan Hoyler** and her husband Marshall have been successful in missing most of the cold winter in RI to date. They vacationed in Florida with their surgical resident daughter and then again with their 27-year-old middle daughter as well as with Kathy's sister Linda and her family. Kathy says that 2016 will also be footloose...she will visit Israel and Jordan with one daughter, hike the John Muir Trail in the Sierras with her husband, then visit their youngest in London, who starts a job there after graduating from Duke. Kathy and her family feel fortunate, and . . . with no at-home children, no dogs, and no grandchildren (yet)...she is no longer tethered to the Ocean State (as lovely as it is). **Linnie McLean Livingston** says all is well and gives us a newsy grandkid report: Bodhi is enjoying kindergarten. Hadley loves second grade, won a young writers contest, and had her story published. Kaleb's science project got voted into the main science fair. Drew is a junior and is a hotshot lacrosse player. Linnie and her husband Tom have also enjoyed some time in Tahoe. **Jane Lawrence Purdy**, while recovering from her third set of spinal fusions, joined a social group called the Newcomers Club (like the Welcome Wagon) and became the Newsletter Editor for 3 years. She has now joined her county's Human Relations Council, the county branch of the NAACP, a Book Club and a Garden Club. Oh, and did she mention she's also playing canasta? Jane asks...who said retirement was going to be boring? **Joan Urken Zimmet** and her husband Mark are visiting their daughter and her family in Atlanta (where it is less frigid than home in NYC). They are also planning the July wedding of their other daughter who is back from Paris and living in Brooklyn. Joan still hopes to see **Kathy McMillan Hoyler** and anyone else who visits NYC. I am **Barby Stults Crear** and, like many classmates, just don't have much to report this time. Unless you want to hear my views on how important it is to get the facts from as many intelligent and neutral sources as you can, and then go vote no matter what!

1969

I, **Linda McMillan**, made more progress toward my goal of hiking to the highest point in each of the lower 48 states. My daughter joined me on a 3-day backpacking hike to Kings Peak, Utah. At 13,528

feet, the view from the summit was spectacular. I also hiked to the highpoint of New York, Mt. Marcy, near Lake Placid. The summit had a great view across the Adirondacks.



1970

Suzanne Muldowney had a busy holiday season by marching in eight Christmas parades. She continues to design and sew her costumes and designed an angel costume she wore while marching and singing two standard carols in Latin. (How many of us remember Language Caroling as part of the Christmas Dinner program?) Her dancing has suffered a setback due to tendon and ligament injuries. **Barbara Wise** continues with her traveling to Asia for work and the world for diving. She participates in one half-marathon per year and welcomes any SMH/Doane classmates to meet her for lunch while visiting southern AZ. Pat and I became grandparents in June to Kyle and are thrilled to have him in our life!

1971

John B reporting this time. **Mike Davis** recently retired from Impact in Wisconsin. Now what, Mike??? **Joe Durr** and **Holly** are loving life in Ecuador. **Peggy Edwards** visited them in the fall of 2015. **Wendy Elliott Russell** and her husband are traveling in February and when they return, will be completing a move to Munich, Germany. Andy has a multi-year employment contract there. Very exciting! **John B**, **Wendy**, **Debbie Youngs** and **Marcia Haek** all met for lunch at the Robin's Nest in Mt. Holly in early November. Wendy's mom was there as well. John B, Wendy, Mrs. Elliott and Marcia had the "grand tour" of the new Rowan Hall on Doane's campus. Very impressive! Marcia was a classmate of ours through eighth grade. It was great to see all of these wonderful women! **Paul Worthington** is enjoying his second career as a teacher. He also keeps busy renovating houses in the Jacksonville, FL area. My son, John IV, graduated

from Seton Hall in May with a degree in business administration. He is currently employed by Enterprise Rent-a-Car in their management training program.



1973

Sarajane Gerofsky Blatt regrets missing the reunion. She is a professor of maternity nursing at Cincinnati State College and on her semester off is an adjunct professor at Xavier University in their master's of nursing program. She is also Vice President of Education Outreach for Queen City Hospice where she creates and presents continuing education seminars to nurses and social workers. Her daughter is in management for a large insurance firm in Cincinnati and her son and daughter-in-law live in the DC area. She travels quite a bit and enjoys her kids. Her son is currently visiting for the month since his wife is abroad for business. **Caroline Shaw Oliver** lets us know that **Katharine Mahon Krassan's** niece (Candace's daughter) is attending Old Dominion University near Caroline. Caroline, Katherine and Candace were able to catch up recently and enjoyed seeing each other. Katherine's son, Michael, is in law school at Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, NJ. She and her family have moved to Southampton, NJ, and love living in the "country." Katherine is working as an Adjunct Professor at Rowan College at Burlington County teaching Legal Writing. Katherine has offered to host an old-fashioned bonfire and barbecue at her home this summer or fall if McMillan & Co. would agree to play! Lots of room so she is willing to have another class-year to join the Class of 1973 if interested. Katherine ran into George Lee just before Christmas — he is well and lives in Mt. Holly! She will try to get contact information so I can include him

on my queries for news. And of course, everyone has stated that it is a blast from the past and hope we can get his information and catch up with him. **Ron Long** is a Product Manager at a Specialty Steel company and his wife manages the books/AP/AR/ HR for a local electrical contractor. They moved into the Allentown area in 1999 and the only way he will get his wife Valerie out of their house is feet first in a pine box. As Army brats and then military, he and his wife never really had a hometown so Allentown has been a pleasant change for them. Ron and Valerie had two weddings this year; a nephew in April and their youngest daughter in October. Their daughter Andrea lives in Annapolis and works in the DC area. Their oldest daughter is a veterinarian with a practice in Harleysville and has given them two lovely grand daughters to spoil. A great hobby, which Ron highly recommends. **Tom McMillian** is still broker associate at Weidel real estate in New Hope/Lambertville. His son, Caelen, is married and living in Yardley, PA. His daughter Julia is with her husband in San Diego. Tom and his wife are planning a visit in March and if there are any St. Mary's Hall/Doane Academy alumni in the area maybe a golf outing at Torrey Pines can happen! Tom further tells us that McMillan & Co. is playing music in the Mt. Holly area, and he is involved with several other bands as well. So keep a look out for a listing of where they are playing. And if you are ever in need of a band, think of him. Tom also hopes everyone is OK out there in alumni land. **Monica Mitchell McLellan** is a retired RN and she watches her one and only granddaughter Cassidy Rian three days a week while her daughter Shire is at work. Son Ryan is dating a terrific girl but no nuptials as of yet. Monica volunteers for Samaritan Hospice and was selected as a Seeds of Hope winner featured in the September issue of NJ magazine. Husband Robert has a few more years at Accurate Lift Truck before the kids take over. After 27+ years, **Susan Greene** and her partner Kathy finally got married in August. The ceremony was at their house in Collingswood with our families and a few friends. Susan retired three years ago and they like to travel and spend time at their shore home. As for me, I am still doing some technology and legal consulting as time permits. I now have two nieces in college. One is at the University of Hawaii, which has given me the excuse

to go there three times last year and I am planning my trips for this year! The other is at American University in DC, which I can hardly wait to head down for cherry blossom season. And possibly several alumni in the area will meet up in DC when I am down there! And I look forward to working with Katherine on a Class of 1973 reunion!

1974

Janice Mitchell Christiansen and her husband Gary are enjoying their 2-year old granddaughter. They will be taking a winter vacation soon and are looking forward to spring and summer. Janice would like to get together again soon if classmates are willing and able. **Paul McIlvaine** has just signed his last college tuition check! He and his wife Sue now have much more time together....but maybe not as much energy! LOL. The kids are all doing great. Their eldest recently moved back to LA and married. The other three are busy establishing their lives in faraway locales which gives Paul and Sue a reason to travel: Boston, Nantucket and Melbourne, Australia! Quite the mobile group they raised. Paul and Sue still get back to PA/NJ area to visit Paul's family. "The Jersey shore is still a great place to gather and catch up. I may have left LBI but it hasn't left me." Paul said he always thought that he would move back one day but his California wife reminds him that the weather is so much nicer in California! (He doesn't disagree with her!) Paul's interested in classmates getting together again at some point! **Fred Mirsky** and his wife, Sharon, have relocated to Connecticut to be closer to their granddaughter, Aliza. **Carol O'Neill Tharp's** daughter Brittany graduated from Drexel University in 2014 and is working for the Department of Defense at Lakehurst Naval Base in New Jersey. Son Adam is a junior at West Chester University studying Music Ed, focusing in Trombone. He's the Drum Major for Fusion Drum & Bugle Corp in North Jersey and High Brass Tech for Boyertown PA High School Marching Band. The kid loves music! Carol is a Regional Manager for a condo management firm in Jersey. She enjoyed touring St. Mary's right after Christmas (she noted: "it will always be St. Mary's to me!") and visiting with BFF Pam Brown. **Andrena Burgess Wishnie** is directing a play at her community theatre so the spring is full of preparations for the production of "A Murder is Announced",

an adaptation of an Agatha Christie Miss Marple story. Her sons are doing things: no marriages or grandchildren, but two of her sons are in grad school: one science, one music. Andrena's husband Bob is still working for CBS. If you watched the Super Bowl, he got caught in the play-by-play a couple of times! Andrena is at home with the dogs and the cat and does volunteer work in various food ministries as well as the theatre. She is also crocheting baby blankets for nieces and donations, and reading history and murder mysteries in between. As for me, I moved from Terre Haute to Lafayette, Indiana to accept a new job and locate closer to my daughter Meghan, son-in-law Rob and my precious 2 ½ year old grandson Aiden, and still within driving distance of my son, Branin. Meghan works at Purdue University and Rob is a chiropractor. Branin still works at a bank, is now a police officer as well, and still not married and sowing those oats! Aiden is the light of my life...he's such a joy to be around and to watch him grow. The best part is he makes me laugh every single day! I'm still a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, entering my 25th year! My home in Terre Haute has finally sold and I just signed the paperwork to purchase my own little place in Lafayette.....and I do mean little! Time to downsize for sure! I'm not sure I even want to move again. The process is not fun! I had one unfortunate accident last July – falling and breaking my leg. It's been a long recovery but I'm doing great. I very recently returned to ballroom dancing and also signed up for a Barre Ballet class! I'm going to whip that leg back into shape if it kills me! The week after Christmas I flew back to New Jersey to see family and friends and had the opportunity to visit and tour the school, seeing all the renovations and new construction. It is beautiful! My favorite part was, and will always be, the chapel. I hope it stands for another century, or much longer! Kathleen Lisehora Keays did an exceptional and very comprehensive tour. A big thank you to Kathleen for her time! Carol met me at the school for the tour along with two of my friends. I was stunned to hear that students don't have to go to chapel every single morning before class and girls don't have to wear "chapel caps or veils" anymore! Proof... attached is a picture of Carol and me, in the chapel, without veils! LOL So, Class of 1974, if you are reading this and have not contacted me with updates, please

send me an email. We'd all love to hear from everyone! If you email me, I'll give you my cell number and we can talk live! I hope everyone has a great 2016!



1976

Jackie Bak is still residing in Florence Township and is (at the time of this writing) anxiously awaiting the birth of her second grandchild. **Jim Marsch** is still living in Cazenovia, NY with his lovely wife Maggie and their two "proxy children" (Labradors). Jim is still working on Air Traffic Management applications and pondering the future when he and Maggie can someday retire. Daughter Rebecca is a junior at Mansfield University and daughter Emma is working for an engineering company and living in New York City. Jim has thrown in FOR a reunion with the sagacious comment, "I guess 40 years is long enough". Jim is smart. Listen to Jim. More on this in a minute. **Audrey Winzinger** still resides in Lumberton, NJ and wrote to me while riding the rails of Amtrak on her way from Philadelphia to Gulfport, Mississippi. She and her husband will be at horse shows down there until mid-March and then back to New Jersey. Audrey was at the recent Doane Academy fundraiser "Taste of the Best" and reports that it was a wonderful time and very well attended. Audrey is completing her final year as President of the Doane Board of Trustees, but will continue on as a member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee. We all owe Audrey a great deal of thanks for her efforts. Rowan Hall has been completed, the Chapel has been restored, and other improvements have been accomplished as well. It seems like the wounds of that terrible day back in February 1974 are finally healing. Well done, Audrey and thank you! In addition to her efforts at Doane, Audrey is active at the Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford, serving as Vice-President. Their mission is the preservation of New Jersey's wildlife and habitats through education, conservation and rehabilitation. Audrey says they really need help, so if you can help with the good work they do, check out their site a

<http://www.cedarrun.org/>. As for me, **Mike Thomas**, I still reside in Miamisburg, Ohio and am still working at National Underwriter. We were acquired by ALM Media out of New York in January 2015, so I spend a little time visiting our corporate offices in the "Big Apple" as well as working in Erlanger, Kentucky. I am responsible for online product development and in addition, have recently been named to be the author of a couple of books - "Healthcare Reform Facts" and "Social Security and Medicare Facts". These are going to be exciting books if you're into reading about the Affordable Care Act a/k/a "Obamacare" or Social Security. Rita and the kids are doing well. My daughter is a senior at the University of Michigan (Go Blue) and my son is a freshman at Archbishop Alter High School in Kettering, Ohio. In my spare time, I'm still active with a couple of charities – Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent DePaul. We try to make the lives of people a bit easier. Oh, I also had the recent pleasure of having a most enjoyable telephone conversation with the always lovely and charming **Pam Brown** (daughter of Nurse Esther Brown) who lives "next door" over in the Hoosier state of Indiana. OK – Reunion. We've got a few people interested. It's been forty years. We need to do this before we start to get old. I've personally already got a titanium hip so I'd like to see us pull this thing together soon while I can still get through security at the airports. I am thinking having it in the summer or fall – this year – 2016. Soon I'm going to send you ANOTHER E-MAIL with ideas. Please read it and let me know what you think – good, bad or indifferent. Write me at michaeldthomas@aol.com or phone me at 937.344.8490 or call my office at 859.692.2211. Regardless of what we do for a reunion, we need to do something – I think we should take Jim's words to heart – "I guess forty years is long enough".



1979

Julie Eisele-Engelien is living in Jacksonville, Florida. She is celebrating 25 years with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Florida. Her daughter is a sophomore at the University of Florida — Go Gators! She also has 3 grown step-children and 7 grandchildren. Somehow in her spare time she enjoys being a volunteer puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence. She has successfully raised 4 dogs - 2 of them in service and the other 2 became her pets. Her 2 “fur babies” are part of Caring Canine Pet Therapy program at Mayo Clinic. **Marc Gilbert-Wildmann** is working less and volunteering more. He currently moved into a retirement community. He is a facilitator for a Stanford University Program (chronic disease self-management program). Marc works with chronic pain, cancer survivors, HIV/AIDS and arthritis patients providing them with support and coaching as a volunteer through the Program. **Charles Monroe** is enjoying his retirement from engineering with his wife Daisy Rodriguez. He is busy tutoring math at Mercer County College and being a part time Historical Interpreter at Old Barracks Museum. **Ken Siegel's** daughter Abigail will graduate from Susquehanna University and will be an elementary school teacher. His son Max will graduate from Hunter College with a Master's in Geography (Concentration in GIS). Max is already working for the NYCDOT. Ken's wife will retire from a 38-year career with Procter and Gamble, and Ken will begin to wind down his home repair business with an eye toward retiring shortly. I, **Mary Ellen Popkin-Hill**, am volunteering at WellsBringHope.org as an Assistant Director of Event Planning. Currently I am procuring donations for their Annual Auction that will be held in October. I also index records on familysearch.org. Most of my time is spent raising my two children. Charlyne is in 7th grade and was admitted to the National Junior Honor Society. Jacob is busy in the 4th grade and science is his favorite and best subject. Both children are taking Aikido Lessons.

1981



1982

Kimberly Fuldner Irving just returned from a great 2-week cruise on Anthem of the Seas to the Caribbean, before the voyage that was caught in the storm. After lots of family deaths, she sold the family home in Yardley, PA and moved to the Jersey Shore. Two of her four children have graduated from college. She still works doing trauma ICU and EMS work. **Eiris Blyler McCoy** and her husband Chris will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on May 25th!! This year her daughter, Kelsey, 23, began her first year in graduate school to become a physical therapist. Her son, Brian, 18, began his first year at Rutgers in New Brunswick, working towards a degree in Exercise Science with Applied Kinesiology! Eiris and her husband have officially become empty nesters!



1984

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1985

Rob Bodine is racking up the miles photographing model homes for some of the largest residential homebuilders in Arizona, Texas, Nevada and California. My husband Leon and I have enjoyed a few visits from Rob when his work brings him to Southern California, which is more than we saw of him when he actually lived nearby! **John Sheehan** is recovering from his second hip replacement surgery in 12 months. John suffered from advanced degenerative arthritis in both hips as a result of a long and successful career as a figure skater. He is doing great and is on the mend. I had a chance to see John and his wife April in late January during a quick trip to NJ. **Jeff Ugoretz** and his family recently moved to Corning, NY where he accepted a call to be the pastor at Corning

First Presbyterian Church. Jeff's youngest daughter, Ariel, is doing very well in her transition to 8th grade and is making new friends. Their eldest daughter Kaitlyn continues to thrive in her studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is in her junior year, focusing on International Relations and Chinese. Kaitlyn expects to sub-matriculate when she graduates next year. **Charles and Jenn (Sehorn) Wells** recently moved to Florence, NJ and enrolled their twins, Chazz and Gwen at Doane (class of 2022). Chuck reports that after Gwen's first season playing Basketball, she has already reached double digits. This would eclipse Chuck's career high of 8 points (total) in his 4 years on the team. Both Chazz and Gwen love their new school, the extra-curricular activities and are both making new friends. They have even adjusted to wearing a uniform every day. I have been able to sneak a few quick visits to see the Wells' family this past year, including spending a week with them at their beach house in Sea Isle City. I believe 2016 is their year to come to San Diego...? **Joe Garemore's** son, Tim, is also a new Doane student (class of 2019). This brings the total Class of 85 offspring enrolled at our alma mater to 5, since **Christina Cecchi-Osterman's** daughters Sabina (class of 2021) and Daria (class of 2024) have been attending Doane for several years. Joe and his wife Holly graciously hosted a going away party for the Ugoretz family in November, with the Cecchi-Ostermans and Wells in attendance. 2015 marked the 30th reunion for our class, which we celebrated over Founder's Day 2015. We had great turnout, with 10 of the 18 classmates, and some spouses, in attendance. It was great to see the familiar faces, as well as some classmates that we have not seen in almost 30 years, **Mary Ramondous** and **Linda Tinsley**.



1986



1988



1991



1996



1999

From **Karl Schmidt**: My wife Heather and I welcomed a baby girl, Evelyn Lily, on November 3. Evie is a beautiful, happy and healthy baby and we are enjoying our first winter together. Her big brother, 7-year old Mason, is taking his “protector” role very seriously; he recently earned his blue belt in karate!

2001



2004

Horace DeLisser, Jr. is now based in Philadelphia. He is currently working on a second Master’s of Science, in Physician Assistant Studies at the Philadelphia University. Horace is engaged and getting married this September. He continues to be passionate about his health, which includes working out and eating healthy. **Bryan Leib** is currently residing in Philadelphia, serving on the USA250 Board, an organization that is planning the nation’s 250th Birthday in 2026 and is also on the City of Philadelphia’s Millennial Engagement Advisory Board Executive Committee. This past Christmas Eve, **Tiffany Sims** became engaged to a wonderful man, Mark Rosselli. They are looking forward to planning their 2017 wedding and a bright future together. I, **Crystal-Lynn Hayes**, am greatly enjoying life! My husband Alex and I were blessed with our first child Carter Alexander Hayes in September. On December 31st I was able to walk away from my job and become my own boss. I am currently growing two successful businesses and enjoying the joys and challenges of entrepreneurship.

2006



2007

Brittani Ramsey is Admissions Director at Future Care Health and Management Corporation.

2008

Jessica Blow Kendall graduated from her accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in February with

honors! **Devin Guerriere** works full time at Mary E. Roberts Elementary School in Moorestown as a one-on-one. She also works part-time at the Burlington Y, as the group lesson and party coordinator. **Vincent Schino** is still living in Hoboken, NJ, working in real estate sales and development. Vince was responsible for over \$6,000,000 in sales in 2015 and awarded with the “NJ Circle of Excellence” award. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his family and friends. Back in August, I accepted a new job as event manager in the newly created Event Services department at Harvard Business School. I love working at HBS and have adjusted to the commute from Providence to Boston! When I’m not working, I enjoy spending time with my friends in Providence!



2010

Alison Marciante reporting: **Stephen Gibson** is completing research with germanium scintillation detectors that he will present to the North Carolina Academy of Science in April. **Bless Sherrill** is an operations manager with Amazon, and recently celebrated his 4th year in the United States Army. Congratulations to both, Steven and Bless!

2011



2013

Elda Perez upgraded her medals and personal records in weightlifting at the LAI (Liga Atlética Inter-Universitario/ Athletic League Inter-University) receiving a bronze in snatch, gold in clean & jerk and silver over-all. Because of her achievements she also received Female MVP of her university and higher scholarship. She continues to study Industrial and

Organizational Psychology with a minor in University Education. **Vincent Pensyl** has done well in Army ROTC, earning the German Armed Forces proficiency badge as well as doing Ranger Challenge. He was a campaign staffer for Rand Paul for President over the summer and is doing well in school at George Washington University. Your class agent, **Jermall Keels**, is currently preparing to take the LSAT this summer to apply for law school this coming fall semester. I've been offered a paid summer internship at a law firm that specializes in family and criminal law. I have also recently joined Delta Kappa Alpha, a co-ed professional cinema fraternity and love every minute of it.

2015

Welcome to the Society of Graduates and Ivy Leaves News, Class of 2015! **Tyler Allen** has been enjoying his time at college. Outside of classes he is currently involved in his school's gospel choir and is a part of the inter-residence council on campus. Since beginning at Juniata, **Kelsey Doell** has changed her major three times; she remains undecided but is leaning towards Educational Psychology. She is on the varsity softball team and is headed to Florida over spring break for a tournament. She is extremely excited about it. At Lafayette College, **Trent Eastman** is working diligently on his Chemical Engineering major and Economics minor. He loves the family atmosphere at his school because it reminds him of Doane. He is currently involved in club baseball, and he will be traveling to Florida for it over spring break. In addition to baseball, he is involved in Ultimate Frisbee, and has applied for his school's study abroad program where he hopes to spend time in Spain. **Hayden Johnson** has spent the past few months

working with the O League. He will likely be attending Bucks County Community College in the fall to begin his first college semester. **Chuck Marchesani** is loving his first year at Washington College. He is on the men's rowing team and competed in his first ever college regatta. **Connor Newman** has been working on obtaining a double major in psychology and studio art. He has designed and completed multiple photography installations. This semester he is taking 24 credit classes, doing research for psychology in Christopher Niemiec's lab and is running for publicity chair in Pride Network. Since starting college, **Vivian Okoye** has been focusing primarily on her Pre-Med studies at Boston University. She is currently volunteering for an organization called Wizards, where she teaches young children about science through fun and interactive experiments. **Tyler Peltz** presented a product in front of venture capitalists on January 30th. He is playing on the A team for club soccer and made Dean's List for his first college semester. **Mary Jo Sieb** is extremely excited about being involved in her school's nursing program. She is also looking forward to club soccer, which she will be participating in this spring. **Jeffery Sterling** has been playing one of the biggest basketball seasons of his career and loving it. After a few struggles since graduation, Jeffery has felt like God helped him make it through, and life has been wonderful to him. **Alyssa Rogers** is taking graphic design and fine art classes; she will be in an art show this spring. She is also being inducted into the Alpha Lambda Beta Delta Society for her school and made Dean's List her fall semester. **John Victor** loves American University. He is happy with his choice of college and is having the time of his life. He is working extremely hard in school.

Your class agent, **Sarah Howell**, has decided on a double major in English and education with a double minor in finance & accounting and psychology. I am currently involved in a mentoring program for immigrant children who speak Spanish. I am looking forward to auditioning for the all woman's a cappella group on campus next fall semester.

In Memoriam

*HG13 Henry M. Rowan,
December 9, 2015*

*1941 Anne Mercur McComb,
September 19, 2015*

*1942 Laura Vivian Atkinson Bird,
May 20, 2015*

*1946 Ann Dean Jackles Vees,
Feb. 10, 2015*

*1948 Evelyn Failla Rockhill,
February 20, 2014*

*1950 Joanne Menzel Wilde,
August 19, 2015*

*1961 Elaine J. Elliott,
June 6, 2015*

Faculty News

Melissa Kensler Walsh (01-02, French and AfterCare) married **David Walsh** (02-03, Math and Science). They are both teaching and have two daughters. Another set of Double Doanes! Double Doanes are couples who met at St. Mary's Hall or Doane Academy and later married. There are nine couples to date! Several are now parents of current students.



GIVING, FULL CIRCLE



Florence Lukens Newbold, when she became Headmistress of St. Mary's Hall in 1940, was entrusted with the education and care for a school full of girls coming in from ten different states. There is no way that she could have known that on the other side of the globe, in China, there was a baby girl who would, in just a few years, also be given to her care.

In 1945, while she was attending the annual Episcopal-Anglican Synod, Newbold was approached by the newly ordained Chinese Bishop, The Right Reverend Quentin K. Y. Huang, who asked if St. Mary's Hall could care for and educate his six year-old daughter while he traveled the country for ten months, working to raise funds for the newly created Yunkwei Diocese in southwest China. Soon after, Alice Shih-hou Huang was a boarding student at SMH and learning her first words of English.

The ten months quickly passed and the Huang family returned to China. In 1949, when the Chinese Communist Party took control of Beijing and Shanghai, Alice Huang was again sent to the safe and embracing environment of SMH. Her education and welfare were put in the trust of Ms. Newbold, whom Rev. Huang

had asked act as her guardian. Over the next three years, Huang boarded at the school and, when school was out for holidays or summer break, she most often stayed with Newbold at Fairholm, the residence of the Headmistress, which stood at the corner of Riverbank and Ellis Street (now a corner of the soccer field). Huang would also sometimes stay at the homes of classmates Peggy Fenimore or Mary Louise Harnischfeger.

“Thank you for the privilege of again being a part of the school that taught me how to become an American.”

—Alice Huang '57

Huang would go on to attend Wellesley College and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, earning a Ph.D. in Microbiology. She joined the Harvard Medical School and rose through the ranks to become Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics as well as the Director of Research in the Infectious Disease Division at Boston's Children's Hospital. She became Dean for Science at NYU and then Senior Councilor for External Relations at the California Institute of Technology. She is also a member of the Academia Sinica in Taiwan. In 2015, Huang contacted Doane Academy, wishing to honor Florence Newbold's contributions to the school and the special mentorship she gave to Huang at “the school that taught me how to become an American” and “gave me a solid foundation on which to build.” Huang and her husband, Dr. David Baltimore made a generous contribution which led to the creation of the new Student Resource Center, dedicated to Florence Lukens Newbold, on the third floor of Rowan Hall. The resource center is actually comprised of two large rooms; one designed to enhance group study or projects, and the other room designed as a more quiet space for independent study and research.

And so, the woman who gave so much to this school and to this child from China, is now honored by that child and that school, and she will be known and remembered by a whole new generation of students as they move to build their own impact on the world.

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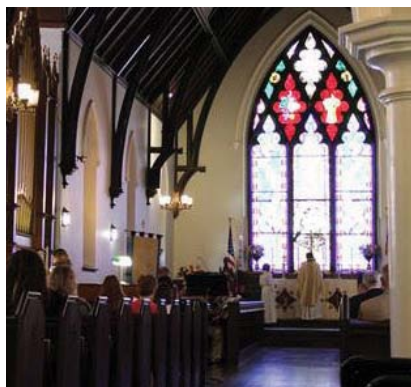
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SATURDAY MAY 7TH, 1:00 PM
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Sing the alma mater and reconnect with friends over lunch.
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the near future. There are so many exciting things happening
and you are a very important part.



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MALE GRADUATES OF
DOANE ACADEMY FROM 1969-1974

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