

# IVY LEAVES

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Teachers at Doane are Going Back to School





## ONLY ONE WINNER, BUT STILL FRIENDS

As promised, we are assured that Headmaster Sanderson and Assistant Headmaster Sadar have remained on friendly terms, after Super Bowl LII. Needless to say, the preponderance of Eagles' fans at Doane resulted in a generally happy school on February 5th and an unusual number of unexplained absences later in the week on the day of the victory parade.

Headmaster George B. Sanderson  
and Assistant Headmaster Tim Sadar

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*Some of our 7th grade students moving about the halls of the Science Building, working their way through a transitional math scavenger hunt.*

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# LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

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When I ask former students of St. Mary's Hall and Doane Academy to recount a favorite memory of their time at our school, most tell a story about an engaging teacher or an inspirational coach – an adult who encouraged his or her students to become critical thinkers, thoughtful leaders, loyal teammates, and passionate learners. One of our most important objectives at Doane is to attract and retain teachers who will create these memories that our graduates fondly recall when they talk about the important role our school has played in their lives.

Great teachers embody all of the characteristics that can help change the lives of students. They are experts in their area of study – both in their particular academic discipline and, more generally, in the field of education. And they are also adults who model the values that are so important to our school – character, academic excellence, social responsibility, and lifelong learning.

Teachers can model lifelong learning in many ways, including admitting that they don't (yet!) know everything when confronted with a particularly perplexing question in class. Doane supports the continued growth of its teachers by funding an especially robust program for professional growth. You can read more about this important priority of our school in this issue of Ivy Leaves. Professional development takes many forms – a subject-specific workshop, a seminar on pedagogy, or the ongoing study of brain development and its impact on teaching and learning. Faculty members at Doane are pursuing each of these types of lifelong learning thanks to a generous program of financial support.

The ultimate beneficiaries of our investment in our faculty are our students. They experience what their teachers bring back to the classroom in the form of inventive curricula and innovative pedagogy. Moreover, they see how their teachers seek to continue to grow and, in turn, come to understand the importance of continued growth themselves.

I hope you enjoy learning more about our recent accomplishments and initiatives at Doane in the following pages. Thank you for being an important part of our community.

Sincerely,

Headmaster

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# IN THE NEWS

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## RENOVATIONS DESIGNED TO INSPIRE, MOTIVATE, AND TEACH



The Lower School Choir  
performing at the  
Holiday Concert

Months of renovations to the interior of Scarborough Hall concluded in late 2017. The remodeled third-floor space, originally constructed over 100 years ago as a gymnasium, has been transformed into a versatile black box theater. With more space, new floors, state-of-the-art stage lighting and sound, and new comfortable seating, the area can be used for concerts, performing arts productions, presentations, speeches, and meetings.

Meanwhile, the Greene Room has been totally renovated to provide a large meeting space to accommodate classes, meetings of the Board of Trustees, and the Parents' Association. In late September, the 7th grade Strong, Ethical Leadership class had the honor of being the first students to try out the newly refurbished Greene Room. The group engaged in a remote live-feed question and answer session with Gabby Gorman '16, who is currently studying Communications at St. Joseph's University.



Gabby Gorman '16 takes  
questions from the 7th grade  
Strong, Ethical Leadership class

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# IN THE NEWS

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## TRAVELING ACROSS THE PACIFIC OCEAN TO FULFILL OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As our Mission Statement says, we are "a community where all are known, loved, and strongly encouraged to discover their unique potential." In October, Doane's Upper School Head, Ran Holeman, was honored to travel to China as a week-long guest of Ivy International. While immersing himself in the Chinese culture, Mr. Holeman traveled to some of China's major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, and Chongqing. In doing so, Mr. Holeman came to more closely understand the culture of our 14 students who traveled from China to Doane Academy to be members of our 2017-18 student body.

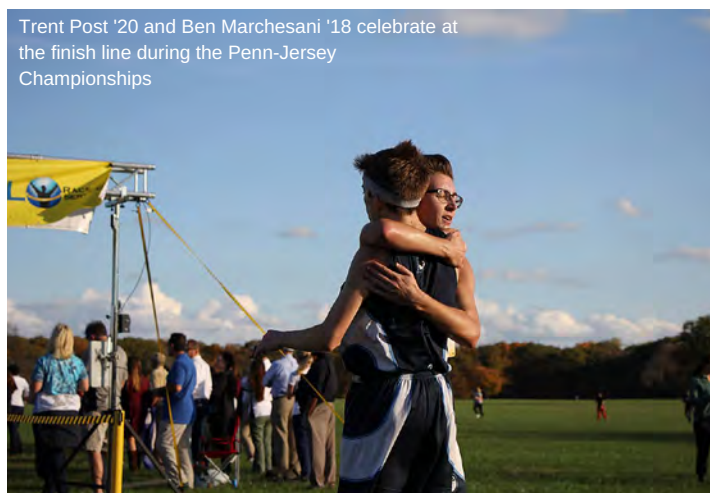


## HEIGHTENING AWARENESS OF THE CHALLENGES BROUGHT BY SOCIAL MEDIA

Devorah Heitner, Ph.D., author of the book *"Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World"* and creator of the website, *"Raising Digital Natives"* spent two days with us in October. On day one, she met with faculty, staff, parents, and other guests. The discussion centered on the many challenges our children, adults, and educators face in the modern social media age. Part of the day included illustrating strategies, such as mentoring vs. monitoring, that can be used or developed to build responsibility and digital citizenship. On day two, the theme of digital citizenship extended into Dr. Heitner's visits with many of our students. She engaged them in exercises and activities to guide them into making better decisions when stepping into a world of social media.

## SPARTANS PRODUCE SIXTH STRAIGHT PENN- JERSEY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

For the sixth straight year, the cross-country team emerged victorious, winning the Penn-Jersey Championship. Coach Kirk Lombardi stated, "This was an especially rewarding team championship. We didn't have a dominant runner to lean on, so I needed every runner to go above and beyond in every meet. I am very proud of our team. We needed each and every one of our runners and every second counted all season long."





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# IN THE NEWS

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## ALICE COLLINS FISK '61 HONORED AT DALLAS ALUMNI EVENT

In November, graduates and friends of Doane Academy and St. Mary's Hall gathered at the school's Regional Cocktail Party, in Dallas, Texas. Presented with a plaque for her service as a member of our Board of Trustees (2001-2017), Alice Collins Fisk '61 was also officially named as a Trustee Emerita, at the event.



(L to R) Greg Lendvay, Kathleen Lisehora Keays '88, Alice Collins Fisk '61, Clint Heckert, Pamela Borden Heckert '67, George B. Sanderson, Michelle Hines '86, Jean Scott Lendvay '61, Linda Focht Whistler '58, and Robert Whistler

## SENATOR CHOOSES DOANE FOR HIS FIRST PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

On January 12, newly elected New Jersey State Senator, Troy Singleton, spoke with some of his "youngest bosses" in the Middle and Upper School about the meaning of Martin Luther King Day. His lessons included stretching beyond one's comfort zone, fostering unity, and serving your fellow man. This convocation opened a day full of activities to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King.



(L to R) Brian Pollard '19, Elicia Villareal '19, George B. Sanderson, Senator Troy Singleton, and Jordyn McIntosh '19

## MOCK TRIAL TEAM CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF BURLINGTON COUNTY

Doane's Mock Trial team emerged victorious this January, winning the Burlington County Mock Trial Tournament for the first time in school history.

Defeating teams from Moorestown HS, Northern Burlington HS, Delran HS, and Bordentown HS were Elle Bukosky '18, Elicia Villareal '19, Molly Doran '19, Aiden White '21, Jordyn McIntosh '19, Asha Bhuiyan '19, Jaida Rodrigues '19, Hasan Pyarali '20, and Nick Kern '20. The team argued and testified the fictitious case of *The State v. Dana Martin*. Over two hundred schools competed in the 2017-18 Mock Trial Competition; Doane was one of twenty-one chosen to qualify for the state tournament.







Neal McTighe '96, entrepreneur

# An Entrepreneur's Secret Sauce

For Neal McTighe '96, the roots of success as an up-and-coming small business entrepreneur can be found in the halls of St. Mary's Hall/Doane Academy. While the physical condition of those halls has improved over the years, the culture that had such a big impact on McTighe remains central to the school's mission.

"Back then, when I arrived in 8th grade, the school was pretty dilapidated. But we loved it," explained McTighe during a recent interview in his adopted hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina.

McTighe is the founder and owner of Nellino's Sauce Company, a growing gourmet pasta sauce producer whose products can be found throughout the South in Whole Foods, Harris Teeter, Ingles, selected Kroger's locations, and many specialty food stores.

“THE MOST MEANINGFUL PART OF MY DOANE EXPERIENCE WAS THAT EVERYONE HAD TO BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. IT FORCED YOU TO TRY YOUR HAND AT ALL SORTS OF THINGS. AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE RISKS IS WHAT PREPARED ME FOR MY WORK AS A SMALL-BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR.”

- NEAL MCTIGHE



McTighe's career did not originally involve pasta sauce, but he added an important ingredient to what would eventually become his life's work when he took Italian in college. "I had taken Spanish at Doane, but my family had led me to believe that McTighes weren't very good at learning languages. So it was almost pre-ordained that I wouldn't do well. But in college, I learned how to love Italian." It helped a bit that McTighe's great-grandmother was born in Italy and came to America in 1919. McTighe's mother kept up the tradition by tending to an extensive garden and regularly making Italian dinner specialties for her family.

McTighe became fluent not only in the Italian language but in Italian culture as well during his long stay in the country during college. Upon graduation, he decided to further his study of Italian at Middlebury, where he earned his master's degree, and the University of North Carolina, where he earned his Ph.D.

While working for Duke University Press in 2011, McTighe began making the sauce in his kitchen at night and on weekends. He sold his first jars to family and friends via Facebook and, later that year, he marketed his sauce on weekends at a local farmers' market, where he developed an enthusiastic following. By the end of 2011, his sauce was being stocked by Whole Foods in Raleigh. How did he convince Whole Foods to sell his pasta sauce? "I just walked in the store one day with a sample of my sauce and started a conversation," McTighe describes, with a grin.

His relationship with Whole Foods has grown since that first visit. The high-end food retailer supported Nellino's with a loan to finance the development of the nation's first biodynamic marinara sauce; no pesticides of any kind are used in growing tomatoes that are used in the sauce and the farm that provides all of the sauce's ingredients is entirely self-sustaining.

Nellino's success is due in large part to its early association with Whole Foods and its subsequent work with other food retailers in the South. The company also has a relationship with Plated, the nation's leading fresh-ingredient, and chef-designed recipe delivery service. This winter, Plated shipped 24,000 small jars of Nellino sauce to its customers, thus spreading the word about Nellino throughout the country.

Today, McTighe procures over 200,000 pounds of tomatoes from California and produces his sauce, using his proprietary recipe, out of a premier facility. Most of the sauce is sold via retailers, but a growing percentage is sold directly to consumers through Amazon.com and the company's website.

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JOB, AND THEN SOME.”

- NEAL MCTIGHE

Neal and Heather McTighe's son, Henry, aka "Nellino."  
Photo courtesy Heart Stone Films/Portico Pictures



Competition in the pasta sauce business is intense. According to McTighe, sales in the premium market are growing at between 8% and 9% per year. But dozens of pasta sauce start-up companies open and then close each year. Nellino's success is attributable to many factors, but probably most important is that Nellino's sauce consistently earns praise from pasta sauce aficionados. Nellino's Pomodoro sauce was named "best pasta sauce" by the Southern Living magazine in 2016, and the company has earned mentions in *The New York Times* ("Small Food Brands, Big Successes") and *Forbes* magazine.

While McTighe is passionate about his business, he regularly takes time to reminisce about his years at Doane and the impact they made on his life. Neal's older brother, Alex, arrived at Doane a year before he did. Both had been students at Reynolds Middle School in Hamilton before they transferred, in part because their aunt, Judith McTighe Donohoe '62, was a graduate of St. Mary's Hall. More generally, they changed schools in order to be more challenged and to have more opportunities, in a small and supportive community.

At Doane, McTighe played basketball, ran cross country, and started a golf team whose members included Alex Buzick '96, who is now a parent of two Doane students in the Lower School. "Our basketball team lost a lot of games, but we always kept fighting," McTighe remembers. He and Buzick also started a literary magazine. "That was another great thing about Doane – when we had ideas, we were supported," notes McTighe.

The story of Nellino's Sauce clearly resonates with food retailers and consumers, judging from the company's growth and avid following. And it is clear that the lessons that Neal McTighe learned at Doane over 20 years ago – in the classrooms and on the playing fields – are an important part of his compelling story.



Neal McTighe '96, golfer



Alex Buzick '96 and Neal McTighe '96 highlighted on the cross country yearbook page



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# FIVE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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JORDAN BENNETT IS A DOANE ACADEMY ALUMNUS ('98), A PARENT (CALVIN, CLASS OF 2030), AND A FACULTY MEMBER IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT. JORDAN CURRENTLY TEACHES FRESHMAN COMPOSITION, AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION FOR JUNIORS, AND WORLD LITERATURE FOR SENIORS. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INSPIRED BY RECENT READINGS, BOTH FICTION AND NON-FICTION, FROM AROUND THE WORLD.



*Kristin Lavransdatter* by Sigrid Undset  
(translation by Tiina Nunnally)

While the author won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1928, her work has generally been little known in America. Originally a trilogy, this 2005 translation captures the epic sweep of the tale of one woman's life in medieval Norway. Don't be intimidated by the length – the novel manages to feel both modern and ancient at the same time. Populated by memorable, fully human characters, the book transports the reader to a place both exotic and familiar. Its moving conclusion is worth the journey. (I've been looking for an audio version for years. A new Audible edition was recently released. If you've got a long summer car ride to look forward to, take advantage.)

*Snow* by Orhan Pamuk

This Turkish author's work is notable for its subtle treatment of Islamic culture in modern, secular Istanbul. *Snow* is his masterpiece. It is a mystery, a poem, and an intricately woven philosophical treatise. Marginally about the controversy engendered by girls who refuse to wear traditional headscarves, the story spirals

quickly into unpredictable realms as an exiled poet named Ka returns to the city of Kars. Pamuk is a technician on the sentence level – he writes as beautifully as any living author and his prose is worth savoring, moment by moment.

*The Pine Barrens* by John McPhee

Even though New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the nation, a full third of it remains covered by dense pine forest. An early work (1968) by Princeton writing professor, John McPhee, *The Pine Barrens* explores the history, geography, botany, and culture of this enigmatic and iconic region. Meticulously researched and told with an assiduous eye for detail, this short non-fiction account brings to life the characters who inhabit the unique South Jersey environment. McPhee's writing is characteristically clear, precise, and vivid.

*The Magician's Book: A Skeptic's Adventures in Narnia* by Laura Miller

This one strikes close to my heart, as my first Doane memories are bound up with my reading of the Narnia books in Mrs. "R"'s 5th grade class. Laura Miller

examines her own childhood experience of the magic of imagination in C. S. Lewis' classic adventures. Disillusioned by her teenaged discovery of the explicit Christian allegorical messages present in the books, the author returns to them later in life with a new perspective. Miller's narrative voice is expert, entertaining, and informative. Full of insight and historical background on Lewis, his friend Tolkien, and the mythology which inspired the stories, *The Magician's Book* is a thoroughly entrancing read, no matter one's level of familiarity with Narnia.

*Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea* by Barbara Demick

The AP Language and Composition class will soon be reading this 2010 National Book Award finalist. Weaving together the stories of six defectors, Demick offers a detailed peek inside the secretive nation of North Korea. The book provides a historical perspective on our current situation, documenting the famines, intrigues, purges, and disasters that have shaped the kingdom. Diligently reported and beautifully written, *Nothing to Envy* is a relevant and valuable read.

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# SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

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"I love when my teachers at Doane teach my classmates and me how to be nice and kind to each other. We all do things a little different than the other, and that's okay. We also do things that are great and nice.

I love when I see everyone, and they hug me. Like the super duper tall kids in my school family, they are very nice girls and boys, and they help all the little kids and give us hugs. It's good to keep smiling, so everyone feels happy. I like to go to science class and to watch the doctor take care of the owl.

I love to learn violin and to speak Spanish. I like to sing and dance with my friends and teachers. Sometimes we go on field trips to the museum or a play. My school is so pretty and made of lots of bricks, and the roof is a big triangle. I look forward to next year when I can help out some of the newer, younger kids. They will always be nice when I can help them. Doane Academy is great!"

**Chloe Richards | Class of 2031**



"I love all the wonderful students in my class and throughout the school. I feel like I know everyone and everyone knows me. Especially in "School Family," because I can be with the older students and do projects together. I also like how the classroom teachers are willing to help me if I have questions.

The historic buildings on campus are cool. Our school began in 1837 and is rich in history. When I think about how I'm part of the many students who walked the halls of our school, it is overwhelming.

I love the activities we do, like play sports in the gym and paint in art class. I came to this school because my parents work here and they want me to get a good education. After I graduate from Doane, I will miss all my friends and classmates. Some of my favorite traditions at Doane are having holiday parties, the back to school picnic, the first day of school when we go to the riverbank and watch the seniors canoe to school, and the Christmas Mystery."

**Shane Bobroski | Class of 2026**



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# SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

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"Doane Academy allows me to feel at home and lets me pursue my interests in various fields such as programming and computer engineering. I was also able to follow my wish of learning how to play an instrument.

My favorite tradition at Doane takes place on the first week of school. The tradition is called Rocks, Roots, and Wings. The three-day trip allows students to break the ice with classmates and teachers and get to know them better. When I graduate from Doane, I will miss the traditions, classmates, school family, my teachers, and all the fun-filled yet educational activities which are preparing me for the future. I will miss all the sports-related activities, Doane's Dungeon, and all the special care the teachers are taking to teach me computer presentation, and leadership skills, so I can be a better leader and a public speaker.

When I attended the Admissions Open House event, I saw pictures of students enjoying themselves while learning. I also saw the student ambassadors mixing with Lower and Middle School students and treating each other with respect. That is why I chose Doane."

**Om Raval | Class of 2023**



"I chose to attend Doane because of the intimate and welcoming environment; every member of the community is nurtured and supported with respect and love.

I came from a middle school with more than 2,000 students in one grade, which is a stark contrast to my class at Doane with only 25. While in China, I was a number and that supported my ability to hide in the shadows, but at Doane, whether I wanted to be or not, I was the spotlight. Doane has pushed me out of my comfort zone and has led me to be the president of the senior class.

Doane has many traditions bound together across centuries and generations. I never fully appreciated it until I canoed across the Delaware on the first day of senior year with one of my best friends just as many classes have done before me. This tradition marked the beginning of the end of my time here at Doane, as I am finishing my education. I am confident that I have fulfilled its vision to 'develop confident, ethical leaders prepared to improve the world' and have become the best version of myself."

**Xinyue (Shirley) Zhang | Class of 2018**

# Embracing A Lifetime of Learning



Dr. James Paradis, Dean of Upper School  
brings history to life for his students

Teachers speak about their profession in rare and reverential language, referring to their work with students as a calling rather than a job. This work requires love, gratitude, work ethic, organization, expertise, flexibility, and creativity. Like parenting, it is often exhausting and at times exasperating. But, it offers you something beyond calculable value: the antidote to boredom, the opportunity to learn every day.

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I USED TO THINK THAT LIFELONG LEARNING WAS ALL ABOUT ADDING TO MY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE SO THAT I COULD SHARE MORE INFORMATION WITH MY STUDENTS. I HAVE COME TO LEARN, THOUGH, THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT I CAN SHARE WITH STUDENTS IS A PASSION FOR THE SUBJECT.” - DR. JAMES PARADIS

The passion Dr. Paradis describes in his quote is what allows a teacher's knowledge and pedagogy to become more than the sum of their parts. It assures them and their students that tomorrow brings with it a better version of who they are today. It allows all members of a learning community to keep their compasses aimed at excellence. And yet, by modeling it, teachers remind their students that joy, not grades or standardized tests or college admissions decisions, is the central premise of growth.

Doane has always had teachers who are driven to be great by their desire to help young people reach their full potential and their love for their subject areas. But in recent years, thanks in no small part to the generosity of the Rowan family, Doane has significantly increased the breadth and quality of the professional development opportunities afforded to its teachers. Chris Harris, the Dean of Lower School now in her 32nd year at Doane, notes, “Within the last ten years, a concerted effort has been shared within the Doane community to increase our overall interest in continuing our education through professional development opportunities.”

As Mrs. Harris underscores, Doane's mission remains as resonant as ever, but the school is placing more resources than ever into helping teachers fulfill it.



### The Organ of Learning: The Brain

An observant visitor to Doane's campus might notice the small word covered cubes resting on each teacher's desk. These cubes remind each Doane faculty member about how they will grow as a teacher this year because of their deeper understanding of mind, brain, and education science. They developed this understanding during several sessions in recent months with Glenn Whitman and Ian Kelleher of the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Through meaningful homework (reading their book *Neuroteach*), hands-on activities, multimedia elements, small group work, and occasional direct instruction, Mr. Whitman and Dr. Kelleher helped teachers better understand how the brain receives, processes, and retains information.

The results challenged faculty members to reconsider how they structure lesson plans, revisit previously taught content, and assess students at every grade level. Upper and Middle School math teacher, Matt Gorman reflected on how the findings in *Neuroteach* have affected his teaching:

"The research presented in *Neuroteach* made me reexamine my approach to assigning homework. I have begun to see homework assignments not primarily as practice drills for students but as formative assessments designed to help me pinpoint what a given student is or is not understanding. The right amount of homework is based on gaining this knowledge, not on filling a standard time allotment. As such, I have asked students to reflect on their learning progress and practices more than in the past. The result has been students who are more aware of how to reach their full potential."

It is clear from Mr. Gorman's words that his homework is more effective and efficient this year. Perhaps even more importantly, he is better prepared when students ask why he assigns the homework he does.

### The Gateway to (Good and Bad) Knowledge: Technology

In October, Devorah Heitner, author of critically acclaimed *Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World*, visited campus to meet with students, faculty members, and parents and share with them her vision for how to help young people become their best selves in and through a digital world. As part of this visit, she spent a morning with Doane's fifth grade students. Their teacher, Peggy Majane, saw a better, more student-centered path forward on issues of technology afterwards.

"Ms. Heitner shared insights and guidelines for us, as teachers, to use when discussing the sensitive nature of social media with students in the early stages of middle school. The takeaway was that parents and teachers need to work together to mentor students to have a positive experience with digital citizenship."

As Ms. Majane suggests, teachers and parents need to focus on how young people see technology use in order to reach them in way that is constructive and ultimately empowering. They can only gain this understanding through a commitment to lifelong learning.



Author and educator, Glerin Whitman, leads the faculty through a professional development session focused on how brain science is driving the future of education.

### Personal Journeys of Professional Growth:

There is great power in experiencing professional growth as a collective. Targeting shared challenges heightens the faculty's sense of common purpose and spurs collaboration. But, it is equally important for the lifelong learners of Doane to seek out opportunities to address their personal goals and forge connections to the ideas and approaches that inspire them.

This past summer saw Doane faculty members pursuing these kinds of opportunities around the globe, from the Pine Barrens to New Hampshire to Madrid. In August, fourth grade teacher Stacy Anderson traveled to Baltimore for the Singapore Mathematics Institute. There, she learned new ways of differentiating her instruction of long division. While students were hard at work on summer reading, Upper School leadership teacher Katie Sereduk expanded her knowledge of local sustainability issues at the Life Science Field Training Institute. Her four-day experience reinforced the power of active field learning and the importance of creating a curriculum grounded in real world issues.



Katie Sereduk tags trees as part of a study examining the feasibility of logging in the Pine Barrens



Kath Brandwood, Upper School English Chair (center left) leads her class via the Harkness method

Meanwhile, English teacher and department chair Kath Brandwood spent a week at the Exeter Humanities Institute studying the application of the Harkness discussion method. This pedagogical approach helps teachers shift away from the “sage on the stage” classroom model to one that prioritizes student-led discussion. The result is a learning environment that fosters in students greater engagement and ownership of learning. Ms. Brandwood noted, “I sense a positive shift in the culture of my classroom, marked by greater creative energy and more collegial group dynamics. My students have more opportunities to teach me and one another.” In her words, one can see at work the virtuous cycle that inspires lifelong learners. Her growth as a teacher has helped her students grow, and as a result, she is learning more from them.



## Paying it Forward in a Culture of Growth

Perhaps no member of the Doane faculty took on greater additional responsibility this year than second grade teacher Kristin Rusinko, who headed the school's reaccreditation efforts. As a lifelong learner with this leadership opportunity before her, Ms. Rusinko sought professional development opportunities that would allow her to excel. Most notably, last spring she served as a member of the accreditation team that visited All Saints Episcopal School in Hoboken. Her time there allowed her to understand how to work with a visiting team effectively. Furthermore, it helped her reconsider how she can incorporate memorable, cross-curricular projects into her curriculum.

Ms. Rusinko's efforts exemplify how the professional development of one member of a community ultimately helps the entire community become stronger. She acquired essential knowledge that helped her grow as an educator, and she then shared that knowledge with her colleagues during the accreditation process. Similarly, this summer history department chair Mary Ann Williamson will follow in Ms. Brandwood's footsteps by attending the Exeter Humanities Institute. In these ways, as well as through daily classroom instruction, faculty members' personal commitments to lifelong learning become part of the DNA of the school. The end result is a place where all faculty and students strive for excellence and where all feel as Ms. Sereduk did gliding across the water in the Pine Barrens on a hot summer's day: "I got to spend four days learning about what I love. So while I was also getting all these great ideas for how to improve class, I was also deeply personally fulfilled."



Kristin Rusinko, second grade educator

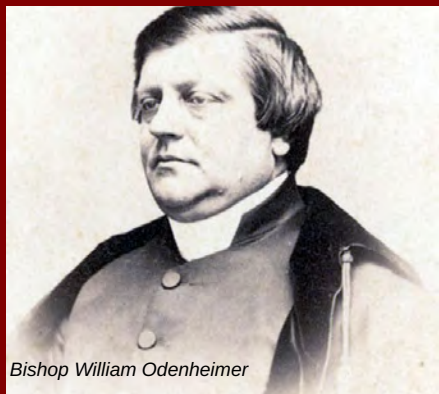


Doane educators collaborate on effective teaching methods

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# 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ODENHEIMER HALL

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Bishop William Odenheimer

By 1867, the girls of St. Mary's Hall, the vast majority of them boarding students, were running out of elbow room. Enrollment numbers in this era after the Civil War were exceeding projections. The school, now thirty years old, had to address the changing times and the growing enrollment. The uniqueness of an academic school for girls was now in the past, and the Board of Trustees recognized that St. Mary's Hall now needed to do something to remain competitive with the many other academic girls' schools which had come along after St. Mary's Hall had blazed the trail.

On April 2nd, 1868, the cornerstone was laid for what was to become Odenheimer Hall (named for Bishop William H. Odenheimer, successor to Bishop Doane), designed by architect D. Lienan. The handsome brick building, designed to contain a large study hall on the first floor and boarding halls on the second and third floor as well as shower rooms and bathrooms on each floor and gas lighting throughout, was "...part of a large plan of Mr. Lienan...which it is hoped will at no distant day, replace the present buildings entirely." Odenheimer Hall (not officially named until 1912) opened in October of 1868.

St. Mary's Hall had begun in 1837 in just a single building, which very much resembled a large house, with just enough space to house the 52 girls of that first semester. Over the next thirty years, as enrollment grew, additions were haphazardly put up on either side of the "main house" and then additional wooden structures were added, extending rearward from these buildings. No master plan directed these additions, and soon the school had numerous hallways and stairwells that ran into each other at odd heights and angles. A master plan, adopted by the Board in 1867, looked to fix this situation. The new building that was being constructed in 1868 was to be the first of three, with an identical building planned to go up opposite it (where Scarborough Hall now stands). A grand new central building, connecting the two, was to be the centerpiece of the renewed campus. All of the older buildings were to be swept away. Even the 1847 chapel had now become too small and was being targeted for demolition and replacement. The 1870's got in the way of these plans.

As bond sales and other devices were moving forward to raise money to fund the rest of the plan, three consecutive years of deadly epidemics struck Burlington City in the form of diphtheria, scarlet fever, and typhoid. With parents becoming more and more concerned for the safety of their girls, enrollment at St. Mary's Hall fell. Then the global financial crisis of 1873 struck and sent the nation into a depression for the rest of the decade, and enrollment continued to slide. Financial need spelled the end of the master plan of the Board.

A century later, after the devastating fire of 1974, a new master plan was finally drawn up. A number of new buildings were to be constructed, and Odenheimer Hall, now over 100 years old, was not a part of this new plan. It was to be demolished. After many long discussions across a couple of years, the Board recognized both the financial challenges of such a plan and the historical value of Odenheimer Hall. The plans were shelved.



Odenheimer dorm room



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# 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ODENHEIMER HALL

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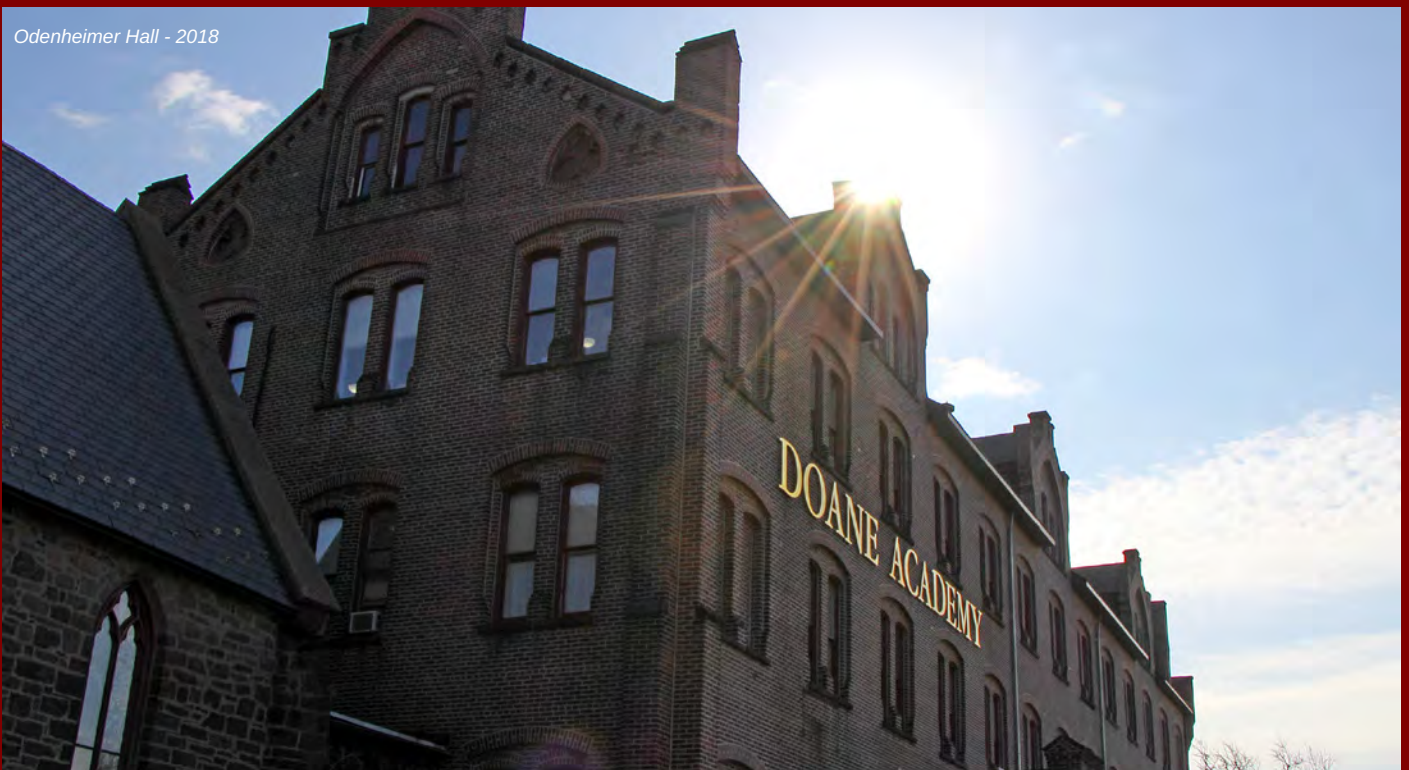


*The 1944 dance inside the study hall in Odenheimer Hall*

It seems, though, after all of the many decades since architect Lienan's large proposal, the spirit of his plan came to be realized in the Doane Academy of today. The odd structures are now gone, Scarbrough Hall rose to somewhat mirror Odenheimer Hall, and Rowan Hall now connects the two, standing as the grand centerpiece of the school.

Odenheimer Hall, a building originally designed largely as a boarding hall, has evolved, seen several different internal configurations across the years, and been considered for demolition. But now, at the occasion of its 150th anniversary, not only is it on the National Historic Register (1976), but it is renewed in its usefulness and revered for its architecture. As a part of the realized configuration begun in 1868, it has been and will remain an active place of learning and growth for many generations.

*Odenheimer Hall - 2018*



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**1936**

**Class Agent**

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This is our Centennial Class in more ways  
than one. **Georganne Barnes Johnson**  
turned 100 this past November and the  
doctors were amazed at her good health.  
**Jeanne Browne Tirpak** also turned 100  
last year and the whole town of  
Wickenburg, Arizona turned out to  
celebrate with her on the Fourth of July.  
When our school turned 100, she and  
fellow students contributed artwork (and  
text) to the yearbook, *The First Hundred  
Years of St. Mary's Hall*. Jeanne still  
enjoys the wonderful view from her place.

**1939**

**Class Agent**

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**Kay Phelon Allen** had a great 96th  
birthday with 21 family members in  
September. She is writing again and hopes  
this book is out before she turns 98! She  
always looks forward to a really happy visit  
twice a year with Pam Borden Heckert '67  
and Clark as they journey across the  
country. "My great-grandchildren are great  
to me even as they move on in their lives.  
One in college in Germany, one in  
management in Orlando's Disneyworld and  
others in college and school. I'm so lucky  
that I have "hung around" to be part of it."

**1942**

**Class Agent**

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**Eloise Woodward Gardner** went to her  
farm in Vermont for Christmas. There she  
was joined by her two daughters and their  
husbands, and four grandchildren. When  
she wants to travel, she can go to Florida  
to see her granddaughter, a grandson in  
Santa Fe, and another grandson in Hawaii.

**1943**

**Class Agent**

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**Nancy MacFarland Wismer** enjoys seeing  
her great-grandson who turned 12 in  
December. Nancy and her daughter had  
many children coming for candy on  
Halloween this year! Her granddaughter  
bought three dogs from Spain who had to  
be quarantined for quite some time before  
they could live with her.

**1944**

**Class Agent**

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**Mary Cox Morrison** says that the school  
gives you thoughts that you carry with you  
all your life. Her youngest grandson, Jacin,  
just graduated from LSU, and now runs a  
physical fitness business, and worked for  
Spectrum. **Helen Richards Pearson** lives  
in a retirement community where she is a  
pastor, having been ordained when she  
was 70. There are 30 members of her  
whole family with the closest only an hour  
away.

**1945**

**Class Agent**

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**Emily Wright Holt** has a great-grandson  
named Shep and another one on the way.

ADDING A PHOTO TO  
YOUR CLASS NOTES  
IS A GREAT WAY TO  
SHARE WITH  
CLASSMATES



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**1946**

**Class Agent**

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**Temple Fawcett** reports that she is still as busy as usual. **Mary Chandler Johnson** celebrated her 90th birthday, but a big storm was coming that day. She has been married for 60 years.

**1947**

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**Nancy Hogeman Hillas** is happy that she is still in her own house. Her younger son is living with her, and he is a great help to her.

**1948**

**Class Agent**

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**Marleigh Morland Baratz** is now writing five operas. The first is called "My Story"; the next is "The Silent Man" which is followed by "Soul Love." The fourth is "The Greatest Opera Singer in the World," and the last is "Ma Grand-mère." **Shirley Lukens Rosseau** has sad news. Her husband died unexpectedly after 65 years of marriage. Her happy news is that she has two great-grandchildren, ages four and seven.

**1949**

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The class will be sad to hear that **Sheila Williams Scott** died in Florida on March 9, 2017. **Joanna Pierce Huddy** enjoyed her holidays at home with her family. The class traveler, **Maxine Rosenthal Lampert**, visited her granddaughter in Spain with her daughter. On the way home, she stopped in Scotland to visit old friends. Over the holidays her son drove her and her two granddaughters to Stowe, Vermont where they stayed for eight days with her daughter and family. She said it was too cold to do much outdoors. **Nancy Maurer Swanson** is expecting a grandbaby at the end of April. She and Ted are enjoying the winter in northern California. **Meredith Wickes Thomas** and I have been playing phone tag, but she is well and happy in Florida. Your class secretary, **Betty Budd Breithaupt**, just had the excitement of her first great-grandson born on January 15th. It doesn't seem that long ago that I was greeting his mother's arrival. Otherwise, I am still busy with lineage societies. Hope all of you that I haven't heard from are well and enjoying life.

**1950**

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**Alice Shoemaker** continues to paint what is blooming in the different seasons-leaves in the fall, and flowers in the spring and summer. She does have Peripheral Neuropathy which explains why she doesn't travel. She would like to move to a continuing care place.

**1951**

**Class Agent**

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Submitted via the SOG Facebook page, **Regina Weinberg Grobman** said: "We cruise twice a year except for last year. Husband had spinal surgery which takes too long from which to recuperate he claims!" They are going in February this year. The granddaughters are great. Youngest is 9, from Seth, their younger twin. She still volunteers at Virtua Hospital and does computer work at her doctor's office, "just trying to keep the brain going."

**1952**

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**Ann (Scottie) Richards Cook** had her six grandchildren visit for Christmas. They are all from different places- Florida, California, and Pennsylvania. The youngest one is in college at Penn State. All of them stayed with their parents, and everyone agreed to disagree on politics. **Deborah Bogan Erickson** says that her granddaughter, who lives near Seattle, is having twins, one boy, and one girl. They are due this spring. **Sandra Krusen Heede** is still "hanging in there" and that nothing has changed. She enjoys playing bridge, and her husband is still playing golf.

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**1954**

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**Bette Birdsall Evans** and I went on a Caribbean cruise over Thanksgiving. We had such a good time that we are planning another cruise for this spring.

**1956**

**Class Agent**

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**Elizabeth Bryan Godrick** is now living in a suburb of Dallas but missed the Doane Gathering held there in November.

**Patricia Decker Patterson** lives part-time on Long Beach Island, New Jersey, and in the winter in North Palm Beach, Florida. Next year she plans to move to Newtown Square, Pennsylvania to be close to one of her sons. Another son lives in Florida, and the third is in New Jersey. She is donating her dollhouse to Doane Academy.

**1957**

**Class Agent**

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The highlight of the year was the May 2017 60th Class reunion. Five of our classmates attended: **Peggy Fenimore Morris**, our President for Life **Cynthia Johnson Floria**, **Julia Gleason Rhoads**, **Alice Huang**-our honorary class member, and **Ginger Shaw**. Alice Huang is a research scientist and famous for her achievements. See Wikipedia under her name. She dedicated a Resource Center to Miss Newbold who was Headmistress when she arrived in the US to escape Mao's China in 1949 as a fifth grader. She was honored as the Doane Academy Distinguished Alumna of 2017. We adopted her as part of the

class of 1957 about 20 years ago and she supports the school with major gifts. She writes "I do feel old age is creeping up on me and offering new challenges every day, the least of which is keeping healthy and doing my exercises." She and her husband have been renovating their house in Pasadena and have been displaced to faculty housing. They cannot wait to get back into their own house by March 1, 2018. She is a Senior Faculty Associate at CALTECH. Our gift for the 60th reunion was the beautiful stained glass window for the Chapel of the Holy Innocents. It depicts Jesus and the woman at the well of knowledge. Thanks to **Cynthia Johnson Floria**, our class is well represented with a donated church pew for our 50th. Cynthia reports that the cold weather from up north that crept into south Florida was not invited nor welcomed here. She and Jon are still active in bringing church services to two assisted living centers weekly. She also volunteers as a secretary for a food pantry. She sends her love to all her classmates.

**Peggy Fenimore Morris**, a Trustee Emerita, attended the reunion with her husband Robert. As many of us are not "working" anymore, her news is "family news." Her six grandchildren bring them much happiness these days. They range in age from 16 down to 3 with the oldest beginning to think about college.

Her only grandson is a very talented soccer player. **Ginger Shaw** also attended the reunion. She lives in Vancouver. She says "It's been a musical year for me. I sing in a choir with my sister, **Suzi (Shaw) Smith '61**, and we sing classical music (Mozart, Scarlatti, Verdi, Vivaldi). I no longer play for a church on Sundays, but I do substitute when asked. This year I've played for seven months, while two churches found new music directors. Peter and I have had three trips – to SMH/Doane for our 60th reunion, to the UK (Cambridge, Wells, Durham, Lincoln, and Bourton-on-the-Water) for hiking and finally Venice and a Mediterranean cruise". She and her husband continue to be active at their Cathedral parish in Vancouver. She always played the Chapel organ beautifully while we were in school. **Sally Garrison Thomas** came through hurricane Irma unscathed. She never lost electricity, only drinking water for three days. However, the big news for Marvin and Sally was becoming great-grandparents for the first time! Zane was born to our oldest grandson in September right after the hurricane. They live in Florida too. Their youngest grandson is finishing up his junior year at the University of Florida. He will graduate early next December majoring in Business Administration and a minor in Communications. Marvin and Sally are not



In May 2017, Ginger Shaw, Peggy Fenimore Morris, Alice Huang, Cynthia Johnson Floria, and Julia Gleason Rhoads celebrated their 60th reunion and the 180th anniversary of the founding of the school



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traveling anymore as orthopedic issues are a real problem. They are still very busy where they live. Sally is secretary of three committees and Marvin just finished being President of the Resident Council for two years. They have been living in a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Venice for the last 12 years. Throw in Boy Scouts, and you can imagine how busy her husband is. One member of our class who is still working and also lives in Florida is **Sidney Hagert Gommel**. She has been working for Pearson/Smarthinking for over sixteen years, in the role of tutor and senior lead. She has a team of tutors who report to her -- located in the Philippines! "Lest we are accused of 'offshoring,'" it's important to remember that they provide a 24/7 tutoring service to students in the US, so we need that extra help from various places around the world, for example, South Africa. She enjoys working and is happy to be able to continue working.

**Dianne Higham Warrick** was a teacher for 37 years (teaching K and 1st grades). She loved teaching. As she types this, "she is looking out at a palm covered with fluffy, snowflakes--a rarity here in South Carolina" as many of our class becomes "seniors" they do not have any earthshaking news! Jim and Dianne are blessed with good health and continue to enjoy cruising. They enjoy their mountain place but no longer ski. Again they have five grand-kids who make up an important part of their lives. **Judith Walters Stein** (me) retired from Nova University last year after 42 years of teaching and being a Director of Magnet Schools in Miami-Dade County Schools. She keeps active with exercising, attending conferences still for magnet and charter schools and works with the Parkinson's Foundation where she is a volunteer Executive Director and does the bi-monthly newsletter. She organizes the exercise class five days a week. She has done this to help the patients (they are boxers, not patients);

and honor her husband of 35 years who died of Parkinson's disease on Christmas Day 2012. We are almost all alive and well. Amazing for 78 years young! One class member died in 2015, **Gail Probasco McKay**. God bless her in Jesus' name. Class Agent Judith Walters Stein, [stein@nova.edu](mailto:stein@nova.edu), LET ME HEAR FROM ALL THE REST OF YOU FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF IVY LEAVES. Our school that almost closed has a large endowment thanks to Headmaster (retired) John McGee. Come back to a reunion and see the beautiful school and "new" headmaster George Sanderson.

**1958**

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**Linda Focht Whistler** and her husband Bob attended the Dallas Regional Gathering in November. They enjoyed the Christmas season with family in Nashville where they spent the whole week and had good luck with the weather.

**1959**

**Class Agent**

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**Karen Fischer** replied to my email, but the reply looked as though her email address had been hacked, so I called her. She is well but was staying inside since the snow came up to her shoulders. Her new email address is [fischerkg@yahoo.com](mailto:fischerkg@yahoo.com). A Christmas card from **Ben Hoover** reports that Ann's memory gets worse, but her sense of humor comes through at unexpected times. **Joan Wright Konecny** says that 2017 was a quiet year with trips to visit relatives and friends. She continues her work on the National Altar Guild Board

and will handle altar guild duties for the ten days of the General Convention in Austin, Texas in July. Hurricane Harvey deposited 26 inches of rain in three days even though they are 75 miles north of Houston. **Susan Probasco Olsen** and her husband Ed keep active with Susan playing tennis and Ed biking. Travels included Montserrat, Manhattan, Alaska, and Wyoming. They also enjoy adventures with their nearby five-year-old granddaughter. **Katie Hutton Tweedy** reports that she and Charles have traveled to visit their high achieving grandchildren at their various colleges. Other trips are needed to visit the house at the beach and the house in the Poconos to oversee various needed repairs. Your class agent, **Frances Mulford Young**, and husband Bill enjoy visiting our five-year-old granddaughter and her three-year-old brother in Delaware. We are volunteers at our church once a month when the people in the neighborhood are invited to a free meal. About 110 to 130 people attend. Our one special trip in 2017 was a six-day sail on the Lewis R. French, an 1871 two-mast schooner out of Camden, Maine. Thanks to all the classmates who replied, but we would like to hear from more of you. Please mark your calendars now when we celebrate our 60th reunion in May 2019!!!

**1961**

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**Jean Scott Lendvay** and Greg are busy with two young dogs whom they have adopted. They just love them and are actively training and exercising them on a daily basis. That alone makes for a very busy life. Their grandchildren are 8 1/2 and 6, and they are lots of fun too! **Alice Collins Fisk** lives close by now at Edgemere, and they see each other all the time. Happy New Year to everyone!

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## FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND MAY 4 & 5, 2018 SEE PAGE 35 TO RSVP

**Joan Gale Smith** enjoys their five grandsons and the youngest, granddaughter Ebbie. She continues her charity volunteer work on a crisis helpline. Joan, her husband of 52 years and her brother, have downsized to a home in a retirement village. She sold her Corvette and now drives a respectable retirement car, a Lexus. Joan took a bad fall in June and spent three months in rehabilitation with physical therapy. **Linn Davies** is still playing poker at the Borgata. Linn drove to Florida in January and is moving to South Florida in timeshares to get away from the cold weather and will have some friends visiting and staying with her while there. She is looking forward to visiting **Suggie Dorsett Cary** said hi to everyone! They've been busy as they're closing one chapter and moving onto the next, a retirement community in the Fort Myers, Florida area. **Susan Kahn Ferry** and Jim moved four houses down the street to 38 Otter Creek Road, Princeton, NJ 08540. They also welcomed granddaughter Kaiea Adele Ferry on March 30th! **Suzanne Shaw Smith** and David have been traveling to schools and conferences wherever he has been invited to speak; the last couple of months of 2017 included the Banff Springs Hotel and a school in Hawaii. So, life is good and full of fun. Love to all the class of '61. **Trudi Scott Lefavour's** daughter Lisa relocated from Taiwan with her husband and three children (7,6,4), to Nashville where she is in the Ph.D. program in the school of religion at Vanderbilt. Trudi's son Jonathan moved from northern New Hampshire to southern California with his wife and two-year-old to enter a Ph.D.

program in psychology at Biola. Both families made it to New Jersey at Christmas. The three grandchildren from Taiwan had never seen snow before. The night they arrived, they found a patch and immediately "used it up," moving it around, throwing a few snowballs, etc. I, **Linda Whinney**, am still enjoying working part-time, but part-time is enough! We had a wonderful Christmas with family and visitors from France. My family has been friends with them for 30 years, and it is wonderful to see the younger set growing up, exchanging month-long visits and becoming close friends too. It is interesting how the world keeps getting smaller. I am still looking forward to visiting with those of us who are nearby. If you are visiting and have time for a get-together, please let us know! I hope 2018 is a very good year for every one of you and your families!

**1963**  
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**Aileen Howe Ward**, in Tampa for the winter, will return in mid-May and will miss our 55th reunion. This is her ninth year for being a snowbird as she spends the summers in Beach Haven. Her three grandchildren in Tampa keep her pretty busy; as well as checking in with **Bonnie Clark Lenhard** just about every day. Aileen is glad that she is still kicking around to report that she is still kicking around. Us too! Life is looking brighter for **Carol Richards Culberson** as she finds more and happier moments coming into

her life again. She is traveling every few months and is grateful for good health and wonderful friends. She is planning on coming to Founder's Day and hopes that more classmates will turn out to make it a banner (55th) year for our class. Bryant and **Jeanette Smith Cureton** enjoy visiting their California daughters and three grandchildren, except when they pick up the latter's germs, which is what happened over New Year's. However, they survived both the norovirus and a 4.4 magnitude earthquake centered just two miles away, and they look forward to a repeat of the trip sans illness later in 2018. Jeanette, a Doane trustee, is one of Martha's "Usuals" who will attend Founder's Day in May. October 2017 was a busy SMH-**Linda Sharlin** month! She had a fun lunch in Charlottesville, Virginia catching up with **Ibby Stratton** and **Sherry Popkin**. Then she had dinner in New York City with **Leslie Pearl**. Linda Sharlin is hoping, too, that more of our classmates will be attending Founder's Day with her. She said that life is about the same: work, travel, and family. Speaking of traveling, her wish would be to travel around and visit with every classmate! As of this writing in January, **Meredith Ates Gray** is recuperating from foot surgery and pneumonia. She will be off her feet for about six or eight weeks, so she is planning on doing a lot of reading and cross-stitch. As for your class agent, (**Martha Conway Gabriel**), my husband John (AKA Gabe) works for Hanover Insurance here in Worcester, MA and still loves it. I look forward to spring and a trip to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in May and to get back out in the yard to garden again. We aren't sure yet if we are going to New Brunswick and Ontario or swinging through some southern states. Our wonderful daughter-in-law, Lauren, has accepted a new position at Harvard University as Associate Dean of Student Life. She and Chuck will move into faculty housing in Cambridge.



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**1964**

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Our condolences go out to **Nancy Hano** who lost her husband two weeks before Thanksgiving. Nancy also has a son who is a doctor in New York City. **Patricia Albert Cohen** has two children and five grandchildren, and she lives in Georgia. **Jennifer Schwed Kellum** has one daughter and two grandsons. She lives in Florida. I am retired and have lived in Barrington, New Jersey for 3 1/2 years. I (**Debbie Gartman Spencer**) will try to contact more of our classmates in the next Ivy Leaves.

**1965**

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**Sandy Alves Belcher** and Bob traveled to London in September. Bob is a self-taught student of WWII and of Winston Churchill, in particular, so they saw most of those related sights. Sandy enjoyed the trip, but kissed the floor of their house when they returned! Not a plane fan. They see their two granddaughters, 9 and 5, on Thursday afternoons. Sandy and Bob recently had them for a sleepover and took them on a hike on an 11 degree day. All were troopers but Granny Sandy's knees took a hit. She is still working as a chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital three days a week and loves her work though the hour commute gets old, especially in winter. Living locally gives **Mimo Black Betten** a chance to drive by Doane and marvel at the vitality of the school. Mimo, Keith, and son Ethan '95 and his wife Debbie will attend Taste of the Best, featuring tastings from local restaurants including

Debbie's own Sweet Lucy's Smokehouse. Mimo volunteers at their local school library and helps out wherever possible with their five grandchildren. **Susie Brotz Lippincott** and Lanny spent the holidays with the extended family at Pioneertown in Yucca Valley. I agree her grandsons are two of the cutest ever! Son Scott, helicopter pilot, is out to sea for 4 to 7 months aboard the USS Carl Vinson. Daughter Sabrina is working at the University of San Diego but hopes to work for the City of Oceanside which is much closer to home. Susie and Lanny love the park where they live and Susie is the vice president of the social club! **Nancy Carson Berst** is still adjusting to being back in Kansas City after 16 years in Indianapolis. She and David love their condo and life in downtown Kansas City – lots happening. The best part of their new home is being part of their newest granddaughter's first year. They actually saw her take her first steps! Long Beach Island remains part of their annual trips but now a long drive from Kansas City. For **Teddi Groff**, the second half of 2017 was life-changing. Several of the Facebook family already know that two months short of her 70th birthday in October, and with the assistance of two very dedicated friends and Ancestry.com, she was blessed to have found her birth mother. She also learned that she is no longer an "only child" but one of five, two brothers and two sisters. There have already been several trips to Florida where all the family members live, her mother and sister spent a week with her on Long Beach Island in October and her brother and his fiancée followed that up with a visit to Maine in November to celebrate their birthdays. Teddi says the whole experience has been amazing, overwhelming, and challenging to say the least and to have people refer to her as sister and aunt is something she is still trying to wrap her head around. There will

be more trips to Florida, to Long Beach Island, and upstate New York. She is truly blessed by the addition of another family who opened their hearts and welcomed her with open arms and to the ongoing support from the only family she knew growing up. There's a two-week visit to Wales planned for May. A friend from the early days at America West Airlines is now living there with her husband, and they need to catch up and play tourist together. **Marsha Megariotis** is still enjoying her time in the Homestead community. She enjoys all the activities that go on in the clubhouse and many of the planned day trips. **Martha Mulford Gray** says she and Guy spent the fall practicing and singing with the Chorus of Dorchester for the annual Christmas concerts. Usually, **Susan Wojick Carrow** joins them. In their house, it isn't Christmas until you have sung the Hallelujah Chorus! **Andi Pierce Bigelow** and Frank are in the Turks and Caicos Islands where they spend their winters. It is quite a sight/mess after the hurricane. As all work diligently, the island is recovering. Daughter Allison, husband Dave, and their three children were on the island for ten days after Christmas. Lots of fun in the sand and surf was had by all. Andi and Frank will be returning to Colorado in mid-April. A Florida gal for years, **Jo-Ann Trouts Falcon** and Ray are planning a trip to the coast – East or West or Gulf, the Panhandle, anywhere there is salt water. They are both in fairly good shape and thankful for that. **Jane Walton Mashburn's** daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter spent the holiday together in Boston. Jane is beginning to see more light in her days although this Christmas was very hard for her. She is hoping 2018 will lift more clouds. She volunteers, travels, and waits for spring so she can get into her garden. Her friends have been wonderful in this dark time and as Jane says, "We all know how important

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family and friends are." Amen, Jane!

**Susan Wojick Carrow** was part of a mini-reunion held by the "Mulford" cousins in September. In October, she and Paul spent ten days with Susan's cousins in Wenatchee, Washington, a beautiful town in the Columbia River Valley on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, big apple orchard country. A highlight was a two hour boat ride on Lake Chelan to Stehekin, a village accessible only by boat, seaplane or hiking. At Christmas, they spent a few days with Mrs. Wojick who is three months away from turning 101 years old! Singing in two choral groups, volunteering at church functions, and being a member of a book club keep Susan busy. In June 2018, she and Paul will take a Smithsonian Journeys trip to Krakow, Poland for a week where she may locate some distant Wojick cousins. **Sherry Shaw Butterworth**, the class nudge, and John made a last-minute decision to spend two weeks in Sea Isle City, New Jersey. In the end of September, it was colder than we thought, but staring at the ocean is all I need to be renewed. John and Alz are about the same...good days and not so good, but I make sure we laugh as much as possible. John is half-way through the drug trial intended to keep the patient from losing more of himself. We are blessed with our St. Peter's extended family, though we aren't as involved as in the past. My "Little Nanny" dude is 7! He brings joy and smiles into my life. Katie and Ray continue rescuing animals: 3 dogs, 6 cats, another long hair rabbit, and many crawly things in glass I don't look at often. Our rescue dog Charlie (girl) is John's constant companion and a gift from God! Let's try, try, try to get together in May!! As I tell myself I am 70. (I want to get much older, but I will never be OLD) I am sorry for the years we "girls" have not seen much of each other, but there is still time. Wishing you all good health and happiness!

**1966**

**Class Agent**

**Evangela Biehl**

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**Mona Fishmann** wishes everyone from the class of '66 a Happy New Year. She reports still mourning her father's death but is enjoying spending time with her 94 year old mother. She does speak with **Barbara Sharlin Berkman** on a regular basis; she and her husband Sheldon are doing well and have six grandchildren. Last March, Mona saw Judy Light in an off-broadway show in California and was able to go backstage for a visit. She is planning to volunteer for "Make a Wish Charity" in February and to celebrate the big 70 in Las Vegas in March. That sounds like a party to me. **Turba Kanter Steinberg** reports that she is enjoying her retirement and spending a lot of time with her grandsons and going back and forth to her daughter's house in Maryland. She loves the D.C. area with so much to experience and the fantastic restaurants. Having moved in 2017, she is having great fun decorating the new home. **Lynn Van Duzer Mullen** is, at the time of this writing, recuperating in a rehab facility after having had spinal surgery. She seemed very upbeat and positive when I spoke with her. We all wish her well. **Claire Schaeffer-Holt** and her husband Bill are pictured here enjoying



Claire Schaeffer-Holt and her husband Bill

a beautiful Christmas with family after having emergency surgery in July of 2017 and another surgery to reverse everything in November. Long story and a long recovery but she is doing well and getting ready for their annual trip to Puerto Rico.

**Leona Soltez Maffei** reports that although her husband Dave enjoyed being Mayor of Lawrenceville, New Jersey for two years he has stepped down to his councilman position. Leona will be an experienced asset for local politicians through her speech writing. The town will also benefit from her work as head of the committee to commemorate Captain James Lawrence with a private funding 501c3. **Evangela Biehl's** family lost its patriarch to a heart attack at 71 yrs of age. Alex Mastoris was my high school sweetheart and the father of my children, Marianne and Dean. He had a most generous spirit and was very loving to his family, church, and extended community. He will be missed dearly. I continue to enjoy my part-time work with students at a Behavior Health Center. It is most rewarding and yet very flexible, so I can still travel each year. This year it is Sicily and the Amalfi Coast in October. Hoping to get more involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution events with my sister Esther since she recently discovered our ancestry.



Evangela Biehl and husband Alex



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**1967**

**Class Agent**

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**Karen Berger Levin** says running continues to be a great source of pleasure for her and she ran her 30th marathon in November. Their store is doing well, but retail is definitely not what it used to be though. She and her husband are hoping to go to Costa Rica for a few days in January to get out of the brutal, frigid weather. Their grandsons, in first and third grades, are enjoying life in western Howard County. **Pam Borden Heckert** chatted with **Marcia Evans** at New Year's, and she sounds fine though at the time suffering from the cold weather. Pam is taking violin lessons from an eight-year-old prodigy! The dog hides when she practices. **Anne Gold Gleason** and Larry had a great holiday trip into New York City to see the tree at Rockefeller Center, a musical and had a great dinner, and then went to Chester, New York and stayed with Larry's daughter, Josie. They will travel to the Bahamas, spend a few days with daughter Annie in Florida, and the following week will visit their son Rick and his family in Chicago. From tropical to winter in a week! Her memories of 2017 include our great 50th reunion. **Judy Herman** is busy with horses, students, and trips to Powell's Books in Portland. It's a four-hour drive, so she makes an event out of it. The store encompasses a whole city block. **Kay Newberry Dubit** continues to play with and take care of her pony boys. It definitely keeps her young! And right now, the big thing is to keep everyone warm. **Jane Rosenthal Schorr** and her husband took their grandson and granddaughter to London and Paris and said it was amazing to revisit those cities and see them through the eyes of a six and seven-year-old. Her birthday trip to Paris was even more amazing! They spent the holidays in Sun Valley with her daughter's and son's

families. Bonding with their ten-month-old granddaughter has been so special. Jane guesses she inherited the travel bug from her mom who is currently traveling through India and Dubai at the age of 90! I, **Bonnie Dix Cavanaugh**, am in the midst of heavy snow and pondering additions to my garden areas. Our son, Sean, in Plano, Texas continues to write computer code for 3-D graphics for computer games with Gearbox Software. I, along with other classmates, wish everyone a healthy and peaceful 2018.

**1968**

**Class Agent**

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**Arlene Kolman Harris** has a new granddaughter, Lucy Ruth born November 12th. Lucy is beautiful – of course, what else would a loving grandmother say! Arlene and her husband Steve went to their 8th Maine Windjammer cruise last August. It was the most relaxing vacation, and they are looking forward to their next Windjammer cruise in August. Arlene is totally enjoying retirement. She retired five years ago and, after teaching 27 years, says that each day still feels like the first day of summer vacation! Arlene keeps very busy and often wonders how she did everything when she was teaching. She hopes to see everyone at our 50th reunion. **Chris Picard Olson** and husband Todd spent December in Florida and returned home just in time to experience the coldest temperatures on record in their area. Nice timing, she says. Chris has signed up for another year of working with her clients and has determined that she has worked 56 of the 68 years of her life. Yikes! The pictures are the ocean view from their balcony on Singer Island; and back home, ten days later, the view from her home office ("frozen tundra" Chesapeake Bay). **Donna Griffing Dovi** says it's freezing in New Jersey. Their grandkids are growing



Chris Picard Olson and husband Todd's ocean view from their balcony and office

up ... two are in sixth grade, one in eighth grade, two in third grade and one in preschool. Clay is a junior firefighter/EMT and got to ride the fire truck to take Santa around ... quite an experience. Husband Bob and Donna are both working and are hoping to plan a summer getaway. Donna says life is good! **Jacqui Thomas** sends wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all. She says there's nothing new ... except that she's thankful she doesn't have to go out to work in the very cold weather, and that retirement does have many benefits! **Jane Lawrence Purdy** says after their busy holidays in New Jersey, she and husband Ed drove to Florida for a few

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months of rest and visiting with family and friends. They have a list of projects and repairs to accomplish, along with relaxing in the warmth. **Joan Urken Zimmett** reports that she and husband Mark are waiting for the arrival of their new grandchild. Their daughter Lili and her husband Antoine are expecting a baby girl next month. Their other grand-daughter, Dylan, is 9! Joan is still working at the Library and is happy to report that thankfully they raised more funds than ever in 2017! Her theories include a very robust market plus concerns about future charitable deductions and a few other things. But, it is January ... time to start all over again. **Kathy McMillan Hoyler** spent Christmas week with two daughters and her husband in Lisbon. They saw very few elderly folks around, as the streets are steep and the sidewalks are slick limestone in 40-degree rainy weather. Still, they had a great time enjoying cod and more cod and bread and Azores cheese - just like in their little part of Rhode Island, Kath says. **Linnie McLean Livingston** says she had a fun and busy Christmas with 17 people at their home. Last October Linnie traveled to Vermont, where her brother did a wonderful job of producing and co-directing four one-act plays that her mom had written but that had never been performed. Linnie says it was such a special event ... her mom would have been 100 years old in 2017. I am **Barby Stults Crear**, Blurb Gatherer, who rarely has any news. In 1968, 50 years ago, our class graduated from St. Mary's Hall ... and we are now working on reunion plans. For just a bit more than a dozen people, we are widely scattered ... so it'll be tricky. I'll let you at Ivy Leaves know how things go.

1969

Class Agent

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(top) Linnie, husband Tom and grandkids  
(bottom) Linnie's daughters Nerissa & Lara

**Melissa Craven Fowler** is happily wintering in Florida and avoiding the frigid conditions up north. **Jack Gearren** is back in Jacksonville, Florida until March when he returns to Thailand where he is essentially retired and participating in a global non-competitive running club with ex-pats and locals. His daughter is getting married in August which will bring him back to the States. **Frank Sleeper** is doing well and enjoying taking walks which makes his cardiologist very happy. **Nancy Switlik Vaga's** house is always full of grandchildren (2-12), and she is blessed that everyone is so close in proximity. The family will all go to Mexico again in



(top) Linnie's brother Don  
(bottom) poster of Linnie's mother and the four one-act plays her mother wrote

February, a treasured time together. Nancy remodeled her kitchen and had the joy of washing Christmas dishes in the bathtub! A very special moment was being invited to the Christmas Mystery in which her great-niece, Elle Bukosky, Doane '18, played a shepherd just as Nancy had done. Elle's younger sister is also at Doane. Nancy said the school looks beautiful and thought the programs they now offer to all the kids are incredible.

(Photos for 1969 class notes can be seen on page 27)



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Nancy Switlik Vaga with her great niece, Elle Bukosky, '18



Linda McMillan on the summit of Mauna Kea

**1970**

**Class Agent**

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**Marcia Crosman Laricos** still loves living on Hatteras Island and enjoys her job as Assistant Property Manager. She and Bill will accompany her son and his family, including Hunter, 8, and Avery, 2, to Disney World in January. The next big family event is the birth of a grandson, Jackson, who is due to arrive in March, son of her daughter and son-in-law. She and Bill, who loves his job as an EMT,

have no plans to retire or slow down.

**Suzanne Muldowney** had a busy few months marching in dozens of parades including the New Year's Day Mummer's parade. She has performed Christmas carols in Latin with the spectators clapping along in rhythm. She created a new character and costume: "Fairy of the Golden Snow." She continues to create and hand sew her parade costumes as well as making chocolate candy cups with a variety of flavorings during the Christmas season.

**1971**

**Class Agent**

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**Joe Durr** and Holly continue to enjoy and feel very blessed to be living in Ecuador, with springtime weather nearly year-round except for a short rainy season. Living in the countryside not too far from Cuenca suits them and their Golden Retrievers perfectly, surrounded by a lively bunch of Gringos who keep them grounded and practicing their Spanish. If your paths might cross in 2018, they are planning two weeks in Amsterdam, with side trips to Berlin and the Czech Republic, and, of course, you are welcome to visit them in Ecuador. Do get in touch with Joe. **Peggy Edwards** faced her fear of public speaking in November when she proudly presented her younger brother, Mike, with the Anti-Defamation League's American Heritage Award at a black-tie gala in New York City. If you Google this award and his extraordinary career, Mike's being honored that evening will come as no surprise. Peggy spent the holidays with his family at their new condo, soon to be featured in *Philadelphia Magazine*, and Christmas in Puerto Vallarta. She has also explored her roots through Ancestry.com this last year and discovered some half-siblings, much to her delight. **Sheryl Kemp Kittrell's**

husband, Ralph, retired in 2016, so they began to travel the bucket list. The trips are feeding her photography addiction as she enjoys chronicling time away from home, and family life, especially the grandchildren. They celebrated their son David's wedding in Orlando at Christmas. Son Steven and his wife, Lindsay, blessed them with their first grandson, William, last March, while Sarah and Andrew's girls, Abby and Kaitlyn, 4 and 6, add much joy to their family. The highlight of their travels this year will be a Biblical studies tour of Israel. The Kittrells feel thankful and blessed with the love and close ties with family and friends, their health, and the opportunity to see the world as never before. I, **Wendy Elliott Russell**, enjoyed Christmas with my mother Barbara, the 1st-grade teacher at SMH for many years. Our feet barely touched the ground. Life in Munich continues to be a delightful experience. The Munich International Women's Club and Ancient Art History classes have provided new friendships. I have fully experienced and felt blessed to have socialized medicine for the past year. Husband, Andy, appreciates a new-found life/work balance unheard of in London, topped off with 10 Catholic holidays, nine weeks' vacation, and a bicycle commute to the office. An hour from the Bavarian/Austrian Alps and skiing, we don't have much to complain about except learning the German language! I am off to Israel in March with my art history teacher and classmates, as well as Marcia Haek (7th/8th grade SMH) from Denver. Wishing all of our classmates a wonderful 2018!

**1973**

**Class Agent**

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**Caroline Shaw Oliver** enjoys working as a Portfolio Manager/Planner at Palladium Registered Investment Advisors in

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Norfolk, VA. Caroline joined her sister in Mt. Holly for her sister's 50th year reunion from RVRHS. While in town she visited with Katharine and **Candace Mahon**. Caroline shared a selfie photo taken in December at Arlington National Cemetery where she participated in the Wreaths Across America Day. Caroline's aunt and uncle are buried there. Caroline was under the impression Doane was going to have a veterans' memorial on the riverbank. [Ed. Note: yes, Caroline, it is done. Come visit!] Caroline met up with **Donna Adams** in Florida but can't seem to locate her since. Anyone with information please forward to Caroline and Denise. Caroline also found **Lynn Lamb** who is currently living in Lumberton, New Jersey. **Monica Mitchell** is enjoying as much time as possible with her granddaughter, Cassidy.

I (**Denise DeMore**) have been working much too hard, but enjoying my extra-curricular activities. I am now sponsoring the making of the 'Plymouth Tapestry', for the Pilgrims 400th anniversary in 2020. Who knew I would be so involved with works of art when I never took Art Appreciation or even an art class of any kind at St. Mary's? I spend more time on multiple historical societies' collections of textiles and clothing. I also travel back and forth to Florida to see my mother and enjoy the warmth though it was very cold there this past winter. And as Caroline suggests, Class of 1973, we have to reserve time in 2023 for our 50th reunion!

**1974**

**Class Agent**

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*(please take note of the class agent's new email address)*

**1976**

**Class Agent**

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**James March** and his wife Maggie are still in snowy Cazenovia, NY. Their daughter Rebecca recently completed a degree in Community Health Education, graduating from Mansfield University in December 2017. Jim and Maggie's other daughter Emma lives on Long Island with husband Rob who is an electrician. Jim still works as an engineer, building and deploying air traffic management and aircraft tracking systems. **John C. Mutch, III** and Linda, his wife of 25 years, plan to travel a little more together in the near future. Their youngest son Andy is a junior at Gettysburg College studying business and recently returned from a semester abroad in the UK. Their oldest son Carson has been working in Washington DC for two years with the global firm FTI and consults in the Energy and Chemical segments as well as political matters concerning foreign nations. Linda, a retired nurse, volunteers with "1854 Cares" assisting the homeless and underprivileged. John is busy running their 126-year old family flavoring business. He still has a taste for the business – continuing to sell, taste, manage and loves it more than ever. John still suffers from a



**John C. Mutch III and his wife Linda**

continuing affliction "CS" which he's had since childhood – but not to worry – it's "Collectors Syndrome". He remains an avid outdoorsman, bird hunting and trapshooting with his sons this winter, and plans to fly fish with them this spring and summer. Pictured are John and Linda at Stone Harbor, NJ. John wishes the best to all of the Doane family from Flourtown, PA. **Audrey Winzinger** still splits her time between the family contracting business in Hainesport and giving back to the community through volunteer activities. For the 25th year, she is running "Fire and Ice" in Mount Holly, a fun-filled ice carving event coupled with a chili contest. Audrey remains active with Doane Academy serving as a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. In February Audrey will again board the Amtrak Crescent for a six-week stint in Gulfport, Mississippi near New Orleans where she will help her husband John with his business training horses. While there, Audrey will multi-task via a remote office at their house and split her time between horse show responsibilities and managing the Winzinger construction business. As for me, **Mike Thomas**, your faithful class agent, I have been working for American Lawyer Media (ALM) of New York City. I am the published author of two incredibly exciting books for ALM (pictured) – the *2018 Healthcare Reform Facts* and the *2018 Social Security and Medicare Facts*. The former is the go-to book for everything you wanted to know about the workings of the Affordable Care Act. The latter is about the workings of Social Security and Medicare. My son Caleb (pictured) is finishing his junior year in high school and my daughter Caitlin (pictured) is finishing a master's degree in securities studies at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service while working for the US government. Rita, my wife of nearly 33 years, possibly faces the same joyous event I had back in 2013, a hip replacement and maybe back surgery as well. Please keep her in your prayers. I am



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very active in the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal charitable organization. I am running for election as Ohio State Warden, which would ultimately result in my being the "State Deputy", the individual responsible for the Knights of Columbus organization in Ohio. This organization is near and dear to my heart as we do a lot of good locally, statewide, nationally and internationally for the needy, the homeless, the physically and mentally challenged, our service members and our veterans. My best wishes to everyone in the class. If you're a class member "lurking" out there and haven't written – or have contact information for a classmate you haven't seen here – please contact me at michaelthomas@aol.com . Thanks!



Mike's son Caleb and daughter Caitlin



Mike Thomas' two books for ALM. (top) 2018 Healthcare Reform Facts (bottom) 2018 Social Security & Medicare Facts

**1977**

**Class Agent**

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I, (**Harry Van Sciver**) am living and working on Cape Cod, married to the lovely Maggie. We have four daughters. Three graduated from Penn, and the last matriculates there this Fall.

**1978**

**Class Agent**

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Hello, alums and friends at Doane! I (**Adam Potkay**) think I may have reported this earlier, but just to recap: for the 2018-2019 school year I'll be the Laurance Rockefeller Distinguished Visiting Professor at Princeton University. It'll be my first year-long stay in New Jersey for more than 20 years, and I look forward to revisiting the school and seeing other alums in the great Garden State.

**1979**

**Class Agent**

**Mary Ellen Mimi Popkin**  
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**John Crosman** lives and works on Long Island. He took three trips this year; he spent Easter with friends in the mountains of Romania and a week in Greece seeing as many archaeology sites as possible. Then it was back to Paris for his birthday with a new friend whom he met on a trip through the Baltic states last year. **Julie Eisele Engeli** works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield-Florida for 27 years. She's the Director of National Strategic accounts. Her daughter is a senior at the University of Florida. Go Gators! Julie has three grown step-children and seven grandchildren. She volunteers with Canine Companions for Independence as a Board member, as well as for Mayo's Caring Canine Pet therapy program and is an

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instructor for Pet Partners Therapy program. Her father, 97, lives with her and her 87-year-old mother lives nearby. **Marc Gordon** is currently in a new relationship with an old friend who is a school teacher. He lives in Burlington County and works in construction. He must travel for work at times. He and his partner talk about possibly retiring in Florida or a warm climate with a beach. They both love the beach and Marc still enjoys going to the shore in his free time. **Martha-Lisa Mode Flinsch** lives in Mercer County, New Jersey, raising her 14-year-old autistic son and advocating for Children's Mental Health. She has a BA in psychology and computer science from Wittenberg. She uses her former work experience and volunteers for NAMI and UMHA (Urban Mental Health Association) She also has 27-year-old twins. The son works for Amazon.com, and her daughter will graduate from Rutgers University with a BA in Political Science in May 2018. **Charles Monroe** is retired after teaching for 28 years at Mercer County Community College, but he still tutors math students. He is also retired from his engineering career. His wife Daisy also retired this year. Chuck loves to do Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, and WWII reenactments and is president of four reenactment chapters. Chuck is also still doing magic tricks. **Ken Siegel's** wife Valerie retired from Procter and Gamble after 37 years. She's learning to play guitar and paints artistically. Ken started Prism Painting & Home Repair 10+ years ago after his career in Human Resources. Business is excellent, postponing his plans to go part-time. Ken had surgery for arthritis forcing him to take a break from everything. His son Max lives in Manhattan and works for NYCDOT in Asset Management. Daughter Abigail is a 5th-grade teacher outside Philadelphia. **Steve Zimnes** has been on permanent disability since December 22nd due to health issues. The positive side is that he can partake in the job he loves most which is being a full-time dad to Alex. He is feeling

blessed that his wonderful wife Shirley is an RN, terrific wife and amazing mother. Alex, 8, is involved in swimming competitions and doing really well. **Mary Ellen Popkin**, your class agent, is working as an ESL Teacher for VIPKID. My daughter Charlyne is a freshman in high school, and she's attending Early College. This semester she will be taking Art Appreciation. She had a poem published, Music and Dance: Combined in Harmony." My son Jacob started middle school. Last year he won 4th place at the Science Fair. She loves the arts and humanities, and he loves science and math. They keep me busy.



Ken Siegel and his wife Valerie



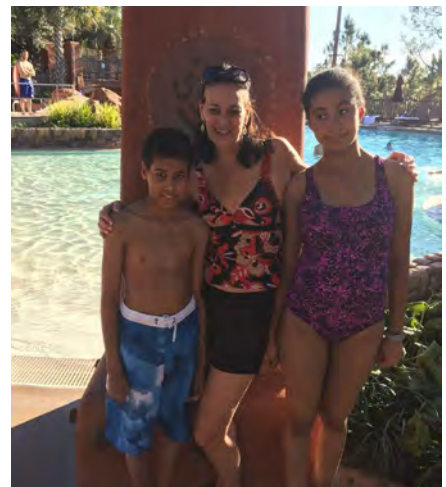
John Crosman in Greece



Steve Zimnes and his son Alex



Julie Eisele Engelen and Bronco



Mary Ellen Popkin, Charlyne and Jacob New Year's Eve at Walt Disney World Animal Kingdom Resort



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**1981**

**Class Agent**

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I (**Stacie Haberman-Feise**) am celebrating nearly 33 years of marriage to 1979 Alumni Scott Feise. I am an R.N. specializing in Eating Disorders. I have three sons, Alexander who will marry this May 2018, Dustin who married May 2017, and Hunter to marry in 2019; the latter two are serving in the Marines and Air Force. This marks 14 years in South Florida.

**1992**

**Class Agent**

**Class Agent Needed**

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The class will be sad to know that **Michael L. Kelly** died of cancer on December 30, 2017. He leaves a wife, Rebecca Shaw Kelly, and a five-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. He was a director of Deutsche Bank in New York and loved traveling the world, hiking, diving, skiing, and canoeing.

**1996**

**Class Agent**

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**Neal McTighe** and his wife and son are doing well in North Carolina, but looking forward to escaping winter and heading to the beach! He asks that if anyone plans a trip south to please send him a line at nealmctighe@gmail.com. I, **Jaclyn Marshall**, hope to see more alumni at this year's Founder's Day weekend events!!

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**1997**

**Class Agent**

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**Gillian Reeve Bachin** and her husband Joe have three beautiful daughters: Eve 7, Isla 4, and Aubrey 2. Eve started her second year of skiing; Isla just started snowboarding lessons, and Aubrey loves to sing Moana songs! Who doesn't, Aubrey? They have been living in New Hampshire for almost nine years. Gillian has been accepted to graduate school for Mental Health Counseling and will begin this summer and recently started a new job as the Activities Director at a 62+ independent community and is excited to be able to build a program from the ground up.

**1999**

**Class Agent**

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**Le'Kneith Smith** lives in Murrieta, California where she is the High Containment Laboratory Director at the University of California-Riverside. The university just built the Biosafety Level 3 Lab Plant Facility to attack the citrus disease, Huanglongbing, a plant bacterium that is spread from one plant to another by the Asian Citrus Psyllid, an insect vector that spreads the disease while feeding on healthy plants. If a cure is not found, this disease might eliminate citrus production. It has hit hard already in Florida. The building was funded by farmers who knew the devastation that this disease has created and that they need to find a cure immediately. Le'Kneith is in charge of making sure the laboratory runs effectively. She is also training researchers in the BSL-3 lab and working with USDA inspectors. She recently took the mayor of

Riverside and the city inspector through the BSL-3 laboratory for a tour and was interviewed by the *Business Journal* about the facility. There will be a grand opening for the facility, and it should be completed for the facility, and it should be completed by February 2018. Congratulations, Le'Kneith!

<https://thebusinessjournal.com/citrus-industry-war-take-look-newest-weapon/>



Le'Kneith Smith

**2000**

**Class Agent**

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**Nettie Boulden** got married in October 2016, and a fellow Doane Academy graduate served as her maid of honor! The newlyweds journeyed across the world to explore New Zealand and then recently trekked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. Nettie is antsy for more travel adventures. She is still working as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist and living in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania with her husband and two dogs named Gary and Gray.

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**2003**

**Class Agent**

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**Rachel Thomas** and Kevin have a baby boy due in the beginning of April. She promises pictures! She is now managing a multi-specialty practice and the integrated registration at the new Penn Medicine Cherry Hill on Route 70.

**2004**

**Class Agent**

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**Horace Delisser, Jr.** is based in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. He works as a Physician Assistant at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Horace is married and has a five year-old son, with another child on the way. He continues to be passionate about helping and serving others. I, **Crystal-Lynn Hayes**, am still residing in Florida with my husband Alex and our two year-old son Carter. We are very excited to welcome our baby girl at the end of May!

**2007**

**Class Agent**

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I (**Kimberly Copeland**) am currently working for the School District of Philadelphia teaching 7th and 8th-grade social studies. My husband and I live in Northeast Philadelphia with our five children, ranging in age from 12 years to 2 years old. We also are preparing to welcome our sixth child in early summer of this year. We stay busy by spending time as a family and being very active at our church in West Philadelphia.

**2010**

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**Liz Baldwin** has been working full time at Thomas Jefferson University in the clinical trials office for over a year now. Liz is also going back to school to work on her nursing degree. She is still performing as well, her most recent production being with Eastern State Penitentiary in *Terror Behind the Walls*, as part of the zombie swat dance team. She is also working with Moorestown Theater Company on their production of *Hairspray Jr.*, which is traveling to Atlanta this coming weekend for the junior theater festive competition.

**Rachel Cherubini** became engaged to her boyfriend, David DeWeil, in December 2017! They have been in a relationship for four years. Congratulations, Rachel and Dave!!!! **Raine Robinson** is working at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia on an OB-GYN oncology/medical-surgical floor. **Frank Vespe** received his teaching certification in May. He is currently working at Beverly City School as a TA. He is still a mascot with the Eagles performing as Swoop and is also involved in training high school mascots. As for myself, **Alison Marciante**, I am currently in an accelerated BSN nursing program at Holy Family University!

**2013**

**Class Agent**

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**Brett Keays**, after his May 2017 college graduation, has been working for Mercer Oak Realty as a Sales Associate. **Aaron Minton** is finishing his last semester at the University of Alabama after a one-year co-op with Alaska Airlines' Mechanics and Engineering Department at the company's Seattle headquarters. On his off days, he traveled via Alaska Air across North America and improved his backpacking game. He'll be graduating from Alabama in May then heading back to the east coast. Roll Tide! **Vincent Pensyl** is currently in the U.S. Army taking the Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. This summer, he will attend U.S. Army Ranger School and Airborne School. He has been assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. **Julia Vallejo** attended Kansas University for nursing. She completed basic military training for the Air Force and is now training to be a combat nurse. Julia will be a certified combat nurse this summer. **Alexa Smith-Rommel** graduated in 2017 from the George Washington University with a B.A. in Political Communication and minors in Spanish and Political Science. After a summer of traveling, she joined ABT Associates' International Economic Growth division (Washington, DC) as their Communications Specialist, supporting projects for USAID in like Latin America, West Africa, and Southeast Asia. When not working with field teams and meeting

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deadlines, you can usually find her at the rock climbing gym. **Nyesha White** graduated Cum Laude from Rowan University in May 2017. She began medical school at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine in August 2017. Nyesha is currently the first-year representative of the Student National Medical Association, as well as serving as Assistant Director of District 1 of Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Incorporated. I, **Jermall Keels**, class agent, finished my first semester at Georgetown University Law Center in December and just began the spring semester. During the first semester, I joined the Black Law Student Association, the National Security Law Society, and the Criminal Law Association. I recently applied for a summer internship with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division-Criminal Section.

## 2015

### Class Agent

**Sarah Howell**

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**Connor Newman**

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**Kelsey Doell** completed a rebranding project for the Center for Community Action in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania where she helped establish a new logo, brochure and website designs for the local nonprofit. This semester she is a Teaching Assistant for Message Analysis, a 200-level communication class. After knee surgery in the middle of December, she hopes to return for this season of softball, but if she can't, she will be her team's biggest supporter! On track to graduate in spring of 2019, she may be able to finish after fall of 2018 with a double major in both psychology and communications. **Trent Eastman** has returned to study chemical engineering at Lafayette after studying abroad in Spain. He joined the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, became their academic chair, and was inducted into the Tau Beta

Pi Engineering Honors Society. He is also the Co-Vice President of the AIChE chapter and the treasurer of club baseball. He took a 3-week class in Russia over his winter break and next semester will be working an internship that continues into the summer. **Sarah Howell** is working on getting her teaching certification for grades 7-12 in the state of Pennsylvania. She is student teaching in the spring of 2018. On campus, she recently became the Vice President of her sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma. **Leyli Malikova** has been lucky enough to land a job at a travel agency which was a great opportunity for her to learn about accounting, relationship building skills, and problem-solving. She recently got a promotion which allowed her to take on responsibility for the social media aspect of the company with assignments such as handling Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook posts. **Connor Newman** continues studying to complete his triple major at the University of Rochester. This past semester he co-founded the Animal Science Club, created an art installation, and made Dean's List. Since September 5th, Connor has been working on a project where he does a self-portrait every day. Next semester Connor will be studying abroad at the University of Sydney, researching cognition in bull ants with Ken Cheng.



Trent Eastman skydiving



Trent Eastman in front of the Kremlin



Day 132 of Connor Newman's Self Portrait Everyday project

## 2016

### Class Agent

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**Zaniya Lewis** is currently attending George Washington University (transferred in the summer). She is majoring in Political Science and Minor in Human Services and Social Justice. She founded her organization last year called #YesSheCanCampaign, and it has been doing very well! The organization is having a summit on June 2, 2018, in Bordentown, New Jersey and would love for you all to attend.

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1937

Virginia Ten Eyck Beardsley Claybrook  
December 13, 2016

1943

Lois Mae Adams Davis  
July 8, 2017

1946

Dean Palmer Hall  
December 16, 2017

1949

Sheila Williams Scott  
March 9, 2017

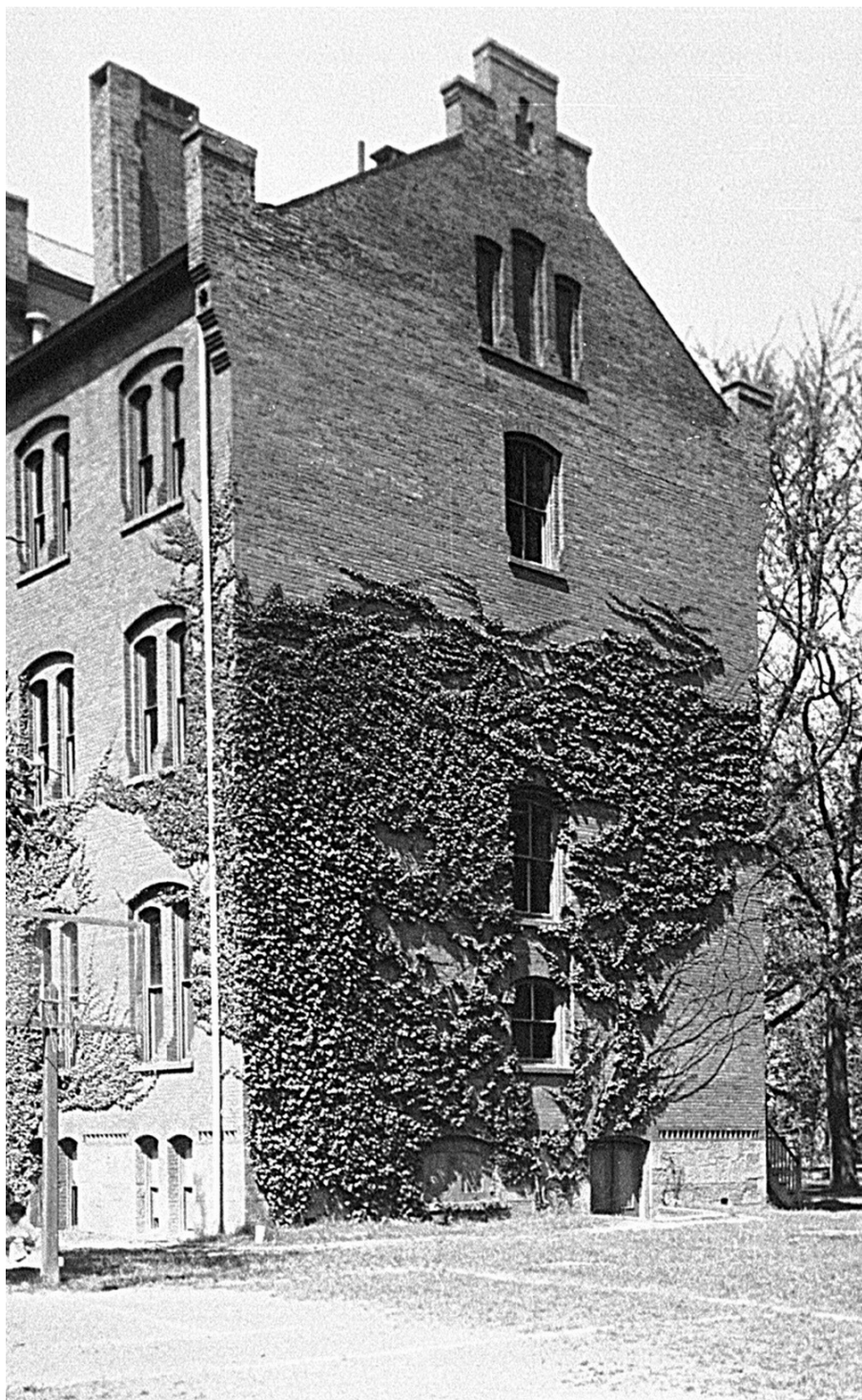
1956

Viola B. Wells  
February 8, 2018

1992

Michael L. Kelly  
December 30, 2017

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October 2017



Odenheimer Hall circa 1900





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