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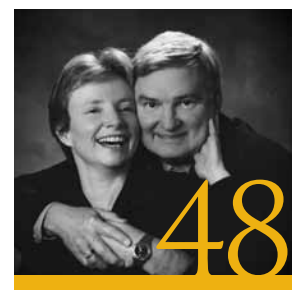
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We'll be celebrating the opening of the Levine Center throughout the fall. Details on special events, including the official dedication and the 2013 Royals Hall of Fame ceremony, will be posted on [www.Queens.edu](http://www.Queens.edu). Look for more pictures and information in the winter issue of *Queens Magazine*!



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(L. to r.) William Yates '14, President Davies, Saray Smalls '13 and Michael Murphy '95 pictured at the annual Scholars Luncheon.

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

No doubt you've seen the headlines. American higher education, long venerated as the envy of the world, appears to be at a crossroads. Stories about escalating costs and the rise of massive open online courses abound. The popular press is questioning the value of traditional undergraduate education.

It's clear that advances in technology have created opportunities for people to learn in new and exciting ways. And online coursework, once considered controversial, is now widely accepted (in fact, we are launching three new online graduate degrees this fall). But here at Queens we know students develop in ways that are bigger than the Internet.

Our alumni can attest: a Queens education strengthens the intellect, deepens interpersonal capabilities and promotes service to others. We are particularly good at fostering an intimate learning environment where professors and students engage in meaningful ways. In this issue's feature story that begins on page 16, you'll read about students who are shaping their dream careers through research projects, summer internships and international experiences.

These stories explain why computers will never replace professors who go the extra mile, who care deeply and personally about the success of their students. Technology will continue to contribute to innovation and progress in higher education, as in the rest of the world. But Queens will use technology to serve our mission, not to replace it.

Best wishes,

Pamela Davies, PhD  
President

## Your Letters

*The cover story of the winter 2012 issue, "A Week in the Spotlight," highlighted student involvement at the Democratic National Convention held in Charlotte September 2012. The magazine also included an interview with President Pamela Davies titled "Great Minds Think," about the university's 2017 strategic plan.*

I was so intrigued with the winter issue of our Queens magazine that I could hardly put it down. All of the articles were interesting and informative.

The story of Amanda Seagroves' summer internship at Duke, "Exploring the Human Genome," was particularly interesting since Dr. Venter was a recent Queens Learning Society speaker. I thoroughly enjoyed his most interesting and readable book, *A Life Decoded: My Genome: My Life*.

I enjoyed reading about our new deans and our new board president, and our fabulous Royals teams. I was particularly impressed with Queens' (perhaps) once-in-a-lifetime interaction with the Democratic Convention held here in our Queen City.

—Rose M. Grubb Daniel '79, Charlotte, North Carolina

I enjoyed reading the article by Ben Jenkins about taking an art history class ["Making the Grade"]. It highlights the many benefits of a liberal arts education, especially from Queens.

One of these benefits occurred for me during my first year after graduation working for a public accounting firm. While having lunch with a client, the discussion somehow turned to the painter Jackson Pollack. I am sure you all are laughing now, asking why accountants were talking about modern art, and the reason now escapes me these many years later, but I hope I did Dr. Porter proud. None of my associates was familiar with him, and I was able to hold my own in this conversation with many people significantly more senior than I was. It allowed me to connect with a client on more than the business at hand.

No matter what profession one chooses, too often there can be pressure to conform to the mold. I believe the liberal arts education enables one to approach things differently. We often think about unique, novel alternatives to problems we encounter.

—Jay McBride '92, Charlotte, North Carolina

Tell us  
what you  
think!

We'd like to hear from you about the stories in the magazine. Please send your letters to [editor@queens.edu](mailto:editor@queens.edu). Letters should be limited to 250 words and include your full name, address and class year or Queens affiliation. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

## Something to Cheer About

**WHEN SENIOR LAUREN CARTER GOT BAD NEWS LAST FALL, THE SPUNKY CHEERLEADER QUICKLY LEARNED TO “FIGHT LIKE A DIVA”**

**P**int-sized and pixie-cut—thanks to some recent hair growth—education major Lauren Carter '13 possesses the aura of an exuberant sprite. The last few months of her life, however, haven't exactly been a fairytale.

“Everything happened so fast,” she says. “It was Labor Day weekend and I realized I had a swollen lymph node in my neck....it grew to the size of a tennis ball within three hours. I went to Urgent

Care. They sent me to the ER. And at the ER, they told

me there was a 90 percent chance it was lymphoma.”

Her limbs went numb. Her parents, at home in Cincinnati, heard the news on speakerphone. When the doctor asked if she wanted to go home, she immediately knew the answer. “No way. Even before my parents got down here, I'd already decided I wasn't going anywhere. I worked too hard for the past three years not to graduate in May.”

The Carters were skeptical at first. They didn't see how their daughter could continue to go to school while fighting

non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes. Treatment includes chemotherapy.

They called a meeting with Queens President Pamela Davies and Dean of Students John Downey. “What's great about Queens is you can have that kind of intimate meeting with the president of the school,” Lauren says. She told her folks she wanted her life to remain as normal as possible. “I had already made it clear to my doctors that I could only have chemo on Fridays because that's when I don't have class,” she recounts. “My parents were like, ‘You told them what?’”

President Davies won't forget that meeting. “They were so scared,” she recalls. “But, we laid out a plan, and Lauren didn't miss a beat. She was beyond impressive.” Teachers, coaches, staff and students rallied around her with the same break-neck speed of her sudden illness.

Friends wore “We Love Lauren” buttons; they collected thousands of dollars for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society and decked themselves in that agency's signature color. “Purple ribbons, purple tanks, purple tees,” Lauren says, smiling. “Fight Like a Diva” was spotted all over campus. At the Levine Cancer Institute, schoolmates in Queens' nursing program often came down to sit with her after their clinicals.

She maintained her 4.0 GPA. She kept cheerleading, bald-headed. She had a bone marrow test, and then showed up for bid day at her sorority. Lately she's been searching for a teaching job in Charlotte since she graduated in May. And there's more good news.

Pumping her petite fists, Lauren reports, “Now I am in remission!” ■

—Melissa Hankins



*Lauren Carter cheered the Royals teams this past year despite a September diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Nothing slowed down the popular cheerleader's enthusiasm and determination to beat her opponent. She graduated in May, cancer free.*



# Briefly Noted

## US PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Queens was recently named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The honor roll recognizes colleges and universities that emphasize community service and civic involvement among their students with visibly positive results.

## EMBA RANKED FIFTH

*CEO Magazine* has ranked the McColl School's EMBA program fifth in North America. The magazine looks at faculty qualifications and experience, faculty-to-student ratios and student/alumni input to establish rankings.

## HOMELAND FILMING

If you're a fan of Showtime's popular thriller *Homeland*, you've likely spotted Queens in the background. The Emmy Award-winning show, which films in Charlotte, has featured the campus in a number of scenes. During the second season, Queens was cast to serve as character Dana Brody's school.



Photo by Jennifer Johnson

Actor Damian Lewis is caught off-camera during a shooting for *Homeland*, a TV series occasionally filmed on Queens' campus. Lewis, who plays Afghanistan veteran Nicholas Brody, won the 2013 Golden Globe Award for best performance.

## BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Laura Schulte, president of Wells Fargo Eastern Bank, was named 2012 BusinessWoman of the Year at the 28th annual event on March 15. Schulte presides over 32,000 team members throughout 14 states and the District of Columbia. She was chosen for her exemplary leadership and commitment to both business and community.

## MFA GETS HIGH MARKS

The MFA in Creative Writing program at Queens was ranked fourth among US low-residency programs in a prestigious annual review of *Poets & Writers* magazine. Students spend time together in residencies on campus but complete the bulk of their

studies through online workshops that allow them the solitude to write, but the benefit of interaction with professors and other writers.

## MUSIC ACADEMY STUDENTS TAKE NATIONAL PRIZE

Sixteen-year-old pianists Clara Gerdes and Hannah Wang, students in the Queens Music Academy, won the grand prize in the senior piano duet category at the national finals of the Music Teachers National Association competition in March. Their teacher is Paul Nitsch, Queens' Carolyn G. McMahon Professor of Music and Macavity Artist-In-Residence. ■

—Dana Robles



# Sanjay Gupta Captivates Crowd

## "AMERICA'S DOCTOR" SHARES STORIES FROM GREATEST JOB IN THE WORLD

Sanjay Gupta offered prescriptions for a healthier America to an attentive Learning Society of Queens audience on February 20 in Charlotte's Knight Theater. The CNN chief medical correspondent and practicing neurosurgeon said his goal is to foster conversations about living more healthfully while presenting information that is "important, accurate and hopefully actionable."

Gupta addressed medical issues, particularly research into depression and obesity. Over-consumption of sugar—140 pounds annually—is a

major factor in our declining life expectancy and high incidence of heart disease. That's a big change from earlier generations when sweetness came from seasonally ripe fruit.

He also spoke on the importance of social compassion. He told the audience of students, community members, and friends of Queens, "Taking care of one another can bring us such great joy."

Getting the chance to do that, he said, makes him lucky. "I have one of the greatest jobs in the world." ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13

## Making a Scene

### DYNAMIC DUO TURN THEIR ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS INTO A LEARNING LAB

Cato School graduate students Rachael Balmain Sprankle '09 and Caitlin Bower Russell '09 share each other's fourth grade classrooms as well as a penchant to perform in them. They've dressed up like nurses. They've impersonated rappers. They've transformed their corner of Collinswood Language Academy into a virtual junkyard.

"That was to explore magnetism," says Russell. "We used caution tape and wore jumpsuits. We even brought in old car parts."

Their goal is to teach children in a way that will make a lasting effect on their lives. "To make it engaging," Sprankle says. "We're not the kind to lecture. We have to be moving."

Russell cuts in. "There's that infamous question," she says. "You know, 'What did you do at school today?' Well, we never want our kids to say, 'Oh...nothing.'"

The super-charged role-playing and treating their classroom like a set—these aren't stunts. They're techniques, part of a complex teaching doctrine that borrows from the work of Ron Clark, an internationally-renowned teacher from eastern North Carolina who combines energetic teaching with strict discipline.

When they talk about their craft, they trade thoughts and finish each other's sentences. "We have the same background, the same experience," Sprankle says. "We can look at each other, say, 'Let's do this!' and we know it's going to be great."

After earning their undergraduate education degrees from Queens, they taught at different Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Russell started at Collinswood, a Spanish language-immersion school, and won CMS's First Year Teacher of the Year award. Sprankle began teaching at Collinswood in the fall of 2010, and



Photo by KC Preelar

*Caitlin Bower Russell '09 (front row left) and Rachael Balmain Sprankle '09 (front row right) became best friends while undergraduates at Queens. Now, as fourth-grade teachers at Charlotte's Collinswood Language Academy, they collaborate to make education fun and relevant. In March they posed with their students for College Day, when uniforms are exchanged for T-shirts from favorite schools.*

soon they decided it was time to go back to school themselves. There was no question about where they would go.

"Queens had us feeling extremely prepared when we first started teaching," Russell says. "There was never that moment other new teachers have of 'Oh my goodness, I have 30 kids in my classroom. What am I going to do?'"

Sprankle shakes her head. "In grad school," she says, "we find other

students just learning things we learned as undergrads."

Sprankle and Russell graduated with masters degrees in education in May. And when they did, their fourth-graders were cheering.

"Our kids know their teachers are students, too, and that's important," says Russell. "It drives home our theme. Never stop learning." ■

—Melissa Hankins



## Growing Gains

### EIGHT NEW MAJORS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR TOP CAREERS

At a time when many colleges and universities are cutting back on academic programs, Queens undergraduates are getting more choices this year with the introduction of eight new majors across a number of disciplines.

It's all part of the university's plan to enhance its academic program and attract even more of the best and brightest students. As Provost Abiodun Góké-Pariolá explains, the new majors play up the school's prime position in one of the hottest cities in the South. Take the McColl School's new accounting and finance majors, for example. "If you consider the fact that we are located in the heart of Charlotte—the number two banking center in the country—with incredible opportunities for experiential learning, it just makes sense for us to offer these two majors." The city boasts \$2.3 trillion in assets, compared to \$182 billion in Atlanta and \$151 billion in Boston, reports the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Góké-Pariolá says that parents should expect a solid and prompt return on an investment in these majors.

Four of the new majors are in the Blair College of Health. Kevin Burke, dean of the Blair College, anticipates

#### THE NEW MAJORS:

##### *The McColl School of Business*

- BBA in Accounting
- BBA in Finance

##### *The Blair College of Health*

- BA in Allied Health
- BA in Exercise and Sport Sciences
- BA in Interdisciplinary Health Services
- BA in Sport Management

##### *The Knight School of Communication*

- BA in Journalism and Digital Media

##### *The College of Arts & Sciences*

- BA in Art Leadership and Administration



the two new sports-focused majors will open doors with area teams. Charlotte is home to professional teams ranging from the Carolina Panthers (NFL) to the Charlotte Eagles (USL); it is a city that likes the power of "game on." The BS in exercise and sport sciences is focused on the science of exercise and sport performance. The BS in sport management prepares students for running sports organizations. But students don't have to stay here. "The sports sciences are popular across the country," Burke says.

The other two Blair College majors—one in allied health and the other in interdisciplinary health services—prepare students for graduate school (e.g., physical therapy or occupational therapy) or careers in health care organizations. These majors were strategically designed with Charlotte in mind. The city's two major healthcare systems employ more than 86,000 people across several states.

A new major in journalism and digital media is on the cutting edge of journalism curricula says Eric

Freedman, dean of the Knight School of Communication. "We're not just talking about communication in the traditional sense; we are training our students to be information analysts," he explains. It's not just the technical ability to move from platform to platform that counts. "We need people who can analyze that information, visualize that information and tell a story about that information," he says.

Whether they're operating in a recession or not, interpreting the times while staying solvent is the driving task facing those who lead museums and other cultural institutions. The new major in art leadership and administration, a unique collaboration between the College of Arts & Sciences and the McColl School of Business, combines business with art for those headed into administrative careers in the cultural world. "Arts leadership is a burgeoning field, particularly in metropolitan areas," says Lynn Morton, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. "In Charlotte, our students have amazing opportunities to intern with local arts organizations as





they prepare for this type of career.”

The new majors demonstrate one more way Queens is elevating both its liberal arts and professional programs in a city with much to offer. Charlotte is home to 273 Fortune 500 companies, including seven that are headquartered here. It’s at the center of the sixth largest urban region in the United States, and manufacturing is no ghost of the past. More than 1,000 manufacturers operate in the county and another 3,371 in the region, according to recent statistics from the Charlotte Chamber. The healthcare and energy sectors continue to expand. Opportunities for careers, not just degrees, are strong.

In the years to come, Provost Góké-Pariolá expects to see undergraduate enrollment grow significantly, and with it, the faculty. More undergraduate and graduate degrees are on the way. “These decisions are very strategic in terms of leveraging our location in Charlotte,” he says. ■

—Laurie Prince

## DigitalCharlotte.org

### THE KNIGHT SCHOOL PROMOTES DIGITAL LITERACY IN CHARLOTTE

Applying for a job, researching a political candidate, keeping up with a friend in a far-away place—performing these tasks demands literacy in online tools and networks. This spring, the Knight School of Communication launched DigitalCharlotte.org to help Charlotteans learn to use the power

and Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont are among the partners offering resources to create an “informed community.” This term was key to a 2009 report issued by the Knight Commission on the “Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy” and describes a place where the information ecology

**“Information is as vital to the healthy functioning of communities as clean air, safe streets, good schools and public health.”**

*– 2009 report of the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy*

of digital media. It is one of several Knight School initiatives supported by a \$6 million grant from The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

“To truly thrive in a networked environment, people need the ability to access, analyze and engage in critical thinking about the messages they receive and send,” says Eric Freedman, dean of the Knight School. “They also need to know how to contribute to their local information ecosystem.”

The school is committed to raising the digital media literacy rate of the greater Charlotte area and is partnering with community leaders and municipal agencies. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library, the Arts & Science Council

meets people’s personal and civic information needs. As a resource guide, an educational space and an arena for community-based activities, DigitalCharlotte.org is designed to address the digital divide.

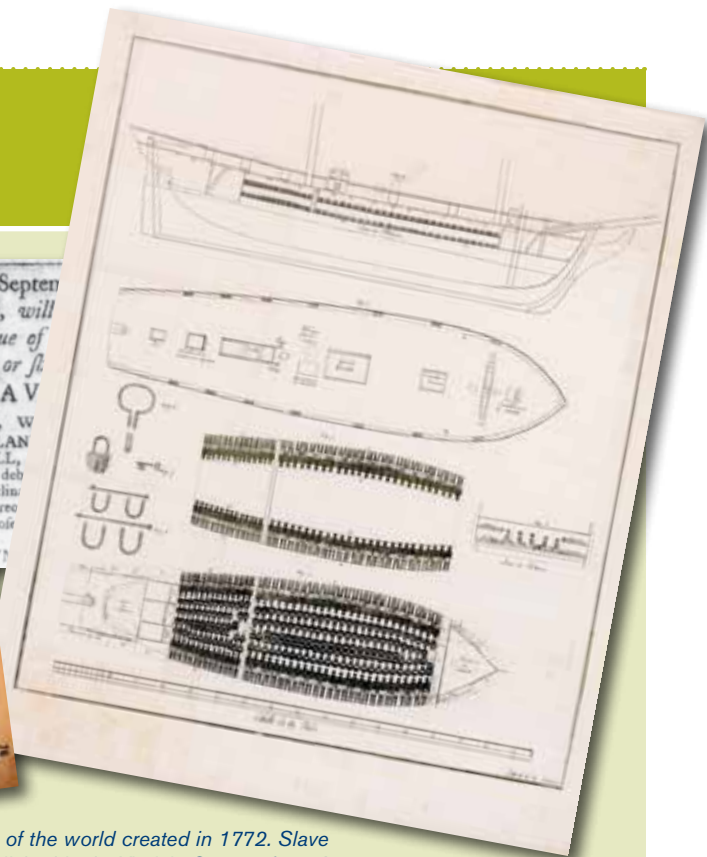
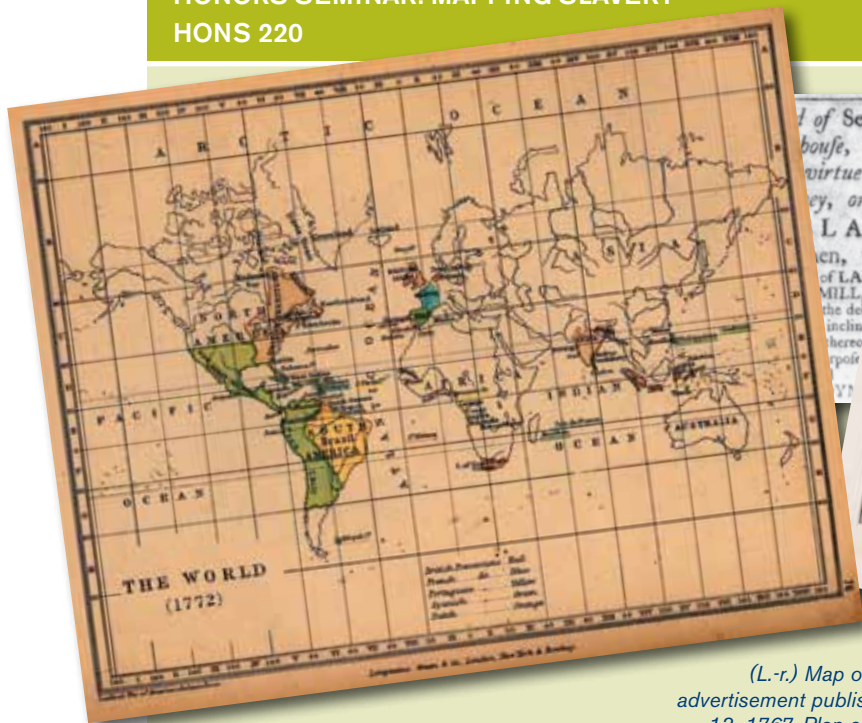
The site offers simple video tutorials, quizzes, challenges, tips and other educational tools created by community members and by Queens students, faculty and staff. It treats the city as a living laboratory and is one of the first virtual gathering spaces in the United States to tailor digital media literacy programs for a specific community. ■

—Bob Page



# In the Classroom

HONORS SEMINAR: MAPPING SLAVERY  
HONS 220



(L.-r.) Map of the world created in 1772. Slave advertisement published in the Virginia Gazette from August 13, 1767. Plan of the slave ship Vigilante, from 1822.

The first line of the syllabus for Honors 220: Mapping Slavery asks, “Have you ever wanted to create a map?” If so, this is the course for you.

“I’m very interested in thinking about history within a geographical or spatial context,” says Associate Professor Barry Robinson. “For this course the question is how can we map interesting stories about the Trans-Atlantic slave trade?”

Using cutting-edge geographic information systems techniques and good old-fashioned gum-shoe research, students use historical archives to uncover data and patterns that pique their curiosity. Along the way they encounter shipwrecks, slave rebellions, imperial rivalries and more.

The starting point for their research is a massive historical archive, Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database. Built by historians and researchers, it has captured the records of more than 35,000 slave voyages. Details include ship owners’ and captains’ names, ship origins, how many people were picked up and from where, ship destinations, and whether any passengers died on the crossing.

Once an interesting pattern has been spotted—a two-decade spike in the volume of Danish slave trading, for instance—students cross reference their data with new sources that allow them to add depth to the story. Ultimately they map what they’ve uncovered.

Professor Robinson acts less as “the sage on the stage” and more “the guide by your side.” As students hone in on a line of inquiry, he provides unique reading and research

suggestions that propel the research forward.

One line of inquiry took the class to the Wilson Special Collections Library at UNC Chapel Hill. An early 20th century newspaper article, written by a former mayor of Charlotte, referenced a wagon-load of slave boys purchased by his grandfather. The students wanted to see if they could trace this group across the Atlantic back to their starting points in Africa.

### PROFESSOR:

Associate Professor Barry Robinson, who joined Queens in 2012 from Samford University, teaches history and in the interdisciplinary CORE program. His areas of interest and research include late-colonial Mexico, Latin American independence, ethnohistory, historical geography, and comparative colonialism and slavery. Born and raised in North Carolina, Robinson earned a PhD in Latin American history at Vanderbilt University. He has traveled, studied and worked extensively in Latin America and continues to journey abroad with students to conduct archival research.

### SAMPLE READING SELECTIONS:

*Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*, David Eltis

*Seasonality in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade*, Stephen D. Behrendt

[www.GISFORHISTORY.org](http://www.GISFORHISTORY.org) ■

—Rebecca Anderson



## The Indispensable Man

**PROFESSOR KENT RHODES WINS THE HUNTER HAMILTON LOVE OF TEACHING AWARD**

English professor Dorothy McGavran remembers the day Kent Rhodes explained a scientific principle to a freshman class gathered in Dana Auditorium. The popular biology professor called students on stage as he set up weights on a pendulum. He was about to illustrate simple harmonic motion. If the pendulum swung as predicted, no one would be hit. “The students were to stand still and trust the pendulum to stop where the scientific principle said it would,” McGavran recalls. They did and it did. It was an unforgettable experience and a compelling example of why she nominated Rhodes for the Hunter Hamilton Love of Teaching Award: “He is an expert in interactive and interdisciplinary teaching techniques, and he cares about reaching all of his students.”

Rhodes was named the 2013 recipient of the award at Queens’ undergraduate commencement on May 4. Selected by a committee of his peers, he exemplifies the award’s criteria as a teacher who inspires student potential and who demonstrates an extraordinary love of teaching. The cash award is split between the recipient and an academic department or program selected by the recipient. The award is funded by a gift from family members in honor of Buford and Frances Hamilton.

Kent Rhodes arrived at Queens in 1992 with nearly two decades of university teaching to his credit. After earning a PhD in developmental biology from Emory University in 1974, he had channeled his formidable intellect into teaching. If anything stands out in the nominations that poured in from students, alumni and colleagues, it is his capacity for making science relevant while expecting top performance from students. Leslie Pitman ’11 confessed



*Professor Kent Rhodes accepting his award at the 2013 commencement ceremony.*

that the B she earned in the biology for non-majors course—the only B of her college career—was a price she gladly paid. “It was worth every GPA point that I might have lost. For the first time since middle school, I actually learned something about biology.” An English major, she is now in a master’s of education program at the University of South Carolina, a career path directly influenced by Rhodes. “His love of teaching is contagious and it is largely because of his influence that I will be entering the field of higher education. I hope to one day inspire other students the way Dr. Rhodes has inspired me.”

The professor’s high standards have given him a reputation as a tough teacher who expects the best, yet his compassion has enabled him to find ways to reach and inspire ordinary students. In an age dominated by technology, his approach is balanced, says Patricia Koplas, chair of the biology department. “He demonstrates to students and the rest of the Queens community that you can

be an excellent scientist while looking to our ancient tradition for guidance on how to live the examined life.”

Rhodes—who often bikes to work in a plaid shirt, jeans and tennis shoes—has done a lot more than teach biology and advise pre-med students. Bob Whalen, chair of the selection committee, has known Rhodes for years and ticks off a list of his achievements with ease. “He’s a scientist, yet he can walk into a classroom and teach *The Illiad* or the Bible. He’s always been very creative in the international program, preparing students before trips and then leading trips. He can teach about Rome; he can teach about Australia, and he can also take them there,” he says.

Pausing to consider the breadth of Rhodes’ influence, Whalen, a professor of European and American history, says, “There’s a book about George Washington, *The Indispensable Man*. Kent is our indispensable man.” ■

—Laurie Prince



## The James E. and Mary Anne Rogers Science and Health Building

Standing proudly at the northeast corner of campus, Rogers Hall opened in January and bustles as the nerve center for Queens' growing programs in the natural sciences, math and health. Along with classrooms, labs and faculty offices, the building is also home to the Blair College of Health and Presbyterian School of Nursing. Everything about this Platinum LEED-certified building was designed to be a "teacher of lessons." Here are just a few of the building's many surprises.

### Sed Ministrare Tiles

A series of 26 exterior tiles spell out Queens' motto, "Non ministrari sed ministrare" (Not to be served but to serve). Each tile displays a letter from the motto and a leaf or flower of a plant whose scientific name begins with that letter. Plants were chosen to represent the traditions of faith, science or the Carolina Piedmont.

### On Reflection

This 20-foot-high COR-TEN steel sculpture anchors the Discovery Courtyard between Belk Chapel and Rogers Hall, standing proudly at the intersection of faith and science. Sculptor Robert Winkler's works are defined by his ability to manipulate volume, mass and balance to create a sense of movement. Are they angel wings, DNA strands or something else entirely?



## Crowder Green Wall

If Rogers Hall has one signature feature, the Crowder Green Wall is it. In a nod to the science of molecular biology, this living wall features a DNA double helix pattern made of more than a dozen species of non-invasive flora. Colors and textures change during each of North Carolina's four seasons. The exterior wall is one of the first things seen by many visitors to Queens' campus.

## Greenhouse

Controlled by computers to maintain consistent temperature, humidity, and light levels, this rooftop greenhouse serves as a living botany lab. Growth chambers simulate arid and humid environments, greatly expanding the type of research students can conduct. A Plexiglas beehive allows students to observe and monitor the colony.

## Recycled Materials

From the floors to the carpets to the furniture, recycled materials abound. One example? Nine hardwood trees from the building site were milled into distinctive flooring in the student lounge and the lower level event space.





*Sue Ross '61 stays close to the water at her vacation home near Swansboro, North Carolina. In 1961, she left Queens to embark on a career in academia, shaping students' lives. Today, whether teaching a child to waterski or lecturing at public libraries, she continues a lifelong passion of supporting the education of others.*

## Up You Go

**AS AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR AND DEAN OF STUDENTS, SUE ROSS '61 HELPED GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS GET ON THEIR FEET. NOW SHE'S LAUNCHED A SCHOLARSHIP**

*By Laurie Prince*

**D**on't expect to find Sue Ross lounging around a retirement home this summer, looking for a canasta partner and trying to stay out of the sun. No, the septuagenarian will most likely be out in her new boat, teaching some youngster how to keep knees to the chest, hold the rope between the skis and wait for the boat to lift the skis to the surface of the water. The inland waterway in front of her eastern North Carolina home is a skier's paradise. Around supertime she may pop a fresh catch in the oven or, better yet, head out to the nearby Ice House Waterfront Restaurant. Swansboro's family-style hangout is

in the same building Ross walked to as a child to fetch ice for her Aunt Charlotte. A block of ice for the icebox, that is, the precursor to the refrigerator.

At 73, Ross is living her eighth decade like all the others: she has a plan. Maybe not a cast-in-stone plan—she likes flexibility—but one with enough grit to maintain her priorities. A vacation home is part of her strategy to stay connected to young folks. Who can resist a week in a charming coastal town with boats and kayaks waiting just beyond the door? As a young woman her plan led to a doctorate in American literature followed by a career in academia at UNC Chapel Hill,

Queens, and Davidson. Before that, while at Queens in the late fifties and early sixties, her plans to excel in school landed her on the national *Who's Who* registry—no mean feat considering the many weekends she spent at Wake Forest and Davidson parties perfecting her shag dance steps. And with her estate, it's to leave investments to the causes she values most.

Years ago she named Queens in her first handwritten will. Earlier this year she took advantage of the Byrum Endowed Scholarship Challenge—part of a \$20.9 million gift given by Porter B. Byrum in 2011—and created a scholarship at Queens. It was easy. By



gifting to the university the cash value of a life insurance policy she took out decades ago when in graduate school, she doubled her initial gift.

Seated in the alumni office in slacks and a classy sweater, with gray hair cut sporting short, she talks about the importance of the college years. “College helps you frame the great questions: who you are, where you came from and where you’re going,” she explains. Those questions were taken seriously when she was a student at Queens and continue to be addressed today in Queens’ signature Core curriculum. The school’s Presbyterian heritage provides a unique context for the legacy she wants to support. “It’s so important to make it possible for the next generation to have these opportunities,” she says.

As an only child of educators, Ross learned from an early age the significance of a college education. Her mother began saving for it when Ross was a child. “She started a little, tiny savings account at the bank that nobody knew about for my education—she put about \$5 a month in it, so by the time I came to college, they didn’t have to borrow,” she says. Most of the young women she met at Queens were from middle-class families like hers. College was a sacrifice and every bit of scholarship money helped. “I don’t know anybody who wasn’t on some kind of work scholarship or some sort of scholarship,” she points out. That’s still true today.

“This gift is certainly consistent with her concern for students, for their growth and development,” says longtime friend Will Terry. The former dean of students at Davidson College hired Ross in the fall of 1977 to serve as associate dean and remains a close friend. He admired her strategies with students and now admires her purposefulness in retirement.

Evidenced by the Swansboro house, for example. “She’s the consummate innkeeper—she loves to entertain,” he says. Like many others, he’s visited the vacation house and gotten to know Ross’s circle of friends and family.

Coincidentally, her Aunt Charlotte—a Duke graduate who came up with the second home idea—was his first grade teacher’s sister.

Terry says that even in her later years, her home was a hub of activity for Ross and her many cousins. “Charlotte was doing 20 sit-ups, flat on the floor, until two weeks before she died at a hundred and two,” he recalls with admiration.

“I’m taking a life lesson from her—to be in a place that’s really fun,”

says Ross. “If I have a house and plenty of food and plenty of boats, they’ll come.”

Thanks to some planning, a youngster just might learn how to waterski this summer, soaking in the late afternoon sun as it sparkles across the quiet waters of Bogue Sound near Swansboro.

And a college student just might walk across a platform on a warm May day, proudly accepting a diploma in front of a crowd on the Burwell lawn. ■

## Planned Giving Can Start Now

Last year the *Triad Business Journal* named Paul Foley '00 to its “Forty Under Forty” list. *Business North Carolina* says he’s among North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.” The *North Carolina Super Lawyers* magazine calls him a rising star. But the Winston-Salem ace in business and corporate law had a shaky start when he arrived at Queens as a freshman.



“I called my mom and told her, ‘This may not be for me,’” he remembers, speaking from his office at Kilpatrick Townsend. Worried by his lack of preparedness, the Charlotte high school graduate knew things didn’t look good. Thanks to small classes, painful writing assignments, and professors who would call when he didn’t show up for class, he found his potential. “I came to college unprepared,” he says. “I left prepared.” After graduating in 2000, he earned a law degree from UNC Chapel Hill in 2004. “I combined the two things I liked the most: arguing and securities,” he says with a smile.

An appreciation for what Queens gave him is at the heart of a decision to remember the university in his will. With a young child at home and twins on the way, a daunting workload and civic duties, it’s not possible to make big gifts. His life is filled with pressing financial demands from many quarters. “At this stage in my life, with a young family, it’s difficult to make large annual contributions,” he explains. Planned giving is a way to give later, now.

Foley works every day with people who are looking toward the future; many of his clients manage a dizzying array of business ventures. Over the years, Foley has learned it pays to have a plan when assisting them. “With clients and in life, I go back to Stephen Covey: begin with the end in mind.”

He works hard to live by those words and to help his clients do the same. His estate gift will ensure others can begin with the end in mind: a college diploma. ■

—LP

The background of the page is a close-up, artistic photograph of several paintbrushes with wooden handles and bristles, some of which are dipped in paint. The brushes are arranged diagonally across the frame. The overall color palette is soft and painterly, with various shades of brown, green, and white.

# Art in Life

THE OXFORD-EDUCATED CHAIR OF  
THE ART DEPARTMENT INSPIRES  
STUDENTS TO SEE ART AS CENTRAL  
TO THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

BY JENN Q. GODDU

The night before Siu Challons-Lipton was married in 1991, she greeted guests at a reception in what is now Withers House. She wasn't yet working at Queens, but remembers looking across the road and thinking, "Somehow that place will be important to me."

She later taught at Queens part time while her husband did a medical residency in Charlotte. She then traveled to England, where she studied French and Scandinavian art, and gained a doctorate in 19th-century art from the University of Oxford. She trained at Sotheby's, London, in 19th- and 20th-century decorative art.

She had lived all over the world, growing up with a father working for the United Nations, and had attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada, for her bachelor's and master's of art degrees in Baroque art. Yet, this world-savvy art historian nevertheless felt a "strange sort of link to Queens."

After Oxford, she went to work at the University of South Carolina. In 2005, an opportunity to come to Queens as an associate professor of art history made it possible for Challons-Lipton to follow her fate.

When she joined the department full time, there were no art history majors. At graduation that year, only three people walked across the stage to receive art-related diplomas. But at this year's commencement, 35 seniors graduated from the art department, which Challons-Lipton now chairs, completing majors in art history, interior design, new media design and studio art.

Art history major Hannah Caddell '13 will be leaving Charlotte for graduate school at the University of Liverpool, joining other alumni who have entered prestigious programs at the Smithsonian, UNC Chapel Hill, and Savannah College of Art and Design. It probably helps that Challons-Lipton personally reaches out to the graduate schools where her students apply. Calling on a student's behalf helps communicate how much she values her students, she says. "They realize that the student is important to you."

Challons-Lipton may not be the only reason for the art department's growing success, yet her enthusiasm and one-on-one attention are having a life-changing impact on students.





*Siu Challons-Lipton, shown in the Max L. Jackson Gallery at Queens, has inspired a number of Queens students to enroll in graduate programs. Although her doctorate from Oxford University is in 19th-century art, her international experiences—including a childhood in Africa, Asia and Europe—inform her teaching on the universality of art.*

It reflects the life-changing impact art has had on her own life. Early on, as a child traveling the Pacific, Africa, Asia and Europe with her family, she was struck by the universality of art; art represented culture and history wherever she went. “It was an interesting language for me,” she says. “It’s crucial to our whole way of being.”

Helping Queens students to translate, analyze and evaluate that language is a welcome challenge for Challons-Lipton. Here they are much more open to discussion and the Socratic approach,” she says, referring to a question-and-answer teaching method used by Socrates. “They are open to many things. You give them the possibility, and they will seize it.”

Last year, Challons-Lipton encouraged Hannah Caddell to apply to a summer program at Oxford. Caddell was accepted, and while there, she studied and wrote about the Grand Tour, the educational rite of passage through Europe traditionally

undertaken by wealthy young European men. Her teacher had been a student of one of Challons-Lipton’s mentors.

When she wasn’t studying, Caddell learned to punt boats amidst weeping willows, explored both Bath and London and made a trip to Paris where she was agog with Monet’s *Water Lilies* and wondered how to get

the Musée de l’Orangerie home with her.

Caddell, whose Queens internship at the McColl Center for Visual Art led to a gallery staff position, aims to ultimately curate an art museum. After helping Challons-Lipton install an exhibition in fall 2011 “that required a hilarious amount of effort,” she realized how much she loved it. “Figuring out where the art should go, and what story you want to tell the

visitor is something I thrive on.”

That enthusiasm for telling the story of art is shared by another of Challons-Lipton’s former students.

Art is “one of the most intensely personal forms of expression,” says Catherine Carlisle ’10, a master’s student in art history at UNC Chapel Hill, who hopes to continue into the PhD program. No matter what the artist might have intended, the art will reveal cultural, societal, political, religious and economic conditions, Carlisle says. Art history, then, is “the perfect lens through which to study history.”

Challons-Lipton, of course, agrees. “The importance of art for all of us can’t be seen in a silo,” she says. “It is our history, our identity, our culture.”

Something crucial to Challons-Lipton’s way of being as a professor is her experience at Oxford. There she learned a professor is not just an academic educator, but also a “moral tutor.” She fully embraces the liberal arts notion that a professor helps students not only learn a subject, but also find their path in life.

To her, studying art can be a path to just about anything. Her current research, which she presented in March at her alma mater’s Oxford Roundtable, explores the creativity fostered in an art classroom.

Art students learn there is not one straight line to follow, she says. “We talk about process a lot. It’s not always getting to that end result, but the process of getting there.”

This creative and critical thinking helps students cross disciplines and take charge of creating a career. “If they choose art history, or even if they choose something else, they are at an advantage,” she says.

She suggests it might “sound sort of corny,” but after a big sigh Challons-Lipton describes the most rewarding thing about teaching as “seeing [her] students’ dreams realized.”

Students are like a canvas whose “colors come out” while at Queens. They evolve as critics and independent thinkers, to become not only “great art historians, but also great people, great thinkers, and great individuals.” ■

**Art, says Challons-Lipton,  
“is our history, our identity,  
our culture.”**

# Raising *Their* Hands

WHEN IT COMES TO

BY REBECCA ANDERSON AND  
JENNIFER JOHNSON  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY KC PRESLAR



*“At Queens I’ve had  
the opportunity to  
feel limitless.”*

**Gideon’s** dream of becoming a doctor was ignited at the age of nine. “My dad had an accident at work,” he explains. “At the hospital, I watched as the nurses and doctors worked on him. I could see myself in that role helping somebody else.”

He chose Queens because he wanted interaction with teachers in an approachable learning environment. “My professors helped me reach my potential. They push you hard but at the end you look back and say ‘I didn’t know I could do this, but I did. I wonder what else I’m capable of?’”

Gideon’s hard work paid off when he raised his hand for a prestigious summer enrichment program at UNC Chapel Hill. Only 50 students were accepted. During the eight-week program, which was designed to showcase what it’s like





## Alma Beciragic '14

**MAJOR:** Environmental Science  
**MINOR:** Chemistry  
**HOMETOWN:** Charlotte, North Carolina  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Graduate school in pharmacy, toxicology or infrastructure and environmental systems

**Alma** was born in Croatia as a refugee after her father and pregnant mother gave up everything they owned to pay for a ticket out of war-torn Bosnia. After a tumultuous journey through Europe, her family found safe haven in Charlotte. “My parents succeeded in a new culture because they were well-educated. That’s what sprouted my keen interest in education,” Alma says.

She spent the past several years working with the City of Charlotte on a longitudinal study to better understand recycling frequency and its relation to demographic groups.

Her interest in digging into the story behind statistical data began with her first geographic information systems class. Taught by Professor Reed Perkins, she learned that maps can tell a story. Thanks to her City of Charlotte project, she’s been a featured presenter at academic conferences and earned a coveted internship with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Maryland.

## Gideon Yeboah '13

**MAJOR:** Biology  
**MINOR:** Chemistry  
**HOMETOWN:** Gastonia, North Carolina  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Medical school

to become a doctor, Gideon took classes, shadowed a surgeon and pediatrician and attended medical conferences at North Carolina State and Duke. He plans to take the MCAT this fall and hopes to attend UNC School of Medicine to become a cardiac surgeon.

*“It takes a professor to see the potential in you.”*



**Andrew** was accepted to three other schools but chose Queens for its inviting atmosphere and focus on global education. As a dual language and international studies major, he earned the International Adventurer Scholarship, a grant given to students participating in language-immersion or study abroad programs.

Andrew studied abroad twice. First came a summer in Florence, Italy, with a language immersion program. Next was a semester abroad in Australia.

Italy transformed him into a global citizen. "Now I know I have nothing to be intimidated by when it comes to meeting new people. Perhaps my greatest lesson was that we are all just people in the world, with likes and dislikes, things that make us tick, and reservations that could keep us from experiencing what the world has to offer. No matter one's appearance, nationality, language or expression, I will always offer a friendly salutation to new faces."

## Andrew Fuentes '13

**MAJOR:** International Studies and Dual Language French/Italian (double major)

**HOMETOWN:** Tampa Bay, Florida

**CAMPUS**

**INVOLVEMENT:** Student Government Association, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, honor council, Model United Nations, theatre

*"I learned  
I can lead."*



## Reham Garash '13

**MAJOR:** Biology, pre-med concentration

**MINOR:** Philosophy

**HOMETOWN:** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

**FUTURE PLANS:** Medical school

**The Global Citizenship** course, part of the Core Program in the Liberal Arts, inspired Reham to believe she could make a difference in the world. Students explore the world's most pressing problems and ask themselves how a global citizen might approach resolving them.

Finding a summer internship at a hospital in Sri Lanka, she worked in four different departments, shadowing doctors who showed her how they diagnose and treat patients. After witnessing the hospital's poor conditions, she assigned herself an extra project: raising \$4,000 to build and furnish an isolation room to help stop the spread of disease. The money was raised and the room was finished. "I learned I can lead a project like this; I don't have to wait for someone else."

But her work didn't stop there. She's volunteered at an orphanage in the Philippines and spent another summer interning at a children's cancer hospital in Egypt. With her scientific mind, compassionate heart and tolerance for difficult medical situations, Reham is already establishing herself as a global citizen.





*“My academic success is largely due to the excellent guidance of my advisor, Dr. Royden. Our meetings would frequently develop into long discussions about where my life was going.”*

**David** proves that engagement is the key to success in college, confirming decades of research that show actively engaged students perform better academically, socially, spiritually and physically. A member of the men’s swim team, David also found time to immerse himself in extra-curricular activities and clubs. He’s uncovered leadership skills he didn’t know he had by serving in different roles with residence life and new student orientation and on the advisory board for the Center for Active Citizenship.

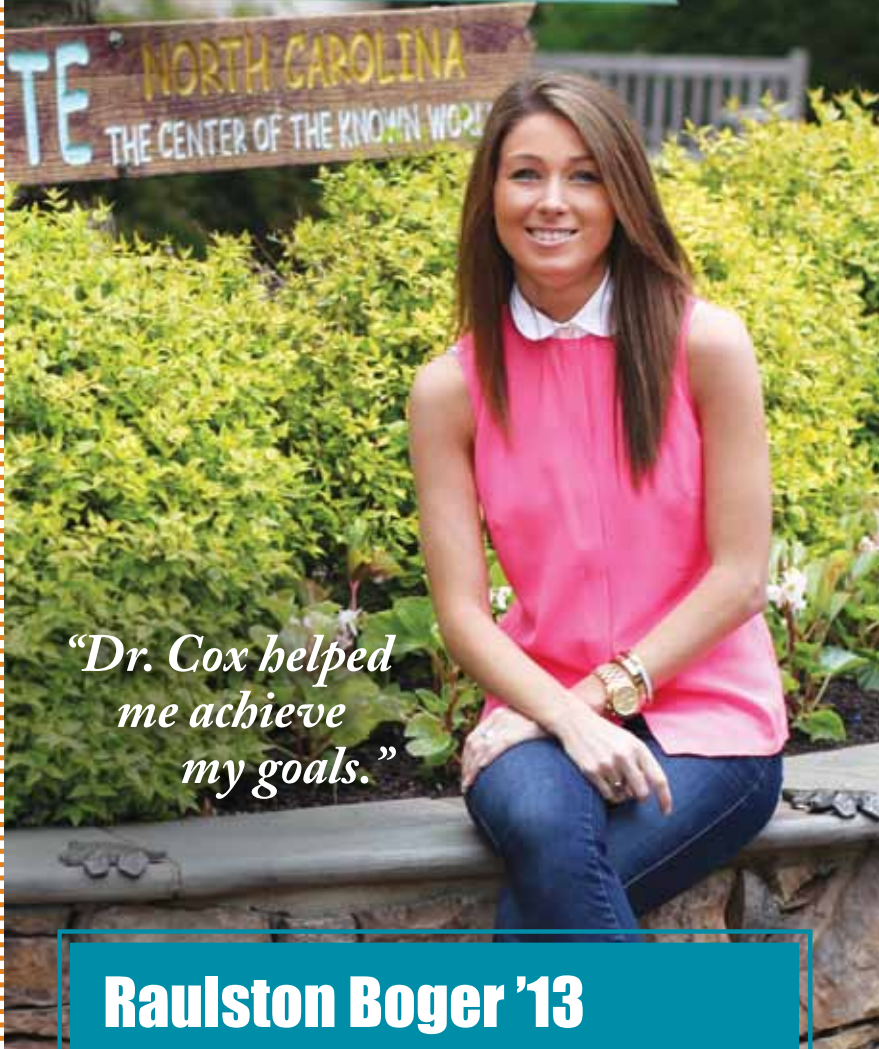
Professors have played a key role. “They’ve helped me assess my strengths, find what I enjoy doing and look at potential career paths that will help me reach my personal and professional goals,” he says. For instance Professor Leanne Pupcheck, who recently completed research in the Ukraine as a Fulbright Scholar, arranged for David to stay with friends during his summer backpacking tour of Western Europe.

## David Barnes '15

**MAJOR:** Communication with a concentration in Media Studies  
**MINOR:** Pre-Law and Marketing  
**HOMETOWN:** Clayton, North Carolina  
**CAMPUS**  
**INVOLVEMENT:** Men’s Swim Team, Center for Active Citizenship Advisory Board, Residence Life and Orientation Board



*“I like the liveliness and community we have here at Queens.”*



*“Dr. Cox helped me achieve my goals.”*

## Raulston Boger '13

MAJOR: Business and Communication  
(double major)

MINOR: Ancient History

HOMETOWN: Princeton, New Jersey

INTERNATIONAL

TRAVEL: South Africa and Guatemala

**Each summer,** Queens sends some of its best and brightest business students to the rigorous, 10-week internship program at Ford Finance in Dearborn, Michigan. In 2012, thanks to the guidance of Professor Steve Cox, Raulston was one of them.

She'd already interned with a local consulting firm and also worked directly with visiting dignitaries during the Democratic National Convention. But Ford was her first experience with a multinational corporation.

She worked in Export & Growth, a small department where she was assigned a research project on improving Ford's global revenue forecasting process. "I was calling Ford employees all over the world to learn about their forecasting processes and identify the gaps. I learned a lot about management style and the importance of communicating clearly with people you don't know," she reports.

During her final semester at Queens, Raulston received a much-awaited job offer. Her internships led to a highly competitive position with Ford as a cost analyst. Raulston credits her passionate and well-connected professors. "Dr. Cox helped me achieve my goals." ■



## Joining the Ranks

**KATHRYN KEETON '08 LOVED HER UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, BUT AFTER HANGING UP HER CAP AND GOWN, SHE WONDERED, WHAT NEXT? THEN SHE STRUCK GOLD**

**K**athryn Keeton '08 could not get the thought of Queens out of her mind after she left her campus tour back in 2003. "It was so memorable. Even as I was touring other universities my mind kept wandering back to Queens." Ever since that first campus tour, the fond memories of Queens have continued to grow. Whether playing board games with fellow students in the second floor lobby of Wallace or asking Professor Acheson for movie recommendations, Kathryn found a community of friends and mentors. "Queens is a special place and the professors are a driving force behind that. They challenge and inspire while encouraging students to have conversations about what they learned."

After graduating in 2008 with a BA in psychology and corporate communications, Kathryn wanted to stay connected. A special alumni program gave her the opportunity. GOLD—the acronym stands for "Graduates of



*Kathryn Keeton '08, left, and Gilda McGee '03 catch up on campus.*

the Last Decade"—sponsors social gatherings, networking opportunities, and access to Queens events. "GOLD is a wonderful network of young alumni, with whom I can continue to make great memories," she says.

GOLD and Queens have helped Kathryn in her professional career. Queens graduate Gilda McGee '03, a fellow Phi Mu sister, helped her get her first job in market research at Harris Teeter Supermarkets. Jennifer Beasley PMBA '00 was a mentor at Harris Teeter, introducing her to executive coach Valerie McMurray MSOD '12 MSEC '13. Valerie's coaching has had a significant impact on Kathryn's career as she transitioned into her current work as a consultant for retail development.

Kathryn credits Queens with

teaching her the importance of giving back. A scholarship made it possible for her to attend; now she supports the university as a way of thanking those who helped her receive an education. "Giving back is my way of saying thank you. It also allows me to stay connected to Queens and have an impact on the future of the university."

Exactly what kind of impact does she dream about? "When you donate you are leaving a legacy, and who knows—maybe someday you will see the Keeton Scholarship at Queens!" ■

*—Patrick Lynch, Assistant Director of Annual Giving*

GOLD

GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE



**Looking for a way to get involved? Join us at one of our GOLD events:**

- Service Day
- Mix and Mingle / Happy Hour
- Regional Chapter Events
- Student / Young Alumni Panels
- Holiday Party

**Please contact Meghann Goddard for dates and further information.**

## What is GOLD?

**T**he Queens Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) program started two years ago as a way to welcome and include recent graduates in the greater alumni community. Special programming, opportunities to engage with current students and career networking events are tailored to the needs and interests of Queens' newest alumni.

Graduates of the last decade make up 30 percent of the entire Queens alumni base. If you graduated between 2003 and 2013, you belong. Connecting through GOLD events gives you an opportunity to build relationships with others during the early stages of your

Queens alumni experience; you'll find out there is much more to being an alum than a degree or giving. You can have a lasting impact on your alma mater and future Queens alumni.

We're excited to welcome our newest GOLD members, the class of 2013, and hope to see you at upcoming events! ■

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# Spring



Three 2006 classmates enjoyed an evening at the home of Anne and Randy Martin for the Alumni Club of Atlanta event in February. Pictured left to right are: Katherine Bilbro, Erin Cooper and Amber Riggsby.



(left to right) Kaki Woodruff Williams '75, President Pamela Davies, Kent Anderson Leslie '64 and Anne Pankey Martin '65 (hostess) enjoyed catching up during the Alumni Club of Atlanta event. President Davies shared a university update with more than 40 alumni and guests in attendance.



Charlen Griffith Cathcart '58 and Judy Berry Fouche '65 stop for a quick photo before hearing remarks from President Davies at the Alumni Club of Charleston event in February.



Judy Moore Leonard '67 (right) hosted a pre-game reception in February at her home in Davidson. Both Queens and Davidson alumni from the Charlotte area enjoyed dinner at the Leonard's before heading to the basketball game. Pictured with Judy is Dottie McClulay Martin '59.



A rainy night in Charleston didn't dampen the spirits of the Charleston Alumni Club for an event at the home of Jane '69 and Don Furtado. Pictured left to right are: Caroline Green Baarcke '69, Kathleen McLeod Gelzer '67, Patti Powell Evans '74, Jane Gage Furtado '69, and Caroline Thompson Burns '73.



(left to right) Amy Church McMurray '88, Ann Church (Amy's sister), Jared Vitez (son of Carla) and Carla Jeffords Vitez '78 joined the Charlotte Alumni Club for a reception prior to the spring Learning Society event. Dr. Sanjay Gupta spoke on "Medicine and the Media" at the Knight Theatre in uptown Charlotte.



Queens alumna Donna Gordon Elyea '85 (right) and her husband Chuck, at the Queens/Davidson reception with Queens staff member and alumna Anna Drake MSOD '12.



# 2019



Class of 1957 members gather with classmate Dr. Sarah-Ann Smith '57 (front row) who spoke on her recent novel, *Trang Sen*. Back row (l. to r.) Jeannie Satterfield, Evelyn Copelan Edwards '57, Catherine Baker Deal '57, Jean Trueworthy Batten '57 and Carolyn Cooper Copeland '57. Middle row: Sara Bee Craig Johnson '57, Merrill Jennings Wood '57 and Adelaide Anderson Davis '61.



(Back row left to right) Frances DeAmon Evans '59, Linda Reed Atkins '59, Lynn Fricks Rogers '60, Adelaide Anderson Davis '61, Sue Reid Terrell '60 and Sara Bee Craig Johnson '57 and Mary Alred Crews '60 (front row) gathered to celebrate Mary Alred Crews new book of poetry *Beyond High Windows*. The group came together for a signing and reading on March 2nd at the home of Adelaide Davis.



Members of the Class of 2003 came back to campus to celebrate their 10th reunion and reconnect at Selwyn Pub. Back Row (left to right) John Horton, Jeff Demirjian, Lindsey Demirjian '02, Kate Hopta, Kami Hayes Espinoza, Janice Gabriel. Front row, Alison Kendrick '04, Lindsay Thomas, Sam Hadley Maya, Rebekah Howell Wrenn, Jewel S. Wiesinger, Lori DiCapua Gorgone, Liz Cozad, Sara McCarthy Richardson.



Courtney Huckel Carr '02 pauses for a quick picture with the Easter Bunny, her son and his friend at the Queens 2013 Egg Hunt on March 23. More than 300 alumni, friends and children gathered on the Burwell lawn to find 3,000 eggs!

A few members of the class of 1978 stop for a quick photo during the Reunion Awards Luncheon. (left to right) Linda Lawrence Sizer, Genie Thomas Morgan, Susan McEwen and Carol Cooper Kingsmore.



(left to right) Derek Painter '92, AAB President, Nora Tubbs Tisdale '13, Outstanding Alumna Award, Sandra Levine, Honorary Alumna Award, Beth Rivers Curry '63, Sed Ministrare Award, Donna Jones Dean '13, Alumna Service Award, Wayne Smith, Young Alumnus Award and President Pamela Davies.



# CLASS NOTES

Thank you to everyone who sent a note to stay connected with classmates. Queens alumni love updates!

Please let your classmates know what's new by submitting a note for the next issue (winter 2014) by September 15, 2013. To submit your class note, go to: [www.queens.edu/class-notes](http://www.queens.edu/class-notes). Remember, class years ending in 4 and 9 will celebrate reunion weekend April 11-13, 2014.

Questions or comments? If you would like to contact the Office of Alumni Relations, call 704-337-2256 or email [alumni@queens.edu](mailto:alumni@queens.edu).

## 1942

The class expresses sympathy to **Ann Mauldin Elliot**, on the death of her sister **Sue Mauldin Smith '39**, who passed away on January 7.

## 1944

**Eleanor Lazenby Biggers** is in good health at 90. Family, friends, church and community activities keep her busy, and she still drives and lives in her own home. She does not enjoy traveling anymore but has wonderful memories of the years after retirement when she and Sherrill traveled throughout the world. She would enjoy hearing from classmates and sharing memories of our happy experiences at Queens.

## 1947

The class expresses sympathy to **Jean Fant Gilbert**, on the death of her sister **Marion Fant Williams '48**, who passed away on January 6.

**Doris Turner Thomas** [theddts@bellsouth.net](mailto:theddts@bellsouth.net) sold her house in November 2012 in Brunswick, Ga., after husband Dan died in April 2012. She now lives in a lovely apartment in Westminster Woods on Julington Creek in Jacksonville, Fla. She would love to hear from any of her classmates. Her address is 115 Lake of the Woods Lane, #106, St. Johns, FL 32259; phone 904-287-7189.

**Aline Jones Wankow** has lived in New Jersey for most of her life but visits her home state of Maryland whenever possible. She and her husband have been married almost 55 years and have four

precious grandchildren: three boys and one girl. Aline keeps busy writing their church newsletter, helping with their church thrift shop and with a local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter. Queens will always hold a special place in her heart.

The class expresses sympathy to **Jean Campbell Williams**, on the death of her husband, Davant Thomas Williams, who passed away on September 27, 2012.

**Donnie Rhodes Yandle** lives in Wilmington. She moved there from Roanoke, Va. Son Stephen and his family (three children, seven grandchildren) live in Wilmington. Daughter Carol and her family (two sons and two grandsons) live in Columbia, S.C. Son Gary and his family (two sons and two granddaughters) live in Concord. She keeps in touch with **Doris Turner Thomas**. Her new address is 4610 Holly Tree Road, Apt. 116, Wilmington, NC

28409. Her door is always open to Queens friends.

## 1950

**Marianne Permenter Hibbard** and husband John celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 2012. They are moving into a retirement community this summer that will be just seven miles away and close enough for many visits. It is going to be hard for them to leave their beautiful beaches community after living almost 50 years in their home. Marianne is looking forward to the 65th class reunion at Queens.

**Frances Harris Kennedy** enjoys her home in Black Mountain. Her four children and their spouses, along with 10 grandchildren and one of their spouses, gathered at her home for the Christmas holidays. She has good visits with sister Eugenia and less time with brother Al in Florida and brother-in-law Whit and wife Aileen in Virginia.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marilyn Biggers Neisler** on the death of her husband, Henry Parks Neisler, Sr., who passed away on January 7 and her brother-in-law Charles "Red" Andrew Neisler, who passed away on October 14, 2012.

## 1951

**Barbara Schweizer Crawford** continues to volunteer at a national wildlife refuge near her home. She enjoys the work, her family and life in general.

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn Bishop Thornhill**, on



*Ara Brown Griffin '55 (left) and Mary Lois Ridings Bynum '55 (center) had dinner with Phyllis Scutt Thacker '55 (right) in January at her new retirement home at The Lakes of Litchfield, North Litchfield Beach, S.C. A good time was had by all!*



## For Women over 30

**KRISTIN BOOKER '93 DUMPED THE CORPORATE LIFE TO BECOME A FASHION BLOGGER, DISCOVERING DREAMS COME TRUE**

Most of us only dream of taking a leap of faith at some point in our lives. Kristin Booker '93 took that leap and can confidently say that she is now flying. Booker came to Queens on an art scholarship in the fall of 1989 from Charleston, West Virginia. She recalls the moment she decided it was where she needed to be. "I came to Queens for a visit in December of 1988. It was snowing when I left West Virginia. When we arrived on Selwyn Avenue, the sun was shining, it was 60 degrees and the streets were lined with such beautiful trees."

After graduating from Queens in 1993, Booker worked for corporate America in a variety of areas, including marketing, human resources and recruiting. In 2007, she realized just how far she was from anything she truly wanted to do. She sold everything she owned in Charlotte and bought a one-way ticket to New York City, with one motivation: to become a writer.

She started over that year, and while she worked in human resources for Merrill Lynch, she began freelancing on the side for a website called SheFinds. When the economy crashed in 2008, she decided to become a full-time freelance writer and editor. While she worked to build her career,

she also started her blog, Fashion.Style.Beauty. "I wanted to create the type of publication I wanted to read," she says. She calls it "the ultimate fashion and beauty blog destination for women of a certain age." It proved a great place to showcase her talent as a writer and editor and has led to a thriving writing career.

Her blog is now four years old, and she's had the opportunity to conduct multiple celebrity and designer interviews with such notables as David Yurman, Edward Burns, Christy Turlington, Hope Solo, Girls' Alison Williams, Tory Burch, Drew Barrymore and Kim Kardashian. In addition to her blog, she is busy freelance writing for multiple magazines, including *Marie Claire*, *ELLE*, *ELLE Canada*, *PAPER* and such online publications as StyleCaster, Refinery 29 and xoJane. She also serves as a spokesperson for Simple Skincare, and campaigns for Target and Timex. In the summer of 2012, she appeared in *Harper's Bazaar*



Four years ago, Kristin Booker left corporate life to launch a blog from her home in New York City. She navigates the dizzying world of fashion, style and beauty, dishing up advice and insider tips as well as interviews with celebrities like Tory Burch and Kim Kardashian.

and *Marie Claire* for a national ad campaign for CLEAR Scalp and Hair Therapy. It's a whirlwind life, but she says her business degree from Queens and a background in art prepared her. "I couldn't have done the things I've done without the education I received at Queens."

What is her next step? "I'm really happy, but I hope to complete the book that I am writing and move more into writing publishing and styling for photo shoots and editorial." ■

—Sara Blakeney, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

Visit Kristin's blog at [www.fashionstylebeauty.com](http://www.fashionstylebeauty.com).

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- Weekend of November 1 and 2, 2013
- 25 years of basketball
- First men's basketball team being inducted into Royals Hall of Fame

## CLASS NOTES

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the death of her husband, Warren A. Thornhill III, who passed away on January 2.

### 1952

The class expresses sympathy to **Betty Mauldin Fulenwider**, on the death of her sister **Sue Mauldin Smith '39**, who passed away on January 7.

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Virginia Sommers Neisler**, on the death of her husband, Charles "Red" Andrew Neisler, who passed away on October 14, 2012, and on the death of her brother-in-law Henry Parks Neisler, Sr., who passed away on January 7.

### 1953

**Jeanne Harrison MacDonald** and husband Charles enjoy their retirement years, living at the Cypress of Charlotte. Jeanne is still involved with her art and had a painting exhibited at The RedSky Gallery on Elizabeth Avenue. Jeanne and Charlie have two children, Susan MacDonald Roddey of Charlotte and Bob MacDonald of Laurel, Md. Susan and husband Hunter have two children. Bob and wife Peggy have two children. Being grandparents and parents is the highlight of their lives.

The class expresses sympathy to **Nita Asbill Neely**, on the death of her husband, James Roger "Buddy" Neely, who passed away on September 13, 2012.

### 1954

The class expresses sympathy to **Sissy Rhodes Craver**, on the death of her husband, Sam Wyndham Craver, Jr., who passed away on February 2.

### 1955

**Nancy Whisnant Collins** is president of a start-up company that produces educational apps for the iPhone. It planned to launch in early summer.

**Gaye Sanders Fisher** reports that The Gaye Sanders Fisher Gallery is celebrating its 15th year at 124 Church Street, Charleston, S.C. Gaye completed a series of watercolors on the church steeples of Charleston, exhibited in March. The gallery and garden are being offered for small weddings and events.

**Jane Basinger Gage** and husband have downsized after nearly 40 years at 324 Lockley Dr. in Charlotte. Their new address is 8919 Park Road, Apt. 3017, Charlotte, NC 28210. They continue to enjoy their mountain chalet and activities with adult children and grandchildren!

### 1956

**Mitzi Plonk Folk** sold her house to one of her sons and moved on January 14 into Sharon Towers retirement home. It has been a good move for her, and she really enjoys it. Come see her if you are in Charlotte.

**Jessie Scott LeMoyné** works at St. James Episcopal School in administration. She has nine grandchildren; one recently graduated from college and two will graduate from high school. She lives in Florida, a block from the beach. She reports that it is great and everyone is healthy.

**Betty Reinhardt Millsaps** and husband Joe joined two other couples on a two-week trip to France. Touring Normandy was #1 on Joe's "bucket list." They leased a nine-passenger van to better accommodate their group. The beautiful city of Léon proved to be their biggest challenge, when they entered an underground lot and became stuck, with the roof of the car scraping the top and the wheels against the curb. Out of nowhere, a man appeared and directed them out.

### 1957

The class expresses sympathy to **Shirley Long Johnson**, on the death of her sister **Virginia Long Herrin '54**, who passed away on December 21, 2012.

**Jeanne Fleming Reynolds** had a wonderful time with classmates last July. Afterwards, however, she experienced great sadness due to the death of son-in-law, William "Bill" Harden Webster II, who passed away on September 10, 2012, from lung cancer and sudden death of childhood friend **Sharon Burkhard Barnum**. Sharon attended Queens with her during their sophomore year. Jeanne's husband had surgery on October 1, 2012, and was discharged a week before Christmas. They recently took a cruise to the Caribbean.

**Sarah-Ann Smith** spent two weeks in October 2012 in Turkey, experiencing some of that culture and learning how important Turkey, then

Asia Minor, was to both the Greek and Roman civilizations. She has been busy with readings and meeting with book clubs discussing her novel, *Trang Sen*, which was published last year. See photograph from her reading at Queens.

### 1958

**Gloria Griffith Bulluck's** daughter and husband adopted a 6-year-old girl from India in September 2012. She is a delight. Now, Gloria has four grandchildren, two boys and two girls.

**Jo Holland Hardwick** remarried in 2008 to Taylor Hardwick. Together, they have five children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Jo continues to write poetry and memoirs. She and Taylor enjoy visiting art galleries and life in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

**Susan Sharpe Houg** is working on choral demos, after having released a CD, *World, Goodnight*, of her original songs. All of her songs will be available from [www.snowflowermusic.com](http://www.snowflowermusic.com). She joined a local hiking group, which explores mountain settings along the Pacific Crest Trail and valley floors of her home in far Northern California. She makes frequent trips to San Francisco to visit family and occasional ones to Salt Lake City to see daughter Sara Zarr, noted young adult fiction writer.

**Mary Moore Mason Redfern** remains the editor/editorial director of *Essentially America* magazine ([www.essentiallyamerica.com](http://www.essentiallyamerica.com)), launched in the United Kingdom in 1994 by Mary and now available in Mexico, China, Brazil and soon in Germany and Canada. Some issues are also now being distributed throughout London with the prestigious *Sunday Telegraph*. Mary has been nominated as vice chairman of the British Guild of Travel Writers.

### 1959

**Joy Arrington Duffy** and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a cruise in December 2012 to the Panama Canal. Family and friends planned to join them late spring for a big celebration. Their family is well, and their grandchildren are excelling in all they undertake. She looks forward to the next reunion. Take care all of you!

**Frances DeArmon Evans** and husband Don have



moved to 868 Cherokee Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210 after the home burned down in March 2012.

## 1960

**Mary Allred Crews** has a new book of poetry, *Beyond High Windows*.

**Donna Irving Lambeth's** son Hunter has moved to Nazareth, Israel, where he and his wife are building a Young Life program in Israel and Palestine. Their 8-year-old daughter attends an Arabic speaking school. They were in the United States for Christmas. Donna's daughter and family are in Apex. Donna is on the Lillians List of NC board. Tom serves as chair of the Reynolda House Museum board and Methodist Children's Home board.

**Sarah Kenney Potter** is a retired educator living in Kings Mountain with husband Jim. They have three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all living in the area. They are richly blessed. Daughter Edie works at the Levine Cancer Center in Charlotte. Son Tom teaches at Forestview and Belmont Abbey. Son Kenney is on the music staff of Wingate. Sarah and Jim love to travel.

**Marjorie Bisson Stevens** is on the move again. After just four years in New Mexico, she has now moved to Idaho. With the exception of youngest daughter Kimberly and her family, the entire clan is in the greater Boise area. For Christmas 2012, they were blessed with a family all-together celebration for the first time in 12 years. Family is joy!

**Patricia Hogg Verreault** had surgery to remove a tumor from her thymus gland, just before Christmas. The tumor was benign. It was discovered when she had a heart scan just before Thanksgiving, so she may have gone on for some time without knowing about it. She feels very fortunate. She and Joe are planning to move to a retirement community. Their cottage is being built now, and they hope to move this summer or early fall.

The class expresses sympathy to **Nancy Ingram Walters**, on the death of her husband, Percy Frank Walters, who passed away on November 9, 2012.

## 1961

**Marianna Christian Broaddus** had a fun year! She and husband Scott celebrated their 50th anniversary in August 2012. They took trips to

England, Scotland and Wales and a canoeing trip in July 2012 to Ontario. Marianna and two fellow Queens Chi Omegas, along with their husbands, spent two fun weeks in Tuscany enjoying the art, food, wine and olive oil.

**Adelaide Anderson Davis** says not to miss the nice feature on our own **Sue Ross** on page 12 in this magazine. We are so proud!

**Henrietta Taylor Filer** and Bruce enjoy living in Hampstead. They go to their beach house at Surf City, which is on Topsail Island, and often are joined by members of their family from Greensboro, Hampstead and Marietta, Ga. They spent a few days of their Christmas holidays with **Susan Brooks Kirkland** at her home on Sugar Mountain. They planned to go on a cruise in June to Alaska.

**Lance Alston Hamilton** wishes her classmates blessings and good health. She is doing well and getting older—drat! Ian and she have eight grandchildren, who she says are better than any you have, trust her. Ian retired in January 2012 at 75 years and now is everywhere—in the kitchen, in the yard, in the neighbors' yard—but he is so cute, so she is gonna keep on keepin' him.

**Susan Brooks Kirkland** took her grandchildren to Charlotte to see Cirque Dreams Holiday for Christmas. A highlight of the visit to Queens was the new science building. She said you must see the green wall, which exhibits a live plant design of a double helix. A fabulous Queens trip to New York included a visit to the Rockefeller Foundation with New York alums. It was fun being with the Hadleys and hearing Dr. Pamela Davies' glowing Queens report. Get involved!

**Gail Carter Nichols** and husband Baylor are artists and retired art educators. They live in a small river town, West Point, Va., near Williamsburg. They have seven children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. If you are in the Williamsburg area, give them a call.

**Jackie Shaw O'Neill** plays piano for theater and churches in Charlotte and performs at Brookgreen Gardens in Pawleys Island, S.C., for the Cool Summer Evenings Concert series. Music is and always will be a vital part of Jackie's life. Jackie is the proud "grammy" of five grandchildren. She spends several months every year visiting her three

daughters and their families on the West Coast.

**Catherine Steagall Peeler** and husband Don toured China in September 2012; in October she celebrated her 55th high school reunion. They celebrated Thanksgiving in Charleston, S.C., with all their family and saw all their grandchildren over Christmas. Their oldest granddaughter graduated in May from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga. Older daughter Libby lives in Dallas, Texas. Younger daughter Ginger lives in Virginia Beach, Va. Older son Russell lives in Charlotte. Younger son Randy lives in Cambridge, Mass.

## 1962

**Nancy-Coe Teeter Hall's** father, Robert Henry Teeter, passed away on November 15, 2010. She is busy now with compiling the Teeter genealogy that her father left behind. Her other activities include quilting, knitting, oil painting and caring for youngest grandson Joel Paige Staton, 2. Oldest daughter Carmi lives in Mooresville. Tema lives at the home place, as does youngest daughter Reba. Son Mark Hall lives in Gastonia.

**Kitty Hobbs Hord** and husband Bob had a great 2012 that included Queens and Davidson reunions and two more grandsons, twins who were born on December 5 and are growing bigger each day. The 50th reunions were really wonderful.

**Linda Cashwell Jewell** and Rob celebrated her February birthday on a cruise with friends. Linda's book club attended Friends of the Library Book and Author Luncheon in March at Queens, which is a wonderful occasion. Linda was very saddened by the death of her sister Barbara Jewell Macaulay from Rocky Mount on November 12, 2012.

**Ruth Scholten Lynch** and **Mary Louise Coiner Fisher** visited Ruth's home in Plymouth, Mass., in August 2012. They joined **Linda Pegram** in Cotuit, Mass., on Cape Cod for a delightful tour and day. Ruth enjoys volunteering as an ESOL tutor at the Plymouth Public Library.

**Virginia Bopp Springer** and Al took their "land yacht," *LOONA SEA*, for the winter from North Carolina to North Fort Myers, Fla. They spent two weeks in the Everglades, fishing. They also planned a visit to Ginny's sister Suzie Bopp Lovette and husband in Miami Springs, Fla.

## Nurse on a Mission

**VERONICA RANKIN MSN '11 PUSHES THE STATUS QUO**

Veronica Rankin MSN '11 has three daughters. Right now, their choices of future careers include, “teaching, dancing and being ‘spider-girl.’” That’s just fine with Rankin. “I want them to find a career that excites them just like I have.”

Rankin knew early on that nursing was the career for her. Growing up in Jacksonville, North Carolina, she witnessed the importance of meaningful work. Her mother was a nurse aide. “At the end of a work day I could tell that although her body ached, she had barely had a lunch break and she had done some of the dirtiest duties the profession called for, the reward of caring for her patients outweighed any stress she had endured that day,” Rankin says. “Her passion and excitement towards her job made the profession seem worthwhile and essentially vital to life.”

Rankin is now a clinical nurse leader, overseeing patient care in the Carolinas Medical Center’s medical-surgical unit. Her passion, she says, is geriatrics and the care of elderly patients. Currently she’s coordinating an effort to obtain Nurses Improving the Care of Healthsystem Elders (NICHE) designation for the center. When the Certified Nursing Leader Association recently recognized

Rankin’s ongoing efforts in nursing, her Queens faculty was unsurprised.

Rankin is always “looking for ways to improve a situation,” says Tama Morris, director of the Presbyterian School of Nursing in the Blair College of Health. While at Queens, Rankin was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing.

Seeking to improve situations is an attribute that led the dedicated nurse to become an inventor. Frustrated with having to wait for an interpreter to communicate with Spanish-speaking patients, she developed and patented the Spanish Translation Board, a book that helps staff communicate basic care questions. It is now widely used by co-workers in other labs and units. Still, Rankin isn’t about to rest on her laurels. In fact, she sees ongoing education as her obligation as a nurse.



*Growing up in Jacksonville, Veronica Rankin saw firsthand the importance of top quality nursing care as she witnessed her mother’s nursing career. Today, she oversees patient care for the medical-surgical unit at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.*

“People today are living longer than they ever have before,” she says. “My patient population is depending on me to be clinically competent and skilled in order to improve health outcomes.”

Rankin is up to the task. “Nursing is a profession created just for me,” she says. “I know that I am privileged to sincerely enjoy my job.” ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13

**Jane Sanders Townsend** and husband Jim enjoy living at Ocean Isle Beach; it is fun to see other Queens friends who have houses there or vacation there. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in July 2012 with a trip to Rome and Sicily. On the Sicily portion, they were joined by their son and his family.

## 1963

**Janet Judd Barrett** welcomed, in early 2013, her

second granddaughter, who joined 3-year-old sister and parents, who live near Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Brenda Blackwelder** looked forward to reunion. She still dances, travels and enjoys retirement.

**Sara Harrington Byne** has experienced many changes over the past 50 years: marriage, two daughters, five grandchildren, survivor with leukemia and involvement starting the faith-based

urban Brookstone School 15 years ago, which is going strong. She looked forward to the 50th reunion and reconnecting with friends. Sara finds it quite exciting to live in Charlotte and witness the small bud develop into a beautiful fragrant flower that is having a major impact on the city.

**Harriette McMichael Majoros** visited her daughter **Rebecca Majoros '02** for a week in November 2012 in Orange, Calif. In January 2012, Harriette and husband Bill spent Christmas with



Becca. They saw the Rose Parade and went whale watching. Plans are in process now for a two-week trip in September back to Ireland. She remains very active with the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky.

The class expresses sympathy to **Linder Carter Tucker**, on the death of her husband, Charles Jackson Tucker, who passed away on May 16, 2012.

## 1964

**Christine Safford Beck** serves on three nonprofit boards, all education-related with special focus on children from low-income families. Her book, *Listen to Our Voices*, written with seven black males ages 10-12, is being used in a few high schools' courses. She and Leif are traveling a bit more, enjoy their two grandsons and feel blessed that their sons are doing well and leading productive lives. Chris and **Sue Dyer Milbourne** keep in close touch.

**Nancy Clotfelter Hildreth** stays busy with her interior design company and working on her side venture, creating custom cards and invitations. She spends as much free time as possible with her two grandchildren in Atlanta and her other grandchild in Maryland (and of course their parents). After returning from a ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo., she looked forward to warmer weather, so that she could enjoy being outside more often.

**Kent Anderson Leslie** turned 70 in September, as did twin brother Tate. Oldest daughter Jennie, who teaches at the medical school in Portland, Ore., turned 40, so Kent and family celebrated by spending Thanksgiving week on a remote island, Harbor Island. Jennie and husband Bradley, Kate (a therapist in Chapel Hill) and husband Justin, and Kent and Bob took off to fish, hike and swim. They are well after Bob's bout with cancer and Kent's hip replacement.

**Phoebe Pierce Martin** pmartin@hemc.net and **Kent Anderson Leslie** got together at a recent Queens alumni gathering in Atlanta and came up with what they hope everyone will think is a great idea for the 50th reunion! In celebration of it, they would love to see our class present a one-time, one-year scholarship for a new student. They will be in touch regarding the scholarship. If anyone has any ideas about this, please email her.

The class expresses sympathy to **Carol Nunn Midler**, on the death of her mother, **Annie McLendon Nunn '39**, who passed away on October 18, 2012.

**Fran Milton Patterson** loved celebrating a special anniversary with husband Tom, son Tom Jr., daughter-in-law Sharon and grandson Derek. In spring 2012, Fran and Tom enjoyed attending the Queens party for Atlanta alumni in Ansley Park. Fran recently had dinner with fellow classmates **Nancy Clotfelter Hildreth**, **Peggy Hagler Lynch** and **Carolyn King Walker** at the Fish Market in Buckhead.

The class expresses sympathy to **Elizabeth Myers Pender**, on the death of her father, Dennis E. Myers, Jr., who passed away on November 25, 2012.

**Kathryn Oehler Sellers** has retired. She keeps busy with volunteering (church, historic preservation and Civil War history) and with five grandchildren, who all live nearby.

**Carolyn King Walker** walker1817@bellsouth.net would like to remind class members that our 50th reunion will be next spring, 2014.

## 1965

**Ann Shaffer Bagwell's** children both moved in 2012. Her daughter left Richmond, Va., for Hamilton, N.Y., where she is a psychology professor and her husband is provost at Colgate University. Ann's son moved from Arlington, Va., to begin a job in Richmond. It was sad for Ann and Fred to see their grandchildren, 8 and 5, move so far away, but they are thrilled to have their grandchildren, 2 and 6-months, living nearby.

**Barbara Allen Grimes** bgrimes10@suddenlink.net and husband Sam, who retired two years ago, have spent a lot of time with grandchildren, traveling and going to Carolina sports events. Son Latham has moved from Charlotte to Chapel Hill, so the grandchildren, 9 and 7, are two-and-a-half hours closer and Barbara and Sam have a place to stay after late night basketball games! If you are in eastern North Carolina, email them or give them a call at 252-946-6446.

**Sandra Cash Jones** has been blessed with a grandson, Jack Schribner Kemper, who was born on June 29, 2012, to daughter Jaime and husband

Scott. Sandra reports he is perfect and precious, but she does not like the fact he is in Chicago and she is in Florida! Her Facebook friends have seen all the photos, but she will send out one for her Queens family. Sandra reports this made turning 70 "OK."

**Linda Thigpen Swan** enjoys ongoing friendships with some Queens friends, **Nancy Clotfelter Hildreth '64** and **Suzie Fleming Warmath** among them. She enjoys her current career of writing and attended the Writer's Symposium at Queens in October 2012. In July 2012, Linda had brain surgery, with a slow recovery but a great result. She enjoyed positive support from **Kent Anderson Leslie '64** and **Becky Whitfield Sherwood**, as well as Nancy and Suzie.

**Frances Sours Turner** thanks all the Queens friends who have been so supportive since her husband, Robert Greene Turner, passed away on August 18, 2012. Life is different after 43 years of marriage, but it is a blessing to have good health and to be able to carry on. She enjoyed being with **Eleanor Judd Tucker** and husband Tommy in North Carolina after Eleanor's hip replacement in October 2012. Frances enjoyed a visit with **Marty McDaniel Woodward** in December 2012 in Falls Church, Va.

## 1966

**Betsy Buchan Pierce** is happily and enthusiastically retired and busy with family and friends, after teaching high school for 32 years. Husband Tom has retired but works part time with Wingate University. They travel as much as possible and have, in recent years, been to England, Scotland, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Guernsey and France. Some of these travels have been with **Janice Wertz Berkley** and husband.

## 1967

**Jackie White McGrath**, husband Bill and Schnauzer "Abby" embarked in August 2012 on their third ocean cruise in their 50-foot motor cruiser. They cruised up the coasts of Northern California, Oregon and Washington, into the Canadian Gulf and San Juan Islands and finally into Puget Sound. Realizing there was far more in these peaceful cruising grounds than they could see in a month, they plan to cruise in these waters for the next several years.

## CLASS NOTES

**Cathy Condon Nail** and roomie **Keith McKenna Pension** could be found in January 2012 30 miles south of the Arctic Circle chasing Northern Lights in 51-below-zero degrees. They ended 2012 with a delightful trip to Australia/New Zealand, where they experienced 115-plus degree temps at Ayers Rock in the Australian Outback. In August 2012, they squeezed in a trip to Scandinavia and the Baltic. Who knows where they might turn up next!

**Connie Gill Rogers**, in 2012, took her first cruise, attended a family gathering in Austin, Texas, and went to her 45th reunion in Charlotte. She took three family visits with grandchildren and ventured off in September 2012 to Sedona, Ariz., for kayaking, a jeep ride and a Grand Canyon trip. In November 2012, she visited dear friend and freshman roommate **Cynthia Hale Gross** and suitemate **Denny Hubbard Mecham**. She did volunteer work between trips. She hopes to relocate to Charlotte in 2013.

**Carol Anderson Rothenberg** enjoyed attending reunion and reconnecting with friends. She and **Jeannie Simms Barnwell** planned to meet again in March. She and husband Jim spent fall 2012 in the Smoky Mountains and Orlando. They went to New York City to see the Broadway show, *The Heiress*, as son Leon is the sound designer. They planned to spend the winter exploring and golfing in Florida and will go to Australia and New Zealand this fall.

**Betty Simpson Smith** started a new business as she saw the need for those over 50 to have in-

home instruction for today's technology. iArrive@YourDoor gives her flexible hours and some fun money for these fixed income years, and she can pursue her love of teaching. She spent four days last summer in Maine visiting with **Gretchen Gee Leone** and husband Bill. They enjoyed catching up on their fun freshman year in Long Dorm!

**Lana Hobbs Wolcott's** daughter Hobbs and her husband, along with Lana's only grandchild, the beautiful Annabel, traveled from Santa Cruz, Calif., to spend Christmas with Lana in Virginia Beach, Va. She took time off from working in her antiques shop, The Antique Design Center, in Norfolk, Va. In early January, son Alex moved near her on the north end of Virginia Beach.

## 1968

**Nonie Holt Booth** retired in September 2012 as sanctuary choir and handbell director at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church.

**Pat Bagg Cole** is taking a break from serving on boards to volunteer in two kindergartens. She and her husband are traveling more to visit their children and grandchildren in Richmond, Va., and Columbia, S.C. They planned to take a cruise with longtime friends (they had the cruise planned before the dates for reunion came out). Patricia enjoys the wonderful Colorado weather, which means she enjoys outside activities almost everyday, from hiking to golf.

The class expresses sympathy to **Joan Thrash Fraley**, on the death of her mother, Virginia Anne Buckner Singletary, who passed away on January 8.

**Marilyn Houser Hartness** and husband John are very active with their jobs and also visiting six grandchildren. She spends most days at Wingate University in the department of fine arts, where she is an associate professor. Marilyn enjoys lap swimming and horseback riding as

hobbies. Her mother, **Stacie Orr Houser '39**, is doing well, inspiring all the rest of the family.

**Chris Sprenkle Jones** and husband Bill are both retired and live in Charlotte, along with both married sons and two grandchildren. They keep busy playing with the grandchildren, reading, hiking, gardening and spending time with friends and a large extended family. She loves the annual visit to Pawleys Island, S.C., with **Nancy Dashiell Fanning**, **Bonnie North Flood**, **Lura Deaton McMurray**, **Sidney Walker Pease**, **Janie Hamilton Radcliffe**, **Mary Jane Brown Reynolds** and **Mary Maroney Walker**.

**Judy Barry Maynard's** sister Beverly Fazier went to be with the Lord on January 25 after an uphill six-year battle with breast cancer. She was just 64. She impacted so many with her ministries; there were over 1500 at her funeral. Judy's one and only grandchild lives in Durham with parents who are Campus Crusade staff at Duke University. The class expresses sympathy to **Judy Barry Maynard** on the death of her sister.

**Ellen Robinson Rolfes'** daughter Ellie and husband Rev. Ollie Rencher have moved to Charlotte. He is the new rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church uptown. She looks forward to visiting them often.

**Anne-Lynn Stahl Teal** is officially retired and still loving life in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. Her first grandchild, a girl, was due in May, and she was over-the-moon excited. She planned to spend a month in San Diego, Calif., awaiting the birth and helping afterwards.

**Kathy Fristoe Tronco** went to Lourdes, France, in May 2012, with the Order of Malta to care for the sick and terminally ill. In September 2012, she and husband Joe toured St. Petersburg, Russia. They spent a week in February in Rome celebrating the 900th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Malta. The most amazing experience was shopping in Charleston, S.C., and coming face to face with freshman roommate **Anne Craig!**

**Leigh Barnett Walker**, husband Vince and their two dogs moved from Maryland to North Carolina to be closer to family and friends. They settled in Fearington Village. Leigh sings with the Village Voices, practices yoga, does volunteer



*Elizabeth Barr Johnson '68 (left) and Becky Beck Bovell '69 (right) enjoyed the Big Apple nightlife during the Queens New York City theater tour in December 2012.*



reading at a local school and enjoys being with her 2-year-old granddaughter.

## 1969

**Becky Beck Bovell** and **Elizabeth Barr Johnson '68** joined the Queens New York City theater tour in December 2012 and so enjoyed reuniting with each other, Dr. Hadley and other alumni.

**Pat Davis Buckles** retired in September 2012 as a hospital social worker for 37 years. Husband Hugh passed away in June 2009. Out of their three sons and families, two live locally and the third in Aurora, Colo. She loves her four grandchildren, which all happen to be girls! It did not take Pat long to adjust to retirement; however, those closets keep calling...one of these days!

**Jenni Cunningham Marshall** wants to have another reunion real soon...we need to make believe we are 21 again. She does lots of traveling these days, but her life is really all about playing golf and being grandmother.

**Katie Seashole Pressly** welcomed her fourth granddaughter, Lila, joining Lucy, Parker and Pressly. The University of Florida boards keep her busy when she is not hopping on a team plane somewhere. She and husband Jamie enjoy their Kennebunkport, Maine, home when they can steal away. Katie enjoys her work for Pine Jog Environmental Center and for The Palm Beach Garden Club. In February, she saw **Carla Eloff Dupuy**, who had foot ankle surgery, and had a visit in fall 2012 from **Jenny Cunningham Marshall**.

**Lucy Sonntag vonRoenn** has fond memories of her years at Queens, although she finished her education at another university. She started a therapeutic riding center, Sunrise Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., in Lanesville, Ind. They use five wonderful horses for riding and equine psychotherapy. Lucy has five grandchildren that keep her busy. She is on Facebook and has a website. Please get in touch.

## 1970

**Gwen McNeill Ashburn** and **Sallie Trippe Broach '71** enjoy their common ground of Queens in their work together at UNC Asheville. Sallie is the major giving officer in advancement. Gwen is dean of humanities.

**Jennie Goodman Deal** recently returned from Guatemala on a Habitat for Humanity (Global Villages) mission trip through her church, St. James Episcopal Church in Lenoir. She also visited Antigua. It was a very rewarding service experience!

**Nancy Withers Dishman** lives on a small farm outside Davidson. Her daily routine includes caring for two horses, two goats, three dogs and two cats, all adopted except the two goats. Most Sunday mornings find her driving to a nursing home in Statesville, where she sings for residents. She has discovered they like moon pies more than homemade cookies! Nancy loves sharing an occasional lunch with former classmate **Barbara Triplett**.

**Mary Beth Burry Donati** and husband Vic of McComb, Miss., welcomed their third grandchild in December 2012. They have three sons and their families: Vic III of St. Petersburg, Fla., Tim of Hattiesburg, Miss., and youngest son Tyler, a naval aviator currently serving in Japan following deployment on the *USS George Washington*. Mary Beth retired this past year from her nursing career and enjoys spending time with family.

**Nancy Rogers Lindsey** and her husband moved in summer 2012 to Charlotte from Virginia, where they had lived for 40 years. They retired and decided to live near their oldest daughter and her family. The downsizing and move have gone well, and they enjoy living near their grandsons!

**Sallie Moore Lowrance's** 65th birthday celebration was one that will never be forgotten! Her husband surprised her with a weekend at the Inn at Little Washington, along with her children from Charlotte, Nashville and Beijing! To cap off the weekend, he presented her with the Sallie Moore Lowrance Trustee Scholarship, which will allow students who show merit, need and leadership experience to attend Queens. Getting older is not all that bad!

**Sherry Pittman Means** and husband Mike took a trip to Bermuda to celebrate retirement and almost did not return! Their daughter has blessed

them with another granddaughter, so it is double the fun in Richmond, Va. Sherry enjoys bridge with the Richmond Chi O alumnae group and reconnecting with **Ellen Blackburn**, **Mary Beth Burry Donati** and **Nancy Black Shaffer**. She thinks that it is now time for an LH/Harris/Watkins Dorm reunion while we can still dance the night away!



After 41 years, **Ann Clark-Durkin '71**, also known as "Airline Annie," retired from her career as a flight attendant at American Airlines. Ann and her parents were employed with AA continuously from 1944 until this year.

## 1971

**Ann Clark-Durkin** [airlineannie@excite.com](mailto:airlineannie@excite.com), also known as "Airline Annie," has retired from her career as a flight attendant at American Airlines after 41 years. Ann and her parents were employed with AA continuously from 1944 until this year, 69 of American Airlines' 84-year history. She plans now to relax and enjoy her family. She raises funds for the Alzheimer's Association as they search for a cure, while honoring her mother's memory.

**Anne Nickell Comer, MBA '04**, in 2009, became president of Presidium, an independent, fee-only consulting firm, providing unbiased objective advice to clients. Presidium specializes in comprehensive, customized solutions for retirement plans, addressing all aspects of fiduciary duties and responsibilities, plan design, implementation, operations and oversight.

**Segar Gravatt** is doing well in Virginia Beach, Va. She has lived one block from the beach for the past 20 years and finds that is literally her salvation from the worries and stresses of being an Episcopal priest.

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Segar still has energy for ministry, so retirement is not in her immediate future. She thinks of her time at Queens and everyone from Queens with fondness and appreciation.

**Cathie Henson (C.H.) Holcombe** holcombecatherine@yahoo.com lives in Greensboro but has recently changed her identity to “single” and “grandmother.” While she is still working on writing, tutoring in ESL and assisting Alzheimer’s patients, she longs to see the rest of the 50 states (by car or trailer or bus?) and is looking for a travel partner... maybe from the class of 1971? Email her if you have a hankering for adventure!

**Susan Siewers Spence’s** goal to walk a marathon in all 50 states will be accomplished in 2013. She will finish her quest in October 2013 in Hartford, Conn. Susan has enjoyed seeing our beautiful country, 26.2 miles at a time!

### 1972

**Jo Anna Huffstetler Bright** had a wonderful beginning to 2013. Her fourth grandchild, Ashley, was born while Savannah and Caroline visited “MiMi” for two weeks. Following their stay, she returned to Africa for her third mission trip. What blessings!

**Anne Le Grand** is taking a break from the corporate world and spending more time in Melbourne, Australia, with her brother Homer and her sister-in-law **Brenda Lefler Le Grand ‘66**.

**Susan Byers Manning** enjoyed lots of travel in 2012, including an Alaskan cruise; a month-long stay in the Cotswolds, England, with husband Bob; a trip to France with oldest daughter Ashley and a trip to Disney World with Ashley and her family. The highlight of the year was the birth of their 11th grandchild, Emily, who lives in Huntersville with her parents, so they get to see her frequently. Susan enjoyed visiting with classmates at the 40th reunion.

The class expresses sympathy to **Cathy Torrence Mills**, on the death of her cousin **Louise Brumley Miller ‘43**, who passed away on October 25, 2012.

**Karen Minich Zent** and husband Rex welcomed their first grandchild, Nolan Matthew, into the family on August 7, 2012. Nolan and parents Brian and Amber are doing well. Karen and Rex

enjoy being grandparents. Youngest son John has completed his navy tour of duty in Pensacola, Fla., and he and wife Kelly have moved to Lexington, Ky. John is in an optometry practice in Lexington.

### 1973

**Jan Hall Brown** and husband Ed planted a Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard in Napa, Calif., in 2007. They experienced their third harvest in 2012. Ed named the vineyard RedHead Vineyards. They harvested 34 tons of grapes and sold 95 percent of the grapes to other vintners. They always hold back some for their own wine, which they finally get to taste this year as the wine must ferment for several years. She graciously hosted the Class of ‘73 party at reunion.

**Jarrell LaGrone Bruner** and husband Johnny reside in Greenville, S.C. They have two daughters, 32 and 28, and two grandchildren, three and one. Jarrell enjoys every minute of being a grandparent. She recently retired from her special education teaching position in the Greenville County Schools.

**Mary Eaddy** and husband Mike Petrakis live in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Mary works in public relations and marketing. Her first novel, *The Oaks Of McCord*, was published in 2010 by Bella Rosa Books. She is writing a thriller about partners in real estate development during the recent market crash. Mike is capital projects manager for the city of Myrtle Beach.

**Anne Heen Hite**, since she started motherhood later than most, has a 20-year-old college son, 24-year-old daughter and an engaged 27-year-old daughter. She became a Realtor seven years ago, when she realized her husband would be retiring eventually and she needed another place to go! When she visits her oldest daughter in Charleston, S.C., she stays with **Sharon Pickard Merritt** at her Isle of Palms place. Awhile back, she saw **Marsie Sorrells Hubbard** and **Mary Meares Scott**.

The class expresses sympathy to **Kimberly Rhein Irish**, on the death of her husband, Craig Randall Irish, who passed away on October 13, 2011.

### 1974

The class expresses sympathy to **Karen Miller**, on the death of her mother, **Louise Brumley Miller ‘43**, who passed away on October 25, 2012.

**Tara Luther Schmohl**, husband Bob and Cody, their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, moved two years ago to Broomfield, Colo. (12 miles east of Boulder). They bought a house and really enjoy it. Tara finds it is a great change from the humidity in Florida. She is retired and does volunteer work with Cody, a pet therapy dog. She enjoys all the outdoor activities in Broomfield and travels regularly.

### 1975

**Betty Staples Berghaus** married longtime friend Charles (Chuck) Noonan on June 9, 2012, in Durham at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she serves as associate pastor for congregational care.

**Debbie Duggan** has worked for the past 15 years as a legal assistant at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP law firm in Charlotte and cannot speak highly enough of the firm for their caring corporate environment. She has battled cancer four times since 2000, winning the fight each time through faith, hope and love. Her latest project is writing her story, along with 11 other women, for a book soon to be published titled, *Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives*.

The class expresses sympathy to **Linda Gay Henry**, on the death of her mother, Marianna Gilbert Henry, who passed away on June 11, 2012.

The class expresses sympathy to **Tena Magher**, on the death of her mother, Ruth Magher (former professor and Dolphin Club coach), who passed away on February 4.

**Peaches Rankin** traveled to Australia and New Zealand to see her sister. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the 40th reunion in 2015.

The class expresses sympathy to **Elizabeth Whitner**, on the death of her father, William Church Whitner III, who passed away on January 13.

**Elizabeth Horton Williams** owns an accessories and gift shop in North Wilkesboro. The shop specializes in jewelry and pocketbooks. She has three children: Jamie is a fifth-year teacher, Natalie is a senior at UNC Greensboro and Matthew is a sophomore at Western Carolina University



## Start-up Science

**JEAN SCHELHORN '75 GUIDES OHIO STATE BREAKTHROUGHS TO COMMERCIAL SUCCESS**

Jean Schelhorn '75 graduated with a degree in biochemistry and the ability to jimmy open a locked science building door. She needed to be in the lab a lot, she explains, laughing. "I was being honest to my passion."

Schelhorn actually has many passions. One reason she attended Queens was to play sports, including intercollegiate basketball (in a pre-Title IX era). Today she's director of commercialization in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University in Columbus.

"I work with people who have capabilities or ideas, and I help foster their creativity," she explains of a job that includes mentoring inventors and cultivating inventions. At the vet school, she helped develop a technology for early detection of sepsis in cows, which the university has made commercially available. She's also a technical, commercialization and intellectual strategy consultant as president of Schelhorn, Olinger & Associates.

At Queens she studied across the sciences and "never felt any barriers." This launched her fearlessness in trying new things, she says. "If somebody immerses me a little tiny bit, I can pick it up...I tend to jump in with both feet."

After Queens she jumped into graduate studies, attending Northwestern University for a master of science degree followed by a doctorate in chemistry. While there she had the opportunity to organize a cross-sciences co-ed intramural team playing several sports—dubbed the Vitamin B's. Like other endeavors, it was a success. She recalls, "We defeated everyone."

Playing on and organizing sports teams proved critical, she says. Her work relies on being able "to work with teams in unique ways and keep them



*Jean Schelhorn '75 visited Ethiopia in 2007, meeting with students at the request of the Ethiopian government. Back at Ohio State's veterinary school, she works with inventors to bring scientific breakthroughs to the commercial market. She holds a doctorate in chemistry from Northwestern University.*

going even though the road is tough."

Schelhorn started out her career as an innovator at Owens Corning Science and Technology Center. She went on to intellectual property and strategic positioning work for R&D innovator Battelle.

Don Caudy, a colleague from Battelle who collaborates now with Schelhorn on the sepsis project, says she has a significant talent for developing a working relationship with anyone. Plus, she's able "to step into the chaos and quickly organize a way forward."

Schelhorn also mentors women in science and young inventors so they too can find a way forward. "Jean is someone who has succeeded in an area that up until recently was considered a man's world," Caudy says. "Jean is an example of a woman who has succeeded in science, in business, in technology transfer—so she is mentoring from a



Photo by Scott Cunningham

position of strength."

Beyond team building, Schelhorn's greatest strength may be refusing to see limits, only doors waiting to be opened. "People limit themselves by how they think about themselves," she observes. "It is not machines that make things happen, it is people; it is what people do to influence outcomes."

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13

## 1976

**Liz Lee Crowe** lizcrow1@yahoo.com went home for Christmas to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to help her mother, Alice, celebrate her 85th birthday. Alice is engaged to her 96-year-old beau! Liz is excited about a program that she will launch in 2013 to help college students pay back their student loans. Contact her at her email for more details.

The class expresses sympathy to **Barbara Grant Northington**, on the death of her father, Dr. Gerald D. Grant, who passed away on February 26.

**Linda Cable Shute** was commissioned to write a piece for St. Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek, Ga., honoring their namesake. "The Lily of Erin" was written for voice, harp, flute and violin. Son Preston has finished his six-year stint in the navy and has returned to Georgia Southern University, where he will pursue a degree in computer engineering.

## 1977

The class expresses sympathy to **Ollie Diane Huff**, on the death of her mother, Ollie Edwards Huff, who passed away on October 26, 2012.

**Linda Garrett Kotrick** retired from the State of Georgia after 34 years of service. She and husband Kevin live in Milledgeville. Kassie is in the 11th grade at Georgia Military College Prep School. Kevin, a junior at the University of Georgia, is a member of the Redcoat Band. She tries to stay in touch with many alums but would love to connect with more. Her parents live in Hilton Head, S.C., and her sister and family live in Charleston, S.C.

**Ellen Patric Spears** is stepping into the role of president of her local chapter of PEO International (Philanthropic Educational Organization). Husband Jim serves as executive vice president of Glenville State College. Son Patrick, who serves in the U.S. Special Forces, is being awarded the Bronze Medal. Son Brooks is graduating from the University of Richmond School of Law and getting married in August. Son Logan will be graduating this year from West Virginia University. Daughter Lauren, 13, loves school, theater and piano.

## 1978

**Suzanne Brice** lives in New Bern and teaches high school. She connected with **Kathleen Darden** on Facebook and had a great visit with **Ellis Newton Ellis**. Her mother, Mabel Brice, died of pancreatic cancer in 2006. Her ex-husband died last spring. Son Chris is married and lives in Atlanta. Daughter Katie is in Greenville completing a teaching degree. Son Geoffrey is in Charleston, S.C., leading kayak tours and outdoor education with school groups.

**Susan McEwen** works at her family business in Charlotte. Son Stan lives in Philadelphia and works for Vanguard as a financial analyst. Daughter Elizabeth lives in London and works as a wine and champagne buyer for World Duty Free.

## 1979

**Ellen Clark** was elected and ordained as an elder at her church, Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church. One of her duties as elder is co-chair of the church's congregational life committee.

The class expresses sympathy to **Caraleigh "Pixie" Colville Hensley**, on the death of her sister **Jada Colville Stewart '81**, who passed away on October 24, 2012.

## 1980

**Anne Jones Dantzer** had just made the move in June 2011 to downtown Atlanta when husband David was promoted to a position that landed her in New York. Her family settled into an apartment in Manhattan. Son James works for Holman & Company in Washington, D.C. Son Robert works for Athena Healthcare. Youngest son Patrick graduated on December 8, 2012, from Georgia College. Anne would love to see anyone who wants to take a trip to New York.

**Pamela Worth Harris** experienced a worthwhile adventure by going on a 10-day mission trip in November 2012 to Panama with a dental team from her church. They served the Ngobe Indian tribe. While there, they toured the Panama Canal. She and husband Michael live in Michigan. Daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore at the University of Georgia.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marianne Sieg**

**McCament**, on the death of her mother, **Mary Webster Sieg '44**, who passed away on November 30, 2012.

**Sarah "Sally" Wyeth McLaughlin** recently joined the board of directors of the Community Assistance Center, a nonprofit organization that serves people in need in the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody, Ga., communities. Sally is also a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs and a member of the 2013 Leadership Sandy Springs class. Sally and husband Charles are delighted with the newest addition to their family, granddaughter Ava McLaughlin. Sally and Charles live in East Cobb.

**Carol Troutman Wiggins** recently contributed four original children's "beatboxing" songs, published in the new Upper Primary Module of "Whiteboard Music Lessons-Module 4" by The Fun Music Company in Daw Park Australia, along with Kevin and Janice Tuck. This was planned for release internationally in March.

## 1981

**Tucker Tonissen Hicks**, while home for her nephew's wedding, had a great visit with **Susan Westphal Harbert** and **Diana Bitter Pannier '82**. They spent a few days together at Lake Norman cooking and drinking wine. Susan lives in Roanoke, Va., and is a grandmother. Diana works with her brother's successful business in the Atlanta area. They decided that this will be an annual event for them. Tucker loves living in Minnesota.

## 1983

The class expresses sympathy to **Sarah Sieg Avignone**, on the death of her mother, **Mary Webster Sieg '44**, who passed away on November 30, 2012.

**Ann Goldman Lewis** is proud to announce that daughter Becca Lewis was initiated into Phi Mu at University of Maine in Orono, Maine. Becca is a freshman. Older daughter Jess is also a Phi Mu. Ann was able to go to UMO for the initiation. A very special day indeed!

**Cathi Wilkinson Litcher's** daughter, a freshman at High Point University, pledged Tri Sigma sorority and was initiated in March. **Martha Cooke Player's** daughter, a freshman at Wake



Forest University, pledged Alpha Delta Pi. Cathi and Martha had a great time texting back and forth about rush at the respective schools and relived their Queens rush days. It was fun to see all the comments of other Queens ladies on their Facebook pages.

**Judi Walker Swords'** family enjoyed a trip to St. Simons, Ga., over Thanksgiving and hanging out with **Jennifer Smith**. Husband Mark retired from teaching and has started a new job with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Oldest son Chance spent another winter in the Great Lakes with his coast guard crew. He and his coast guard wife will be to moving on to a new post this summer; at the top of their list is Alaska.

## 1984

The class expresses sympathy to **Mimi Love Guin**, on the death of her husband, Jim Guin, Jr., who passed away October 1, 2012.

## 1985

**Heyward Rogers Barnett** walked out on the beach at sunset on New Year's Eve 2012 and married sweetheart Jerry Barnett. It was a beautiful and magical evening, and then the fireworks started! No, really! There was a huge fireworks display over the pier by their hotel! Heyward is thrilled to have a new family, including two little grandchildren. She and Jerry are looking for a house near Athens, Ga.

**Charity Kimmel** had a productive year in 2012. After finishing contract work as executive director with NorthEnd Partners in Charlotte, she completed and published her first book, *Secret of Day*, in September 2012. The editing on her second book was completed in March. She serves as band booster president at son Alex's school, Clover High School. She and husband Bob feel fortunate to have a happy teen in his junior year of high school.

## 1986

**Stacy Nofsinger** lives in Greensboro. She recently cut her hair and donated 12 inches to Locks of Love. This was her second donation.

**Lori Lumbard Smith**, Mick and Katie really like their new home in Huntsville, Ala., and hope to stay for a long time! Mick "retired" in May 2012 after 28 years of service in the army and now

works for the army as a civilian. Daughter Rosie is a freshman at Sewanee. Sons Travis and Taylor and their wives, respectively, are in graduate school at Florida State University and beginning an army career at Fort Hood, Texas.

## 1987

**Elisher Ferrell Beck** married high school sweetheart William Beck on May 7, 2011, at Villa Serena in Conyers, Ga. The couple resides in Atlanta.

**Caroline Cotham Huffines'** husband, Alan, is doing well after a long up and down struggle with pancreatitis. Caroline found it wonderful to have **Copper Allen Comita '86** so close by for his surgery. Oldest daughter Morgan, 21, completed her junior year at Tarleton State University. Maddie, 19, finished her freshman year at Oklahoma State University. Melissa, 13, enjoys cross country, drama and art. Mark, 10, is a Webelo scout and plays baseball and the violin. Caroline is teaching first grade.

**Leslie Addington Miller** has been remarried for four years and has three kids in college and one graduating from high school. She practices nursing at Oncology Specialists of Charlotte, caring for cancer patients. She still plays tennis whenever she can!

## 1988

The class expresses sympathy to **Paige Holderfield Anderson**, on the death of her father, Reggie Holderfield, who passed away on December 5, 2012.

**Betty Dishman** works at Western Carolina University, where she recently moved into a position as office manager of international programs and services. Son Aaron is a high school junior.

**Katja Reed Lackey** reunited with roommate



*Paige Orrie Toohey '87 (second row, center) sent in this photo from the Class of 1987 reunion in April 2012 at Becky Bennett Stowe's '87 Charlotte home.*

**Suzanne Manzer Muskin** in Bethesda, Md. The gals enjoyed laughter and smiles throughout the day. It was easy for Katja to drive from her home in Delaware to visit while Suzanne was vacationing in the United States from her home in Switzerland.



*On July 28, 2012, roommates Katja Reed Lackey '88 and Suzanne Manzer Muskin '88 reunited in Bethesda, Md., for a day filled with smiles. Suzanne (right) was vacationing in the United States from her home in Switzerland.*

## Kids and the Law

**ATTORNEY SCOTT TROWBRIDGE '98 TEACHES OTHERS TO USE COURTS TO HELP**

Scott Trowbridge '98 may be best recalled for playing music and cracking jokes.

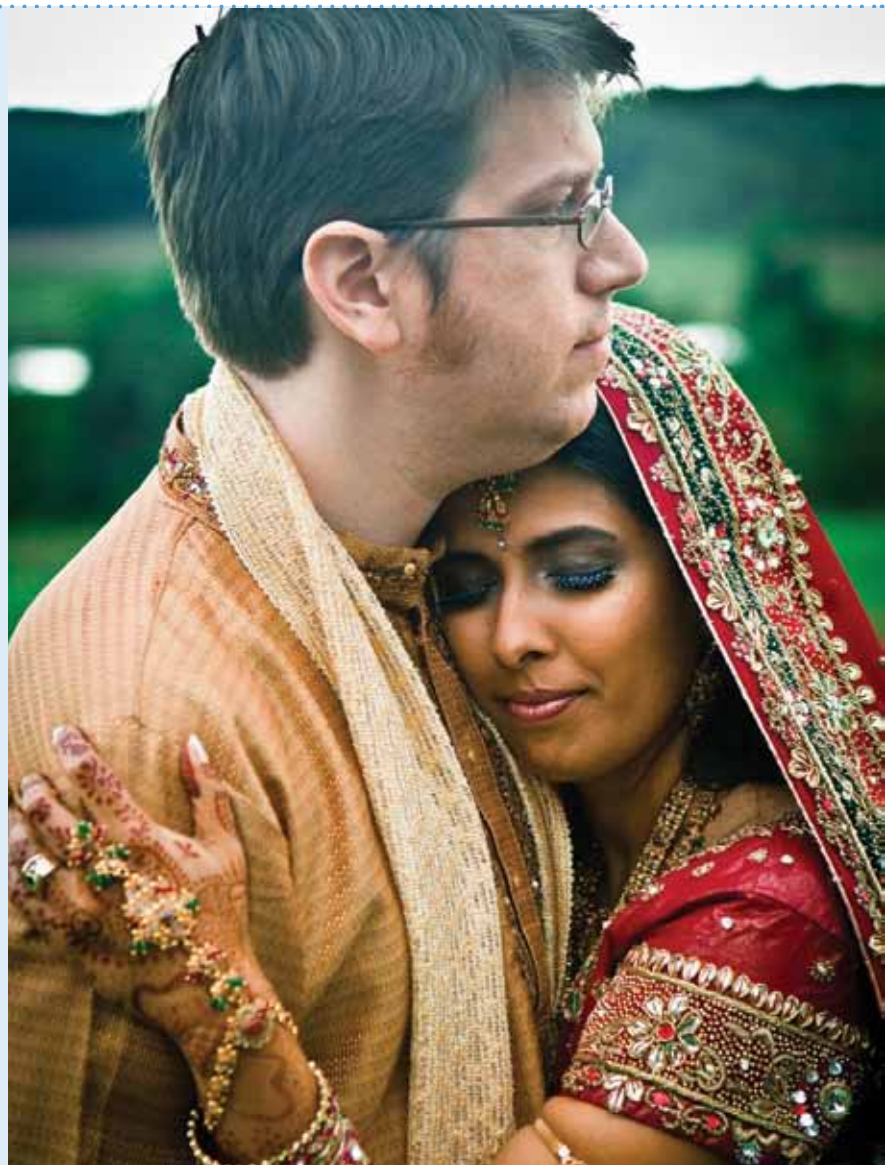
Dan McBrayer '98, Trowbridge's former Wallace Hall roommate, says, "The first time I saw him, he was sitting on the steps of Morrison Dining Hall making noise on a sitar." Although Trowbridge has kept experimenting with music in his off hours—he and McBrayer will soon release a CD—he's found a career he's passionate about. He trains government officials to navigate the court system on behalf of kids.

Working in Washington, D.C., for the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law, Trowbridge provides training and technical assistance for federal, state and tribal governments working with courts on issues of child abuse and neglect.

"We get to see all of the great work that people are doing to improve the lives of family and children," he says. At the ABA he works in the Barriers to Permanency Project that addresses placement of foster children in permanent homes, as well as for a resource center that provides legal assistance with the child welfare system.

Growing up in Tennessee, Trowbridge was suspended several times and put on probation for trespassing. Yet, he remembers the adults who worked with him were frank and tried to help. He says they "made a respectable effort to help me figure out why I was a troublemaker." Even as a teen, he could see the heartfelt concern. "These people really seem[ed] to care and steer lives in the right direction."

A psychology and religion double major at Queens, Trowbridge joined a children's residential treatment center after graduating. He then became a caseworker and later regional supervisor in Tennessee's adoption system. (While he was back in Tennessee, his sister Kirsten Trowbridge '02 attended Queens.) A judge he worked with



Scott Trowbridge '98, shown with his wife, Raj, is an advocate for children at the American Bar Association's Center of Children and the Law in Washington, D.C.

prompted him to consider law school. He graduated from the University of District Columbia in 2007 and started work at the ABA.

"If anyone can change the world for these kids, it is Scott," says Cherie Clark, Charles A. Dana Professor of Psychology. "He brought every class up to a higher level with probing questions and remarkable insights...Honestly, I can't remember anything that he didn't find or make interesting."

Trowbridge still remains true to his creative and comedic side. A fan of Indian music and culture, he and his bride, Rajshree Solanki, surprised guests at their 2011 wedding reception

with a Bollywood-style performance. In his spare time, Trowbridge plays with McBrayer in The Fun Damn Mentalists (McBrayer works at the National Cancer Institute) and in an experimental folk rock band, American Sinner. Nevertheless, compassion remains his compass. When asked what is rewarding about being staff attorney for the ABA, he says "karma" and means it. Many people take the concept lightly, but he feels destined to help others.

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13



**Suzanne Manzer Muskin's** stepson is studying business at McGill University in Montreal. Her young son, 6, enjoys his school in their village of Concise, Switzerland. Their home dates back, in part, to the 1600s and was the postal hotel for the horseback couriers at one time. Her husband works with an international foundation assisting countries with their secondary education system. She has taken a hiatus from her professional career to be a mom and settle into their new life.

The class expresses sympathy to **Margaret Arthur Wilson**, on the death of her great-aunt **Ridley Moody Williams '45**, who passed away on January 29.

## 1990

**Sara Jenkins Collins'** career has yo-yoed once again as she has returned to the nonprofit sector in the new role of communications manager at Charlotte Works. (Darn that Queens motto.) She is very excited about the career-building opportunity and loves the loft space in the old Coke plant on Morehead Street, just across from the old Pteradactyl. (Aahh, memories!) When she is not working, she is a board member for Hands On Charlotte.

**Carolyn Cook Maiden's** [cc@maidensplace.com](mailto:cc@maidensplace.com) husband, Chris, accepted a position with Microsoft at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Carolyn, Chris and daughters Sydney and Olivia planned to move in the spring to Northern Virginia. She would love to hear from her Queens friends and Phi Mu sisters!

The class expresses sympathy to **Blair Mauldin Stanford**, on the death of her aunt **Sue Mauldin Smith '39**, who passed away on January 7.

**Blair Mauldin Stanford** is the chief operating officer at the Charlotte Chamber. She will celebrate her 20th anniversary with the organization in October. She recently took an incredible trip to New Zealand with husband Mike and teenagers Quincy and Jack and looks forward to the next family travel opportunity. Blair is back at Queens working on her executive coaching certificate.

## 1991

**Michelle Roseman Aikens** and **Walt Aikens** live in Charlotte. Walt teaches and coaches basketball at Harding High School and plays basketball in an

adult league. Michele is director of student placement for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. She is working on her doctorate in educational leadership at UNC Charlotte and is scheduled to graduate in December. Walt Jr. is a rising senior in college, and Alexis is a 10th-grader at Harding High School.

**Ann Wilson Brennan** had a 2012 to remember. After 30 years of dreaming about it, she completed her first Ironman triathlon in 13 hours and 34 minutes and could be heard shouting, "Best Day Ever!" as she made her way through the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run.

**Lisa Bynum**, outside of her full-time job and hanging out with friends and family, spends most of her time as board member to A Giving Spirit Foundation ([www.agivingspirit.org](http://www.agivingspirit.org)), a nonprofit inspired by **Laura Somerville Woodall '92** and her fight against ALS. Lisa has also found a way to make her love of wine a second career by becoming a wine consultant for Wine Shop at Home ([www.wineshopathome.com/lisabynum](http://www.wineshopathome.com/lisabynum)). Ask her about an in-home wine tasting!

**Paige "Duffy" Lewis** lives in Charleston, S.C., and teaches history as an adjunct at various colleges in the Lowcountry. In July 2012, she began a research fellowship at the Free Enterprise Foundation.

**Adrienne McCormick** was promoted to serve as SUNY Fredonia's interim assistant provost for special initiatives for the 2012-2013 academic year. In September 2012, she received a Chancellor's



*In October 2012, Ann Wilson Brennan '91 completed her first Ironman triathlon in 13 hours and 34 minutes at the Beach to Battleship Ironman in Wilmington, N.C.*

Award for Excellence in Faculty Service from the State University of New York. She stays busy mothering two sons, 11 and 2, and two daughters, 8 and 5, and teaching and writing about poetry, women writers and global literature.

**Kristian Taylor White** has moved back to Athens, Ga., with her family. She finds it unbelievable that her "baby" turned 4 at the end of January. She finally graduated in May from nursing school with her RN. Go visit them if you are ever in Athens!

## 1992

The class expresses sympathy to **Ashley Arthur**, on the death of her great-aunt **Ridley Moody Williams '45**, who passed away on January 29.

**Jennifer Garner** enjoys life in London and her work at Kingston Grammar School as development director. Her travels continue with trips to Greece and a safari this fall with her sister. Jennifer and **Margaret Aswad Young '90** had an amazing time in Marrakesh and crossed paths with **Caroline Caton '91** and **Michelle McIntire '91**, who were there at the same time—a small world for sure!

**Tovi Fitch Martin** is communications manager with Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte. Tovi stays busy between her job, 5-year-old daughter Ellen and husband Kevin's multiple sclerosis. They enjoy spending time with Queens friends **Stuart Hair** and his wife Beth, **Jay McBride** and **Staci Benson McBride** and their children. She wishes that she could see more folks who attended Queens with them. It has been quite a ride, hasn't it?

**Valerie Elder Pearce** is a senior attorney at the Council for Children's Rights in Charlotte. She recently became the first attorney in North Carolina to be specially certified in both child welfare and delinquency law. She and husband Jim live in Wesley Chapel with daughter Elizabeth, 14, and twins Alexandra and Benjamin, 12. Elizabeth recently completed her first semester at the Union County Early College.

## 1993

**Michelle Maples Colindres** and family went to Maryland over the Christmas break to visit her brother and his family. They had a blast visiting

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Washington, D.C., and the Air and Space Museum in Virginia. Her children keep busy in their Young Marines unit, especially when it is time to march in the Mardi Gras parades (and mom chaperones)! Michelle stays busy providing activities to her veterans in the nursing home.

**Mandy Moore Payne** and husband Scott recently celebrated their fifth anniversary. They keep busy with church and community activities and their three children's sporting and band events. Mandy works for Swain County Schools in Bryson City, where she teaches reading strategies to students at the middle school and high school who are reading one to two years below grade level. She is also site director for the after-school program at the middle school.

### 1994

**Elizabeth Drachman** left journalism after 18 years and now does communications work for an implementer of the U.S. Agency for International Development, which works to better the lives of poor people across the globe. Her husband is an Arabic-language news editor. She has a 6-year-old son. They live in Washington, D.C.

### 1995

**Charlotte Arden Blackburn** is in Indonesia, where she has been for more than two years. She went there to teach English. This year, she will branch out by focusing more on language enrichment skills and cultural awareness for business professionals, as well as assisting youth to fully develop their English skills and confidence for increased opportunities towards a brighter future. Visit [www.charlotteinjojja.blogspot.com](http://www.charlotteinjojja.blogspot.com).

**Katie Hickey Lavallo** has been doing well in Connecticut, where she lives with new hubby Herman. They eloped in December 2012 in Las Vegas and are very happy to finally have made it official. It only took 10 years. They hope to have a party in 2013 to celebrate. Katie cannot wait to see all her QB's—she misses them!

### 1996

**Erica Michelle Ellis-Stewart** and husband **Marcus Stewart '93** reside in Charlotte and have two teenage children, Quinten and Sidney. College applications abound as Quinten is a senior at

the North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics. In November 2011, Ericka was elected to serve as an at-large representative to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education. She has completed her first year as an elected official, where she served as chairman of the nine-person board.

The class expresses sympathy to **Pamela Grogan,**

on the death of her father, Robert Davis Grogan Jr., who passed away on January 30.

**Katie Porter Mantooth** [kpmantooth@yahoo.com](mailto:kpmantooth@yahoo.com) has moved north...ok...just to Kentucky, but it is north for this 11-year Alabama resident! She and husband Dr. Jamie Mantooth work at Murray State University. Katie is a career counselor, and Jamie is director of retention programs. Their three children have adjusted well. They enjoy the benefits of living in a town awarded the "Friendliest Small Town in America" and near a national recreational area (Land Between the Lakes). Stay in touch!

**Emily Burningham Stewart** is enjoying her fifth year living in Jersey, Channel Islands, UK. She and her husband have recently bought a home and enjoy walks in the countryside with their children and new puppy. They are planning a joint 40th birthday bash at the end of July and cannot wait to party with friends like the old days.

### 1997

**Heather Honeycutt Bostic MA '02** and David celebrated the first birthday of son Hank Montgomery in November 2012. Hank is excited his only child status is changing in July! Heather is celebrating her 13th year at Wells Fargo and recently began working in the corporate risk department. David continues to run Savings Unlimited, his family-owned and operated furniture store.



*Jean Ann Vawter '98 (right) enjoyed Christmas with her three daughters (l. to r.): Lauren Vawter '12, Courtney Vawter and Katie Vawter. Lauren was captain of the women's soccer team at Queens.*

**Andrew Brownfield** and **Heather Connelly Brownfield '98** welcomed their second daughter, Kennedy Addison, on January 21.

### 1998

**Heather Connelly Brownfield** and husband **Andrew Brownfield '97** welcomed their second daughter, Kennedy Addison, on January 21.

**Ashley Smith Conk** and Aaron, along with big sister Elizabeth, were thrilled to welcome Alexander Timothy to the family on October 8, 2012. Ashley is glad to be home with both her babies after having to be readmitted to the hospital with preeclampsia after Alexander's birth. Thankfully, she has recuperated well and is thoroughly enjoying her life as a full-time mom.

**Jean Ann Vawter** resides on Lake Norman. She received an MSN-FNP in 2000 from the University of South Carolina. She has been an RN since 1979 and an advanced practice nurse since 2000. Jean works as a certified urology nurse practitioner for Carolina Urology Partners. Daughter Katie is soon to graduate from Frances Marion and daughter Courtney from UNC Charlotte. Daughter **Lauren Christina Vawter '12** is a recent graduate of Queens' McColl School of Business and athlete and captain for the women's soccer team!

### 1999

**Shaun Brown** has been running a popular program



in Charlotte that is designed at strengthening the community one youth at a time. The name of the program is Brown Athletic Division (BAD). BAD helps to keep youth fit and active, while helping them to reach and achieve higher levels of success in life. Visit [www.brownaathleticdivision.org](http://www.brownaathleticdivision.org).

**Arnita Craighead** graduated in December 2012 from Georgia State University with an MBA in leadership and organizational management and entrepreneurship. She is working to put her new degree to good use, doing well and enjoying life.

**Ting Lan** [ipulse@yahoo.com](mailto:ipulse@yahoo.com) is with Louis Dreyfus Commodities but has recently accepted the position of Asia manager of the feed desk. After three fun years in Beijing, he, wife Kat and their two dogs will be moving soon to Singapore. Please say hi if you are coming through Singapore.

The class expresses sympathy to **Robin Conrad Lane** on the death of her son-in-law.

**Robin Conrad Lane's** anoxic brain injury occurred in 2001. She had to retire from her job at The Scottish Bank as executive vice president of corporate communications. Her recovery has been slow, and her health has thankfully stabilized. She has shifted her focus from banker to being a good "Granny" to her four granddaughters, whose father passed away in March 2012. Robin and husband Larry celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June 2012.

The class expresses sympathy to **Laura Stow Sells**, on the death of her father-in-law, L. Melvin Sells, who passed away on January 9.

## 2000

**Rebekah Davis Ahrens** and husband Frank welcomed a baby girl, Annabelle Jubilee, on January 13. Their little girl had "seen" four countries before her birth and is scheduled to see a few new ones this year. July finds Rebekah assigned to the U.S. Embassy, Jakarta, as an economic officer. Frank works as vice president of corporate communications for Hyundai Motor Co. In fall 2012, they visited with **Kara Revel** in Los Angeles and look forward to many more visits.

**Cameron Rogers Helms** and Trey Helms were expecting their second child, a girl, in May. Her

mom is very excited about having a Kappa Delta legacy.

**Anna Arnold Johnson** and husband Tim enjoy life in the city of Chicago. Anna has worked for Kraft Foods for eight years and was recently promoted to customer development manager for the central area, overseeing sales for Kraft's beverage business unit.

**Kara Revel** is thrilled to announce her engagement to Kevin Jarzynski, a film executive with Bad Robot Productions. The couple will wed on July 6 in Montecito, Calif.

**Lorinda Murphy Thompson** is a client services representative supervisor, handling business in the Canadian and Mexican regions for Dimension Data in the Ballantyne area of Charlotte. In July 2012, they were blessed with a healthy baby girl, Addison Grace Thompson, nine pounds, seven ounces. Everyone is doing well!

## 2001

**Shawn Bowers Buxton MFA '04** and husband Bo welcomed identical twin boys, Ethan and Zachary, on December 12, 2012. Shawn teaches English composition and CORE at Queens.

**Casey Hastings**, after 11 years in the Washington, D.C., area, purchased a condo in November 2012 in Old Town Alexandria, Va. She is busy decorating and getting settled! In March 2013, she celebrated five years lobbying and supporting international business development for Motorola Solutions. She looks forward this year to traveling and spending time with friends and family.



*Shawn Bowers Buxton '01 and husband Bo welcomed identical twin boys, Ethan and Zachary, on December 12, 2012.*

**Tracy Reid Huneycutt** and husband John welcomed their first child, a boy named Reid Edward Huneycutt, on October 17, 2012. Reid weighed 10 pounds, five ounces and was 22.5 inches long. Both mom and dad are enjoying their role as parents.



*Christopher Ammon '02 and wife Kelly Ammon '02 celebrated 10 years of marriage on October 20, 2012, when they renewed their vows before friends and family at Eno River State Park in Durham, N.C.*

## 2002

**Christopher Ammon** and wife, **Kristen Kelly Ammon**, recently celebrated 10 years of marriage by renewing their vows with friends and family in attendance. After the celebration, they headed off to the island of St. Maarten for a second honeymoon.

**Jill Brumer** is happily living in Houston. When not working at the nonprofit Workshop Houston, teaching inner-city youth sewing or teaching in the drama department at San Jacinto College, she is busy enjoying the good life with her new fiance!

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**Chad Hensen** and **Natalie Kotowski Hensen '05** were married on July 14, 2012, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Charlotte. The wedding party included **Jason Fennemore '02**, **Brittany Smith Lindberg '05**, **Colleen Morton Chevalier '06**, **Michael Hensen '06** and **Whitney Hensen '09**. The couple honeymooned in Hong Kong and Koh Samui, Thailand. They live in the greater Charlotte area, where Chad works for KPMG LLP in the financial management group and Natalie teaches at Winthrop University.

**Nicole Kenney Joseph MSOD '12** completed all requirements in December 2012 for a master of science in organization development from the McColl School of Business. She serves as a board member of the McColl School Alumni Association and works as a learning consultant for Bank of America. Now that she has received her degree, Nicole plans to take some much needed time off from academia and looked forward to a celebratory vacation in the spring.

**Frieda Calk Price MSN '03**, after working in occupational health for more than 20 years, switched gears and has a new position, the executive director of a not-for-profit adult day care services agency. She and husband Dave became grandparents in 2012.

## 2003

**Colleen McCarey Albert** launched her freelance editing business this year as The Grammar Babe and has had the pleasure of editing a novel by author Jes Young. She has also been busy finishing *The Guardian of Fire*, book one in her young adult urban fantasy trilogy (The Guardian Trilogy).

**Jen Scialabba Calhoun** and her family enjoy living in south Georgia, minus the hot summers. They love taking family trips to Disney and cannot wait for the arrival of Baby Calhoun #2 in July. Katie, 5, is very excited to be a big sister. Jen has been teaching drama and English for 10 years.

**Janice Gabriel** went back to school and received her teaching degree. She is a high school English teacher at Newtown High School in Newtown, Conn. When she is not in the classroom, she spends most of her free time on the stage and is the executive director of a theater in Danbury, Conn.

**Andrea "Dre" Alford Manoni MA '08** and husband RJ were expecting their first child, a baby boy, in April. They were very excited about this new addition to their family! If Dre was not at the 10-year reunion, just know that Baby Manoni most likely had other ideas. Dre works and teaches at Winthrop University as a career consultant.

**Candace Cooper Murray MSN '08** and husband Will welcomed their first child, Mila Joy Murray, in April 2012. Candace is responsible for community health and global initiatives at the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. Her most recent project was leading a global service-learning team to Dakar, Senegal, in West Africa. She is the director and co-founder of the nonprofit PeacePassers.org, with the mission to collect new and used soccer equipment and distribute supplies to communities around the world.

**Lindsay Jack Salter** went to work for Wells Fargo, after graduating from Queens, and is still there. She lives in Charlotte with husband Cameron and black lab Nala. They do not plan to have children.

**Annie Kendall Williams** and husband Steve welcomed their first son, Charles Thomas "Charlie," on January 12.

## 2004

**Dustin Benedict** works for an American-based company in Kabul, advising local organizations in improving their marketing, public relations/media and outreach strategies through a USAID-funded initiative to promote civil society as a driver of positive growth in Afghanistan. He enjoys the unique challenges associated with this type of work and is appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of the positive changes happening at this level.



**Alison Kendrick '04 and Taryn Rimland '04** at Zugspitze, Germany's highest point. Alison traveled to Europe to spend Christmas and New Year's with Taryn.

**Aaron Brantly** graduated in December 2012 with a doctorate in political science and international relations from the University of Georgia. Aaron and wife Nataliya are currently expecting the birth of their second child.

**Bonnie Davis** recently started a position as risk manager at Carolinas Healthcare System. She will be finishing a master of science in nursing in health systems management this summer.

**Jade Sutter Hall MA '07** and **Curt Hall IV MBA '08** recently moved from Chicago to Greenville, S.C., where Curt is the new branch manager of the UBS office. They welcomed their first child, a daughter named Hannah Virginia, on January 23. They are enjoying their sweet baby girl and are excited about returning home to the South.

**Ellen Hutchinson Johnson** received her CMA in July 2010. She worked as a shot room nurse for a year and a half at Asthma and Allergy Specialists in Charlotte. Currently, she works at Box Arthritis and Rheumatology in research and electronic medical records. She and husband Carter spend their time going to the mountains.

**Alison Kendrick** traveled to Europe to spend Christmas and New Year's with **Taryn Rimland**. They had a wonderful time in Italy and Germany, where they visited Zugspitze, Germany's highest point. Alison works in marketing at Mood Media and enjoys being featured as a voice talent for on-hold and in-store advertising. Taryn was rounding out her fourth year abroad and looked forward to returning in spring to Charlotte.

**Valarie Ferrell Lockridge** lives in Augusta, Ga. Her husband is the club house manager at the Augusta National Golf Club. She works for two superior court judges, managing their criminal case loads. On December 27, 2012, they welcomed the birth of their first child, a son, Henry Ferrell Lockridge, nine pounds, 13 ounces.

**Briana Watkins Savago** and husband Patrick live in Charlotte. Briana planned to finish her nursing degree in May at Carolinas College of Health Sciences. They looked forward to the arrival of their first baby boy in May.

**Winston Sharpe** was recently appointed to the boards of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte and the Keep Charlotte Beautiful committee by



the Charlotte City Council. He is also chairman of the Great Charlotte Clean-Up subcommittee that partners with Keep America Beautiful, by hosting a local Great Charlotte Clean-Up. This clean-up effort is the nation's largest community improvement program, built on a foundation of individual responsibility and civic pride.

**Suzanne Voigt** recently moved from Charlotte to Athens, Ga., where she serves as a career consultant at the University of Georgia's Career Center.

**Marc Wojnowich** works with executives of firms spending greater than \$200,000/year on freight to find methods and opportunities to operate more cost effectively. His clients never heard a better excuse why their transportation costs were rising than fuel, but now they have tools in place to hold carriers and their own staff accountable.

## 2005

**Devon Grenda Carley**, Darrell and Preston have recently moved. They had a house built in Milton, Ga., and moved in March. Devon thoroughly enjoys being a stay-at-home mommy to Preston, who turned one in December 2012.

**Sarah Donnelly** moved in September 2012 to Paris, after spending seven years living and working in Washington, D.C. So far, she is enjoying her time learning French, eating cheese and performing stand-up comedy.

**Cerena Beltran Hardney MBA '07** and **Adam Hardney '06** are looking forward to celebrating their four-year wedding anniversary this summer

in Europe, returning to where they spent their honeymoon. This time the trip will be a little different as they take son Noah along.

**Natalie Kotowski Hensen** and **Chad Hensen '02** were married on July 14, 2012, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Charlotte. The wedding party included **Jason Fennemore '02**, **Brittany Smith Lindberg '05**, **Colleen Morton Chevalier '06**, **Michael Hensen '06** and **Whitney Hensen '09**. The couple honeymooned in Hong Kong and Koh Samui, Thailand. They live in the greater Charlotte area, where Chad works for KPMG LLP in the financial management group and Natalie teaches at Winthrop University.

**Katelyn Penney McKinney** lives in Boise, Idaho, where she practices securities and exchange commission law. She enjoys spending all of her time away from work with daughter Madeline, born in November 2011.

**Julie Randall** and **Andrew Batten** married on September 29, 2012, on the Queens campus in Burwell Hall. The wedding party included Linsey Logan, **Nat Dietrich '06**, **Shaun Hogan '06** and **Grace Batten**, a current Queens student.

**Sarah Yeager** completed her MBA with a concentration in international business in December 2012 at Samford University. She has been serving as the new member advisor for the Phi Mu chapter at Samford.

## 2006

**Charlotte Patterson Arsenault** graduated in May 2011 from Harvard Divinity School with a master of divinity and, in early 2012, completed a residency at Emory University Hospital. She and husband Leo welcomed their first child, Lilah Lynn Jolie Arsenault, in May 2012.

**Devin Baranowski** is employed at Oreck Corporation in Cookeville, Tenn., and

was recently promoted to marketing operations coordinator. She rang in the new year in the British Virgin Islands and hopes that 2013 brings more travel abroad. Devin assisted with a Mardi Gras ball to raise money for a safe home for domestic abuse victims. As chapter advisor for Alpha Delta Pi, she aided in planning a 5K fundraiser in April for Ronald McDonald House.

**Chris Barlow** works at T-Metrics, a small computer engineering firm in Charlotte. He and **Perky Boike Barlow '08** celebrated the birth of their first child, Silas Christian Barlow, born on Thanksgiving Day 2012.

**Chris Cooke** and **Shannon Lowe Cooke '10** welcomed a son, Jackson Gleen Cooke, on September 22, 2012.

**Heather Krzyzanowski** and boyfriend Jason welcomed a son, James Parker, on June 27, 2012. Currently, she enjoys being a stay-at-home mom in the new house that she and Jason purchased in Delaware.

**Amanda Banks McGrath** and **Kyle McGrath '07** welcomed a daughter, Bennett Carrington McGrath, on December 5, 2012. They are enjoying their new adventure as a family of three.

**Elizabeth Codington McGuire** and husband William welcomed their first child, a baby boy named John Howell McGuire, on November 26, 2012.

**Julie Ohlandt Renkas** and husband Brock welcomed a daughter, Claire Pamela Renkas, on February 20.

**Erin Cramer Woodworth** and husband **Neal Woodworth '07** welcomed a healthy baby boy, Austin Ewan Woodworth, on September 26, 2012. They moved into a new home, which they built in January 2012.

## 2007

**Christina Anderson** lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and works as an IT business systems analyst for surgical technologies at Medtronic. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in IT management at Webster University. Christina is actively involved within the North Florida lacrosse community and was named the first head coach for The Bolles



*Julie Randall '05 and Andrew Batten '05 were married on September 29, 2012, on campus. The wedding party included (l. to r.) Grace Batten '14, Linsey Logan, the bridal couple, Nat Dietrich '06 and Shaun Hogan '06.*

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School varsity girls' lacrosse program, which began its inaugural season this spring.

**Christine Corless Bronner**, after graduation, moved to Detroit, Mich., to work for Ford Motor Company. She worked for Ford for five years as a finance analyst and met future husband Garrett Bronner. She and Garrett were married on September 29, 2012, in Charleston, S.C., and recently relocated to Seattle.

**Jonathan Campbell and Kristin Lane Campbell '11** welcomed a daughter, McKenna Ann Campbell, on February 26.

**Denise Lee-Deane Elmore** graduated in September 2012 from Jacksonville University School of Nursing. She moved to Charlotte after graduation with her boyfriend and pets. She works as a pediatric RN.

**Kyle McGrath and Amanda Banks McGrath '06** welcomed a daughter, Bennett Carrington, on December 5, 2012. They are enjoying their new adventure as a family of three.

The class expresses sympathy to **Ellen Moore**, on the death of her father, **Herman Aubrey Moore III '78**, who passed away on November 7, 2012.

**Jenny Jenkins Story** and husband Thomas welcomed a beautiful baby girl named Trinity on December 28, 2012. Thanks go to their alumni friends who attended the baby shower and have visited to meet their little angel!

**Ashleigh Williams Triplett** married Brandon

Triplett on September 1, 2012, in Johnson City, Tenn. She was joined by several of her friends from her times at Queens, including her lacrosse teammates and her Kappa Delta Sorority sisters. She and her husband live in southern Maryland, both working at NAS Patuxent River.

**Karen Yutzy** and husband Chris Adkins welcomed a daughter, Lillian Suzanne, in August 2012. They have recently moved from New Bern to Asheville and are very excited to be back in the Blue Ridge. Karen teaches drama and planned to graduate in May with a master's of library science from Appalachian State University.

## 2008

**Perky Boike Barlow and Chris Barlow '06** welcomed a son, Silas Christian Barlow, on November 22, 2012.

**Melanie Campos** is pursuing a master of science in environmental studies and a master of public administration at the College of Charleston. Melanie serves as an executive officer for the Graduate Student Association and the Master of Environmental Science Student Association (MESSA). She is in her second year on the planning committee for the MESSA 8K for H2O road race held on James Island, S.C. Melanie performs with the Charleston Community Band and the College of Charleston Flute Ensemble.

**Alyssa Knowles Cox** married Shawn Cox on May 12, 2012, on Seabrook Island, S.C. Almost all of her bridesmaids were fellow Queens alumnae. In late May 2012, Alyssa and her husband opened Clothes Mentor, a women's resale clothing store. They are currently signing a lease for a second Clothes Mentor in Charlotte and have plans to open at least



*Tracey Keitt '09 and wife Christine live in Santiago, Chile, and celebrated the New Year with a visit from Joel "Pants" Tomkinson '10 and Claire Lowrance Tomkinson '08.*

three stores in the greater Charlotte area.

**Joseph Crawford** completed a master of science in nursing/family nurse practitioner in December 2012. He recently accepted a position with S.C. Hypertension and Nephrology as nurse practitioner/director of clinical research. Joseph is also an adjunct faculty member at Trident Technical College in Charleston, S.C. He is currently a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves awaiting finalization of promotion to captain.

**Paige Jordan** works for the Cato Corporation and was recently promoted to senior assistant buyer of apparel for the newest store, Versona Accessories. She lives in Charlotte, enjoying all that the city has to offer.

**Kathryn Keeton** is incredibly grateful for all her wonderful Queens friends—the old and the new! She thanks them all for being such amazing people.

**Amanda Mahle** is in the final stages of completing her doctoral dissertation research at the University of Maryland, College Park. In fact, hopefully by the time this is published, she will be preparing to defend her thesis. Following the completion of her doctorate in biochemistry, she will be starting medical school this fall at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

**Sarah Mercier** is a senior paralegal at Maggio + Kattar, an immigration law firm in Washington, D.C. She married Charles Kirby on September 30, 2012.

**Taryn Wolford** is an assistant golf professional at a public golf course in Charlotte. She specializes as a golf instructor for women and junior golfers of all



*Ashleigh Williams Triplett '07 married Brandon Triplett on September 1, 2012, in Johnson City, Tenn. She was joined by her Queens lacrosse teammates and Kappa Delta Sorority sisters.*



levels. Taryn is enrolled in the PGA PGM Apprentice Program, where she is pursuing her PGA certification.

## 2009

**Sarah Burt** lives in Augusta, Ga., working as project manager at creative agency Wier/Stewart. She sits on the AAF Augusta board as communications chair and is a member of Young Professionals of Augusta.

**Lauren Steele Kauer** graduated with her master's in physician assistant studies in December 2012 from Wingate University. She was granted her board certification in January and has joined Barron & Homesley Orthopedic Specialists as their new orthopedic surgery PA.

**Tracey Keitt** and wife Christine were excited to welcome their first addition to the Keitt family in March. They have passed their year and a half mark living in Santiago, Chile, and absolutely love their life, minus missing close loved ones. They had the adventurous experience of having **Joel "Pants" Tomkinson '10** and **Claire Lowrance Tomkinson '08** visit to celebrate the new year. Roaming around the beautiful outdoors of Chile with them, priceless.

**Joan Kleinmann** started working in July 2012 for Presbyterian Hospital. Son Elijah turned one year old on January 30.

**Katie Lyle** is in her fourth year of a doctorate program at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. She has finished all coursework and is currently preparing for her doctoral exam, after which she will hopefully begin work on her dissertation proposal. Katie's interests for the dissertation lie in dictatorship literature of 20th century Latin America and the Latin American Avant Garde.

**Molly Rose Nass** joined The CSI Companies in July 2012 as an administrator in their healthcare IT division.

**Stephanie Phipps** finished her service with the Peace Corps as a health volunteer in Nicaragua and now works as the assistant director of programs and development for the World Affairs Council of Charlotte.

**Elisabeth Podair** works in marketing at Charlotte-based agency Spark Strategic Ideas.

Her spare time is spent volunteering with North Carolina Dance Theatre, The Humane Society of Charlotte and cuddling her dog, Punky. She had a fabulous trip in July 2012 to Utah with **Keatin McKenzie**, **Whitney Palmer** and **Ellie Ramm**.

**Mariel Roberts** moved in August 2011 to Houston, Texas, and is working in human resources for Shell.

**Caitlin Bower Russell** married Jonathan Adam Russell on January 19 in Charlotte. The reception was held at Queens in Morrison Hall. Caitlin graduated in 2009 with a degree in elementary education and is pursuing a master of education in literacy at Queens. She teaches fourth grade in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Jonathan graduated in 2009 from Appalachian State University and works for the Boy Scouts as a district executive in the Mecklenburg County Council.

**Emily Valasco** is in her first year of law school at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. She is employed with a financial planner in Columbus and plans on continuing to work in wealth management and estate planning after graduating from law school. She and fiancé Nick will be getting married this summer!

**Chelsea Vestal** and Michael Banducci married on April 28. They live in Raleigh.

## 2010

**Alan Britman** lives in Charlotte, working for Bank of America as a personal banker. He enjoys avidly fishing on his boat in Hilton Head, S.C.

**Pablo Carvajal** has been deployed abroad since August 2012 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as part of the 371 CBRN Company from Greenwood, S.C. They will return in July to the United States. He plans to return to Washington, D.C., where he had been doing internships, to look for employment. He looks forward to visiting campus, attending alumni activities and supporting the university and Greek life on campus.

**Shannon Lowe Cooke** and **Chris Cooke '06** are excited to announce the birth of their first son, Jackson Glenn Cooke, on September 22, 2012. He is a perfect little man and the sunshine that brightens their day.



*Shannon Lowe Cooke '10 and Chris Cooke '06 welcomed their first son, Jackson Glenn Cooke, on September 22, 2012.*

**Sarah Crawford** has started a master of arts in English literature at McNeese State University and is engaged to **Joel Ferdon '12**.

**Mary Floyd** works as the clinical care coordinator and RN supervisor for Peak Resources Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

**Jonathan Hennika** presented "Changing Chinese Students Immigration Patterns" at the Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies annual meeting in January in Wilmington. The following month, he presented a paper titled, "Southern Populism, Race and North Carolina Politics," at the annual Graduate History Conference at North Carolina State University. Jonathan continues to work towards a master of art in Southern history at Winthrop University.

**Brooke Jeter** and **Michael Mazhari '11** married on April 26. They are so glad they met during their time at Queens!

**Patience Musochera** is elated to have recently accepted an offer at Presbyterian Cancer Center in uptown Charlotte and will continue her nursing journey there. She hopes Blair College of Health Sciences will have a nurse practitioner or

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physician's assistant program by fall 2013 as her goal is to become an advanced practice RN or a PA in the next two years while staying true to being a Royal.

**Marianne Boglovits Oberklein** married Daniel F. Oberklein on October 17, 2012, in Jefferson. They are moving to Greenville to pursue new job opportunities.

**Cecilia Tchangoue** obtained her master's degree in international management from Audencia Nantes School of Management in France. She is a sales manager in an international company that sells accessories and equipment for all Apple devices. She is happy and thankful for all the things she has today, and she wishes the best to all of her Queens fellows. May 2013 be a great year for all of us—Let's Go Royals!

**Amanda Valbert** graduated in December 2012 with her master's in industrial organizational psychology from Argosy University, Atlanta. Amanda registered to take the Professional in Human Resources exam to obtain her certification and passed her exam at the end of January. She works at Sports Connection as the director of CJV North and is looking for both additional roles in her field within the company and other opportunities in her field externally.

## 2011

**Josephine Bloch**, along with getting recently engaged, has pioneered an ambitious drama program at Accadis International School in Bad Homburg, Germany (near Frankfurt). Since August 2012, she has been working with a variety of age groups, kindergarten through seventh grade, and thoroughly enjoys sharing her passion and knowledge with the next generation of young actors. Together with her enthusiastic students, they have put on several small but outstanding productions and planned on tackling a spring musical.

**Kristin Lane Campbell** and **Jonathan Campbell '07** welcomed a daughter, McKenna Ann Campbell, on February 26.

**Ely Friedman** is excited to meet all the alumni on the new Facebook page for Queens Alumni Club of Charlotte: [www.facebook.com/groups/qacoc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/qacoc/). Ely was excited for the new year and is happy to help all alumni in Charlotte!

**Amanda Martin** is a graduate assistant at Mercyhurst University. She is the assistant coach for the Mercyhurst Lakers women's lacrosse team and is pursuing a master's degree in organizational leadership with a concentration in nonprofits.

**Michael Mazhari** and **Brooke Jeter '10** married in April. Michael has joined a wealth management team at Merrill Lynch in uptown Charlotte, and Brooke works for Bank of America.

**Rebecca Morris** works as an English teacher at Sun Valley High School in Monroe. She has started her second year of teaching and hopes to pursue a master's in library science in 2014.

**Eliza Newbury-Palma** attends the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Spartanburg, S.C., after spending a year in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Jessica Underwood** has worked since graduation as an RN in the Neuro-Surgical ICU at CMC-Main. She currently works in the post-anesthesia care unit at Gaston Memorial Hospital. She is also a paramedic for Lincoln County EMS. Some of her hobbies include traveling, snowboarding, hiking, mountain biking and wildlife photography.

## 2012

**Daniel Bailey** is playing professional basketball in Germany. He reports that it has been a great experience so far, and he is having the time of his life.

**Scott Buys** was promoted to senior vice president at Bank of America. He is currently managing product analytics for home loans.

**Amelia Farmer** lives in Charlotte and recently began a full-time job as a marketing coordinator in audience development at *SportsBusiness Journal*.

**Michael Fleming** works with Push America, which is located in Charlotte. He will be helping plan the 2013 Journey of Hope South route. At the end of May, Michael planned to fly out to join the team in Long Beach, Calif., and travel across the country to Washington, D.C. The Journey of Hope is a cross-country cycling trip that helps raise awareness and funds for people with disabilities.

**Jessie Hunt** moved in September 2012 to Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, to work for a contracted year as a member of AmeriCorps' Multilingual Leadership

Corps. The MLC primarily assists the large Somali refugee student population in reaching academic success and realizing career and college goals. Jessie is thoroughly enjoying time with her students and exploring Maine's natural beauty.

**Jamie Isabelle** reports that finding a job was not easy for her, especially in her field of choice. After months of looking, another Queens graduate told her about an opportunity to sell insurance. After passing the North Carolina state exam in property and casualty, Jamie is a direct sales specialist for Allstate.

**Jamie Kreber** works at SouthPark Animal Hospital as a veterinary assistant. She plans to go back to school to obtain her veterinary technician license. She has fallen in love with her job and cannot imagine doing anything else!

**Brittany Philip** became the manager of marketing while also maintaining her role as the manager of customer relations at Atlantic Trading, LLC.

**Tarik Sloussi** is pursuing a master of arts in community counseling at Argosy University, Atlanta. He is also working full time as a virtual learning lab facilitator at Riverwood High School. After completing his graduate studies, Tarik plans on working in the private sector as a licensed professional counselor.

**Katie Walsh** graduated in December 2012 from Charlotte School of Law. She works as an extern with the family court administrator in Mecklenburg County and looks forward to passing the bar and finding a job.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Robert Lorentz MBA '83** has retired but is currently providing start-up capital for small companies.

**Jane Neumeier Bardwell MBA '84** is an iOS app developer whose software, CUE YOU, was named a finalist for Technology Product of the Year through TechColumbus, a partnership among the State of Ohio's Department of Development, Battelle Memorial Institute and The Ohio State University Technology Research



and Development. CUE YOU is a cutting edge scheduling and life support app that stands to change the lives of 55,000,000 Americans with early dementia, traumatic brain injury, mental illness and developmental disability. Visit [www.cue-you.com](http://www.cue-you.com).

**Karen Hartsell MAT '96** retired from teaching and has published her first novel, *Illusion, A Republic Lost*, under her maiden name, Karen Alexander. She has accomplished a longtime goal. She attended Queens to start a new career, and now, she is starting another!

**Laura Rice Sutherland MBA '97** was promoted to senior director, sales/customer management at NuVal LLC. The NuVal® Nutritional Scoring System scores food on a scale of 1-100; the higher the number, the more nutritious the product. Dr. David Katz, founding director of the Yale Prevention Research Center, worked with a dozen of the leading minds in medicine and nutrition to develop the algorithm that powers the scores. The scores are displayed on price tags on supermarket shelves.

**Patrick Halloran EMBA '98**, his wife and daughter reside in the Columbus suburb of Dublin, Ohio. He is managing the international logistics network for Cardinal Health, a Fortune 20 company. Patrick divides his time between Asia and the United States and enjoys almost every minute of it but misses his former EMBA classmates still in the warmer climate of Charlotte.

**James Dever EMBA '00** recently joined forces with former finance industry leaders to start a new capital management company, Edens Capital Management. He is the chief operating officer and managing director and is responsible for the overall firm management and strategic development, due diligence, firm-wide risk management and oversight of all investment processes and strategies. He has more than 13 years of investment management experience, which includes portfolio management, client service, equity strategy implementation, trading and business management.

**Angie Mattson's MA '02** business, Your Organized Guide, Inc., shows business owners how to streamline their workflow and reduce stress by using The Five Essential Business Systems™. She has been a guest on NPR/WFAE's "Charlotte Talks with Mike Collins," interviewed in *The New*

*York Times* and featured on CPCC TV's local entrepreneur "Great Ideas" program. She published her first book, *How Your Disorganization is Stealing Your Time, Your Attention, and Your Health*.

**Matthew Favreau MBA '03** has been awarded the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Charter, the only professional designation exclusively for alternative investment practitioners.

**Elizabeth Adams Dowling PMBA'04** is the president of Sweet Marketing Solutions, a boutique marketing consulting firm based in Westchester County, N.Y. Their approach is based on an understanding of each client's marketing goals, so they can design effective solutions tailored to needs, budget and schedule. Clients, big and small, rely on SMS for marketing solutions that successfully communicate their vision. The website is [sweetmarketingsolutions.net](http://sweetmarketingsolutions.net).

**Bill Garcia EMBA '08** has recently been hired by The Norman Group as a senior project manager in the management consulting division of an overall consulting practice that also includes IT and project management consulting. In his spare time, Bill provides strategic guidance on governance, operational and fiscal matters related to the foundation of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte.

**Curt Hall IV MBA '08** and **Jade Sutter Hall '04, MA '07** recently moved from Chicago to Greenville, S.C., where Curt is the new branch manager of the UBS office. They welcomed their first child, a daughter named Hannah Virginia, on January 23. They are enjoying their sweet baby girl and are excited about returning home to the South.

**Joseph W. Norman MBA '08** and Amy Norman welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Reynolds, on November 30, 2012. They live in Charlotte. Joseph is an attorney with K&L Gates, LLP in Charlotte.



EMBA 2000 classmates and McColl School of Business faculty gathered to celebrate the life of beloved friend David Little EMBA '00. The funeral was held in Charlotte on February 25. Pictured from the EMBA Class of 2000 (l. to r.): **Chip Wood; Debi Moore Slate; Lori Bunce Giang; Michael Giang; Carol Knight Bondy; John Reeves; Bill Berry, McColl School faculty member; Scott Schloeder; Stephen Kingsley; Michelle Camero Skipper; Dalya Kutchei; Carolyn Main Hewett and Brenda Leigh Suits.** Attending but not pictured: Karen Geiger, McColl School faculty member, and EMBA Class of 2000 members **Teresa Annette Robertson, Niles Curry and Sam Smith.**

**Carol Locher Ransone EMBA '08** and family had an exciting 2012. In May 2012, Carol's daughters both graduated: Catherine with an MBA from Columbia University and Emily with a degree in psychology from UNC Chapel Hill. In fall 2012, Carol advanced to candidacy in Antioch University's doctorate in leadership and change. The focus of her dissertation is the importance of relationship in virtual work environments.

**Laurie Soenen MA '08** and husband Scott welcomed a son, Hayes Davis Soenen, on July 5, 2012.

**Kilby Watson MA '08** joined Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont in June 2011 as their volunteer coordinator and developed the agency's new Champions for Good volunteer program. Due to the program's success, her leadership and the partnerships established, she was promoted to manager of community engagement. In her current role, she continues to spearhead the volunteer program and leads outreach efforts to help advance Goodwill's mission.

**Ed Coombs PMBA '09** had an exciting year helping wife Ann open her own dental office, Imagine Dentistry. It took loads of time, energy, planning, prayer, advisors and fun. Fortunately with great support from the community, the practice is up and running, and now Ed and

## CLASS NOTES

Ann are proud business owners. Ed is just a year away from completing his second master's degree, towards becoming a marriage and family therapist.

**Joshua Donaldson PMBA '09** piloted an AH-64D Apache gunship for the first time on January 8 as part of advanced flight training for the North Carolina Army National Guard. Joshua looked forward to graduating in June, after 19 months of training, and returning home to North Carolina.

**Clay Lewis PMBA '09** works with Bank of America, where he was promoted to staffing executive, accountable for vendor management and labor strategy. He served as chair of the sixth annual Billy O. Wireman Memorial Tournament.

**Rosalyn Allison-Jacobs MSOD '11** has joined La Piana Consulting as a senior consultant. It is based in Emeryville, Calif., and specializes in strategic restructuring, business strategy and a unique approach to planning called "real-time strategic planning" for the nonprofit, public and philanthropic sectors.

**Guilherme Batista EMBA '11**, since graduating in May 2011, got married, quit his job in Charlotte, found a new job in Chicago and subsequently moved to Chicago with new wife Gabrielle! They are overwhelmed but in a good way. Guilherme is director of business information and knowledge sharing for Easter Seals, Inc., a nonprofit that provides products, services and advocacy for disabled individuals of all ages.



**Guilherme Batista EMBA '11** and wife Gabrielle in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, following their wedding October 12, 2012.

**C. David Ellard's MFA '11** short story, "Battle of Fort Bowyer Remix," was published in *War Stories*, an anthology of fiction by veteran writers that includes pictures of military life. It is edited by Sally Shore and Sally Drumm, published by MilSpeak Books and available from SmashWords.

**Leora Itzhaki MSA '11** is excited to say that she is now an assistant principal in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and loving it, after all the hard work getting her MSA!



In July 2012, **Ed Coombs MBA '09** (holding son Blaine) and his wife, Ann, rode with the McColl School bike team at the 24 Hours of Booty event in Myers Park. The annual event raises funds for cancer research.

**Keith Campbell EMBA '12** was selected to lead GE Aviation Systems' largest Cincinnati-area volunteer activity involving the Mid-Western Children's Home (MCH) located in Pleasant Plain, Ohio. GE volunteers provide year-around activities for children and staff at MCH and last year provided a \$25,000 donation for discretionary spending. Keith attributes his involvement in MCH to Professor Karen Geiger's relentless call for community support and leadership.

**Christopher Haddad's PMBA '12** business Flip'N Chicken, which he owns with Samar Haddad, celebrated its two-year anniversary on December 28, 2012. The restaurant, located in Carmel Commons Shopping Center on Pineville-Matthews Road, has quickly become Charlotte's favorite wing spot. Flip'N Chicken was voted "BEST WINGS" in Creative Loafing's Best Of Charlotte 2012 edition. You can like Flip'N Chicken on Facebook or follow Flip'N Chicken on twitter @flipnchicken.

**Nathan Foster EMBA '12** completed his first half marathon in January, the Walt Disney World half marathon, and is preparing to complete his second half marathon later this year.

**David Owens-Hill MA '12**, in August 2012, along with his nine-pound terrier named Winston, moved to San Francisco to accept a position at the Asian Art Museum, the largest museum of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Though he misses his East Coast friends, he could not be enjoying the weather, the people and the adventure more. He does report that folks out in Cali do not understand proper Southern cooking.

**Andrea Stevenson PMBA '11** left Community School of the Arts in November 2012 to become executive director of The Lee Institute, a nonprofit consultancy that provides facilitation, strategic planning, leadership training and civic engagement services for the social sector.

**Steadman Sugg EMBA '12** and wife Elizabeth welcomed a son, Robert Brooks Sugg, on September 23, 2012. Steadman accepted the position of supplier relationship management executive within Duke Energy.

## In Memory

Catherine "Kitty" Wilson Cloud '35, 1/8/2013.

Frances Hunsucker Gibson '36, 9/15/2012.

Clara Belle White '36, 2/24/2013.

Louise Morris '37, 12/4/2012.

Vara Virginia "VV" Taylor Callahan '38, 2/28/2013.

Carmalt Hartman Brown '39, 12/14/2012.

Olivia Gillespie Farthing '39, 1/2/2013.

Annie McLendon Nunn '39, 10/18/2012.

Sue Mauldin Smith '39, 1/7/2013.

Eleanor Burriss Stowe '39, 2/2/2013.

Mary Smith Wilson '39, 2/9/2013.

Marie Tise Bollinger '40, 10/30/3012.

Ellen Hardee Okey '40, 10/19/2012.

Dorothy Summerville Chaplin '43, 12/17/2012.

Ceil Sypher Jonas '43, 12/12/2012.

Louise Brumley Miller '43, 10/25/2012.

Virginia Anne Buckner Singletary '43, 1/8/2013.

Betty Spaugh Watson '43, 11/5/2012.



Mary Webster Sieg '44, 11/30/2012.  
 Ridley Williams '45, 1/29/2013.  
 Dorothy "Dot" McCoy Critz '46, 2/8/2013.  
 Virginia Tarlton Harris '46, 9/8/2012.  
 Mary Jane Nisbet Phillips '46, 1/8/2013.  
 Lorraine Goodman Wallace '46, 8/24/2012.  
 Nancy Stitt Hillis '47, 12/18/2012.  
 Martha Scarborough McGeachy '47, 1/30/2013.  
 Dorothy Kirk Reeves '47, 8/28/2012.  
 Jeanne Throckmorton Stanley '47, 10/21/2012.  
 Katherine Loy Gwynn '48, 12/14/2012.  
 Geneva Applewhite Stanley '48, 1/30/2013.  
 Marion Fant Williams '48, 1/6/2013.  
 Betty Lawing Ferris '50, 12/26/2012.  
 Barbara Hoke McAllister Dooley '51, 1/18/2013.  
 Jo Webb Goode '51, 3/8/2013.  
 Caroline Davis Collins Smith '51, 1/16/2013.  
 Patricia Skelton Liphardt '53, 11/16/2012.  
 Virginia Long Herrin '54, 12/21/2012.  
 Eleanor Tillinghast Myers '54, 2/27/2013.  
 Rose Martin Nail '54, 11/26/2012.  
 John Lincoln Grass '57, 2/17/2013.  
 Mary Stenhouse Myers '59, 11/25/2012.  
 Mille Douglass Epps '60, 12/30/2012.  
 Carolyn Cromartie Holt '62, 10/27/2012.  
 Judy Jones Allison '63, 9/25/2012.  
 Pamela Wenham Carraway '63, 9/8/2012.  
 Betty Conlee Marquette '64, 1/27/2013.  
 Fran Paterson '67, 10/25/2012.  
 Pat Ruffin Hazelton '70, 10/18/2012.  
 Herman Aubrey Moore, III '78, 11/7/2012.  
 Donna Rae Stark '81, 2/13/2013.  
 Jada Colville Stewart '81, 10/12/2012.  
 Juanita "Nita" Bowen Hunley '83, 11/4/2012.  
 Ethel Henderson McMillan '88, 3/21/13.  
 Ricky Coley '89, 9/12/2012.  
 Mans McLeod, Jr., MBA '91, 12/15/2012.  
 David Little, EMBA '00, 2/13/2013.  
 Kelly Osleger '04, 3/5/2013.  
 Lauren Feudale '11, 2/10/2013.  
 Ruth Magher, former professor and Dolphin Club coach, 2/4/2013.

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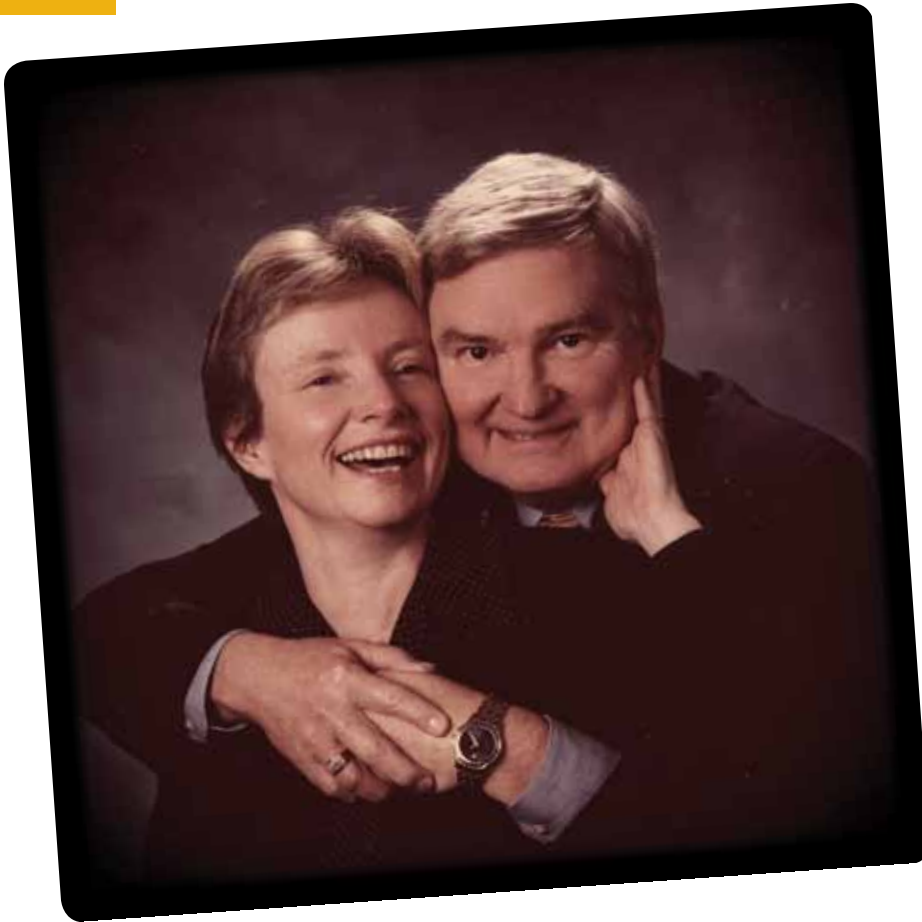
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## The Queens You Know

THE CAMPUS HAS CHANGED SINCE CATHY ANDERSON BEGAN TEACHING IN 1984, BUT NOT THE SOUL

By Cathy Anderson

*Cathy Anderson arrived in January of 1984 to teach law and ethics in the relatively new evening undergraduate and MBA programs. The young lawyer met Bob Finley, also on the faculty, and the two became close friends. In 1998, they married. Over the decades, they've seen many noteworthy changes, including the addition of male students, athletic teams, graduate programs and naming a business school "McColl." Only a handful of students who've graduated with an MBA have escaped Bob's classes. Cathy shares her perspective on Queens' evolution over the years.*

Over the last few months, several alums who've driven past campus or read news of the major building projects have said to us, "Wow, I hardly recognize the place!"

True, a gleaming, light-filled science building is now bustling with students. And, after a sneak peek at the new Levine Center and its multiple gyms, all we can say is you have to come visit. My favorite part is that flooring for the conference room was made from the old Oven's basketball court. The past in the future.

But hearing from alums who were worried that the Queens they knew might be changing or disappearing gave us pause. We remember the first days we stepped on campus to interview for jobs. The best way to describe that campus? Well, not much grass was growing, the floor tiles were cracked and the office furniture was musty.

The Georgian brick buildings were beautiful, but, frankly, the campus wasn't dressed to impress. From the very start,

though, the people were the reason to come to Queens. For Bob, having taught at large state schools, the opportunity to work closely with faculty in history, English, art, and other disciplines was a draw and also included the occasional "income redistribution probability seminar" (i.e., poker game). For me, finding myself in a classroom full of people who wanted to learn taught me a lot.

We now have more students from more countries, more students working in or interested in more diverse jobs and we have more faculty—both new faces and faces familiar to lots of alums. The more things have changed, the more the exciting parts of Queens—the students, the faculty and the staff—have stayed the same.

I remember, in one of my first classes at Queens, an adult student who came up after class holding one of the few "A" exams. She had tears in her eyes. "I'm leaving a bad marriage, and I have a boss who insults me all the time. This

is the first time I've realized I'm smart, that I can do this." She soon had the confidence to move to a better job.

One of our current students is a young woman from Saudi Arabia who, at first, admitted being reluctant to approach professors with questions. "That's not done in our culture," she said. But she stretched herself and accepted the open invitation to stop by any professor's office with questions. Before the end of her first semester she not only set the grade curve for my law class but also made a top mark in Bob's introductory finance course—a rare feat as any MBA alum can attest. And she now greets professors with a bright smile and a hug.

That's the kind of Queens that attracted both Bob and me here—and has kept us here. A place where students, as well as faculty and staff, invest in each other, where close interaction and encouragement are the norm.

Some things only get better with time. ■





## FLASH PHILANTHROPY

**T**ara Thurston uses her phone to enter her vote in an experiment of “flash philanthropy” at the May 3 commencement ceremony for graduate and adult undergraduate students. A surprise announcement by keynote speaker Eric Newton of Knight Foundation kicked off the event; he explained that the graduates themselves would determine the recipient of a \$50,000 gift from the foundation. Large screens displayed videos of the three charities under consideration. Students voted and monitors flashed the results: Communities in Schools. After delivering the check, Newton surprised the other organizations with checks of \$25,000 each. The excitement underscored Knight Foundation’s commitment to increase community knowledge and use of digital media.

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*Jim and Mary Anne Rogers in the  
Discovery Courtyard outside Rogers Hall.*