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By Rebecca Anderson and Jennifer Johnson



## On the Cover:

*Raulston Boger '13 at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte in September. Photo by Daniel Sutton.*



(L. to r.) Michael Marsicano, Benjamin P. Jenkins III, Pamela Davies and Bill Vandiver

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Every five years, the Queens community pauses to reflect on where we've been and where we want to go. Over this past year our trustees, faculty and staff have been hard at work developing our strategic plan for the next five years. To read about the steps we are taking to ensure a strong and vibrant future, please see the story that begins on page 13. I share my thoughts about the Queens 2017 Strategic Plan: Reimagine Excellence with writer Jenn Q. Goddu.

Of course, strong leadership will be critical to our success. I am delighted to welcome Dr. Michael Marsicano as our new chair. Michael is an astute and visionary leader who has already proven to be a wonderful partner.

We also thank our previous chair, Benjamin P. Jenkins III, who served us with passion, intelligence and good humor the past five years. During that time Ben also became a student in several of Dr. Siu Challons-Lipton's art history classes. Be sure to read his "Parting Thought" essay about the joys and challenges of lifelong learning.

And finally, regardless of your political persuasion, I hope you'll take time to read about the experiences of our students at the Democratic National Convention last September. Our location in the dynamic "New South" city of Charlotte is a key differentiator in the minds of prospective students. The experiential learning opportunities, the internships, and in the case of the DNC, the front-row seat on the democratic process... all of these elements came together to create exactly the type of transformative experiences we can deliver.

Best wishes,

Pamela Davies, PhD  
President

## Your Letters

*"Keeping the Faith" was the cover story of the summer 2012 issue, drawing interest and comments from many readers. President Pamela Davies introduced the story in the President's Letter, in which she commented on both Queens' establishment by the Presbyterian Church in the mid-1800s and on predecessors who "lived out their commitment to the Christian faith by serving others." Below are two letters about the story followed by a third responding to an essay by Rebekah Davis Ahrens '00. Ahrens works in the Foreign Service of the United States Department of State.*

For a 72-year-old lifelong Presbyterian, it was refreshing to read about what is happening on campus these days. As for Pamela's comments about the article, it really gave me chill bumps to have her express her faith that way and to have confirmed yet again how glad I am that she has been called to serve Queens as president these past 10 years.

*—Martha Woods Mallory '62, Charlotte, North Carolina*

I am glad to see that Queens is maintaining its Presbyterian roots and focus on Judeo-Christian values. The focus on service and the strength of the honor code set it apart from other schools that might otherwise be a choice for students.

*—Dee Gaffney Malone '71, PhD, Greenville, South Carolina*

I really enjoyed the feelings recorded in "The Gift of Wanderlust" by Rebekah Davis Ahrens. I, too, spent some time "fleeing abroad to . . . hunt adventure and exchange American identities for global ones." Why not, as it is better than remaining in what is familiar. Life becomes an Odyssean quest, but a long period of absence can give "a different perspective." I was at Youngsan military base 45 years ago and visited many of the parks in Seoul, including the ruins of the Russian Embassy Building in Chung-dong near Duksu Palace (old spellings). What a modern city Seoul has become!

*—Stewart Lillard, Queens Librarian 1978-1985  
Silver Spring, Maryland*

## Exploring the Human Genome

A SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT DUKE UNIVERSITY TAKES AMANDA SEAGROVES '14 INSIDE THE LAB

Sitting in a high school biology class in Tennessee, Amanda Seagroves had an epiphany. “It was the first time they taught us genetics,” she explains. The application to medicine was obvious. “It seemed so amazing—what could we do with that information?” she recalls thinking. “So much of medicine today is about controlling an outcome. With genetics, you control the problem before it has an effect.” Seagroves entered Queens in the fall of 2010 with a serious interest in biology, soon declaring it her major. By her sophomore year, she began looking for an internship to learn more about genetics. All Queens students must complete at least one undergraduate internship; many do more.

This past summer she was one of 15 undergraduate students accepted into a fellowship program at Duke University’s Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy. For 10 weeks her schedule was crammed with research, data analysis, seminars

and small projects. Duke launched the institute a dozen years ago to address the fast-paced business of genomics. The center not only supports research, but also brings together scientists, business leaders and ethicists—to name a few—to examine the tough questions raised by mapping DNA.

Seagroves’ assignments included interviewing families dealing with Bardet-Biedl syndrome, a rare disorder caused by genetic mutations. The most common symptoms are vision loss and obesity. “Each day was a little different,” she says, and usually began with background research for a faculty member.

“The Duke internship was perfect for her because it’s that integrated approach,” says her academic advisor, Associate Professor Patricia Koplas. As chair of the biology department at Queens, she knows Seagroves both in and out of the classroom; she’s seen a passion for learning that crosses

disciplines. “She’s an incredible example of a liberal arts student—a renaissance woman,” says Koplas. She notes that Seagroves undertook an independent study last year on the British poet John Milton, “just because she wanted to.” Right now she’s working on a special research project for psychology.

The Duke internship gave Seagroves a new vision. “My ultimate goal is to go to law school,” she says. “I’m interested in the patent side of law, the intellectual rights of law.” She’d like to see the gap bridged between the public’s perception of genomic science and the laws that govern it.

But in the meantime, after she graduates in 2014, she might have to squeeze in a master’s in psychology. The current research project she’s working on is looking very, very promising. ■

—Laurie Prince



Amanda Seagroves spent a whirlwind summer in Durham, N.C., at Duke’s Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy.

# Briefly Noted

## NEW DEANS

Queens recently welcomed three new deans. **Kevin Burke**, PhD, is the new dean of the Blair College of Health. He previously served as chair of the Department of Kinesiology at Towson University and at Illinois State and East Tennessee State universities. **Eric Freedman**, PhD, is the new dean of the Knight School of Communication. Dean Freedman came to Queens from Florida Atlantic University. Prior to that he was an assistant professor at Duke University. **Ronald Shiffler**, PhD, is the new dean of the McColl School of Business. Dean Shiffler was a dean at Georgia Southern University, where, over the last 10 years, he expanded the business school's academic programs and significantly increased enrollment.

## ROYALS HALL OF FAME

Eight new members of the Royals Hall of Fame were inducted at a ceremony on October 6. The honorees included Nikki Blaha '95, women's tennis; Leslie Curtin '94, women's basketball; Brian Flebbe '03, men's soccer; Anna Edwards Gay '95, women's tennis; Suzanne McReynolds '98, volleyball and Marcus Stubblefield '93, men's basketball. The Dr. Billy O. Wireman inductee was William "Bill" Thompson, PhD, and the Lifetime



*When Carly Fiorina (center) visited Queens in September to present a lecture for the Learning Society of Queens, she met (l. to r.) Alma Beciragic '14, Kristin Diemer '14, Laura Wolf '13 and Alexandra Restrepo Osorio '14. Photo by Daniel Sutton.*

Achievement winner was Margaret Sakowski Moore '72 for tennis and basketball.

## CHAMBER MUSIC VIRTUOSOS

On October 13, the Friends of Music presented the Cavatina Duo, an internationally renowned duo composed of guitarist Denis Azabagic and flutist Eugenia Moliner, artists-faculty at Roosevelt University in Chicago. The Friends of Music Chamber Music Series at Queens promotes all genres of music in an intimate context without a conductor.

## BUSINESS INSIDER

Carly Fiorina, the first female to lead a Fortune 20 company and a leader at several charitable foundations, spoke at Queens on September 27. Presented by the Learning Society of Queens, Fiorina emphasized innovation,

explaining how leading companies focus their efforts on new ideas and new ways of conducting business.

## WRITING PROGRAM RECOGNITION

The MFA in Creative Writing program has been ranked fourth among 50 low-residency MFA programs by *Poets & Writers Magazine*. The coveted ranking was awarded by the nation's largest nonprofit literary organization.

## FRIENDS OF ART

Friends of Art sponsored a multimedia faculty show in September. The various media on display included sculpture, painting, photography, digital design and interior design. In October, they sponsored a design exhibit featuring nonpartisan posters urging people to vote. ■

—Dana Robles



*Kevin Burke, PhD, Dean of the Blair College of Health.*



*Eric Freedman, PhD, Dean of the Knight School of Communication.*



*Ronald Shiffler, PhD, Dean of the McColl School of Business.*

## New Season

### MICHAEL MARSICANO TAKES HELM OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Photo by KC Pleslar

*Charlottean Michael Marsicano has championed public and private education in his personal commitment to service and leadership.*

Longtime civic leader and champion of issues that range from education to arts to human services, Michael Marsicano became chair of Queens' board of trustees in July. He follows Ben Jenkins, who had served in the role since 2007 and oversaw a period of significant capital improvements.

"Michael has a long track record as a passionate and effective advocate for education," said President Pamela Davies upon the announcement. "His expertise, combined with his vision for our region, dovetail perfectly to help us advance our plans for the university. We are fortunate to enjoy his leadership."

Marsicano is president and CEO of Foundation For The Carolinas, a Charlotte-based community foundation providing leadership on civic affairs. It distributes more than \$130 million in annual grant awards to non-profit organizations, making it one of the

largest in the United States. The foundation plays a unique role in the region, helping families and individuals define personal philanthropic missions and to establish ways to achieve them. It serves nonprofits with a wide range of services, from financial support to guidance for building endowments. The foundation also runs the Center for Corporate Philanthropy, advising corporations on how to support charitable interests in a tax-efficient manner. Marsicano's work in these three areas—with families, nonprofits and corporations—has given him a national reputation for bringing diverse interests together to solve and advance critical civic issues.

Marsicano's ties to the world of higher education are as broad as they are deep. He holds three degrees from Duke University, including a doctorate, and has served on its board of trustees for five years. He has received awards for his

service to UNC Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University and has also served as a trustee for the Winthrop University Foundation and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He is a board member of Davidson College's Vann Center for Ethics. His wife Leslie, also a Duke graduate, is an accomplished academic who works at Davidson College.

"Queens is an innovative university immersed in tradition, a university that is compassionate and stands behind its motto of 'not to be served, but to serve' in everything it does," said Marsicano about what drew him to Queens. "My goal is not only to continue the quality of education the students can expect but to bring the 2017 strategic planning process to a level of unparalleled energy and focus." ■

—Rebecca Anderson

## Playing to Win

### MEN'S TENNIS SCORES THE HIGHEST GPA OF ALL ROYALS TEAMS

Known for significant wins on the court, including the 2011 Conference Carolinas Championship title, the men's tennis team has also been a force in another area, the classroom. Over the past three seasons the team has topped a cumulative grade point average of 3.5, claiming the highest team GPA in Royals athletics.

"We work as a team and always try to help each other either in practice or studying," says senior Bryce Boothby. A business major from Sudbury, Massachusetts, Boothby says the 14 players seek to excel both on and off the court. "We are dedicated to both tennis and academics; we work hard on the court and push each other, and then do the same in the classroom," he says.

This past spring, five of the players, including Boothby, were invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma, an international business honor society. At Queens,

students must rank in the top 10 percent to be eligible for consideration. Induction is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a business program accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The Queens chapter was established in 2008.

Team members credit Head Coach Brett Karpman '06 with keeping them on track. Karpman played for Queens as an undergraduate and understands the challenge of juggling grueling practices and tournaments with long hours in the classroom and demanding internships. Although the team has scored more than 100 wins, his greatest pride isn't in hearing "game-set-match to Queens."

"I am more proud of their academic accolades than their athletic achievements," he boasts. The team has the unusual distinction of the majority

of players hailing from foreign countries, including South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Norway, France, England and Canada. They're committed to excellence. "It always makes me grin—these guys believed in a vision and have established an academic standard that we will aim to achieve in the future," he says.

That future looks promising. Plans are in the works to build a much-needed tennis center at the Queens Sports Complex. The university's tennis programs are growing fast, both in recruitment and competitiveness, and the high academic achievement as well as retention rates in both men's and women's teams positively influence all students. ■

—Miller Yobo



The 2012-2013 men's tennis team poses in front of the Royals Lion at the Queens Sports Complex.



# A New Way to Resume?

GRADUATE STUDENTS DESIGN NEW WAYS TO CATCH AN EMPLOYER'S INTEREST

Graduate students in the Master of Arts in Communication program believe the resume of the future will look nothing like a single-spaced chronology of workplace accomplishments.

“The consensus among employers and recruiting firms is that the hiring process has shifted almost completely online,” says Kim Weller Gregory, assistant professor at the Knight School of Communication. “Hiring managers will still use traditional resumes, but they also research the total online presence of the candidate.”

That presence is now considered an online identity—even a brand. Gregory explains that for job applicants, “depicting their career visually is a positive way to manage their personal online brands.”

Gregory tapped Mike Wirth, assistant professor of new media design in the College of Arts and Sciences, to share his expertise and examples of infographic resumes with her students. Wirth is an award-winning graphic design artist who specializes in information design and data visualization. Students learned how to use symbols and visual metaphors to signal strengths and themes.

“For me, I can see using an infographic on a future interview as a way to continue the conversation with a hiring manager, more so than the first piece of information he or she sees about me,” says Queens graduate student Joshua Bassinger. “It could be a great way to distinguish myself from other candidates because the infographic lends a much better format for blending the professional and personal parts of my identity.” ■

—Bob Page



Queens graduate students created these prototypes of resumes styled as infographics. Key information is represented graphically.

**In the Classroom**  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING**  
**NURS 402**



*Nursing alumni Fabio DeSouza gets down to eye level with a young patient. Photo by Jason Fararoei.*

**A**lthough most people associate nursing with hospitals, Assistant Professor of Nursing Ruth Stephenson is equally passionate about a lesser known—but emerging—role for nurses: serving the community.

Community health nurses serve primarily as teachers and counselors, though they also help to address the spread of illnesses and disease. Their focus is the improvement of the health of a specific geographic area.

In her six-hour course, Professor Stephenson emphasizes the need to “reach beyond the walls of the hospital to see nursing as part of the larger health care delivery system.”

**PROFESSOR:**

Ruth Stephenson is assistant professor in the Presbyterian School of Nursing and the coordinator of the RN-to-BSN program. She earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing at the Medical College of Georgia. Her nursing background includes positions in medical and neonatal intensive care units, family planning, maternity clinics and public schools. She has also worked on a Native American reservation in South Dakota and with the criminally insane. Prior to joining Queens in 1991 she worked in research at the School of Public Health at UNC Chapel Hill and taught nursing at UNC Charlotte.

**ASSIGNED TEXT:**

*Nursing in the Community: Community-Oriented Practice,*

Marcia Stanhope and Jeanette Lancaster

**ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE:**

- Progressive community assessment—students focus on one area of public health, measuring an issue’s impact on community wellness. For example, a neighborhood’s supply of fresh and healthy food choices may be evaluated. If shortages are found, students explore what can be done to address the problem.
- Health education project—students educate the broader community about health-related issues, selecting a target audience such as a high school athletics team or a church group. Participants learn the systemic and interconnected nature of health issues, including consequences if ignored.
- Community resource exploration—students assess health-oriented resources available to Charlotteans, including those for lower-income communities.
- “Web of a Problem” paper—students start with a why question, such as “Why is adolescent pregnancy such a large problem?” Students use research to determine potential reasons the problem exists and outcomes if it persists.
- Volunteer service—students serve in a community health theater, such as an assisted living home or health clinic. ■

—Rebecca Anderson

## Developing School Principals

### A NEW ACADEMY GROOMS ADMINISTRATORS FOR ADVANCEMENT

An innovative collaboration between the McColl School of Business and the Cato School of Education has led to a new program for aspiring school principals.

Designed to accelerate the flow of qualified leaders to K-12 schools, the School Executive Leadership Academy (SELA) is a rigorous, 14-month program. It welcomed its first cohort this past summer.

Participants began with an intensive summer experience in a simulated school setting, designed to replicate the real challenges a school principal faces. Unlike traditional graduate programs, this unique program is highly experiential and immediately relevant. The summer course is followed by a residency year under the supervision of a trained mentor principal. Faculty provide group and individual coaching sessions and classes to extend needed support as novice principals transition into their jobs.

According to SELA participant Christina Forney, "I really found the collaboration between the Cato and McColl school faculty to be a special and appealing part of the program. In addition, a lot of the other programs I looked at focused on theory, while the SELA curriculum really focuses on practice. Now I feel more comfortable leading in an executive manner. It's been a transformational period for me."

The program was approved by the North Carolina State Board of Education, and credit hours may be applied toward other master's degrees. ■

—Rebecca Anderson



Students in the School Executive Leadership Academy practice coaching skills and learn how to apply them in an educational environment.

## HUNTER-HAMILTON Love of Teaching Award



*There is much  
undiscovered  
potential within  
each of us, which,  
if inspired by the right  
teacher, can  
change the world.*

*Clockwise from right: The late Dr. James Pressly Hamilton, Grey Hunter Hamilton '62, daughter Isabel Hamilton Owen '92 and son Hunter Hamilton.*

### Call for Nominations

The Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award seeks out and honors those teachers who uniquely inspire the potential of students. This award is given to a Queens faculty member by his or her peers for having displayed an exemplary love of teaching.

We invite your detailed letters of nomination, recommendation and support for a faculty member who has conveyed a love of teaching. The most compelling letters will provide testimony to support the selection of the faculty member to be honored in 2013.

The award consists of \$15,000, half of which goes to the faculty member and half to an academic department or program selected by the recipient. The three most recent winners were Cherie Clark (2012), Roger McGrath (2011), and Jane Hadley (2010). The award will be announced at commencement in May.

The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2013. Alumni, faculty and current students may send letters of nomination to Hunter-Hamilton Teaching Award, Office of Academic Affairs, Queens University of Charlotte, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28274. Please include your class year.

Letters may also be sent via email to the following address: [awards.hamilton@queens.edu](mailto:awards.hamilton@queens.edu), or through a Web nomination page at [www.queens.edu/Hunter-Hamilton](http://www.queens.edu/Hunter-Hamilton). A list of the faculty eligible for the 2013 Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award is also available on the Web.

This award is made possible by a gift from the late Dr. James Pressly Hamilton and Grey Hunter Hamilton '62 in honor of their parents, Buford Lindsay Hamilton and Frances Pressly Hamilton, servants of their Lord for 42 years as missionaries in Pakistan, and Richard Moore Hunter and Isabel Reid Hunter. Their faith, hope and love for their children had no bounds.



Residents of the Hall-Brown-Overcash Residence Hall fondly refer to their dorm as “HBO.” Jan Hall Brown and her husband Ed, along with Christa Overcash, supported the Investing in Queens’ Future campaign with a \$2 million gift.

## A Friendship Transforms Charlotte, and Queens

**PAT HALL AND REECE OVERCASH EXEMPLIFIED THE VALUES OF THE GREATEST GENERATION, AND THEIR FAMILIES CARRY ON THEIR LEGACY OF DEDICATION TO THE CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY**

Nineteen-sixty-nine was a big year in the history of our nation, and even as the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement dominated the world stage, local events were transpiring in Charlotte, North Carolina, that would shape the future of the Queen City and of Queens.

John Montgomery Belk decided to run for mayor, and he recruited his friend and local entrepreneur Earl Patterson “Pat” Hall to manage his campaign. They needed a treasurer, and John said he had just the guy—Reece A. Overcash, Jr. of American Credit Corporation. “I’ve never heard of him,” Pat responded, “and we need a name.” But John insisted, and from their first meeting Pat Hall and Reece Overcash became fast friends. That bond extended to their wives, Hope Hall and Christa Overcash, and to each couple’s four children, and it continues today.

Reece and Pat were easy to spot on the campaign trail as the two tallest men in the room, and their political work led to John Belk’s election. His eight

years as mayor saw the construction of Charlotte’s first convention center and SouthPark Mall, the expansion of Charlotte Douglas Airport and a 30 percent increase in the city’s population. And in the center of the growing city, Pat and Hope Hall’s daughter Jan (now Jan Hall Brown ’73) enrolled at Queens College, just down the road from her family’s home on Sharon Road.

The two men’s personal legacies had just as great an impact, if less public than John Belk’s. Both were native Charlotteans who served their country in World War II, Reece in Italy and Pat in England. Shortly after returning home, both met and married the loves of their lives.

Pat and Hope barely missed meeting each other on December 7, 1941, when they both attended the North Carolina vs. South Carolina football game at Memorial Stadium... but the stadium emptied when the bombing of Pearl Harbor was announced over the loudspeakers. Pat enlisted in the army the next day. Reece

and Christa met as soon as he returned from the war, when she was a nursing student at Mercy Hospital. He was eager to start his career, but she refused to marry him unless he enrolled in college. So he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill while she worked in the university’s infirmary. Each marriage lasted a lifetime and resulted in four children.

“Neither Reece nor Dad grew up with any money, but they were both so full of drive and ideas,” Jan remembers, “and at that time if you worked hard, you could really achieve something.” Reece Overcash started his career in the accounting department at Home Finance Group but asked to be moved into the field when he saw that was where the real opportunities lay. He took a pay cut to make that move, which proved to be a smart one when he was named chief executive officer in 1974; by then, the company had merged and become American Credit. He later served as chairman and CEO of Associates Corporation of North America. Pat Hall

was a born entrepreneur. After a modest start driving an ice truck, his business evolved to acquiring and reconditioning textile machinery, then to real estate development and business recruitment. His Arrowood Industrial Park brought more than 20,000 jobs to Charlotte.

In 1962, Pat's entrepreneurial spirit was captured when he saw Disneyland on a business trip to California. He told his children that he was going to build them a park just like that, and in 1973 he opened Carowinds—a 73-acre amusement park straddling the border of North and South Carolina. Jan, then a senior at Queens, took dozens of friends to visit the park as it was constructed.

In 1989, Jan married Edward J. "Ed" Brown, who carries on the families' traditions of leadership and service. Like his father-in-law, he came from a modest background and rose throughout his career to take the role of president of the Global Corporate and Investment

Bank at Bank of America, and today, president and CEO of Hendrick Automotive Group. Christa says, "Ed shares the wonderful qualities that Pat and Reece had. He is a self-made man, a true leader, and he cares so much about people."

Both Pat and Reece passed away far too young: Pat Hall in 1978 at just 57 years old, and Reece Overcash in 1995 at 68. Their families' bond remains strong, and their legacy has inspired a remarkable generosity to Queens over many years. Jan has supported Queens since her graduation in 1973, and in 1984 she and her family established the Hope and Pat Hall Scholarship to honor their parents. Ed and Jan have continued to increase the scholarship fund, while also supporting other university priorities. Christa first got to know Queens as a donor to the Hope and Pat Hall Scholarship, which she supports to this day; in 2000 she made a major

gift to establish the Reese A. Overcash Fellowship. Her relationship with Queens extended to a new generation when her granddaughter, Alice Jenkins '10, chose to attend Queens.

In 2011, Jan and Ed came together with Christa to make an extraordinarily generous gift of \$2 million to support the *Investing in Queens' Future* campaign and to rename West Residence Hall as Hall-Brown-Overcash. Queens students, who sometimes fondly refer to their dorm as "HBO," celebrated with popcorn and movie nights. It is a fitting legacy of fun for two families whose bond was born in friendship. Pat Hall and Reece Overcash proved the value of lifelong friendship, and with Hall-Brown-Overcash, their families have created a place at Queens where those lasting relationships will be born for generations to come. ■

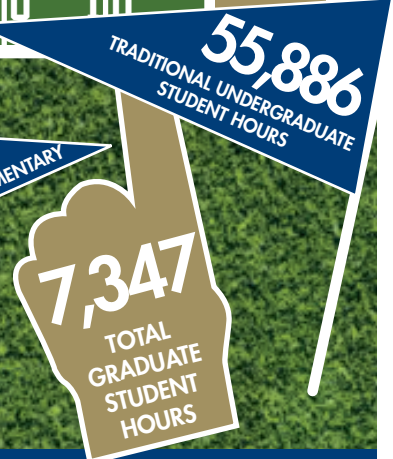
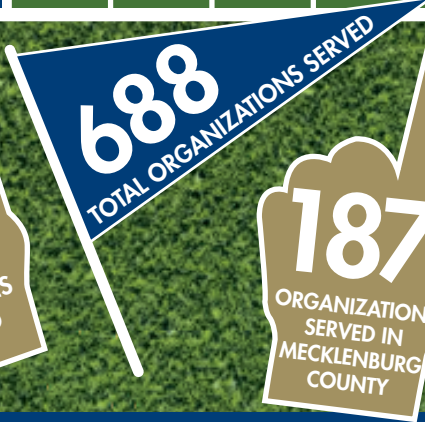
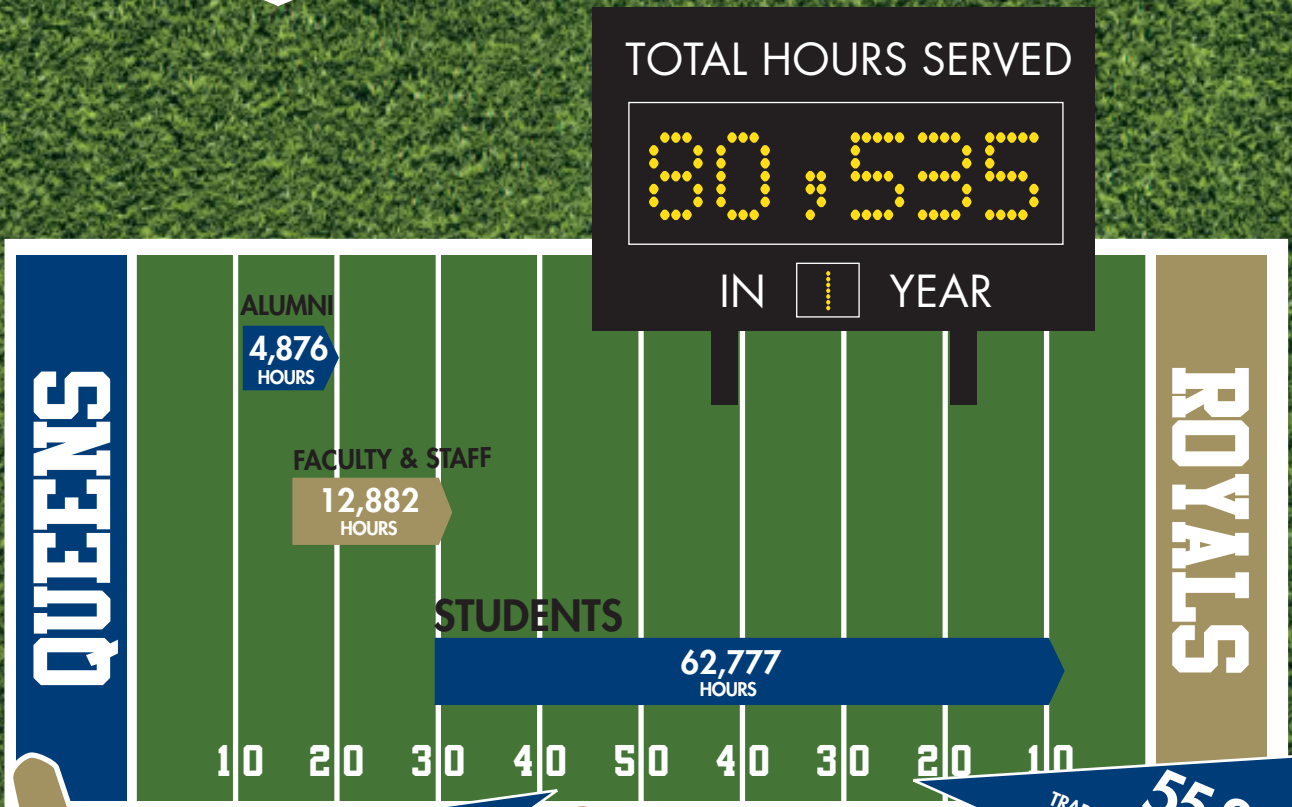
—Eleanor Hatcher



Pat Hall (left) and Reece Overcash confer during a 1968 campaign gathering for John Belk. The successful campaign launched Belk's eight-year career as mayor of Charlotte.



One year after the Carolina Panthers challenged the students, faculty and staff of Queens University of Charlotte to perform 75,000 hours of community service throughout the 2011-12 academic year, it was announced in September that Queens did indeed meet... and exceed...that goal. Living its motto "Not to be served, but to serve," the entire Queens community came together—from undergrad and graduate students to alumni to faculty and staff—to make a difference in Charlotte and the world. Here's how we did it.



To read more about service at Queens, check out the Center for Active Citizenship at [Queens.edu](http://Queens.edu).

# Great Minds THINK

PRESIDENT DAVIES TALKS ABOUT HER PASSION FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND HOW THE QUEENS 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN “RE-IMAGINE EXCELLENCE” WILL MOVE THE UNIVERSITY FORWARD

*By Jenn Q. Goddu*



Photo by Kristin Hines Baker

Strategic planning is a passion for President Pamela Davies. Good thing. Queens University of Charlotte’s Strategic Plan 2017: Re-imagine Excellence is the third five-year plan rolled out in her tenure.

In a recent discussion in her Burwell office regarding the latest efforts to re-envision Queens, she began her statement with an “if,” but quickly caught herself and corrected to a “when.” “When we achieve this plan,” she explained, “Queens will have reached a new level over the course of a 15-year period, and the university will be poised for a very bright future.”

Davies has held the vision for that bright future in mind since she became president in 2002. In the edited conversation that follows, she lets us in on the crafting and implementation of the current plan, along with her own proclivity for long-term thinking aimed to ultimately garner student success.

## **How does strategic planning facilitate Queens’ success?**

Higher education is very competitive. We have to compete for outstanding faculty, students and staff. You’re better equipped to attract talent if you have a clear vision for where the university is headed.

It’s almost an affliction for me; I’m a long-term thinker. I don’t get bogged down so much with the current struggles of the day because I am always looking at the longer term and how we are

advancing toward that long-term vision.

It is all about preparing students for success. Whether it is career readiness, or being prepared for graduate school, or for an MBA student to make a job transition, our work is entirely about student success.

## **What are the challenges you face trying to get everyone to share that vision?**

Certainly having a shared vision requires lots of communication, participation and crafting. But, at the

end of the day, the people who believe in you and believe in the vision are the ones that come along with you to get there.

## **How has your background in strategic planning shaped the process?**

My PhD is in strategic planning, and my area of focus was in competitive strategy. So, I have a predisposition to understanding the industry and what other people are doing, and looking for ways to capitalize on our unique

strengths and capabilities.

It's a way of thinking. It's not an action. It's more strategic thinking than strategic planning.

Once every five years we put it down on paper and set some goals, but I spend a lot of my time thinking about strategic outcomes and how to execute strategy and how to incent the right actions.

### When a plan is set down, is it something that has already been taking shape in your mind for years?

The long-term vision to be a premier comprehensive university—one that takes advantage of our being located in a very dynamic and vibrant city—has been in my mind since I came here.

As to what Queens can be, each five years, we're taking the ball forward toward that vision. You can never be too premier. There's always a place to go from here. But, sitting down and articulating the specific strategies to get there, that is the process. And they will change. There are ideas in this plan that seem to make a lot of sense right now, and two years from now they may not make sense or maybe we didn't execute on them well. I truly believe in the philosophy: If you're not failing, you're not trying.

### What are the challenges of being a long-term strategic thinker?

You never get there if you are always thinking long-term. You have to surround yourself with people who are more motivated by the day-to-day execution.

A CEO, or a president or someone who runs an organization has three primary jobs. First is to set the vision. Second is to hire really talented people to develop and drive the strategy. Third is to make sure they have the resources to do it.

### What interested you in strategic planning in the first place?

My real interest was economics, but it was not a promising career path. What interested me about strategy was its economic dimensions. I came from a family of entrepreneurs, so business was a natural path for me.

### Where else do you see overlap between your job right now and your entrepreneurship background?

I grew up in Columbia, Missouri. Back then the university had about

30,000 students and employees and the city had about 30,000 people. So, it was a university town. The university was the primary employer and economic driver. My uncle was a professor. My father was a developer. So the idea of building something, whether it was a university program or a home, has always appealed to me. I see strategic planning at Queens as a building project.

### You were lead author on a text on this topic, *Management: Challenges for the 21st Century*. What are the qualities of a strong strategic plan?

You have to have the ability to think long-term with the patience to deal with the day-to-day progress toward that long-term. You have to have great talent, and you have to have resources. A successful strategy requires that all of the elements be aligned.

You have to be totally passionate about the mission. Our mission is transforming lives through education. I've always been proud to be an educator and affiliated with an institution committed to helping young people prepare for meaningful and productive lives.

Education has been the heartbeat

## A Decade of GROWTH

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of what I do. Queens, frankly, is my life's work. The role of president suits me so well, in my opinion, because I love casting the vision and bringing together the people and the resources to achieve the vision—it feeds me.

### What are the strengths of the 2017 plan?

The title captures it; the name of the plan is Re-imagine Excellence. We have historically had an innovative curriculum in our CORE program, our international studies, our internship program, but the time is right to re-imagine those signature programs in light of a changing demographic, a changing society, globalization, and in light of all the realities of the twenty-first century.

### What challenges do you envision in implementing the new plan?

We are going to be doing it at a time when our industry is in such a great state of change and flux. That's being brought about by rising tuition costs, a fragile economy and technological innovations that are changing the landscape on a daily basis. So, the world is not going to hold still

while we implement our 2017 plans. We're going to have to be flexible and agile and willing to change as the world continues to change around us.

### What can alumni do to help?

They can tell their family and friends about the good work going on at Queens. They can send us highly capable, high energy and passionate young people who are interested in an education. They can help us find internships and career opportunities in their communities for our graduates. Plus, they can definitely help by supporting the Queens Fund and our new fundraising initiatives around scholarships.

### How will you measure the success of this strategic plan?

There are broad-based goals and very specific objectives associated with this plan, and lots of measures along the way to ensure that we're making progress.

Yet, at the end of the day, the success of the plan will be known by the quality of our faculty and staff, and the quality of the students we are attracting and graduating, and their success in life. That's the ultimate outcome. ■

## BREAKING DOWN THE PLAN

There are five imperatives in the 2017 Strategic Plan. Here, President Davies comments on what they mean to her.

**PRIORITIZE FOR EXCELLENCE.** Queens will focus "its resources on those areas where we are strong and can serve the best," she says. "The realities of higher education in 2012 demand that we prioritize for excellence."

**FOCUS ON ACADEMIC QUALITY.** "Once we have prioritized for excellence and understand what we do best, how do we strengthen the quality of those academic experiences and in particular our signature programs?"

**BE A PREMIER INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION RESOURCE.** "While students are at the core of our mission, the idea of the student can be very broad, and we have a responsibility to be an intellectual and cultural resource in our city."

**STRENGTHEN OUR ACADEMIC REPUTATION.** Not to be confused with strengthening academic quality, Davies says this imperative is about building Queens' profile. "This is really about building awareness of the important work that is going on at Queens University of Charlotte."

**SUPPORT OUR FACULTY AND STAFF.** "I've always said the quality of an organization will never exceed the quality of the people who comprise it," Davies says. "So, we have to continue to invest in and develop our most important attribute and resource, and that's our people."





Senior Serena Ghaemizadeh poses at the ABC News desk inside of Time Warner Cable Arena, where she interned during the convention.

# A Week in the Spotlight

WHEN CHARLOTTE HOSTED THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER, QUEENS FACULTY AND STUDENTS GRABBED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS

*By Rebecca Anderson and Jennifer Johnson*

As the world looked on this fall, Charlotte became a key player in American politics when it hosted 35,000 visitors for the Democratic National Convention.

As early as spring 2011, Queens President Pamela Davies was asked if she would delay the start of school to avoid the commotion of the convention. “Absolutely not!” she said. “We knew right away the convention was going to be our classroom, a sort of living laboratory that would give our students a front row seat on the American electoral process.”

And it was. For months prior to the event, faculty used the upcoming DNC to discuss everything from foreign policy to world trade to social justice. Guest speakers and authors flocked to campus to share their perspectives.

When the convention began, more than 100 students from across the university—in communication, art, political science, history, business, digital media and more—were there to take part in the experience of a lifetime.

*Here are some of their stories.*

## **The Prep**

The faculty of the Knight School of Communication saw the convention as a means to explore the changing nature of communication in an increasingly digital age.

“We voted unanimously to bring down the walls of our school during the DNC to allow our students to learn together about the communicative power of events,” said John McArthur, assistant professor of communication. “We wanted



our students to be connected to our city and to experience it at a unique point in its history.”

Knight School students took a special course focused on digital citizenship in the days before the convention. Called “COMM 360: Charlotte and the Convention,” the intensive two-day class featured experts from across the community. They covered the history of conventions; the intersection of race, faith and social justice; and the way the “second screens” of social media were bound to affect the story of the convention.

During the week of the convention, students interned with a variety of media outlets in lieu of regular classes. Armed with the tools of 21st century communication—Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube—they lit up the social media channels with first-person reports of democracy in action.

### The Internships

Seniors Raulston Boger and Anna Kirwan interned with the Democratic National Convention Committee, the team responsible for executing the entire convention.

Working from early in the morning until late at night, they escorted delegates and dignitaries from the security perimeter to network news sets and meetings. Along the way, they talked with some of the nation’s most influential politicians.

“We escorted Stephanie Cutter, President Barack Obama’s deputy campaign manager, to each of the news agencies for briefings of the day’s events,” said Kirwan.

The long hours yielded perks, including floor seats and backstage credentials to the speeches given by President Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, as well as Vice President Joe Biden and former President Bill Clinton.

Boger watched other speeches, including Newark, New Jersey, Mayor Cory Booker’s. “I was sitting behind his speech writers, watching them follow along. After the mayor was done, his speech writer turned and asked me for my opinion!” It was one of many unexpected moments that shaped her understanding of the inner workings of politics.

“This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” she says. New media tools had an immediate impact. “I learned how to share it with others by tweeting. It has a more powerful effect than talking about it after the fact,” she explained.

She wasn’t alone. In a September 15, 2012, article, the *Charlotte Observer* reported, “When President Barack Obama gave his acceptance speech at the DNC in Time Warner Cable Arena on Sept. 6, Twitter saw the most tweets per minute ever on any political topic.”

At *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, senior Bryce Boothby worked

## Hitting the Streets of Tampa for the RNC



Senior John Cappello snapped this image of Mitt Romney making his acceptance speech at the RNC.

In the weeks prior to the DNC in Charlotte, senior John Cappello was in Tampa, Florida, at the Republican National Convention.

A history major with minors in philosophy and education, Cappello plans to be a teacher. “I wanted to be able to teach civics from a first-hand perspective, to talk with my students about what it’s really like to be part of the democratic process.”

He earned a spot in the Washington Center’s elite Campaign 2012 Academic Seminar Series, which enriches students’ perspectives on civic engagement through participation in the conventions.

Cappello spent two weeks in Tampa; during the first he participated in a series of academic seminars and small-group discussions led by former and current elected officials, government leaders and media. One of his favorites was former CNN anchor Aaron Brown. “He wanted us to understand that when we’re watching the conventions, it’s all scripted television. But after Clint Eastwood took the stage I had to wonder if that’s always true!” quipped Cappello.

During the convention itself, he helped in numerous locations downtown. He was struck by the variety of people engaged in the convention, including two young men from Europe who were taking 100 days to travel across the U.S. to document the American electoral process.

His experiences in Tampa made Cappello reconsider his own role in the democratic process. “Everyone we talked with reminded us that each vote really can make a difference. Today we have so much access to information, there’s really no excuse for being uninformed. All of us have to take responsibility; if we’re politically aware, if we get engaged, we can be a force for change.”

—Rebecca Anderson

exhausting hours before, after and during the convention. But he says it was worth every minute. “I really learned how much detail goes into putting a show together.”

Boothby spent the days before the DNC learning first-hand how to transform a children’s library (Charlotte’s *ImaginOn*) into the set and office space of *The Daily Show*. “They wanted every detail to be as much like their New York offices as possible.” Everything from the position of the editing table to the type of coffee machine used—a Keurig—was duplicated.

He was pleasantly surprised by the team environment. “The reporters and even Jon Stewart worked together and interacted with everyone. They didn’t separate themselves.”

Boothby, a communication minor, compared his *Daily Show* experience with what he’s learned through coursework. “This was so different from news. For *The Daily Show*, we would go through several takes and hours of footage just to find the perfect quote. That was my job. You don’t have time to get it so perfect in news.”

At her internship with ABC News, senior Serena Ghaemizadeh witnessed first-hand how hectic a news set can be. “It was mad chaos in the production room during our live shots,” she explained. Correspondents used a single suite, which meant cramped quarters during news reports. “There were, at times, multiple correspondents doing live shots at the same time,” she said, “with people running in and out of the

suites doing their jobs.”

As a runner for ABC News producer Dawn Piros, Ghaemizadeh helped set up ABC’s convention booth and offices within the Time Warner Cable Arena, learning a lot about the lighting, sound and technology required to run a remote broadcast. “I saw a lot of the other side of TV that’s not necessarily glamorous.”

She served as a stand-in during rehearsals and got to work alongside ABC News anchors, including Diane Sawyer.

When one of the other interns was fired for not answering her phone, Ghaemizadeh knew she’d need to be on her toes if she wanted to distinguish herself. She worked from noon to midnight, accumulating 110 hours of work in just two weeks. “I was paid but I would have done it for free!”

Ghaemizadeh has long hoped to pursue a career in entertainment law, and the DNC experience confirmed her interest in the field. It also gave her a set of great contacts in New York.

“I was there on the set for two weeks, and I developed really close relationships with the producers,” she said. She got a celebrity-style birthday surprise when Piros presented her with a cake for her birthday. “It was like family. Dawn came to my parents’ restaurant in South Carolina to visit me before she left.”

## The Research

When Assistant Professor of Political Science Maggie Commins decided to have the students in her Protest, Polls and Politics class interview demonstrators during the DNC, she knew it would be an eye-opening experience.

Commins grew up in Washington, D.C., during the protest era of the 1960s and ’70s. Her students, on the other hand, haven’t had the same exposure. “We all have preconceived notions, especially students in this generation, when it comes to protesters,” she said. “We tend to think they’re crazies or hippies.”

So she partnered with her colleagues in sociology and psychology to develop a survey asking demonstrators about their income levels, religion and reasons for protesting.

“The DNC gave us an opportunity to expose our students to the real work of political scientists,” she said, “and one of the things we do is take surveys.”

She also invited two key visitors to talk with her students in class: a representative of the Occupy Charlotte movement and the city attorney responsible for writing the protest ordinance that governed demonstrations.

Over the three days of the convention, teams of political science and sociology students fanned out looking for interview subjects. To build a representative sample they surveyed at different times of day and in different locations throughout the convention zone.

Sophomore Charlotte Bian-Lingle was surprised by some of the people she met. “One of the protesters I interviewed was a priest,” she said, “and another was a media consultant. Neither of them fit my stereotype.”

One day freshman Evan Ruhling found himself on the periphery of a large group of protesters encircled by police. “There was a lot of anger because some protesters were being allowed inside the perimeter while others were not,” he said. “They didn’t feel they were able to exercise their first



Charlotte Bian-Lingle (right) surveys a woman who was part of the Occupy Charlotte movement at Marshall Park.

# THE DAILY SHOW

WITH JON STEWART

ILLINOIS

CALIFORNIA

VIRGINIA



*Bryce Boothby and Calvin Lescault on the set of The Daily Show, which broadcast from Charlotte's ImaginOn.*

amendment rights.” Remarkably, both the police and the protesters kept their cool.

“The police we talked to were from all over the country and they’d come here to help protect the democratic process and keep Charlotte safe,” he said. “It was an amazing opportunity to see democracy in action.”

### The Scholars

Juniors Taylor Pinckney and Emmie Horadam are self-described political junkies. Both are majors in political science. Both have been interested in politics for as long as they can remember. And both are active as political volunteers in Charlotte.

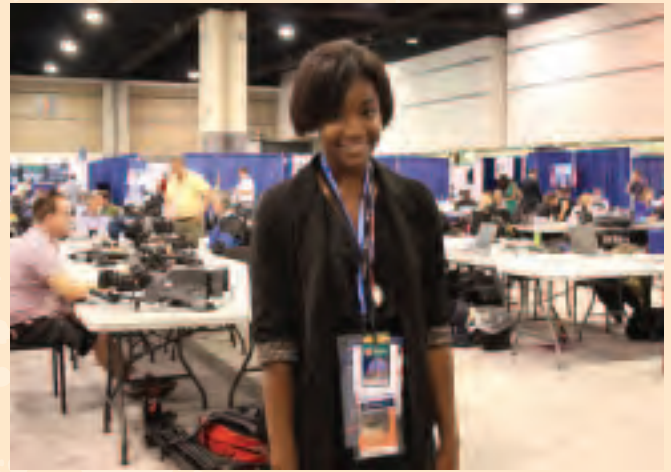
Encouraged by their professors, they applied for two coveted spots with The Washington Center’s elite Campaign 2012 Academic Seminar Series, a program that fosters civic engagement through “behind the scenes” participation in the political conventions.

They spent the week prior to the convention in a series of academic seminars, small-group discussions, and site visits, including a back-stage tour of the Time Warner Cable Arena. All were led by former and current elected officials, government leaders and media.

Pinckney loved the discussions, which ranged in topic from the inner workings of the Electoral College to the nuts and bolts of polling to the role of the media. “It’s great to be surrounded by other people who are passionate about politics,” she said. “You can tell they really care about our country.”

Then, during the convention itself both women served in volunteer fieldwork positions, Pinckney with the Christian Broadcasting Network and Horadam with the DNC Host Committee.

Pinckney scouted good locations for filming, logged



*Taylor Pinckney in the convention's media center.*

videos and, as the convention progressed, even did some on-camera interviews. Horadam worked in a booth serving national and international media requests, and she helped support a major volunteer appreciation party.

“I thought the host committee wouldn’t have anything to do once the convention started,” Horadam said. “But it was busier than ever. I saw how much planning goes into this kind of event but also how much we had to adapt to the unexpected as we went along.”

As the convention wrapped up, Horadam found that she couldn’t stop smiling. “I’m a nerd at heart,” she said. “I love learning and everything came together for me during the convention: my class work, my volunteer work, the insights from the Washington Center seminars and my internship. It was enthralling, and now, when I think about my future, I can’t imagine a life without politics.” ■

## Social Chatter

Instagram and Pinterest served as valuable storytelling tools for Queens’ students during the DNC. They used these growing social media platforms to share images from their internship experiences with the world as part of their COMM 360 course. From standing amongst the crowds gathered in Uptown Charlotte to watching politicians and celebrities inside Time Warner Cable Arena, students like Jorge Munoz, Jessica Rooney, and Carmen McIver captured valuable moments from their once-in-a-lifetime internship experiences.

Jorge was tasked with Tweeting updates on behalf of Charlotte’s CBS affiliate, WBTV, during the DNC. Jessica met journalist Diane Sawyer while working behind the scenes for ABC News, and Carmen was among several students who spent time with the Congressional Black Caucus, where she met actress Alfre Woodard (pictured at right).

Instagram is a popular mobile application that allows users to

snap photos from their cell phones, then share them on a variety of social networks, including Facebook, Twitter, foursquare, and Tumblr. Pinterest is a web-based pin board where users can organize and share photos, whether taken by them or someone else, and integrate them with other social media. To see hundreds of pictures from Queens students who participated in the Knight School course titled Charlotte and the Convention, visit their class Pinterest board at [pinterest.com/COMM360](http://pinterest.com/COMM360).

—Reena Arora



# ROYALS ALUMNI WEEKEND

Queens alumni and their families returned to campus Friday and Saturday, October 5-6, for the second annual Royals Alumni Weekend. A busy schedule of events kept alumni entertained and connected throughout the weekend, from the Royals Golf Clinic and Tournament to alumni games and the Royals Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



*Clockwise from top left: Brittany Philip '12 played in the annual alumni lacrosse game. Volleyball and basketball alumni Nancy Klish Martin '97, Suzanne McReynolds Scott '98, Michelle Ring Fagan '98 and Shana Hazelwood Midkiff enjoyed reuniting. Men's soccer alums Matt Gwilt '12, Bruce Mottern '06, Oliver Carias '04 and David "DJ" Short '10 spent the day at the Royals Golf Clinic and Tournament. Women's soccer alumni Sara Beth Jones '12, Tamara Diaz-Matosas '08 and Katherine Johnson '10. Alumni athletes and friends Oliver Carias '04, Lacey Levandowski, Jazmin Hazbun, Jonathan Lowe '04, Jeannie King (director of athletics), Michael Spisso '01 and Juliane Spisso '02 caught-up at the reception in Burwell Hall.*



Emily Scofield was named to "40 Under 40."

## Keeping the Earth

**EMILY HANSON SCOFIELD '97 RECEIVES TOP HONORS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK**

“Enjoying the outdoors is therapy for the human soul. Free medicine is available just by breathing fresh air and soaking up the sunshine,” declares Emily Hanson Scofield '97. As executive director of the Charlotte chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, Emily is on the frontlines of making sure the outdoors stays that way. The nonprofit organization is a leader in promoting construction practices that protect the environment. Emily's passion for going

green has garnered her two outstanding recognitions this year—she was named to the *Charlotte Business Journal's* “40 Under 40” list and to the Women of Distinction by the local chapter of the Girl Scouts, for significant achievement in environmental leadership.

Even as a teenager, Emily knew what kind of career she wanted. “I arrived at Queens knowing that I wanted to pursue a career in environmental protection, so at the time, biology was the best option,” she explains. Two

## 2 Travel Opportunities with Queens



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professors made a big difference in her life. “I was very fond of Dr. Rebecca Jann and Dr. Kent Rhodes and stayed in touch with them for many years after graduation.” After completing her Queens degree, she went on to the University of Georgia, earning the Master of Science, Environmental Health Science, in 1999.

Her passion continues outside of her career. In 2012 she spearheaded the Mayoral Proclamation for Environmental Sustainability Week in

Charlotte and worked on three Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte homes, including the organization’s first LEED-certified home. She hopes the future will be shaped by the hard work she and others are investing now. “I want to see building codes that incorporate environmentally-friendly construction as a minimum performance standard. As our population continues to grow, our dwellings must become more efficient to preserve our resources.”

There’s more work to be done.

“The recognition this year has really motivated me to work that much harder in environmental sustainability,” she says. In her words, “Sustainability is a simple math equation: the amount we (the human race) take must be equal to or less than the amount that is replaced.” ■

—Sara Blakeney, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

## REUNION 2013

**Save the Date**  
**April 19-21**

The Classes of '38, '43, '48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03 and '08 will celebrate special Reunions.

All alumni are welcome! Check out the preliminary schedule at [www.queens.edu/reunion](http://www.queens.edu/reunion).

**Questions?** Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@queens.edu](mailto:alumni@queens.edu) or 704-337-2256.



# CLASS NOTES

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

You'll see that this is the first issue to publish notes from all years, rather than from alternating odd or even years. We are excited about the improvement and hope it will keep alumni more current. Please let your classmates know what's new by submitting a note for the next issue (Summer 2013) by February 1, 2013. To submit your class note, go to: [www.queens.edu/class-notes](http://www.queens.edu/class-notes).

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).

## 1933

**Virginia Anderson Ables** celebrated her 100th birthday on November 8. She often recalls her college days at Queens, where she majored in French and Latin and made lifelong friends. She and her four sisters all graduated from Queens.

## 1934

**Alma Orr Cordle** turned 99 on April 14 and is in good enough health. Plans are under way to celebrate her 100th!

## 1938 75th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

## 1941

**Nina Dellinger Christian**, 90, lived for one year with an aunt and uncle at 1540 Queens Road and walked to Queens as a day student for business classes. During WWII, she worked for the AAF. After the war, she worked for the VA, married, quit work and had two daughters. She is a widow. She discovered a great hobby, beading.

The class expresses sympathy to **Judith Killian Gadsden** on the death of her husband, Cecil Maurice Gadsden, who passed away on February 16.

## 1942

**Mary Elva Smith Caffey** regrets that she was unable to be at her Queens 70th reunion.

The class expresses sympathy to **Ruth Edmiston Hunter** on the death of her sister-in-law **Lucielle Gwaltney Hunter '40**, who passed away on April 10.

## 1943 70th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Helen Hendley Griffin** volunteers, plays bridge and participates in water aerobics. She is the proud great-grandmother of four, ages 2 to 6. Her

husband died in 2005. She has a daughter, son and grandson in Concord. Her other daughter lives in Raleigh.

## 1945

**Harriet Wilcox Mitchell** lives in Friends Homes, a Quaker facility in Greensboro, N.C., with apartments, assisted living and skilled nursing available. She is in assisted living but does not need much assistance. Daughter Happy and her family live nearby.

## 1946

**Helen Davis Morrison**, 86, and husband Don, 87, live in Denver, Colo. Don's 65th year in business was on July 1. He was honored in August by Sinclair Refining Co. as a customer for 65 years. Daughter Nancy is vice president of global campuses at New York University. Susan works in brand development, and Wendy works in interior design.

## 1947

**Kathryn Patton "Pat" McDonald** and husband Bill have lived in Chapel Hill for more than 30 years and celebrated their 60th anniversary in August. Pat retired from teaching. She and Bill enjoy friends, family, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The class expresses sympathy to **Martha Scarborough McGeachy** on the death of her husband, Robert Hayward McGeachy, who passed away on January 25.

The class expresses sympathy to **Doris Turner Thomas** on the death of her husband, Daniel (Dan) Thomas, who passed away on April 29. They had been married more than 61 years. Doris will eventually move from Brunswick, Ga., to Westminster Woods in Jacksonville, Fla. They have three children: Drew in Raleigh, Emily in

Bergamo, Italy, and Gray in Jacksonville, and one grandchild, Shelby, at UCF, Orlando.

**Donnie Rhodes Yandle** moved to Wilmington, N.C., to be near a lot of her children. She has found friends in Wilmington but still misses Roanoke, Va., where she lived for 38 years.

## 1948 65th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Billie Morton Clark** went on a Queens trip to Germany last May.

**Florence Robinson Vaught** and her husband, since moving to the beach, spend time traveling and having company. Between them, they have four children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## 1949

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn Short Holding** on the death of her stepmother, **Virginia Lea Short '38**, who passed away on July 15.

**Eloise Hardin McKenna's** husband, Jack, died last year after 57 years of marriage. Two of her children live in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area and the third lives in Houston. She has seven grandchildren.

The class expresses sympathy to **Virginia Gray Vance** on the death of her daughter Mary Alice Vance Suitt, who passed away on August 12.

## 1950

**Marianne Permenter Hibbard** and husband John celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in December. Marianne looks forward to the 65th Queens reunion.

The class expresses sympathy to **Frances Harris Kennedy** on the death of her brother-in-law William Dickson Varker, who passed away on November 19, 2011.

## A Londoner

WHETHER AMONG THE CROWDS OUTSIDE KATE AND WILL'S WEDDING OR WALKING THE HALLS OF A SCHOOL CHARTERED BY THE FIRST QUEEN ELIZABETH, JENNIFER GARNER '92 SAVORS LIFE IN ENGLAND'S GREATEST CITY

Every weekday morning, Jennifer Garner takes a train to the leafy southwest London suburb of Kingston, and after a short walk down the Thames River, arrives at Kingston Grammar School. Just last year, the school celebrated its 450th anniversary, which she helped plan. From her hometown of Greensboro, North Carolina, Jennifer has traveled far.

In 1992, Jennifer graduated from Queens and landed her first job with former Queens president, Dr. Billy O. Wireman, as a speechwriter. During her tenure in the president's office, she gained a better understanding of the administrative side of universities. That launched her career into university admissions and alumni relations. After working at three universities stateside, she decided to live out Dr. Wireman's motto and become a "global citizen" herself.

"I wanted an adventure—to live somewhere besides Charlotte and see the world," she says. Great Britain seemed an easy place to start because there was no language barrier. So in 2007, Jennifer made her trip across the



Jennifer Garner '92 enjoys afternoon tea with Claudette Brown Hall '65 in London for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

pond to work in alumni relations at King's College London

After four years at King's, she accepted a position as director of development at Kingston Grammar School, enabling her to remain in London. On March 1, 1561, Queen Elizabeth I put her seal to a charter which established the "free grammar school of Queen Elizabeth, for the education, training and instruction of boys and youths in grammar." Since that time the school has produced alumni like Edward Gibbon, the eighteenth-century author of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, and twentieth-century playwright R.C. Sherriff. "Kingston was a boys' school, so it's interesting to meet alumni who in some ways share similar stories to

those alumnae from when Queens was all women," Jennifer says.

Life in London has given her exciting opportunities. In 2011 she watched the royal wedding procession outside Westminster Abbey. She's participated in festivities marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and most recently, the 2012 Summer Olympics, when she welcomed visitors Claudette Brown Hall '65 and Tamara and Jeremy Burrell (Tamara works in the president's office at Queens).

Jennifer enjoys traveling all over Europe and writes about her experiences for *Charlotte Viewpoint Magazine*, [charlotteviewpoint.org](http://charlotteviewpoint.org).

—Sara Blakeney, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

The class expresses sympathy to **Grace Childs Kirkpatrick** on the death of her sister **June Childs Alexander '41**, who passed away on August 25.

## 1951

The class expresses sympathy to **Rainey Gamble Bernhardt** on the death of her sister **Rachel Gamble Yandell '46**, who passed away on March 15.

**Barbara Schweizer Crawford**, 83, volunteers at a wildlife refuge near Starkville, Miss. She stays in the visitor center and greets guests. She travels a great deal.

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Kinney Randall** on the death of her cousin **Mary Lou Johnston Wayne '55**, who passed away on April 18.

The class expresses sympathy to **Betty Pratt Sutton** on the death of her husband Jack Sutton, who passed away on November 27, 2011.

## 1952

The class expresses sympathy to **Pou Harris Varker** on the death of her husband William Dickson Varker, who passed away on November 19, 2011.

## 1953 60th Reunion - April 19-20, 2013

**Billie Mancin Little** and Norris expected their ninth great-grandchild in September. They traveled for 10 days to Switzerland, hiking in the Alps!

## CLASS NOTES

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**Kathryn Hickman McCrary** stays busy despite retirement. She spends time in church/presbytery work leading worship, substituting as a pianist/organist, preaching and chairing committees. She received a Life Membership from Presbyterian Women. She loves being with her two granddaughters!

**Janet Lawrence Morris** is on the board of the Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame Foundation, which offers assistance in crisis situations to members of the shagging community. She resides in North Myrtle Beach and has four children and 10 grandchildren.

### 1954

**Peggy Phillips Baird** had left knee replacement in July. Recovery went well.

**Joan Farabow McMurray** is a retired professor and administrator from the University of Puerto Rico. She enjoys a leisurely life in Puerto Rico, re-reading many old classics and new novels. She and husband George will probably move in the future to Davidson.

### 1955

**Mary Lois Ridings Bynum** and husband Dick enjoyed trips this past year to Greenbrier, W. Va., and their grandson's high school graduation in Wilmington. They spent two weeks with all of their family (17) at Sunset Beach, N.C. The group included **Lesley Bynum Swartz '87** and **Lisa Bynum '91**. Mary Lois and Dick celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August.

The class expresses sympathy to **Louise Hobson Callaghan** on the death of her sister **Carolyn Hobson Cartwright '46**, who passed away on February 20.

**Gaye Sanders Fisher's** gallery at 124 Church Street, Charleston, S.C., is celebrating 15 years. Gaye's new work is titled "The Henry River Mill Village" and is based on an abandoned cotton mill village.

**Carolyn Moffat Ireland** is retired in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She took her annual trip to the Oregon coast with three children and spouses and only grandchild. Last year, she visited **Eloise "Cooter" Gettys Watson**, who lost both her husband and a daughter in the last year and is in assisted living in Camden, S.C.

**Brandon Taylor Stephens** moved on August 31 to Baton Rouge, La., where her oldest daughter lives. She looks forward to being a grandmother and a gardener!

### 1956

**Barbara Watkins English** works for her church. She went to San Francisco and Lake Tahoe with son Brian and daughter Karen and traveled to Panama City with daughter Karen and granddaughter Lauren. She went to Orlando with son Michael, his wife and three children. She spent a week in Aruba with friends. Daughter Renee is moving back to the Philadelphia area.

**Mitzi Plonk Folk** and the Charlotte Queens 1956 class committee enjoys lunch together once a month. They would love to hear from you. Please remember The Queens Fund and the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund by June 30. We are working to build up our fund, so it will be more meaningful for a student!

**Emmie Hay Hancock** is still not retired, providing executive coaching, custom leadership training and organizational development to corporate clients nationally and internationally. She took a trip of a lifetime to Greece. Her family of six children and 12 grandchildren keeps her busy, along with church work. This summer, she spent a couple of weeks in Montreat.

The class expresses sympathy to **Frankie Compton Spencer** on the death of her husband, Klein Spencer, who passed away on December 10, 2010. They had 54 years of a loving and productive life together. In addition to Frankie, he is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law and 10 grandchildren. It was a tremendous loss for all.

The class expresses sympathy to **Barbara Myers Whitson** on the death of her husband, Ron Wayne Whitson, who passed away on March 18.

### 1957

**Betty McGeachy Ernst** passed away on July 26. She and husband Dick enjoyed theater and writing workshops. She liked to read and brag about her eight grandchildren. Jacob, 19, loved his first year at Davidson. At reunion, Betty was so impressed that she brought her oldest granddaughter, Blair, 16, for a campus tour. An endowed scholarship has been established at Queens in Betty's name.

The class expresses sympathy to **Evelyn Christopher Fooshe** on the death of her son John Wesley Fooshe, who passed away on October 26, 2011.

**Susanne Branch McCaskill** and husband Bill hosted the Western Carolina Queens Alumni on July 19 at their home in Montreat. Two Davidson grads (husbands) wore their red and black shirts to help with parking. **Adelaide Anderson Davis '61** and Sara Blakeney gave an inspiring program.

**Dorothy "Dot" Baker Moss** and a friend attended grandson Timothy's wedding in May in Colorado Springs, Colo. Another grandson, John, was married the end of June in Cary. Grandson Mark is home after six-and-a-half weeks of mission service in Niger.

The class expresses sympathy to **Jeanne Fleming Reynolds** on the death of her grandson Matthew Wright, who passed away on January 28.

The class expresses sympathy to **Martha Shaw** on the death of her cousin **Hughla McCollum Holman '34**, who passed away on April 13.

**Sarah-Ann Smith's** novel *Trang Sen* portrays a young Vietnamese woman struggling to find her identity during and after the Vietnam War. All Queens alumni, faculty and staff can obtain a 10 percent discount by ordering directly from Pisgah Press, PO Box 1427, Candler, NC 28715-1427 or [pisgahpress.com](http://pisgahpress.com), indicating Queens connection, or from [createspace.com/3787083](http://createspace.com/3787083), indicating discount code Z9B9VVKZ.

### 1958 55th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Betty Bell Brown**, who lives in Wilmington, went to paint with friends in Italy. They were in a small village named Corciano in Umbria and spent time in Rome.

**Jo Holland Hardwick** and husband Taylor celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on August 16. Taylor, who had no grandchildren before, is adapting to having nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Alexis was born last September and is the granddaughter of daughter Julia and the daughter of grandson Sam, who is currently serving in Afghanistan.

**Susan Sharpe Houg** performs original songs locally in churches, clubs and theater. You can preorder her first CD at [snowflowermusic.com](http://snowflowermusic.com) at substantial discount. She basks in the successes

of daughters Liz Zarr (teacher) and Sara Zarr Hultberg (author). She enjoys periodic contact with Ed's daughters, grands and great-grands in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Mary Moore Mason** retains homes in London and Virginia. She is soon to become a grandmother for the first time. Mark and wife Wendy are due to have a baby in early January. She has four step-grandchildren, two in London and two in Berlin.

**Stella Dross Matalas** and husband Nick celebrated their 54th anniversary in June in New York City. They saw two plays, discovered the Frick Collection and watched the Yankees beat the Mets in Yankee Stadium. The best part was an afternoon with Nick's cousin whose restaurant across from the former Twin Towers was destroyed on 9/11.

**Louise Cannon Whitley** and husband Jim moved to Park Pointe Village, a retirement community, in Rock Hill. Their farm in Virginia is for sale. In July, they were in New Orleans for their eldest granddaughter's wedding. Their 13th grandchild was born last July.

## 1959

**Harriet Brown Isbell** is a retired Presbyterian minister in Boulder, Colo. She spends her days volunteering at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Oldest daughter and family live in Boulder. Youngest daughter lives in Greensboro with husband and son, 3, and was expecting a baby in September.

**Jane Wayburn McMillan** was called back in May to work the short session of the North Carolina General Assembly, House of Representatives, for Representative Timothy Spear from Washington County. She sees **Caroline Holt Stirling '79**, who also works for the House. Jane does volunteer activities in Raleigh and attends ball games for her only grandchild, Ryan, 12.

**Mary Stenhouse Myers** and husband Al celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer with a two-week trip to Italy with their sons, daughters-in-law and granddaughters.

**Ellen Forester Perkinson** stays busy with her interior design work. Husband Bun consults at colleges and universities in the advancement area. Their four sons are involved with their various careers. This spring, they will attend the wedding of their grandson.

## 1960

**Lucy Davis Christopher** is involved in OccupyWNC, attending general assemblies weekly in a nearby town and in direct action in three counties. The major efforts have been MoveToAmend, toward a 28th Amendment to clarify that corporations are not people, that money is not speech, and MoveYourMoney, with goal to move county government monies to main street banks.

**Lynne Nichols Collins** and husband Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9.

**Mary Allred Crews** has visited with new-found cousins on the Oregon coast and at her home in Charleston, S.C. Her grandchildren are ages 8 to 29. She had four poems place in the NC Poetry Society's annual contest, with one winning the top honor, the Poet Laureate's Award. She is finishing a poetry chapbook (working title of *Shadow Lines*).

**Gertrude "Bonnie" Huske Huntley** and cat Fred have moved to a retirement home. Her new address is Morningside House, 5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Apt. 231, Ellicott City, MD 21042. She is not far from daughter Ann. She went to the beach in July with son Bill and family.

**Sue Reid Terrell** and husband Bill took their children and spouses and five grandchildren in July on a three-week trip to Switzerland. They traveled by plane, car, train, boat, cog rail, funicular and gondola as they explored. Highlights were the Matterhorn, Jungfrau and a chocolate factory.

The class expresses sympathy to **Martha Poag Upshur** on the death of her sister **Rebecca Caroline Upshur Bull '54**, who passed away on August 2.

## 1961

The class expresses sympathy to **Pat Payton Bell** on the death of her husband John H. Bell, who passed away on June 22, 2011.

**Marianna Christian Broaddus** and husband Scott have been busy this year celebrating Scott's 55th high school reunion and taking a trip to England, Scotland and Wales. In June, they canoed with friends in Ontario. In September, they rented a villa in Tuscany with Chi Omega friends from Queens.

**Adelaide Anderson Davis** and Ned celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Paris in August. They visited Professors Emeriti Jane and Charles Hadley and **Wayne Smith '98** and new bride Eida. Adelaide reports that English professor Dr. Dougald McDougald Monroe passed away on June 30 at age 91. His book, *The Life and Times of Mac Monroe*, has a chapter devoted to Queens.

**Helen Cranford Farson** is passionate about oil painting, teaching workshops in her Greensboro studio and showing in galleries ([www.helenfarson.com](http://www.helenfarson.com)). She had a private show of her work in Potomac, Md., and two paintings accepted into the Annual Show of Women Painters of the Southeast in Jacksonville. Helen is blessed with a wonderful family.

**Henrietta Taylor Filer** and husband Bruce enjoy coastal living in Hampstead and Surf City, N.C. Henrietta volunteers helping second graders improve their reading skills. They get to see their three grandchildren often who live in Hampstead.

**Gwen Corbett Fox** and husband Bill celebrated their 50th anniversary in July with family and friends. They enjoyed time at North Litchfield Beach, S.C., with their three children and spouses, plus six grandchildren.

**Lynn Woodward Jenkins** and daughter Nicole attended the DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. They then spent a week in Virginia, touring colonial plantations. Lynn and her family went on their annual "couch potato" vacation. She took a two-week trip with her friend Marcie to New England. Lynn thanks the Class of 1961 for their faithful giving to The Queens Fund!

**Susan Brooks Kirkland** rafted down Oregon's Rogue River in August. She enjoys the North Carolina mountains and Maw's Produce in Foscoe, N.C. She loved visiting Queens and its magnificent campus in the spring.

**Polly Thompson Marshall** and husband Robert's five granddaughters attended Camp Mont Shenandoah in the mountains of Virginia. Abby Marshall, 10, was a first timer; the rest were repeat campers and counselors. They are third generation legacies as Polly and her two daughters attended. In September, Robert and Polly went on a 15-day river cruise, starting in Paris and ending in Prague.



In July, the Queens Club of Asheville met at the Montreat, N.C., home of Bill and Susanne Branch McCaskill '57.



Left: Jeannie Simms Barnwell '67 and Carol Anderson Rothenberg '67 began a 1,939-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia in June. The pair planned to hike to Mount Katahdin, Maine.

Right: Cassie Edwards Sauer '69 and Susan Staaf Fisher '69 celebrated Cassie's 65th birthday with an April trip to Paris. Here, the two visit Versailles, France.



(l. to r.) Myrtle Emerson-Heery '68, Leigh Barnett Walker '68, Linda Mackintosh Parks '65 (their freshman dorm president), Parker Norman Call '68 and Nancy Dashiell Fanning '68 in June on Oak Island, N.C.



Betty Cobb Gurnell '69, Connie Thomas Bull '69, Peggy Thomas Hibbert '69 and Marsha Miller Harper '69 visit over books and lunch in June 2012 at Litchfield Beach.



Friends from the Class of 1970 gather in June at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. Front row: Luna Lambert Levinson '70 and Joanie Lippett Varney '70. Back row: Annelle Johnston Coble '70, Susan Darby Parrish '70, Carolyn Sakowski '70 and Sterling Kephart Lloyd '70.

**Jane Myers Maupin** and husband Dave are retired and have lived in Taylorsville, N.C., since 1975. They have two adult children, who are married, and one grandchild, 5. They have lived out their lives in quiet appreciation of their surroundings of family, friends, forest and fauna, both domestic and otherwise. Jane remains the liberal iconoclast.

**Gail Carter Presson Nichols** and husband Baylor live in the river community of West Point, Va., and are retired educators. They are artists and active in the community art organization, Arts Alive. Between them, they have seven children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## 1962

**Nancy Gray Cook's** fiber artwork will appear in several exhibitions in North Carolina in 2013: the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, January 12-April 7; the Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, May 3-June 2 and the Maria V. Howard Arts Center at the Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences in Rocky Mount, September 2013-January 2014. Check them out if nearby. Nancy's website is [nancygcook.com](http://nancygcook.com).

**Margaret White Flintom** enjoyed the 50th reunion. **Martha Woods Mallory** made it all come together. **Martha, Linda Goodman Heilig** and **Flora McNair Price** came in June for a sleepover.

**Doris Beam Francis** got to reunion registration early, so she played the organ for a couple of hours in Belk Chapel, where she spent most of her college experience. It was bittersweet. Her melancholy disappeared after she went to the Queens president's home and had some champagne with her classmates.

**Sarah "Sadie" Jennette Grantham** is well in Pawleys Island. They had an adventure in June in Colorado. Oldest son Jeff's wedding venue had to be moved four days before due to the High Park fires. They found a vacant mountain lodge in Evergreen. The wedding itself was held in a meadow by a babbling brook with a herd of elk watching!

**Jane Tallman Hausch** received a great surprise at the reunion luncheon. It was announced that her brother Sam Tallman (Davidson '69) is funding a scholarship for two years at Queens in Jane's name. Our class is so happy for her and for Queens!

**Linda Goodman Heilig** enjoyed the 50th reunion and was proud of its representation at Queens. She subs in a preschool, does volunteer church work and enjoys her family.

**Katherine "Kitty" Hobbs Hord** thought the 50th reunion was wonderful and enjoyed seeing old friends again. **Martha Woods Mallory** made it all happen. We all give her many thanks for the many hours making everything so special.

**Genie Vance Kilday** and husband Bill were 17 going on 18 when they started dating. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, they got to "pretend-dance" at the gazebo in Salzburg, Austria, where the "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" scene was filmed for *The Sound of Music*. She also got to celebrate at the fantastic 50th Queens reunion.

**Ruth Scholten Lynch** exclaims our 50th reunion was a success! Everyone was thrilled to see **Martha Woods Mallory** receive the Alumna Service Award. Another highlight was seeing **Ann Bloodworth Rhodes'** oil painting hanging in the den of President Davies' home. **Adelaide Anderson Davis '61** provided her home for a class party with many favorite professors.

**Martha Woods Mallory** and husband Roswell had lunch in July in Atlanta with **Rae Ellen Beebe Young** and **Ann Bloodworth Rhodes**, reconnecting with Rae Ellen after 50 years. Rae Ellen and Ann say they will drive up together for the next reunion in 2017! Rae Ellen has done a lot of interesting things over the years.

**Becky Shaffer Peters** has recovered from total hip replacement and is now facing repair surgery on the other hip. She takes watercolor classes, plans to travel again (hopefully China) and keeps her youngest granddaughter, 6. She and **Flora McNair Price** are in the same Sunday school class and church circle. Becky goes to Florida every year in February.

**Alacia Lee Rhame** thought reunion was beyond any expectations. The evening at the home of **Adelaide Anderson Davis '61** was the icing on the cake. She wishes everyone could have made it. If any of you are in the mountains around Cashiers, N.C., give her a call at 828-743-6576.

**Ann Bloodworth Rhodes** and husband Tom have sold their 100-year-old house and are moving two

blocks away to Hanover House, 4F, 147 Fifteenth Street, Atlanta, GA 30309. Condo life is going to be an adjustment, but good for the long term.

**Virginia Rose Whittington** thought it was a joy to see all of those who attended reunion, and not just those in our class! Roswell and **Martha Woods Mallory** hosted **Genie Vance Kilday** and Virginia for the long weekend. Queens did a great job with the 50th.

## 1963 50th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

The class expresses sympathy to **Ann Sutherland Ballenger** on the death of her husband, Ottis Moss Ballenger, who passed away on February 2 of ALS. Ottis was a 1962 graduate of Davidson and a neurosurgeon. They were married for 48 years and were blessed to travel all over the world. Ann has three married children and five grandchildren.

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn Shelley Creasey** on the death of her daughter, Laura Creasey, who passed away on June 7.

**Beth Rivers Curry** and husband Ravenel still live in New York City. Eagle Capital keeps her busy. Their three children live nearby (one not far from **Janet Judd Barrett**). Marshall is a documentary filmmaker and presented a lecture and showing at Queens. They have seven grandchildren, ages 18 months to 9 years. Beth, **Jane Lawther MacLennan '64** and **Eleanor Randolph '64** went to see Nora Ephron's play, *Love, Loss and What I Wore*.

**Catherine "Bonnie" Currie Gilbert** reports growing excitement over the 50th class reunion. As reunion chair, she previewed 1962's reunion and its success. She and husband Michael recently welcomed their sixth grandchild, Eleanor Anne. She stays busy with the Queens alumni board, church work and grandchildren. She hopes to see everyone in April!

**Cynthia "Cindy" Trobaugh** and **Linder Carter Tucker** were planning an October cruise, just to have an opportunity to reconnect.

## 1964

**Ruth Causey Deaton** welcomed grandson James Parker Deaton on July 5, born to proud parents Neal and Carey Deaton.

**Alice Henderson Dickson's** oldest grandchild, Doug Long, is attending the University of South Carolina, pursuing a career in nursing, hopefully as an ER nurse. Grandson James Dickson lives in Indiana and had his second open heart surgery on June 12. Her other two grandchildren are fine.

**Marty Duerson Halyburton** works with refugees and immigrants from Myanmar, Bhutan, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and a number of African countries. She coordinates a women's group called Crafty Conversation, tutors citizenship preparation students and sponsors three refugee families. She serves on the following boards: Church World Service-Greensboro, Children of Vietnam, Guilford Horticulture Society and NC Unit Herb Society of America.

**Nancy Clotfelter Hildreth** is active with her interior design business and has started a new company, Jolly + Rogers. She designs cards and invitations and is developing a website to show her artwork. She enjoys tennis, running, going to the North Georgia mountains and spending time with family and friends. Nancy hopes to see her classmates at the next reunion!

**Kent Anderson Leslie** is mending well after a hip replacement. She gathered with **Allison James, Martha Lamb, Martha Watson, Suzanne DaVega Gibbins '65, Joy Johnson Kiser '68** and **Margaret James Wilbanks '69** for a visit to **Rhett Sapp Thurman's '65** gallery in Charleston, S.C. Kent and **Elizabeth Rucker** met in July in Knoxville, Tenn., for a conference on Jung's interpretations of dreams.

**Carolyn Lawall Merck** and husband John live in Old Town Alexandria, Va., where they reared three children and participate in civic affairs. In 2002, she retired after 20 years on Capitol Hill as a legislative specialist with the Congressional Research Service. They enjoy three young grandsons, working on Virginia Democratic campaigns, politics, reading, gardening and fitness walking.

**Kathryn Oehler Sellers'** husband, Sid, passed away on December 9, 2011, after a long illness. Kathryn is finding a new normal with volunteer work and grandchildren.

**Lynn Scroggs Vance** retired in 2006. She lives near family in University Place, Wash. (home of 2015 US Open). She enjoys hiking, biking,

gardening and community/church activities. She has six wonderful grandchildren.

**Carolyn King Walker** enjoyed seeing **Nancy Clotfelter Hildreth, Kent Anderson Leslie, Phoebe Pierce Martin, Fran Milton Patterson** and **Diana Churchill Rector** at the Atlanta alumni reception. Nancy, Fran, Carolyn and **Peggy Hagler Lynch** got together for dinner. **Alice Henderson Dickson** sends Carolyn articles about Queens that appear in Charlotte newspapers. Carolyn and husband Larry have four grandchildren: Jane, 6, Tessie, 4, Ian, 4 and Eli, 1.

## 1965

**Ann Shaffer Bagwell** and husband Fred welcomed a grandson on June 6. Joseph Timothy Bagwell was born to son Todd and wife Kate, who recently moved to Richmond. They are excited to have Tim and big sister Evelyn, 2, close by. Daughter Catherine and family moved to Hamilton, N.Y., where she teaches at Colgate University and husband Doug is provost.

The class expresses sympathy to **Celia Hunter Dickerson** on the death of her mother, **Lucielle Gwaltney Hunter '40**, who passed away on April 10.

The class expresses sympathy to **Barbara Allen Grimes** on the death of her mother, Dorothy Hill Jeffery, who passed away on January 9.

**Jean Swart Harris** got all new parts, ready for our 50th. Harkness and Scott have a 9-year-old chess champ and a 6-year-old diva. Nat III is a FedEx pilot and has two red-headed babies. Taylor is a partner in a dumpster business and has a new bride, who is a specialist in neuro modulation. All in Nashville is sweet.

**Linka Oelsner Lewis** and husband Chip have retired to Vermont and love visitors! Last March, they headed to Sanibel, Fla., and visited **Lee Braman Haines** and husband George. While there, they had a fun evening with **Judy Isaacson Dammers** and Steve. They went home via Washington, D.C., and spent time with former roommate **Sally Lawyer Coleman**.

**Linda Arnette Riehl** married Wayne Riehl of Ohio on May 1, 2010. They live at Little River, S.C., in the North Myrtle Beach area.

## CLASS NOTES

**Fran Sours Turner** and **Eleanor Judd Tucker** traveled in July to Budapest, Vienna and Prague. Fran's granddaughter, 12, from Colorado loved going with them and visiting her uncle, Fran's younger son, who is working in Budapest for 18 months. Eleanor and Fran had a great visit with **Linda Mackintosh Parks** in North Carolina.

### 1966

**Carol Settle Baskin's** daughter Dawn has now joined her in her practice of law. Carol is the co-founder, with her deceased husband, of their firm, Baskin & Baskin, P.C. Dawn has been practicing law for the last 15 years.

**Nancy Dorrier** had two miracle trips. She went to Haiti to work on economic development with a client who is working on building a resort, library and retirement center on the beach. The other trip was to the French countryside for a weeklong silent writing retreat with writer Natalie Goldberg.

The class expresses sympathy to **Eleanor Pepi Downey** on the death of her mother, Blanche Frampton Pepi, who passed away on February 17.

**Sue Barker McCarter** retired on June 29 after 23 years with the UNC Chapel Hill TEACCH Autism Program. Sue and husband John celebrated 46 years of marriage in September. They have three married children and four grandchildren. Sue is eager to get back to more quilting and to renew friendships from the past.

**Betsy Fuehrer Scherer** retired after 45 years in education. She and husband Ray, a retired minister, celebrated with a European river cruise. Upcoming travel plans include Disney World with the grandchildren and Tuscany. Betsy and Ray sing, cook, exercise and attend cultural events. Together, they have four grandchildren, ages 2 months and 5, 6 and 8 years.

### 1967

**Jeannie Simms Barnwell** and **Carol Anderson Rothenberg** began their 1,939-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia in June. They expected to arrive at Mount Katahdin, Maine, before the snows. Along the way, they planned to stop off to visit **Carolyn McLeod Noland** in Roanoke, Va., and other Queens friends.

**Judith Anderson Cheston** moved back to Charlotte in November 2011 after living in

the Northeast (New York City and Villanova, Penn.) for 40 years. She loves being back in the South, closer to her family and reconnecting with longtime friends. After 20 years in residential real estate, she is not sure if she will work or play, or something in between.

**Michele Prestera Craig** thought reunion was beyond expectations. She and **Eloise Pierson Mason** went together. She had not been in touch with **Dottie Detrick Hemphill** in years and so enjoyed reconnecting. Michele filled in **Lynn Faulk Murray** on reunion and plans to see her soon. She hopes we will keep April 2017 clear for our 50th reunion!

**Bonnie Chappell Dove's** first grandchildren were born in May. Twin girls! They are helping to fill the great big hole left by her husband's death in December 2010. She lives back in Charlotte after a six-year retirement to Florida.

**Jeanne Greer Hughston** [jhug@nctv.com](mailto:jhug@nctv.com) was sorry to miss reunion. In retirement, Jeanne is launching her sole proprietor business booking individuals on tours through Collette Vacations and coordinating tours through Piedmont Technical College. Check out [jeannestraveladventures.com](http://jeannestraveladventures.com), and contact her via email for more information. Jeanne works on her Mary Kay business, reads, exercises and enjoys her grandchildren.

**Mary Clark Jeter** had a wonderful time seeing and visiting with old classmates at reunion. They are friends forever. It was especially nice, because five years ago, she suffered from a brain aneurysm that ruptured. She is back to normal now (or as close as she will get).

**Anne Johnson Lineberger** welcomed a fifth grandchild. All live close by except for her son who is in Abu Dhabi for the year. **Tina Surrency Winter** was in the United Arab Emirates and took Anne's son out for supper. Anne stays in touch with **Lanie Price Woodard**. Anne is in business, [pixels2Pages](http://pixels2Pages.com), with 11 women from Australia and the United States.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marbury Allen Little** on the death of her mother, Dorothy Hill Jeffery, who passed away on January 9.

**Jackie White McGrath** had a wonderful time at reunion. On August 1, she and husband Bill embarked on their second ocean cruise in their 50-foot Puget Trawler named *Paraclete* (Greek

for "one summoned to comfort, the Holy Spirit"). They were heading up the California, Oregon and Washington coastline and into the San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands.

**Cathy Condon Nail** and **Keith McKenna Pension** embarked in July on a trip to Scandinavia and the Baltic on the *Wind Surf* cruise ship. They still enjoy each other's company after all these years.

**Connie Gill Rogers**, in 2012, took a Caribbean cruise, attended a family reunion in Austin, Texas, and went to the Queens reunion. Connie visited grandchildren in California and traveled to Sedona, Ariz. She had a suite reunion in St. Augustine, Fla., with Long freshman roommate **Cynthia Hale Gross** and suitemates **Denny Hubbard Mecham** and **Susan Storey Stanton**. She is still waiting to move to Charlotte.

**Nancy Okerson Schulhoff** welcomed her fourth grandchild in July. Reunion was so much fun, and she had a chance to catch up with **Martie McDonald Martin '69**, her little sis at Kappa Delta.

**Betty Simpson Smith** sends thank-yous to the reunion committee and a big thank-you to **Sally O'Rourke Morris '66** who hosted our class as "honorary member." Kudos to all who assisted in reaching the June 30 goal to meet the \$25,000 grant match. Her new small business venture, [iArrive@YourDoor](http://iArrive@YourDoor.com), involves going to homes of 55+ year-olds to assist them with today's technology.

**Susan Storey Stanton** retired at the end of March. She served as an academic dean at Emory University and was registrar for the last 24 years at Westchester Community College in New York. She and husband Norman celebrated with a month-long river cruise from Amsterdam to the Black Sea. Her two daughters and three grandchildren are in Atlanta and San Francisco.

The class expresses sympathy to **Dottie Strain** on the death of her mother, Blanche Reed Strain, who passed away on June 16.

### 1968 45th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Tilda Todd Balsley** had her fourth children's book, *Oh No, Jonah!*, released on September 1 by Kar-Ben, a division of Lerner Publishing. Also look for *Soo's Boo-Boos*, a counting book, in the spring.



**Elise McClung Barksdale** manages Encore Catering, the revenue generating arm of the nonprofit Community Culinary School of Charlotte. She volunteers for First Presbyterian Church, where she is moderator for Presbyterian Women, and babysits one of her grandchildren. Elise and husband Brian have six grandchildren with a seventh scheduled to arrive in December.

**Pat Bagg Cole** lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., but travels often to Richmond to see granddaughter Natalie, who turned 2 on December 10, and to Columbia to see grandson Henry, 9. They had a fun week last spring on the Outer Banks with Henry. Please come visit Colorado as the recent fires have been devastating to tourism and to many individuals.

The class expresses sympathy to **Susan Richardson Dion** on the death of her son, Thomas Walker Dion, who passed away on July 4.

**Myrtle Emerson-Heery** traveled in June from San Francisco to North Carolina to visit with **Parker Norman Call**, **Nancy Dashiell Fanning** and **Leigh Barnett Walker**. Much time was spent hunting for car keys and glasses, as well as bemoaning the cruelty of gravity. The highlight was reconnecting with freshman dorm president **Linda MacIntosh Parks '65**.

**Sallie Jo Guess** enjoys retirement, volunteering in the community, taking part in an emerging Christianity book group and singing with the Columbia Choral Society. She enjoys water aerobics, kayaking, hiking, concerts, theater, symphony, art and movies. She has two lively cats. She enjoyed a trip to Italy with the USC Concert Choir and Christmas visits to Rhode Island with **Jeanne Saum Wine**.

**Marilyn Houser Hartness** teaches at Wingate University in the Department of Fine Arts. She received a promotion this year to associate professor. During the fall semester break, she took 26 undergraduate students to Italy. The program is called W'International. Marilyn and husband John have five grandchildren.

**Anne Propst Hodges** and husband Dee have time to spend with their six grandchildren, all under 4, now that Dee has retired. They love to travel and go to their mountain home in Linville, N.C. Anne has enjoyed being a director of NewDominion Bank and playing bridge again. She looks forward to seeing everyone in April!

**Lynn Woodward Lindberg** retired in September 2012. During this past year, she and husband Lyle have been on trips to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, to Flagstaff, Ariz., and the Grand Canyon and on a Megabus trip to Atlanta. Lyle plays golf. Lynn is busy with Zumba classes, church projects and quilting projects.

**Margaret Barnes Peery's** son Pen was chosen as the minister of First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. In September, he and his family moved to Charlotte.

**Janie Hamilton Radcliffe** spent four days last May in New York City with granddaughter Nora, 7, celebrating their birthdays. In the summer, they went to Nebraska, camping with their grandkids in a "See The USA" camper. In August, they volunteered at the PGA Championship in Kiawah Island, S.C. They enjoy their place in Denver, Colo.

**Ellen Robinson Rolfes'** daughter Ellie and her husband, Rev. Ollie Rencher, moved in September to Charlotte as he became the rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Ellen is so happy for their new journey as they are together making a difference in their community and the world.

**Karen Seay** is approaching retirement as an attorney with Esurance, cutting back to half time at the end of the year. Husband Ted Allen works with United Healthcare. Daughter Emilia is back in the Twin Cities after five years in Boston as a theater and opera stage manager/director. Emilia spent her second summer in Arezzo, Italy, with the Oberlin in Italy opera program.

The class expresses sympathy to **Elizabeth Miller Slate** on the death of her mother, **Mary Stevens Miller '40**, who passed away on May 22.

**Ellen McCulloch Styles** and Brooks live in Summerville, S.C. She recently retired from teaching. Her latest venture was teaching English as a Second Language to all ages. They enjoy spending time in Hendersonville, N.C., and visiting their grandchildren. Her new goals are to travel and to renew her scuba training.

**Anne-Lynn Stahl Teal** is now officially retired. She loves riding the roads on her Honda Goldwing. Life is definitely better on two wheels! Last March, she was in Florida and met up with **Janey Hester Dougherty**, whom she had not seen in 30 years.

The class expresses sympathy to **Kathy Fristoe Tronco** on the deaths of her father, John W. Fristoe, on December 5, 2011; mother, Ruth Conner Fristoe, on December 31, 2011 and father-in-law, Joseph A. Tronco, Sr., on May 11, 2012. She is grateful for so many years with her parents, 92 and almost 90, and Joe's dad, 93.

**Leigh Barnett Walker's** retirement has given her and husband Vince more time to visit with family, especially their young granddaughter in North Carolina. She enjoys volunteer work, exercising regularly and singing in the church choir. Leigh enjoys having time to travel and reconnect with her old Queens friends.

**Sharon Wisell** retired after 35 years as program/social events director for Girl Scouts USA. She received North Carolina induction into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Mike Easley. She enjoys shelling and kayaking trips.

## 1969

**Ursula Alexander** has had a rough 10 years but is now on the move. The brownstone in Brooklyn went on the market, and they moved this summer to their place in East Hampton, N.Y., for a year, or forever. Max is looking for a new school. She finally has her studio, and the pups love the gardens. Visitors welcome!

**Becky Beck Bovell** attended her father's amazing ceremony last January at Arlington National Cemetery and was honored that **Elizabeth Barr Johnson '68** attended. Although retired, Becky is busy with film festival coordination, as an endowment trustee for the Visual Arts Center and with writing a book about her dad. In December, she planned to go with Elizabeth on the Queens trip to New York.

**Carolyn Williams Bricklemeyer** and husband Keith are blessed with three grandchildren, two boys and one girl. They added one more in September, another boy.

**Ginger Conkle Calloway's** son Nathan is doing his residency in otolaryngology at UNC. He and wife Mary Owen have a 7-month-old, Wilson Pierce Calloway, Ginger's first grandchild! Ginger got together with **Marie Boatwright Edwards**. She gathered with **Charley Carlock '70**, **Margaret Hackett Murphy '70** and **Molly Marvin Schroeder '70** at her mountain house. They visited with Dr. Shealy in Winston-Salem.

## CLASS NOTES

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**Karen Clayton Carey** is senior vice president for Association Management & Marketing Resources, a privately-owned consulting firm, along with husband Steve. Karen serves on the Board of Visitors for the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and raises two Cavalier King Charles dogs. Only daughter Stephanie "Stevie," 20, is a junior at Trinity College in Connecticut.

**Kay Chandler** sells real estate in Sarasota, Fla. She has two smart and beautiful grandchildren, Charlotte, 4, and Andrew, 6. She hopes anyone in the area or visiting Sarasota will give her a ring.

**Susan Staaf Fisher** and **Cassie Edwards Sauer** celebrated Cassie's big birthday with an April trip to Paris. Susan and **Marion Spann Spivey** ran into **Nancy Eaves** at an art show in Seaside, Fla. They caught up on the past 45 years while Marion and Susan shopped for earrings in Nancy's booth. View Nancy's unusual jewelry at [conceits.net](http://conceits.net).

**Leslie Davis Guccione's** beach read, *The Chick Palace*, her 31st book and first foray into eBooks, hit #1 on Barnes & Noble last January. It is about former "Selwyn College" roommates, now lakeside neighbors. She has enjoyed reconnecting with classmates and even has a Facebook group. Visit her blog at [lesliedavisguccione.blogspot.com/](http://lesliedavisguccione.blogspot.com/).

**Margaret "Peggy" Thomas Hibbert** was diagnosed with ALS in September 2011. Classmates and friends have raised funds to name a new tennis court for Peggy at Queens. Peggy has thrived on reminiscing and hearing about Queens. Daughter Jennifer has put up a CaringBridge website; her son and husband have been wonderful caretakers.

**Paxon McLean Holz** went for a week with a group of 40 from her church to Appalachia to make homes "warmer, safer and drier." Her team, led by a contractor, built handicap ramps at two different homes. She hopes to go again.

**Sally Nelson Poole** and husband Jerry have retired from teaching and spend their time volunteering, traveling, seeing doctors and doing things they have put off for ages. Both Emily and David have married wonderful people. No grandchildren yet.

**Katie Seashole Pressly** has three granddaughters and another expected at the end of December. She is blessed to have her son and his family down the

street, one daughter who will be around the corner in a year and other daughter in Tampa, Fla. She shuttles back and forth between Kennebunkport, Maine, and Gainesville, Fla. Visitors welcome!

**Katherine Barker Sims** retired in 2011 after over 30 years in healthcare. She and husband Pat moved to the Franklin, Tenn., area. They enjoy being closer to their two boys and three grandchildren in North Carolina and Tennessee but were sad to leave their daughter back in Texas. Kathy enjoys traveling and finishing long-awaited projects.

The class expresses sympathy to **Rebecca King Speir** on the death of her mother-in-law, Mildred Carmichael Speir, who passed away on May 5.

**Theckla Donsbach Sterrett's** daughter Theckla was married in June 2011 to Beale Pope, and they bought their first house. She and Tate work and enjoy their lake house and time with the grandkids. She has seen **Ruth Anne Maxwell Vagt**, who comes to Charlotte more now as a member of the Queens Board of Trustees, and **Carolyn Griffith Dodd**, who lives in Yorktown, Va.

**Annette Smith Stilwell** hosted **Paula Brown Demosthenes, Peggy Street Heflin, Caroline Gayle Kennedy, Gail Ness Richardson, Chris Limehouse Walsh** and **Margaret James Wilbanks** for a week in May at her home on Pawleys Island. The trip was declared better than a week at a spa.

**Betty Tribble** retired in August after 26 years with United Way, where she served as a member of their leadership team. She had a grand retirement party that was everything she wanted it to be—a celebration of a career she loved with family and friends. [btintampa@gmail.com](mailto:btintampa@gmail.com)

**Ann Lambdin Young** and husband Jimmy live in Jackson, Miss., and have three children and six grandchildren. Her daughter, **Sarah Bisland Young Biggers MBA '04**, lives in Charlotte. Ann keeps up with roommate **Julie Marshall Bahnsen** and visits her and husband Fred in Brevard, N.C.

## 1970

**Charley Carlock**, as she moves closer to her 64th year, wonders who is that old woman in the mirror. She works at acceptance and can even stretch that to sincere appreciation at times (maturity does give us some gifts). She remains young at heart

in some very important ways, including dancing across the kitchen while cooking when the music catches her.

**Kathy Wilson Cockrill** and husband Bill bought and are renovating a house in Montreat. They look forward to grandson Will having wonderful memories of Mimi and Papa's mountain home.

**Lyn Henderson Fabacher** and husband Bob live in New Orleans. They have two daughters, both graduates of Rhodes College. Older daughter Lawton is in New Orleans and has worked with children in counseling and teaching jobs. Younger daughter Caroline works in Washington, D.C. Retired from Delta Air Lines, Lyn loves traveling and enjoys decorating.

**Ann Rhea Ham** has officially retired after 32 years of teaching high school math (13 years coaching tennis). The past 20 years were at Bearden High School in Knoxville, Tenn. She and husband John plan to keep busy enjoying tennis, gardening, hiking and their twin granddaughters.

**Margaret Hackett Murphy** has new wisdom for the transition from middle-aged to elderly: avoid becoming bitter as a result of the slings and arrows of life and aging. So far, so good. She recently had the inside of her right knee replaced by the best orthopedic surgeon in the Southeast, Dr. Brian Burnikel in Greenville, S.C.

**Carolyn Sakowski, Luna Lambert Levinson, Sterling Kephart Lloyd, Susan Darby Parrish** and **Joanie Lippett Varney** gathered at **Annelle Johnston Coble's** house at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. Luna is retired from the US Department of Education. Sterling works part time for the Presbyterian diocese in Richmond. Joanie works part time as a nurse and commutes between Frederick and Sherwood, Md. Susan shuttles back and forth from Gainesville to her husband's farm in Michigan. Annelle spends time with her grandchildren in Charlotte and Richmond. Carolyn works for John F. Blair, Publisher.

**Polly Schlaefter Watt** celebrated the Japanese/American wedding of youngest son Douglas to Mitsue Hamada, on December 31, 2011, in Atlanta. Douglas lives in Tokyo, where he works as a translator for a Japanese corporation. Lessons that she learned from Dr. Hadley about theatrical productions came in handy for hosting family and friends from Japan, Europe and the United States!

## 1971

**Mary Lou Bell** and her two children took a two-week trip to Kenya to celebrate her remission with ovarian cancer. She has retired from teaching AP US History and is enjoying time to read and play.

**Parham Berryman Cain's** grandson Hunt Warren Cain was born on April 30 to youngest son Hunt and wife Casey. Hunt is a fire captain with the Charleston (S.C.) Fire Department. Oldest son Francis Marion Cain IV, who is a police detective in Edmond, Okla., was named Police Officer of the Year for the state of Oklahoma. He and wife Heather have three children.

**Cathie "CH" Henson Holcombe** went this summer on the Prairie Home Companion Cruise to Amsterdam, Tangier, Vigo and Barcelona. She shared a cabin with Adele Hagood, who worked in the admissions office and office of the dean of students (Ms. Gebhardt) when we were freshmen at Queens.

**Liz Aberle Propst** and **Nancy Lancaster Landry**, freshman/sophomore-year roommates, and spouses, planned a short trip together in Florida that morphed into a two-week cruise to the Holy Land. Their cabin door signs were photos from the Queens 1968 yearbook. They both enjoy being grandmothers and volunteering.

**Susie Patton Robinson** and husband Jim have retired to Florence, Ala., after living in Memphis, Tenn., for 20 years and in Princeton and Jersey City, N.J., for 20 years. Son Jay married Amy Reinhardt and lives in Atlanta. Son Wes lives in Newark, N.J.

**Peyton Potter White** lives in Atlanta but mostly works in the Commonwealth of Virginia in her position with the College Board. She gets excited to finally visit some of those hometowns where many of her Queens friends were from in Virginia. The ultimate treat will be to reconnect with some of you!

## 1972

**Beth Beaty Carpenter** said it was a great turnout for the 40th reunion. All the activities were fun, and she was so glad that everyone stayed and had a good time at her house for the class party.

**Edie Showalter Fagan** and husband Bill have moved to a new home in Orlando but head often

to their lake house in upstate South Carolina. Son Will is an attorney in Atlanta. John is in finance in New York City. Edie has written *Adored Dogs*, a book with stories and watercolor portraits of many of the dogs she has painted. It is available at ediefagan.com.

The class expresses sympathy to **Sandra Schute Lacy** on the death of her husband, Benjamin Rice Lacy IV, who passed away on July 16.

**Susan Byers Manning** had a wonderful time at the 40th reunion. She and husband Bob traveled in late May to Seattle and Alaska and went in August to the Cotswolds, England, to celebrate Bob's birthday. They welcomed their 11th grandchild, Emily, born to their youngest daughter on June 20, and enjoyed visits from grandchildren who live in the Raleigh area.

**Margaret Sakowski Moore** was inducted into the Queens Athletics Hall of Fame in October.

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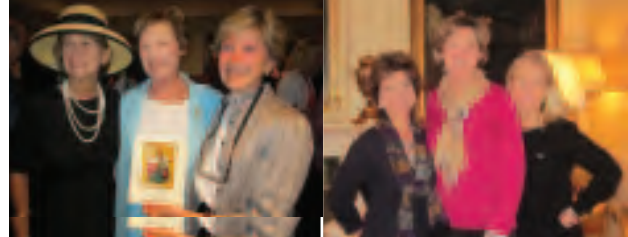
**Jan Hall Brown** and husband Ed live in Charlotte as well as Napa, Calif. After Ed retired in 2004, they bought 20 acres in Napa and then planted a 10-acre vineyard of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in 2007. This year will be their third harvest. They sell their grapes to other vintners. They will bottle a few cases under their own label for themselves.

**Sally Atkinson Duncan** looks forward to catching up with everyone at the 40th reunion.

**Ginger Crook Haas** retired from teaching in June. She looks forward to spending more time with their three grandchildren and getting their house ready to sell before moving in the summer to Lake Keowee, S.C. Son Tom opened his first restaurant, 525 at the Berry Burk, this year in Richmond!

**Angeline Neal** retired on July 6 as a business analyst for Kaiser Permanente after 23 years of service. A celebration took place with family, friends and co-workers on the *Baltimore Inner Harbor* cruise ship, a division of Spirit Entertainment Cruises.

**Judy Smith** finally retired in early 2012 and is certainly not bored yet, just enjoying what comes with each day. She was fortunate to be able to make the plunge. She had expected to wonder what to do with herself but instead wonders how she did everything!



Left: Sherrill Altman Whetsell '72, Jane Tallman Hausch '62 and Adelaide Anderson Davis '61 on June 23 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Blowing Rock. They came to see Jane's brother Sam Tallman ordained as an Episcopal priest. Sherrill's husband Heyward was a classmate and good friend of Sam's at Davidson.

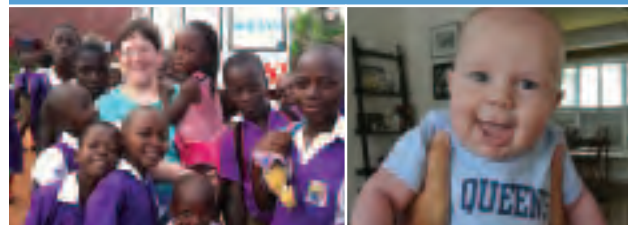
Right: Debbie Sibley Mitchell '80, Calli Sullivan Bailey '79 and Patty Patterson Peelen '79 in November 2011 in Florence, Italy. They visited Patty's daughter Sarah Peelen at Florida State University's freshman-year abroad.



The Phi Mu Classes of 1981-1983 Pink and White Reunion was held at the home of Dee Perry '81 near Atlanta. Front row (l. to r.): Becky Lobrano Strickland '84, Mary Nethercutt '83, Cathi Wilkinson Litcher '83 and Diana Bitter Pannier '82. Back row: Mary Ann Lee Saag '84, Debbie Springfield '81, Rebecca Garity DePalma '84, Christine Wink MacKay '84, Elizabeth Dickens Kiernan '84 and Dee Perry '81.



(L. to r.) Amy Tope Vandenberg '85, Beth Erwin Ford '88, Paige Ferguson Burgess '85, Nikki Wilson '87, Stacy Powell Shakley '87, Stephanie Hilleson Safrit '86 and Kristin Wade '90 gathered at Ocean Isle, N.C. in May 2011.



Left: Whitney Harris Wallace '99 in Kampala, Uganda, serving alongside Operation Christmas Child volunteers and staff.

Right: It's never too early to wear a Queens tee, as proud parents Allison Hart '00 and husband Tim Koch prove with son Will.

Kyle French '03, Valerie Evans French '05 and their three boys reunite on July 15, after Kyle's first overseas deployment to Kuwait and Afghanistan.



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**Nora Tubbs Tisdale** teaches preaching at Yale Divinity School. She finished writing her ninth book and spent part of her sabbatical as a visiting scholar in South Africa. Husband Alfred is an Episcopal priest. They have two granddaughters, ages 1 and 3. She stays in touch with **Nadia Rasheed Black, Margaret McEver Cobb, Mary "Trauma" Eaddy, Helen Keller, Kathy McKee** and **Jacquelyn DeBerry ODell**.

**Martha Dyer White's** daughter, **Brittany White '12**, received a second bachelor's degree, in interior design, in May. This one was from Queens! Her first degree, in communications, was in 2006 from UNC Wilmington.

### 1974

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Stuart Hankins Hunter** on the death of her aunt **Lucielle Gwaltney Hunter '40**, who passed away on April 10.

**Gerry Matthews Larkin** attended Air Venture 2012 in Oshkosh, Wis. She and husband Lynn rendezvoused there with son Preston, who lives in Steamboat Springs, Colo. They have gone to this event for almost 30 years, volunteering for the past 16. Daughter Sunny lives in Denver, Colo., and is getting married in May. Gerry works part time at a nursery and is indirectly involved with family furniture biz.

**Tara Luther Schmohl** retired from Delta Airlines in 2004. Husband Bob retired in 2010. They moved to Broomfield, Colo., with dog Cody. They bought a house in Anthem Ranch. They love the dry and beautiful climate and enjoy outdoor activities. She is planning to make the 2014 reunion and would love to hear from you.

### 1975

**Melinda Oberle Brown** lives in Fleming Island, Fla. Husband Keith has his own construction company. Melinda retired from Delta Air Lines after 27 years. She was recently named circuit director for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the Guardian ad Litem Program. Daughter Natalia, dog Lexi and cat Mariel round out the family.

**Jane Vandiver Kidd** and husband of 38 years David built a new "old" house in Crawford, Ga. Daughter Elizabeth, 34, and husband Dr. Matthew Hogan live in Decatur, Ga., with their

two children, Allie, 3, and Sam, 1 month. Son Alex, 30, works in Athens, Ga. Jane accepted a new position as special assistant to the president of Piedmont College in Athens and Demorest, Ga.

**Annette King** made a pilgrimage last April to Oxford, Miss., to see the William Faulkner home and soak up the attendant southern ambience. She visited the local cemetery and found the real ambience: bottles of whiskey and a pen which adorned his tombstone, no doubt to assist him in the next life.

**Connie Malone Sharenko** enjoyed a visit in July from freshman-year roommate **Anne Poole Wethington**. Anne saw Connie's workplace, A Classy Clutter, an antique and vintage shop in historic Roswell, Ga. **Carole Harris Mitchell's** daughter married in 2011, and Connie and sister **Cathie Malone Brown '69** did the table decorations. Cathie and Connie do arts and crafts shows together in the Atlanta area.

**Rebecca Ricketts Yarbrough**, an Episcopal deacon, led clergy and lay leaders from North Carolina last spring to the Episcopal Diocese of Costa Rica. The group and Costa Rican peers participated together in an outreach project. Daughter Kathy is co-captain of UNC Wilmington's swim team. Daughter Nancy was inducted into the pre-med honor society at USC. Husband Dave teaches at UNC Charlotte.

### 1976

**Clinton Corbett** shared a wonderful cross-country road trip this summer with family, including her handicapped mother. She has been Skyping with longtime pal **Dee Thomas '74**. Clinton designed five books of play scripts by the Czech playwright Vaclav Havel and advertising graphics for the New York productions of *The Soap Myth* and *The Lathe of Heaven*.

**Ann Marie Kaiser Forsberg's** daughter Natalie graduated from Clemson the same weekend her twin, Elise, graduated from Presbyterian College. The family left the following day for a trip to Italy, which included experiencing the earthquake!

**Karen Terrana Long's** daughter Blair works at JCPenney. She got to work the Oscars and go to some fun meet-and-greets. Blair's husband is in his third year at dental school and doing great work in the clinic. Daughter Whitney accepted a

job as a history teacher and girls basketball coach at Forney High School in Forney, Texas.

The class expresses sympathy to **Ettie Minor Luckey** on the death of her mother, **Kathleen Massie Minor '43**, who passed away on March 24.

The class expresses sympathy to **Helen Church Peery** on the death of her mother, Mary Burnside Briley, who passed away on June 6.

The class expresses sympathy to **Charlotte Cooper Ranson** on the death of her mother, Erna Seifart Cooper, who passed away on April 1.

### 1977

**Debbie Poindexter Hunter's** oldest child, Patrick, graduated last May from UNC's law school and got married in August. He and wife Sara plan to live in Asheville. Youngest child Mollie graduated in May from Elon University and works as a photographer. Life is good for younger son Alex, who lives in Folly Beach, S.C. She and Randy enjoy life in New Bern, N.C.

**Nancy Pate McKenzie** and husband Hayden were expecting their second grandchild, Briggs, in November. He joins big brother Banks. Daughter Laura and husband Ben are trying to relocate from Raleigh to High Point. Son Jesse has moved back to High Point and works for his dad at North State Communications. Husband Hayden planned to retire at the end of the year.

**Janet Preyer Nelson** had a fun reunion week at the beach in South Carolina with **Louise Shuford Brice** and **Anne Creed**. Janet enjoyed being with 1976 and 1977 class friends in early 2012 at Patty **Nickell Griffin's** in Charlotte.

**Mary Beth Nichols Williams** had a terrific time at last year's reunion. Seeing friends and the beautiful campus was heartwarming. Let's not wait another five years to get together again!

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**Ethel Canon Allison** is in her 12th year with Republic Services and enjoys singing with the Festival Singers in Charlotte. She and husband Henry celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to San Francisco.

**Doris Mills Davis**, as a former “returning student,” is so grateful to Queens for being there for her with the right combination of nurture and academic excellence at a time when she needed both. May the solid traditions of this institution stand firm, and future generations be so blessed!

The class expresses sympathy to **Frances Woltz Fennebresque** on the death of her mother, Frances Elizabeth “Betty” Winborne Woltz, who passed away on July 13.

The class expresses sympathy to **Holly Strawn Riley** on the death of her husband, John Edward Riley, Jr., who passed away on April 18.

## 1979

**Ellen Clark** and **Lisa Beckum Naquin** had a fun visit in July. Ellen enjoyed showing Lisa her hometown of Tarboro, N.C.

**Barbara Earle Hunter's** granddaughter, **Baillie Hunter '12**, graduated last May. She loved Queens and plans to stay in Charlotte.

## 1980

**JC Cleaveland Dwigins** and husband Fred have become grandparents! In July, Grady and wife Tiffany welcomed baby Cooper. Daughter Anna is finishing her nursing degree this year at Chapel Hill. Fred is a chemical engineer in Mooresville, and JC owns the Butter Braid Pastries franchise in North Carolina.

**Libby Strange Mahaffey** and husband Peyton live in Northern Virginia. She is a part-time dental hygienist, working in the same office for 31 years. Son Peyton works in Washington, D.C., for LivingSocial. Daughter Megan has one more semester at Auburn. Her parents are still in Danville, Va., so they visit often. She catches up with **Martha Evans Ray** on those visits.

**Sally Wyeth McLaughlin** completed her year as 2011–2012 president of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, Ga. She is a member of the 2012 Leadership Sandy Springs class. Sally is an attorney in Georgia and resides in East Cobb.

**Carol Troutman Wiggins** was a major composer of children's music for the international educational music publication, *Fun Choir Warm-Ups: The Secret of Choral Directors Worldwide*, published by the

Fun Music Co. in South Australia. Carol's songs are also featured in *Whiteboard Music Lessons: Introduction to Music* and *Whiteboard Music Lessons: Music Jam*. She has three other children's song books soon to be released.

## 1981

**Betsy McCrary Bedini** is a busy mother of daughter Sarah, 10, who is in fifth grade. Betsy was elected a deacon of her church last year and works for RTI International. She and her family finished out the summer with a trip to the Grand Canyon.

**Beverly Hudson Branton** spent last spring with son Dustin, 16, at several Clemson events. Dustin got to meet idol C.J. Spiller, now an NFL player. Last May, her nephew welcomed his second child. The summer brought reunions with old high school friends. Beverly's daughter is a senior in high school. Beverly's cancer came back for the fourth time, and she is taking a leave from work.

**Andrea King Dobbs** is in her 20th year of teaching. Oldest daughter Natalie got married last November and is a preschool teacher. Youngest daughter Allyson works and hangs out a lot at **Karen Stenger Tillman's** house. Allyson recently helped Karen remodel her basement.

**Lisa Smith Donini** sold her house in Buckhead (Atlanta) and has downsized to a condo in Little Five Points. Lisa's sister **Annette Smith Stilwell '69** is expecting her sixth grandchild.

The class expresses sympathy to **Emily Elyea Gardner** on the death of her father, Charles Elyea, who passed away on January 13.

**Debbie Seuntjens Greer** is in her 29th year in the Marion County school system as a high school counselor and is counting the years until retirement. Over the summer, she spent a weekend with **Jennifer Smith '83** in St. Simons, Ga.

**Tucker Tonissen Hicks** lives in Minneapolis with husband Mike. She works as a receptionist for an animal hospital. Youngest son John, 21, is a junior at Villanova University. Michael, 24, is working in Minneapolis at SPS Commerce. Tucker planned a trip in September to North Carolina for her nephew's wedding and was hoping to connect with **Susan Westphal Harbert** and **Diana Bitter Pannier '82**.

The class expresses sympathy to **Margo Hollingsworth** on the death of her mother **Margaret Harrill Hollingsworth '46**, who passed away on August 25.

**Tracy Allen Hysaw** lives in Pennsylvania with husband Stanley and their Corgi named TJ. She is celebrating her 28th year with Deutsche Bank. Tracy was excited about coming south again for the first time in 20 years when she attended her nephew's September wedding in Raleigh.

**Dee Perry** is the director of corporate sales for Peterbrooke Chocolatier in Atlanta. She enjoys the social events sponsored by her company, especially those with Tree Sound Recording Studio, which represents top hip-hop artists. She spent last Christmas with **Julia Hixson Graham** in Jamaica and plans to do so again this year. She enjoyed hosting her Phi Mu Pink and White Reunion Party and plans to make it an annual event.

**Wendy Price** lives in Los Angeles and is a film production accountant.

**Debbie Springfield** has been working hard this past year and caring for her sister Sherry as she battles debilitating arthritis. She recently went to a Phi Mu Pink and White Reunion Party at **Dee Perry's '81** house.

**Lynn Trueman Thompson** and **Kathryn Bean Belisle** enjoyed a week's vacation together in Maine. Lynn recently got together with **Charlene Miller** in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Lynn and Kathryn are both empty nesters now and plan to spend more time together before grandchildren inundate them!

**Karen Stenger Tillman** moved in summer 2011 from Nashville to Atlanta. She spent most of last fall remodeling her basement so her father could move in. Daughter Savannah, a senior in high school, plans on attending college back in Tennessee. Son Christian is in eighth grade. Karen and Ted went this summer to Telluride, Colo., for her nephew's wedding.

The class expresses sympathy to **Brenda Bowers Wittwer** on the death of her mother, **Betty Byerly Bowers '51**, who passed away on November 30, 2011.

## CLASS NOTES

### 1982

**Tonya Wertz-Orbaugh** stays busy writing and serving as the coordinator of first-year writing at UNC Charlotte. She and her husband of 22 years, Dave, are active in mission work at Assurance United Methodist Church. They have two Jack Russell rescues, Eli and Pippa.

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**Ann Goldman Lewis** lives in Topsham, Maine. Daughter Becca is a freshman at the University of Maine in Orono, studying marine biology. Daughter Jess has been an active Phi Mu at UMO. Ann and husband Niel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in November. She loves keeping in touch via Facebook!

**Mary Nethercutt** and **Cathi Wilkinson Litcher** had a wonderful time at the Phi Mu classes of 1981-1983 reunion at the home of **Dee Perry '81** near Atlanta. The reunion was organized to celebrate the memory of **Erin Ryan Sizer**, dear friend and sister, who passed away earlier in 2012. The Erin Ryan Sizer Scholarship at Queens has been established in Erin's memory.

**Deborah Sauer-Farrand** is associate professor of voice at Fresno Pacific University, Calif., where she has been vocal coordinator and the primary voice professor since January 1992. She also teaches lyric diction, vocal pedagogy, opera workshop and two general courses in American popular music and musicianship.

**Judi Walker Swords** was named Teacher of the Year at Linwood Elementary in Perry, Ga. Husband Mark gave Judi a great surprise for their 29th anniversary. While on Sanibel Island, Fla., Judi was surprised by the appearance of oldest son Chance and wife Megan, both in the US Coast Guard. It was Chance's first trip home in three years. Youngest son Matthew is at Georgia College & State University.

### 1984

**Allison Gilbert Holmes** has twin boys, 13, who keep her busy. She is also back working and selling South African wines to wine stores and restaurants.

The class expresses sympathy to **Lori Lovelace Marterella**, and daughter **Kristin Marterella**

'14, on the death of Lori's husband, Charles Marterella, who passed away on April 23.

**Mary Anne Lee Saag** is in Haines City, Fla. Oldest son Rob graduated from the University of Louisville. Stephen, 20, studies video game design. Alex, 13, is in seventh grade. Matthew, 11, started middle school. She attended a Phi Mu reunion at **Dee Perry's '81** Atlanta home. In July, she visited **Dr. Elizabeth Dickens Kiernan** and son Bradley in California.

**Catherine "Cathy" (Kaliana) Flagg Schmidt** is expanding her career as her two children are now in college (Appalachian State and UNC Chapel Hill). Her passions are growing her company, spending time with her husband and family and diving further into the art of self care through nutrition, exercise and relaxation. Her career specializes in writing books and teaching others about "Foods & Moods."

**Helen Williams** finished her 10th year of teaching Spanish at Lake Norman High School. She is one of the originals who opened the school.

### 1985

The class expresses sympathy to **Donna Gordon Elyea** on the death of her father-in-law, Charles Elyea, who passed away on January 13.

**Sonya Taylor Loper** and husband Gene celebrated 23 years of marriage. Daughter Meredith is a freshman at Mississippi State University. Son Gene enjoys the freedom of his driver's license and excels as a Cutco Knife salesman. Daughter Carrie Ann, 12, competes on cheerleading squads. Sonya and Gene hope to one day participate in the glamorous trips with Queens alumni!

The class expresses sympathy to **Heyward Rogers** on the death of her father, William F. Rogers, who passed away on March 14 at Hospice Atlanta. Heyward bought a precious bungalow just outside of Athens, Ga. She is engaged to her dearest friend Jerry Barnett. Heyward loves to keep her hands in the clay with her pottery and sculpture.

The class expresses sympathy to **Lea Barnes Taylor** on the death of her father, Frank S. Barnes Jr., who passed away on February 19.

**Susan Spach Welfare**, although she was the "great grandmother" of the class, was still so rewarded

by the accounting classes she attended as a day student. Dr. Claire Brooks was her guidance counselor. Susan worked as a tax accountant, retiring about five years ago. She would love to know how the classmates she met have fared.

### 1986

The class expresses sympathy to **Helen Randall Moore** on the death of her cousin **Mary Lou Johnston Wayne '55**, who passed away on April 18.

**Stephanie Hilleison Safrit** works as a fiduciary officer for First Citizens Bank. She enjoys reading and her book club. Her three children are 21, 19 and 5. Husband Boyd is a chemical engineer and an avid cyclist. Stephanie keeps in touch with about 12 Queens grads in Charlotte and hopes for an annual beach weekend with them!

**Lori Lumbar Smith's** husband Mick has retired after 28 years in the US Army and is starting a new career. The family is in the process of moving to Huntsville, Ala. They look forward to returning to the South and hope to reconnect with friends in the area.

### 1987

The class expresses sympathy to **Kelly Lovelace Atkinson** and **Carol Lovelace Carstarphen** on the death of their brother-in-law, Charles Marterella, who passed away on April 23.

**Carolyn Jenkins Carter** is adjusting to being an empty nester. Brennan, 21, took fall semester off to join the National Guard Reserves and is in Missouri in boot camp and military police school. Grant, 18, is in his freshman year at Mississippi State. Brennan and Grant will be back together in January. She loved catching up with everyone at reunion.

**Kay Berrien Cunningham** keeps busy with her three little ones. Her youngest, Jackson, entered kindergarten. She is active as president of her homeowners association and is involved with food allergy advocacy as one of her 8-year-old twins is allergic to eggs, peanuts, tree nuts and raw garlic.

**Gina Rogers Hutchison** loves her new job with Silpada Designs Jewelry. She is also marketing director for Chick-fil-A Woodbrook in Charlottesville, Va. Son Chase is a junior at the University of Tennessee. Youngest son Ryan is a

## Working Abroad

IN PARIS, WAYNE SMITH '98  
BRIDGES EAST AND WEST

Wayne Smith arrived at Queens in 1994 from an international magnet high school in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His interest in different cultures was sparked by the diversity around him, and would eventually lead to a career in international business. Today he is vice president for the Asian division of Lafarge, a French company, managing strategic planning, development and mergers/acquisitions in 11 countries.

Raised in a single parent household, Wayne learned the value of hard work at an early age. "My mom was a key influence on me and taught me about a strong work ethic," he says. The family worked in retail, and he developed a natural interest in business.

The first person in his family to go to college, Wayne was recruited by Queens and awarded scholarships. As a business major, he was fortunate to land an internship with NationsBank in London. He gained valuable insights about life outside of the United States. "When you live abroad, you're not a tourist anymore and can peel back the layers of why people are the way they are in different cultures."



Jane (front left) and Charles (back right) Hadley and Adelaide Anderson Davis '61 (front right) visit Wayne and Eida Smith in their Paris home.

He graduated from Queens in 1998 and went on to earn an MBA at Harvard. "I knew I wanted a job that fit the following criteria: the company makes something that I understand, they are people-oriented, and they provide professional development as well as the opportunity to work internationally." He traveled extensively in his new job with Lafarge, a world leader in building materials.

One of his destinations was Kuala Lumpur. On his first day there, he met the woman who would become his bride. Wayne and Eida married

last year in Malaysia and, after a year in Beijing, currently reside in Paris.

Wayne credits his Queens professors for teaching him the importance of the journey, not just the destination. "The professors take students on a journey and provide 'tough love' when you need it. Queens had a significant impact on my life," he says. "It helps elevate people in such a caring way. It was the best decision of my life to go there." ■

—Katie Beirne, Executive Director,  
Annual Giving

high school senior. Gina's sister Paige and father Wilmer are battling cancer. She encourages her Queens sisters to support cancer causes!

### 1988 25th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

The class expresses sympathy to **Cynthia Williams Goodhouse** on the death of her husband, Karl Edmund Goodhouse, who passed away on March 27.

**Marian Huntley Hogan** and husband Pat have lived in the Greensboro area since 1991 and keep busy with the activities of their three girls, ages

16, 13 and 10. Marian has worked 21 years for Cone Health as a registered nurse. Marian and daughter Taylor traveled in June to Guatemala on a church mission trip and met their sponsored child while there.

**Karen Bengston Hughes** had a great reunion in June with **Nellie Henderson Davant**, **Lisette Hasbun** and **Molly Waldrup Johnson** in Charlotte. They were at the high school graduation party for Lisette's son Kyle. Molly even had her miracle baby boy, Billy, with her. He had a heart transplant at birth and always amazes with his love of life!

**Julie Bell** graduated in May from the University at Buffalo with a master's degree in library and information science. She is looking for a job. She hopes to see everyone at reunion and cannot believe it has been almost 25 years!

**Suzanne Manzer Muskin's** stepson Saul completed his international baccalaureate diploma in May and is at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Suzanne and husband Joshua purchased a house in Switzerland that has sections dating from the 1600s. They moved into the house, located in a village on Lac de Neuchatel, in June. Visitors welcome!

## 1989

**Linda Warren Gerdes** is in Pinhurst, where she teaches preschool. Husband Ian retired this fall from the US Army after 25 years of service. Son Karl is at NC State. Daughter Kaylan is a high school junior.

**LeAnn Warren Otterbein** is married to Kyle and works part time as an elementary school paraeducator in the Iowa City Community School District. Daughter Madelin is a freshman at Vanderbilt University. Son Micah is in 10th grade. She chaperoned her children's summer church choir trip to St Louis, Mo., and was surprised to run into **Stephanie Kerns Kreuser**.

**Sally Wheeler-Maier**, husband and two boys, 8 and 5, live in New York City. She had wonderful visits with **Rhonda Ball Egan**, **Mary Hallett Washer** and **Meg Freeman Whalen**. Over the 2011 holidays, she saw the Hadleys (her son Liam's godparents) and **Adelaide Anderson Davis '61**. She is proud of **Lisette Hasbun's '88** and **Katie Downey Heidegger Marsh's '91** recent graduates, Kyle and Kenny.

## 1990

**Sara Jenkins Collins** has taken a marketing/communications position at Rodgers Builders. Sara serves as board chair of Hands On Charlotte and has steered it through a simultaneous strategic planning process and leadership transition. She and cat Simone live in south Charlotte.

**Wendi Bryant Diamond** loves life in Asheville. They have bought an older home and guest cottage on three-and-a-half acres. After losing over 50 pounds, Wendi feels like she is starting over. Daughter Olivia Faith, 13, continues horseback riding. Husband Josh is with Eaton Corp. They have three dogs and one cat, all rescues.

**Carolyn Cook Maiden** cc@maidensplace.com and husband Chris welcomed the births of their daughters Sydney and Olivia in January 2011, three months early! Carolyn enjoys being at home with them in Charlotte. Stepson Taylor is pursuing a career in the air force. Husband Chris works for Microsoft. Carolyn would love to hear from her Queens friends and Phi Mu sisters via email.

## 1991

**Ann Wilson Brennan** sent her firstborn son off to West Point US Military Academy on July 2. She hoped that the training she was putting in for the Beach2Battleship Ironman in the fall would take her mind off how much she was going to miss him. She is the editor and wearer of all hats at beyondlimitsmagazine.com.

**Paige "Duffy" Lewis** lives in Charleston, S.C. She works in theater as a stagehand and teaches history as an adjunct at lowcountry colleges. She is also a freelance writer covering theater, music, history and politics for the Charleston city paper and other publications.

**Adrienne McCormick** published "Lucille Clifton's Communal 'I'" in a book titled, *Eleven More American Women Poets in the 21st Century*. She teaches English and chairs her department at SUNY Fredonia. She took a group of 18 students to study literature in London. She has fond memories of her 1990 study trip to England with Dr. Goode and **Kim Matthews Bream**, **Jenny Morton Hatfield**, **Kim McCarty Love**, **Andrea McCrary** and **Amanda Knox Vestal**.

The class expresses sympathy to **Julie Thomas Walton** on the death of her mother-in-law, Ruby Knight Sigman Walton, who passed away on December 6, 2011.

## 1992

**Alicia Gunter Bookout** began a new role last January with Troy University as the district director of Northwest Florida. Alicia oversees the academic and administrative activities of six satellite teaching locations. She has been with Troy University for eight years and lives in Destin, Fla.

**Mimi Corn Cotton** lives in Albemarle, N.C., with husband Rick and three children, Milly, 12, Kate, 9, and Sam, 5. Having a middle schooler, fourth grader and a kindergartner keeps her busy along with carpooling to soccer, gymnastics and basketball. She teaches high school English and has been the yearbook adviser for the past six years.

**Michelle Wilder Dabek** lives in Raleigh with husband Chris and two children, Wesley, 10, and Anna, 6. In May, she became the benefits manager

at Easter Seals UCP. She had a blast seeing everyone at the 20th reunion and hopes many more come out for the 25th!

**Jennifer Garner** lives in London and enjoyed an exciting summer with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. She went to watch the Jubilee flotilla on the Thames and saw the Queen there and at the Epsom Derby race. Jennifer is the director of development at a private high school and looks forward to trips this year to Croatia and Turkey.

**Dawn Carfagna Lyons** and her family moved in summer 2011 to Germany. She is earning her educational specialist degree in educational leadership and will finish up right before they move again next summer. Dawn volunteers with the Officer's Spouses Club and at her son's school. She loves having the opportunity to travel around Europe.

**Tovi Fitch Martin** was recently named communications manager at Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte, where she lives with husband Kevin and daughter Ellen, 4.

**Beth Barber Poydock** is pursuing her master's in education with a concentration in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She lives in Lexington, N.C., and attends UNC Greensboro. Her two children, Anna, 8, and Abby, 3, enjoy having their mommy home more.

## 1993 20th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Larissa Bennett Bortz**, husband Walt and son Nathan welcomed Lillian Lorraine into the world in June 2011. Larissa keeps busy teaching AP English literature at the Academic Magnet High School in North Charleston, S.C., and with two kids under 3. She had a wonderful visit with **Erin Lehn Floresca '93**, husband Patrick and daughter Nico. Look her up if you are in Charleston.

**Courtenay Neff Brack** enjoys balancing family life with husband Andy and two daughters, Avery and Ellie, and her growing property management business, Charleston Green Commercial, in Charleston, S.C. She attended a Queens alumni oyster roast earlier in 2012 in Charleston. This summer, she visited with **Amanda Fairbanks** and **Colby McKnight Nicholson**.



**Evelyn “Kristy” Creekmore Buttermore** married Paul Buttermore on December 10, 2011.

**Michelle Maples Colindres** says, “Comment ça va?” from the Bayou State! Daughter Betty was accepted into an advanced academy school for sixth grade. Both Juan Jr. and Betty have earned several ribbons and have achieved the rank of Young Marine Private First Class. She stays busy in activities with her veterans at the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home.

**Erin Lehn Floresca** erin@erinlehnfloresca.com has lived in Portland for the past eight years. She is married and has a darling girl, 3. She is a voice actor and a freelance writer and editor. Erin was excited about the fall release of her self-published travel memoir, *Little Snowbirds: A Love Story on Wheels*. She would love to connect with Queens alumni via email.

**Angela Rushton** is employed as associate general counsel for labor, employment and compliance at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. She and her four children, Sarah, 12, Emily, 10, Mary Katherine, 5, and Jack, 3, live in Greenville, S.C., and spend most Saturdays at the soccer field.

**Kyra Norwood Valadie** lives on Anna Maria Island, Fla., with husband Arthur and three children, Madeline, 14, Luke, 12, and Lance, 7. She is now a certified spin (indoor cycling) teacher. In December 2011, she caught up with **Kenan Donaldson Ashurst, Erin Norton Bates, Kathryn Winsman Black, Jennifer Lawrence Grennan** and **Leigh Williams** at the wedding of **Evelyn “Kristy” Creekmore Buttermore**.

## 1994

**Amy Murrell Godley** and husband Mark reside in Charlotte with their two children, Callie, 4, and Ashton, 2. Amy is an active NC/SC broker and co-owns a small consignment shop. She teaches self-defense courses and is NRA certified. She is active in church, local and national organizations and enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

**Linda Williams Wilson** and husband Greg both enjoy careers with Momentive Performance Materials. Daughter Tessa works for WVC Credit Union. Son Todd is a staff sergeant in the US Air Force. Daughter-in-law Cassie is pursuing her art education degree and career as a language

instructor. They have two grandchildren, Brynnley, 3, (Tessa’s) and Ari, 2 (Todd and Cassie’s).

## 1995

**Robin Bagby (Hayworth)** is a self-taught artist. She grew up making greeting cards, writing poetry and sewing gifts for family and friends. She found her second home and love, the ocean, on vacation with friends in the Outer Banks. Visit her website at robinbagby.net.

## 1996

**Alice Hendricks Arwood** teaches preschool music at Allison Creek Preschool in York, S.C. This is her fifth year at the preschool and her second teaching music.

**Corrie Ter Mors Cole**, husband and two boys, 9 and 6, relocated to the Dallas, Texas, area from Michigan. Corrie is the owner and editor of the website “Cents”able Momma, centsablemomma.com.

**Kevin Considine**, after almost 10 years of running the legal recruitment divisions of two very successful search firms, has taken the plunge and opened his own search firm. Considine Search, considinesearch.com, works primarily with top global and national law firms and Fortune 500 in-house legal departments to procure all levels of talent from attorneys to staff.

**Karen Hartsell** hopes to become an author within the next two years. She has started a book concerning the future of our country should our personal freedoms be taken away, our debt quadruple and the middle class disappear. Comments are welcome.

**Katie Porter Mantooth** kpmantooth@yahoo.com and her family relocated this summer to Murray, Ky., for her husband’s job. In late July, she started as a career counselor at Murray State University. She enjoys the nearby activities at the Land Between the Lakes and loves connecting with Queens friends via email.

## 1997

**Heather Honeycutt Bostic** and husband David welcomed their first child, Hank Montgomery Bostic, on November 15, 2011. They celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in September.

**Jennifer Del Checcolo** jdelcheccolo@gmail.com recently returned to the United States from Montevideo, Uruguay, where she was living and teaching English. She is in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she loves having visitors. Please email!

**Jennifer Gentry** welcomed a baby girl, Abigail Block, on October 19, 2011. Both mother and daughter live in Anthem, Ariz.

**Patrick Morgan** and wife Jennifer welcomed their first child, a daughter named Elliott Virginia Morgan, on New Year’s Eve 2011. They reside in Charleston, S.C., where Patrick works as an archaeologist and Jennifer is a university professor.

**Kris Lindemann Seek** works with the project development team at Guthmann Construction, a design-build firm in Charlotte. She and husband Ken will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary this year and are the proud parents of Matthew, 4. Kris volunteers with Elevation Church in Charlotte and AndyBooks Outreach.

## 1998 15th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Leigha Basini** and husband Alex, after spending several years practicing law in upstate New York, moved to the Washington, D.C., area. Leigha works on implementing the Affordable Care Act at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she directs health insurance exchange policy.

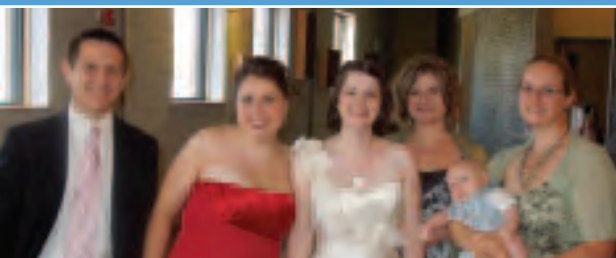
**Ollie Chandhok** and wife Kenna married in 2007 in Charleston, S.C., with many from Queens in attendance. They have two children, daughter Olivia and son Ace. Ollie is a business development consultant and *The Charlotte Business Journal* chair at Engage Charlotte. He serves on the Charlotte Chamber Board of Visitors.

**Ashley Smith Conk** and husband Aaron looked forward to welcoming a baby boy to the family in October. Daughter Elizabeth was excited about becoming a big sister!

**Dan McBrayer** lives in Washington, D.C., and works for the National Cancer Institute in the Office of Management, Policy and Compliance. His new hobbies are making fine meads flavored with local ingredients and identifying edible, wild plants.



Allison Payne Gnilka '06 married Dr. Alexander Gnilka on April 28, with a reception held at Queens. Allison's mother (pictured in pink dress) is Donna Payne '06 (Hayworth).



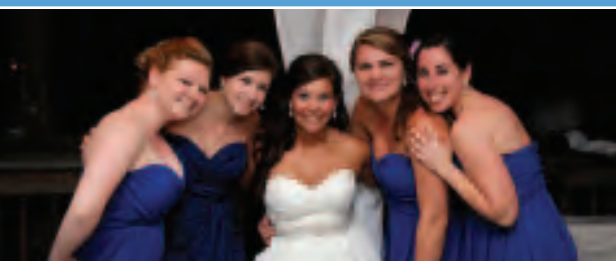
Kristin Reinhold '07 married Stephen McCool on May 26. Alumni in attendance included (l. to r.): Chris Barlow '06, Rebecca Sorenson '05 (maid of honor), Rachel Murdock '06 and Valerie Evans French '05.



Left: Sarah Schoenals '10 lives in Jackson, Wyoming, wrangling, riding, and enjoying the great outdoors.



Right: Rebecca Nuenzig Wall '10 PSN and Bryan Wall wed on May 12 at Owl's Eye Vineyard & Winery in Shelby, N.C.



Allison Weatherford Fiske '08 (center) married Ian David Fiske '05 in February in Key West. Alumni in attendance included: (l. to r.) Amanda Banks McGrath '06, Ellie Ramm '09, Keatin McKenzie '09 and Elisabeth Podair '09.



McColl School 24 Hours of Booty Team. Back row: non-alum, Janeen Golomb Moore '05, John Ponder '10, Ed Coombs '09, Franz Lorio '02, Matt Favreau '03, Andrew Newsome and non-alum. Front row: non alum, non alum, Carrie Coulson '05, non-alum, non-alum, non-alum and Dawn Newsome '07. On ground: Ann and Blaine Coombs. Not pictured: Bob Woods '01, J Dewar '11 and Nancy McNelis (faculty).

**Rachel Gittner Rice** lives in Atlanta with her husband of five years, Brandon, and son, Ethan, 3. She works with the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority. Rachel travels around the state coordinating and conducting training sessions for court clerks. Rachel enjoys visiting with friends and family and taking trips back to Charlotte.

**Melanie Parker Robinson** and husband Dave welcomed their second child, son Noah Lane Robinson, on June 19. Noah joins big brother Jordan, 5. They reside in Madison, Ala., where Melanie works for the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in the genomic services laboratory and Dave is the business office manager for CarMax.

**Suzanne McReynolds Scott** lives in California with husband Matt, son Tyler, 2, and daughter Chloe, 3. She teaches special education but is taking a few years off to raise her babies. She plays competitive beach volleyball again. She would like to make a trip back to Charlotte to visit Queens, old friends and, of course, Bar Charlotte.

**Wayne Smith** married Asrida "Eida" in June 2011 in Penang, Malaysia (her hometown). They were proud to host several international guests, including **Gabe Neville** and **Henry Okoth** and wives. They recently moved from Beijing to Paris, where Wayne took on an expanded role leading strategy and development for Lafarge's businesses in all of Asia.

## 1999

**Shaun Brown** has launched a nonprofit organization for the community that specializes in keeping youth fit and active while strengthening the family core. Brown Athletic Division, affectionately called B.A.D., has been steadily growing and thriving in uptown Charlotte. Visit [BrownAthleticDivision.org](http://BrownAthleticDivision.org).

**Shayne Rodgers Buchanan** returned to Nove Zamky, Slovakia, for a third summer teaching English to primary school students using a vacation Bible school format. This time also included four days of rest and relaxation in Budapest before traveling to Cluj, Romania, where she taught English to high school students in an overnight camp setting. She hopes to return in summer 2014.

**Todd Burrell** is the PGA head golf professional at Carolina Lakes Golf Club in Indian Land, S.C. He is the owner of The Golf Shop at Carolina Lakes and has co-hosted ESPN radio's 730AM show, *The Golf Shop*, several times over the past few years. He lives in uptown Charlotte.

**Laura Langley Hash** and husband Brian decided last year to adopt a child out of foster care. They spent months completing their home study and, an amazing 18 hours later, received a call about 3-week-old twin girls. This was made even more amazing by the fact that Laura's mother and father are both twins. They adopted Brianna and Lily Hash on May 11.

**Jewelina McKendry Jacobs** and **Jason Bradley Jacobs '00** live in Augusta, Ga., with their two daughters, Imani, 8, and Nadia, 6, and adopted puppy. Jewelina teaches piano and guitar lessons and works part time as the children's program director at their church. Jason is the training manager for a childcare resource and referral agency.

**Matt Smith** and **Allison Walsh Smith** live in Durham, N.C. Allison stays home with their three children, Tobin, 6, Evan, 3, and Lauren, 1. Matt is English department chair at Riverside High School. In summer 2011, they embarked on a five-week, 5,000-mile road trip adventure to visit family and friends in Georgia, Louisiana, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

**Rob Spidle** has returned from Thailand to the United States where he hopes, with the help of angel investors, to begin a chain of muffler and exotic dance parlors. Should that fail, he expects to continue life with his wonderful wife-ish and his cat/dog duo and to work as a network Swiss Army knife for a spice manufacturer in Richmond. Seriously, Rob is a network administrator for CF Sauer Company.

**Whitney Harris Wallace** lives in Boone, N.C., with husband **Travis Wallace '95** and son Nathaniel, 9. Whitney works for the ministry of Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child (OCC) as a curriculum and training specialist. She spent an incredible week serving alongside OCC volunteers and staff in Kampala, Uganda.

## 2000

**Amber Huthmaker Dixon** and husband John celebrated the birth of their second child, Viviana Noelle, in June. Big sister Isabella is excited to have a new baby sister to call her best friend. The family lives in Atlanta.

**Allison Hart** lives in Charlotte and works as a web content manager and lead copywriter for Red Ventures. She and Tim Koch welcomed son William James Koch on March 23.

**Cameron Rogers Helms** and husband Trey welcomed a son, Worth McLendel Helms IV, on December 2, 2011, at 12:34 p.m. He was 22 inches long and weighed nine pounds, 14 ounces.

**Paula Ronkko Naeff** paula@naeff.ch, husband Stefan and son Noah, born in March 2011, moved into a brand new house in March. Paula works part time at Black Diamond as head of credit management and teaches Pilates on the side. Come visit in Switzerland!

## 2001

**Shawn Bowers Buxton** is a professor for Queens, where she teaches CORE and English. She and husband Bo were expecting twins in December.

**Heather Kirstein Clements** is thrilled to announce the arrival of her third child, William Lafayette Clements, on November 11, 2011. He joins big sister Gracie, 3, and big brother John, 6. Heather and husband Casey teach in the Wake County Public School System.

**Tracy Reid Huneycutt** married John Huneycutt on February 19, 2011. She moved from Charlotte to the Winston-Salem area, where John accepted a position as a youth/associate pastor for a Methodist church. She works in the department of neurosurgery at Wake Forest Baptist Health and stays active within her church community. Tracy and John were expecting their first child in October.

**Tracy Kaylor Miller** works full time as a mom to three boys, 5, 3 and a baby born in November, and part time as a hospitalist in a large downtown hospital in Louisville, Ky. This has afforded her opportunities to volunteer in faith-based clinics in the area.

**Pamela Miller Swanson** and husband Todd welcomed a son, Ian Matthew Swanson, on July 3. He was nine pounds and 20.5 inches long.

## 2002

**Christopher Ammon** and **Kristen Kelly Ammon** celebrated 10 years of marriage by renewing their vows, followed by a second honeymoon to St. Martin. Kristen is a nurse manager of a pediatric specialty clinic at Duke Children's Hospital. Christopher is still rockin' it out at home with Elias, 6, and Ethan, 2. Elias is in first grade.

**Erica Brady Angert** and **Jack Angert** recently moved from Louisiana to Richmond, Va., for Jack to take an actuarial job with Genworth Financial. They enjoy being closer to family. They have two boys, Kent, 5, and Dean, 2.

**Jill Brumer** is a nonprofit coordinator for Workshop Houston, where she teaches sewing and screenprinting to inner-city middle school students. This fall, she celebrated five years teaching in the drama department of San Jacinto College.

**Roxanne Reynolds Crawford** lives in Matthews with husband Scott and daughter Charlie. She is preparing for her PMP certification in project management. She enjoyed catching up with classmates at the 10th reunion and is hoping an idea that came up at reunion comes to fruition: YAP reunion!

**Kristin Whitley Haas** works at Belk, Inc. as a senior financial analyst doing sales planning, competitor analysis and innovation. On December 17, 2011, she and her husband welcomed Jacob Ryan Haas, who loves playing with older brother Owen David Haas. They reside in Waxhaw and love spending time at their new beach house in Hilton Head Island.

**Misha Heard** works as a federal civilian in the nation's capital for the US Navy. She recently completed work on her master's degree in peace operations.

**Nicole Kenney Joseph** married Robert Joseph on July 16, 2011. She works as a learning consultant for Bank of America, supporting training initiatives for Merrill Edge. This fall, she hoped to complete a master of science in organization development at the McColl School. She was

selected as a graduate student representative for the McColl School Alumni Association's board.

**Chris Kolobow**, Colleen, Colette and baby boy (who was due in September) decided it was time for a change. After a lifetime on the East Coast, they moved west to Boise, Idaho. Chris is pursuing his family nurse practitioner at Georgetown University (online) while working as an operating room registered nurse.

**Julia Blevins Mercabi** received her master's in school leadership in May from Gardner-Webb University. She teaches in Charlotte.

**Justin Stahl** and **Shelby Deats Stahl '00** have two children, Evan, 3, and Hadley, 8 months. Justin works at Bank of America, and Shelby is a stay-at-home mom.

**Kirsten Trowbridge**, after receiving a master's at UNC and teaching biology at Bennett College, is working on her doctorate in environmental health. She sings with a couple of bands and is pregnant with a little girl!

## 2003 10th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Ernest Cox** is the director of guidance and counseling for Judson Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. He and wife Elizabeth welcomed their third child, William Ernest "Liam" Cox, on June 16. Sofia and Stella love their little brother. Liam is still waiting on visits from uncles **Troy Meisner '04**, **Chris Mothershead '04** and **Elliott Willson '05**.

**Kyle French** spent the last year on his first overseas deployment to Kuwait and Afghanistan with the 233rd Transportation Company serving as platoon leader. He was reunited with his family on July 15 at Fort Knox. Kyle was able to come home during the deployment to welcome his third son, Timothy Michael French, on March 1.

**Janice Gabriel** is a substitute teacher who does a lot of theater. She is the executive director of an outdoor theater in Danbury, Conn., and recently had the opportunity to perform her dream role of Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense*. Janice recently moved to Danbury.

**John Horton** and wife Lauren welcomed a son, Nash Warren Horton, on June 7.

## CLASS NOTES

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**Adam Hyatt** and wife **Kari Arthur Hyatt** celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary in July. Both Adam and Kari continue to teach for Franklin County Public Schools. Son James began kindergarten in August, and their daughter is a mini diva.

**Joan Brown McCarthy** and husband Kevin bought their first house in Orange County, Calif. They celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary this fall. Joan's career took an exciting turn to production, and she assisted a producer and director as they prepared for a fall release of their first motion picture, *Black November*. She was able to get a cameo in the film!

**Heather Winecoff Todd** is employed with Carolinas Healthcare System as the supervisor of molecular pathology. She and husband Jason enjoy family time with daughter Haidyn, who turns 2 in February 2013.

**Annie Kendall Williams** lives in Charlotte with husband Steve. She works in marketing at Central Piedmont Community College and was recently promoted to assistant director of marketing.

### 2004

**Emily Benton** received a master of fine arts in creative writing in May 2011 from UNC Greensboro, where she also edited poetry for *The Greensboro Review* and taught full-time in UNCG's English department. She moved in fall 2012 with her longtime boyfriend to Hilo, Hawaii. They both write and share a plantation house with their two cats.

**Aaron Brantly** and wife Nataliya welcomed a baby boy in 2011. Aaron is completing his doctorate in international relations at the University of Georgia.

**Kellie Joplin Caudill** and husband Jason welcomed their second child, daughter Maris Lindsey Caudill, on June 25. She joins big sister Lucy Cate, who turned 2 in October. Kellie enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.

**Kristin Garber** started graduate school in fall 2011 at UNC Charlotte and bought her first home in May. She works full time as a research coordinator at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, working on an NIH grant.

**Sarah Hennessy** has made her exodus from "cubicle farming" in the aerospace industry and is pursuing a freelance career in web design. Her sole proprietorship, theRoadthere Designs, [theroadthere.com](http://theroadthere.com), specializes in logo design, web design and layout.

**Alison Kendrick** accepted a promotion as marketing specialist at Mood Media Muzak, where she has worked in inside sales/client relations since March 2011. She has also been lending her vocal chords to Mood's Voice Talent department, which provides customized on-hold and in-store productions for businesses around the country.

**Taryn Rimland** lives and works in Italy for USA Girl Scouts Overseas. She is planning several trips this year to Ireland, Spain and Kenya. The plan is to move back in April to the States, but things could always change.

### 2005

**Devon Grenda Carley** and husband Darrell welcomed their first son, Preston Grenda Carley, on December 15, 2011.

**Ian David Fiske** and **Allison Weatherford Fiske '08** were married on February 26 in Key West. **Amanda Banks McGrath '06**, **David Box '08**, **Vinny Iorio '08**, **Keatin McKenzie '09**, **Elisabeth Podair '09** and **Ellie Ramm '09** were members of the wedding party. Ian practices as an attorney for the Department of Homeland Security in Arlington, Va. Allison is a teacher in Washington, D.C.

**Valerie Evans French** has been a stay-at-home mom to two little boys while husband **Kyle French '03** is on his first deployment to Kuwait and Afghanistan. During the middle of R&R, the family welcomed their third little boy, Timothy Michael French, on March 1.

**Cerena Beltran Hardney** and **Adam Hardney '07** reside in Florida, where they continue to work and enjoy son Noah, 1.

**Chad Hensen '02** and **Natalie Kotowski Hensen '05** married July 14 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Charlotte. In addition to the many Queens alumni in attendance, the wedding party included **Jason Fennemore '02**, **Michael Hensen '06**, **Brittany Smith Lindberg '05**, **Colleen Morton**

**Chevalier '06**, and **Whitney Hensen '09**. The couple honeymooned for two weeks in Hong Kong and Thailand. They reside in the Charlotte area where Chad works for KPMG LLP in financial management and Natalie teaches at Winthrop University.

**Britné Stubbs** resigned in July from her five-year stint as the head softball coach at Brevard College to take the head assistant softball coaching position at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and in NCAA Division I, Western Athletic Conference.

**Lindsay Tice** graduated in 2011 from UNC Charlotte with a master of arts in gerontology. She lives in Charlotte and is the director of the Healthy Generation Program at the Laurels in Highland Creek. Last April, Lindsay, **Amy Henry Hanna**, **Sarah Beth Harkless Mulet**, **Melissa Verea** and **Samantha Simmons West** had a mini-reunion when **Katie Rae Goodman Caruso** visited from her new home in Canada.

**Melissa Grove Wilson** is finishing her master of arts in ethics and applied philosophy at UNC Charlotte. She is working on her thesis and assisting Dr. Rosemarie Tong with the fourth edition of *Feminist Thought*, used in universities throughout the country. In fall 2013, she plans to begin pursuing her juris doctorate at CharlotteLaw.

**Kelly Quave Work** is a stay-at-home mom to two girls, Blakely, 3, and Sydney, 1. She and husband Chris bought a home in Cornelius, N.C. Kelly is maintaining her music therapy board certification and plans to return to the field in the future.

### 2006

**Devin Baranowski** is customer care coordinator for Oreck Corporation. She is involved with various local philanthropic events and serves as advisor for the local chapter of Alpha Delta Pi. In August, she finally visited Ireland.

The class expresses sympathy to **Katherine Bilbro** on the death of her grandfather John Woodrow Davis, who passed away on March 16.

**Colleen Morton Chevalier** married Michael Chevalier on October 22, 2010. They welcomed Kinsleigh Jo Chevalier on April 10.

**Johanna Clifford** moved to Baton Rouge, La., for a job as an associate for ENVIRON International

Corp., after earning a master of science in environmental engineering at the University of Central Florida. Her technical paper, "A 2009 Mobile Source Carbon Dioxide Emissions Inventory for the University of Central Florida," will be published in the *Journal for the Air & Waste Management Association*.

**Allison Payne Gnilka** married Dr. Alexander Gnilka on April 28 at Central Church of God, with the reception held at Queens. Allison's mother is **Donna Payne** (Hayworth).

The class expresses sympathy to **Susan Vaughan Guthrie** on the death of her mother, Jane Choate Cook, who passed away on September 21, 2011. Susan is the executive director/director of client services for SeniorBridge in Charlotte.

**Shaun Hogan**, after opening a nonprofit art education company, Occasio, had a project picked up by NPR and featured on *Charlotte Talks*. The project showed accessibility issues in Charlotte faced daily by people in wheelchairs.

**Elizabeth McGuire** serves as associate pastor at Salisbury Presbyterian Church of Midlothian, Va. She and husband of three years, William, were expecting their first child, a boy to be named John Howell McGuire, on December 3.

**Cynthia McDonald** graduated in June from the University of Denver with a master's in social work. She returned to school after volunteering in the Peace Corps in Ukraine from 2007 to 2009.

**Beverly Snyder Mickey** and son Nelson traveled on August 28 to Moshi, Tanzania. They spent two days as ambassadors at the Amani Children's Home. On September 3, they began the 53-mile Mt. Kilimanjaro climb, led by Charlotte author Macon Dunnagan, followed by a three-day safari. They also spent three days in Amsterdam.

**Alese Wilson Monahan** and husband Brandon celebrated their second anniversary in July. They have moved to North Chesterfield, Va., and added a new member to their family. Audrey Louise was born in February. They also have two sons, Bayden Thomas, 7, and Talan Michael, 5. All three children were baptized into the Catholic faith on June 30.

**Rachael Murdock** received a master of arts in international studies, with distinction, in April

from DePaul University in Chicago. Her thesis was titled, "US Foreign Policy During the Nixon and Ford Administrations Toward Chile."

**Caitlan Greene Parker** moved in February to New York City. She works as an English as a Second Language teacher at two language schools. She will start graduate school at the School for International Training Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vt., for a master of art in teaching English to speakers of other languages.

**Deborah Jackson Popour**, after enjoying three years as an army wife in Fort Bragg, has moved to the Huntsville, Ala., area with husband Bill and son Garin, 4. She has spent the past year teaching preschool and training in leadership as the lead teacher at the local Sylvan Learning Center.

**Chrissy White Santos** married Delano Santos on August 11. She is the owner of Chrissy's Custom Creations, a business for personalized gifts for events such as graduation, weddings and birthdays, as well as a full line of baby shower registry items. She and Delano built a home in Charlotte.

**Michael Wynne** is pursuing his law degree at Elon University School of Law. Wife **Caroline Bist Wynne '05** is the director of marketing for Truenorthlogic, an education software company. They reside in Cary with 4-year old Bloodhound Charlie, named after Michael's mentor and retired Queens professor, Dr. Charles Reed.

## 2007

The class expresses sympathy to **Jane Wardlaw Coulter** on the death of her son Henry Carrington Coulter, who passed away on February 29.

**Mary Strayhorne Day** lives in Northern Virginia and works with a real estate title company. She graduated in December 2011 from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law and plans to take the Virginia bar exam in February.

**Thomas Lewis** graduated from medical school on May 17 at the Medical University of South Carolina, where he remained to complete a residency in adult psychiatry. His research interests include addiction psychiatry as well as interprofessional healthcare teams.

**Kristin Reinhold McCool** married Stephen McCool on May 26.

**Elizabeth Minei** is finishing her dissertation titled, "Communication and Leadership Issues within the Stagnancy/Growth Phase in the Organizational Life Cycle of Small Businesses." She won the 2011-2012 Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award for the University of Oklahoma. She graduates with a doctorate in May 2013.

**Jessica Burke Mulkey** and husband David live in Raleigh. They welcomed their first child, Regan Kathleen Mulkey, on October 6, 2011. Jessica works with the NC Turnpike Authority and enjoys playing tennis leisurely with her husband. They enjoy going to the beach and cannot wait to show Regan around the Queens campus.

**Dana Rizor** graduated from The University of Alabama School of Law in May and planned to take the Alabama bar exam in July. She is excited to announce her engagement to **Taylor Burton '05**.

**Neal Woodworth** and wife **Erin Crager Woodworth '06** live in Olathe, Kan. Neal graduated in December 2010 from the University of Kansas School of Law and works as an attorney for Polsinelli Shughart PC. Erin works for Fred Pryor Seminars, a seminar planning company, as a meeting planner and contract administrator. They were expecting their first child, a boy, this fall.

## 2008 5th Reunion - April 19-21, 2013

**Brittany Clark** lives in Charlotte and works in the accounting department at New Market Waste Solutions. She is getting married to Brett Hullander in April 2013. They met through her Queens classmates.

**Alyssa Knowles Cox** married Shawn Cox on May 12.

**Amanda Leggett** is in her final year of doctoral studies at Pennsylvania State University and beginning the job search.

**Amber McClain** graduated in May from the Florida State University College of Medicine with her medical degree. She will be at Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando to complete her residency to become a pediatrician.

**Hayley Pasko** is working toward the completion of her master's degree in counseling at George Washington University. In June, she got engaged

## People First

**KIM HENDERSON EMBA '12  
KEEPS THE CHARLOTTE BOBCATS  
CONNECTED**

When you ask Kim Henderson her secret to success she will tell you, "It's all about building relationships and treating everyone you meet with respect." She demonstrated her advice when she emerged on the Charlotte business scene 10 years ago, landing a job she found through a neighbor. She moved up the ladder at Novant Health, beginning as a special events coordinator. Four promotions later, she was senior director of corporate relations. "My first office was next to the morgue; when I left, my office was next to the CEO," Kim says.

One of her greatest accomplishments during her tenure with Novant Health—a not-for-profit network of hospitals and medical services in Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas—was managing its relationship with the Charlotte Bobcats. She spent eight years building the partnership and negotiating with the Bobcats leadership team, including Michael Jordan. It was this relationship that landed her a role as vice president of community affairs for the Charlotte Bobcats and executive director of the Cats Care Foundation.



*Kim Henderson (right) joins Charlotte Bobcats guard Matt Carroll for an interview by Eryn Gradwell, social media coordinator for the Charlotte Bobcats at a Bobcats Season Ticket Holder golf outing.*

Kim is thrilled with her new career endeavor with the Bobcats; she believes in the vision and leadership of the organization. The position is one of 30 in the country. The Cats Care Foundation directly impacts its Charlotte neighbors—last year during the Thanksgiving holiday, team members participated in Put the Full Court Press on Hunger. During nine events over 10 days, they rallied to feed the hungry by doing such things as collecting canned food and giving out 200 turkeys.

Kim herself believes in community involvement and has given her time and talent to the United Way,

the Arts & Science Council and Woman Executives. Husband Patrick McLoughlin helps her keep family first in the midst of a busy schedule, especially regarding their 3-year-old daughter, Evelyn. "Without the partnership Patrick and I have at home, I would not have been able to take on new career roles and academic challenges," she says. Kim graduated from the EMBA program in May and was a recipient of the Woman in Business scholarship. ■

—*Jamie Grauel, Director, Alumni & Development, McColl School of Business*

to **John D. Hannon '07!** They plan to get married in the summer of 2013. They are loving their time in Washington, D.C., with their two dogs, Isabelle and Tuna.

**Sairy Sanchez** received a master's degree in architecture in May from UNC Charlotte. During her last year of graduate school, she completed a graduate thesis and worked as the graduate teaching assistant for the structures course. She lives in Charlotte and has recently become part of Ardrey Kell High School's coaching staff for the men and women's cross-country teams.

**Lauren Brown Shepherd** earned a master of arts in literary studies in 2011 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She lives in Manhattan and works as an associate with the workforce communications and change practice of Mercer, an international consulting firm. Lauren married Chris Shepherd (Illinois State University '06) on May 12. Chris is a teacher and coach in the South Bronx.

## 2009

**Sarah Burt** left Emagination Unlimited as marketing maestro and moved to Augusta, Ga., for

a new job as a project manager at Wier Stewart, an advertising and creative agency.

**Gabriel Davis** is an operating room registered nurse with Novant Health, specializing in emergency nursing. He volunteers as an assistant girls varsity basketball coach for his hometown team. He works at his church, Providence Baptist, helping coordinate youth sports. Gabriel enjoys biking around Charlotte and traveling.

**Ashton Hill** works for Quality Health Care Services as a full-time nurse case manager for a North Carolina Medicaid-waiver program called

CAP/C and part time as a private duty nurse specializing in respiratory distress. In July, Ashton began the family nurse practitioner program at South University in Savannah, Ga., and anticipates completing her degree in fall 2014.

**Molly Hogan** lives in Charlotte and works as a staff writer at the *SportsBusiness Daily*.

**Andrea "Drea" Janssen** resides at the Jersey Shore and works as the social media manager at Masterminds Advertising. Check out her latest project: The Greater Maker at Facebook.com/PoconoTourism.

**Elisabeth Podair**, for over two years, has been at the SouthPark marketing agency, Spark Strategic Ideas, as an account executive. She also writes for *The Charlotte Observer*. She enjoyed celebrating **Allison Weatherford Fiske's '08** special day with **Ian Fiske '05** in Key West.

**Katie Walsh** began her second semester in August of her second year of law school at CharlotteLaw. She works for a law firm uptown and this fall worked with CharlotteLaw's Access to Justice program at the Self-Serve Center in the county courthouse. She enjoys playing with her Labrador Retriever-mix named Sawyer.

**Brittain Williams** is a registered nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She works in the operating room specializing in trauma, transplant and orthopedic surgery. She is also working on her adult nurse practitioner degree.

## 2010

**Anne DeLuca Broadhurst** married **Walter Broadhurst '12** on November 19, 2011.

**Sarah Crawford** is moving to Lake Charles, La., with **Joel Ferdon '12**. Sarah will be working for Pearson. Joel will be attending graduate school.

**Ashley Davis Holland** married Thomas Lee Holland on July 14.

**Carol Jean Deason** lives in Charlotte, working as a registered nurse at Carolinas Medical Center. She travels in her time off.

**Joan Kleinmann** is a recreation and music therapist for Presbyterian Hospital. Joan

welcomed a son, Elijah Richard Kleinmann, on January 30.

**Amanda Valbert** lives in Charlotte and is the director of Carolina Juniors Volleyball at Sports Connection, a family entertainment center. She has been there for almost a year. In December, Amanda expected to complete her master's at Argosy University, Atlanta. She would like to enter the field of human resources, consulting or executive coaching.

**Rebecca Nuenzig Wall** has worked at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem since July 2011 as a registered nurse in the behavioral health department. She married Bryan Wall on May 12. They honeymooned in Thailand. Bryan, originally from Davidson, is a teacher out of Gaston County Schools. They met while getting their CDL licenses. Their next step is to get a farm.

**Courtney Williams** has relocated from Pittsburgh, Penn., to Charlotte with her boyfriend of three years, Nathan. Courtney is the senior project manager at Accrinet Corporation, a digital agency in Charlotte, where she has worked since March 2011. In fall 2011, she served as a fellow with the Michael Scott Mater Foundation, a local nonprofit organization promoting sustainable solutions.

## 2011

**Arden Bullard** lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., with dog Monte and works as the marketing coordinator for RingRevenue, a technology company whose platform provides call-based marketing solutions. Arden backpacked through Europe for two months. She hopes to take on Southeast Asia next.

**Whitney Everhart Danso** was recently married and resides in California, where she is working on her doctorate in clinical psychology.

**Ely Friedman** is taking on the CFA, one of the most challenging things he has ever done. He would like to give a big thank you to Queens and all friends and family for supporting him.

**Sara Parks** works in Dearborn, Mich., as a financial analyst in Ford Motor Company's IT department. As part of the distinguished rotational program Ford offers, she has never felt more fortunate and motivated for what is in store for the future.

**Leslie Pitman** is seeking her master's degree in higher education from the University of South Carolina. This summer, she interned in South Korea at Sookmyung Women's University. She plans to pursue a career in international education/study abroad.

**Jessica Lynn Walsh** is a project controller (consultant) for technology companies. She is looking for permanent opportunity and working on Project Management Professional certification. She continues to pursue her GRE/master's degree. She resides in suburban Pennsylvania. Her groups of interest to keep American studies alive are The Fund for American Studies and the American Studies Association.

## 2012

**Ben Brink** began working in August with The Trinity Center Sound to Sea Program, teaching school groups about the environment, in Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

**Walter Broadhurst** married **Anne DeLuca Broadhurst '10** on November 19, 2011.

**Amber Huthmaker Dixon** welcomed a daughter, Viviana Noelle Dixon, on June 28.

**Paige Fisher** began pursuing her master's degree in biostatistics in the fall at Drexel University's School of Public Health.

**Elisabeth Gonzales** works as a data analyst at Tire Intelligence in Charlotte. She enjoys working with people from all over the world and the international culture within the office.

**Lakisha Hawkins** got her dream job in the neonatal intensive care unit at Presbyterian Hospital. After her son was born at 25 weeks weighing one pound five ounces, she had a burning desire to become a nurse in the NICU. Her goal is to provide the best care possible to the neonates and compassionate support to the families.

**Jamie Kreber** works full time as a kennel assistant at South Park Animal Hospital and hopes to get a veterinary tech license in the future.

**Carlton Long** has accepted a position as a registered nurse with Novant Health at Presbyterian Hospital for the Cardiovascular Institute residency.

## CLASS NOTES

**Ndiagna Long** is an oncology nurse at Presbyterian Hospital Main in Charlotte.

**Brittany Philip** is manager of customer service at Atlantic Trading, LLC.

**Chelsea Schilling**, with a degree in political science, accepted a paralegal position for an immigration law firm in Charlotte.

**Adam Starr** is employed as a CPA specialist at Carolinas Healthcare System in the corporate patient information access department.

**Jaime Torres** works for Allstate in Charlotte and is a full-time mommy to son Brayden Lane Torres, 16 months.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Richard Warner MAT '94** credits his exceptional Queens training for his successful career in education. Rick is employed in the Fort Mill school district, where he was recently promoted to director of instructional technology. He is especially proud that his son Caleb began attending Queens this fall, pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing.

**Iris Cumberbatch EMBA '00** was named vice president of public affairs for Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank.

**Linda Pitts Nelson EMBA '00** relocated back to Charlotte from Hilton Head Island. Linda is employed by Nuance Communications.

**Jeffery Hess MFA '05**, following the award-winning anthology of military stories titled, *Home of the Brave: Stories in Uniform*, is editing *Home of the Brave: Somewhere in the Sand*. The new anthology will focus on America's military involvement (directly or indirectly) in Iraq and Afghanistan. To submit a story for consideration or to preorder your copy, go to [press53.com/HomeoftheBrave.html](http://press53.com/HomeoftheBrave.html).

**Vicky English MAT '06** received her National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification in November 2011 and was one of only 26 teachers in Gaston County to receive this prestigious honor. She was also selected by her colleagues at Sadler Elementary as the 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year.

**Janice Gasaway MSN '92** joined Cone Health System in September 2010 as the quality performance manager for LeBauer HealthCare and the Cone Physician Network. In March, she was promoted to director of quality and safety for

physician services. She is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

**Charles Robbins' MFA '07** latest nonfiction book, *The U.S. Senate*, a collaboration with former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, is scheduled for publication on January 22, 2013, through Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press. Charles's political novel, *The Accomplice*, was published in September.

**Clay Lewis MBA '09** celebrated 10 years with Bank of America in July, shortly after receiving a promotion to staffing executive within the global staffing organization. He chairs the Billy O. Wireman Memorial Tournament and volunteers at The First Tee of Charlotte. He enjoys spending time with daughter Caroline, 3, and son Sanders, 1.

**Gustavo Montenegro EMBA '10** has been busy working overseas. He is almost never in Charlotte but is always glad to hear news from his classmates.

**Merrilee Campbell Bridgeman MAT '11** is teaching at The Epiphany School of Charlotte, a private school in Matthews for children grades second through eight with high-functioning autism and Asperger's syndrome.

**Kim Henderson EMBA '12** was recently named to the Charlotte Bobcats executive team. Kim is vice president of community affairs and executive director of Cats Care Foundation.

**Jonnie Martin MFA '12** is shopping her novel *Wrangle*, set on a Texas Quarter Horse ranch in the 1970s. Jonnie regularly writes a weblog, [jonnimartin.com](http://jonnimartin.com), about authors, fiction and the literary world in general.

## In Memory

**Hughla McCollum Holman '34**, 4/13/2012.

**Louise Holland Thompson '36**, 3/17/2012.

**Betty Baker Bean '38**, 3/17/2012.

**Josephine McDonald Rees '38**, 3/21/2012.

**Virginia Lea Cathey Short '38**, 7/15/2012.

**Elizabeth "Lib" Green Holmberg '40**, 5/29/2012.

**Lucielle Gwaltney Hunter '40**, 4/10/2012.

**Mary Lib Stevens Miller '40**, 5/22/2012.

**Zoe Strawn Webster '40**, 6/23/2012.

**June Childs Alexander '41**, 8/25/2012.

**Gentry Burks Bielaski '41**, 7/21/2012.

**June Burks Reeves '41**, 5/14/2012.

**Iris Mayhew Pollard '42**, 3/30/12.

**Dorothy Meyers Slaughter '42**, 3/24/2012.

**Betty Sue Goforth Cisne '43**, 7/12/2012.

**Lucy Hassell Davis '43**, 9/11/2012.

**Kathreen "Cassie" Massie Minor '43**, 3/24/2012.

**Mary Nixon Taylor '43**, 4/22/2012.

**Jane Grey Torrey '43**, 4/5/2012.

**Nancy Baker Brown '44**, 8/25/2012.

**Dora Lybrand Eason '44**, 4/5/2012.

**Margaret "Peggy" Bradford Hyland '44**, 5/30/2012.

**Annye "Bettye" Welch Atteberry '45**, 3/23/2012.

**Frances Kornegay Kimbrell '45**, 7/8/2012.

**Carolyn Hobson Cartwright '46**, 2/20/2012.

**Edith Curlee Grenzbach '46**, 8/15/2012.

**Margaret Harrill Hollingsworth '46**, 8/25/2012.

**Ginner Neill Keith '46**, 3/25/2012.

**Doris Skirrow Leese '46**, 6/7/2012.



Lorraine Goodman Wallace '46, 8/24/2012.

Rachel Gamble Yandell '46, 3/15/2012.

Ann Emerson Ranson '48, 7/20/2012.

Shirley Lee Kolbe '49, 5/11/2012.

Hazel Anne Fraser Sims '49, 5/23/2012.

Erna Seifart '50, 4/1/2012.

Sara Lee Baxley '51, 5/24/2012.

Nancy Thacker Poole '51, 7/22/2012.

Jean English Mercer '52, 3/20/2012.

Evelyn "Evie" Lyons Shay '53, 4/1/2012.

Rebecca Urban Upshur Bull '54, 8/1/2012.

Patsy Harmon Troutman '54, 7/14/2012.

Mary Lou Johnston Wayne '55, 4/18/2012.

Sharon Burkhard Barnum '57, 8/19/2012.

Elizabeth "Betty" McGeachy Ernst '57,  
7/26/2012.

Robert Lineberger '57, 3/26/2012.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Watson Little '57, 6/13/2012.

Jane Vick Robinson '57, 7/12/2012.

Margaret Jones Woods '57, 8/27/12.

Mary-Jo Wooten Spaugh '59, 7/2/2012.

Mary Jac Vaughan Chambers '61, 4/16/2012.

Eloise Smith '65, 6/7/2012.

Susan Herb Crocker '68, 6/1/2012.

Ann Lefferts Guthridge '68, 6/15/2012.

Elizabeth "Beth" Jacober Harvey '73, 2/1/2012.

Shelley Barbaree Taylor '77, 4/18/2012.

Virginia Allison '79, 7/22/2012.

Suzanne Freeman '91, 5/26/2012.

David Scott '95, 8/8/2012.

Shannon Martin Hunter '96, 3/15/2012.

Anne Marie Wicker '09, 5/15/2012.

Dr. Dougald McDougald Monroe, Jr., English  
professor, 6/1/2012.

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## Making the Grade

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A BANK EXECUTIVE SIGNS UP FOR ART HISTORY ALMOST FOUR DECADES AFTER HIS LAST BUSINESS CLASS? BEN JENKINS TELLS HIS STORY**

*By Benjamin P. Jenkins III*

**M**y wife and I were on the sixth day of a wonderful trip to Italy with some good Charlotte friends. We were enjoying great scenery, fine art, wonderful food and yes, good wine. As we stood in a church in a small Tuscan village admiring a 17th-century painting, I mentioned that I loved art but knew nothing about it. “You’ll be retiring in a few months,” one said. “You should take some art history courses at Queens.” I laughed a little at that, but off and on for the remainder of the trip I thought about it. Eight months later, I enrolled in my first college course since finishing business school in 1971: 19th Century European Art.

In late August of 2010, I arrived at Queens for the first day of class. Finding the classroom on the first floor of the Watkins Building, I went in and sat down. The kids were great and put me at ease.

When the professor arrived, things became quiet. Dr. Siu Challons-Lipton asked students to introduce themselves and then gave an overview of the course, including the number of quizzes and papers to be written and the need to participate in class discussions. Even though I was not taking the course for college credit, I could just tell that I was in for a lot of work. My professor had earned a doctorate from Oxford University on this subject. I hoped I wasn’t in over my head.

In the days that followed, each class was like being at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, listening to a world class art historian. This was just what I wanted.

But my skills as a student were rusty. On about day 12, we had our first quiz, and while I had attended all classes, had



taken full notes on each day’s lecture and participated rather nicely in all class discussions, my test score left room for improvement, a point Dr. Challons-Lipton noted on the first page of my test book.

Shortly after this quiz, we began to work on the term paper. “The completed paper will answer your own thoughtful question about your subject,” Dr. Challons-Lipton explained.

With a real lack of current library and web research experience, I nervously began my work. We had two weeks to complete the paper. I decided to write about J. M. W. Turner, a landscape painter who is a magician with color and light. He is arguably Great Britain’s greatest artist, and his landscapes tell dramatic, emotional stories often taken from real life experiences. For the paper I would find a mirror image of Turner in the field of music, someone who produces the same energy, drama and emotion in music as Turner does in his paintings.

I examined the best of the period: Bach, Beethoven, Debussy and others, but I could not find a fit. With two days left before the paper was due, I was—frankly—in a mild panic.

Late that day I heard a musician on the radio whom I have always loved. His music affects me emotionally the way Turner’s pictures do—they tell

great stories with feeling. That night, I researched the musician’s early life and found that it was much like Turner’s. Bruce Springsteen turned out to be the mirror image I needed.

On day 13 I crafted the paper, demonstrating my thesis by matching three examples of Turner’s greatest masterpieces with three Springsteen tunes. My writing project was complete!

I wish I could say I finished the class with flying colors. The final exam was again a challenge. I was somewhat better prepared and more focused, and my grade on that exam showed improvement. But as my wife said not so long ago, “Once a C student, always a C student.” I’m sure I got the grade I deserved.

But I also got a lot that I didn’t: a second chance, 40 years later, to learn about a subject that I love. ■



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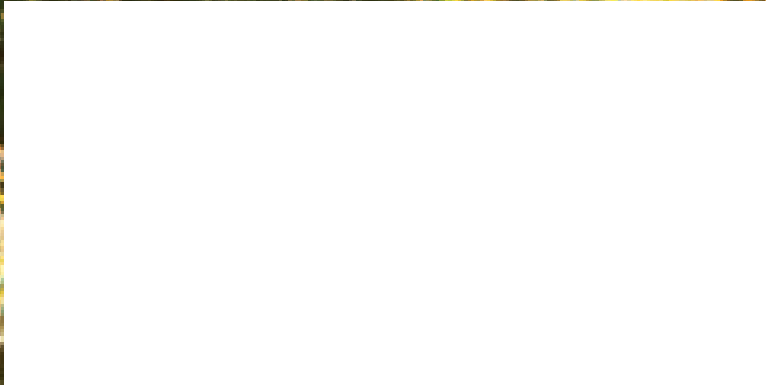
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