

QUEENS

WINTER 2015

THE MAGAZINE OF QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE



100 Years in Myers Park

Developers asked Queens to anchor the new neighborhood in 1914; we look back on a century of milestones

Also

- Bill Berry and the EMBA
- Online Graduate Programs
- The Legacy Campaign
- Coach Norchi

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2014 - 2015

Michael Marsicano, *Chair*
Sallie Moore Lowrance '70,
Vice Chair
Kathryn Winsman Black '93,
Secretary

Howard Bissell III
Jan Hall Brown '73
Deborah Butler Bryan '68
Kevin Collins
Marjorie Knight Crane '90
Christine Louttit Crowder '82
Jesse J. Cureton, Jr., EMBA '02
David C. Darnell
Carlos E. Evans
Anthony Fox
Ophelia Garmon-Brown
Carson Sloan Henline '81
David Jones
Sandra P. Levine
Thomas L. Lewis '97
Catherine Parks Loevner '71
J. Michael McGuire
Katie B. Morris
Michael W. Murphy II '95
Bailey W. Patrick

Elizabeth Hunter Persson '00
Larry Polsky
Myrta Pulliam '69
Thomas J. Reddin
Mary Anne Boldrick Rogers
David V. Singer
Caroline Wannamaker Sink
Michael C. Tarwater
Cynthia Haldenby Tyson
Ruth Anne M. Vagt '69
Manuel L. Zapata
Pamela L. Davies, *ex officio*
Susan L. McConnell '83, *ex officio*,
Alumni Association President
Kristin Diemer '15, *Student
Liaison to the Board*

Life Trustees

Irwin "Ike" Belk
Dorothy McAulay Martin '59
Hugh L. McColl, Jr.,
Chairman Emeritus
John H. Sykes '57
Virginia Gray Vance '49



QUEENS MAGAZINE

WINTER 2015

EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

Rebecca Anderson EMBA '13
editor@queens.edu

MANAGING EDITOR

Laurie Prince

ART DIRECTOR/DESIGNER

Dréa Leonetti
Laura Belanger

PHOTOGRAPHER

Laura Belanger
Jen Johnson MSEC '14
Nikia Squire '16

**PRODUCTION AND
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER**

Dana Robles

CONTRIBUTORS

Rebecca Anderson EMBA '13
Amy Bareham '16
Laura Belanger
Regina Betz
Virginia Brown
Whitney Combs
Adelaide Anderson Davis '61
Meghann Goddard
Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13
Melissa Hankins
Cindy Manshack
Lisa Noakes
Emily Pinkerton
Laurie Prince
Dana Robles
Laura Sutton

PRINTING ON RECYCLED PAPER:

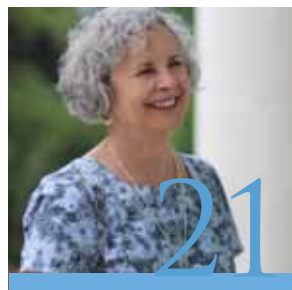
The *Queens Magazine* is printed on a paper which is 10 percent post-consumer waste fiber and 10 percent total recycled fiber. Elemental chlorine-free pulps, acid-free and chlorine-free manufacturing conditions meet and exceed archival standards. Using 10,341 lbs. of paper for this project, here are the benefits of using post-consumer recycled fiber instead of virgin fiber:

26.06 trees	preserved for the future
11,069 gal	wastewater flow saved
1,225 lbs	solid waste not generated
2,412 lbs net	greenhouse gases prevented
18,458,685 BTUs	energy not consumed

See for
yourself.

Our new, interactive digital viewbook allows you to personalize your Queens experience based on your interests. Check it out and share it with friends!

queens.edu/future-royals



Departments

From the President	2
Campus News	3
Investing in Queens	10
Happenings	12
Alumni News	21
Class Notes	24
Parting Thought	44

100 Years in Myers Park 13

IN 1914 DEVELOPERS ASKED QUEENS, ALREADY A HALF-CENTURY OLD, TO ANCHOR A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD; HERE'S A LOOK BACK ON A CENTURY OF MILESTONES

By Virginia Brown

The Wit and Wisdom of Bill Berry 17

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEFINING FACE OF THE EMBA

By Rebecca Anderson EMBA '13



On the Cover:

People passing the Queens campus in Myers Park will see this plaque along Selwyn Avenue, erected by the North Carolina Office of Archives and History to designate Queens' historic significance.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Queens marks 100 years in Myers Park this year, and on page 13 you'll find a look back on a century of milestones for both Queens and her neighborhood.

Our school was more than a half-century old when George Stephens offered it a prime spot in the center of a new development on John Myers' farm. The campus would be bordered with streets named for prestigious schools, including Wellesley, Radcliffe and Stanford. The architecture would be grand, with a landscape designed by the now-famous John Nolen. Taking a big risk, Queens moved from the city to the pastureland of Myers Park, opening five impressive buildings in 1914. Today, I work upstairs in Burwell Hall, the centerpiece of the 1914 design.

Milestones like this—100 years in Myers Park—cause us to reflect on where we started and where we've come. They also inspire us to wonder about the future: what's next?

In the early years of my presidency, we worked hard to expand our academic programs and improve our campus infrastructure. Today, with that work largely behind us, I can now turn my attention to our greatest need: the endowment. A university's endowment determines its financial future more than any other factor. It underwrites student scholarships and supports a strong academic community. Building our endowment will give the next generation of Queens' leaders the opportunity to dream and grow in ways we can't foresee.

Queens took a big leap in 1914, moving to a place that was nothing more than a promise. A hundred years from now another timeline will be drawn. Now is the time to ensure it tells a story we're proud we shared. Join me in establishing a legacy fund that will impact hundreds and thousands of young people we'll never know.

But they will know us, the ones who dreamed.

Best wishes,

Pamela Davies

Pamela Davies, PhD
President

Your Letters

Alumni profiles in the summer 2014 issue drew a number of comments from readers.

I enjoyed the alumni profile of Beulah Louise Henry and kept a copy for my research. My work with Julia Ward Howe has taken me into the lives of women in this time period.

*Kim Holley MAOCOM '08
Virginia Beach, Virginia*

The writer is a doctoral candidate in communication at Regent University.

I was delighted to read Jenn Goddu's article about my dear friend and classmate Chris Safford Beck (Class of 1964). The writer captured Chris's unique gifts and her incredible passion to help the kids in our world whose voices go unheard and who seem to have no escape from their lives of poverty. Her work since we graduated has been a continuous effort to help open doors for these children and young people.

*Sue Dyer Milbourne '64
Strafford, Pennsylvania*

Your staff of designers, contributors and photographers continues to make me proud of my alma mater's alumni, faculty and current students. The "Class Notes" are generally fun to read, and as I age, I appreciate the efforts you make to not only keep us informed, but to stay connected. Otherwise, without this magazine how would we know the joys and the sadness we all experience on our journeys in this world?

*Libba Layfield Eleazer '68
Charlotte, North Carolina*

We'd like
to hear
from you!

Please send your letters to:
email editor@queens.edu
mail Rebecca Anderson
Marketing & Community Relations
Queens University of Charlotte
1900 Selwyn Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28207

Letters should be limited to 250 words and include your full name, address and class year or Queens affiliation. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Winning Across the Board

SGA PRESIDENT KRISTIN DIEMER '15 FOUND HER FOCUS IN THE POOL

As a high school senior in Oak Ridge, North Carolina, Kristin Diemer decided to attend a big, somewhat anonymous-feeling university. She had no real plans to swim there, despite her passion for the sport. Then she got a call from Queens' head swim coach, Jeff Dugdale. "And that altered everything," she says today, sitting on campus in a pool of autumn sunshine. "He totally changed my mind."

Over the next three years, Diemer worked with Dugdale and her teammates to develop a dedicated and successful swim team, and she says the process hewed her focus and drive. "I was one of the first classes to swim here," she says proudly. She's collected a list of titles, including National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) All-American.

Diemer's days at Queens are spent with a clear single-mindedness. She rises

at five in the morning to start swimming at six, and then she attends classes before practicing again in the evening. But the pool doesn't trump class. "One thing that's unique about our swim team here," she says, "is the emphasis on academics over athletics. Usually it's the other way around, and it really helps to keep me on the right track." Her academic achievements include the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship's Elite 89 award for the highest grade point average of all female Division 2 athletes for the year.

Her transformation has impressed Coach Dugdale. "There's a level of maturity she's had since she came here, but what I've really noticed is the way she's learned to harness everything."

Between schoolwork and swimming, Diemer has a lot of meetings. Even so, she's taken on yet another challenge for

her final year at Queens—becoming president of the Student Government Association. "Oh, we're working on so many things," she says, smiling. "Campus improvements and getting more funds to clubs and organizations, a food task force, creating a space for 24-hour printing...." Her to-do list goes on and on.

"She's going to leave a legacy that will be sustainable," Dugdale says. "She is a face for teamwork, character, determination and service."

But Diemer credits teammates, classmates, and faculty as critical to her achievements. "They've taught me to get involved, to go after my passions. I don't think I would have found that kind of community at a big school, and I hope to always have one going forward." ■

—Melissa Hankins

Briefly Noted

LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM THE HORNETS

The McColl School hosted lectures with leaders from the Charlotte Hornets on September 10 and 12 in Ketner Auditorium. The Hornets' president, executive vice president and general manager discussed the challenges and opportunities of rebranding the team from the Bobcats to its original Hornets name. Later, head coach Fred Clifford shared his coaching philosophy and spoke about the qualities needed for effective leadership in the sports industry.



The Hornets executive team visited Queens in September to discuss rebranding.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

For the second consecutive year, Queens ranks #18 in the Regional University South category of the 2015 U.S. News & World Report, and also ranked an impressive #2 in the nation for percentage of alumni giving. Queens is also recognized as having one of the highest ratios of students studying abroad, as well as being North Carolina's most diverse private regional university.



The second floor of Everett Library was renovated during the summer, funded by the Friends of the Library.

EVERETT REVAMPED

Everett Library's second floor received a summer renovation. The revamped floor includes a new study room, collaborative work areas, updated furnishings and shelving as well as a power and Internet-port study bar.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

On September 10, North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper spoke to Queens students about loan debt, credit card management and identity theft protection. The lecture was part of a statewide initiative to help college students better manage their finances.



State Attorney General Roy Cooper visited campus as part of a statewide initiative.

AMERICAN LEGION

On August 26, Queens welcomed the American Legion's Employment and Education Division to campus for a symposium addressing the variety of challenges that veterans face in the transition from military to civilian life. The event was part of the American Legion's annual convention that brought more than 9,000 people to Charlotte. ■

TITLE III GRANT

Queens has been awarded a \$2.2 million "Strengthening Institutions" Title III grant by the Department of Education. The grant, to be dispersed over five years, will help bolster a number of academic programs and services that support student persistence—especially among underserved and diverse populations—to graduate.



—Regina Betz

Advancing the Academic Agenda

IN JULY, LYNN MORTON LEFT HER POST AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES TO BECOME PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

After more than two decades at Queens, Lynn Morton still comes to work everyday with a sense of wonder. “It’s a very special place—I’ve never found a place I’d rather be than Queens,” she says. She’s probably seen the inner workings of the school from more perspectives than anyone else on campus, beginning with a job as adjunct instructor of English in 1990 while completing a PhD in Renaissance British literature. Each step of her teaching career—and teaching has been her passion—has led to greater administrative responsibilities. Colleagues

have discovered her remarkable talent for getting things done in a respectful, inclusive manner. Her appointment as provost this past summer received unanimous support from the deans, vice presidents and faculty council.

When asked for three words that define Queens, Morton quickly gives, “committed, passionate and student-focused.” Those words could also describe her steady presence through decades of change. ■

—Laurie Prince

In the Classroom

BIG DIFFERENCE?
HONR 110

Diversity on campus has become a common goal for most colleges and universities in the United States. But how beneficial is a diverse campus if members of various groups don't interact and learn about each other? According to Nyaka Niilampti, an assistant psychology professor, the college years are when most people have the widest range of exposure to diverse populations.

In an effort to capitalize on this, Niilampti launched a new honor's seminar this past fall for first-year students called "Big Difference:?" One of the first things she asked was, "What do your friends look like?" The answers were telling. Most students admitted their friends tended to look a lot like they do—same color of skin, same age, same sexual orientations and similar intellectual and physical abilities. And so began a journey into multi-cultural diversity for 14 freshmen.

Niilampti's goals are straightforward: through readings, films, documentaries, class discussions, reflective exposition and experiential class activities, students become more self-aware and more aware of the diverse world around them. Topics include gender, race, ethnicity, sexual preference and social identity, as well as mental and physical disabilities. Professor Niilampti hopes that through her teaching, she can help students appreciate themselves and the diversity that surrounds them in a profound way.

FACULTY

Nyaka Niilampti is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and has been on the faculty since 2010. Her

areas of expertise are multi-cultural counseling and sports psychology. She serves as a liaison between the university and the athletics department, helping to certify that student-athletes are eligible to compete. She represents Queens in conference and NCAA affairs.

She completed her undergraduate work at Princeton University and earned an MA in sport psychology from UNC Chapel Hill. She holds a PhD in counseling psychology from Temple University. She continues to practice in a clinical setting and is co-director of a local sport psychology program.

CLASS MATERIALS

- Films
- Videos
- Assigned readings
- TED Talks
- Campus activities, such as a luncheon on disability awareness

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Weekly reflection papers: a minimum of two pages giving thoughtful responses to assigned readings and classroom discussions
- Student-led classes on specific topics: presentations include an analysis of the topic and its cross-cultural impact as seen from various perspectives ■

—Dana Robles



Assistant Psychology Professor Niilampti and her students engage in spirited conversation about gender, race, ethnicity, sexual preference and social identity.

Second Time Around

AFTER EARNING AN ART HISTORY DEGREE, MASON SWIMMER '15 ENROLLED AT QUEENS TO FOLLOW HIS PASSION FOR MUSIC



Photo by Randal Steele

Mason Swimmer plays the drums during the R.Evolution Festival in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mason Swimmer is in no hurry. The 25-year-old Queens music therapy student is slow and deliberate in his movements, tucking his long, wavy hair behind his ears as he speaks. While he looks like an average college student, his story is far from ordinary.

In 2004, while sliding into second base during a high school baseball game, he felt something was wrong. “Well, I was out,” he says with a laugh, but more than that, his right knee hurt badly. A few days later, while walking, his leg gave out completely, forcing him to the ground.

Swimmer was 15 years old when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma—bone cancer.

Difficult years followed, especially when his dad, Scott, was diagnosed with

cancer shortly after his own diagnosis. They pulled through and today raise funds and promote cancer awareness through the family’s nonprofit, DrumsForCures, which operates from his grandmother’s farm, Misty Meadows on Providence Road in Charlotte.

Swimmer’s love of art took him to UNC Wilmington where he earned a bachelor’s degree in art history. But it wasn’t his final path; music was a big part of his life, so he enrolled at Queens to earn a second bachelor’s degree in music therapy. When he graduates in May, he plans to work as a music therapist, using guitar and percussion to help hospital patients cope with their diagnoses and heal.

Rhythm is universal, meditative and fun, Swimmer explains. “My dad is kind

of a percussaholic,” he says. The family’s drumSTRONG events take place from Denver to Tokyo, uniting thousands of people like Swimmer and his dad and their loved ones. When a crowd forms a drumming circle, it’s transformational. “Sometimes you look across the room at someone, and there’s just this moment,” he says. A moment that tells him someone, if even a stranger, understands.

Throughout his journey—through seven surgeries, a year of treatment and extended hospital stays—he had bad days, days when he’d wake up to clumps of hair on his pillow and find it hard to face his reality. But he never lost hope. “I was never scared,” he says. “I just knew I would be OK.” ■

—Virginia Brown

Online Graduate Degrees

EXPANSION AIMS TO MEET GROWING DEMAND

When Queens launched its online graduate degrees in the fall of 2013, the inaugural classes held 43 students. One year later that number has tripled. Today, 150 students are pursuing their graduate degrees online.

“There are a lot of people in the market who have a great respect for Queens,” says Emily Richardson, dean of the Hayworth School of Graduate and Continuing Studies. However, as working professionals, they don’t have time to come to campus to study. Offering online graduate degrees addresses that pent up demand.

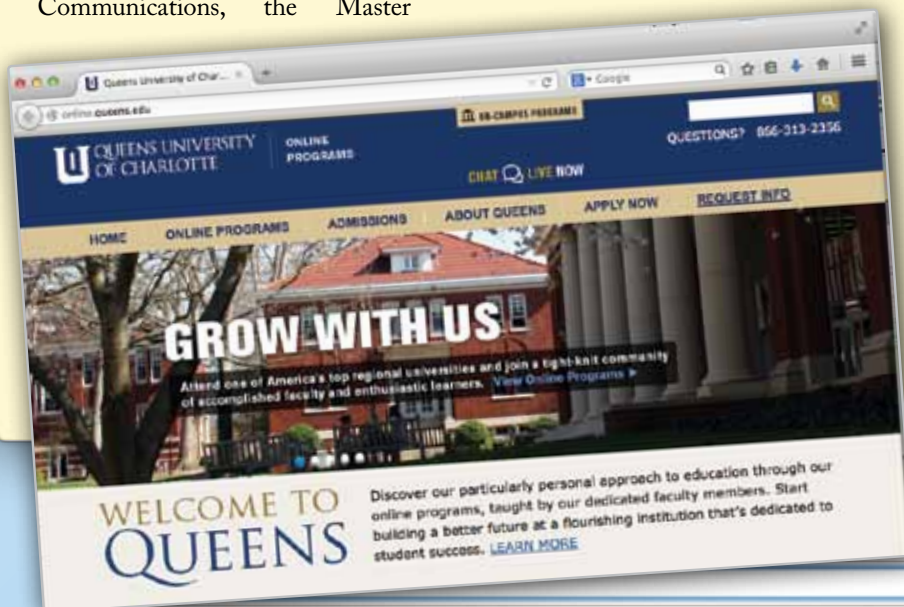
Queens currently offers four online graduate programs: the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Arts in Communications, the Master

of Arts in Educational Leadership, and the Master of Science in Nursing.

Success can be traced to the quality of the courses says Zachary White, director of graduate programs at the Knight School. “We deliberately thought about how best to create an online learning environment that highlights Queens’ values of faculty-student engagement,” he says. “We provide students the opportunity to learn according to their own schedule while maintaining a vibrant, theoretically-driven learning community fostered by a creative, entrepreneurial spirit.”

Looking forward, Queens anticipates more growth in online enrollment and is considering at least two additional graduate degree offerings. “We want to make sure we maintain the quality of education going forward,” Richardson says. “We’re not in a hurry to do this so fast that we lose either the continuity of program or quality of education.” ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13



Are you interested? Queens is offering alumni a 10 percent discount off their first online class. Learn more at online.queens.edu or call 866-313-2356.

One Student’s Experience

A month after she completed her undergraduate business degree, Rosemary Gause '14 took a job as an assistant vice president of middle office product control at Bank of America. It was a big move up for the 32-year-old mom who lives in Concord, North Carolina. After 13 years at another bank, she’d landed the type of job that college graduates dream about. Her ambition and hard work were paying off.

One degree down, she had another to go. She planned to earn an MBA, but not until life settled down—it’d been tough to manage school, work and taking care of her son. However, during the summer she learned Queens offered an online MBA. By August, she was back on campus for her first residency.

There was an immediate bond among the students in her cohort. “You wouldn’t think you’d get that close that quickly,” she says, “but all of us want to succeed.” To strengthen their commitment to finish in two years, they named their group Royal Quest 2016. During the residency they met the dean and professors, went white-water rafting and enjoyed social events. Students were also connected to alumni and assigned an alumni mentor. With so many Queens MBA graduates in Charlotte, Gause is discovering camaraderie in lots of places. “It’s a great network to be a part of,” she says.

How’s her son taking all of this? She says the 10 year old is proud. “He knows how hard it was. He saw me graduate. Online allows me to parent him without a lot of distraction—and to give him what he deserves.” ■

—Laurie Prince



Rosemary Gause '14 and her support system, her 10-year-old son Damon.

Bob Woodruff

THE ABC REPORTER RIFFS ON BBQ TO MANDARIN AT LEARNING SOCIETY LECTURE



Queens students chat with Bob Woodruff outside Sykes Learning Center when he visited in October.

We had the opportunity to see the lighter side of the famous ABC reporter Bob Woodruff when we sat with him for a few minutes before his Learning Society presentation in October. From enjoying good ol’ Southern barbeque to playing lacrosse in college, here are few fun things we learned.

Since he was visiting us here in Charlotte, we had to start with what matters most: “Do you like barbeque and iced tea?” The answer: “Yes!” He made sure to point out “not sweet tea, just regular cold tea mixed with lemonade.”

Since Woodruff was a star lacrosse player in college, we wanted to know if he instilled a love of the game in any of his four children. Oddly enough, his son never played but all three of his daughters did, something he says was influenced by their friends, not by him.

After discussing life’s most important topics—food and sports—we asked what was the most frustrating story he’s ever reported? It was his time spent in North Korea. He was denied access for interviews which made reporting extremely difficult; he was only able to report on what he physically saw. According to Woodruff, you couldn’t trust anything you heard.

We ended the conversation by asking him about his fluency in Mandarin. He quickly pointed out he would never consider himself fluent. The first Mandarin word he ever learned was *nǐhǎo*, which means hello, but probably the most important word was *píjiǔ*, which means beer. ■

—Lisa Noakes

HUNTER-HAMILTON

Love of Teaching Award

The Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award honors those teachers who uniquely inspire the potential of students. It is given to a Queens faculty member based on nomination letters from alumni, faculty and current students. The cash award is divided between the recipient and an academic department or program selected by the recipient. It is announced at commencement in May.

Nominations can be submitted by email to awards.hamilton@queens.edu, or on the web at www.queens.edu/Hunter-Hamilton or by mail to Hunter-Hamilton Teaching Award, Office of Academic Affairs, Queens University of Charlotte, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28274. Please include your class year. Nominations are due on March 1.

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.

Call for Nominations



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

Securing the Future

QUEENS LAUNCHES “BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION,” AN AMBITIOUS ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

By Rebecca Anderson EMBA '13

Queens' endowment has enjoyed impressive growth—from \$30 million in 2002 to \$95 million in 2014—but Vice President of Advancement James Bullock says we must do more. “Revenue from tuition, either in good times or challenging times, is just not enough to sustain any institution. For that reason, the combined power of many individual endowments bolsters quality and provides the stability

investing and sound fiscal management, the endowment's assets increase over time.

In the early years, President Pamela Davies focused largely on expanding Queens' academic programs and improving the university's infrastructure. A strategic thinker whose writings on leadership are used in business schools across America, Davies led the creation of new schools, such as the Blair College

determines its financial future more than any other factor. Not only does it underwrite critical scholarships that help attract the type of student we know can thrive at Queens, it also supports a vital and dynamic academic community,” she says.

A rule of thumb in higher education suggests an ideal ratio of \$100,000 in endowment funds per student. Bullock translates that to Queens. “With our long-term plans to reach 2,000 traditional undergraduates in the next decade, our goal is to increase the Queens endowment to \$200 million through planned and outright gifts over the next decade. That's the level of support we'll need to accomplish our aspirations for the university.”

One of the benefits of an endowment campaign is that donors are able to match their own personal passions with areas of need at the institution.

According to Bullock, gifts come in all shapes and sizes. “At more than \$20 million, Mr. Byrum's incredible gift in 2011 created the largest endowed scholarship program in Queens' history. Just as importantly, Queens receives smaller estate and other gifts designated to the endowment, and they, too, contribute to the university's success in significant and meaningful ways.” ■

“
Revenue from tuition, either in good times or challenging times, is just not enough to sustain any institution.
— Vice President of Advancement James Bullock ”

a university needs over the long haul.”

A strong endowment is critical to the long-term success of any university because it creates a stable source of income to support the school's students, faculty and programs in perpetuity. Most university endowments are made up of multiple funds dedicated to specific purposes (restricted funds) combined with unrestricted gifts. Through savvy

of Health, Cato School of Education and the Knight School of Communication. The campus itself enjoyed a physical renaissance thanks to capital projects like Rogers Hall and the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation.

With those priorities largely accomplished, President Davies has turned her attention to growing the endowment. “A university's endowment

FIVE TYPES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

When donors establish endowment funds through planned or outright gifts, they leave a permanent legacy of support for Queens. Most endowment gifts match a donor's passion to one of the following categories:



Support for faculty via salary, summer research, travel or professional development



Support for deserving students via scholarships



Caroline Love Myers '55 followed her sister to Queens.

Adding the Endowment to an Estate Plan

MIKE AND CAROLINE LOVE MYERS '55

By Laura Sutton

As a girl growing up around the corner from the Queens campus, Caroline Love Myers '55 could not have imagined the lifelong connection she would develop with the school. Her sister, Mary Jane Love Nye '47, attended Queens, and it wasn't long before Caroline herself was a student. Once graduated, she remained involved at her alma mater, serving on the board of trustees, leading the alumni association board and even working as registrar for a time.

A long-time member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Caroline founded non-profit Crisis Assistance Ministries with the church's support. Senior Pastor Bob Henderson says, "Caroline embodies the best of Christian faith in her public service and in her church family."

When Caroline and husband Mike made estate plans, they divided their estate into five portions—one for each of their children, and the remaining one for institutions that have meant a lot to them. "We wanted to leave a legacy not just for our children but also for the things that have been significant in our lives," Caroline explains. "Queens is high on that list, not only because of its influence on me personally, but also for its positive impact on the entire community." ■

To learn more about the Beyond Our Imagination campaign, contact Adelaide Anderson Davis '61, associate vice president of alumni relations and planned giving, at 704-337-2329.

BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN FOR QUEENS

Building a strong endowment is the greatest gift that we can provide the university, a powerful embodiment of *non ministrari, sed ministrare*. To learn more, watch our video with Mrs. John R. Irwin Bible Chair Reverend Dr. Diane Mowry and Shirley Tison Ward '49 Presidential Scholar Hannah Trawick '16 at www.queens.edu/legacy.



Support for programs like study abroad, career readiness or leadership development



Support for the maintenance of a beloved building or to sustain beautiful landscaping



Unrestricted support for a wide range of important needs

HAPPENINGS

ENGAGING RESEARCH

In 2009, as part of a long-term initiative to broaden opportunities for student-faculty collaboration, the university began increasing the number of faculty-led research projects open to students. Opportunities to gather and analyze data, as well as contribute to important research findings, are building student portfolios and strengthening graduate school applications. Here are five recent projects.

—Lisa Noakes



TRANSITIONING FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Nursing Instructor Vicki Talbot (above left) and students Melissa Reece '14 (center) and Melissa Miller '15 (above right) researched how to better prepare students for the clinical culture. They compared different hospital systems, looking at the changing healthcare environment and protocols. They then developed a notebook to help instructors prepare students for the transition from classroom to clinic.



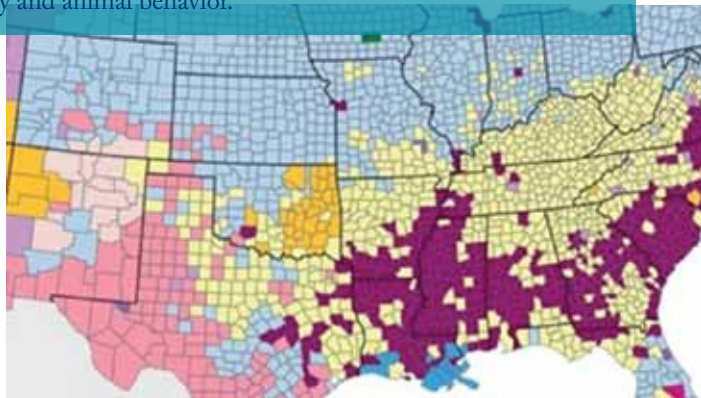
CARDINAL BEHAVIOR

Associate Professor of Biology Jeff Thomas (above right) worked with Jillian Carroll '14 (above left) to study cardinals on Queens' campus. They caught and color-banded the birds in order to track their movements and communication. The biology, chemistry and environmental science departments have conducted similar research through an on-going partnership with the Carolina Raptor Center. Students study genetics, raptor movement, cell biology and animal behavior.



STUDENTS & KINDLES

Associate Professor of Education Suzanne Horn worked with students Mary Jasperese '15 and Jacqueline Curran '15, both English majors/secondary education minors, to determine if an electronic reader, such as a Kindle, helps struggling ninth graders become better readers. The goal was to provide students with tools to encourage them to develop more positive reading behaviors.



IMMIGRATION POLICY

Associate Professor of Sociology Jay Wills and Assistant Professor of Political Science Margaret Commins worked with international studies major Morgan Yaguda '15 on a paper that examines state-by-state variation in immigration policy. Yaguda was the research assistant on the project, coding more than 1,300 bills across 50 states. She used it to develop a capstone project for her major.

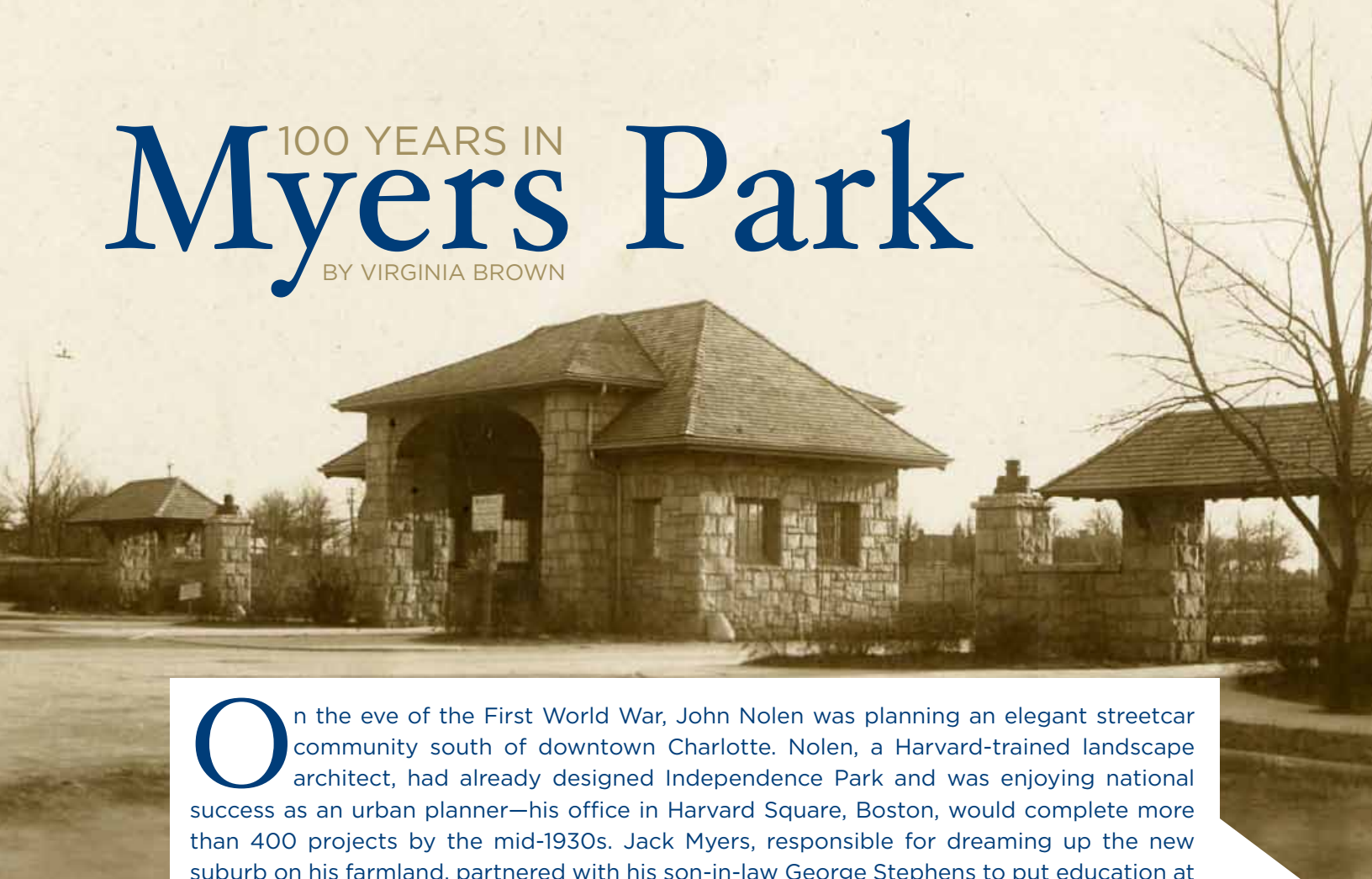
A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S TIMELINE

Associate Professor Mike Wirth worked with new media design majors Christopher Vilela '14, Kathryn Rutherford '14 and Nicole Forgone '14 to create an interactive timeline of Holocaust survivor Mordka Topel (right) who endured four concentration camps, including Auschwitz. The students also created a 3D infographic of the cup he used during his time in the camps, which includes his name and a number specific to him.



100 YEARS IN Myers Park

BY VIRGINIA BROWN



On the eve of the First World War, John Nolen was planning an elegant streetcar community south of downtown Charlotte. Nolen, a Harvard-trained landscape architect, had already designed Independence Park and was enjoying national success as an urban planner—his office in Harvard Square, Boston, would complete more than 400 projects by the mid-1930s. Jack Myers, responsible for dreaming up the new suburb on his farmland, partnered with his son-in-law George Stephens to put education at the core of the Myers Park vision. By offering free land, Stephens persuaded Queens, then named Presbyterian College for Women, to vacate its prime downtown location on College Street. Nolen designed a spacious site for the college at the center of the new neighborhood, creating a double-quadrangle of five Georgian buildings with Burwell Hall at the center. In 1914, Queens College opened with a new name in a promising location, with neighboring streets named for prestigious schools, such as Wellesley, Radcliffe and Stanford.

Queens and Myers Park have shared 100 years together. Here's a glimpse at that growth, decade by decade.



Top image: View of gated entrance to the Myers Park community and streetcar waiting station, built in 1912. *Bottom image:* The five buildings that opened in 1914—McEwen, Burwell, Watkins, Jernigan and Hayes—still anchor the Queens campus.

A CENTURY OF SHARED HISTORY



Located on Roswell Avenue, Myers Park Country Club opens in 1921 in the former Horner Military School.

1920s

Providence Road Sundries opens in 1933 during Charles E. Lambeth's run as Charlotte's mayor. He owns the Dodge dealership and lives at 435 Hermitage Road.



In 1927, Mrs. Cameron Morrison finances the construction of Morrison Hall. Six cottages are built behind Burwell to house popular sororities.

1930s



German prisoners of war, who are vividly remembered by some Myers Park residents today, are assigned to develop the area that will become Hampton Avenue.



In 1933, the first Boar's Head Banquet, a popular tradition celebrated for 500 years at The Queen's College, Oxford, is held in Frances Young Dining Room in Morrison Hall.

1940s



The Young Diana, Goddess of the Hunt, a casting by Anna Hyatt Huntington, arrives on campus and becomes an icon for decades of Queens students.

The first branch of Charlotte's public library system opens at the corner of Queens and Providence roads in 1956.

1950s





Hugh McManaway, an eccentric and beloved Myers Park resident, directs traffic at the corner of Queens and Providence roads. Years later, a statue of him will be placed at the intersection in his memory.

1960s



A product of the Greek Revival movement, Belk Chapel holds its first service in 1950, complete with a 39-rank organ and 500 seats.

A building boom takes place at Queens. Everett Library opens in 1960—the mosaic mural by Edmund Lewandowski depicts fields of knowledge and religious symbols signifying the college's Presbyterian affiliation.



1970s



Elizabeth Clarkson's beautiful three-acre home becomes Wing Haven Gardens & Bird Sanctuary, a neighborhood mainstay.

The lush surroundings of Myers Park, including its magnificent tree canopy, attract many walkers and runners. The neighborhood holds its first marathon.



The college officially admits its first group of male students. A few enrolled following World War II on the G.I. Bill, but held non-residential status.

1980s



Before Ike Belk gifted Carol Hall as studio space for art students, it was the home of J. Luther Snyder, a prominent businessman and founder of the Charlotte Coca Cola Bottling Company.



Named after John Nolen, notable city planner and Myers Park architect, Nolen Kitchen opens on Selwyn Avenue.



1990s

A boutique business boom hits Myers Park, including Tommy and Debbie George's Pasta & Provisions, which opens in 1992.



With its dramatic curvature, the Trexler Student Center opens in 1993.

2000s

Among the new campus buildings is the 139-foot Evans Clock Tower, built to conceal a cell phone tower. The classical design maintains Queens' historic integrity.



Myers Park continues to thrive as one of Charlotte's most sought-after and prestigious neighborhoods.

2010s

Adding to Queens' growing academic reputation, Rogers Hall opens in January 2013 and the Levine Center in September 2013. Currently under construction, the Hall Brown Terrace and the Grigg Courtyard will open in spring 2015.



A photograph of Bill Berry, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and red tie. He is standing on a brick walkway in front of a building with large white columns and glass doors. The background includes green bushes and trees.

A MASTER *of* BUSINESS

ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROGRAM HE HELPED LAUNCH, BILL BERRY REFLECTS ON THE HISTORY OF THE MCCOLL SCHOOL'S EXECUTIVE MBA

By Rebecca Anderson EMBA '13

The first thing you'll notice if you spend any time at all with Bill Berry is his laugh. He punctuates his thoughts—often wry and subversively witty—with a sly “Ha HA!” It's an infectious laugh, and coupled with the twinkle in his eye and a self-deprecating shrug, it reveals a willingness to accept his own foibles as well as those of others.

The next thing you'll notice is his humanity. Deeply touched by his relationships with his students, Berry exudes a love of teaching that has inspired others for more than four decades.

In the edited conversation that follows, Berry shares some of the history and stories behind the birth and evolution of the McColl School's Executive Master of Business Administration.



Tell me about your early career.

BB: I intended to be a career military officer as my father had been. That ambition persisted until my second day of active duty. By then I was committed to a two-year tour, which included a year as a platoon leader with the First Air Cavalry in Vietnam. I learned a lot about self-discipline and leadership in those two years.

I came out of the army with no job prospects. My geophysics degree from Virginia Tech was great, but the oil companies weren't hiring in 1967 because they believed they had discovered all the oil they'd ever need. I wound up as a development engineer at a firm in Kentucky.

What led you to Harvard?

BB: I wanted to understand what was happening in the rest of the business, especially in accounting. I took some evening courses at Western Kentucky. Some of my faculty were really great, and I thought to myself, "I would like to do this."

So I looked around for doctoral programs. I chose Harvard because it was the only program that said it would prepare you for a career in teaching. And Harvard is where I met [retired Professor of Decision Science] Don Wallace. We were

research assistants and shared an office. Don's way of thinking had a profound influence on my life.

After Harvard, you went to Ohio State. What happened there?

BB: I was an assistant professor at Ohio State, on the tenure track. As part of that process I wrote articles, cases and published a textbook—that's what you do when you're an academic. I was awarded tenure, but in the process I recognized my heart was in the relationships built in the classroom, not in the research mainstream of academia. I don't see myself as an academic; I'm more of an educator. And tenure is not a particularly wholesome goal for a person to have. I've had it twice, gotten rid of it twice and haven't missed it now for 25 years.

How did you come to Queens?

BB: In the late 1980s, Don Wallace and I were somewhat disgruntled Wake Forest faculty. We toyed with the idea of launching a stand-alone Executive MBA. We thought Charlotte had promise.

A million bucks or so of capital was needed. We approached North Carolina National Bank to get a loan. Eventually we sat with the late Joe Martin, a wonderful man and the brother of our for-

mer governor. He suggested we talk with Queens.

Even though we assessed a high probability of being kicked out of [then Queens President] Billy O. Wireman's office, we set up a meeting in October 1988. Billy called Bob Finley into the meeting. We were very favorably impressed with the intellect, imagination and humanity of both men. We admitted our first class 14 months later in January 1990.

What other faculty were with you at the very beginning?

BB: From the outset, we had a marvelous group of faculty. Randy Kincaid was there along with Don, Bob and others. Cathy Anderson, Karen Geiger and Charlie Reed joined us in the 1990s. Many other notable faculty have come and gone, but these were the core.

What's the story behind the Dave Stephens Business Plan Competition?

BB: In the early years, it was simply a capstone entrepreneurial project. Then one day in September 2005, a fourth-semester participant, Dave Stephens, passed away. It was tragic and unexpected. Dave was a wonderful young man, and his death shook us all.

The next time the class was together we took some time to talk about Dave. One of his classmates, Pat Gallo, suggested the entrepreneurial project should become a competition with the winning team receiving The David C. Stephens Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award. The idea had so much merit that I agreed immediately. That's how the project transformed into a competition.

This year marked the tenth competition. In the spring, I received a call from Dave's mother. She asked if she and Dave's father and Dave's daughters, now in their teens, could attend. The EMBA community embraced them warmly. I believe that the presence of the Stephens family galvanized the class of 2014 into putting together one of the best sets of entrepreneurial presentations we have seen.

There have been some memorable moments in my career. None matches that day with Dave's family.

What's changed, if anything, about your students over time?

BB: Students on the whole are the same in that they are each different. Moreover, each class has its own wonderful personality. My observation, over the years, is that every person is excellent at something, and every person has some issues that need work. The unusual structure of the McColl EMBA provides space and opportunity to share strengths and fortify weaknesses. I believe one of our hallmarks is that you can learn something from each person you meet. That hasn't changed.

One thing that has changed is the rise of personal technology. We once debated whether or not to allow calculators in class!

You've said teaching in the Executive MBA is an art. How so?

BB: It's not easy to "teach" executives. In fact, it may be impossible. Most professors strive to convey information to students; i.e., "Today you're going to learn about x." But mature, experienced

professionals have different needs. With executives you need to create an environment where they can explore their own issues around specific topics. They want to apply what they're hearing to the reality of their own experience. And, since you can't control the direction of the discussion, guiding the conversation is more of an art than a science. Thirty Power-Point slides and a PhD aren't going to cut it.

The EMBA relies heavily on the Harvard case methodology. What's your favorite case to teach?

BB: First of all, the case method allows each participant to inject themselves, their opinions and their preconceived notions into a decision situation. In class discussion, their ideas are challenged and often overturned. The best cases, in my opinion, are those with the highest potential for people to leave class with an entirely different perspective. That's why the Benihana case is so good.

I also love cases that include unconventional leaders. Herb Kelleher of Southwest. Ken Iverson of Nucor. Jim Goodnight of SAS. Soichiro of Honda. These CEOs are unconventional in that



BILL BERRY'S TOP 10 CASES

Ampex Corporation
How can Ampex meet this impossible deadline?
.....

Benihana of Tokyo
It's a restaurant—it's a theater—it's a machine!
.....

Bennett, Strang and Ferris
Are some partners more equal than others? How do you know?
.....

Blanchard Importing and Distributing
What were Bob and Eliot drinking? Or thinking?
.....

Blitz Company
How to lose your competitive edge by achieving low cost.
.....

FBO
How to thrift yourself into bankruptcy in one easy lesson.
.....

Honda
How could this firm have possibly been successful?
.....

Hot Line
The best articulation of organizational dysfunction in all of case-dom.
.....

Plus Development Corporation
Why did Plus take on such a quarrelsome Japanese partner?
.....

Sunshine Builders
What was this home builder really selling?
.....

they treat employees like human beings rather than “human resources.” In doing so, they create a totally different organization competing in ways that cannot be emulated by their more conventional rivals.

What’s the weirdest thing that ever happened in class?

BB: Once, on a fine spring day, I had taken class outdoors to discuss a product liability case. The class was seated on a grassy knoll, and I was facing them. When discussion got to the housewife blinded by the product, the class erupted in laughter. And then a little later, when the product scarred a

child for life, again there was laughter. I asked a participant what was so funny. She said, “Oh, you missed it. A car went by on

It’s not easy to “teach” executives. In fact, it may be impossible.

the street behind you and a minute later they drove back and mooned us out the other side.” I have never again taken a class outdoors.

It’s been 25 years since the launch of the EMBA. Of what are you most proud?

BB: Queens gave us the latitude to develop an unusual, eccentric curriculum and a schedule that defied academic convention. In a very real sense, faculty and participants joined to create the “performance art” that was the EMBA. Everyone was both cast member and audience, learning from and teaching each other. Because we trusted each other, the art happened, and the learning experience was better for everyone. So, if I’m proud, I’m proud of what we, as a group of faculty and participants, were able to create and re-create for 25 years. ■



EMBA alumni gathered at The Duke Mansion for an evening of celebration and reminiscing on October 24. Guests included Jane McIntyre (lower left) and Hugh McColl (center). Bill Berry was honored for his role in the launching of the EMBA program at Queens.

The EMBA Marks 25 Years

The McColl School got down to business one evening in October to honor the people and traditions that have made the Executive MBA program special for the past 25 years. Alumni joined together at The Duke Mansion in Charlotte’s Myers Park to rekindle friendships with classmates and reconnect with favorite faculty, including founders of the program.

A discussion moderated by Tracy Grooms ’98, director of McColl undergraduate programs and banking initiatives, kicked off the anniversary celebration. The distinguished alumni panel included Jeffrey Brown ’03, president and chief executive officer of dealer financial services for Ally; Angi Clinton ’01, retired senior vice president of enterprise operation services for Duke Energy and Jesse Cureton ’02, chief consumer officer for Novant Health. Each shared thoughts on how Hugh McColl’s “Three Cs of Leadership”—competence, character and commitment to community—had contributed to personal success.

The evening concluded with a reception and remarks by President Pamela Davies and Bill Berry, founding professor of the Executive MBA. ■

—Whitney Combs

Passion for Players, Zest for Life

COACH FRED NORCHI HONORED AT ROYALS ALUMNI WEEKEND

Dedicated, passionate, humble and persistent are just a few of the words that Fred Norchi's former players used to describe their coach. During the Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony held at the Sports Complex on October 4, Queens honored the legendary coaching career of Fred Norchi. He started and led both men's and women's soccer programs for a combined 22 seasons at Queens.

Norchi came to Queens in 1989 and was charged with creating the varsity women's soccer program; one year later, he did the same for men. His teams were ranked in the Top 25 in the nation nine times and participated in the NCAA tournament five times, reaching the Elite 8 twice. He celebrated 306 wins with the Royals during his Queens tenure.

During his acceptance speech, Norchi compared the soccer ball to an instrument and the game to music. He spoke of the bond that is formed when one is part of a team, and encouraged former and current players in the room to never forget that.

His colleagues in the coaching community noted that he is and always has been respected by his peers. Norchi was not just a coach, but a leader, mentor and friend to his players. He now coaches youth soccer and spends time enjoying another passion, surfing in Costa Rica, but cherishes the memories he has of his days at Queens. "I'm so glad I got to coach people who loved the game that much," he said.

The Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place during Royals Alumni Weekend, when more than 175 athlete alumni and their families enjoyed complimentary access to all athletic events as well as a luncheon sponsored by Queens Alumni Association and Royals Athletics. ■

—Emily Pinkerton, Director of Alumni Relations

"It was his hard work, dedication and vision that got the [soccer] program where it is today."
—Angela Rushton '93,
Inaugural Season Recruit

"I'm a better man today because of the influence he had in my life."
—Derek Sessions '91,
Inaugural Season Recruit

"His lessons went further than the soccer field. He didn't just coach soccer, he coached people."
—Jordan Gerardi '92,
Inaugural Season Recruit



Coach Fred Norchi celebrates during Royals Alumni Weekend.
Photo courtesy of Nikia Squire 16

An Empathetic Approach

MARY STUART HANKINS HUNTER '74 HELPS FRESHMEN AT USC

Mary Stuart Hankins Hunter '74 appreciates the irony of her career path. She didn't have a stellar first-year at Queens. Yet, she now leads programs that affect first year students at the University of South Carolina. She's the associate vice president and executive director for University 101 Programs, an academic unit that fosters student success, and for The National Resource Center that serves first-year students and students in transition. She recently returned to Queens to speak to faculty about increasing undergraduate learning and success. The following is an edited transcript of our interview with this proud alumna.



Q: How was your first year at Queens?

MSHH: Typical of many students, I was not terribly well prepared. I made a lot of good friends, yet I did not have a sterling academic year. My first-year experience was a missed opportunity.

Q: Looking back at the four years, was Queens a success?

MSHH: Definitely. The curriculum taught me critical thinking skills and developed me as a writer. It paved the way for my first job as a national rep for Chi Omega, and that experience led me into higher education.

Q: How so?

MSHH: I was at the University of Florida meeting with an administrator who asked me what I was going to do when the Chi O job ended. At that point, I hadn't thought beyond that job. I really took his challenge to heart and began thinking about what I wanted to do. What were the things that I liked to do? Student affairs seemed like a perfect match.

Q: You went to grad school at the University of South Carolina and stayed on in student affairs. How was it "a perfect match"?

MSHH: Working at a college is the greatest job in the world because it keeps you thinking young. It also gives you the opportunity to work for something very important—a very educated citizenry—and to see the results of your efforts.

Q: Why is being intentional about the first-year experience so critical?

MSHH: First and foremost, institutions have a moral obligation, if they accept students, to provide support and help them be successful. Second, colleges and universities spend an awful lot of resources to recruit first-year students, so it is to the university's advantage to help those students persist.

Q: How did your understanding of student success shift when parenting your two college students?

MSHH: You begin to think very personally about it...you can do many, many things to support students, but you can't force development on somebody. They have to learn themselves.

Q: What was it like to speak to the faculty at Queens?

MSHH: The stakes were a little bit higher because I knew I was going to be introduced as an alum. The fact that teaching is a priority at Queens made me very proud. It's good to know today's Queens students are in the hands of such an engaged group.

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13

Be there...



Or tune in!

Queens men's and women's basketball teams take on Anderson University in our **first-ever televised event.**

The games are January 24 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on CBS. If you are in the Charlotte area, join us for the games and surrounding festivities at Queens' Levine Center.

It will be one to remember!



Mia Voss '18 (left) and CJ Triana '18 (right) learned about Queens from Betty Simpson Smith '67.

Betty Simpson Smith '67

HER LOVE FOR QUEENS CHANGED THE FUTURE OF TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Who are Queens' best ambassadors and advocates for the transformational experiences that await prospective Royals on campus? You—our alumni!

Betty Simpson Smith '67 exemplifies the power our alumni have in identifying prospective students and encouraging them to visit. As a Dana Scholar at Queens during the 1960s, she played on the basketball team, swam in the Dolphin Club and was president of Phi Mu sorority. She came to Queens from her hometown of Columbia, South Carolina, thanks to a scholarship. "My father was a high school principal, so unless I found a way to go off to college, I would have had to live at home and gone to USC," she explains.

Two Presidential Scholars arrived this fall thanks to Betty's "Royals spirit": CJ Triana of San Marcos, California, and Mia Voss of Atlanta, Georgia. Betty is CJ's cousin and a friend of Mia's family. She knew her alma mater would have much to offer these bright, talented students, so she encouraged them to apply and stayed in touch throughout their senior year. Both credit Betty's friendly calls and emails as influencing their decisions to attend Queens.

"When I meet a prospective student or a family I always ask, 'Have you ever thought about Queens? Internship and travel abroad programs are built into your studies there.' I tell them, 'Yes, it is affordable—Queens offers scholarships to most students,'" she says.

When the alumni relations staff heard CJ's and Mia's stories, they were reminded of the loyalty and enthusiasm that bind Queens alumni and their alma mater. Hats off to Betty for introducing students to Queens.

Alumni, you are one of Queens' most influential assets in recruiting the next generation of students. Who can you introduce to Queens today?

—Laura Sutton, Director of Advancement Communications & Foundation Relations

CLASS NOTES

Thank you to everyone who sent a note to stay connected with classmates. We love hearing from you!

To submit your class note for the next issue, email it by March 1 to alumni@queens.edu. Questions or comments? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations, 704-337-2504 or alumni@queens.edu.

1941

The class expresses sympathy to **Victoria Troutman Weaver** on the death of her brother, Dr. Belk C. Troutman, who passed away in January.

Victoria Troutman Weaver's three sons honored her with a 95th birthday party on February 23. Tommy Tomlinson wrote an eight-page spread for the March issue of *Our State Magazine* about the Troutman family. Victoria's youngest brother, Dr. Belk C. Troutman, passed away in January.

1944

Eleanor Lazenby Biggers and **Miriam Smith Whisnant** had a special time at our 70th Reunion. They reported, with the alumni office's help, on news of classmates, toured the beautiful campus in its "spring glory" and were honored at the luncheon. Special thanks to all at Queens for the wonderful memories they took home. Eleanor and Miriam agree that their Queens education has brought special blessings to their lives.

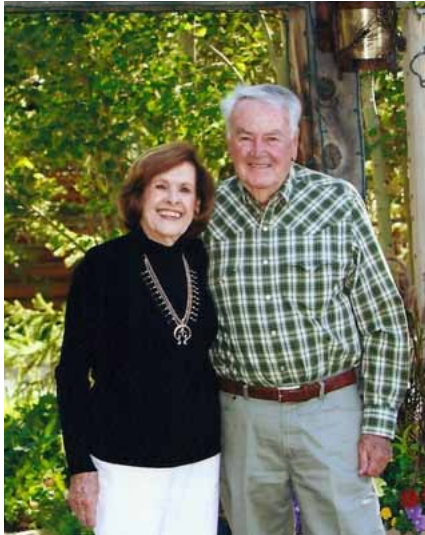
1946

Helen Davis Morrison and husband Don are still active with business and family. Grandson Sam graduated cum laude in June from University of California, Riverside. In September, she and Don were in Sun Valley, Idaho, where Don was honored for 67 years of business with Sinclair Refining Company.

Katherine Bain Taylor stays too busy as Bladen County president of retired teachers, as vice president of Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society and teaching older adults in Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church. She asks friends to please write her at 2105 Second Ave, Elizabethtown, NC 28337.

1950 65th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Adelaide Foil Farrell and one of her granddaughters, **Mollie Farrell '14**, share not only an October birthday but also a love for Queens as Mollie is a 2014 graduate and, Adelaide might add, a Chi Omega! They have such fun sharing and comparing their college days at Queens with each other.



In September, Helen Davis Morrison '46 and her husband, Don, were in Sun Valley, Idaho, where Don was honored for 67 years with Sinclair Refining Company.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marianne Permenter Hibbard** on the death of her husband, John Hibbard, who passed away on May 7.

Marianne Permenter Hibbard and husband John moved during Thanksgiving 2013 to the retirement community in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Sadly, John passed away on May 7. Marianne planned to spend her 85th birthday in November with son John, daughter-in-law Lisa and her three grandsons in California.

1953

Sara Boyce enjoys her church work with the seniors and traveling with friends and family, including her three great-nieces and one great-nephew (her grandchildren!).

Rebecca Scholl Schenck recently moved to Sharon Towers from the house that she and Gordon built 45 years ago. She is still in boxes "up to here." She reports that people are very friendly, and it's in her old neighborhood, so she can still get to Queens luncheons.

1954

Grace Hager-Andrews continues her involvement in support activities for teacher training and professional development. Recently, she was involved with Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa in establishing a scholarship at Queens supporting teacher education.

1955 60th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

The late **Patricia "Pat" Tucker Knox** is being honored with a public art project in downtown Davidson, where she lived and worked for many years. Her brother is helping to fund the project.

1956

The class expresses sympathy to **Betty Podeyn Atkins** on the death of her husband, Bob Atkins, who passed away on September 25, 2013.

Betty Podeyn Atkins' husband Bob passed away on September 25, 2013. She stays busy with many activities in the park and in the community. She is fortunate to have her three children close by, so she can see her seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She says hello to the class of 1956.

A Quest for Knowledge

KATE BLACKMON '85, WHO WORKED AS AN ENGINEER AT NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS BEFORE ENROLLING AT QUEENS, IS A LEADING ADMINISTRATIVE FIGURE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

When Kate Blackmon '85 started at Queens, it was to prepare for the MBA she envisioned on her horizon. She took a couple of classes and ended up having so much fun—studying while working at Duke Power (as it was then called)—she earned a second bachelor's degree.

With a Queens BA in business added to her BS in engineering from Clemson University, she continued on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for an MBA and a PhD surveying 50 years of the supercomputer industry.

Unsurprisingly, today she works in academia. As the child of parents stationed overseas with the US Air Force, she loves international travel and has established a career overseas. Not only did she join the faculty of Oxford University's Saïd Business School more than a decade ago, she recently became the first woman in Merton College's 750-year history to be elected senior proctor for Oxford. She's responsible for upholding the university's regulations, managing student complaints and discipline (across all of the university's 38 colleges), representing academics on many committees and participating in all ceremonies and degree days. In addition, she conducts research—her current work includes studying the gender gap in leadership.

"The proctors go everywhere and do everything," she says. Thus far her favorite part has been parading through Oxford in full academic



Kate Blackmon '85 (center) poses with a group of students she oversees as senior proctor at Oxford University in London, England.

regalia on Encaenia, the university's honorary degrees day.

As senior proctor, she's actually required to wear academic dress every day. "We are highly visible in black suit, white bow tie and white bands. I have at least three gowns, plus an ermine hood, and a hard-shell mortarboard that I could use like Oddjob in James Bond."

She misses her parents and brothers living in the US, but spends

her spare time learning the cello and renovating a mid-Victorian house. She's also becoming executive coach certified. Although devoted to learning, she's proud of what she accomplishes as a teacher. "I like getting people to think about things in new ways, and releasing talents they didn't know they had." ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13



Susan Quinn Wade '78 traveled to Tanzania to hike Mount Kilimanjaro in January.

Mitzi Plonk Folk's two cousins, Dettie Piper and Woody Woodham, surprised Mitzi by giving an endowed scholarship to Queens in her honor. This means so much to her.

Sylvia Stuart Gordon stays busy with her interest in painting, taking weekly classes. She has participated in several shows lately. She and husband John had a joint art and photography show in July in Raleigh.

Alice Richards Oosterhoudt expresses her affection to the class of 1956. What a wonderful Queens memory for her!

1958

Betty Gray Anderson, Libby Henderson Davis and **Lemie Dickson Richards** got together on July 3 at Betty and Perrin's house. They met for brunch and visiting; Libby and Walt drove east from California through Charlotte for a very special visit with old roommates and Davidson husbands.

Libby Henderson Davis and Walt took eight weeks in June and July to drive across this beautiful country in their little red Prius. They attended General Assembly where Walt was an Overture Advocate and spent the rest of time sightseeing and visiting family and longtime friends, many who attended Queens and Davidson.

1960 55th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Lucy Davis Christopher is pleased to be serving on the executive committee of the first-ever North Carolina NAACP Jackson County Branch (54AB), one of five formed in western North Carolina in the past year. The formal election was in April, and they began in May.

Flo Denny Durway and Dan enjoyed a tour in fall 2013 of the Dordogne Valley in France with several Queens alumni. In addition to travel, they enjoy volunteering in their granddaughters' elementary classrooms. Flo serves as chair of the Council for the Advancement of Graduate Education at UNC Greensboro. One of her favorite pastimes is visiting with Queens classmates in person or by phone. Flo and Dan will host the Raleigh alumni reception in November at their home.

Betty Kenney Potter and Jim enjoy traveling. Daughter Edie graduated in May from Duke with her nurse practitioner qualification and works at the Levine Cancer Center in Charlotte. Betty's two sons both have their doctorates. The older teaches at Forestview High School in Gastonia, N.C., and the younger is the music director of choral music at Wingate University. Grandson Jonathan Brucker married Emily Thomas on August 10 in Wilmington.

Phoebe Blackwell Rollins, after teaching for 30 years, retired in 1993. She has

enjoyed retirement and has traveled. She lost her son David to pancreatic cancer on May 22, 2007. Her son Michael's best friend, Brad Brooks, teaches at Queens.

1961

Adelaide Anderson Davis has been taking breaks from her day job at Queens a couple times a week to take yoga classes at Myers Park Baptist Church's Cornwell Center. She is loving it and feels fantastic.

Lynn Woodward Jenkins visited daughter Nicole in June in the Cotswolds, United Kingdom, enjoying the beauty of the rolling hills and many of the early Roman sites. In the fall, she planned to visit New England with her friend Marcie.

Carolyn Hitchcock Kent and Budge, her husband of 51 years, love to travel. They have been to 43 states and all over Europe. Both of their daughters and their families live in Charlotte. They have four teenage grandchildren.

Polly Thompson Marshall took a wonderful two-week trip to the South, including one week in Palm Beach, Fla., with four longtime friends as guests. One of her five granddaughters, Ann Carter Herbert, graduated in May from St. Catherine's High School in Richmond, Va. She was accepted at all of the six colleges and universities she applied to and started in the fall at Sewanee, The University of the South.

Anne McCutchen Wilson and husband Dan are enjoying their "retirement," taking lots of walks to maintain good health, visiting their two grandchildren in Macon, Ga., and visiting their favorite places on the South Carolina coast.

1962

Martha Mallory Woods reports that all is well. To stay young, she enjoys basketball, tennis, a little golf and NOW pickle ball. In the summer, she spent time in Montreat with college roommate **Flora McNair Price**, enjoying bridge and laughs with friends. She is proud of the good showing our class made in percentage of giving this year and hopes that number will continue to increase until the next reunion in 2017!

1963

Brenda Blackwelder shares: "In memory of Dr. Jack Fehon (Captain Jack): I will always cherish the lifelong lessons from the marine biology classes and subsequent research that led to my career in teaching and marine biology. In memory of my Mom: I will always appreciate your encouragement and support in my education and career. I am thankful I could be here for you during the last years of your life."

Brenda Carpenter Boozer was grateful on Mother's Day for her daughter being in Charlotte after 13 years in California and her son working in Greenwood, S.C. Both are about 60 miles away.

Harriette McMichael Majoros and husband Bill spent 25 days in April and May on the road in their Corvette, going to the National Corvette Museum and then touring the Indy track before going to Chicago to start the iconic Route 66. They were greeted on Santa Monica Pier by daughter **Rebecca Majoros '02**. They then went cross country to meet up in Dothan, Ala., with 120 other Corvette owners to travel to Panama City Beach.

Becky Garrison Walter and husband Larry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 24 with their three children, two spouses and four grandchildren. Their actual anniversary date was May 1. Later in the summer, they went on a trip to Portugal.

Angela Williams' book, *Hush Now, Baby*, came out this spring...and it all started in a Queens writing class. She reports that it took a long time to birth this baby! She spent September in the Amazon, fishing for piranhas, then went on to Machu Picchu. She's been marketing her book and coaching clients. Life is full and fun!

1964

Grace Baker Hand is a retired teacher, enjoying travel, bridge, reading and friends. In October, she and husband Jack enjoyed the Danube River cruise. She visits Chautauqua every summer.

Kent Anderson Leslie and Bob are both retired. Bob makes beautiful furniture. She is finishing a book—she is not writing any more books with footnotes. They have one grandchild, Owen Randall.

Peggy Hagler Lynch and husband Ken hosted the Alumni Club of Atlanta event on February 26 at their home. Guests enjoyed a wonderful time of socializing as well as a university update from President Davies.

Sue Dyer Milbourne celebrated 49 years of marriage in June. She is still working three days a week as a marriage and family therapist. She and her husband travel as she can arrange it and love spending time with their grown children and their families. They have eight grandchildren.

Fran Milton Patterson and her family enjoyed a wonderful evening celebrating a recent anniversary: 45 great years of marriage! She and Tom enjoy Queens alumni parties in Atlanta and hearing of the great advancements going on at Queens.

Diana Churchill Rector is excited that last April our class celebrated our 50th Reunion. Our class is a wonderful group of women! She is happily retired and enjoys traveling with husband Sky. They have

seven grandchildren who are full of love and energy. They feel blessed!

1965 50th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Barbara Allen Grimes reports getting old is not for sissies. She and Sam have had surgery—new hips, fixed hands (carpal tunnel) and replaced thumb joints. They enjoy their grandchildren, and, whenever they can, they travel.

Kitty Tilghman McEaddy and **Linda McPhail Shorridge '69**, along with their husbands, hosted the Charleston Alumni Club event on February 27 at The Carolina Yacht Club. Guests enjoyed food, wine and a university update from President Davies.

The class expresses sympathy to **Ginger Burch Owen** on the death of her mother, Virginia Gaskin Burch Thompson, who passed away on July 7.

Kay Hightower Parry-Hill enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren. Thomas, 16 months, lives in Raleigh, and Sofia, 2, lives in Greensboro. She looks forward to her 50th Reunion next year.

The class expresses sympathy to the family of **Reebo McMullen Sledge**, member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, who passed away on August 9 in Brandon, Fla.



A mountain mini-reunion on July 19 in Highlands, N.C. It was a gathering of the Miami, Fla., and Montgomery, Ala., freshmen who have remained good friends since entering Queens in 1969. Left to right: Kay Chandler, Mary Anna McClendon, Dale Chapman Webb, Ann Moore Paulk, Amelia Smith Lucas and Beth Gordy Dubina.



Christi Parham Arnette '89 (left) welcomed Kathy Lennon Comer '89 (center) and Jodie Henderson Coulson '89 (right) to her new gallery, The Row, in Columbia, S.C.

1966

Sue Barker McCarter and John continue to enjoy her retirement. The four grands are a job, and they were excited to welcome #5 this past summer. Taking care of her 94-year-old mother, **Maujer Moseley Barker '41**, fills her days, but she feels so lucky that her mother is still in good health and enjoys life. Sue is still quilting and does some autism consultation and workshops.

Sally O'Rourke Morris and husband Joe, **Ene Watkins Pate '67** and husband Jim and **Sara Marcia Perley Rafter '67** and husband Bill joined **Jackie White McGrath '67** and husband Bill on their charter boat, *Paraclete*, in Seattle for cruising the Puget Sound. A wonderful visit with old friends, a beautiful voyage visiting islands and lovely scenery capped off a delightful adventure of a lifetime.

1967

Jeannie Simms Dobson teaches tatting at the Oconee Heritage Center. She also finds it so rewarding to volunteer at her local GED program as a writing teacher. She loves seeing her Queens friends.

Anne Johnson Lineberger enjoys having all three grown children and five

grandchildren close by. The grands are growing so fast! She loves being a partner in pixels2Pages.net, composed of five Australians (one is serving on the Mercy Ship and another is in Doha right now) and six Americans (California to North Carolina, New York to Florida and Texas, too). So fun to help people do something memorable with their digital photos!

Carol Anderson Rothenberg, while visiting with her parents during the summer in North Carolina, spent the day with roommate **Jeannie Simms Dobson**. In August, son Leon and Jenny Slattery married in Gainesville, Fla. Carol's parents, married 70 years, were honored at the reception. The newlyweds reside in Brooklyn, where Leon is a sound designer, and Jenny is the associate director of theater at Fordham University.

Betty Simpson Smith and husband Paul planned to move in the fall to Hilton Head. After 45 years in Atlanta, it is time to stick their feet in the sand and relax! She is excited that two students (a female soccer player from Atlanta and a favorite male cousin from California) whom she introduced to Queens applied, and then both received Presidential Scholarships. Give a big welcome to Mia Voss and CJ

Triana, class of 2018! (See the story about Betty on page 23.)

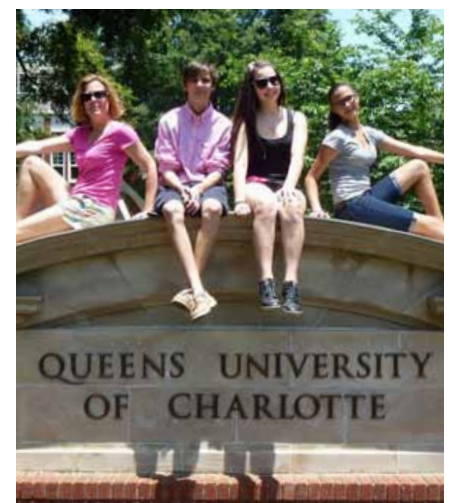
1968

Elise McClung Barksdale enjoys her seven grandchildren and working at the Community Culinary School of Charlotte.

Dana Clay enjoyed a reunion in July in Highlands, N.C., at a mountain luncheon hosted by **MaryAnna McClendon '69** and Ann Moore Paulk. Other guests included **Kay Chandler '69**, **Beth Gordy Dubina '69**, **Amelia Smith Lucas '69** and **Dale Chapman Webb '69**.

Ellen Seastrunk Dozier and husband Robert celebrated his 46th Webb Air Force Base Pilot Training Class Reunion on board the *Holland America* in Sitka, Alaska. When flying home over Utah, Ellen texted roomie **Nancy Bean Glenn** to say hello and to say that they were above her house. Nancy suggested that they parachute down for dinner, but Ellen replied they weren't "drop in" kind of guests!

Jane Hamilton Radcliffe had a busy summer visiting friends and family. They have moved to a new place in Denver and enjoy living close to their three grandchildren. She was looking forward to her annual reunion in Pawleys Island



Virginia Covington Halter '90 (left) and children Micah and Maya enjoyed exchange student Anna-Sophie Schwedner's last day in Charlotte before returning to Linz, Austria.

Songs of Home

JANUARY'S SYMPHONY DEBUT AT CARNEGIE HALL WILL BE A CAREER MILESTONE FOR MALEK JANDALI '97

A hearty laugh, entrepreneurial spirit and distinctive perspective on life have helped Malek Jandali get to where he is today. Born in Germany, raised in Syria and educated in the US, Jandali received a full scholarship in piano performance to Queens, graduating in 1997.

Today, Jandali lives in Atlanta with his wife but still owns a condo in Charlotte and visits when he can. "Home is where you have freedom to create," he says. Jandali hasn't stopped creating since he left Queens. He has worked as an entrepreneur, musician, composer and activist, using his music to work toward ending the suffering of children in his homeland of Syria. On January 31, 2015, he will debut his four-movement *Syrian Symphony* at Carnegie Hall.

"The slow movement reflects the pluralism of this country," he says. "I'm an American composer in a country where you can be a composer and have an MBA." He's referring to the MBA he earned from UNC Chapel Hill in 2004—something he wouldn't have been able to attain in his homeland. "This is a symphony for humanity," he says. "It's better to make music than to make war."

He's made tons of it. His album, *Echoes from Ugarit*, was recorded in Moscow with the Russian Philharmonic Orchestra and released in 2008. The album includes original compositions based on the oldest music notation in the world, discovered on a clay tablet in Ugarit, an ancient Syrian city. In 2013-2014, he performed a benefit concert at Duke University as part of "The Voice

of the Free Syrian Children" world tour.

Paul Nitsch was Jandali's piano professor and mentor at Queens. "No matter what he was doing, he was always looking to do more," says Nitsch, "even when he didn't know what that would be." He adds with conviction and admiration that Jandali is the most talented music student Queens has had in the last 25 years.

The feeling is mutual. "Back in Syria we have a saying," Jandali says, "Once a teacher, always a father." Paul is a father.

Jandali doesn't know where his life post-Carnegie Hall will take him. "Sometimes music leads you into unexplored passages," he says. For now, he is enjoying the journey. ■

—Virginia Brown



Malek Jandali '97, performing with the Cairo Symphony Orchestra, will debut in January 2015 at Carnegie Hall. Photo courtesy of Malek Jandali.

CLASS NOTES



Friends from Classes of '98 and '99 met for a mini-reunion on August 9 in Davidson, N.C. (Left to right): Katie Densford McCoy '98, Michael Kirby '99, Ashley Leonard '99, Jo Anna Ramirez-Short '99, Karla Ziegler Steedley '99, Caleb Steedley '99, Laura Buck Sharpe '98, Christi Denham Anderson '99 and Dina Fernandez '99.

with **Mary Jane Brown Reynolds**, **Nancy Dashiell Fanning**, **Bonnie North Flood**, **Sidney Walker Pease**, **Lura Deaton McMurray** and **Mary Maroney Walker**. Always a fun time sitting by the ocean and catching up!

Jackie Harmon Saylor was elected president of The Atlanta Bar Association in April 2013 and sworn in on May 20. The Atlanta Bar is the largest voluntary bar association in the Southeast with more than 6,000 members and covers 12 counties around Atlanta. Jackie is partner at The Saylor Law Firm in Atlanta and serves on several additional boards.

Katherine Fristoe Tronco and husband Joe went to Lourdes on their ninth pilgrimage with the Order of Malta, caring for sick and terminally ill. In July, they returned to France on a barge trip in the



Keith Hamilton Byrd '01 and wife **Freya** welcomed twin girls, **Viviana Nicole** and **Sofia Valentina**, on January 28.

Alsace-Lorraine area. In August, she and her sister toured Downton Abbey!

1969

Paxon McLean Holz is still chugging along. She has set her retirement goal for 80 or out of debt, whichever comes first. Her newest venture: to build an indoor pistol range.

Edith Craven Propst and husband Wilson spent the entire summer in Colorado at their mountain home, sharing special times with their six grandchildren, ages 16, 14, 12, 11, 10 and 1! A tent-camping trip to the mountains of Idaho and Yellowstone National Park was a highlight of the summer.

Linda McPhail Shortridge and **Kitty Tilghman McEaddy '65**, along with husbands Ken and Hunter, hosted the Charleston Alumni Club event at The Carolina Yacht Club on February 27. Guests enjoyed food, wine and a university update from President Davies.

Chris Limehouse Walsh, **Paula Brown Demosthenes**, **Annette Smith Stilwell**, **Margaret James Wilbanks**, **Peggy Street Heflin** and **Gail Ness Richardson** enjoyed their annual retreat at Pawleys Island in April.

1970 45th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Susan Cobb Clayton and husband Tom have moved from Florida to Davidson.

It has been so much fun to find so many alumni in the area, including classmate **Kathy Cockrill**, whom she had not seen since graduation.

Lyn Henderson Fabacher and husband Bob live on Webster Street in New Orleans! Rather than downsizing like most couples their age, they are in the midst of a major home renovation...with old houses, there always seems to be a project. Oldest daughter Lawton lives locally and works for the Audubon Institute. Caroline lives and works in Washington, D.C. Lyn and Bob looked forward to a trip to Italy with friends.

Kathy Mitchell Folks, retired for more than 12 years, is an active church, hospital and community volunteer who loves having her two sons and their families local. She enjoys weekly time with her seven grandchildren. She frequently visits with **Gee Gee Powell Donnelly** and sometimes with **Ellen Key Banks**, **Betsy Hansley Brown** and **Elizabeth Vincent**. Now that Kathy's husband has retired from work that included a lot of international traveling, they are traveling for fun instead.

1971

Sara Glenn Barfield enjoys retirement by spending lots of time with family and friends. She took a trip to Disney World with daughter Polly and 3-year-old granddaughter Sally (her namesake). Polly's husband stayed home to study for the CFA exam. Son Daniel lives and works in Columbus, Ohio. She would love to hear from old friends!

The class expresses sympathy to the family of **Mary Lou Bell**, who passed away in December 2013.

Aileen Ponder Hatcher was elected to the Endowment Board of Junior League of Atlanta and is a new mentor of Colonial Dames of Georgia.

Catherine Henson Holcombe, finally, as a "senior citizen," entered her first poetry competition...and won! It's never too late, class of 1971!

Laura Sharpe McCutchen reports that

Mary Lou Bell passed away in December 2013 after a spirited battle with ovarian cancer. Laura and Mary Lou relished their visits together, during April 2012 in Boulder, Colo., and in April 2013 in Lexington, N.C. Mary Lou is survived by son Adam Peterson and daughter Elizabeth Peterson.

1972

Catherine “Cam” McIntyre is finally a full-time North Carolina resident and is semi-retired. She expected her second grandson at the end of the summer.

The class expresses sympathy to **Lynn Stultz** on the death of her father, Robert Stultz, who passed away on January 5.

1973

Scarlett Lackey Chanter is back in the Charlotte area caring for her parents. She would love to connect with old friends.

1974

Gail Snipes Collins continues to work full time as the advanced learning (aka, gifted) supervisor for Harrisonburg City Public Schools. She and Steve traveled in July on the Danube; they spend most of their free time at Smith Mountain Lake. She says to give a shout, and there is always room for ya!

1975 40th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

The class expresses sympathy to **Betty Staples Berghaus** on the death of her husband, Charles Noonan, who passed away on May 16. Betty has been the associate pastor for congregational care for 15 years at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham, N.C.

1976

Linda Cable Kepler is happy to announce that she has remarried after being widowed. Tim and Linda were married on October 11, 2013. They are busy going to his son Dallas’ football games at Arkansas State University where he is a freshman kicker. Linda’s son Preston is a senior at Georgia Southern University.



(Left to right) Peter O'Donnell '02 and his wife Sabrina hosted Christopher Ammon '02 and Kristen Kelly Ammon '02 last summer in the O'Donnells' home state of Rhode Island.

Elizabeth Pearce and husband Richard Lasota are loving their relocation to Boynton Beach, Fla. Trading in New York City’s wretched winter for the balmy breezes of South Florida has been a true delight. Elizabeth is still the director of intellectual property for AIG but is working remotely from her new location “next to the pool” now.

The class expresses sympathy to **Elizabeth**



(Left to right) Amanda Stefanski '02 completed her first triathlon in June along with Kelly Thomas '97 and Heather Honeycutt Bostic '97.

R. Pearce on the death of her father, William Pearce, who passed away on April 14.

The class expresses sympathy to **Karen Long Terrana** on the death of her father, Donald Terrana, who passed away on February 2.

1977

Ellen Patric Spears serves on several boards, is president of her local chapter of P.E.O. and enjoys a weekly tennis game with a group of ladies from the region. Husband Jim is the executive vice president of Glenville State College. Daughter Lauren attends Episcopal High School. Oldest son Patrick is in Special Forces. Middle son Brooks is a law clerk for a federal judge in Clarksburg, W.Va. Youngest son Logan works in the emergency room of a regional hospital in Charleston, W.Va.

1978

Susan Quinn Wade traveled in January to Tanzania to hike Mt. Kilimanjaro. What an experience! During her time there, she enjoyed a short safari, spent a day at the Orkeeswa School and visited one of the student’s bomas. The perfect ending to her trip was a stay on the Burka Coffee Plantation in Arusha with some dear friends who live there.

1980 35th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Anne Jones Dantzler moved in January 2013 to Manhattan when Troutman Sanders asked husband David to become the managing partner in their New York office. James, Robert and Patrick live and work in Atlanta, and all four of their parents (living in Alpharetta and Blue Ridge, Ga.) are doing well. Anne volunteers in the Battery Park City Parks and is active at their church, First Presbyterian. She met **Pamela Worth Harris’** daughter Elizabeth at a Georgia football game in Athens.

Candace “Arya” Gale Heath wrote lyrics for “Remember God Loves You” in 2005 with composition by Richard Shulman. It was sung by the 60-member Voices in the Laurel children’s choir. She has



Candace Cooper Murray '03 and husband Will traveled to Israel to visit the Jerusalem International YMCA. This photo was taken at Masada, on the eastern edge of the Judean Desert, overlooking the Dead Sea.

created a CD, *Joy Comes to Earth*, for expectant families. You can find it online at www.joycomestoearth.com. In 2011, she and her business partner in Ciel et Terre, www.cielessentials.com, created an essential oil, the Oil of Blessing.

1981

Carson Sloan Henline and husband Chuck hosted a gathering of Queens alumni on March 13 in Raleigh. President Davies dropped by to share exciting news about happenings at Queens.

1982

Tonya Wertz-Orbaugh loves teaching writing at UNC Charlotte. She was one of 24 teachers from across the United States chosen to receive a fellowship from The Memorial Library and the Holocaust Educators Network in New York City. She spent 10 days studying and sharing teaching strategies.

1983

Cathi Wilkinson Litcher is happy to report that she got out of prison after 28 years, working with the “feds” of course. She retired in November 2013. She started a consulting company and landed her first

contract to develop and deliver a leadership development program. Both of her children chose High Point University. She and Jade are now in the empty nest phase. It’s fun to get to know your spouse again, right?

1984

The class expresses sympathy to **Katherine Lovelace Marterella** on the death of her father, Barry Wood Lovelace, who passed away on May 31.

Dawn O’Neal Muller is married and lives in Thomasville, Ga. She works as a physical therapist and is the owner of Thrive Physical Therapy and Fitness. She completed her manual therapy certification in 2011 and her doctorate in May, graduating just a month ahead of son Jason. Younger son Alex is a junior at Georgia Southern. She would love to reconnect with classmates.

1985 30th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Lisa House Cooper reports that she’s expecting grandchildren! Both are due within a few months of each other: daughter Mary is due in December, and daughter-in-law Ambershay in March 2015. Son John is a Marine currently deployed but in a relatively safe place. Whew! She and Richard celebrated 27 years in May. She

cannot believe it has been almost 30 years since Queens.

Cynthia Smith Watson and husband Stephen hosted the Asheville Queens Alumni and Friends event on July 31 at their home in Biltmore Forest. It was a wonderful gathering of 40 guests, and a fun time was had by all.

1986

Several members of the class of 1986 got together to celebrate their 50th birthdays in June at the home of **Susan Dykema Young**, including **Susan, Donlyn Litchford Aiken, Kim Tesh Cates, Shelley Edwards Hallinan, Jamie Murray, Stacy Nofsinger, Stephanie Hilleson Safrit, Dee Milligan Shore, Lori Lumbard Smith** and **Mary Beth Kay Walsh**. If you are on Facebook and want to be part of any future get-togethers, be sure to let one of the folks who attended know so they can add you to the planning messages.

1987

The class expresses sympathy to **Carol Lovelace Carstarphen** and **Kelly Lovelace Atkinson** on the death of their father, Barr Wood Lovelace, who passed away on May 31.



(Left to right) Amber Kinner Wiley '05, and her three Queen City besties, Lindsey Howard '07, Lauren Atwood Dussia '07 and Kelly Work '05, visited the campus to check out improvements and tour the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation.

Providing a Link

AT DESTUM PARTNERS, GARETH LUGG BS '99, MBA '02 HELPS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES GET DRUGS TO PATIENTS

Gareth Lugg BS '99, MBA '02 had never been to the United States before coming to Queens. He left India for what he thought of as “the unknown world of opportunity.”

Playing on the golf team and taking classes in a small campus setting helped his transition, and now he describes himself as a “Queens guy through and through.”

Although he considered going to India or Asia after graduation to play golf and try to get on the PGA tour, his plans changed when he met Queens tennis player Bianca Hernandez '00. Wanting to stay in the US with her, he decided against professional golf and looked into medical school or research. His interest in business seemed a better fit, so he returned to Queens for an MBA. After graduating in 2002, he and Bianca married in Belk Chapel the following year. “My wife completely derailed me,” Gareth says with a laugh, later clarifying, “Really, she saved me.”

Coming into business from a technical major can be challenging, says McColl Business Professor Bob Finley, yet Gareth met the challenge well. “In addition to his biology background, Gareth brought to class his infectious sense of humor,” he says.



Now, Gareth works to combat infectious diseases and other ailments. After working for financial institutions such as Morgan Stanley and Smith Barney, he co-founded the Charlotte-based Destum Partners in 2006. He's managing director of a firm that helps small pharmaceutical companies get their drugs to patients. “We help empower companies, [acting] as a middleman—almost like an investment banker, if you will—to get a transaction done: to get a drug from one company to another company to ultimately get it to patients.”

It's incredibly rewarding, he says. Telling his four-year-old son and six-year-old daughter about his work, he can say he helps get good medicine to sick people to make their lives better.

He says Queens positioned him for a successful life outside of his native country. These days he may only squeeze in a round of golf every two weeks, but through Queens, he says he gained his wife, his friends, his education and the tools needed to pursue his dreams. “Queens has been fundamental to my happiness and my being able to succeed.” ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13

QUEENS POSITIONED GARETH FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE
OUTSIDE OF HIS NATIVE COUNTRY.



Celebrating the Fourth of July in front of their Richmond, Va., sunflower garden, **Alese Wilson Monahan '06** and husband **Brandon** posed in red, white and blue with their children: **Bayden**, 10; **Teagan Alese**, 1; **Audrey**, 2 and **Talan**, 7.

Kay Berrien Cunningham reports that **Lesa Pittman Mills '88** is working at her children's elementary school. Kay thanks you for prayers while she and her family travel this road of breast cancer. She encourages you to do your self exams. Kay found hers because a crumb fell in her bra, and, when she wiped it away, her breast felt different. The outlook is wonderful, but since it is HER2, she has to take chemo.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marcia Stefan** on the death of her husband, Joseph Anthony Stefan, who passed away on May 30.

1989

Kathy Lennon Comer and **Jodie Henderson Coulson** visited **Christi Parham Arnette** at her new gallery, The Row in Columbia, S.C.

Ginny Harlan Snell and her family moved in July to the Portland, Ore., area and are enjoying exploring their new location in the Pacific Northwest. Oldest son Matthew started college this year at Purdue University.

1990 25th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Virginia Covington Halter and husband Jonathan have been training for Virginia's first full marathon in Kiawah in December. Son Micah is a senior at North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Daughter Maya is a sophomore at Hickory Ridge High. They are both incredibly active with marching band and music. Virginia is currently the listings manager for Leigh Brown and Associates, one of the most successful Realtor teams in the country.

1991

Caroline Caton moved in November 2013 to Appleton, Wisc., to be the social worker for the Internal Medicine Clinic at Affinity Medical Group. She has enjoyed exploring this part of Wisconsin with family and friends, including riding a Segway through the woods of Door County. She donates quilts to help raise money for A Giving Spirit Foundation and started volunteering for a local dog rescue group, Unforgettable Underdogs.

1992

Tovi Fitch Martin is now working

as communications director at Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte. She and husband Kevin have one daughter, Ellen, who is in first grade. They enjoy getting together often with **Jay McBride** and **Staci Benson McBride** and Beth and **Stuart Hair**.

The class expresses sympathy to **Leslie Owen Newnam** on the death of her grandmother, Virginia Gaskin Burch Thompson, who passed away on July 7.

1993

Michelle Maples Colindres keeps busy with her veterans here at the home. Kids Juan Jr., 14, and Betty, 13, keep Mom on her toes! They took a trip to the Gulf Coast and hung out on Biloxi Beach (Mississippi). They rescued a toy Chihuahua, whose name is Chica. They now have three dogs and one cat.

Kyra Norwood Valadie spent a relaxing weekend in February at Miraval Spa and Resort in Arizona with friends and Chi Omega sorority sisters, **Erin Norton Bates**, **Kathryn Winsman Black**, **Jennifer Lawrence Grennan** and **Leigh Williams**. In September, some of the "old" team (QC tennis 1989-1993) came together to rally around beloved coach Phyllis Pharr. Kyra, **Melissa Cliett Levesque** and **Nikki Blaha '95** had a wonderful weekend reminiscing and letting Coach know just how much she means to them.

1995 20th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Michael Murphy II is starting a company called M Squared. It is a rebranding firm with an emphasis on marketing, advertising and PR. It is also a production company that will be expanding the ever-growing film industry of New Orleans and will hopefully go worldwide.

1996

Edith Woodcock Brady put on her ballroom shoes in February to dance a tango in the Dancing with the High Point Stars fundraiser for Communities in Schools. This summer, she caught up with **Hayxa Garrido Escobar**, **April Siegel Kirk '97** and **Laney Jahkel-Parrish '00**

at the Phi Mu National Convention in Boca Raton, Fla. Daughter Madeline is in kindergarten.

The class expresses sympathy to **Maureen Lopez-Ibanez Sissine** on the death of her father, Raul Lopez-Ibanez, who passed away on February 16.

1997

Kristina Johns and husband Don have moved to the beach in Wilmington, N.C. She is a director at Wilmington Health. Their first low-budget feature film, *Do No Harm*, is now available on DVD and is awaiting digital distribution. Check it out on www.donoharmmovie.com.

Emily Hanson Scofield was named one of 25 Women in Business by the *Charlotte Business Journal* in June. The recognition was based on Emily's business contributions to the U.S. Green Building Council-North Carolina Chapter's growth and impact over the previous 12 months.

Kelly Thomas, in addition to a full-time job as a police officer, just celebrated the first anniversary of her Charlotte-area catering business, Deelish Catering and Events. The inaugural year was very busy, and they are looking forward a busy holiday season. Let them know if they can help make your event Deelish! Check out www.DeelishByKT.com.

1999

The class of 1999 met for a mini-reunion on August 9 at a swim club in Davidson. **Katie Densford McCoy '98**, **Laura Buck Sharpe '98**, **Christi Denham Anderson**, **Dina Fernandez**, **Michael Kirby**, **Ashley Leonard**, **Jo Anna Ramirez-Short**, **Caleb Steedley** and **Karla Zeigler Steedley** were all in attendance.

2000 15th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Michelle Horn Rager and husband Thomas welcomed their first child, daughter Hadlee Michelle Rager, on February 4. Michelle has been promoted to associate professor of pharmacy practice at Shenandoah University School of Pharmacy.



Kelsey Ball Conner '07 married Eric Conner on September 28, 2013, in Concord, N.C.

2001

Karen Glazar Blakeborough, in September 2013, changed careers completely and accepted a position with Carolinas Healthcare System as a medical coder. She specializes in coding for 26 area emergency rooms. She even gets to work from home, allowing her to be the best mom she can be for her 12-year-old son,



Joy Blackmon Patterson '07 MSOD '10 and husband Kenny welcomed their first born, Alexandria Grace, on July 9.

Brandon. She loves her job!

Keith Hamilton Byrd and wife Freya welcomed twin girls on January 28. Viviana Nicole and Sofia Valentina are both healthy and happy.

Shawn Bowers Buxton is happily juggling her identical twin boys and working as a full-time instructor at Queens, teaching Core and English.

Heidi Snyderburn Campbell MBA '06 married Justin Campbell, U.S. Navy, on August 10, 2013, in San Clemente, Calif. Many Queens alumni traveled to California for the wedding, including **Shawn Bowers Buxton**, **Tara Notaro Byron**, **Porter Sexton Cusmano**, **Liz Rager Franklin**, **Casey Hastings**, **Tiffany Bowles Lawrie** and **Carrie Lark Wunner**. The couple is expecting their first child this spring.

Michael Lush has accepted the position of vice president of The Federal Savings Bank, where he will oversee the mortgage operations division. He is now the father of two beautiful boys, Sawyer, 1, and Wyatt, 3. After a short break and at least one childless vacation, he and his wife plan on having more children in the near future.

Cori Solomon North was chosen from a national search to be the next executive director of Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, a nonprofit arts education organization in New Jersey dedicated to providing people of all ages and backgrounds access to the fine and performing arts. She is excited to use all of her skills in education and the arts in her new position.

2002

Kristen Kelly Ammon and **Christopher Ammon** completed training to be foster parents and hope to have their first placement by early 2015. Kristen has assumed management of an additional unit at Duke Children's, and Christopher remains the ever busy soccer-coaching, PTA-attending, stay-at-home super dad. The Ammon family enjoyed reconnecting in the summer with Sabrina and **Peter O'Donnell** in the O'Donnell's home state of Rhode Island.

CLASS NOTES



Erin Victoria Suvillaga '09 and Philippe Araujo '08 (fourth from left) married on May 4 in Wilmington, N.C. Members of the wedding party included (left to right): Maggie Payne Stansley '09, Jaclyn Letizia Leblanc '09, Phil Taylor '07, William (Chris) Bowers '08, Kaysi Winsman '09, Zach Trinca '09, David Pleines '11, Emily Valasco Brunotte '09 and Chelsea Matz '09.

Jill Brumer has gotten married and started a new job. She is currently starting a theatre program at KIPP Academy, a charter school for minority and underserved students in the Houston area.

Chanda Craft-Smith and husband Greg welcomed daughter Annabella Zoe on July 7. They currently live in Hickory, N.C.

Nicole Kenney Joseph MSOD '12 and husband Robert welcomed son Andrew William on May 31. Nicole works as a leadership development consultant for Bank of America, supporting the global technology and operations team. She currently serves on the board of the McColl School Alumni Association.

Amanda Stefanski is ALMOST finished with the requirements for her doctorate in teacher education/professional development from the University of Maryland. She lives in south Charlotte with **Marci Turso '97** and their dog Murphy. When she is not writing, Amanda is usually reading for fun or running. In fact, she completed her first triathlon in June with **Heather Honeycutt Bostic '97** and **Kelly Thomas '97!**

Angela Mattson Stegall married Ted Nelson Stegall, Jr. on May 3 at the Key Falls Inn in Pisgah Forest, N.C. They packed up and moved their lives and businesses in February to Pisgah Forest.

Angie is working on her third book (based on her "Make Some Room Manifesto" to conquer over-stuffed lives) and coaches individuals and teams who want to make a deep impact on the world.

Megan Barrick Taylor and her husband sold their home and lived in an apartment while awaiting the completion of their new home. They are expecting their first baby in early December. In July, they rescued a kitten, who is a wonderful playmate for the puppies. All six of them (humans, dogs and cat) plan to move to their new home in December. It is a crazy but very happy life!

2003

Dre Alford Manoni is enjoying life as a family of three. She recently made a career change and now works in training and development for LPL Financial in Charlotte. While it is different than working in higher education, it is an exciting change! Dre, husband RJ and son Daxton hope to relocate next year to Fort Mill, S.C.

Candace Cooper Murray and husband Will welcomed a baby boy, Liam Murray, on December 19, 2013. Big sister Mila turned 2 on April 29. Candace works for



Joel Ferdon '12 and Sarah Crawford Ferdon '10 were married on June 22 in Charlotte.

Art and Others

ALEXYS TAYLOR '14 SHARES HER LOVE OF ART WITH VISITORS TO THE HARVEY B. GANTT CENTER FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTS + CULTURE



At the Harvey B. Gantt Center, Alexys Taylor '14 works full-time in guest services coordinating volunteers and working behind the scenes with curators.

Asked to name her favorite work at the Gantt Center, Alexys Taylor '14 names *Abstraction in Red and Black*. Then she laughs because she once hated abstract art. “It didn’t make sense,” she says. Taking Professor Siu Challons-Lipton’s modern art class changed her mind. Now she works at the Charlotte museum devoted to African-American arts and culture.

Alexys started out as a Gantt intern while at Queens, but now she works full-time in guest services coordinating volunteers and working behind the scenes with curators. She helps mount exhibitions, such as the

retrospective of Eugene Grigsby’s works that includes her current favorite work.

The best part of her job is giving tours. She enjoys asking people what they see in the works and sharing the artists’ stories. She helps viewers appreciate there is not always a right or wrong answer in art. “Some works tell a specific story, but a lot of them let you interpret for yourself,” she explains.

An art history major with a double minor in French and arts leadership, Alexys was also a walk-on to the Queens basketball team after transferring from Eckerd College in

Florida. She’d gone to high school in Charlotte, but only after deciding to return home did she step on the Queens campus and find the warm feeling of belonging she’d been seeking.

She planned to major in biology at Queens, but when her mother saw how unhappy it made her, she advised her daughter to change her major. Focusing on art history allowed Alexys to find her passion. Now, at the Gantt, she shares that passion with others.

Dean of Students John Downey enjoyed seeing the young graduate make the most of her internship. “Alexys prepared herself inside and outside the classroom and is a great example of the ‘Queens way’ working at its best. She leveraged her experience to secure a full-time job right from her internship,” he says.

Next steps include applying to online master’s degree programs in museum studies; she hopes to become a museum curator herself one day, further promoting African-American art and encouraging appreciation of abstract art. Having worked while studying at Queens, playing basketball, and handling challenging family situations, she knows what it takes to succeed and is optimistic about the future. “I always want to be the best and give 100 percent,” she says. ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu MFA '13



These Queens alumni chose the Rocky Mountains as the perfect meet up spot. Pictured left to right on Mount Yale: Patrick Sullivan '10, James Johnson '10, Harrison Fidler '11, Chris Suarez '10, Michael Lum '11, Matthew Kaelin '10 and Matthew Gwilt '12.

the YMCA of Greater Charlotte as the director of community health and global initiatives. She continues her passion for soccer as the director/co-founder of Peace Passers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that collects used soccer equipment to redistribute to communities around the world.

2004

Jully Forero Aguirre, husband Roberto Aguirre and their two boys, Antonio, 11, and Miguel, 6, live in Greenville, S.C. Jully will complete her fourth year of residency in OB/GYN at the end of June 2015. The family hopes to stay in Greenville, but is also looking for physician jobs in Charlotte, Chapel Hill and Raleigh. This will be a year of exciting changes. Antonio started middle school, and Miguel is in first grade.

Bonnie Davis MSN '14 works for Carolinas Healthcare System in corporate operations and has recently

completed her master's degree in nursing with a concentration in health systems management from Queens.

Alan Duggan and **Calyn Brown Duggan** welcomed their first child, Gemma Emelia Duggan, on December 8, 2013. Calyn started a new job working for Sebonic Financial Inc. in April. Alan works at Mergent Inc. as an associate director. They both continue to run in races, only now pushing a baby jogger.

Cori Lindstedt Hankinson and husband Phil welcomed another baby boy, Carter Reece Hankinson, on January 10. Big brother Cooper turned 4 in October.

2005 10th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Jacquelyn Kirshtein completely switched career fields in February 2013. She went from student affairs and teaching college courses to the natural gas field,

working for MarkWest as an independent contractor. Within eight months of being at MarkWest, Jackie was promoted to a construction coordinator. Five months after that, she signed on with the company as a project coordinator. Jackie loves living in Pittsburgh and being near her sister, brother-in-law and their two children.

Chris Polizzi has moved back to Charlotte and bought a home in the Plaza Midwood area. He works at CarMax as a business office administrator and plays recreational kickball after work.

Scott Thomas was accepted to the 23-month MBA program at University of Georgia's Terry College of Business. His current employer, AIG, is supporting this new venture. Scott will continue his role in social media analytics while he attends school part time.

Amber Kinneer Wiley, after marrying Justin Wiley in June 2012, continued working for Cru as a missionary journalist in Orlando. In fall 2013, she accepted the role as managing editor for *Worldwide Challenge* magazine. She will celebrate 10 years with Cru in 2015. She and her three Queen City besties, **Kelly Work**, **Lauren Atwood Dussia '07** and **Lindsey Howard '07**, visited campus to check out the improvements and tour the athletic facility.

2006

Chris Barlow and **Perky Boike Barlow '08** sent their toddler Silas to preschool in the fall. They love living in Charlotte and being so close to Queens!

Amanda Banks McGrath and **Kyle McGrath '07** have enjoyed a year of positive changes. Amanda now works part time allowing her more time with daughter Bennett Carrington, who turns 2 in December. Kyle stays busy spoiling his daddy's girl. He works at Bank of America and is halfway finished with his MBA.

Alese Wilson Monahan and her husband have been blessed yet again. They welcomed a new daughter, Teagan Alese, into the



Ariel Hooper '11 and Mike Delallo '11 wed on May 17 at Queens. Several of Mike's former lacrosse teammates attended the wedding.

world in May 2013 and are expecting a son in December. They are extremely happy and live in the Richmond, Va., area with their other three children, Bayden, 10, Talan, 7, and Audrey, 2.

2007

Kelsey Ball Conner married Eric Conner

on September 28, 2013, in Concord, N.C. Fellow Queens grads and best friends **Laleh Threeths** and **Alisha Duffield Nix** served as maid and matron of honor in the celebration. Following their wedding, the newlyweds traveled to Australia and New Zealand for three weeks. Kelsey and Eric live in Virginia.

Leah Beth Parsons Hubbard and Dee welcomed their first son, Colton Harris Hubbard, into the world on July 28.

Joy Blackmon Patterson MSOD '10 and husband Kenny welcomed their first born, Alexandria Grace, on July 9. The family is elated at this new little blessing. They can't wait to purchase a Queens onesie and maybe even a bumper sticker one day that reads, "My money and my child go to Queens."

2008

William Horsman recently started work on a master's in engineering management

with a concentration in Lean Six Sigma at UNC Charlotte. Wife **Rachael Young Horsman '06** has started work on a degree in nursing from Carolinas HealthCare System.

Katie Schinka Leventhal received her doctorate in clinical psychology in August from Kent State University. She and husband **Corey Leventhal** recently relocated to Tampa, Fla., where Katie began her career at the Tampa VA Hospital.

Amanda Mahle successfully defended her doctoral dissertation titled, "Utilization of Functionalized Surfactant Vesicles to Investigate Protein-Glycan Interactions." She is in her second year of medical school and looks forward to visiting Rogers Hall next time she is in Charlotte.

2009

Sarah Burt moved to Jacksonville, Fla. in March, and began working as marketing manager for MasterCraft Builder Group. She enjoys riding horses in the hunter/

Coach Phyllis Pharr

A week after hearing the news that their beloved coach had been diagnosed with aggressive, advanced cancer, Nikki Blaha '95, Melissa Cliett Levesque '93 and Kyra Norwood Valadie '93 were ringing Phyllis Pharr's doorbell. The three friends had traveled from Virginia, South Carolina and Florida, respectively, to be with the woman who had not just coached them through college tennis tournaments, but who had shaped their lives. "She taught us how to be competitors," Melissa later explained, "but she also taught us how to be strong women."

In September, Coach Pharr celebrated 50 years on the Queens



(Standing left to right) Melissa Cliett Levesque '93, Kyra Norwood Valadie '93 and Nikki Blaha '95 visited their former tennis coach in August.

faculty. She's earned numerous awards during those decades, including the university's highest teaching honor: The Hunter-Hamilton Love

of Teaching Award. Her impact on students goes beyond cap and gown—alumni tapped her in 2006 to become one of their own when she was named an honorary alumna.

"Her strengths as a coach are really her strengths as a person. She believes in character, a hard work ethic, sportsmanship and doing the best that you can—not just for yourself, but for your teammates and the people around you," says Melissa.

"For me, that's a lot more important than saying she taught us all how to hit better forehands." ■

—Laurie Prince

Editor's note: You can reach Phyllis Pharr at pharrp@queens.edu or by mail at 3908 Sussex Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28210.

CLASS NOTES

jumper ring and has adopted a beautiful black lab mix named Buoy.

Lauren Fletcher Crotts graduated on May 12 from Gardner-Webb University with a dual master's degree: a master of science in nursing administration and an MBA.

Olivia Munn Jones lives in Seattle with husband Ryan and their black lab named Sadie. As a lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard, she is stationed at a deployable security unit that conducts maritime law enforcement and force protection. On the weekends, she is usually skiing or climbing in the Cascade Mountains, working out at her Crossfit gym or studying for biochemistry as she prepares to enter graduate school in nutrition.

Erin Victoria Suvillaga married **Philippe Araujo '08** on May 4 in her hometown of Wilmington, N.C. She could not imagine getting married anywhere else because she grew up by the beach, and it holds memories of her wonderful father who recently passed away. Wrightsville Beach was also where Philippe proposed.



(Left to right) **Adelaide Anderson Davis '61**, **Kariel Parian '12** and **Sue Ross '61** enjoyed a Queens alumni and friends gathering in London, England, at the home of **Wayne Smith '98** and his wife in October 2014.

Their wedding party consisted of best friends **Phil Taylor '07**, **William Bowers**, **Emily Valasco Brunotte**, **Jaclyn Letizia Leblanc**, **Chelsea Matz**, **Maggie Payne Stanley**, **Zach Trinca**, **Kaysi Winsman** and **David Pleines '11**.

Katie Walsh passed the North Carolina Bar Exam in February and joined Kennedy Law Associates in September as an associate attorney. She will wed fiancé Jon Gilbert on May 30, 2015, in Asheville with three Queens alumni and Alpha Delta Pi sisters by her side, **Alyssa Knowles Cox '08**, **Chandler Tribble Spafford '08** and **Molly Hogan**.

2010 5th Reunion April 17 - 18, 2015

Sarah Crawford Ferdon and **Joel Ferdon '12** were married on June 22 in Charlotte. This is their last year in Louisiana for graduate school, and they are very much looking forward to their return home to North Carolina.

2011

Lisa Beddingfield is engaged to Andrew Isaacs. He proposed on July 12 in Gatlinburg, Tenn. It was a weekend getaway to celebrate their three years together. They have set the date for April 16, 2016.

Ariel Hooper and **Mike Delallo** wed on May 17. They met at Queens, got engaged at Queens and got married at Queens. Their ceremony was in Belk Chapel, and their reception was held in Young Dining Hall. Mike played lacrosse at Queens, and his former teammates attended the wedding.

Marius Koksvik completed a master of science in finance, while becoming progressively more socialist with age. He moved from Charlotte to Oslo and now finally Stockholm.

Amanda LaRocco completed her first marathon, raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society while running the



Elisabeth Gonzales '12 and **Niran Lohmaneeratana '11** tied the knot at the end of August.

Nike Womens' Marathon in San Francisco with Team in Training.

2012

Ben Brink earned a position with the N.C. Coastal Federation as their coastal educator and community outreach graduate fellow. The federation is an environmental nonprofit organization that practices advocacy, education and restoration in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. He will graduate in May 2015 from UNC Wilmington with a master of science in environmental studies and coastal management.

Brynn Feeney received a master of fine arts in creative writing in June at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. In September, she began pursuing a second master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Suffolk University in Boston. She got engaged this summer to her boyfriend of four years, Matthew Saltis. An eventful two years since her time at Queens!

Elisabeth Gonzales and **Niran Lohmaneeratana '11** tied the knot at the end of August. They have recently purchased their first home in south Charlotte and continue to swing by Queens to see the newest renovations.

They enjoyed being able to take a couple of pictures on their wedding day at Queens. **Matt Gumb** completed a master's in mental health counseling in May from Pace University.

Margaret "Maggie" Hanley is in her first year of MS/PhD training in neuroscience at Georgia State University in Atlanta, where she is also a graduate research assistant in a psychopharmacology lab.

Jessie Hunt began the counselor education program in the summer at North Carolina State University, where she will earn a master of education in K-12 school counseling. She continues to work in the outreach department at A.E. Finley YMCA, coordinating programs that provide academic and social support to K-5 students of low socioeconomic status in the North Raleigh community



Mary Jo Strauss Gilmer MBA '90 has been promoted to full professor at Vanderbilt University, where she directs a team of researchers in pediatric palliative care at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

2013

Emily Best was the featured Young Entrepreneur in the Piper Glen Pipeline in July. She attended the National Association of Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professionals Conference in August in Nashville.

Mandi Bartlow Daniels and **Michael Harrison Daniels** were married on June 21 at Whitford Plantation in New Bern, N.C.

Danielle Glefke completed her internship at Florida Hospital/Walt Disney Pavilion Children's Hospital and became a board-certified music therapist. She has moved back to Charlotte and is teaching music lessons at The Cornwell Center in Myers Park while building her music therapy practice. She is excited about what life has to offer and happy to be back in the city that gave her independence.

The class expresses sympathy to **Annette Stefan** on the death of her father, Joseph Anthony Stefan, who passed away on May 30.

SAVE the DATE

Charlotte Alumni & Friends Event | January 15
See queens.edu/alumni-events for details.

Royals men's basketball vs. Anderson | January 24
televised live on CBS from Queens' Levine Center
Be part of the excitement on campus or check out the action on TV!

New York City Alumni & Friends Event | January 29
See queens.edu/alumni-events for details.

Homecoming | February 14
Cheer the Royals basketball teams to victory and enjoy a day of activities and entertainment.

Easter Egg Hunt on Burwell Lawn | March 28
Children of Queens alumni and friends enjoy this annual spring tradition.

Reunion | April 17 - 18
While alumni classes ending in 0 and 5 will celebrate special reunions this year, Queens welcomes all alumni to campus for this weekend of sharing memories and reconnecting with friends.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Mary Jo Strauss Gilmer MBA '90 earned a doctorate at UNC Chapel Hill and has been promoted to a full professor at Vanderbilt University, where she directs a team of researchers in pediatric palliative care at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. They are currently studying parent and sibling bereavement after a child dies of cancer and the role of animal-assisted therapy in reducing suffering of children diagnosed with cancer.

Pamela Marshall Fields MAT '94 joined the Division of School Effectiveness in the Office of School Transformation as an education associate with the South Carolina Department of Education. She is proud of the education she received while earning her master's of art degree in elementary education. Queens was on top of reading and writing instruction in 1994, and what she learned years ago still applies to teaching and learning today.

Erika Dreifus MFA '03 has joined Fig Tree Books (FigTreeBooks.net) as media editor. A new publishing company, it specializes in fiction on the American Jewish experience.

Its first books will be released in spring 2015.

Leah Miranda Hughes MFA '04 writes curriculum and teaches standardized test taking. In December 2013, she published a manual on how to take the SAT that can be found on Amazon. Compact and practical, the guide is titled, "It's Just a Stupid Test."

Dolores Andral MFA '07 has just published her first children's picture book, *Prissy on the Moon*. You can find Prissy at www.prissyworld.com.

Melody Martin Sumter MSN '08 welcomed a sweet baby boy, Martin Kaleb Sumter, in February 2013. She cannot wait to bring him and sister McKayla to Queens one day. She truly treasures her time spent at Queens.

Steve Allen EMBA '09 recently joined Throwing Words as director after working 30 years in local government.

John M. Davidson's MED '10 first novel, *The Raising of Leonard Lamplly Jr.*, has been

published by No Frills Buffalo. It tells the tale of Leonard Lamplly Jr. who was born into a less-than-equipped family. The novel follows the arc of Leonard's life. John lives with his wife and three daughters in South Buffalo, N.Y., where he teaches in the Buffalo Public School System. Visit www.NoFrillsBuffalo.com or Amazon for more information.

Shweta Shukla-Goyal MBA '10 and husband Amit Goyal were blessed with a baby boy on March 21, 2013, in Charlotte. They named him Varad, a given name from Sanskrit origin meaning "one who confers boons." They celebrated his first birthday with family and friends.

Molly Gray MSOD '11 accepted a position in May as an organization development specialist with Novant Health. She works in Charlotte and loves her new role.

Steadman Sugg EMBA '12 and wife Elizabeth welcomed their third and newest addition to the family, daughter Ellison Snavelly Sugg, on July 26.

In Memory

Katharine Powers MacNeill '33, 8/24/2014.

May Bland Winstead '33, 8/1/2014.

Natalie Emery Dalstrom '34, 3/16/2014.

Sarah Kirkland Wood '35, 8/11/2014.

Stacie Orr Houser '39, 8/22/2014.

Eleanor Jenkins '39, 6/4/2014.

Hazel Littleton Dayvault '40, 3/23/2014.

Judith Killian Gadsden '41, 8/15/2014.

Marjorie Russell Holliday '41, 6/7/2014.

Alberta Ballenger Andrews '42, 1/12/2014.

Dorothy Link Choate '42, 8/4/2014.

Jane Singletary Sampson '43, 8/25/2014.

Elizabeth Hoppe Tate '43, 8/5/2014.

Isabel McKeithan Thomas '43, 1/6/2014.

Betty Bryan Coleman '44, 5/6/2014.

Mary Blake Cheshire '45, 2/3/2014.

Phyllis Zeigler Sudduth '45, 3/4/2014.

Virginia Scott Brown '47, 6/14/2014.

Mary Johnston Hart '47, 3/1/2014.

Aline Jones Wankow '47, 5/13/2014.

Frances Williams Black '48, 8/30/2014.

Sarah Cochrane Craig '48, 5/15/2014.

Mary Katherine Nye Keith '48, 7/16/2014.

Audrey Brown Johnson '51, 4/17/2014.

Martha Love Thompson '51, 5/7/2014.

Mildred Hancock Crone '52, 6/26/2014.

Judith Rayburn Daniel '52, 6/4/2014.

Doris Shirley Pruett '53, 8/22/2014.

Sarah Rhodes Craver '54, 5/4/2014.

Nancy Duncan '54, 6/16/2014.

Jane Thomas Fairman '54, 8/1/2014.

Janice Johnson Godfrey '54, 1/3/2014.

Patricia Godfrey Pressley '56, 7/12/2014.

Sally Heath Ellis '57, 5/13/2014.

Shirly Shipp Platt '57, 4/4/2014.

Margaret Tarleton Bivens '58, 4/30/2014.

Jerry Hoke Whitesides '59, 8/27/2014.

Gertrude Huske Huntley '60, 1/11/2014.

Rosallen Spencer McMath '62, 3/31/2014.

Marian Smith Rogers '62, 5/1/2014.

Maywood Nisbet Giordano '63, 6/3/2014.

Marion Mays Easterday '64, 4/21/2014.

Margaret Murfee '65, 4/8/2014.

Reebo McMullen Sledge '65, 8/9/2014.

Eleanor Riepe Anders-Workman '66, 8/7/2014.

Patricia Tyler Lare '66, 8/31/2014.

Caroline Gayle Kennedy '69, 7/2/2014.

Lisa Smith Donini '81, 6/10/2014.

Josephine Jones '85, 4/7/2014.

Deborah Osborne '89, 6/9/2014.

Dianne Abraham '90, 4/7/2014.

Eric Lucas '04, 2/1/2014.

100 YEARS IN Myers Park

BY VIRGINIA BROWN

Photo Credits

Page 13

1912 Entrance to Myers Park

Courtesy of Mary Boyer
Collection, J. Murrey
Atkins Library,
University of North
Carolina at Charlotte

1914 Queens Campus

Courtesy of the
Robinson-Spangler
Carolina Room,
Public Library of
Charlotte and
Mecklenburg County

1920s

Myers Park Country Club

Courtesy of Mary Boyer
Collection, J. Murrey
Atkins Library,
University of North
Carolina at Charlotte

Kappa Kappa Chi

Sorority cottage,
1927 *Edelweiss*

1930s

Providence Road Sundries

Charlotte Observer,
retroclt.blogspot.com

Boar's Head Banquet

Queens Archives

1940s

A group of German POWs from Camp Sutton

Courtesy of Lola
McDonald

Students at Diana Fountain

Circa 1940
Queens Archives

1950s

Myers Park Public Library ribbon cutting

(from left to right) J.A.
Mayo, Hoyt R. Galvin,
Sid Y. McAden, Dr. R. B.
McKnight and James
R. Bryant, *Charlotte
Observer*,
Tom Franklin-Hunter

Belk Chapel

Queens College:
Yesterday and Today by
M.M. McEwen

1960s

Hugh McManaway directing traffic *Charlotte Observer*

Everett Library

Queens Archives

1970s

Elizabeth Clark with feathered friend Winghaven Educational Archives

Students painting in Carol Hall

Queens Archives

1980s

Runners make their way back towards Uptown *Charlotte Observer*, Bob Leverone

Male students at Queens

Queens Archives

1990s

Pasta & Provisions store signage [facebook.com/ pastaandprovisions1992](http://facebook.com/pastaandprovisions1992)

Class in Trexler Courtyard

Queens Archives

2000s

John Nolen Courtesy of sdusp100.weebly.com

Evans Clock Tower

Queens Archives

2010s

2041 Norton Rd Charlotte, NC 28207, Listing Agent Robert Dulin/Keller Williams

Rogers Hall

Queens Archives

2014-2015 Alumni Association Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Susan McConnell '83 MSEC '13, *President*

Cathy Mitchell '90, *Secretary*

Erin Pitts '98, *Signature Events Chair*

Christine Wink MacKay '84, *Engagement & Outreach Chair*

Betty Cobb Gurnell '69, *Development Chair*

Members-at-Large

Kristen Kelly Ammon '02

Sherry Dunn Borgsdorf '97

Nick Cheek '01

Scott Clemente '06

Monica Thomas Hamilton '93

Jason Holland '00

Kathryn Keeton '08

Martha Woods Mallory '62

Dee Gaffney Malone '71

Michelle Holl Manha '94

Alice O'Toole Marleaux '07

Staci Benson McBride '92

Ginger Burch Owen '65

Derek Painter '92, *Immediate past president*

Mary Anne Lee Saag '84

Winston Sharpe '05

Lesley Bynum Swartz '87

Courtenay Taylor Wardell '94

Teri Jimison Walker '69

Connie Weber '92

Patti Gammage Wells '83

Clay Lewis MBA '09, *Ex Officio –
McColl School Alumni Board President*

2014-2015 McColl School Alumni Association Board Members

Executive Committee

Clay Lewis PMBA '09, *Chair*

Nathan Foster EMBA '12, *Vice Chair*

Madelon Capozziello MSEC '13, MSOD '13, *Secretary*

Bryan Seaford PMBA '07, *Treasurer*

Committee Chairs

Phillip Brant PMBA '08, *Development*

Ashley Lingerfeldt PMBA '13, *Alumni Engagement*

Jennifer Lovett PMBA '08, *Alumni Engagement*

Eric Lovell EMBA '09, *Career Services*

Members-at-Large

Paul Carmichael EMBA '08

J Dewar EMBA '11

Aaron Harper EMBA '13

Nicole Joseph MSOD '12

Franz Lorio PMBA '02

Gulnar Manji PMBA '14

Mark Munson EMBA '06

Joey Norman PMBA '08

Steadman Sugg EMBA '12

Margaret Jane Willoughby PMBA '08

Bob Woods EMBA '01

Casey Zaitz MSOD '09

Growing Up

AN INTERNSHIP AT THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL
CATAPULTS A STUDENT INTO NEW SPACES

By Amy Bareham '16

Until one winter afternoon in the gym, I felt as though I'd been initiated into adulthood—or at least, a college student's version of adulthood. I had learned how to monopolize the laundry machines, cook dinner in a microwave and ponder the meaning of life—sometimes all at once.

So there I was, gasping for breath on the elliptical, just me and Beyoncé going strong, when the real world and my Queens haven collided. I glanced up to find my face on the gym TV screen in a “My Fox Carolinas” story promo. I almost flipped off the elliptical machine in shock. As a brand new intern with the Arts and Science Council (ASC) of Charlotte, I never expected to see myself in behind-the-scenes footage during an artist interview. Right then I realized my position was more than the stereotypical intern thing.

An advocate for cultural advancement in Charlotte, the ASC is a fairy godmother of sorts for local artists and cultural institutions. ASC movers and shakers foster an appreciation for the arts and are vital to the continued well-being of anything cultural in Charlotte. I had no idea that getting my foot in their rather shiny, hallowed door would ignite within me a passion for arts advocacy. But it did.

Not once was I a coffee mule; instead, I embarked on expeditions to artists' studios, typical workdays consisting of interviews with potters, photographers and painters. The department I assisted trusted me—in all my awkward, amateur glory—to blog about those fellow creatives' stories in Amy's voice using Amy's words. I still remember sitting in one poet's workspace discussing metaphor and the power of language. Although I was there for her story, she spoke into chapters of mine—a stranger turned friend sharing wisdom and wit. Perhaps that is why my face appearing on television for milliseconds struck me so deeply; people I barely knew (but have since come to love) were acknowledging the validity of my presence, thoughts and ideas.

This foray into the workplace reoriented me. As I fell in love with galleries and 3D poetry, I gave myself permission to grow up. I realized stepping into the professional arena does not mean sacrificing your childlike wonder. On the contrary, it means marrying your personal history with the pieces of you that are still being shaped. We have this notion that real life starts once the diploma is in our hands or we've reached a certain milestone. Wrong. Real life is now, and it is moving quickly. ■



CASINO

For nearly three decades, Casino Night has been a beloved tradition with record attendance year after year. This year's event on November 15 in the Levine Center included elaborate Vegas-influenced decorations, pounding music and frequent cheering. The event is sponsored by the Campus Union Board; students dress up, dance with friends and play table games with professors. (Clockwise from upper left) Signage sets the mood. Students line up for slott machines. A game gets underway. Todd Jackson '16, Jordan Kojima '15, Nick McCauslin '16 and Queens alumna Ann Tapia '14 play blackjack. —*Laura Belanger*





Queens Magazine
1900 Selwyn Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28274

Nonprofit
Organization
U.S. Postage
P A I D
Charlotte, NC
Permit #769

A photograph of a snowy campus scene. In the foreground, there is a black metal bench covered in snow. To the left, a large red spherical ornament sits on the snow. In the background, a person in a pink jacket walks on a path. A large tree with snow on its branches stands in the center. A gazebo is visible in the distance. The overall scene is a winter campus setting.

*Thank you for your
support throughout
the year!*

Your gifts to the Queens Fund are an investment in the future. Our students' success would not be possible without you.

Make a gift before December 31 to take advantage of year-end tax benefits. Call the Office of Annual Giving at 704.337.2285 or give securely online at www.queens.edu/give.