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# UNDER *the* OAKS

## From the President

*Dear Alumni and Friends,*

Queens enjoys a strong sense of place.

From the stately Georgian architecture to our iconic landmarks, from the lush tree canopy to our state-of-the-art buildings, this campus has long inspired our students and created special meaning for our community.

But never has it looked more beautiful than it did this fall.

Why? In August we welcomed the largest incoming class in our history, and as a result, our courtyards and quads have been filled with a new level of life and vitality.

About 500 incoming freshmen and transfer students are making Queens their home this year. They are a lively and diverse group, representing 25 countries and 35 states. They are white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American. They are Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other. Thanks in part to the addition of new athletic teams, 40 percent of them are men. This alone marks a significant milestone in the life of a former women's college.

Signs of their energy are palpable. You hear it in the banter of a full dining hall at lunchtime. You see it in the impromptu Frisbee games in front of the Levine Center. And you feel it in the hallways as students hustle by on their way to class.

Our buildings, lawns and courtyards have always been lovely, but this fall, filled with the vibrancy of the Class of 2021, they became spectacular.

Best wishes,

*Pamela Davies*

Pamela Davies, PhD  
President



## Did You Know?

### STREET NAMES AROUND QUEENS

The developers of Myers Park wanted a college at the center of their beautiful new suburb, so they convinced Queens College to relocate from downtown Charlotte in 1914. To enhance the neighborhood's collegiate identity, they named eight streets for highly regarded schools.

Stroll the perimeter of the campus and you'll walk along Radcliffe Avenue, Wellesley Avenue and Stanford Place. In the early 1900s when the streets were named, both Radcliffe and Wellesley were women's colleges belonging to the prestigious Seven Sisters. Stanford was a California school started by a former governor. Nearby, Princeton Avenue dips into Bucknell Avenue, and just up the road Oxford Place, Amherst Place and Dartmouth Place hold a modest presence.

A bird's eye view of Myers Park reveals that Queens Road creates a sort of lasso around these streets, as if collecting their renowned traits for Queens. There are roots in Presbyterian tradition (Princeton) and women's education (Radcliffe, Wellesley), innovation for transformative education (Stanford), robust liberal arts programs (Amherst, Bucknell, Dartmouth, Wellesley), a mission to serve (Wellesley's motto may sound familiar: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister") and even hues of Royals blue (Bucknell, Oxford, Wellesley).

—Regina Betz-Teliszewski



# On My Nightstand

BY PROFESSOR  
ALEXIS CARREIRO



Reading has always been important to me. My mom (a poet) owned a used bookstore in Massachusetts and named it after me. I started working there when I was 14. Back then I was reading Danielle Steele, Ayn Rand and Tom Robbins, but the book that truly changed my life was *1984* by George Orwell. In fact, I attribute my trajectory as a media studies professor to reading that sublime and prescient novel in my high school “Literature of Utopias” class.

And... not much has changed since then. Right now, I’m reading *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood—another disturbing yet incredibly relevant dystopia. I’m teaching a TV studies course this semester, so the timing was perfect. The book was recently made into a TV series, and I plan to use it in class. I’m sure it will provoke some interesting discussions (from authorship and adaptation, to digital distribution and feminist aesthetics). I’m also reading *Life Would Be Perfect if I Lived in That House* by Meghan Daum. We moved

a lot when I was a kid (10 times in 10 years), and the title summarizes much of my existence during that period. And, last but not least, I’m reading *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson (to prepare for my upcoming trip to Sydney, Australia with some of our amazing students) and *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall (to prepare for his campus visit this year).

—Alexis Carreiro is assistant professor in the Knight School of Communication; her doctorate from the University of Texas-Austin is in radio, television, and film. Her research and teaching examine the power, politics and production of media and technology. “We live up to our own expectations” is her favorite line from *Born to Run*.



Alexis Carreiro (right) with her mother, Pauline Forcier, in *Aleighb’s Bookshoppe* during the 1990s. The shop’s name, “Aleigh,” is a combination of Alexis Leigh.

# Remember When

DINING TRADITIONS AT QUEENS



Photo courtesy of Everett Library, Queens University Archives

During the 1950s and ’60s, students enjoyed family style meals in Morrison Dining Hall. Gathering in Diana Courtyard, they waited for doors to open and then entered together. There were no assigned tables, but groups of friends usually ate together. Miss Rena Harrell, the librarian, said the blessing for many years.

Table conversations touched on the day’s classes, but more often turned to who had a date for the weekend and who might be sporting a new pair of Weejun loafers—everyone knew they were the best for shag dancing. The food was good, but if the freshmen who lived upstairs thought they smelled liver cooking, rumor had it that they would suddenly decide to “sign out” and walk to the Town House restaurant.

The Hall was built in 1927. Ninety years later, the tall ceilings, elegant moldings and large Palladian windows still provide a lovely setting to enjoy a meal and conversation.

—Adelaide Anderson Davis ’61

## RIO PROJECT WINS AWARD

The John Belk International Program at Queens has received the 2017 Innovative New Program Award given by GoAbroad, an international studies organization. The university’s digital media initiative at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games was recognized for innovation in learning and cultural engagement. Professors Joe Cornelius and Bob Page led the trip and, along with 19 students from Queens and six students from Mackenzie Presbyterian University in São Paulo, created more than 20 digital media stories. The students explored Brazilian culture, the Olympic movement, broadcasting operations and the impact of the Olympic games on the residents of Rio de Janeiro. The multimedia packages created by the students were sent, and often posted, to NBC Charlotte’s website. In addition, nine appeared on the NBC Olympics website and three appeared on USA Today’s website.

Editor’s Note: “Queens in Rio,” a feature story by Bob Page about the trip, ran in the winter 2017 issue of this magazine. Videos can be viewed at [queensinrio.org](http://queensinrio.org).



## Office Hours

WITH TOSHA ARRIOLA  
Med '09, MS '17

*Instructor, Cato School of Education*  
*Director, Cato Fellows Program*

### Preparing the Next Generation

When asked to speak at the International Conference on Urban Education in Puerto Rico last year, Tosha Arriola didn't hesitate to bring two students to participate. An award-winning former public school teacher, she sat in the audience like a "proud momma" as her students held the audience's attention on ESL strategies and differentiated instruction. She hopes to leave a legacy that prepares teachers for what they'll encounter, inspires them to be 21st-century solution finders and challenges them to connect to their communities.

#### 1. "MAKE IT HAPPEN" AWARD

During her last year teaching at Myers Park Traditional School, Arriola received this award for her role in the school's educational partnership with Queens. She continued to develop that partnership when she began teaching at Queens, encouraging the Cato Fellows to pursue service-learning projects based on personal passions. Out of this initiative, dance teams, track clubs and countless out-of-the box service projects evolved, enriching the lives of students.

#### 2. FAMILY PHOTO

Daughters Maya, a freshman at South Mecklenburg High School, and Brandy, a junior at UNC Greensboro, are at the center of every decision she makes. Maya is a senior Girl Scout, as her older sister was, and both have amazing servant hearts, says Arriola. Their civic-mindedness is akin to what Arriola has found at Queens. "It's rare to be in a place that so closely aligns with your family values," she says.



#### 3. QUEENS ALUMNA

Arriola earned her undergraduate degree in education and Spanish at the State University of New York at Cortland, and two graduate degrees at Queens: the Master of Education in Literacy in 2009 and the Master of Science in Organization Development in 2017. "I was particularly interested in getting the coaching certificate as part of the program so that I could use

more of a coaching model with my students, particularly during student teaching and clinical experiences." Instructional coaching, she says, increases teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

#### 4. TEACHING TOOLS

Two items that are holdovers from her years as an elementary school teacher capture Arriola's fun-loving, somewhat silly side. A fuzzy teddy



## Where I've Been:

### THE PARIS EDITION



Lindsey Golden '18 visited Paris this past summer when she spent a month in France to study international business. Enrolled in a program made possible by a Queens partnership with the French institution ESSCA, she also visited Brussels. Her major is international business with a minor in French, so she took courses on European economics, intercultural communication, and French culture. She says a favorite excursion was visiting Leonardo da Vinci's home, the Château of Clos Lucé in the Loire Valley.



Bumping into well-known travel aficionado Rick Steves on the streets of Paris was an unexpected highlight for a group of Queens students this past summer. They were in Paris with nursing professors Vicki Talbot and Jolene Correll to study healthcare for a two-week John Belk International Program. They also visited the Netherlands; in Amsterdam they toured a facility for dementia patients to understand how end-of-life care in Holland differs from that in the US.



bear sings "Wild Thing," and squeezing the coveted bear served as a student reward. A Queen of Hearts buzzer exclaims, "Off with their heads!" "It was an attention grabber," Arriola explains, "to get them to quiet down and sometimes to make them laugh."

#### 5. DECORATIVE BOWL

Arriola received this bowl after giving the keynote address at the 2016 annual

fundraiser event for The Lunch Project. The nonprofit is based in Charlotte and supports school lunch programs in Tanzania. Arriola spoke on the importance of empathy education, sharing highlights from a curriculum she authored that is used by some Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

—Christina Bellagamba



# ROYAL *spotlight*

## Rugby Comes to Queens

By Jodie Valade

Scrum, tackle, binding, and ruck are some of the things you've never seen at Queens—until this year. When men's and women's rugby teams started playing in the fall, they scored another goal for the university's vision for athletics: diverse championship-level competition. Queens' athletic offerings leaped to 30 as top coaches were hired and new recruits enrolled for this fast-paced, rough-and-tumble sport sweeping the nation.

When Katie Wurst assumed her new position as director of rugby at Queens in the spring, she began sharing her passion for the sport with anyone who would listen. A coach and former player of national stature, she was on the lookout for players to add to the women's team, which, alongside the men's team coached by Frank McKinney, would begin competing at the Division II level in USA Rugby.

Meeting Ella Brucker, a junior working as an intern in the admissions department, Wurst explained the athletic abilities needed for the sport—you need to be physical and quick—and that you could start at any age. She explained that she, herself, had spent her childhood in Illinois playing basketball, softball and soccer, not rugby. Brucker was so intrigued that she joined the team.

She scored the first points for the program in a victory over Elon this fall.

It has been an impressive start for rugby. The men's and women's teams are two of five new sports this year; baseball, wrestling, and men's volleyball are the others. Wurst says her women's rugby team is divided into thirds—about one-third of the 24 players were recruited to play the sport, a third transferred to play and a third are like Brucker, talented athletes who are trying something new.

"People are excited about rugby and how it's growing," Director of Athletics Cherie Swarthout says. "It's very popular in the Charlotte area, and there aren't many opportunities to play it collegiately yet."

Head Men's Coach McKinney, who coached at The Citadel, puts the Queens program in perspective. "One of the things people don't realize is that 90 to 95 percent of rugby coaches in the US are not full-time or paid coaches—they're volunteer coaches." By contrast, Queens has invested in full-time coaches, athletic scholarships and top-notch facilities. "It's my dream job," he says.

While sports offerings increase, the purpose remains firm: excellence on the field and in the classroom. "Our goal is to be recognized as a leading progressive athletics program," says Swarthout, "tethered to scholarly endeavors."



Members of the women's rugby team form a scrum during an October practice. (Front row, left to right) Bella Alanis '21, Chesney Martin '20, Abby Berberich '21. (Second row, left to right) Kea Pittman '20, Elyse Serafin '20. The flanker off to the side is Onycha Pruitt '21.

### MEET THE COACHES OF FIVE NEW SPORTS

#### WOMEN'S RUGBY

Director of Rugby and Head Women's Rugby Coach Katie Wurst is an avid player and coach with national and international competitive experience. Her 15-year coaching career spans youth, college and professional programs, including head rugby coach at the University of South Carolina. She holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse and the University of Minnesota.



#### MEN'S RUGBY

Head Men's Rugby Coach Frank McKinney played while a student at Belmont Abbey College, earning team captain honors. He has coached at Myers Park High School in Charlotte, winning a regional championship, and at The Citadel, where he served as the head backs coach and head tactical coach in 2014. He holds an MBA from the University of Michigan.







## BASEBALL

Head Baseball Coach Jack McDowell played collegiately at Stanford before the Chicago White Sox drafted him in 1987. Famous to baseball fans everywhere as Black Jack, he's a three-time All-Star and a Cy Young Award-winning pitcher.



## WRESTLING

Head Wrestling Coach Ken Chertow was a three-time NCAA All-American at Penn State. A member of six United States Olympic wrestling teams, he competed in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.



## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Head Men's Volleyball Coach Jeremy Price has successful head coaching experience at the Division I, II and III levels. In 2009 he was named AVCA NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year.







## Sed Min

### KEEPING GIRLS IN LACROSSE

Most lacrosse players at Queens stash away their cleats and sticks after they graduate, but Brittany Philip '12 is an exception. She's applying her athletic and leadership skills to developing young female athletes in Charlotte.

She cites that many girls drop out between the ages of nine and 13 because of fierce competition; she wants to hold coaches and organizations accountable to keep girls active in sports longer. As the program director for the nonprofit South Park Youth Association and as director for Queen City Stars, she's focused on making that happen.

"We have to ensure [that] a kid who may be a late bloomer is not pushed to the sidelines," Philip explains. When coaches incorporate station-based practice and small-sided play (fewer players practice on a smaller field with modified rules), they ensure that the sidelines are for water breaks rather than breaking confidence. The girls gain more hands-on activity and view competition as a healthy component to the game.

Philip, a former captain of Queens' women's lacrosse team and 2012 NCAA Woman of the Year nominee, was approached by US Lacrosse—the national governing body—to join a small group of certified trainers in a coaching initiative to help players form an appreciation and love for the game while also maximizing their potential. She's the only member of the Lacrosse Athlete Development Model in the Southeast and plans for her work to make a lasting impression on the local lacrosse scene.

In an interview with US Lacrosse, Philip noted, "I truly believe that if you grow the girls who are in front of you, the game is going to grow organically. Grow the girl. Grow the game. That's what's going to push the sport further."

She's currently reading a book on perseverance, *Getting Grit*. One particular phrase resonates with her model of service: "You can't keep what you don't give away." Judging by the loads of smiles and increased confidence among her players, she knows she's headed in the right direction.

—Regina Betz-Teliszewski

## HUNTER-HAMILTON LOVE OF TEACHING AWARD

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— 2015-2016 Hunter-Hamilton winner  
Michele Shaul, professor of Spanish

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### DIANE MOWREY NAMED CHAPLAIN EMERITA

After 26 years as Queens' chaplain, Diane Mowrey has retired from that office. To honor her long-lasting commitment to the university, a celebration was held in McInnes Parlors at Burwell Hall on September 12. Dozens of individuals attended, including faculty, staff, alumni and couples who had been married by her over the years. Guests watched as President Davies announced her appointment as Chaplain Emerita, a surprise to both her and the audience. A framed photo of her will hang in Belk Chapel to honor her service to Queens, and

she will continue to teach in the Department of Philosophy and Religion.

Diane Mowrey holds a doctorate in English and religion from Duke University and a Master of Divinity from Harvard University. Her many accomplishments at Queens include starting an annual Guatemala mission trip 19 years ago to build relationships and explore faith. She was the recipient of the 2015 Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award.

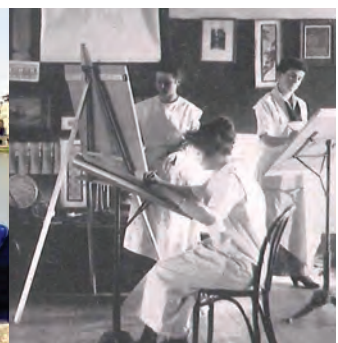
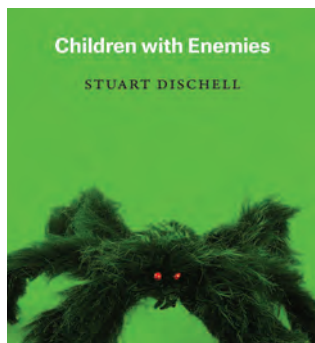
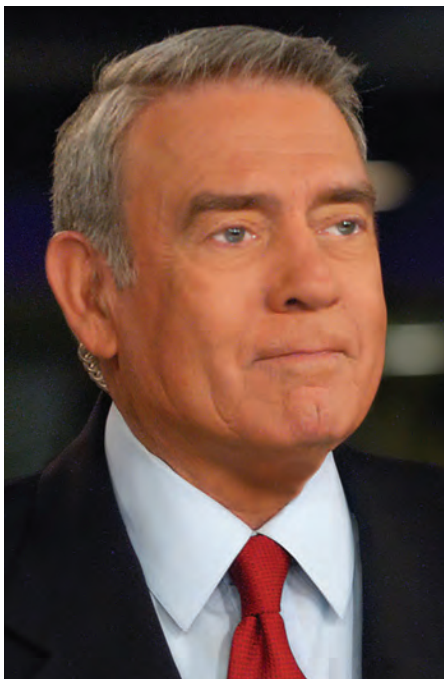
*Editor's Note: Do you have a story to share about Diane Mowrey? Please see page 51 for more information.*

### ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP CHANGES

In May, Provost Lynn Morton who had been with Queens for more than 20 years, announced she had been named the eighth president of Warren Wilson College, a private liberal arts college in western North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, Sarah Fatherly, associate provost and dean of university programs, was promoted to provost. Since arriving in 2012, Fatherly has successfully led many initiatives on campus, including implementing the Queens 2017 plan by providing leadership for changes to the Center for Student Success, the Myrta Pulliam Center for International Education, the Vandiver Center for Career Development and the general education program. She also co-authored a successful proposal for a \$2.2 million US Department of Education Title III grant.







## Happening Here

### SPRING 2018

Here we share the highlights of Queens events this spring, but be sure to check out [queens.edu/arts-culture](http://queens.edu/arts-culture) for locations, updates, and complete information. We'll see you in the audience!

**January 9 and 12** The Arts at Queens presents the MFA Faculty Reading Series featuring novelist Jonathan Dee on January 9 and playwright Winter Miller on January 12. Dee is the author of seven books; *The Privileges* was a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize. Miller is best known for her play *In Darfur*, which premiered in 2007 at The Public Theater in New York City.

**January 27** The Arts at Queens presents stb x at, a collaboration between dancer Sean Thomas Boyt (stb) and percussionist Andy Thierauf (at). By blurring the line between dancer and musician, they explore the boundaries of their crafts.

**February 15** The Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement presents Mike Wiley Productions' *Breach of Peace*. The play showcases the story of Jean Thompson, one of the 1961 Freedom Riders who sought to dismantle bus segregation.

**February 20** The Learning Society at Queens and Wells Fargo welcome award-winning journalist Dan Rather. For more

than 50 years, the former CBS News anchor and *60 Minutes* correspondent has covered the major stories of our time.

**March 5-6** Friends of the Library's 47th Annual Book and Author Event features Chris Bohjalian, author of *The Sandcastle Girls*, a New York Times Bestseller, and debut novelist Dan Mallory, who wrote *The Woman in the Window* under the pseudonym A.J. Finn.

**March 15** The Arts at Queens presents poet Stuart Dischell, author of five books, including his latest, *Children with Enemies*. The recipient of awards from the NEA and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, he teaches at UNC Greensboro.

**March 24** The El Quixote Festival honors 17th-century writer Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, considered the greatest woman poet of Latin America. Her essay the "Respuesta" defended the rights of all women to an education.

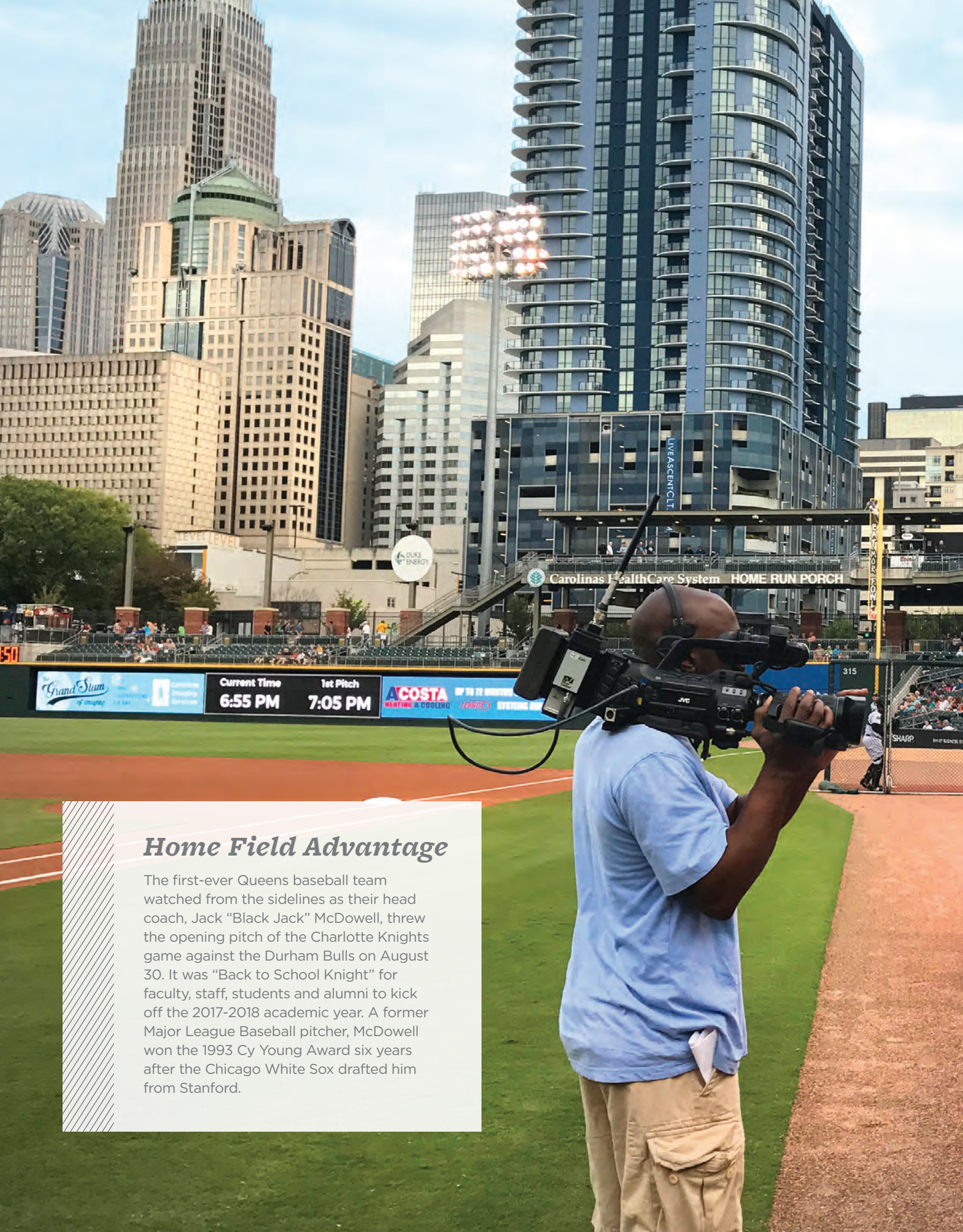
**April 13** The Arts at Queens hosts a reception for the exhibition *Alumni Invitational 2018: Now and Then*. Talented arts alumni come home to Queens, invited by faculty to exhibit work and perform music in the gallery. Alumni will also lead an interactive mural project and a drum circle. The exhibition runs March 15-April 15.

## A NEW PROFESSORSHIP OF JEWISH STUDIES



Attracting and retaining distinguished faculty who specialize in Jewish studies got a boost in September when Lori and Eric Sklut funded a new professorship. The Sklut Professorship was established by a \$1 million endowed fund from the couple. "We admire Queens' efforts of inclusion and cultural diversity, attracting students and faculty from different backgrounds, ethnicities and national origins," they said. Rabbi Judy Schindler, associate professor of Jewish studies at Queens, will be the inaugural holder of the professorship.





## *Home Field Advantage*

The first-ever Queens baseball team watched from the sidelines as their head coach, Jack “Black Jack” McDowell, threw the opening pitch of the Charlotte Knights game against the Durham Bulls on August 30. It was “Back to School Knight” for faculty, staff, students and alumni to kick off the 2017-2018 academic year. A former Major League Baseball pitcher, McDowell won the 1993 Cy Young Award six years after the Chicago White Sox drafted him from Stanford.







# *Strengthening* QUEENS







## Sanctuary of Peace

Nestled between Albright Residence Hall and Rogers Hall, Belk Chapel has been a staple of Queens' campus and the surrounding community for nearly seven decades. Its spacious portico with towering columns has welcomed numerous graduation classes, weddings and other gatherings throughout the years.

If you drive down Radcliffe Avenue today, Belk Chapel looks a bit different than you may remember. As a result of consultation with faculty, staff, students and campus leadership, renovations were done to incorporate new offices, meeting spaces, prayer rooms and a larger kitchen. In addition, the McInnes Rotunda, a 100-person meeting space and celebration hall, was added to the sanctuary. Belk Chapel now allows for more student groups to congregate, provides extra room for wedding parties and enables Queens to host Room in the Inn, a student-run program that provides shelter and hot meals to homeless neighbors during the winter months.

Belk Chapel is also the new home to the Davies Center for Faith and Outreach, a resource for students, faculty and staff to serve the broader Charlotte community. For example, student volunteers currently serve meals and tutor in a Presbyterian church in east Charlotte. Monthly dinners at Belk Chapel give them a place to reflect on their experiences through the lens of faith and spirituality. The goal, says Interim Chaplain Joey Haynes '11, is to build meaningful relationships as students serve those in need. "Through building relationships, we can be transformed," he says.

—Danielle Phillips '13

*(Left to right) The view from the chapel in Michael Mauney's 1964 photograph has changed drastically over the years. However, the chapel facade has remained a constant. The McInnes Rotunda is bright and airy. While the chapel may have a new look, some things, like the seal and the sanctuary, will be familiar sights to alumni.*





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# In the QUEENS SERVICE



After 60 years with Queens as a student, volunteer and employee, Adelaide Anderson Davis '61 will retire as associate vice president for alumni relations this June—and she will be missed

*By Aleigh Acerni*

*Photography by Tricia Coyne*

When Adelaide Anderson Davis '61 gives you a tour of Burwell Hall, it's like being led around a museum by a docent. She knows the provenance or history of just about every piece of art inside—including the wooden coat of arms over the fireplace, of which she's particularly fond. She'll tell you about the enormous gilded mirrors in the hallways, and how, when she was a student at what was then Queens College, they were used as a landmark. "Meet you at the mirror, we'd say," Davis recalls.

Reaching her office, you can't miss the Emily Dickinson quote stuck to the door, right at eye level. "Dwell in possibility," it reads, with a handwritten note of congratulations on 33 years working at Queens scrawled below. She'll retire in June, at the end of the 2017-2018 academic year.

The quote is an appropriate marker for Davis, whose love of Emily Dickinson's poetry is well known. It's also fitting because she lives out Dickinson's words every day. The bookshelves in her cozy office are stuffed with books written by Queens alumni. Their artwork decorates her walls. Here, she surrounds herself with the physical proof of the possibility she sees in everyone—particularly the students and alumni of Queens whom she so adores—and it's clear that adoration is mutual. Davis is universally admired and respected, say Charles and Jane Hadley, who taught at Queens while she was a student, and then partnered with her to create an annual travel program for students and alumni. "Adelaide is simply the best that Queens could ever inspire a student to be and a colleague to become," says Jane, Charles nodding in agreement.

*Davis' office is rich with Queens memorabilia, including (clockwise from upper left) the 1961 Coronet yearbook, a gavel used at alumni board meetings, a souvenir cup of Presbyterian College, a 1956 edition of "Queens College Hymn," a group photo with President Jimmy Carter—Queens hosted the Carters and dozens of Habitat for Humanity volunteers for a 1987 Habitat construction event in Charlotte, the logo from her Dolphin Club swimsuit, a beanie from student days and a sign-out card.*

# EVERYBODY LOOKS TO ADELAIDE AND APPRECIATES HER JUDGMENT.

*President Pamela Davies*



*This yearbook photo from Davis' junior year conveys her warmth and confidence.*

"When I first came to interview [at Queens], someone whispered to me, 'All that really matters is that Adelaide likes you,'" President Pamela Davies chuckles. "Everybody looks to Adelaide and appreciates her judgment."

The announcement of Davis' retirement spurred a flurry of thank-you emails and letters from students, alumni, donors and even their family and friends. The bundle of notes and printed-out emails has become a new addition to her office collection of Queens memories, stowed carefully away like many other keepsakes—the beanie hat she wore as a Queens freshman and a stash of newsletters from throughout her career are there too.

## *The Start of Something Big*

How does a person launch a 60-year legacy at Queens? To follow in Davis' footsteps, you'd grow up in Morganton, North Carolina, an only child in a staunchly Presbyterian family, and come to Queens as a college freshman. With her magnetic personality and spirit, it didn't take long for Adelaide Anderson to start making her mark on campus—but Queens helped shape her life as well.

"As soon as I got to Queens, I got very involved," she says. "I joined a sorority; got involved in student life. I was elected to some important positions: Honor Council, Resident Student Council...I got to know the president of the college, Dr. Walker." She also met her husband, Ned, through Queens. On a snowy Charlotte day at Myers Park Country Club, a group of students from Queens met up with students from Davidson to go sledding. In 1962, the year following her graduation from Queens, Adelaide Anderson married Ned Davis.

With a degree in English, she headed back to Queens as a volunteer, helping with alumni events and volunteering while she taught English at junior high and then community college. Her competitive streak came out during one of her first volunteer efforts, a phone-a-thon to raise money for Queens. "[The organizers] said: 'Whoever raises the most money tonight is going to win a bottle of wine,'" laughs Davis. "I'm kind of competitive, so I said, 'Let me see if I can win this.' And I won." Later, she organized a fashion show for a class reunion, featuring clothing from the different decades of classes in attendance.

Her skillful fundraising and creative ideas for Queens alumni were getting noticed—so much so that Alan Lee, then vice president of development at Queens, persuaded her to leave teaching behind and join the university as the new director of alumni affairs. It's another moment in her Queens story that Davis remembers fondly. "[Lee] said, 'How would you like to work for Queens?' And I said, 'For money?'" She laughs.

Since then, Davis has watched or participated in many pivotal moments in the university's history. In her first year of employment, she organized a freshman picnic at an alumna's home for horseback riding, swimming and free sandwiches. She sat on the committee that decided Queens should transition from a women's-only college to a co-ed university. "A lot of men's schools had gone co-ed in the seventies, and women's schools were kind of dropping off," remembers Davis. "It was a hard decision because I had loved Queens as single sex. But I had two daughters. At the time, neither of them wanted to go to a women's college. I said, 'How can I vote for single sex when [my daughters] don't want to go to one?'" In 1987 she called in volunteers to help out when President Jimmy Carter visited. With the Hadleys, she launched an annual student trip to New York City in 1989, followed by an annual international trip for alumni beginning in 1994.

"Adelaide's not about big accomplishments," says Davies. "She's about little, everyday victories that add up to huge results. Every little thoughtful, caring thing she does to steward our donors or to cultivate relationships in the community or with alums, they're all little daily victories that add up to be a huge contribution to the university."

*Davis once ended a speech with a question by poet Mary Oliver, "What will you do with your one wild and precious life?" Her satisfied gaze in this portrait, a hand resting on a well-worn copy of Queens College Yesterday and Today, gives her answer.*









*Even in the 1980s when Davis first began working for Queens, she was not one to sit for long. Shown here in her office on the second floor of Burwell Hall, she was often on the phone.*



*In this recent photo, Davis (left) chats at Diana Fountain with longtime friends Frances Evans '59 (center) and Kathy Grigg '87 (right).*

## *A Legacy of Service*

Although she has been engaged with Queens for 60 years, as a student, a volunteer and an employee, Davis has attempted to retire from her work more than once—possibly the one thing she hasn't been able to successfully accomplish. Yet. One notable near-retirement came in 2011. It was the year of her 50th class reunion, and as the associate vice president of alumni relations and planned giving, she had helped to coordinate and plan the event. She was looking forward to celebrating with her many longtime friends.

They and her colleagues at Queens had other plans for the occasion. As a thank-you for her tireless work in fundraising and alumni relations, they had raised the funds to endow a presidential scholarship in Davis' name, and the class reunion was the perfect opportunity to announce the surprise. Davis remembers the moment vividly. "Pamela Davies said, 'And now I've got something for someone who thinks she knows everything about Queens. Adelaide Davis, come up here.' I about had a heart attack," she recalls.

The Adelaide Anderson Davis Presidential Scholarship is a full, four-year scholarship to Queens. It wasn't the first time Davis was recognized for her achievements, but it's the recognition that is closest to her heart.

"The greatest gift you could give Adelaide is to support a student in her name," says Davies, remembering the day. "We could've brought a Ferrari up and it would've paled in comparison to having a student receive a scholarship in her name."

For Laine Coplin '15, the scholarship's first recipient, it was life changing. "We clicked right away," she says. "Adelaide's just so personal and she's so timeless, you just don't feel the age gap. I think a lot of people feel that way about her. All of these major decisions in my life stem from those relationships [built at Queens]—which stem from Adelaide."

The scholarship isn't the only honor Davis received while at Queens. She was named to the Queens Sports Hall of Fame. In 2016, she was named Fundraiser of the Year in Charlotte for the annual National Philanthropy Day celebration. "That was quite an honor," she says. She closed her acceptance speech with a quote from the poet Mary Oliver: "What will you do with your one wild and precious life?"

"I do feel like I've made a difference, and that is important to me," she says. It's not easy for her to close the chapter on her career at Queens, but when she reflects back on her time here, the look on her face seems like a quiet satisfaction. All over campus, there's evidence of her handiwork, the connections she has forged, the enhancements she helped bring about. She loves talking about how her friends have made a difference at Queens: to her, the work she's done is only as good as the people who have shared in the successes. "Adelaide is at the heart of almost every success story at Queens because she champions what we all want to be, and be a part of," says Kathy Grigg '87, who met Davis through the Queens alumni network and now considers her a dear friend.

Her presence will be felt long after she retires. There's one spot on campus where visitors will always be able to find her; the names Ned and Adelaide Anderson Davis are engraved on the Ministrare Society plaque on the wall in Burwell Hall for giving a million dollars to the university.

"[Davis] is the most extraordinary human being I've ever known," says Grigg. "How can she be replaced? Shoes are filled, but they're just a different pair of shoes. There will just never be another Adelaide Anderson Davis."





# MEET the CLASS of 2021

*By Jen Johnson MS '14 and Laura Lum '13*

**A**t 5:30 one Thursday afternoon in September, students buzzed in and out of residence halls on the main quad, the courtyard in front of Trexler was alive with music and chatter, and south lawn was humming with a Frisbee game, a cookout and a rugby team tug-o-war. Vice President of Advancement James Bullock described the atmosphere: “I’ve been at Queens nearly ten years and never do I remember seeing so much energy on campus.”

It’s not his imagination. In August Queens welcomed the most new students in the school’s history—about 390 freshmen and more than

100 transfer students. The influx includes students from 25 countries and 35 states (plus DC), and 21 of them are legacies. Hispanic students numbered 67, a growth of 81 percent in a year. Five new sports (baseball, wrestling, men’s volleyball and men’s and women’s rugby) welcomed 52 new athletes. Forty percent of the new students are young men (the largest percentage in Queens’ history). The new class includes at least one gymnast, one pool master and a thesbian who has starred in 17 performances. Here are a few fun facts and highlights about this celebrated class.



Rugby player **Benjie Hund** is one of about 50 freshmen athletes competing in our new sports.

Meet **Jordan Brown**, one of seven Jordans in the class of 2021, officially the most popular name of the class.

**Hendrik Faber** of Phuket, Thailand, takes a 23-and-a-half-hour flight to get here.

**Siobhan Petracca** is a pool master, a skill developed as the child of restaurant owners.

**Lauren White** is one of 21 legacies in the freshmen class. Both her brother, Darryl, White, Jr. '18, and her dad, Darryl White '92, attended Queens.

At 6'6", we certainly hope to see some spectacular dunks from men's basketball player **Solomon Smith**.

**Yunuem Leyva-Bedolla** is one of 36 international students. She's looking to make a difference for international women in business.

At 5'1", **Gillian Kasitz** will run for Queens' cross country.

**Jonathan Young's** home is less than two miles from Queens—a four-minute drive.

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# THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE







## FOUR ALUMNI IN MEDIA DISCOVER HOW A QUEENS EDUCATION HELPS THEM COVER THE WORLD

*By Lisa Rab*

With ice on his beard and squinting for the right shot, Ross Radcliffe '14 films *The Last Alaskans* for the Discovery Channel. The show premiered in March 2017, introducing viewers to the last Alaskans living within the 19 million acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.





## FEARLESS FILMMAKER: ROSS RADCLIFFE '14

Ross Radcliffe wakes up in a tent, shivering in temperatures that hover around freezing, and prepares to follow 10 fur trappers who hold the last permits to hunt in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. For two weeks in September, he is filming the Discovery Channel documentary series, *The Last Alaskans*, which has brought him to the Arctic for more than a hundred days in the past three years. In the winter, when the thermometer can hit 50-below, Radcliffe has had video cameras freeze to his face and frostbite permanently damage his fingers. The show requires him to use six different cameras, and he does not get a chance to shoot the same scene twice. It's the most challenging job he's ever had, but he's not discouraged. "Anything that's worth it isn't going to be easy," he says. It's a lesson he learned at Queens.

Growing up in British Columbia, Radcliffe dreamed of becoming a lacrosse player and won a scholarship to play at Queens. But during his junior year, a series of concussions sidelined his chances of going pro. In the summer of 2012, he worked on a documentary about the Knight School of Communication with Alexis Carreiro, an assistant professor of communication. They wrote a script together and selected shots; Radcliffe researched the best gear and cameras to use. He poured all the energy he once devoted to lacrosse into understanding cinematography. "I could tell really early on that he had the curiosity and passion for it," Carreiro recalls. When she heard that *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart was looking to hire local production assistants to help cover the Democratic National Convention that fall, she wrote





For the last three years, Radcliffe has worked on *The Last Alaskans* for the Discovery Channel. He took this shot one morning at sunrise when a sled dog stepped into a trench of deep snow. Snowshoes stand upright in the still air.



In the Yukon Territory of northern Canada, Radcliffe films from the open door of a helicopter. He's capturing the star of a National Geographic television series, *Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet*, as she darts wild horses for relocation.



The Animal Planet network sent Radcliffe to Thailand for a project under development. He filmed Thai elephants at BLES, a large sanctuary of forested land. The network recently gave the project the green light.

Radcliffe an email. "You HAVE to apply for this!" she told him. "*The Daily Show* is in Charlotte—this will change your life!"

Radcliffe figured he didn't have much to lose. "I didn't really think about how hard it was gonna be, just thought more about how badly I wanted it," he says. He spent the next month working on one of the most popular shows on television, and his career path was sealed.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in communication in 2014, Radcliffe landed a job at the Charlotte production company Susie Films. In two years, he cultivated enough industry contacts to freelance full time. He worked as a camera operator for National Geographic Wild and the Discovery Channel, shooting scenes everywhere from to Belize to

Mexico. This year, he shot a pilot for Animal Planet called *Raised Among Giants*, about an elephant refuge in Thailand. Radcliffe had never been to Asia before, and on his first visit, he spent two weeks documenting how volunteers help feed and care for elephants that have been abused.

Occasionally, when he's back on the East Coast, Radcliffe stops by to visit Carreiro and her students at Queens. When budding young filmmakers ask how he built such a glamorous career so quickly, he tells them he first had to put aside his fears. "Don't worry about what you don't know," he advises them.

Just be ready to learn.



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## THREE MORE TO KNOW

### JOURNALIST: CHERYL CARPENTER MSOD '10



In 2008, when the Great Recession hit newspapers around the country, Cheryl Carpenter was the managing editor of *The Charlotte Observer*. The paper began laying off employees, offering buyouts and freezing salaries. Over the course of the next two years, its staff shrank from around 1,200 to 700 people. “The industry needed to change, and we as professionals needed to change some habits,” Carpenter says. So she enrolled in the Master of Science in Organization Development program at Queens’ McColl School of Business, where she learned how to coach employees through uncertain times and help them grow. Five years after Carpenter graduated, she became the Washington, DC, bureau chief for McClatchy Newspapers. Two years after that, she won a Pulitzer Prize for leading a team of reporters who helped expose the international financial scandal that became known as the “Panama Papers.” The former Nieman Fellow at Harvard is now a T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor at the University of Montana School of Journalism, where she mentors journalism students and teaches a seminar on ethics.

### RADIO PRODUCER: CHRIS MILLER '04



Hurricane Hugo hit Charlotte on Chris Miller’s seventh birthday, September 22, 1989. The Category 4 storm toppled trees and destroyed electrical lines, so the Miller family’s only broadcast news came from a battery-powered Fisher Price radio in their Mount Holly home. They tuned into WBT and heard the voice of then-host Mike Collins. “I was just transfixed by all this information,” Miller recalls. He still has the radio, but relies on more sophisticated equipment for his job as a producer for *Charlotte Talks* on WFAE. Collins hosts the popular morning show, which has been exploring important issues for two decades, and Miller and the other producers come up with the topics. The job requires Miller to research and write about a wide range of subjects, from history to technology and politics—a skill he honed as a communication major at Queens. “My principle’s always been trying to know a little about a lot,” he says.

### ACADEMIC EDITOR: EMILY BENTON '04



Emily Benton worked with Miller as editorial pages editor of the monthly *Queens Chronicle*. Their faculty adviser, the late Wendy Waite, was a broadcast journalist, teacher and poet. “She was one of the first people who showed me you could kind of do it all,” Benton says. “That’s the kind of life I live now.” Benton is a journals production editor for the University of Hawai’i Press, ushering peer-reviewed academic articles to print, making sure they are copyedited and error-free. She also has an MFA in creative writing from UNC Greensboro and is writing a book of poetry in her spare time. “I would never have been able to write and edit in every job ... if it had not been for that communication and journalism background that I established at Queens,” she says.





# Mapping History

Through research and technology, a Queens class creates a map of national importance

*By Greg Lacour*

Growing up in Charleston, Sydney Memminger naturally knew about the Gullah, the African slave descendants who maintain a creole culture and language in Lowcountry South Carolina and Georgia. So in fall 2015, when Associate Professor of History Barry Robinson told the students in his “Mapping Slavery” class to research and map key areas of the slave trade, Memminger’s hometown was an obvious choice.

“Since I was from a place that was really important to the slave trade,” says Memminger, a senior biology major, “why not do Charleston and the Gullah culture, with its own language?”

She joined two other students and produced a Prezi for class, titled “From Charleston to Africa,” that outlined their research. It earned an A. She thought that would be the end of it. But the research was the germ of a mapping and historical research project more significant than she could have imagined.





The Brick Baptist Church on St. Helena Island, SC, was constructed by slaves in 1855. It is one of 16 historic buildings that comprise Penn Center, a historic site named for a school that once taught freed slaves. “The Penn Center turned out to be one of the most meaningful sites in the Corridor for our class,” says Robinson.

During the spring 2017 semester, for a course in applied historical geography, Robinson and 11 students, Memminger included, committed themselves to a single project: a comprehensive, interactive online map of Gullah historical sites. The class produced the map for—and in conjunction with—the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, based in Johns Island, South Carolina, just south of Charleston. The commission was created by Congress in 2006 to promote and preserve Gullah culture and the corridor, one of 49 National Heritage Areas recognized by the National Park Service. Existing maps of the corridor did not provide details of historic sites.

Robinson’s class sought to remedy that. The online map, which went live on the commission’s website in late May, identifies 213 locations along the length of the corridor, from New Hanover County, North Carolina, to St. Augustine, Florida. Clicking on a website marker opens up a corresponding window with information about and photos of the historic site. Tabs atop the main page organize locations into groups, such as churches,



Also on St. Helena Island is the Coffin Point Praise House, a small structure measuring 10 feet by 15 feet. Praise houses were built on plantations for worship and community meetings. This one, rebuilt after a fire in the 1950’s, has the addition of windows.

school houses and plantations. There’s a mobile-friendly version, too, which eliminates the need to lug a laptop around the Lowcountry. Commissioners, always privy to the results of fresh research, will be able to update and revise as they wish. “It’s a living resource,” Robinson says.

The professor admits to some nervous moments during the spring semester. Because the project involved a marriage of historical research and web-friendly mapping, Robinson recruited four students studying environmental science to join the class because of their expertise in ArcGIS mapping software. But he didn’t know how well they’d work with his history students, or whether the overall project was too ambitious. As far as he knew, no one had ever tried to map Gullah historic sites with such specificity, and the historical record is spotty. “There were a lot of moving parts,” he says. “I didn’t want to let the commission down.”

Robinson solved the problem by setting a February deadline for the map’s basic skeleton, which cleared the major technical





The couple that built this house for their 500-acre cotton plantation known as The Oaks did not enjoy it long; it became a headquarters for federal troops during the first year of the Civil War. A small school for slaves met in a back room. Named Penn School in honor of William Penn, the Quaker statesman, the school became the namesake for the modern Penn Center. The house is now privately owned by Queens alumna Barbara “Cookie” Aimar Goodwin Deloach ’59.

hurdles. In the months that followed, students developed a robust database, adding layers of content. Memminger, on the class team that handled research, recycled some data from her prior project and spent time poring over databases in the research room at the main public library branch in Charleston to help fill in the rest.

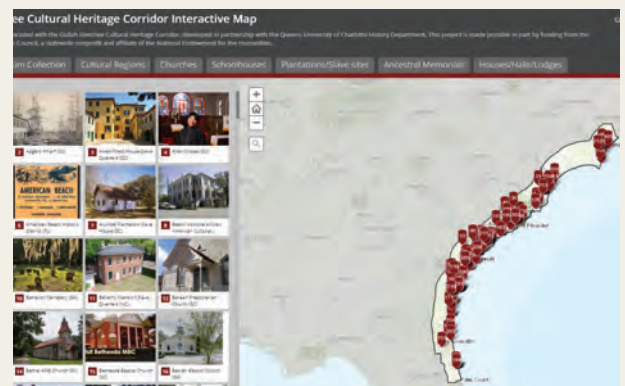
They had the map completed by semester’s end. In May, after finals, Robinson and his class members traveled to Johns Island on a Saturday to formally present their work to the Gullah Geechee Commission. The project was well received, and commissioners thanked the Queens team for their work. Students felt the satisfaction of serving the Gullah people, who held on to their identity through turbulent times in the South.

“I can’t even describe how I felt at that moment,” Memminger says. “It was pretty awesome.”

## The Project and Players



During the summer of 2016, (left to right) Hailey Riffe ’18, Sydney Memminger ’18 and Angela Kuriakose ’18 conducted research at the Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston. Their work became the predecessor of the mapping project.



With a click, readers can access photographs and descriptions online, as shown in this view of the map.



Several members of the mapping team pose on the front steps of The Oaks Plantation House. (Left to right, back row) Professor Barry Robinson, Gwendolyn Williams ’17, Elizabeth Bailey ’17, Johanna Schoenecker ’17 and Nick McCauslin ’17. (Middle row) Professor Robinson’s wife, Linnea, and Kim Barnhardt ’18. (Front row) Professor Robinson’s son, Isaac, and Kim Barnhardt’s daughter, Anna.





## Hindsight

We begin Class Acts with a quizzical moment from yesterday: crowds line the wall of Everett Library to watch students ... dance? Two wear kilts. What's happening here? If you know—or suspect—the answer, we'll share your take in the next issue of *Queens Magazine*. Write us at [editor@queens.edu](mailto:editor@queens.edu).

## OUR SUMMER HINDSIGHT

*"I can tell you exactly what's happening," wrote Doris Jenkins Stapel '65. "When students went into Morrison Hall for the midday meal, we left our books on the Diana wall." She points out that even purses were safe. The woman in the light-colored coat may be Dean Gebhardt, noted Margaret James Wilbanks '69.*



*Photos courtesy of Everett Library, Queens University Archives*



# Class ACTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH QUEENS ALUMNI? READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE MOST POPULAR SECTION OF *QUEENS MAGAZINE*.

The stories in these pages help the Queens community stay close. Don't be shy! Your classmates and friends want to hear about your work, your family, your transitions and plans—and of course, your visits with Royal classmates and friends. Send the latest to [www.queens.edu/classnotes](http://www.queens.edu/classnotes). Please contact Alumni Relations at 704-337-2256 or [alumni@queens.edu](mailto:alumni@queens.edu) if you have questions or comments.

## 1947

**Doris Turner Thomas** weathered Hurricane Irma for three days with no power and no phone, and, thankfully, no flooding which hit some areas of Jacksonville hard. Fortunately, her daughter, Emily, who lives in France, was visiting and was a great help. Doris keeps up with **Donnie Rhodes Yandle** who is in Wilmington, N.C., in a nursing home. She would love to hear from anyone from her class.

## 1950

The class expresses sympathy to **Harriet Bangle Barnhardt** on the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Thomas, who passed away on July 9.

## 1953

Since moving last year to River Landing CCRH in High Point, N.C., **Kathryn Hickman McCrary** has found two Queens alums and also connected with another!

## 1956

David and **Lynne Barnes Foley** celebrated their 60th anniversary with their four children, David Jr., Ken, Leslie and Warren. Six months later, Dave transitioned to heaven on January 21 after fighting Parkinson's and bladder cancer. It was quite a year together, bonding even closer to the Lord and each other. Dave's workmanship the last two years was amazing with great family building; his gentle, uncomplaining character shone. Lynne continues to live in the apartment on the grounds of Westminster. In Winter Park, she has many friends and continues with church, family and outside activities. Her busy responsibilities of the last three years have caused her to lose contact with classmates.

## 1958

Mack Helsabeck, husband of **June Reid Helsabeck**, passed away April 28 in Charlotte.



*Mary Lois Ridings Bynum '55 (left) and Barbara Myers Whitson '56 visit at Sunset Beach near where Barbara lives in Whiteville, N.C., in February.*

The class expresses sympathy to **Sophia Leventis Trakas** on the death of her daughter, Gina Trakas, who passed away on March 24. Gina was also the sister of **Maria Trakas Berry '92** and aunt of **Anna Trakas '14**.

This coming April the class of '58 will be gathering for their 60th Reunion. As Queens grows, so does the need to underwrite the promised international study trips. Therefore the class would like to increase its scholarship fund for the class gift to the university.

Special plans are underway to make the 60th a fun and meaningful celebration on April 13-14, 2018!

## 1959

The class expresses sympathy to **Kit Ramsey Trawick** on the death of her husband, Jack Elliot Trawick, who passed away on July 8. Jack was also the grandfather of **Hannah Trawick '16**.

## 1960

**Lynne Nichols Collins** shares that her sister, **Helene Nichols '63**, passed away on August 24. She graduated with a BA in math and was a Chi Omega. She worked for Life Insurance Company of Virginia after graduating. She had lived in California for the past 16 years.

**Martha Reid Reagan** has retired to Richmond, Va., to be close to daughters **Becca '85** and Katie, as well as grandchildren. She



*1961 classmates Kitty Sprinkle McKeithen (left) and Susan Brooks Kirkland enjoyed each other's company—and the tulips, which were in full bloom—during their trip to the Biltmore Estate this past spring.*



*Betty Gray Anderson '58 (fourth from right) celebrates with seven of this year's recipients of the Class of '58 International Scholarships at the Queens 2017 Scholars Luncheon. (Left to right) Emily Kamrud '18, Marcus Ramos-Pearson '19, Aiyannah Spence '18, Lindsey Golden '18, Alisa Hayes '17, Gaby Dubuc '17 and Olivia Higdon '18.*





*Queens graduates living at River Landing at Sandy Ridge in High Point, N.C., gather for a picture. (First row, left to right) **Kathryn Hickman McCrary '53** and **Helen Alexander Macaulay '50**. (Back row, left to right) **Ann Barkley Grey '60**, **Evelyn Copelan Edwards '57** and **SuBette Shelby Strand '57**.*

tries to get as much travel in as possible. Her last trip was to the north of Norway in February for ice fishing and snowshoeing.

David Hawthorne Reid, son of John and **Kathryn Woods Reid**, passed away on April 13. David was also the nephew of **Martha Woods Mallory '62**.

## 1961

**Marianna Christian Broaddus** and her husband recently returned from their 55th anniversary trip cruising the Adriatic. Their cruise was on a 50-passenger ship traveling from Venice to Malta. Wonderful sights along the Eastern coast of Italy filled their 17 days. The food and wine were wonderful, and their fellow travelers from around the U.S. made it a memorable trip.

The class expresses sympathy to **Elaine Brooks Paine** on the death of her husband, Sid, who passed away on September 5.



***Hettie Fowler Hervey '66** (left) hosted **Nancy Deane Dumville '66** (right) and her husband **Spike** at her home in Alexandria, Va., in July.*

## 1963

**Nancy Hall** hosted three of her classmates at her Edisto Beach home. **Mary Beshere**, **Betty Ghoering**, and **Angela Williams** joined Nancy for a fun time.

**Joyce McCubbin Wells** made it through Irma with little damage. Amelia Island, Fla., was severely hit

and power was off in many parts for a while. Hurricane Matthew did more damage to her than this one. Her neighbors were not as fortunate. Everyone here is so grateful to the linemen who worked through many nights.

## 1964

The class expresses sympathy to **April Royal Bisette** on the death of her daughter, Catherine S. Bisette, who passed away on April 5.

The class expresses sympathy to **Tonda Taylor** on the death of her partner's father, Dr. Jesse L. Coulter, who passed away on September 1.

in touch during these last few months after losing her husband Paul. She loved seeing everyone, hearing about Rosie and Dee and is so proud of the class of '67 for receiving awards in all three categories of achievement: attendees, total money raised and class participation percentage of donations! She is moving back to Atlanta from Hilton Head, S.C., to be with her daughters and grands. She looks forward to being back with the Atlanta alumni but will miss Adelaide coming to their annual gathering. She plans to see all of her classmates at the 55th!



***Fran Sours Turner '65** stops to take a picture with student tour guides **Ana Bolson '19** (left) and **Ella Brucker '19** (right) during a campus tour with her granddaughter this past summer. Coincidentally, during Fran's time as a Queens student she worked in the admissions office as a student ambassador.*

## 1967

2017 has been a fun year for **Edrie Tudie Blackwelder** as she settled in to write. Along with her own work, she joined the board of directors of the San Francisco Press Club last year and enjoys the club's promotion of both young and seasoned writers through the club's Greater Bay Area Journalism Awards. Between writing, she enjoys spending time with her 30-year-old dressage horse and her two dogs.

**Betty Simpson Smith** would like to thank all of her classmates who were so caring and supportive at the reunion and who have kept

## 1968

The 1968 Reunion Committee hopes to see everyone back on campus for their 50th reunion April 13-14, 2018!

The class expresses sympathy to **Beverly Altman Allen** on the death of her mother, Peggy A. Eberhart, who passed away on June 19.

The class expresses sympathy to **Sandy Glock Harrington** on the death of her mother, Lois H. Glock.

The class expresses sympathy to **Sidney Walker Pease** on the death of her husband, Norman Pease, on September 25.





*At the 2017 American Psychological Association Convention in Washington, D.C., Myrtle Heery '68, received the Rollo May Award for pursuing new frontiers in humanistic psychology.*

**Anne-Lynn Stahl Teal** is retired but Steve continues to run his appraisal business which he loves—and it keeps him busy. She goes to San Diego, Calif., as often as possible to visit her children and two

granddaughters, River (4) and Sage (2). She and Steve still love riding her Goldwing and last August, along with another couple, did a 5,000-mile, 12-state trip out West. It was a wonderful trip, and they are now planning the next one. Looking forward to seeing classmates at the 50th Reunion in April.

## 1969

**Emily Harris Fearnbach** and her daughter, Heather Fearnbach, attended the Victorian Society summer school program in London in July. It was an incredible learning experience.

**Theckla Donsbach Sterrett** and her husband are settled in their new house in Charlotte and love it. She plans to retire in May and looks forward to exploring this uncharted territory. The big news for them is that they are about to have their fourth grandchild. Daughter Theckla is expecting a second baby in October, and they can't wait to find out if it is a boy or girl.

Navona Records released **Betty Wishart's** "Concertante No.1: Journey into the Unknown" for winds, strings and horn in March. The piece is on *Passage*, an album of contemporary works for the orchestra. In September, Betty attended a concert of her music in New York City. The performance was given in honor of her 70th birthday.



*(Left to right) Son Todd Sterrett, daughter Theckla Pope, Theckla Donsbach Sterrett '69 and husband Tate Sterrett (Davidson '69) enjoyed their family beach trip this past summer at Seabrook Island, S.C.*

Approximately 15 Class of 1969 grads had a mini reunion in New York City November 9-12. They celebrated turning 70. It was a wild time as they were the rule changer boomers!

## 1971

The class expresses sympathy to **Donna Turner Brown** on the death of her father, Bill Bradley Turner, who passed away on July 31.



## A STIRRING TRIBUTE TO SYRIA

Malek Jandali '97 is a Syrian-American composer whose 17-minute piece, *The Silent Ocean*, was performed this past summer by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at its New Music Festival. Commissioned by the orchestra, the symphonic poem portrays the story of a little girl who flees the war in Aleppo, Syria, taking only the memories of her grandfather singing bedtime songs to her. Tragically, she escapes on a boat that capsizes, and she dies. Jandali uses his work to highlight Syrian culture and to call for activism to help Syrian children. *The Baltimore Sun* and *The Washington Post* praised the piece, with *The Post* stating that it found "a rapt audience at its world premiere." During his time at Queens, Jandali received the 1997 Outstanding Musical Performer Award. Paul Nitsch, the Carolyn G. McMahon Professor of Music and Macavity Artist-in-Residence at Queens, taught Jandali. He proudly stated, "For any composer to get a performance by a major American orchestra is a monumental boost for one's career."



**CH (Cathie Henson) Holcombe** has invented a new life after retirement, and is passionate about two projects in Greensboro, N.C. After learning to play the ukulele two years ago, she started a Peace & Love Ukestra at her Quaker meeting. The group plays in local parks and retirement homes for sing-alongs (memory care folks particularly love it). Her dream is to teach classes at the public library and grow a large interracial group of strummers. Also, keeping her Queens literature degree alive, she organized a Poetry Box project, pairing poets and artists to depict

the poems, placed in artistic boxes through a downtown poetry walk. This group offers workshops for kids and adults to make poem boxes at the Central Library, especially during April National Poetry Month. (After hating poetry in college, CH now appreciates it!)

The class expresses sympathy to **Kathy Broadway McCollum** on the death of her mother, **Cassie McArthur Broadway '46**, on August 29.

### 1972

The class expresses sympathy to **DeeDee Clayton Warren**

on the death of her father, **W. Malcolm Clayton**, who passed away on July 27.

### 1973

The class expresses sympathy to **Julie Hunt Gaither** on the death of her mother-in-law, **Grace Williams Gaither**, who passed away on July 12.

**Vi Lyles** would like to thank the Queens community for their support for her campaign for mayor of Charlotte.

### 1975

The class expresses sympathy to **Elizabeth Caldwell** on the death of her mother, **Bess Caldwell**, who passed away on March 21.

The class expresses sympathy to **Claire Welchman Trexler** on the death of her mother, **Ann Walker Welchman**, who passed away on July 15.

### 1976

**Phyllis Acree Mahoney** is serving as president of the Queens Friends of the Library this year.

### 1977

The class expresses sympathy to **Richard Arcilesi** on the death of

his father, **W. Richard Arcilesi, Sr.**, who passed away on April 15.

### 1979

The class expresses sympathy to **Anne Yudell** on the death of her husband, **Robert B. Yudell**, who passed away on June 26.

### 1983

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn York Bennett** on the death of her father, **Gerald P. York**, who passed away on September 10.

**Deborah Farrand** and husband **Wink** are the owners of **Wink's Organic Coffee and Tea** on The Embarcadero in Morro Bay, Calif. They have dreamed of living at the coast for decades; the shop overlooks the Bay, Morro Rock and the barking sea lions. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it. Come out and see them! (They're closed on Tuesdays.)

### 1984

After earning an MA in English at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, **Debbie Davis** wrote a weekly six-page newsletter for Domtar Manufacturing Company for 16 years and was chief photographer and manager of an in-



(Left to right) **Ann Hinson '72**, **Bunny Alexander '72** and **Myrta Pulliam '69** met for dinner in early August in Indianapolis for a late birthday celebration for Myrta.

# ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

April 13–14, 2018

Queens welcomes all alumni to campus for this weekend of shared memories and reconnecting with friends.

Alumni classes ending in 3 and 8 will celebrate special reunions.

### Fourth Annual G.O.L.D. Reunion Party

An opportunity for Graduates of the Last Decade to get together during this special weekend.



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house video program for the paper mill. She took a sabbatical in 2012 to work on a political and literary biography of Muammar Gaddafi, which she published in June (*How Sweet this Dangerous Dream*). It joins a work of literary fiction about the poet/novelist Charlotte Smith, entitled *Irish Light: the Story of a Friendship*, and a book of collected poems, *Sinking into the Sea*.

**Cynthia Spraker Mills** was a contributing author to two books published in the spring. The chapter "Align for Impact" received an Editor's Choice Award in *The Big Secret*, an anthology with Jack Canfield of *Chicken Soup for the Soul* renown. *The Female Factor: A Confidence Guide for Women*



*In August, (left to right) Cathy Mitchell '90, Ellie Gardner, Liz Lightfoot Tucker '90, Julie Ferguson Gardner '91 and Hannah Tucker spent time together during their annual beach trip to Pawleys Island, S.C.*

was released in April and will be followed by a contribution to *The Concrete Ceiling* due in December.

### 1985

The class expresses sympathy to **Carole Mosack Lee** on the death of her father, Carl L. Mosack, who passed away on August 13.

### 1986

The class expresses sympathy to **Copper Allen Comita** on the death of her son, John "Reid" Comita, who passed away on June 12.

### 1987

**Jennifer Willis Bock** and husband Richard have moved to Charlotte after 22 years in Asheville, N.C. He is the new director of vascular surgery at Novant. Jennifer will start looking for a job after she finds her way around again. Previously she was associate director of advancement at Carolina Day School. They are brand new empty nesters with one at Virginia Tech and another at UVA.

### 1988

The class expresses sympathy to **Trish Vail Hobson** on the death of her mother-in-law, Dorothy May Luter Hobson, who passed away on June 25.



*(Left to right) Carson Bock (20), Spencer Bock (18), Jennifer Willis Bock '87 and husband Richard spend time together in Charlottesville, Va., in August before dropping Spencer off for his first year at the University of Virginia.*

of her mother, Elspeth D. Tuke, who passed away on January 14.

**Jennifer Martin Hall's** oldest daughter Melanie is now a freshman at UNC Asheville. Youngest daughter Beth is a high school junior and is interested in Queens and UNCW. Visiting colleges with her daughters has brought back many fond memories of Queens and all of her friends. Jennifer is working as a substitute teacher in Concord for Cabarrus County Schools and is still involved in Girl Scouts. Jennifer had a great visit catching up with KD sisters **Kate Ives** and **Tracy Williams** in Charlotte back in the spring.

### 1990

The "Queen Bees" (**Cathy Mitchell**, **Liz Lightfoot Tucker**, **Julie Moseley** and **Julie Ferguson Gardner '91**) made their annual

beach trip to Pawleys Island, S.C., in August. They were joined by Hannah Tucker and Ellie Gardner this year. They hope to have the rest of the "Bees" join them next year. A fun time was had by all!

### 1991

**Caroline Caton** is looking forward to spending time with family this year as two nieces are getting married at opposite ends of the U.S.: Massachusetts and Alaska. She continues to enjoy exploring Wisconsin through kayaking, camping and road trips.

Back at the books after 26 years in marketing and fundraising, **Susan Perry Yarber** is attending Fayetteville Tech Community College's Funeral Service Education Program. Susan received her "call" to serve families in 1995 but the timing was never right until her



*Brandy Rowell '94 married Laura Boyd on May 20 at Julius' in Manhattan.*

In May, some "Queenies" got together at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., for a fun reunion. **Lisette Hasbun**, **Nellie Henderson Davant**, **Regan Phillippi Davis**, **Karen Bengston Hughes**, **Sherry Rowell Day**, **Nicole Lefebvre**, **KJ Price Morgan '89**, **Molly Waldrup Johnson**, **Christi Parham Arnette '89** and **Kathy Lennon Comer '89** were in attendance.

### 1989

The class expresses sympathy to **Felicity Tuke Cooper** on the death



# HOME RUN FOR THE ROYALS





Alumni, faculty, staff and students filled the stands at BB&T Ballpark for “Back to School Knight” with the Charlotte Knights on August 30. The event helped ring in the new school year, and allowed many new students their first immersive experience in Uptown Charlotte. It was an especially meaningful day for the inaugural Queens baseball team, who received a private tour of the facilities before the game. Head Baseball Coach Jack McDowell also had the honor of throwing the first pitch. Though the Knights could not edge out the Durham Bulls, one thing is for sure—the night was a win for Queens.







# Friends of the Library READING LIST

Compiled by Phyllis Mahoney '76 and Julie Walton '91

The works below were written by former Friends of the Library guest speakers and Queens MFA faculty and graduates. There is something for everyone to read this winter. We've also included the Common Read for 2017. Enjoy and happy reading!

**Wiley Cash**  
*The Last Ballad*

**Sharyn McCrumb**  
*She Walks These Hills*  
*The Ballad of Tom Dooley*

**Jay Erskine Leutze**  
*Stand Up That Mountain*

**Tracy Lee Curtis**  
*Trophy Mom*  
*Beach Bummed*  
*Holidazed*

**Hugh Morton**  
*Hugh Morton's North Carolina*

**Angela W. Williams '63**  
*Hush Now, Baby*

**Alex McKeithen**  
*The Seventh Angel: A Memoir*

**Lisa See**  
*The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*  
*Dreams of Joy*

**Cassandra King**  
*The Same Sweet Girls*  
*Moonrise*

**Common Read for 2017**  
*Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall

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son entered college last year. She'll become a funeral director in 2018. Susan is approaching this retirement career as something she can do to stay active, working part-time until, well, she becomes a client.

## 1992

This year has been a big year for **Dawn Carfagna Lyons**. She was selected as an assistant principal at a junior high in Layton, Utah.

Her principal wants to encourage students to go to college, so outside of her office is the Queens banner with her name and graduation date. She loves representing Queens all the way across the U.S.!

**Connie H. Weber**, a shareholder in the Charleston office of Littler, the world's largest labor and employment law practice representing management, has been

recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® as "Lawyer of the Year" within her practice in Charleston. With more than two decades of experience, Constance practices across the employment law spectrum and advises employers on everyday workplace issues. Active in the community, she serves as chair of the Continuing Legal Education Commission for the West Virginia State Bar, where she is a member of the Women's Lawyer Committee. She is also a member of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia and the Defense Research Institute. She serves as president of the board of directors for the Gabriel Project of West Virginia and is a board member of the Kanawha-Charleston Soccer Foundation.

## 1993

**Michelle Maples Colindres** can't believe her son is a senior in high school. Her daughter is dual enrolled in her junior year of high school and at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts for the Visual Arts program. Michelle just finished eight years as an activities assistant at the vets home and is enjoying going to antique and thrift stores. Linda, her first roommate at Queens, finally earned her nursing degree in Colorado, and she got to be a part of the ceremony by helping her granddaughter pin her!

## Jennifer Lawrence Grennan

has joined Queens as a full-time instructor in accounting and hopes to someday be as good as some of her favorite professors (many of which are still there!).

The class expresses sympathy to **Catherine S. Woodling** on the death of her father-in-law, Ronald Woodling, who passed away on June 11.

## 1994

**Brandy Rowell** married Laura Boyd in New York City on May 20. They were married at Julius', the oldest gay bar in Manhattan. The wedding was attended by drama



*Angela Forero Vellino's '96 newest art, ABC Love, is featured at Pottery Barn Kids.*

nerd besties **Sally Stewart Miller '93** and **Ryan Petersen**. The couple spent their honeymoon in Paris and continue to run the Own Your Sexy Photography Studio in Manhattan.

## 1995

**Amber Mabe Kent** is a practicing clinical herbalist, holistic nutritionist and traditional naturopath. She and husband Alan Kent own The Natural Way, a wellness business with a mission for supporting a holistic balance of body, soul and spirit in Greensboro, N.C.

## 1996

**April Amos Robertson** was chosen as Teacher of the Year for her elementary school where she has taught special education and then fourth grade for 11 years. She was one of the top 10 semi-finalists in all of Forsyth County, out of more than 3,000 teachers. She did not win, but was honored to have her name among other amazing teachers in Forsyth County.

**Angela Forero Vellino** is a freelance graphic designer and founder of Chica Design, an Atlanta-based design studio that specializes in art and stationery. Her love affair with all things paper began with the design of her own wedding invitations. Angela primarily works with retailers such as Minted and Zazzle. Most notably you can find her newest piece, *ABC Love*, at Pottery Barn Kids. Her work has



been featured in *Brooklyn Bride* and *Design Mom*. Check out [chicadesign.com](http://chicadesign.com) to learn more.

#### 1997

After 10 moves in 19 years, in June of last year **Andrew Brownfield** and his wife, **Heather Connelly Brownfield '98**, relocated to Charlotte to put down roots and raise their two young daughters. After 10 years in field leadership with State Farm, Andrew became an agent, opening his doors in Rock Hill in February.

The class expresses sympathy to **Shelia Little** on the death of her father, Marshall Little, who passed away on April 2.

**Kelly Thomas Pearson** and husband Joe welcomed a baby boy, Jacob Thomas Pearson, on April 17. Baby Jake arrived a month early, excited to start life. The family is doing well and enjoying lake life in Shelby, N.C. Kelly has gone back to work at CMPD as a detective and plans on kicking off a busy fall schedule with her catering business, Deelish Catering and Events.

#### 1998

After a vacation to the Baltic, **Heather Connelly Brownfield** and husband **Andrew '97** made a stop in Båstad, Sweden to visit longtime friend and fellow alum **Elizabeth Hunter Persson '00** and her husband Klas.



(Left to right) **Elizabeth Hunter Persson '00** hosts **Andrew '97** and **Heather Connelly Brownfield '98** in Båstad, Sweden, in June.

**Scott Alan Trowbridge's** new band, Foglings, released an album. Contrary to more recent forays into horror folk music with American Sinner, his new band returns to some Queens era roots with ample grunge and alternative rock influence. [www.foglings.com](http://www.foglings.com)

#### 1999

**Robin Conrad Lane** is the proud Granny to four granddaughters with the fifth one on the way. Her daughter **Amanda Fleming Taylor '18** is enrolled in the masters of creative writing at Queens and will graduate in January, two months after her baby is due. They will both be alums!

The class expresses sympathy to **Dixie H. Pinson** on the death of her husband, William Pinson, who passed away on August 7.

**Brooke Harshbarger Schmidt** is a freelance writer/editor. She was recently published in a collection of essays called *Midlife Margaritas* (available on Amazon). The authors share challenges they faced and their changed perspectives as they stared down midlife. Brooke's essay focuses on the devastating loss of her father to esophageal cancer. In addition to helping others recognize that grief comes in many forms, she hopes



**Caroline Cave '99** lives the Queens motto, "*Non ministrari sed ministrare,*" these days. She earned a graduate certificate in nonprofit management in the spring and accepted a position with the Charlotte Symphony in July as the new grants manager. This is her dream job, and she is ecstatic.

that readers come away knowing that heartburn can cause cancer.

#### 2000

**Paula Ronkko Naeff** still lives in Basel, Switzerland, and is happily married to Stefan. She is an artist and mother to Noah and Fenja. She also teaches Pilates

# HOME COMING

Return to campus to cheer the Royals basketball teams to victory and welcome six new inductees into the Queens Athletics Hall of Fame.

Details at [connect.queens.edu](http://connect.queens.edu)



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and dances ballet whenever possible. Please come visit!

**Michelle Horn Rager** recently started a new position at New Hanover Regional Medical Center as a pharmacist and will be working in an outpatient physician practice. She is excited to move back to North Carolina, and her family is loving the coastal life in Wilmington!

**Tina-Marie Venus** just celebrated her 14th anniversary with Gaskin Asset Management. As operations manager, her most recent project was transitioning GAM's affiliation from Wells Fargo Advisors to Raymond James. She is glad to have her nights and weekends back, in part to start upgrading the new home she bought last year in Indian Land, S.C.

## 2001

**Keith Byrd Hamilton** has had an exciting 2017 as he opened his own firm for graphic and web design and marketing. Keith Hamilton Design. Major clients have included Keller Williams and Hawthorne's Pizza. He's helped launch several new businesses. Keith and his wife celebrated 11 years together and their twins continue to grow too fast (just turned 3!).

In January, **Casey Hastings Johnson** decided to strike out on her own and launched an event planning business, Cardinal Events and Occasions Planning. Focusing

on corporate and community events, Casey continues to work with clients in Washington, D.C., while building the business locally in Prescott, Wis. The local chamber of commerce hosted a ribbon cutting in April. She celebrated her first anniversary with husband Chad in September.

## 2002

**Lindsey Seaman Demirjian** and **Jeff '03** are loving every bit of life with their girls. Jeff is the pricing manager for Louis Berger Services and plays soccer weekly. Lindsey is a paralegal for the transportation litigation team of Smith Moore Leatherwood, was recently appointed to the Christ Church Episcopal Preschool Board of Directors, leads the annual preschool Christmas event and recently sustained from the Junior League of Greenville, S.C.



*Keith Hamilton '01 and his wife Freya capture a milestone with their twins, Viviana (left) and Sofia (right), outside their house in Matthews, N.C., before the twins' first day of preschool.*



*Jamie Litcher Pennington '05, her husband James, big sister Ava and their dog Mishugina welcomed Willow James to the family in February.*

**Misha Heard** finally stopped circling the beltway and bought her first condo in the nation's capital last year. She continues to do aerial silks and other circus arts for fun, even performing from time to time in student recitals.

## 2005

After graduating in 2005, **Britne Stubbs** began graduate school and obtained her MBA from Tiffin University in 2007. She has been working in college athletics ever since. She began her career at Brevard College, N.C., in 2007 as the head softball coach. She was there for five seasons before taking the assistant position at Utah State University in 2012. Longing to be back in the Carolinas, she made the move back to the East and was named head softball coach at Presbyterian College in 2014. Presbyterian is a NCAA Division I institution, competes in the Big South Conference and is located in Clinton, S.C. Britne and her family reside in beautiful Greenville, S.C.

**Ashley Adams Nechay** and husband Evgeniy ("G") have bought their first home in Newnan, Ga., and Ashley is thrilled to announce that after several years in private practice she has returned to prosecution and is working at the Coweta County Solicitor's Office.

**Jamie Litcher Pennington** has spent the 12 years since graduation all over the country working with children with special needs. In February, she and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Willow James, named in honor of a dear friend and fallen soldier. They are happily settled back in Charlotte.

**Barbara Woodward** is enjoying life!

## 2006

**Amber Rigsby Freeman** and husband David welcomed their son, David Benton Freeman, Jr., on August 17. Benton is named after his father, paternal grandfather and paternal great-grandfather.



*Lindsey Seaman Demirjian '03 sits with her daughters, Leah (3) and Bailey (2), at the Greenville Zoo in Greenville, S.C., on Mother's Day.*

**Amanda Banks McGrath** and **Kyle McGrath '07** have achieved full suburban status by owning a minivan. They continue trying to raise two decent tiny humans. Their daughter, Bennett, started kindergarten this year, and their son, Chandler, will be two in May.

## 2007

**Siánneth Sánchez** and her husband, Jason Nark, are thrilled to welcome their first daughter, Lucia Marie Nark, who was born on August 24. The family is so excited to have this future KD legacy, including the happy aunt **Sairy Sánchez Richardson '08!**

## 2008

The class expresses sympathy to **Susannah Netherland** on the death of her father, Frank B. Netherland, who passed away on May 23.

**Taryn Wolford** is the new head PGA golf professional and general manager at Renaissance Park Golf Course in Charlotte. She has enjoyed working in the golf industry for the last eight years and teaching the game of golf as a PGA professional for the last three years. She's excited to start a new chapter in her golf career!

## 2009

**Elisabeth Podair Blum** was promoted to account director at national PR and digital agency Taylor Strategy. Elisabeth manages





*Adam Phillips' '08 band Amigo will release their second album in January. Band members (left to right) are Adam, Slade Baird and Thomas Alverson. (Photo credit: Jeff Howlett)*

Diageo's American Whiskey portfolio including Bulleit Bourbon. She lives with her husband and two dogs in Charlotte.

**Hilary Armel Hall** won the United States Golf Association Mid-Amateur Regional Qualifier in Canton, Mass., by one shot. This qualified her for the 2017 USGA Women's Mid-Amateur tournament in Naples, Fla. She and husband **Iain '08** still live in Dublin, and one of her goals is to play every golf course in Ireland. She also hopes to become a plus-handicap and be selected to the Curtis Cup, an international team competition for top amateur golfers from the U.S., Great Britain and Ireland.

**Sarah Burt Mahoney** is living the military [spouse] life. She and husband Corey recently moved to Virginia Beach, Va., with their two dogs, Buoy and Ruger, along with their horse, Wow. Sarah is working on expanding her equine sports massage business and loving having her husband home every night.

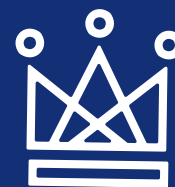
**Katie Gilbert Walsh** and her husband, Jon, welcomed their daughter, Ava Louise Gilbert, to the world on August 29. ADPi sisters **Chandler Tribble Spafford '08**, **Alyssa Knowles Cox '08** and **Molly Hogan** threw a beautiful baby shower for Ava in June. Katie works for Rech Law as an associate attorney and practices family law and estate planning.



*Siánneth Sánchez '07 (left) and sister Sairy Sánchez Richardson '08 are all smiles at Siánneth's baby shower in July.*



*Keatin McKenzie '09, Whitney Palmer '09, Elisabeth Podair Blum '09 and Ellie Ramm '09 backpacked the 22-mile round-trip Kalalau Trail in Kauai, Hawaii, in June.*



## A Tip of the Crown: ROYAL KUDOS TO QUEENS ALUMNI



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**Myrtle Heery '68** recently won the Rollo May award for innovative programs in the field of psychology at the annual American Psychological Association meeting in Washington, DC. She is the first woman to receive this honor.

In November, **Vi Taylor Lyles '73** was elected as Charlotte's first female African American mayor.

**Gayle Wellborn MBA '95** has been appointed to the board of directors for HealthEquity, the nation's largest health savings accounts nonbank custodian.

**Joe Mazzo '96** is the chief executive officer for HCA Virginia's John Randolph Medical Center.

**Dawn Johnson MFA '08** was named to the state board for State Rehabilitation Council in Georgia.

**John Cline MSA '10** was named principal of Washington High School in Iowa.

**Susan Steagull MBA '11** was named CIO of VCU Health System.

**Melissa Phillips '14** has been named senior tax associate at GreerWalker CPAs and Advisors.

**Taylor Pinckney '15** has moved to Washington, DC, to become the national campus organizer with Feminist Majority.

**Mary Stringini '16** has moved from Charlotte to Tampa, Florida, to become the digital producer for ABC Action News.

**Emily Price '17** has been hired by ESPN in Charlotte as a digital media and events specialist.

**Hiwot Hallu '17** has been hired as a digital producer for WCNC-TV (NBC affiliate in Charlotte).

### 2010

**Simon Bird** celebrated his 30th birthday at the Bond in Motion, London Film Museum in London, England, with friends and family. In attendance were fellow Queens alumni **Dave Bainbridge '11**, **Harrison Fidler '11**, **Matt Gwilt '12**, **Tori Hernandez '13**, **James Johnson**, **Matt Kaelin**, **Michael Lum '11**, **Laura Lum '13**, **Chris Suarez** and **Pat Sullivan**.

**Sarah Crawford Ferdon** and **Joel Ferdon '12** welcomed Everett Nash Ferdon to their family on April 17. Sarah is in her third year of teaching with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Joel serves as the reference librarian for Davie County Public Library, and he completed a masters in library science this summer.

**Rebecca Markle Martin** has two children, a little girl (4) and boy (1). She graduated from



# Beyond *the* Gazebo

To honor its 50th anniversary back in 1978, the Queens Chi Omega chapter erected a gazebo on the exact spot of the first Chi O house. Relocated several times along the way, the gazebo now stands next to Belk Chapel.

Wherever it stood, the story goes like this: if you and your love share a kiss in the Chi Omega Gazebo, you two will be together always. And from the looks of these pictures from Queens couples, Gazebo power applies not only to love and marriage, but also to the baby carriage!



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1. Courtney Walker Scheaf '14 and David Scheaf '12 tied the knot on July 22. The couple held their reception at Queens.

2. Joel Ferdon '12 and Sarah Crawford Ferdon '10 welcomed Everett Nash Ferdon on April 17.

3. Perrin Thompson Jones '16 and Taylor Jones MBA '16 tied the knot on April 1. The couple was married in Myers Park in Charlotte at Little Church on the Lane, and a reception was held at the Levine Museum of the New South.

4. Megan O'Brien Smith '11 and Steven Smith '12 welcomed Theodore "Theo" David Smith into the world on July 10.

5. Matthew Gumb '12 and Danielle Glefke Gumb '13 are smitten with their new addition, Liam, who joined the world on June 21.



St. John Fisher College with a master's in nursing and has been working as a family nurse practitioner at a community health center for almost two years.

## 2011

**Clay Hanback** is studying hard, preparing for another fifth place finish in his fantasy football league.

**Cierra Newman** is a law student at the University of Iowa College of Law. With the recommendation of former Iowa Governor Terry Brandstad (current U.S. Ambassador to China), and the endorsement of her law school, she has been selected by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, under Chairmen Chuck Grassley, to clerk for the committee this fall.

## 2012

**Kariel Parian** recently celebrated her fourth anniversary of living in London. She moved to the U.K. to obtain her master's degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She now works with **Simon Bird '10** in London as a marketing manager for a tech firm.

**Lindsay Woodhouse Robertson** and her husband, Dillon, moved to Hong Kong this summer. After beginning their teaching careers in North Carolina, they were eager to travel and experience living and working abroad. They accepted positions at Hong Kong International School and are



*Chelsea Schilling Rouso '12 married Michael Rouso in November. They reside in Charlotte.*

teaching reception 2 (kindergarten) and grade 4, respectively.

**Chelsea Schilling Rouso** married Michael Rouso (a Charlotte native) on November 4 in Charleston, S.C. Michael is the regional manager and lead custom designer for his family-owned jewelry store, Brownlee Jewelers. Chelsea is an immigration law paralegal with Moore & Van Allen. They live in Charlotte.

## 2013

After two years working as a financial advisor in Houston, Texas, **Joshua Dowd** decided to answer the call to serve his country and take the challenge to become an officer in the Marine Corps. After one year of the most difficult training the military has to offer, Josh is now able to call himself an officer of Marines. Referred to as 2nd Lieutenant Dowd, he is stationed with 3rd Light

Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The Gumb household has been busy since their last update. **Matthew Gumb '12** and **Danielle Glefke Gumb** were married in March of 2016 and then traveled to Austria for their honeymoon, experiencing everything from mountain climbing to vineyard hopping. Danielle continues to grow her Charlotte business, G-Clef Therapy and Lessons, while Matthew recently earned his licensed professional counselor certification and is working as a mental health counselor in the University area. Matthew and Danielle welcomed their new baby boy, Liam, to the world on June 21. Life continues to be exciting and filled with joy as they build their family in Charlotte.

After four wonderful years serving Queens in the Myrta Pulliam Center

for International Education, **Kim Prucha Phillips** accepted a position in the global brand licensing department at Electrolux in June. Husband **Adam Phillips '08** and his band, Amigo, will release their second album in January 2018.

**Jason Rossetti** works as a pre-construction estimator for HarkerDoerre. After playing two years of professional golf on the mini-tours, Jason found a new career in commercial construction and hasn't looked back.



*Joshua Dowd '13 is now serving as an officer in the Marine Corps and is stationed in Twentynine Palms, Calif.*

## 2014

**John Ashby** graduated with his bachelor's degree after an extended period from the Hayworth School, as the final recipient of the now discontinued information systems program. A soon-to-be father of three, he lives in south Charlotte and works as a data architect.

After earning her BA in psychology in 2014, **Amy Grybush** went on to earn an MA in mental health counseling from Wake Forest University in 2016. This fall, Amy is continuing her educational journey by starting the doctoral program at UNCC in counselor education and supervision.

## 2015

**Jenny Failor** became engaged to Evan Lynn in April. Evan proposed at one of their favorite places



*(Left to right) Chris Suarez '10, Dave Bainbridge '11, Harrison Fidler '11, Matt Kaelin '10, James Johnson '10, Simon Bird '10, Pat Sullivan '10, Laura Lum '13, Michael Lum '11, Tori Hernandez '13 and Matt Gwilt '12 travelled from all over to visit Simon in London, England, to celebrate his 30th birthday at Bond in Motion, London Film Museum.*



## Class ACTS

in Charlotte, the U.S. National Whitewater Center. They are eagerly awaiting a summer 2018 wedding!

### 2016

**Sierra Bratton** began her role in marketing at the YMCA of Greater Charlotte in January. She was selected as part of a team of Y staff and young adults to travel to the Senegal YMCA in West Africa through the Y's Global Service Learning program. They took the trip abroad in November, gaining a deeper connection to the Y's local and global mission.

**Nikia Squire** came to Queens on a basketball scholarship in 2012. It was there she met her now fiancée, **Alexys Taylor '14**. In March, Nikia proposed and Alexys said yes! Nikia, a 2X NCAA Division II Track & Field National Champion and 10X All-American is now a summer and winter Olympic hopeful as she's training with the U.S.A. bobsled team. Alexys, who is the exhibition and collections manager at the Harvey B. Gantt Center in Uptown Charlotte is also a board member for North Carolina's Outward Bound.



*Amy Grybush '14 (center) celebrates her 2016 graduation with husband Lee Martin and her son, Shaun Krueger. She earned a master's in mental health counseling from Wake Forest University.*

The two of them have become a great example of the love and opportunities Queens has to offer!

### 2017

The class expresses sympathy to **Chad Rich** on the death of his father, Dr. Charles B. Rich, Jr., who passed away on September 15.

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Cannon Dickens** on the death of her grandmother, Dorothy N. Dickens, who passed away on June 22.

This past fall, **Milan Golding** began her master's in music psychology at the University of Sheffield in London.

**Luis Hernandez**, former Queens golfer, caddied for PGA pro Yuta Ikeda during the PGA championship at Quail Hollow in August.

**Jayme Keefer** recently moved to Rock Hill, S.C., to begin working in the world languages and cultures department at Winthrop University. She also became engaged to Daniel Xavier Jones Charles in June and is excited to plan her wedding.



*Nikia Squire '16 (left) and Alexys Taylor '14 take in the view at Lake Louise in Canada during Nikia's day off from competing at the USA Women's Bobsled National Push Championships in July.*

## Graduate Programs

**J. Robert Morehead EMBA '87** moved next door to Queens.

The class expresses sympathy to **David C. Page MBA '01** on the death of his grandfather, Dr. George D. Page, who passed away on June 17 and his grandmother, Sarah Curry Page, who passed away on July 25.

**Tom Mixer MBA '05** participated in the annual Jimmy and Rosalyn

## Alumni Events



**JANUARY 26**  
**Alumni & Friends event**  
New York City



**JANUARY 27**  
**Homecoming**  
Return to campus to cheer the Royals basketball teams to victory and enjoy a day of activities



**MARCH 20**  
**#QUnited**  
Join the Queens community in a 24-hour giving challenge to support student scholarships



**MARCH 24**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
An annual spring tradition on Burwell Lawn for children of alumni and friends



**APRIL 12**  
**Fifth Annual Schmoozapalooza**  
The Vandiver Center for Career Development offers students and alumni an opportunity to network with representatives from Charlotte-area corporations and organizations



**APRIL 13-14**  
**Alumni Reunion Weekend**  
Queens welcomes all alumni to campus to participate in this memorable weekend - classes ending in 3 and 8 celebrate special milestone reunions

**Fourth Annual G.O.L.D. Reunion Party**  
An event designed for Graduates of the Last Decade during Reunion weekend



**APRIL 30**  
**Billy O. Wireman Golf Tournament**  
A memorial golf tournament, held this year at Carolina Golf Club, which benefits the McColl School Excellence Fund for student scholarships



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Carter Work Project with Habitat for Humanity. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was the site of the 2017 Work Project in July. Memphis, Tenn., was the site of the 2016 Work Project.

**Dr. Carol Locher Ransone MBA '08** has joined the change risk management department within BB&T's Risk Management Organization as senior vice president.



**Shekar Katuri MBA '00** (left) and **Mike Alexander MBA '09** explore global business partnerships in Hyderabad, India, in May.

**Ron Stodghill MFA '08**, an award-winning journalist and author, has returned to his undergraduate alma mater, University of Missouri (1986) as an associate professor in the university's esteemed journalism school. A veteran of such publications as *The New York Times*, *Time*, and *Business Week*, Ron spent more than a decade in Charlotte, during which time he wrote for the *Charlotte Observer* and *Charlotte* magazine.



**Ron Stodghill MFA '08** is back at his undergraduate alma mater, University of Missouri, as an associate professor in the journalism school.



**Shuly Xóchitl Cawood MFA '14** recently had a memoir published, *The Going and Goodbye* (Platypus Press, 2017). In September, she presented at Park Road Books in Charlotte, where she began with a very short excerpt from her first diary.

and taught writing at Johnson C. Smith University.

**Mike Alexander MBA '09** and **Shekar Katuri MBA '00** recently met in Hyderabad, India, to explore further opportunities to expand their Wells Fargo and Deloitte global business partnership. The two shared stories about, and applied learnings from, Don Wallace (strategy), Bob Finley (finance), Cathy Anderson (legal) and other former McColl School of Business professors while discussing new/existing business opportunities. They toured some of India's incredible cultural and heritage sites.

The class expresses sympathy to **Tamara Burrell MS '13** on the death of her father, John Dickson Jr., who passed away on May 4.



**Julianna R. Deuel** (front), the daughter of **Tamara Deuel MBA '15** and her husband, Ryan Deuel, was baptized in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany, in May.

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**Michael Brantley's MFA '14** personal essay, "Cooking Collards," was published in the fall issue of *The Broad River Review*. The essay is a chapter from a book in progress. He is currently a visiting assistant professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount.

**Meghan Florian's MFA '14** book, *The Middle of Things: Essays*, was published by Cascade Books in July.

**June Blalock Furr MA '15** is currently working on her PhD in rhetorics, communication and information design at Clemson University. She recently published an article in *Disability and Society* along with Drs. Mac MacArthur and Alexis Carreiro from Queens. She is working on another article to submit.



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## Jump In:

GUESS THAT CLASS

Remember your favorite Queens course? Maybe it was English with Dr. Goode or water aerobics with Coach Phyllis Pharr. These classes molded your mind, were vehicles for fostering new friendships and encouraged you to see the world through a new lens. While some classes have stayed the same at Queens, others have rapidly evolved. Can you identify these Queens classes from the early 1960s? Use your context clues! The answers are at the bottom of page 46.





# ONE *last* THING

## Being Awake

BY DIANE MOWREY



The Buddha's name, which is often translated as "enlightenment," also means "to wake up" or "one who is awake." Jesus reminded his disciples that often his listeners were ones who "seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear nor do they understand" (Matthew 13:13). The world's major religions draw attention to our need to be alert, to be present. Knowing that, I have to wonder at myself. When I think back over 26 years as chaplain, it sometimes all seems a blur, as if I had been sleepwalking through my life, through one meeting or class or gathering to another like some zombie.

But then, I pause, and I realize that there have also been moments when I was awake, when I realized with new awareness that, as poet Gerard Manley Hopkins writes in "God's Grandeur":

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed.

The moments that stand out, when I realize I was "awake," are ones distinguished by a stark clarity—sometimes painful and sometimes joyful clarity—but clarity nonetheless. In those

experiences time stopped; the tick-tick of a clock gave way to a different experience of time, a sacred time.

One of the first times this happened was during my first year as chaplain, when a student whom I had come to know committed suicide. As I sat with her friends in my office to plan her memorial service at Queens, tears of sadness and anger and confusion flowed freely, but we were all also aware of being painfully, sorrowfully, fully alive. We were where we wanted and needed to be; meetings and assignments and music or soccer practice had faded into a grey backdrop. All that mattered were these moments together.

Or there were moments in Guatemala when our Queens group would gather with indigenous women in the simple cinder block meeting space at Corazon de Mujeres (Heart of the Women). Over the almost 20 years of Queens' visiting with this community, a trust developed until sometimes the women would hesitantly, tearfully tell us their stories about surviving three decades of civil war. When we listened to their stories of hiding from the army, of holding their babies tight against their breasts to keep them from giving away their position, we knew that like Moses we had turned aside from our original path to recognize and acknowledge God's presence among us.

I have also had experiences of "being awake" during joyful times, from performing a marriage on a windy beach to baptizing an infant prior to his successful heart transplant. There have been every day moments—a student lets go of her initial idea of being a doctor to answer her call to serve the poor as a midwife or another student grasps a difficult theological concept and realizes he can compete in the classroom.

As chaplain, thankfully, I did have moments of being awake, when I and others experienced God's Spirit in new ways; we saw the extraordinary in the ordinary (as the ancient Celts described it). These are the moments when we held our breath and took off our shoes as we recognized that we were standing on holy ground. These are the moments when we discovered the "altars in the world," as writer and theologian Barbara Brown Taylor called them. They are the moments when we became vulnerable and opened ourselves to others in ways that go beyond our usual surface existence. Grace appeared, comforting us or calling us into the world to work for justice. They are the moments that transformed me. They are the moments that are available to each of us every day—if we have eyes to see and ears to hear.



*Diane Mowrey served as university chaplain for 26 years until her retirement September 12. Appointed chaplain emerita, she remains at Queens as a professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion.*



## Parting Shot

Student-athlete Alex Marshall '18 had the honors of pounding the drum at the October 12 Carolina Panthers game against the Philadelphia Eagles. "Keep pounding" is a Panthers tradition, inspired by a speech given by Assistant Coach Sam Mills before a game in 2004. The former Panthers player described the choices he faced in his fight against cancer: quit

or keep pounding. His advice to the team became immortalized: "You're fighters, too. Keep pounding." When he died the following year, his No. 51 jersey was retired. Marshall, a member of the Queens swim team, was diagnosed with cancer while at Queens and overcame it. She was chosen for this special evening, which marked the release of the NFL Films documentary, *A Football Life: Sam Mills*.







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