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As the sun sets on an October evening, the Queens campus glows. Charlotte's uptown breaks the horizon, and a carpet of trees hides the city's busy streets.

ON THE COVER: President Pamela Davies, at her desk in her Burwell Hall office, will step down from her position in June. To read about her legacy, turn to page 14.

Photo by Rick Smoak

UNDER *the* OAKS

From the President

MY HOPE FOR YOU

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I write this message having just hosted my seventeenth annual Royal Society dinner at Queens. It was a bittersweet moment for me—sweet in that I had one more opportunity to thank more than 300 alums, friends and families who have given so much to our university. Bitter, in that it would be my last such opportunity as president of Queens.

As I prepare to step down from my role on June 30, I do so with great thankfulness for the progress we have achieved together. I have had the privilege of working alongside an outstanding board of trustees, with extraordinary board leadership. My management team has been far more than competent—they have been dynamic and tireless in their commitment to make Queens the best we can be. Queens' faculty and staff are absolutely second-to-none, and our talented students and dedicated alumni continue to amaze me each and every day. We have been blessed to have countless friends and donors who have joined us in delivering on our mission to transform lives through education. And together, we have done just that, having educated more than 10,000 students during my tenure.

The moment I arrived at Queens, I knew I had come to a special place, but in the end, I have come to cherish this university and this community more than I could have ever imagined. As I reflect upon my upcoming transition, the word that best describes what I feel is *gratitude*. My hope for you is that no matter where you are on your journey that you, too, will experience immense gratitude when you think about your family and friends, your life's work, and when you think of Queens, the tie that binds us together. And in the days ahead, you can be assured that when I think of you, my heart will be filled with gratitude.

Warmest personal regards,

Pamela Davies

Pamela Davies, PhD
President



Did You Know?

NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST CONGRESSWOMAN

In the fall of 1918, one student entered Queens with dreams of studying music. No one knew that she would go on to become North Carolina's first female representative in Congress. Eliza Jane Pratt '22 studied at Queens for two years, until her father fell gravely ill and she had to leave school to find a job.

After a short stint as a newspaper editor in Troy, NC, she accepted a position in Washington, DC, as an administrative assistant to North Carolina Congressman William C. Hammer. Pratt also worked for Hammer's successors: Hinton James, J. Walter Lambeth and William O. Burgin. Following Burgin's



Eliza Jane Pratt's '22 Congressional portrait.

death in 1946, Pratt believed she was the woman for the job because, after working in the same office for 22 years, she knew the voters and the needs of the constituency.

Voters knew Pratt and helped push her name against six other candidates. After a five-week campaign, during which she paid all her own expenses, Eliza Jane Pratt was elected on May 25, 1946, as the representative from the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina. Although unable to complete her term for reasons now lost, she continued to work in DC until 1962. Reflecting on her time in Congress and on women's roles in politics, Pratt said, "The men here were slow to accept suffrage, and the majority have not yet fully recognized women as equal political partners, but, looking back, I can remember the time when only a handful of women would turn out for a rally. Now they sometimes outnumber the men."

—Danielle Phillips '13

On My Nightstand

BY COACH
BART LUNDY



Books cover my nightstand at all times. Books that help me get better, books that help me escape reality and children's books. *The Culture Code* by Daniel Coyle is a self-improvement book that I am currently studying. I ran into Cathy Anderson at Barnes & Noble in late summer (she taught at the McColl School for many years), and she recommended several books on organization, motivation and creativity. I bought them all.

In *The Culture Code*, Daniel Coyle examines the best group cultures. "Culture is from the Latin *cultus*, which means care," he writes. Care manifests itself by creating a safe environment for the group, showing your own vulnerability as a leader and creating goals that allow individuals to believe in something bigger than themselves. Some of the nuggets in this book are how to deal with bad apples in the group and understanding the importance of the moment when new members enter the group.

As for the escape reality books, I always love a good spy novel. Daniel Silva's *The Other Woman* is the latest

book I have finished. Once completed, I find a way to give these novels away. Even if to a stranger in the airport. My next novels will be Jeffery Archer's *The Clifton Chronicles*, a series recommended by my father who passed away last year.

My favorite books and my favorite time of the day is my 4-year-old son's bedtime. His current requests are *Peter Pan* and *Skippy John Jones*. Having four sons—the oldest is a senior in high school—I often look back on the journey we have taken with books. From *Casey at the Bat* to *The Sword of Shannara* and *Lord of the Rings*, it has been a wonderful journey with them.

My oldest three have outgrown Dad reading to them, but I occasionally catch them listening at the door.

—Bart Lundy was 25 when he became the head men's basketball coach at Queens in 1998. He took the Royals to their first Elite Eight appearance in 2001 and the national semifinals in 2003. He went on to coach at other universities, continuing to establish records. In 2013 he returned to Queens as head men's basketball coach.

Remember When

HURRICANE HUGO



Photo courtesy of Everett Library, Queens University Archives

In the early morning hours of September 22, 1989, Hurricane Hugo hit Charlotte and Queens with winds up to 87 miles an hour. According to Staci Benson McBride '92, who was a resident assistant in Albright residence hall at the time, students woke up at 3 a.m. to howling winds, falling trees and no electricity. They tied ropes from one student to another and set out from the dorm, groping their way in the dark rain to the basement of E. H. Little Fine Arts Center.

Daylight exposed a devastated campus, and students who could get home left as soon as they could. On Monday, September 25, faculty and staff came back to a campus of uprooted trees and damaged buildings, and everyone who was able pitched in to help with the cleanup. Countless roof tiles had blown off buildings. Burwell, Wallace (Hall Brown Overcash) and the Little Fine Arts Center had structural damage. There were multiple gatherings in Belk Chapel for prayer and inspiration. Students could not return for two weeks, until power was restored. When they arrived, Jay McBride '92 (Staci's husband) recalls many worrying about where the squirrels would live since so many trees were gone.

—Adelaide Anderson Davis '61

RESIDENCE HALL UPDATES



In 2017, Queens welcomed the largest freshman class in the school's history, followed by another historically large class in 2018. With the growth of the student body, the demand for on-campus housing has skyrocketed. To accommodate the 950 students who now live on campus, many single dorm rooms have been turned into doubles and doubles into triples, operating (at least temporarily) at expanded capacity. A lottery system was created to release upper class students from the three-year residency

requirement, and juniors had the opportunity to live off campus.

A new residence hall will be completed this fall. Located beside the clock tower, it will add 122 additional beds in suite-style housing for upper class students who wish to stay on campus. Belk Residence Hall, a first year option, will undergo a renovation this summer. By this fall, Queens will have four housing options for first year students on campus and four for upper class students.

—Tyler Greene '17

Office Hours

WITH DAINA NATHANIEL '00

Associate Professor

Knight School of Communication

From Student to Professor

When Daina Nathaniel left home in the West Indies for Queens in 1996, she brought a love of journalism. “My family was entrenched in the news,” she says. “Growing up, two newspapers came to my home everyday: my father bought *The Guardian* and my mother bought *The Express*. I would spend a lot of time reading.” Four years later she completed her bachelor’s degree in communication and went on to earn a master’s and doctoral degrees. She returned to Queens in 2006 to teach.

A beloved figure on campus, she speaks in a melodic and gentle tone that captures her exuberant spirit. Her colorful office in the Knight School of Communication is rich with mementos from her home in Trinidad and Tobago and gifts from the Queens community.

1. DANCE

Single and in pairs, metal sculptures of dancers line the sunny windowsill ledge of Nathaniel’s third-floor office. She loves to dance and notes that each is from a different part of the world. “Dance is consistent across cultures,” she says. “Every culture has dance; every culture has a way of self-expression that is free, that is in keeping with the rhythms of their lives and those places.” The flamenco in Spain ranks at the top of her list.

2. A MENTOR’S LEGACY

When Nathaniel arrived at Queens as an undergraduate, she flew alone from New York with two suitcases, nothing else. She faced not only college, but a new culture. Journalism Professor Wendy Waite took a personal interest in her, and her care made all the difference says Nathaniel. When Waite died a decade later, Nathaniel received this angel that had hung in her



office. It reminds her daily to uphold the legacy of a teacher she deeply loved and admired.

3. A STUDENT’S GIFT

Inspired by Nathaniel’s challenge to live a worthy life, a student created this plaque as a

gift. It captures what Nathaniel often tells classes, “We are not called to make money but to make a difference.” Other gifts from students are scattered throughout her office, from a stone that rests on the open Bible on her desk to an art piece that suggests the tip of an iceberg.



4. ART FROM HOME

On a Christmas trip home years ago, Nathaniel bought this batik tapestry at the Indian market in Trinidad. “She has hung in every little apartment, every little home I’ve had since I bought her,” she says, nodding to the goddess at the center. “She reminds me that wherever I go, there’s a place inside of me that’s peaceful.” Nathaniel’s childhood was rich with expressions of faith—her grandparents were devout Hindus, her mother is Catholic and her father, Presbyterian.

—Laurie Prince

CPCC SCHOLARSHIP



Kailee Smethers '20 (right) stands with her admissions counselor, Devony Hemingway (left), shortly after being surprised by family and friends with a Queens Presidential Scholarship.

A new Presidential Scholarship will be awarded annually to a transfer student from Mecklenburg County’s community college system. The prestigious scholarship covers full tuition to a student with superior academic and leadership achievement.

The first recipient, Kailee Smethers '20, accepted the surprise award on April 23, 2018, in a room full of family and friends. It was presented by Devony Hemingway, her Queens counselor. Smethers, a Charlotte native, knew Queens was the next stop in her journey because of the sense of community and support from faculty.

The scholarship recognizes the role of Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) in preparing high school graduates for college. The six-campus system serves thousands of Mecklenburg County students and boasts an enrollment of 70,000 full- and part-time students.

Smethers was selected from a pool of applicants for her leadership, campus involvement and academic achievement; she maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her course of study. A graduate of CPCC’s two-year associate’s degree program, she plans to study interior design at Queens.

—Tyler Greene '17

ROYAL *spotlight*

Game. Set. Match.

A NEW TENNIS FACILITY ENHANCES A WINNING PROGRAM

By Jodie Valade

When Agustin Aran Martin first came to Queens from Argentina to play tennis two years ago, he loved the team and he adored the coaches, but the practice situation was challenging because of limited space.

He and his teammates practiced and played on tennis courts at Freedom Park, the thriving public park down the road. They would snag six courts at a time, practicing in shifts throughout the day to accommodate the 16 men and 16 women student-athletes on the teams.

This fall, the Howard Levine Tennis Center opened at the 65-acre Queens Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park, and Martin is already feeling spoiled. Thirteen lighted courts and a locker room provide ample space for him to practice and compete with teammates.

“It’s a big difference for us,” Martin says. “Last year was a very good year, but hopefully this year will be even better.”

Queens’ tennis teams already had been faring well under the direction of Head Tennis Coach Billy Boykin before the facility upgrade. Boykin came to Queens from UNC Charlotte in spring of 2016, and in that time has led the men to the NCAA tournament three straight years, won two conference tournaments and two regular-season championships; the women have been to the NCAAs two of three years and won two conference tournaments and two regular-season championships.

When the teams finished the 2017-2018 season, the men’s team ranked No. 14 in the country and the women’s team No. 27.

Boykin has recruited top players, and many are international students. Eleven of the men’s team players are from outside the US while the women’s team includes nine. Their home countries include England, Norway, Canada, Spain and Belarus.

The successful multicultural teams are one of many pride points for Boykin. “The thing I’m probably most proud of is we have outstanding students in the classroom,” Boykin says. “Last year, both of our teams had GPAs over 3.5. That’s men’s and women’s. That really is impressive.”





Agustin Aran Martin '20 took the No.1 spot when Queens played the University of South Carolina Aiken in February 2018. By the end of the season, the men's tennis team held the 2018 South Atlantic Conference Men's Regular Season Championship after compiling a 9-1 league mark.

THE HEAD COACH

Billy Boykin enters his fourth season this year as head coach of the Queens men's and women's tennis teams and already has two Southern Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year trophies among his collection. He came to Queens from UNC Charlotte, where he took over the helm of that program from his father, Jim. He played collegiately at Davidson.



PLAYERS TO WATCH

The men's team finished 14th in the country in 2018, led by sophomore Agustin Aran Martin, who was ranked as high as No. 53 in the country. Julian Bosch, also a sophomore, was another standout performer, ranking 20th in the region. On the women's side, the team finished 27th in the country led by freshman Yana Fleyer, who was 25-0 in and ranked 69th in the country in singles. Fleyer was paired with fellow freshman Sasha Davidzenka (above) in doubles, and the two were 39th in the country. They return for the 2018-2019 season.



THE FACILITY

The Howard and Julie Levine Tennis Center opened at the Queens Sports Complex in the fall of 2018. Thirteen lighted courts include the Lou Finch Jones '61 Championship Tennis Court and Margaret Martin Tennis Courts as well as courts honoring Penny P. O'Callaghan '78 and Donald and Frances DeArmon Evans '59. Courts were named in memory of tennis coach Phyllis Pharr and Peggy Thomas Hibbert '69.

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Sed Min: The Power of Clean

MEREDITH MACLEOD '11 SERVES NASHVILLE'S HOMELESS

“It’s been a thread throughout my life,” says Meredith MacLeod ’11 of Queens’ motto, “Not to be served, but to serve.” As a psychology major, MacLeod realized her passion for service when Professor Cherie Clark urged her to complete her internship with The Relatives, a Charlotte-area non-profit that helps children and youth find shelter and support. Clark recalls, “It was easy to connect her to The Relatives with her passion for kids in crisis.” MacLeod thrived in the internship, and it helped her to imagine a lifelong path of helping others.



With a strong desire to continue to serve, she moved to Nashville to pursue a master’s degree in social work. After graduating from the University of Tennessee and working for NeedLink, she learned that 23,000 people were experiencing homelessness in Nashville. Only 15 public showers were accessible to these neighbors. “Something had to be done, so I began to figure out a way to meet that need,” MacLeod explains.

After several hours in a coffee shop chatting with Russ Arnold, a Nashville resident who recently purchased a bus in hopes of turning it into a mobile shower unit, she left as the chief administrator of Shower the People, a non-profit providing



on-site showers and restrooms for those without access to permanent facilities. The organization adheres to a simple idea: “We believe that a shower is an essential part of a person’s well-being and self-worth. The ability to become physically clean restores dignity and opens the doors of opportunity, by way of jobs and housing” (showerthepeople.net).

The bus launched in October 2018, and MacLeod continues to work with area leaders and nonprofits to ensure it’s on the best route to serve as many as possible.

—Danielle Phillips '13

PHYSICS INTERNSHIP: CAN CLOTHES MAKE YOU HEALTHIER?



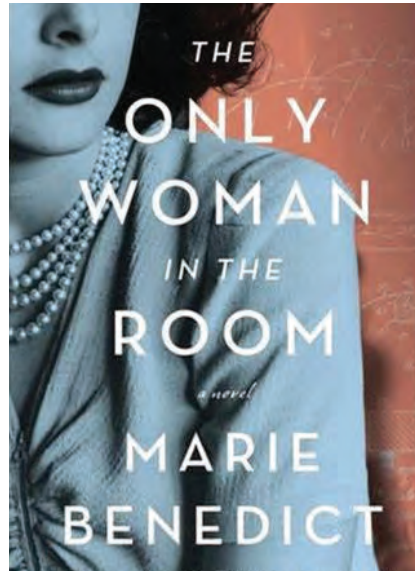
Sergio Lemus '18 did research for Lumiton.

Is it possible to wear a T-shirt that could make you feel better? Research by Assistant Professor Marco Scipioni indicates that light-energized apparel may do just that. In 2017, the physics professor invited Queens student Sergio Lemus to join his research team as a summer intern.

Scipioni had co-founded the Lumia Group, which was conducting research for the launch of Lumiton athletic wear. Fabric for the line would be woven with special threads that screened out harmful radiation while allowing red and infrared light to reach the skin. The health benefits of the two wavelengths have been studied in recent decades.

Under Scipioni’s supervision, Lemus gained hands-on experience applying his physics classwork to real world applications. He worked on generating data from fibers and was exposed to the fields of spectroscopy and thermography. A double major in mathematics and physics, he was among the first students to graduate from the physics department in December 2018. Lumiton’s first products, adult T-shirts in two colors, are scheduled for release in early 2019. Offering UPF 50 protection, they are made in North Carolina.

—Tyler Greene '17



(Left to right) Spring events include a lecture by James Comey, a cocktail reception and luncheon with novelist Marie Benedict, a screening and Q&A with *Man on Fire* producer James Chase Sanchez and the world premier of *The Great Beyond* by Actor's Theatre of Charlotte.

Happening Here

SPRING 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

All events are open to the public and, unless otherwise noted, free of charge. For updates and additional events, please visit www.queens.edu/calendar.

LECTURES

Cynthia Leibrock: Residential Design for Healthy Living

January 29, 6 p.m., Duke Energy Auditorium

Leibrock's books have received national awards for outstanding academic contributions to interior design, and her research on the environmental needs of aging-in-place has been featured in *The New York Times*.

An Evening with James Comey

March 26, 7 p.m., Belk Theater, tickets at carolinatix.org

The former director of the FBI presents The Learning Society's spring lecture. His remarks will focus on ethics, leadership and his experience in government.

AUTHORS

Marie Benedict and Tim Johnson, Book & Author annual events

Cocktail reception March 4, 6:30 p.m., Burwell Hall,

tickets at library.queens.edu/fof

Luncheon March 5, 12 p.m., Morrison Hall,

tickets at library.queens.edu/fof

Marie Benedict's novel, *The Only Woman in the Room*, is based on the true story of actress and inventor Hedy Lamarr. Tim Johnston's thriller debut novel, *Descent*, was a New York Times Bestseller. His new book, *The Current*, is a gripping and heartbreaking story of small town crime.

THEATER

Actor's Theatre of Charlotte: *The Great Beyond*

March 14-April 6, times vary, Hadley Theater,

tickets at atcharlotte.org

World premier of Steven Dietz's play about a family tragedy and its impact on the survivors.

FILM

James Chase Sanchez: *Man on Fire*

February 8, 6 p.m., Ketner Auditorium

Screening of a film about a Texas minister who set himself on fire in 2010 to protest racism. Producer James Chase Sanchez of Middlebury College will lead a discussion about composing the documentary, which has won awards and been selected for the PBS series, *Independent Lens*.

MUSIC

Soprano Christina Pier and Collaborative Pianist Arlene Shrut

February 15, 7 p.m., Belk Chapel

Opera News has hailed Pier, a member of the Queens music faculty, for her "big, gleaming soprano and impressive coloratura." Shrut is on the faculty of UNC Greensboro and in 2016 was awarded the first Sorel Legacy Medallion, which recognizes the lifetime achievement of a female artist in music.

ART EXHIBITS

Exhibition of Latino Artists

January 17-February 25, hours vary, Max L. Jackson Gallery

ARTE LATINO NOW sponsors an exhibit of works selected by national competition.

CLT: DESIGN NOW

March 1-April 12, hours vary, Max L. Jackson Gallery

Designs by more than 20 Charlotte-area design practitioners, firms and thinkers from the fields of planning, architecture, interiors, furniture and product and graphic design.



Express Yourself

Colors ripple and collide on the Free Expression Wall built last fall by the Student Government Association's Campus Improvement Committee. Located in an alley between parking decks, the 10-ft.-high by 20-ft.-wide surface is constantly changing. Everything from emojis to murals of Charlotte has been painted on the wall. There was even an anonymous game of Hang Man that went on for about two weeks.



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Strengthening QUEENS

Surprising Mom

AT THE CLASS OF 1958'S 60TH REUNION, A GIFT FROM UNEXPECTED GUESTS STEALS THE SHOW

By Danielle Phillips '13



Roxana Atwood '58 (above in red jacket) is overcome with emotion when Adelaide Davis '61 (in blue) made a surprise announcement of a scholarship created in her honor. She received hugs from her children (above right) who funded the gift.

As a member of the Class of 1958, Roxana Mebane Atwood sat among friends and classmates at the President's Luncheon in Morrison Dining Hall last April 14. It was a day to relive memories and make new ones as they celebrated their 60th Reunion. Unknown to Roxana, two special guests hid in the crowd with the surprise of a lifetime. Her children, daughter Mebane Boyd and son Harry Atwood, were poised to surprise her with a gift that would secure her legacy at Queens for decades to come and afford future students the experience of a Queens education. At the appointed time, they emerged from secrecy and delivered their gift.

With the help and guidance of Adelaide Anderson Davis '61, the two established the Roxana Mebane Atwood '58 Scholarship, a \$50,000 endowed scholarship to celebrate their mother. As Mebane put it, "We wanted to honor our mom, and a scholarship in her name seemed like the perfect way to do it." The gift will go to the Queens endowment, funding a scholarship that will be presented to one student annually. The family will have the opportunity to meet and get to know their first scholar during Scholar's Luncheon this spring.

Roxana, a religion major, SGA president and member of the Alpha Kappa Gamma sorority, was a servant leader

on campus during her years at Queens. She could often be found mentoring younger students and was a friend to all. “When I was a freshman, Roxana was a senior at Queens and was one of the people who immediately had a positive influence on me,” recalls Davis. “I cannot imagine anyone who could be a better inspiration and role model for a Queens student than she will be.”

Roxana met her husband, Reverend Jim Atwood, when his seminary team visited Trinity Presbyterian in Charlotte. After starting a family, she, Jim and the children were called to move to Japan as missionaries. Upon the family’s return, and with more women becoming clergy, Roxana returned to

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school to earn the Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1978, she began to serve as an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church alongside her husband.

Her heart for service to others certainly rubbed off on Harry and Mebane. As they weaved their way through the crowd that afternoon, Roxana’s reaction—a mix of shock, joy and awe—said it all. Roxana noted how honored she felt that her children would recognize what Queens had meant to her and how it shaped who she has become as a person.

Empowering Students to Serve

The Wells Fargo Center for Community Engagement opens in January in the Sykes Learning Center. The new center will build on the university’s nationally distinctive general education program, which engages 100 percent of undergraduate students in civic engagement experiences.

“As part of the Wells Fargo Foundation’s focus on civic engagement, we wanted to identify a way that students could have direct interaction working with nonprofits to solve community issues,” says Jay Everette, senior community relations manager, Wells Fargo Social Responsibility Group.

The establishment of the center aligns with the university’s strategic plan, “Queens 2020: The Yes/And Promise,” which ensures that every Queens student engages in a unique combination of experiences that enhance learning beyond the classroom.

A full-time director will be hired to work collaboratively with faculty and academic program leaders to support community engagement activities across disciplinary areas. The director will also serve as a liaison between faculty and Charlotte-area nonprofits with the goal of fostering meaningful student learning and strengthening community welfare.

“The best practice for pedagogies in service learning is that the community partner is really driving the solution,” says Margaret Commins, Shelton Professor of Political Science. “Ideally the partner is coming to you and saying here is something we are working on, we need help with this, can we work together on this problem.”

“I see us as a laboratory for a community that has the skills, the resources and the potential to really make a difference for everyone,” says Patricia Koplas, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Professor and chair of the biology department. “The center will facilitate a collaboration of talent in our community to make this all possible.”

—Doug Minor



The Wells Fargo Center for Community Engagement will connect students to nonprofits to solve community issues. Student service is a high priority at Queens, where students live out the mission, “Not to be served, but to serve.” During her Summer in Service, Lydia Drakeford ‘17 (above left) volunteered at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Charlotte.



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Strategic
VISION

FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES, PRESIDENT PAMELA DAVIES
HAS LED WITH PURPOSE. NOW, SHE PREPARES TO
PASS THE REINS TO A NEW PRESIDENT

By Aleigh Acerni

Pamela Davies sits down to lunch just as someone at a nearby table recognizes her. She gets up to speak and then returns to her seat. Within minutes, another person enters the restaurant, spots her and walks over to say hello.

This scenario happens often. For nearly two decades, she's been the personification of the university she leads and a key figure of the Charlotte community.

There will be a day, soon, when she is no longer the public face of the southern school she guided for 17 years as president. She'll take a sabbatical in July. When she returns, it will not be as president, but as professor.

A departing university president leaves behind more than a job. "It's not so much a job, but a life," she explains. "When you leave the role, you leave your home, you leave your office, you leave your colleagues, you leave your community. There is a lot you leave behind." She says this thoughtfully, like a person who has spent some time grieving, knowing that a change is coming—but with a twinge of excitement mixed in.

CHANGE, A THEME SINCE 2002

Consider the Charlotte of 2002, when Davies left her role as dean of the McColl School of Business to become president of Queens. This was the year George Shinn took the Hornets to New Orleans. Imaginon, the whimsical children's library uptown, hadn't been built. The Lynx Blue Line had yet to carry a train. The Billy Graham Library hadn't broken ground. The NASCAR Hall of Fame hadn't yet selected Charlotte over Atlanta and Daytona Beach. The Firebird wouldn't glitter in front of the terracotta tiles of the new Bechtler Museum of Modern Art for eight more years.

"It's not so much a job, but a life. When you leave the role, you leave your home, you leave your office, you leave your colleagues, you leave your community.

There is a lot you leave behind."

As Charlotte changed and grew, so did Queens. Under Davies' leadership, undergraduate enrollment has more than doubled, and fall of 2017 saw the university's largest incoming class in its history. The student body has become more diverse, with 45 states and 40 countries represented. Davies led the creation of a comprehensive university, adding the Cato School of Education, the Knight School of Communication and the Blair College of Health to the existing College of Arts and Sciences and School of Nursing. The university launched online education programs and redesigned graduate programs. There are now 30 sports teams—many with a growing national presence. For example, the men's and women's swim teams accomplished the incredible feat of winning a Division II national championship in 2015, only five years after the program began. Even more incredible, they've won a national championship every year since.



President Davies shares a light moment with Sandra Levine in 2012 at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation.

Through all of Queens' growth, Davies has engaged the surrounding community through strategic partnerships, enhancing the university's national profile and strengthening relationships with alumni.

A DISTINCTIVE LEADERSHIP STYLE: COLLABORATION

The average tenure of a college president has trended downward in the past decade. It was 6.5 years in 2016, down from seven years in 2011 and 8.5 years in 2006, according to the American College President Study from the American Council on Education. It's hard to quantify how much the trust President Davies has built over the years—

within Queens and between Queens and its surrounding community—has contributed to her success. But it's clear that her longevity as president has given her time to build relationships that have supported and enriched the university.

When she came to the McColl School in 2000, Davies, then 42, had clear ideas on what makes a good leader. Not only had she served as dean of the business school at Drexel University in Philadelphia, but she was also the lead author of a widely-used business textbook on management, teamwork and adapting to change. She understood what worked and what didn't. Two years after arriving at Queens to be dean of the business school, she accepted the position of college president. Her theories in the classroom defined a collaborative approach that would shape outcomes for years to come, not only at Queens, but in the city as well.

Sandra Levine, who has gotten to know Davies well over the years and considers her a friend, recalls the early days: "I think that when she became president of Queens, she understood that it was at a time when Charlotte was becoming a more vibrant community, and she wanted to use that as a blueprint for taking Queens along with its community." The confidence she and her husband Leon placed in Davies' leadership was significant. Sandra was a board member when the philanthropists gave the lead gift for the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation, a 145,000-square-foot building with modern athletic facilities that replaced Ovens Athletic Center in 2012. And in 2017, Leon surprised his wife with a gift to establish the Sandra Levine Theatre at Queens.

Michael Marsicano, president and CEO of Foundation For The Carolinas, is a colleague who's worked closely with Davies over the years. "I have had the privilege of knowing Pamela since she moved to Charlotte and have gotten very close to her as a member of the Queens Board of Trustees and in my role as board chair," he says. "When we first met, Pamela impressed me as an articulate, confident and charismatic leader. My first impressions were correct, if understated."

SERVING QUEENS, SERVING CHARLOTTE

With stylish short hair, golden eyes and a quick smile, Davies' warmth and interest in others has made her easy to know. Her personal faith has found expression in Queens' Presbyterian motto, "Not to be served, but to serve," which has marked her work both on campus and in Charlotte. She's received awards and recognition for her contributions to the city, including the 2017 award for Charlotte Woman of the Year and the 2014 John R. Mott Award from the Charlotte YMCA. In 2015, when she received the Community Leader Award from MeckMin, the city's largest interfaith consortium, she quoted a Kenyan proverb in her acceptance speech: "If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together."

The DAVIES YEARS

Queens has undergone significant changes under President Davies' leadership; her tireless vision has touched every aspect of the student experience. From new buildings to new sports teams, from new graduate programs to new scholarships, the profile of the university has risen. Here are a few milestones and some of her closest relationships that made them happen.

<p>1</p>  <p>Former Bank of America CEO Hugh McColl is credited with bringing Pamela Lewis to Queens as dean of the McColl School of Business in 2000.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Lewis becomes the 20th president of Queens in 2002.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Queens becomes a comprehensive university of six schools and colleges. Davies secures a unique and prestigious gift from the Knight Foundation to name the Knight School of Communication.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>With limited acreage, Queens expands by following a campus master plan created by John Sykes with Davies' guidance. New buildings blend with old, and large oaks are preserved.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Lewis marries Bob Davies in 2005.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Queens Chaplain Diane Mowrey performs the ceremony.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>\$146M</p> <p>Endowment grows to \$146M under Davies' leadership.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Porter Byrum's gifts of \$63M establish him as Queens' greatest benefactor.</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>There are 30 athletic teams & 8 Division II national championships. Men's swim team member Nick Arakelian '18 shows his championship rings.</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Family and work intertwine for Davies. While introducing Condoleezza Rice in 2011, she gets word of her granddaughter's birth. She shares the good news with the audience.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Investments in new buildings and renovations reach \$130M, including support by Jim and Mary Anne Rogers for a hall for science and health.</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Queens' honorary alumna, Davies' mom, Shirley (left), has never met a person she didn't like. Sounds like someone else we know.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Davies Center for Faith and Outreach is established by a group of donors in her honor.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>98%</p> <p>Student outcomes soar—98% of the 2016 class is employed or in grad school.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Enrollment reaches a record high in 2017, ousting the class of 1969 as the largest in history.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>2018: Davies named PRESIDENT EMERITA by the Board of Trustees</p>



The board of trustees has been crucial to Davies' success as president, including beloved physician and chief executive for Novant Health Ophelia Garmon Brown (above right), shown here receiving the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 2018.



Davies is a familiar face in the residence halls during move-in week, welcoming first-year students and their families.

“Traveling together” has taken her to unexpected places in her search for creative ways to help Queens grow. The expansion of the athletics program is a case in point. Since the campus was bound on three sides by residential streets and a church on the fourth, there was no land for growth. In the first year of her presidency, she turned to others for help. Approaching Wayne Weston, the director of Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, she asked if they could find 50 acres of city land that could be developed for a Queens athletics complex. In August 2003, county commissioners unanimously approved the partnership. Today, the Queens Sports Complex is a hub for the sports programs and includes fields, a field house, grandstand and welcome center. This past fall, a new tennis center opened.

Kathryn Winsman Black '93 has seen many changes at Queens, both as an alumna and as a longtime member of the board of trustees. Her career as an executive at Bank of America has given her an appreciation for how Davies' strengths have helped transform the school—and its city. “Pamela’s background in strategic planning has been such a tremendous asset to Queens. However, her greatest accomplishment for Queens has been how she has shared her vision and developed relationships with generous benefactors to the university,” she says. “She has grown Queens through relationships she has built with the faculty, staff, students, neighbors, business leaders and philanthropists in the community. And Charlotte is a better place because of it.”

AUTHENTICITY AND OPTIMISM

Davies, not surprisingly, has a slightly different take. “I was appropriately naïve when I took over,” she says. “So it was a steep learning curve for me as president. I’ve often looked back and thought, ‘What in the world were they thinking, making me president?’”

She laughs, but then shifts to a serious tone as she points out one reason she thinks Queens has thrived under her leadership: its willingness to change. “The Queens community is not change-averse, which is unusual,” she says. “They are open and willing to change and adapt—as long as we maintain our student-first focus.”

She pauses, reflecting. When she speaks, she uses her hands for emphasis. “I have to say, I have looked at Queens as my life’s work. And I have loved almost every moment of it.”

Those who work with Davies most closely at Queens say her leadership style is an authentic expression of who she is. Tamara Burrell, the associate vice president for Advancement and executive director of the Office of Presidential Relations, has seen Davies work with hundreds of people. “She doesn’t put walls around herself. You get to see the true picture of who she is, on the campus and off the campus. I think that’s what makes her so endearing and lovable and disarming. She’ll tell people what she’s watching on TV and what are her favorite brand of shoes, her favorite singer on *American Idol*. People don’t expect that—she’s genuine,” she says.

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Davies’ optimism is tenacious and well known. Years ago, former provost Bill Clyde, now provost and executive vice president at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York, walked down to her office and announced he wanted to talk to her. “I know you want to ask the Knight Foundation to name the new college,” he began. “I’m always behind you, but we need to be realistic.” He opened a folder and showed her a list of universities that had been funded by the Knight Foundation: MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford. His appeal to lower her expectations didn’t faze her. “What do we have to



Joining faculty and students on international trips, as in this 2017 trip to Paris, has been a priority for Davies (at right).

lose?” she asked. Her reasoning was simple: “I’m never afraid to ask, and I’m not afraid to be told no. But I’ll never lose my optimism.” Her boldness paid off. The Knight Foundation awarded Queens a \$6 million gift to launch the Knight School of Communication.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

It might be difficult to imagine the university without Davies at the helm. While she is stepping down as president, one could hardly characterize her post-presidency plans as retirement. She’ll serve as national chair of the YMCA starting in 2019. She has plans to write a book or two. She’d like to travel, take some courses and spend more time with her grandchildren. And ultimately, she’s excited to return to academic life as a professor at Queens, where she can draw on the experience and knowledge she’s built throughout her career.

“I was asked to teach a strategy course in the Executive MBA program about a year and a half ago,” she says. “I stood up there and taught this course, and I thought, ‘What did I teach when I was 30?’ Because every example I used came from my experience leading a business school or Queens or being on the hospital board or on the Y board or traveling internationally or serving on corporate boards. And when I was 30, I had none of those experiences. So at 61, I’m excited to take that 30 years of experience and bring it to bear both in writing and teaching about leadership and strategy.”

IN GOOD HANDS

Like the city it calls home, and as it has done throughout its 162-year history, Queens will continue to evolve. As she steps away from her role as the university’s 20th president, Davies is setting a path for that trend to continue—while creating a framework that will preserve the values and culture that make Queens exceptional.

“I’ve tried, as I depart, to give the new president a clean, open space to create his or her own vision and direction,”



Davies’ husband Bob (left) has been a constant support and visible member of the Queens community. Here, he steps up to the podium to read his “Ode to Adelaide” honoring Adelaide Davis ‘61.

she says. But, she adds, there are some things about Queens she wants to protect. One of those things is the university’s culture.

“Queens has long had a warm, loving, caring culture that is really extraordinary—and rather unusual in academic environments. I am committed to seeing that culture continue,” says Davies. “So much so that in my last strategic plan, it is one of three major strategic imperatives: to foster our unique culture and affirm the values that make us who we are.”

Not surprisingly, as a strategic thinker she has a plan to preserve the heritage she feels is so essential to the culture at Queens. “While I’m leaving certain slots open for the next president to make a decision, I will choose the next leader of our chaplaincy,” she says. “I want to make sure that he or she has the gravitas to get the attention of the new president and to adequately convey the importance of our Presbyterian heritage—a heritage that is interfaith-oriented and inclusive. Our Presbyterian heritage has had a tremendous impact on who we are as an institution, and I know it will continue to shape us for decades to come.

“In the Presbyterian tradition, service to others is, in large part, how we live out our faith. At Queens, our motto, ‘Not to be served, but to serve,’ comes out of our roots. I want to do what I can to ensure that that tradition continues to influence who we are.”

When she returns in 2020 as a professor, she’ll embrace a new chapter in her life at Queens, that of mentor and teacher. Somewhere in her office, there will be a lovely plaque with the title, “President Emerita.” She’ll keep an eye on a clock to know when classes start, not board meetings with trustees. And across campus, the president’s office will have another name on the door.

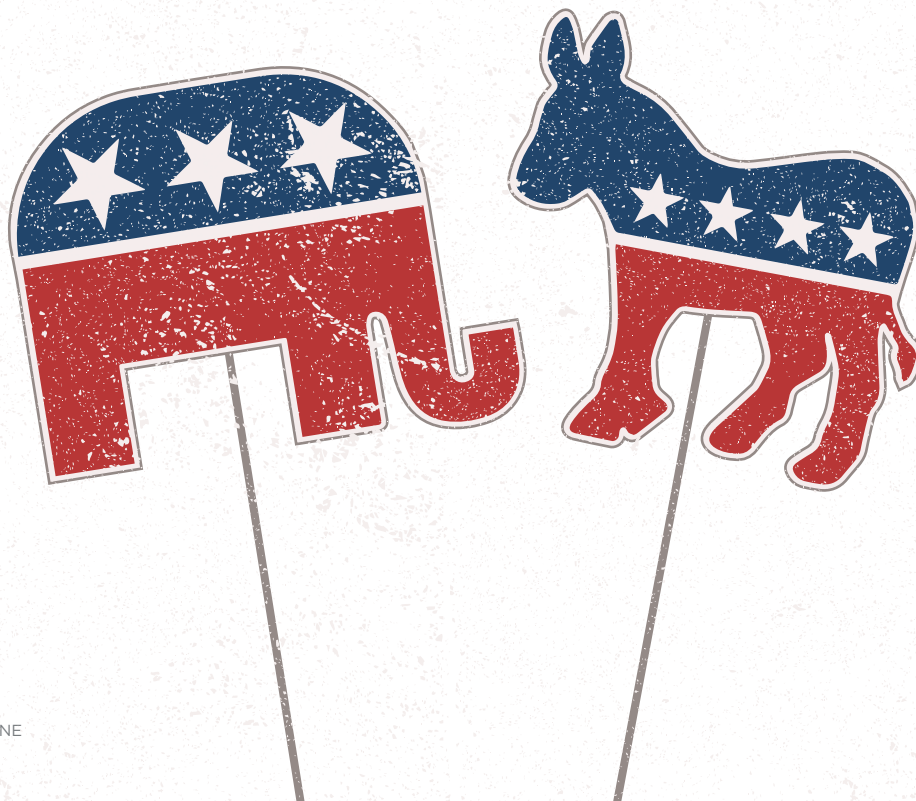
Davies will return to where she started so many years ago—in the classroom. She’ll teach more than business; she’ll teach students what it means to belong in the Queens community. ■

THE SCIENTIFIC APPROACH



In an age of political rancor, Professor Aaron Houck teaches students to question their assumptions

By Lisa Rab





It started with a skin rash and a math problem. In 2013, Yale Law School professor Dan Kahan published a psychological study using fake data about skin cream: Did the cream make the rash better or worse? Participants had to solve a complex equation to find the answer. Those with strong math skills did well; others did not. Next, Kahan presented the same numbers and the same math problem, but posed a different question: Did the data show that gun control reduced crime or increased it? Suddenly, Republicans who were good at math struggled to find the right answer. So did Democrats. Their math skills disappeared when the numbers contradicted their views on gun control. “They follow the data only if it conforms to their preferences,” explains Aaron Houck, Queens’ assistant professor of political science.

Kahan’s study is one of several that Houck asks political science and international studies majors to replicate during their senior year capstone class at Queens. His goal is to teach them about politically-motivated reasoning—the often-unconscious “wishful thinking” involved

in finding facts that support one’s opinions. In a country deeply divided along party lines, such reasoning has poisoned political debates. Houck believes it demonstrates a failure of critical thinking. He wants his students to step back from the conflict, examine their biases and ask a different question: “Why am I wrong?”

As politics have become more polarized, he explains, it’s becoming harder to discuss current events with students. They often depend on information from flawed studies or political commentators who start with a conclusion and then look for evidence to support it. He teaches his students to do the opposite: Start with a question or hypothesis and follow the evidence to its conclusion using logic, reasoning and the scientific method. “That’s hard for a lot of people to do, the scientific approach,” he says.

That’s one reason his students replicate studies that have already been done. Their task is to design a survey relevant to today’s political controversies, and see if they reach the same conclusions as the academics who first performed the experiments.

Last year, in her capstone class, Jasmin Singh ’18 conducted a study examining the “backfire” effect—the idea that when people are presented with evidence refuting their misconception about a political issue, they sometimes cling more tightly to their mistaken viewpoint. Her team surveyed people about whether they believed Russia influenced the 2016 presidential election—and found the backfire effect did occur. “I had to think critically and think harder than at any other class at Queens,” Singh says of the experience. “Rather than teaching you his own views, he taught you how to think for yourself.”

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Houck is careful never to reveal his political ideology. Instead, he uses examples from his own life to demonstrate the importance of independent thought. He grew up in the University area of Charlotte, became a Belk Scholar at Davidson, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 2005. But two years working at a prestigious corporate firm uptown—Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson—were enough to convince him the legal profession was not for him. He knew he enjoyed teaching, though, and decided to earn a PhD in political science at Duke.

He arrived at Queens in 2015 and began serving as a pre-law advisor as well as a professor. Since then, he’s won over students by upending their assumptions about politics and the world. “He is a very funny, down-to-earth guy, but he is not afraid to tell you that you’re wrong,” says Valerie Biesack, a political science major who graduated last spring.

Biesack was a sophomore when she enrolled in the first class Houck ever taught at Queens: Introduction to US Government. She and her friends joked that perhaps he forgot it was a 100-level class, because he handed them a thick, 12-page syllabus, formatted like a legal brief, and asked them to write a final paper on what would be the death of American democracy. “This guy’s a big dork,” Biesack thought. But Houck was entirely serious. Even in an introductory class, he wanted the students to think critically, examining the potential threats and flaws in the American

political system. “Is the US the best system of government in the world?” Houck asked. “If so, great, but why?”

Biesack recalls that Houck pushed her to look for an answer that none of her classmates would have considered. She ended up writing about the importance of an independent judiciary, and how politicizing the court would be the downfall of American democracy. She and Houck have had many conversations about her paper since then—in light of recent events, she has considered revising and publishing it.

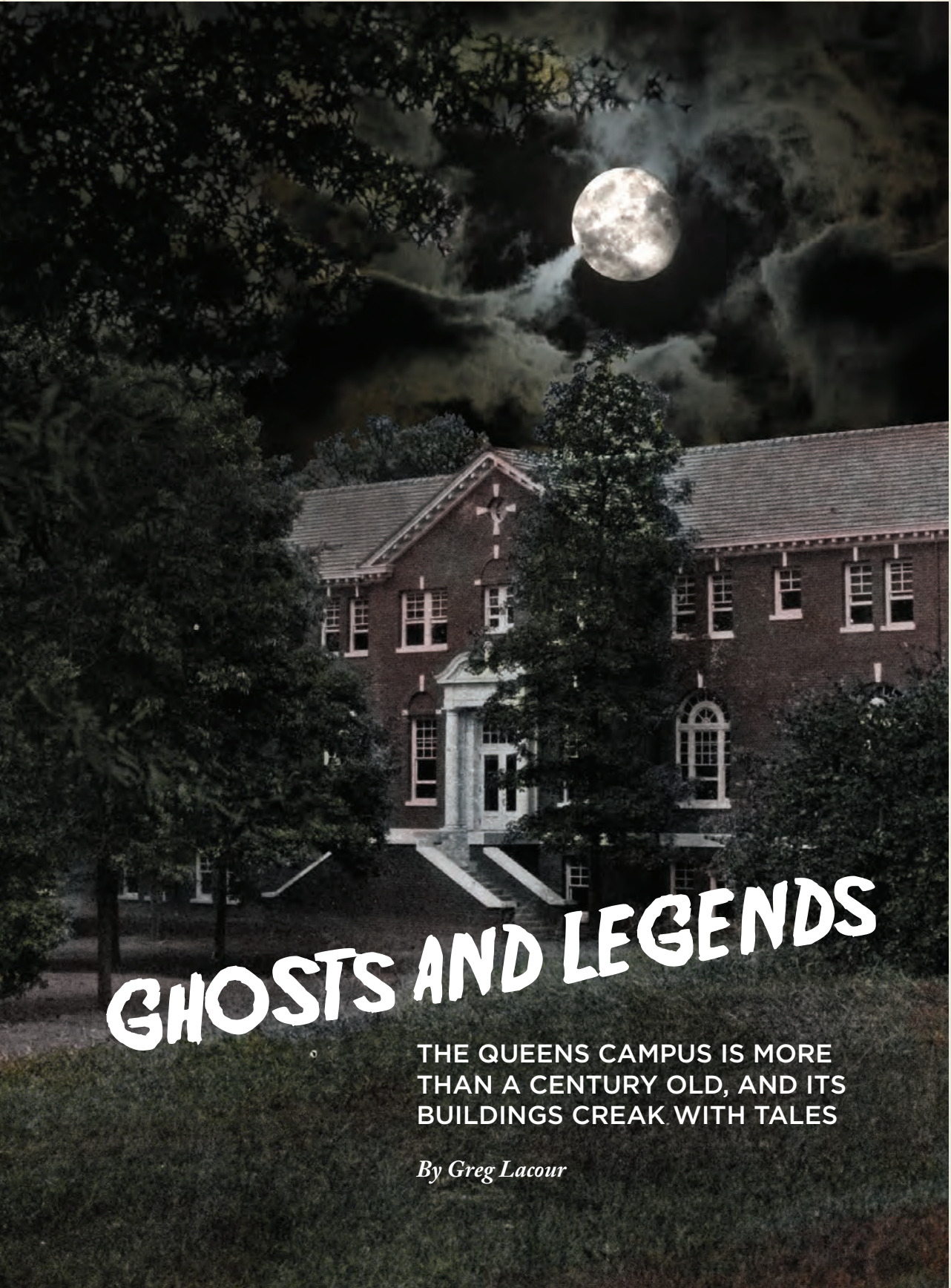
Houck’s teaching style mirrors the Socratic method used in law school classrooms, where a single question can lead to another, and then



Professor Aaron Houck challenges students to examine facts.

another. Robert Jennings ’18 took classes with him nearly every semester for two years at Queens, including Constitutional law and moot court. Once, during his senior year, he turned in a paper via email 13 seconds late. He knew his professor fairly well by then—Jennings had met Houck’s wife and children, and spent many hours chatting about law school in his office. Still, late was late. Houck told him he would be penalized. “He’s probably the hardest professor I’ve had,” Jennings says. “It prepares you for harder things in the future.”

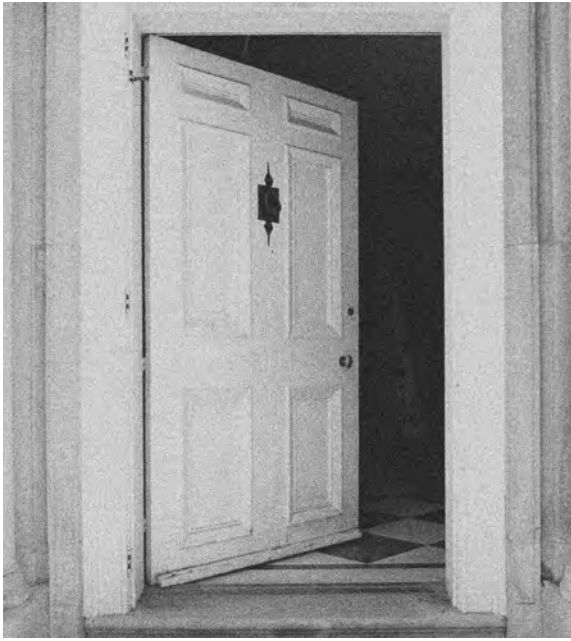
As students embark on careers in law and public policy, Houck hopes they will refuse to advocate blindly for one issue or another. He’s taught them to look beyond the tweet storms and talking heads and think for themselves. ■



GHOSTS AND LEGENDS

THE QUEENS CAMPUS IS MORE THAN A CENTURY OLD, AND ITS BUILDINGS CREAK WITH TALES

By Greg Lacour



Creaking doors that opened into dark halls, such as this one at Carol Hall, enhanced ghostly suspicions.



Sightings of Anna Burwell, the strict but beloved matron of Queens during the mid-1800s, occur in Burwell Hall, shown here in the 1930s.

Photos courtesy of Everett Library, Queens University Archives

Kayla George's office is at the end of a long corridor on the second floor of Morrison Hall, the 91-year-old, Colonial-style brick box with arched windows that seems to crouch, as if playing hide-and-seek, behind the Knight-Crane Hall and Little Fine Arts Center. Morrison has a giggling gremlin's way of frustrating your efforts to enter it. The front door sticks. You have to yank the handle like a lawnmower cord to open it. The staircase can be tricky to locate, and the stairs creak as you ascend.

George is Queens' director of residence life and housing. So it's appropriate for her to work in Morrison Hall, a student residence hall back when Queens was an all-women campus. She took the job in fall 2014, and whispers of ghost stories began immediately.

The most famous one, Queens' own "Tell-Tale Heart," occurred at—where else?—Morrison Hall. It concerns a young lady named Clara, who was living in one of the upstairs rooms. The Clara story has a couple of different versions, but its skeleton is this: Around the end of World War II, in the mid 1940s, Clara wrote a Dear

John letter to her soldier boyfriend, who was stationed overseas; she'd been seeing other boys. Yet her soldier was already on his way back. The letter never reached him.

You can guess where this is going. Our GI decided to surprise his sweetheart at her dorm. The surprise was on him. This is where the legend gets fuzzy. Some time after Clara's mysterious death, the college erected a ceiling-to-floor panel of wooden

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slats that to this day blocks access to the bannister, and Clara passed into Queens legend.

Except she's apparently still pranking her way through the rooms at Morrison Hall—the love-stricken undergrad who can't bring herself to leave. "So this is Clara's room," George says brightly. "It's spooky." It's across the hall from her office and occupied currently by Monica Gillette, an assistant residence life director who has seen laptops mysteriously turn off and then back on during meetings. Before Gillette began working in Clara's room,

it used to be the office of another assistant director, Johnny Hohenstein. He hung his framed undergraduate diploma from Belmont Abbey on the wall above his desk. Hohenstein would get to work in the mornings and discover that the diploma had slipped and fallen within the frame.

"There was one point when I duct-taped it to the matting, and it still fell," Hohenstein, who now lives and works in his hometown of Savannah, Georgia, confirms. "Then I left Queens and took a new job, and it never fell. Not once."

George is calm, cool, rational, a stolid lady from Michigan, not one to fall for these tales spun by Southern raconteurs. Except ... she saw the diploma displacement with her own eyes. She was alone in her office last year, "and I heard a chair squeak. I'm not kidding. I'm not a drama person. And it freaked me out. I didn't even want to be in here," she says. "You know when you just feel a presence?"

Of course Queens has ghost stories. It was founded 162 years ago, four years before the outbreak of the Civil War. That's a lot of time for spirits and stories to accumulate. The arching

oaks of Myers Park cast long shadows in autumn, as Halloween approaches. College campuses are ideal spots for these kinds of legends. At Queens, the stately brick buildings themselves suggest the passage of generations, and what residue the generations may have left behind.

But not everyone is willing to concede to the tales. After all, connecting unexplained phenomenon to an invisible world is an ancient practice. “Throughout history, whenever something happens that cannot be explained, we attribute it to the supernatural,” says physics professor Fred DeAngelis. This is especially true if we’ve been primed; if ghosts are on the mind and a strange glow appears, we draw a conclusion. Some of us. For others, DeAngelis says, science has deflated the power of superstition and magic. He quotes Arthur C. Clarke, the science fiction writer: “Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”

Queens has celebrated (if that’s the right word) its ghost stories for years. Until recently, when Kayla George arrived on campus, students would gather around a fire pit near Halloween, and staff would regale them with the tales. George, although slightly spooked by her Morrison Hall experiences, thought guided tours might be fun. So she, Hohenstein and some others started those up in 2015. They’re not much more formal than the fire pit gatherings, but students do get to experience the places as they hear the stories, especially the old, canonical ones: Clara in Morrison Hall; the eerie piano of Suzanne Little in the Fine Arts Center; and watchful Mrs. Burwell in Burwell Hall.

Margaret Anna Burwell was the first matron of Queens; she and her husband, Reverend Robert Burwell, oversaw the school during its early years in the mid-1800s. Although Dr. Burwell was the first president of the school—known at that time as the Charlotte Female Institute—his wife was the heart and soul. She was well-loved by students and involved in their activities. Today her portrait hangs in Burwell

Hall with a marble tablet honoring her as “wife, mother, educator.”

She haunts those spacious hallways to this day, according to a legend. “The story I always heard was that if you’re in Burwell after 10 pm, the chance of seeing or hearing her was big,” says Adelaide Anderson Davis ’61, associate vice president of alumni relations and planned giving. “Someone working there late at night saw this long black dress go by, and it was later deemed to be Mrs. Burwell,” explains Davis. “It scared them to death. We knew not to go there at night.”

A few years ago, Davis decided to play a little prank during one of the student tours. She convinced her friend Frances Evans ’59, a longtime member of the board of trustees, to don a long black dress, high white collar and wig and conceal herself behind the draperies at Burwell Hall. When the tour group arrived, the lights in the old hall dimmed appropriately, and Davis began to tell the story of Mrs. Burwell. She was known to keep close tabs on her students, especially when young men came to pay a call. She could be quite firm.

“The mood was there, a little essence of fear,” Davis says. “I was telling the story, and the students, a couple of hundred of them, were just breathless, sitting on the floor. Suddenly”—she laughs—“Frances threw open the drape: ‘What are you boys doing in Burwell Hall? It’s after 10 o’clock! I’m going to put a hex on all of you!’”

Who needed Mrs. Burwell to watch over things? Frances Evans’ performance had the effect the matron desired all those years ago. Davis says with a mischievous laugh, “They left.”

Different regions have their own customized ghost tales. The Northeast, rich with history and immigrants, has its Headless Horseman and other legends of pilgrims terrorized by the spirits of an unknown land. Out West, ranchers and cowboys have unspooled countless campfire stories about gunslingers and Indian warriors cut down in their youth. All have a common foundation: The dead have unfinished business. In the South, a

region suffused with mystery, tragic death and the losing end of America’s Civil War, it’s easy to see how heartbreak can twist itself into a catalog of hearts’ cries for justice, revenge or reclaimed love.

“The South seems to romanticize death more than Yankees do,” says Hohenstein, who notes that his hometown of Savannah is considered one of America’s most haunted cities. “In Savannah, there’s always an element of someone who lived a life they weren’t happy with, and they’re still on the earthly plane to try to figure it out.”



Eerie strains of piano music have been heard from the Suzanne Little Recital Hall.

Or, in the case of Suzanne Little, express it through her beloved piano. Her husband, E.H. Little—a prominent industrialist and philanthropist—donated the money to build the original fine arts building at Queens in the 1960s. Students and staff have sworn over the years since her death that they can hear faint piano music in the basement halls near the recital space.

“We heard the piano,” says Leigh Davis, an assistant director for student activities who’s worked at Queens for

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21 years. It was about four years ago, she says. She and a group of people were in the lobby when they heard it—faint, coming from below. “As soon as we went down there and walked down the hall—we were all, like, hair sticking up on our arms, just freaking out—we heard the piano again. We searched every room and never found anything. But we all heard that piano being played. It was creepy.” ■



HEALING HANDS

When communities are devastated,
Queens-trained nurses jump to their aid

By Adam Rbew



(Opposite) Hurricane Florence brought widespread destruction when it made landfall near Wilmington on September 14. Although downgraded to a Category 1 hurricane, its 90-mph winds and record rainfalls left Wilmington (shown here) in chaos. Queens alumni were on the front lines of emergency medical relief not only in Wilmington, but also 25 miles north in Burgaw, the scene of this story.

(Above) Near Burgaw, a truck travels on a flooded street. The nearby Cape Fear River flooded at record levels. According to the Raleigh News & Observer, more than 36 helicopters and 200 boats were involved in search-and-rescue missions in North Carolina.

As Hurricane Florence battered eastern North Carolina in September with powerful wind, torrential rain and catastrophic storm surge, Atrium Health emergency department nurse Wendy Henson '93 and MedCenter Air critical care transport nurse Renee Ramsey BSN '13 knew they would be in for some long days.

In the aftermath of previous hurricanes, both women had deployed with Carolinas MED-1—a Charlotte-based mobile hospital designed to provide patient care at the site of natural disasters, terrorist attacks or other mass casualty incidents. Henson responded to Hurricane Katrina in 2006; Ramsey's first mission was after Hurricane Matthew hit eastern North Carolina in 2016. Although they didn't know each other, they would help in the same town on this journey.

The convoy left Charlotte on a Sunday, with the two Queens-educated nurses joining a team of doctors, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, technicians and more. Escorted by state troopers, the group was an impressive sight: two 53-foot tractor-trailers, support vehicles, supply trailers and SUVs for staff. They were bound for Burgaw, a town of about 4,000 people in the coastal plains of Pender County, about 25 minutes north of Wilmington. The agricultural community had been decimated by the storm. Homes were under water, trees had fallen everywhere. No power, no air conditioning, no clean water. Interstate 40 had flooded, cutting off access to surrounding communities, including a large hospital in Wilmington. Hundreds of acres of farmland had been shattered by winds and flooding, and the nearby Cape Fear River and its creeks had poured churning water into the streets. The town that had hosted the state's blueberry festival three months earlier was in a crisis.

As the vehicles rolled into Burgaw, Ramsey looked out of her window and noticed a woman sweeping up debris. "She stopped sweeping and started crying. Just bawling," Ramsey recalls. "You could see the desperation on her face."

The MED-1 team pulled into a Family Dollar parking lot, just across the street from a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. In the 96 hours since the storm hit, these medical professionals were the first outside help to reach Burgaw. They were greeted by the town's police chief and by a woman who offered to let the volunteers use her home's bathroom. "That set the tone for the rest of the deployment," Henson says.



“A gracious town, many of whom had lost everything, offering us anything they had left.”

Immediately, Henson and Ramsey and their colleagues set to work. MED-1 has space for critical care beds, a full operating room suite with complete surgery and anesthesia capability and additional beds for treating patients. All of that needed to be set up, supplies unpacked, generators started. The empty supply trailers became converted into sleeping quarters for the staff. “We truly are an isolated, amazing compound,” Henson says, almost incredulously.

All of that set-up work falls to the entire team—not just logistics experts. “Our role is not just nursing,” Ramsey explains. “It’s everybody’s responsibility to hook up to the electricity, to get connected to the water supply.” Typically, it can take several hours to get the hospital ready to go. But the MED-1 unit had to work much faster. “Within 30 minutes,” Ramsey says, “we had patients lined up.”

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(Above) Nurse Renee Ramsey ’13 worked on the Carolinas MED-1 team in Burgaw providing emergency medical treatment to local residents. The caravan of vehicles, including two 53-foot tractor-trailers, is a mobile hospital that travels to natural disaster sites.

Both women credit their time at Queens with preparing them for careers in emergency medicine—and especially with being able to handle the intense environment of a mass casualty disaster response.

“My love for emergency medicine was fostered by two very important instructors in nursing school,” Henson says, praising professors Nancy Duffy and Grace Buttriss. “Both of these amazing women put the emergency medicine spark in me, and it has never gone out.”

That’s part of the reason she’s stayed in the emergency department at Carolinas Medical Center–Main for 24 years, an inspiring tenure in a field notorious for stress, chaos and burnout.

Likewise, Ramsey fostered her love for service in nursing school. It was also an environment that prepared her to serve diverse communities reeling from tragedy. “That’s the first time in my life that I’d stepped out of my comfort zone,” she says. “You can’t go into a disaster situation and thrust your expectations or biases on a person. It’s very humbling to go into a situation like that.”

“A nurse must be selfless to meet the needs of the patient,” says Grace Buttriss, chair of Undergraduate Nursing Studies at Queens.

She taught both Henson and Ramsey and isn't surprised they've volunteered for the frontlines of natural disasters. "They were very strong academically and clinically. They're independent thinkers," she says. As quick learners and problem solvers, they rapidly adjust in unpredictable situations. "They also have to be aware of different cultures and traditions," says Buttriss.

After a long day of setting up the mobile hospital—in an asphalt parking lot in 90-degree temperatures—the nurses showered, changed, and started treating patients. The days were chaotic as new patients filled with fear and desperation rolled in. Nights brought a bit of a reprieve; the town was under a mandatory curfew, so fewer people were out.

Much like those visiting a brick-and-mortar hospital, patients arrived with a wide range of conditions: Cuts and broken bones suffered while clearing debris, infections from dirty flood water, dehydration and chronic conditions such as cardiac and kidney disease exacerbated by the lack of access to medical care during the storm. Everyone was fatigued, suffering from shock. Two babies entered the world at the makeshift hospital.

It was the only hospital serving North Carolinians in a 50-mile radius.

"It's what I think of as grassroots medicine," Henson explains. "Paper charting and actually getting to sit down with a person and listen to their stories."

When the Piggly Wiggly supermarket reopened across the street, the nurses watched in awe as anxious community members lined up to wait for food. "I can't tell you how humbling it is to watch people stand in line for hours, praying they'd get in before the shelves were empty again," Henson says. "I've seen people do that in foreign, poverty-stricken countries, but it was happening before my eyes, right here in North Carolina."

The work, Henson and Ramsey say, is grueling. It's emotionally exhausting. They get sweaty and dirty and hungry. They start IVs and clean bathrooms, irrigate wounds and repair busted equipment. In a week, the MED-1 team saw more than 500 patients.

Their work is crucial in stabilizing a community and restoring hope. The rewards, Henson says, outweigh the sacrifices. "Their gratitude, graciousness and hospitality are what keep us all going and returning for more deployments," she says.

Ramsey remembers a conversation with a woman who came up to her and said, "I just need a hug." She had lived through Hurricane Matthew, spent the last year cleaning up and recovering and moving on, only to go through even worse devastation with Florence. "I just don't want to be forgotten again," she said to Ramsey.

"We help people heal," Ramsey says, "not only physically—but emotionally." ■

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Members of the community came out to support the emergency medical team in Burgaw, bringing meals and hugs. Wendy Henson '93 (right) received a box of homemade food from the mom (left) of a local paramedic.



Hindsight

We begin Class Acts with a quizzical moment from the past: Davidson and Queens students meet at Diana Fountain—are they studying? 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.

OUR SUMMER HINDSIGHT

Ann Lee Davis '76 recognized this gathering as a Rat week event. The tradition of dubbing freshmen as “rats” began in the mid-1800s, and by the early 1900s freshmen on American campuses wore caps or “beanies” to designate their lowly status. According to a humorous post in the 1968 Queens yearbook, a sophomore “rat sister” kept her freshman charge in line, reporting insubordination. The animated woman at center is Laura Grant '77.



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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. Please contact Alumni Relations at 704-337-2256 or alumni@queens.edu if you have questions or comments.

1951

Ann Bailey Brackett still loves living on Daniel Island and all the activities downtown. She has a married granddaughter and soon-to-be married grandson. Their 17-year-old brother is thrilled and can't wait for the wedding, nor can she! She sends her best to all the remaining classmates of 1951 and misses those no longer with us.

1952

The class expresses sympathy to **Betty Mauldin Fulenwider** on the death of her sister, **Ann Mauldin Elliot '42**, who passed away on April 19, 2018. Ann was the aunt of **Mary Fulenwider '85**.

1953

Norris and **Billie Mancin Little** are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They are still very active in Dalton. Billie chaired her 22nd Salvation Army Telethon to send underprivileged children to summer camp; it raised \$40,000 in two hours. God has blessed them in so many ways. Billie is so glad Queens is her alma mater.

1954

The class expresses sympathy to **Joanna Adams Sloan** upon the passing of her husband, Dr. James M. Sloan III, on May 23, 2018.

1955

Mary Lois Ridings Bynum enjoyed two weeks at Sunset Beach with family, which included **Lesley Bynum Swartz '87** and **Lisa Bynum '91**. She also had lunch with **Peppy Scutt Thacker**. Her college roommate, **Nan Breymann Dorr**, has moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to be near her daughter. She enjoyed a call with **Betty Neale Beal '54** and **Nancy Irwin Williams '54**, who both live in Burlington, North Carolina. She also had a visit recently with **Cornelia Dick Hijiya '52** who now lives at The Pines in Davidson.

Caroline Love Myers enjoyed a two-week trip to Italy sponsored and accompanied by children and grandchildren this summer—10 in all. She worried that she couldn't keep up the pace, or the steps, but it was a great success. The family celebrated two high school graduations and four special birthdays.

1959

Joy Arrington Duffy has another grandson in college, and he attends Williams in Massachusetts. He will play basketball for them. Joy and her husband are still in Pilot Mountain, but do travel. New Orleans was a "hoot." She sees too much politics in the news lately with too much animosity.

The class expresses sympathy to **Freda Hyams Nicholson** upon the



Cynthia Spraker Mills '84 (center), founder of The Leaders' Haven™, was awarded the highest individual honor as an industry partner by the American Society of Association Executives, for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession at the August 2018 annual meeting of 7,000 attendees in Chicago.

passing of her husband, Dr. Henry H. Nicholson, on June 30, 2018.

1960

Donna Irving Lambeth and her husband, Tom, enjoyed their annual Chautauqua, New York, time this summer and also the beach with children and grandchildren.

The class expresses sympathy to **Jane Agsten Long** upon the passing of her husband, Harry Long, on June 16, 2018.

1961

Adelaide Anderson Davis will continue to work four days a week at Queens. She thinks that maybe the reason President Davies asked her to stay on for a while longer is because no one could figure out what to do with all of the Queens pictures, books and historical paraphernalia in her Burwell office. So, in spite of the fact that she is moving to a condo at The Cypress Club of Charlotte, she is very happy to still be actively involved at Queens.

Susan Brooks Kirkland was hiking and selling produce one day and trying to conquer shortness of breath

the very next day. One month later, diagnoses of lung cancer, excessive fluid in lung cavity and "a fib" were on the books. Her tremendous team of medical staff, led by God, realized she was a candidate for a chemo pill, Tarceva. It is a daily pill that has no side effects for her, will shrink the tumor and clear up the fluid. Susan has certainly coined this her "happy pill." So many prayers answered, and she has been given so many blessings. Count yours every day.

Polly Thompson Marshall and husband of 57 years stay busy with their four children and seven grandchildren, attending family gatherings at the river, traveling and enjoying the many activities offered at their 55-and-over active seniors community. She lives close to **Marianna Christian Broaddus**, with whom she is traveling to Lexington, Kentucky, in October with their Tuckahoe Woman's Club. She has been in touch with **Marg Seay Jensen** lately.

1962

The class expresses sympathy to **Suzann Morton Pharr** on the death of her husband, William "Fred"

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Pharr, who passed away on July 30, 2018. Fred was the brother-in-law of **Nancy Morton Scott '65**.

1964

When not traveling, **Marty Duerson Halyburton** is teaching English as a second language at a Montagnard church, providing job training help to those whose pasts make it difficult to get or hold a job and sorting housewares at a furniture bank. She and Porter just returned from a five-month world cruise visiting five continents, 35 countries and 66 ports. Life is good!

This summer was a time of traveling with a purpose for Larry and **Fi Tolley Umberger**. They joined the Tolley annual family reunion in Virginia. Many changes have occurred with the relatives since the reunion began over 50 years ago. In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, it was fun to connect with longtime friends. Both Larry and Fi have retired from "paying" employment but are very involved in the ministries of their church and community. An a cappella ensemble will travel to Trieste, Italy, in December on a mission trip, and Fi has been accompanying them as they prepare. The Umbergers are enjoying this season of life and are learning to see the challenges of these years as stepping stones, not stumbling blocks. She is looking forward to the 55th reunion.

1965

The class expresses sympathy to **Suzanne DaVega Gibbins** on the death of her sister, **Ellen M. DaVega '69**, who passed away on April 16, 2018.

Sandra Cash Jones had a family reunion in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. There were 20 adults and 10 children in attendance, and all had a fabulous time!

1966

The class expresses sympathy to **Carol McCormick Currie** on



(Left to right) **Sandra Cash Jones '65**, daughter **Jaime**, son-in-law **Scott**, **Luke (4)** and **Jack (6)** holding **Sadie** enjoyed their family reunion at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, during summer 2018.



Nancy Dorrier '66 (left) and photographer **Paul Fetters** prepare for Nancy's book signing of *Stan Went Fishing in October 2017* in Davidson, North Carolina.

the death of her husband, John Morgan Currie, who passed away on May 17, 2018.

Nancy Dorrier is the author of *Stan Went Fishing, Stories and Images of Waking Up*. It's about her grandson, William, and about being grateful

for little things. She started writing at Queens; however, this is her first book. It is filled with short stories and photographs that are meant to wake you up and move you or make you laugh. Paul Fetters, her photographer and friend, collaborated with her on this project.

Eleanor Pepi Downey recently retired as professor of social work at Lewis-Clark State College, Idaho, ending a 25-year career in academia that also included teaching positions at the University of Denver, Colorado State University and Boise State University. She attributes much of her success in higher education both as a student and educator to the quality of the education she received at Queens. Those four years laid a firm foundation of critical thinking, communication skills,

ethical thinking and a commitment to social justice that have been passed to another generation of students. She and Jim will be returning to Colorado, where they had previously lived for 30 years, to be near their three daughters and five grandchildren. Eleanor plans to rock infants in the neonatal intensive care unit, read for pleasure, travel and improve her knitting skills. Last year she and Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family in the Colorado mountains. She recently connected by phone with **Marty Toler Limber**, catching up on friends and family and reliving some of their college adventures.

1967

Pat Dillingham Brown is enjoying retirement in southwest Virginia. Travel, writing for a small newspaper, tending veggie and flower gardens and playing bridge keep her busy and content. Visiting (and being visited by) her daughter and family in Seattle and her son and family in State College, Pennsylvania, adds great joy.

Cathy Condon Nail took a thrilling trip of a lifetime in January 2018. Departing from Cape Town, South Africa, on the *Silver Seas*, the 18-day cruise traveled along the east coast of Africa and ended in the Seychelles. Along the way, there were many exciting shore excursions into game reserves. Elephants, giraffes, lions, hippos and zebras were spotted. What an adventure!

Billie Ann Gloth Smith visited **Sue Anderson** in the Atlanta area in August 2018, and they had a whirlwind four days of fun, laughs and catching up. The two visited a winery in Ellijay, Georgia; went to an ABBA Tribute Concert; spent a decadent three hours getting the "Ultimate Luxury Package" at a spa; saw the movie *Mamma Mia 2* (just couldn't get enough of ABBA) and enjoyed numerous opportunities for lunch and dinner



(Left to right) Sue Anderson '67 and Billie Ann Gloth Smith '67 visited each other in the Atlanta area in August 2018.

at great restaurants in the Atlanta area. They are planning an African safari in the next two years.

Betty Simpson Smith is moving from Hilton Head back to Atlanta and is the happiest she's been in three years. She was so proud to be able to attend graduation in May of her cousin's grandson whom she recruited to Queens all the way from California. **CJ Triana '18** became a Presidential Scholar and

graduated with honors. He loved Queens as much as Betty did and, in fact, he recruited his brother, Tanner, who is a sophomore. Betty takes real pride in having sent Queens seven students over the years, four of whom have become Presidential Scholars.



Betty Simpson Smith '67 (left) attended CJ Triana's '18 (right) Queens graduation in May 2018. Betty recruited CJ, her cousin's grandson, to come to Queens from California.

1968

The class expresses sympathy to **Susan Richardson Dion** upon the passing of her mother, Mary Carter Richardson, in February 2017.

Janie Hamilton Radcliffe

reports there was a gathering of Queens Ladies at Pawleys Island, South Carolina, in September.

Lura Deaton McMurray, Chris Sprenkle Jones, Nancy Dashiell Fanning, Bonnie North Flood, Sidney Walker Pease, Janie Hamilton Radcliffe and Mary Maroney Walker were in attendance. As usual, good food, wine and lots of catching up!

1969

Julius (Jay) Ness Richardson, son of **Gail Ness Richardson**, has been confirmed as a federal judge.

2018 marked the 10th year a reunion was held at the home of **Annette Smith Stilwell** at Pawleys Island, South Carolina. **Paula**

Brown Desmosthenes, Janie Davis Collins, Chris Limehouse Walsh, Peggy Street Heflin, Gail Ness Richardson, and Margaret James Wilbanks. The Queens flag flies when the class of '69 appears.

1971

Liz Aberle Propst recently became a member of the oldest continuing book club in America, The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, that was begun in 1878. Recognition Week events were conducted much the same way they were in 1882 with a vigil, much pageantry and even white dresses (well, mostly slacks these days). She recommends the CLSC Historic Booklist as a great way to explore some outstanding literature, keep our brains open to various points of view and expand one's vocabulary.

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Lou Crawford Swift** on the death of her sister-in-law, Marianna Swift, who passed away on March 28, 2018.



SWIMMING SENSATIONS

Four-Time DII NCAA National Champions. It's a title that once seemed unrealistic for any team at Queens, let alone the swim team, a program that had been founded in 2010. With hard work and dedication, the Class of 2018 swimmers made it a reality.

All-American and NCAA Champion McKenzie Stevens '18 shared, "It goes to show the hard work that each member of the team put in every year. We couldn't have done it without the support of both the teammates and the university." Each meet, each victory was another notch in the belts of the students who worked tirelessly to achieve their goal of becoming national champions.

The Class of 2018 has the special distinction of winning a NCAA championship title four years in a row—the first won when they were freshmen in 2015. At a ceremony in early September in front of the Levine Center, they received their fourth national championship ring. This group of impressive students was also recognized as the most decorated class of athletes in Queens' history.

The Class of 2018 shows off their four DII NCAA championship rings at the September ceremony at Queens. (Front row, left to right) Olivia Gutknecht, Jessie Parmenter and Kristina Kosloski. (Back row, left to right) Zachary Bunner, Bradford Hancock, Nick Arakelian, Trevor Jones and Inigo Alarcia.

1972

Anne Le Grand and **Brenda Lefler Le Grand '66** sadly note the death of their sister and sister-in-law, respectively, **Beth Le Grand Tull** of Charlotte, after her courageous two-and-a-half-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a renaissance woman by all definitions.

1973

For those of our classmates who missed the 45th Reunion that honored one of our own, **Vi Taylor Lyles**, among other distinguished alums, we wish you had come. Although our numbers were small, we mingled and enjoyed seeing each other at the President's Luncheon, our class meeting/photo and later at **Jan Hall Brown's** house for appetizers and drinks. Since we had such a wonderful time at Jan's on Saturday evening, **Valerie Hastings Crockett** offered her home on Sunday morning for breakfast, which Valerie handled with great aplomb and delicious food in such a short time. It was nice to see how many attended the Class of 1968's 50th, so we need to show up for ours! So put

April 2023 on your calendars—50 years is a milestone, QC Ladies!!

1974

Pat Macaulay retired in January from University of Richmond after 38 years of service. Joining her at her retirement party were her parents, **Wilkes** and **Helen Alexander Macaulay '50**, her four siblings, **Lib**, **Joanne '78**, **Clay** and **Lucy**, and her sons, **Burt** and **Alex**. She's thoroughly enjoying her retirement and plans to travel to Italy and Greece in September with her sons.

1975

Dede Barr Dunst retired in September after 33 years in early childhood education with the state. She has worked at Montgomery Community College and York Technical College, and spent 20 years at Mitchell Community College as program coordinator. She taught classes for Gardner-Webb and UNC Charlotte. Nancy's son **Jay Barr** married **Susan Day Barr**; they graduated in 2007 and 2008 from Virginia Tech as an engineer and architect, respectively. She also has two granddaughters

who are 2 and 4 years old. Fun retirement years are ahead.

The Class expresses sympathy to **Eve Ackerman Richardson** upon the passing of her husband, **William B. Richardson**, in June 2018.

1976

It is now countdown to retirement for **Elizabeth Pearce**, who expects to leave **AIG** in September of 2019. To start the celebration, she and her husband, **Richard Lasota**, took a cruise around the British Isles in September 2018. Their first stop was the Isle of Man, the home of Richard's grandfather. Then, on to Ireland, the Inner Hebrides (Skye and Orkney) in Scotland, Edinburgh and finally Bradford, England, to visit some cousins. This was also a belated celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary in 2017.

1977

The class expresses sympathy to **Catherine Mesrobian Smith** on the death of her mother, **Carol Wohlford Mesrobian '51**, who passed away on June 10, 2018. Carol was the aunt of **Allison Wohlford Cordell '69**.

1978

Robyn Conlon and **Don** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 19. They took their three sons and their wives and three grandchildren to southern California. One of the days the family went to Disneyland. It was a fun time with family.

The class expresses sympathy to **Genie Thomas Morgan** on the death of her mother, **Frances L. Thomas**, who passed away on April 9, 2018.

1979

The class expresses sympathy to **Beth Hawfield** on the death of her mother, **Virginia S. Hawfield**, who passed away on June 12, 2018.

1980

The class expresses sympathy to **Faison Shaw Covington** on the death of her father, **Harry Faison Shaw**, who passed away on May 19, 2018.

After five exciting years in Manhattan, **Anne Jones Dantzer** and **David** returned to their home in Atlanta in time for the birth of their

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first grandchild. Aiden, son of Robert and Tara, was born April 14, 2018. Anne loves being a grandmother and having all of her children in Atlanta.

1981

Anne Tope Edwards is starting her 20th year as head librarian at Charlotte Country Day School. Working with middle-school-aged children is a great way to retain a sense of humor and fascination with pop culture. She would love to see classmates, so let her know when you're visiting Charlotte. Be careful—if you ask to see pictures of grandson Ezra, she will share!



(Left to right) Bill, Charlotte, Bonnie and Helen Randall Moore '86 take in the sights on the southernmost point of the United States on the island of Hawaii this past summer.

1983

Kathryn Mahan is celebrating one year in her new career as a diversity and inclusion professional at Ingersoll Rand. After many decades in marketing and communications, she's now working to create extraordinary opportunities for everyone. She continues to live in Charlotte (Plaza Midwood) with her partner, Ann Hooper. She's an active member of Myers Park Baptist Church, and she and Ann continue to do lots of community building by working for racial justice and LGBT equality and by helping to fund worthy causes, including anti-bullying programs and breast cancer research.

1984

The class expresses sympathy to **Tammy Breneman Lansden** upon the death of her mother, Sadie E. Breneman, who passed away on January 4, 2018.

1985

Lisa House Cooper and her husband, Richard, welcomed their third granddaughter on July 23. Hollie Ann joined sister Ryleigh Faith Cooper, 3, daughters of Lisa and Richard's son, John, and his wife, Ambershay, who live in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Lisa and Richard's daughter, Mary, and her daughter, Emma, 3, live nearby in Archdale, North Carolina. Richard and Lisa both work for Old Dominion Freight Line.

1986

Helen Randall Moore started Blue Earth Travels in 2017 as a travel agent specializing in river cruises and travel to the UK and Italy. She's in Peachtree City, Georgia, and still enjoys driving around in her purple golf cart. She traveled to Hawaii and Australia this year with her husband of 23 years, Bill, and two daughters, Charlotte and Bonnie. Charlotte is a senior at McIntosh High School and Bonnie is a sophomore. If you are in the Atlanta area, please get in touch!

1987

The class expresses sympathy to **Terry Oates** on the death of her father, John J. Oates, who passed away on March 21, 2018.

1990

This past June several members of the class gathered in Asheville at **Wendi Bryant Diamond's**

house to celebrate turning 50! The group enjoyed the Chihuly exhibit at Biltmore Estate, blowing glass in the arts district, foot soaking and great food.

1991

Adrienne McCormick started a new position as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Winthrop University. She enjoyed welcoming **Andrea McCrary** to her new home in Rock Hill and is excited to be back in the Carolinas after 20 years in New York!

1993

Jane Bott Childrey's daughter Lily just started at UNC Chapel Hill and her parents couldn't be more proud. Lexi is going into her sophomore year at Pennington enjoying field hockey and swimming while Ian is at Holy Trinity enjoying basketball and music. Jane recently spoke with **Kathy Long Wuchenich '93**. Her daughter is at USC, and they are doing well. She had a wonderful time in Florida this past June with **Shaela Ingham '91** celebrating her dad's birthday.

Michelle Maples Colindres has just completed her ninth year working at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home as an activities director on the memory care unit. Her son is a freshman at the community college in New Orleans, and her baby daughter is



(Left to right) Andrea McCrary '91 visited Adrienne McCormick '91 at her new home in Rock Hill in June 2018.

now a big senior at her high school and a Level II student at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. Michelle enjoys spending time in her hobby of genealogy as well as participating in church activities.

Wanda Bryant Craig, writing under pen name Raegan Teller, recently published *The Last Sale*, her second mystery novel in the Enid Blackwell series. Her first novel, *Murder in Madden*, won honorable mention in a national contest. Both books were inspired by real-life cold cases in her home town of Columbia, South Carolina. For more information on Wanda and her books, visit RaeganTeller.com.

Angela Rushton is a proud Queens Mom to **Sarah Miller '22** who started her freshman year at Queens in August. Sarah is majoring in business and playing on the women's rugby team. Angela and



(Left to right) Wei Zhang, Jane Bott Childrey '93, Wyc Childrey, Lexi Childrey, Lily Childrey and Ian Childrey celebrate Lily's graduation from The Pennington School in June 2018.

ROYAL REUNIONS

From weeklong beach trips to weddings to dinner parties, Queens “mini-reunions” are happening everywhere we look. Catching up with classmates and reliving memories is priceless, and these alumni are evidence that you don’t need a formal event to reconnect.



(Left to right) Wendi Bryant Diamond, Julie Moseley, Cathy Mitchell, Mary Jereza Fink, and Liz Lightfoot Tucker from the Class of '90 toured the Chihuly exhibit at Biltmore Estate in June 2018.



(Left to right) Davis Tapp '14, Scott Thomas '05 and Carl Schlotman IV '14 attend the 56th Supreme Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in Chicago, Illinois, in July 2018.



(Front row, left to right) Ashley Lewis Cheek '06, Kristen Kelly Ammon '02, Claudia Elzey, Sabrina Ziegenbien O'Donnell '02, (back row, left to right) Nick Cheek '01, Christopher Ammon '02, Guy Aiken '02, Peter O'Donnell and Chris Hudson '02 gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia, for Guy Aiken's '02 wedding to Claudia Elzey in June 2018.



It was a Royal party at Caitlin O'Rourke Barndt's '11 MA '16 wedding in May 2018. (Front row, left to right) Amelia Farmer Warga '12, Caitlin O'Rourke Barndt '11 MA '16, Brittany Philip '12, Hewit Hawn Rome '12 and Beth Janaskie '11. (Back row, left to right) Danielle Phillips '13, Ray Warga '08, Kenna Wick Lando '15, Caitlin Miller '13, Kristi Kemp '12, Vanessa Blackhurst Bush '11, Caitlin Flanagan Hatzel '13 and Jenna Daniels Cooper '11.



(Left to right) Jenny Chew, Martha Bringhurst Bruno, Harriet Carter Meader and Mary Coker Highsmith of the Class of '70 got together in Philadelphia in July 2018 for five days of fun. The lucky goat in the center represents Linda Quinn Furman who missed the trip because she was in Scotland.



Holly Nuzzolese '02 (left) and Christine Schier '02 (right) were some of the out-of-town guests for Rebecca West's '01 (center) 39th birthday party at her home in Athens, Georgia, in June 2018.



These '72 classmates always enjoy getting together at Wrightsville beach. Seated in front on the left are **Lynn Stultz**, **Cathy Torrence Mills**, and standing, **Cam McIntyre**. Seated on the right from the back are **Betty Crosland**, **Nancy Brazier Michael**, and **Pam Wilson**.



Friends from Class of '84 got together in Myrtle Beach at **Stephanie Sain Black's** home. They went to Brookgreen Gardens and had pictures taken with 'the other' Diana. (Left to right) **Flo Mercer Markland**, **Sally Shinault Effre**, **Stephanie Sain Black**, **Jane Hughes Redding**, **Alison Forsythe**, **Laura Daly Ryan**, **Dana Ferguson**, **Elizabeth Frazier Tobin**, **Sally Shearer Horstman**, **Jane Dale Bishop**, **Susan Tate Smith** and **Teresa Harris Mann**.



(Left to right) Professor Emeritus **Ruth Stephenson**, **Lindsey Tice '05**, Professor Emeritus **Joyce Shealy** and Dr. **Cherie Clark** celebrate Dr. Shealy's birthday in Winston-Salem in February 2018.



Courtney Ellicott Duncan '00, **Allison Hart Koch '00**, **Ashley Curtis**, **Ashley Leonard '99**, **Heather Connelly Brownfield '98**, **Stephanie Richin** and **Elizabeth Hunter Persson '00** recently gathered at Elizabeth's home to welcome Courtney back to Charlotte.



Gathering at Litchfield Beach in November 2017 were (front row, left to right): **Tiffany Becker Ginn '91**, **Michelle McIntire '91**, **Laura Hair Owens '92** and **Lori Simmons Haight '90**; (middle row, left to right) **Suzzannah Pajak Gittner '92**, **Cathy Mitchell '90**; (back row, left to right) **Kerrie Jackson Geovanes '92**, **Terri Haynes Holcombe '91**, **Ashley Stafford Williams '91**, **Dana Settler French '92**, **Beth Worley Savage '92**, **Shannan Kelley Lentz '93**, **Sara Himmelrick Hasset '92** and **Grace McWhirter Lawley '92**.



In August 2018, (left to right) **Clare Plassche**, **Pat Sullivan '10**, **Matt Gwilt '12**, **Tori Hernandez '13**, **Michael Lum '11**, **Laura Lum '13**, **James Johnson '10**, **Harrison Fidler '11**, **Jim Johnson**, **Mary Ellen Johnson**, **Matt Kaelin '10** and **John Nesbit** traveled to Keuka Lake in New York for their annual Queens mini-reunion trip and to celebrate a few 30th birthdays.



Friends of the Library READING LIST

Compiled by Phyllis Mahoney '76 and Julie Walton '91

The Friends of the Library (FOL) book list is compiled of works by former FOL and Learning Society guest speakers as well as Queens MFA faculty and graduates. Enjoy and happy reading!

Lauren Groff
Florida

Lisa Patton
Rush

Megan Miranda
All the Missing Girls

J.D. Vance
*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a
Family and Culture in Crisis*

David Payne
Barefoot to Avalon: A Brother's Story
Back to Wando Passo
Gravesend Light

Marybeth Mayhew Whalen
When We Were Worthy
The Things We Wish Were True

Kim Wright
Last Ride to Graceland

Dan Rather
*What Unites Us: Reflections
on Patriotism*

Julie Funderburk
The Door That Always Opens: Poems

John Irving
A Prayer for Owen Meany
The Cider House Rules
A Widow for One Year

For event listings and membership opportunities, visit www.queens.edu/FOL.

Sarah's three younger siblings enjoyed visiting Queens on Family Weekend in September!

1997

Christina Cougill has been living in Charlotte since 2008 after nine years in Boston. She is a sexual assault detective with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. Chris has been married to her wife, Shara,

since 2015. They welcomed their son, Elliott, in November 2015. She keeps in touch with her friends from the softball team, and they try to get together every few months.

Audean Godehn and her husband, Berkley, visited the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa in April, where the Indian Ocean meets the Atlantic Ocean



(Right to left) **Christina Cougill '97**, son **Elliott** and wife **Shara Speer** stop for a family photo during **Elliott's 2nd birthday party in November 2017 in Charlotte.**

Ched Lohr is an interventional radiologist in Oroville, California. He recently made a documentary film entitled *Beyond Transport* that received acclaim and won an award at the Amsterdam Film Festival in August 2018. It was featured as part of the Charleston Arts Festival in November 2018. The film includes clips of an interview Ched did with Dr. Norris Frederick, his friend and mentor.

Ann McGuire Parker and her husband, Derek, are enjoying spoiling their grandsons: Hudson Luke Parker, born in April, and James Michael Mietla, born in October.

2000

Courtney Ellicott Duncan and her family have relocated to Charlotte from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, as her husband Chris has accepted a partnership with Vance, Flouhouse & Garges, a CPA firm in Ballantyne. Their son Knox has begun second grade at Beverly Woods Elementary and their daughter, Lively, is beginning kindergarten. They are excited to return to the Queen City, reuniting with friends and alumni.

Laney Jahkel-Parrish completed her degree in baking and pastry arts from Johnson & Wales University in 2016. She is right around the corner



Laney Jahkel-Parrish '00 and **Ben Parrish '09** at the 'Mater Dames event at South End Market in Charlotte in August 2018. The event featured four female chefs' original tomato recipes; Laney's was a green tomato, peach and buttermilk Popsicle.



Michelle Roberts Howell '00 (middle) and her family are hosting a foreign exchange student from Italy for the 2018-2019 school year. The entire family is excited to learn about another culture and introduce America to **Giorgia** (second from left), who is from **Vincenza, Italy**. (Left to right) **Ethan, Giorgia, Michelle, Brian and Brady** at the Charlotte airport in August 2018.



Misty McGuire Case '98 and her husband, Ryan, celebrated 12 years of marriage and welcomed their first child, son Finley James Case, in fall 2018.

from Queens, working as the pastry sous chef at 300 East in Dilworth. She is also a professional member of the Piedmont Culinary Guild. She and husband **Benjamin Parrish '09** love to go to farmers' markets, cook traditional NC BBQ and entertain.

Kara Revel Jarzynski and husband Kevin are thrilled to announce the birth of their twins, Wyler and Elizabeth. Babies are beyond beautiful and full of joy. If ever in Los Angeles, come visit!

Ingrid Kemp graduated from Gonzaga University with her master's

degree in nursing in May 2018. She passed her PMHNP certification exam in July and will be working as a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Paula Ronkko Naeff is mother of Noah, 7, and Fenja, 5, and "parent" of puppy Ella. She also takes care of the administration of Braswell Arts Center, a dance studio and art exhibition space in Basel, Switzerland. She and her husband, Stefan, like to go camping with the family in their



Michelle Horn Rager '00 is in Wilmington, North Carolina, with her daughters, Hadlee (4) and Sutton (3 months).

VW bus. Visitors are always welcome—the guest room is ready!

Michelle Horn Rager has relocated back to North Carolina, landing at the beach in Wilmington. She took a position as an ambulatory care pharmacist and residency program director at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Michelle and her husband, Thomas, welcomed Sutton Edith Rager to the family on February 28, 2018.

2001

Tracy Reid Huneycutt and her husband, John, enjoy living in a rural county outside of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. John resigned from ministry after serving as a director of Christian education for almost 20 years, and is enjoying owning his own painting and home improvement business. Tracy has worked at Wake Forest Baptist Health for over seven years. Their son, Reid, started kindergarten in the fall of 2018. They enjoy home improvement projects, serving at their church and in their community and staying involved in their son's activities, including soccer and flag football.

Holly Nuzzolese '02 and **Christine Schier '02** were some of the

out-of-town guests for **Rebecca West's '01** 39th birthday party. Rebecca is also a proud, official aunt to Shawn whose adoption was recently finalized. In other news, she represented Beta Iota by helping the ADPis at UGA with Rush.

2002

Kristen Kelly Ammon and **Christopher Ammon** were thrilled to celebrate the wedding of their beloved classmate, **Guy Aiken** and Claudia Elzey, on June 30, 2018. Joining them in Charlottesville, Virginia, for this memorable occasion were **Nick '01** and **Ashley Cheek '06**, Peter and **Sabrina O'Donnell** and **Chris Hudson**.

Erica Brady Angert and **Jack Angert** took a two-week trip to France this summer with their three children and Erica's mother. They stayed in Paris, Rouen, and Nice, and Erica got to show everyone several of the places she had visited as an undergrad on her Queens French Immersion IEP to Nice in 2001.

Jill Brumer is excited to be joining the Lone Star College team full time and will be in charge of running the entire drama program

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Roxanne Reynolds Crawford continues to live in Matthews, North Carolina, with her husband, Scott, and daughter Charlie. She is an ERP manager at Jones & Frank, an oil & gas distribution company based out of Raleigh. She has recently finished remodeling both of her bathrooms and hopes that **Franklin Spence** will appreciate that when it's time to sell in 2019/2020!

Justin Stahl and **Shelby Stahl '00** are still in the Charlotte area raising their two children: Evan, 9, and Hadley, 6.

2003

Kate Hopta, husband Brett Swanson, daughter Zoey (1) and trusty pooch O.Henry (14) moved from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, at the end of 2017. The four are settling

into their new life in America's dairyland and working toward becoming proficient cheesemongers.

Anne Phillips Sinko received tenure and promotion to associate professor of mathematics at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University. She was also awarded Distinguished Professor of the Year. When not working on mathematics or education, she continues to play with her school's orchestra and spends her free time with her family: husband John and children Lily and Eli.

2004

After a wedding in November 2017 to the love of her life, Theodore Cabot II, and a California honeymoon in December/January, **Taryn Rimland Cabot** accepted a job with USA Girl Scouts Overseas. She will be moving to Vicenza, Italy, with her new husband and dog, Andi, this June!



Vanessa Faura '06 MA '10 (right) runs a financial literacy seminar during a tax readiness workshop in Queens' Belk Chapel in March 2018. The educational programs are open to the public and free of charge.

Jennifer Gardner is a service writer and shop manager for Donald Gardner's Paint & Body in Charlotte. She currently serves as a board member of the North Carolina Association of Collision and Auto Body Repair, a non-profit organization whose aim is to improve the professionalism and business practices of those involved in the collision industry.



Dana Rizzor Burton '05 and Taylor Burton '07 enjoyed Midtown Atlanta in November 2017.

Briana Watkins Savago and her husband, Patrick, live in Charlotte with their three boys. Bri is a postpartum nurse and loves helping new moms and dads adjust to their roles as parents. Their oldest son, Liam, starts kindergarten in the fall. Their middle son, Connor, is starting his second year of preschool and their third son, Bash, is enjoying the life of being the baby who gets all the attention!

2005

Taylor Burton is enjoying life in Huntsville, Alabama, the Rocket City, with **Dana Rizzor Burton '07** and their cat, Lucy. Taylor is in his fourth year as the graphic designer for the largest community college in Alabama, and is moonlighting as singer/songwriter/guitarist for his new band, The Silver Silos. He and Dana are both heavily involved at Messiah Lutheran Church, and Taylor just completed his orientation for Leadership Huntsville/Madison County. Dana and Taylor are

now co-workers because Dana is a public speaking and honors program instructor at Calhoun.

Lindsay Tice is entering her fifth year as the regional long term care ombudsman with Centralina Area Agency on Aging, covering long-term care facilities in Mecklenburg and Stanly counties. In February 2018, she joined in on the celebration of Dr. Joyce Hayes Shealy's birthday in Winston-Salem. Professors Ruth Stephenson and Cherie Clark joined the giggly group!

2006

Vanessa Faura MA '10 serves as the North Carolina outreach director for Americans for Prosperity Foundation where she helps individuals break barriers that prevent them from realizing their potential. Vanessa's work has touched thousands with



Kate Hopta '03, husband Brett Swanson and daughter Zoey toured Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in February 2018. Cheesehead hats are popular among fans of the Green Bay Packers.



A Tip of the Crown: ROYAL KUDOS TO QUEENS ALUMNI

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Jerry Ratchford MBA '87 was honored by Charlotte SCORE with the chapter's Emeritus Membership Award. He is one of only six members since 1965 to receive this award for service, contribution and accomplishment.

Adrienne McCormick '91 is the new dean of Winthrop University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Wes Pitts '07 of First Presbyterian Church in Statesville, North Carolina, received an award for "Water into Wine: Seeking Transformation through Conversation," a program encouraging positive, community-minded dialogue.

Kaysi Winsman '09 was recently promoted with Sephora as senior manager, Omni Retail Strategy.

Natalia Diez-Singerman '13 made Charlotte Agenda's "30 Under 30" list for her work to help women get elected to political office. She also helped produce the first Spanish language television ad campaign in the history of Charlotte.

Megan Sload '13 was promoted to director of Marketing & Ticketing Operations at McNeese State University.

Ross Radcliffe '14 started a new position as camera operator at Discovery Channel.

Taylor Park '16 works at Cramerton Middle School and was named New Teacher of the Year in Gaston County Schools.

Crockett Sewell '17 received his master's from Cardiff University and started a new position as an international admissions counselor for Purdue University.

Claire Lechtenberg '17 is the marketing coordinator at YWCA Central Carolinas.



(Left to right) Dean Angert, grandmother Debbie Carter, Jack Angert '02, Sage Angert and Kent Angert explored the cobblestone streets of Eze on the French Riviera in June 2018.

programs designed to provide skills and education to empower people to thrive and contribute to a more prosperous America. This past July, Vanessa became a member of the Queens Alumni Board!

Julie Johnson Rediker and her husband, Michael, are busy raising their three little Royals (Grace, Camille and Vivien) in Birmingham, Alabama. After 11 years as a pediatric nurse in bone marrow transplant at Children's of Alabama, Julie is taking a break from the hospital scene. She is currently working

as a teacher at Independent Presbyterian Church Day School.

Caitlan Greene Rivera is now a licensed TESOL (Teaches English to Speakers of Other Languages) Teacher Trainer through SIT/World Learning and has been enjoying instructing online courses that the U.S. State Department provides to foreign English teachers. She and her husband are also thrilled to welcome their first baby in January!

2007

Thomas Lewis III completed his medical training and started a

new position in July as assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina. In this role, he serves as an attending physician for an inpatient addictions unit. He also serves as an associate director for the forensic psychiatry fellowship at the university. Thomas enjoys clinical work with patients as well as teaching medical students, residents and fellows.

The class expresses sympathy to **Amanda Zeni McKenzie** on the passing of her husband, **Robert David McKenzie '04**, on August 31, 2018.

2008

Claire Lowrance Tomkinson wrote a children's book entitled *Frida, Queen of the Canvas* as part of a six-book series, The Queen Girls Collection. It is a collection of fairytales inspired by real women



Julie Johnson Rediker's '06 children are Royals already! (Left to right) Camille, Vivien and Grace show their Queens pride.

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. On June 30, 2018, Ryan Sevigny '11 MBA '13 married Camilla Mallberg '12 in Stockholm, Sweden. Among the guests were Queens friends who knew Ryan and Camilla when they began seeing each other in the fall of 2008.

2. Brooke Foil Hyland '14 married Andrew Hyland '14 on May 26, 2018, in Youngsville, North Carolina.

3. Held by daddy, a chubby and happy Valentina Aracely was born on April 8, 2018, in Arlington, Virginia, to Maria Steelman Herbstritt '07 and Matt Herbstritt '07.

4. Ariel Hooper DeLallo '11 and Mike DeLallo '11 welcomed their first baby in the spring of 2018. Harrison Campbell DeLallo was born on May 25 in Charlotte.

5. Jason Jacobs '00 and Jewelina McKendry Jacobs '99 welcomed their daughter, Jasmine, in March 2018 in Augusta, Georgia. Their oldest daughter, Imani (far left), started high school in the fall and second daughter, Nadia (far right), is finishing middle school, so it has been an exciting season of transition.

6. Christiaan Lee-Daigle '12 and Samantha Bogdovitz Lee-Daigle MBA '13 welcomed Quinn into the world on August 31, 2018, in Charlotte.



Taryn Rimland Cabot '04 married Theodore Cabot II in November 2017 in Charlotte. (Left to right) Melissa Verea '05, Alison Kendrick '04, Jamie Litcher Pennington '05, Sheena Lambert Miracle '05, Jennifer McKinzie '04, Casey Rimland Cohen, Taryn Rimland Cabot '04, Theodore Cabot II, Linda Cabot, Jeffrey Boggs, Robert Martinat, Joseph Sherrill, Joshua Duncan and Scott Barrier.

for girls ages 4 to 7. Get your copy at queengirlspublications.com.

Taryn Wolford is now the head PGA Professional and general manager at Harry L. Jones Sr. Golf Course (previously named Renaissance Park Golf Course). She has held this position since June 2017. Taryn continuously enjoys growing the game of golf!

2009

Competing against 400 other applicants, **Martha Autry** has accepted the position of director of volunteers, charity and events for the Wells Fargo Championship PGA Tour.

Starkesha Daye is pursuing her doctorate degree at Argosy University in Atlanta. She is a licensed professional counselor and a licensed clinical addiction specialist.

Sarah Burt Mahoney is currently living in Virginia Beach with husband Corey and two dogs, Buoy & Ruger. She works at a local advertising agency. When not at work or spending QT with Corey and the dogs, you can find her at the barn riding horses.

Deborah Violante was recently appointed the department chair of York Technical College's Patient



Cecilia Tchangoue '10 "CC" gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Ayden on July 20, 2018, in London. Ayden weighed 6.8 lbs and is a bundle of joy to his parents.

Care Technician Program in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She is a 2008 graduate of the Associate of Science in Nursing program and a 2009 graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Queens.

2011

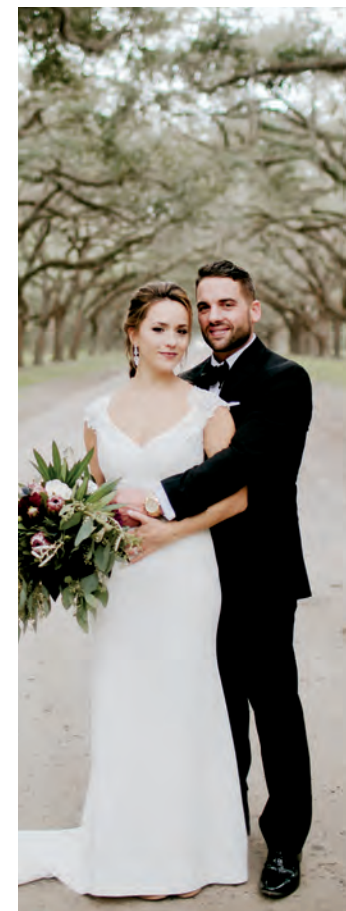
Caitlin O'Rourke Barndt MA '16 married UNC Charlotte alumnus, Matthew David Barndt, at The Peninsula Club in Cornelius, North Carolina, on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Caitlin's roommate at Queens in Wireman, **Jenna Daniels Cooper '11** and Royals Women's Lacrosse teammate **Shannon Casey '12**, were bridesmaids. Many other Queens graduates were in attendance!



Amanda La Rocco Aiken '11 married Isaac Means Aiken IV on September 17, 2017, in Charleston.



Nicole Puleio '10 officially became Nicole Puleio Byrd after celebrating her marriage to Steven Byrd with family and friends in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, on July 14, 2018.



Larissa Tomasulo Burke '11 married Cody Burke on September 30, 2017, in Savannah, Georgia.

Class ACTS

Last summer, **Meredith MacLeod** launched Shower The People, a Nashville based nonprofit that provides mobile showers and hygiene supplies to individuals experiencing homelessness in Nashville through a retrofitted school bus.

2014

Aly Glavin was selected as one of the top “Thirty under 30” for the National Kitchen and Bath Association. With this achievement, she will participate in events as well as help determine trends and business strategies for the kitchen and bath industry on a national level. It’s a great accomplishment for her as well as for her business, Pure Design Works.

2016

Mystique Ro is now entering her second year training with the USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation. With the completion of the 2018 Winter Games several months past, the preparation for the new quad has begun—journey to the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing!

The class expresses sympathy to **Will Ruth** on the death of his



Michael Sullivan and Van Le Sullivan MSN '16 enjoy matcha green tea during a traditional tea ceremony on their trip to Kyoto, Japan, in July 2018.

grandfather, Martin B. Foil, Jr., who passed away on July 30, 2018.

2017

Cheryl Gregory studied at Exeter College, Oxford University in Oxford, Oxfordshire UK, this summer. Her academics consisted of lectures, tutor sessions, and a plethora of sightseeing adventures. She was afforded this opportunity through her graduate studies at Duke University.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

At Charlotte SCORE’s annual awards luncheon, **Jerry Ratchford, Sr. MBA '87** of Matthews received the chapter’s Emeritus Membership Award for over 18 years of volunteer service and dedication. The organization helps small businesses get started through free mentoring and workshops. Jerry is one of only six members since the chapter was formed in 1965 to receive this honorary award for service, contribution and accomplishment.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marnie Beckwith MBA '01** on the death of her mother, Barbara Beckwith, who passed away on April 27, 2018.

Craig Hanks EMBA '02 continues to live the rock-and-roll lifestyle as a engineering professional in the hydraulics industry by day and a songwriter/musician/guitar-slinger by night. Both passions have him traveling the globe. Craig married the love of his life, Deanna Hartis, in August, and they continue to reside in Charlotte. Their 14-year-

old daughter, Jenna, started high school at Myers Park this year.

The class expresses sympathy to **Christopher L. Carmack MBA '03** upon the passing of his father-in-law, Col. Marion H. “Moe” Ward, on September 1, 2018. Moe was the grandfather of **Christina M. Carmack '11** and **Benjamin W. Carmack '19**.

Jeffery Hess MFA '05 recently published his second novel, *Tushhog*, the sequel to 2016’s *Beachhead*. Hess is also the author of the story collection, *Cold War Canoe Club*, and editor of the *Home of the Brave* anthologies. His website is jefferyhess.com.

Karen Celestan MFA '10 is the author of *Freedom’s Dance: Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs in New Orleans* with photographer Eric Waters (Louisiana State University, February 2018). The coffee table book—with 174 photographs, interviews and essays from notable academics—details the most African-retentive culture in the United States. *Freedom’s Dance* was #1 on LSU’s list of spring book releases. Karen is executive writer-editor in university advancement at Texas Southern University in Houston.

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Jay Masanotti MAT '13 and his wife, Jessica, enjoy a playful moment with their daughter, Amelia Rose (3).

Marianne Boglovits Oberklein MA '10 was recently accepted into the medical assisting program at Wake Tech Community College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Marianne plans to graduate in the fall to become a certified medical assistant. Duke University is sponsoring her, so she plans to work for Duke Health upon graduation.

Elizabeth Mercer McNabb MED '11 and husband Madison celebrated their son Emmett's first birthday in August. She continues to work as a broker/Realtor for HM Properties. Send her a message at elizabeth@hmproperties.com if you're looking for a home in the Carolinas!

Katie Kalisz MFA '12 will publish her book, *Quiet Woman*, with Main Street Rag this fall.

Jay Masanotti MAT '13 is in his second year as the youth director at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian

Church after teaching at Trinity Episcopal School for nine years. As a lifelong learner, he is also returning to student life to earn a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary. He celebrated his 12th year of marriage in November, and his daughter's third year of life.

Moss Ingram's MFA '14 short story, "Same As It Ever Was," will appear in *The Caribbean Writer Issue 32: Rough Tides, Tough Times: Reflections and Transitions*. His poem, "Losing Sides," was selected to appear in *Crack the Spine Anthology XVII*. Both publications were to be available in the fall of 2018.

Donna Kaz MFA '14 received the Jerry Kaufman Award for Excellence in Playwriting for her full-length play, *Waiting*, from the American Renaissance Theatre Company. She was an artist-in-residence at Marble House Project in Dorset, Vermont, for the month of June.

Brandon Harris MA '17 has started his second year as a PhD student at the University of Oregon. Brandon uses skills developed in the Knight School on a daily basis and teaches students the fundamentals of media production and media literacy. He presented original research about online communities at multiple national conferences in 2017-2018 and is preparing to enter the job market as a tenure-track assistant professor by 2022.

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Jasmine Hines MSOD '17 leads the first Amplify and Activate Summit in December 2017 in Uptown Charlotte.

Jasmine Hines MSOD '17 is the principal of The Inpower Agency and creator of the Amplify and Activate Summit. Operating from the belief that change begins within, the firm's mission is to co-create actionable paradigm shifts at the intersection of desires and needs, moving groups and individuals from inspiration to empowerment. The firm specializes

in strategy, programming, team cohesion, leadership and coaching. Grounded in mindfulness practices for sociocultural awareness, the firm's work is creative, innovative, and effective.

Alexia Snyder MA '18 got engaged to Luke Thomas on August 13, 2018, at Cherry Grove Beach in South Carolina.

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—Danielle Phillips '13

1. WHAT IS PRESIDENT DAVIES' DOG'S NAME?

- A. Boomer
- B. Porter
- C. Buster

2. AT WHAT UNIVERSITY DID PRESIDENT DAVIES WORK BEFORE COMING TO QUEENS?

- A. Fordham University
- B. Elon University
- C. Drexel University

3. WHAT IS HER FAVORITE MEAL OF THE DAY?

- A. Breakfast
- B. Lunch
- C. Dinner

4. WHAT IS DR. DAVIES' FUN CAR?

- A. Orange Mini Cooper
- B. Red Volkswagen Bug
- C. Green Fiat 500

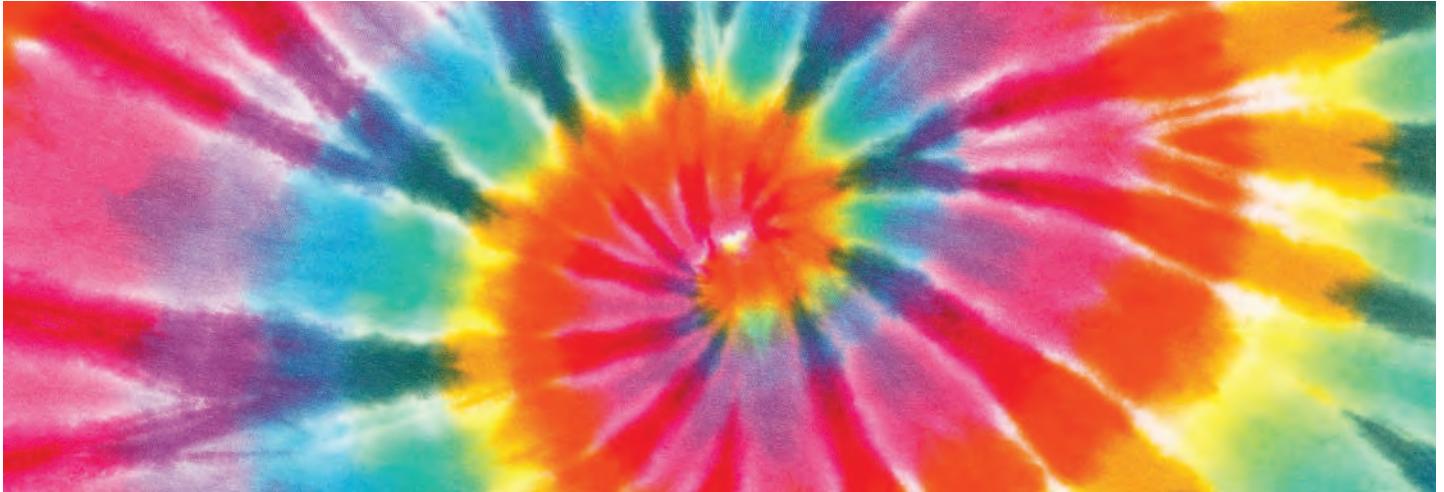
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- A. Commencement
- B. Presidential Scholarship Calls
- C. Awards Convocation

ONE *last* THING

Facing My Fears

BY CHERIE CLARK, CHARLES A. DANA PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY



Bright clothes, including tie-dyed ones, are a favorite with the exuberant professor.

As I sat at my computer thinking about what to say in this “parting thoughts” section, I went blank. After a few dozen solitaire games, I decided that I don’t have any good parting thoughts. Just the idea scares me. Parting sounds like a really bad thing. One suggestion I received was to look back and reflect on my time at Queens as my teaching career comes to a close. I needed another dozen solitaire games, or an hour down the Facebook/Twitter/Instagram rabbit holes to run away from that. I mean, to think more about it.

I realized, as fear of not finding the right thing to say here enveloped me, that a bit of fear has been a driving force throughout my life. It started as a fear of being beaten up by my nine siblings and fear of being ignored as number eight in the family. This may explain my outspokenness and love of bright (often tie-dyed) clothes.

I think I have used fear to motivate me throughout my teaching life as well. I always made sure I was well prepared for class because I was afraid of looking like a fool. I also was afraid to let my students down, so I learned to watch their reactions and listen to what they said. Then I made changes. I dressed for holidays and brought candy to research class because I was afraid that I was boring them to tears (possibly indicated by the sleepers and texters in class).

An important lesson I learned from my fear was to face it straight on. Don’t let that bad bully bury in too deep. I also learned to recognize fear in my students. Helping them work through fear of tests and writing research papers was better than reviewing content. I noticed that graduation has always been a big-time fear producer, and I watched students grapple with many fears during that time. They were afraid that their parents/spouses/children would show up and do something crazy (and

some did). They were afraid that their peers would slip and reveal to their parents that they weren’t the precious angels who left their care years earlier. (That happened too.) They were afraid of their future, that they would not be successful in their careers or grad school. They were afraid of not getting a job or promotion they hoped the degree would bring.

But they didn’t let fear stop them. I watched them gain strength to face these fears by talking to one another and to us. I loved being able to reassure our grads that they have everything they need to tackle the world ahead. I learned a lot from watching and talking to students over my years at Queens. Now that I look forward (with some fear) to retirement, their stories are my story. I need to give myself that same reassurance about this article (almost done now!) and my fear of leaving a profession I love, fear of facing old age (not for sissies!). I will use the memories of all those wild and crazy students and their bravery at facing their fears. So, my parting thought—thing—is one I have taught and learned, and one that bears repeating (even if to myself). Fear is a part of who we are, but it does not need to stop us. Fear can be, and is, a powerful motivator. And sometimes we must sit with it while playing solitaire in tie-dye.



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Triathlon Circle of Unity

In September, Hunter Janus '20 (bottom center) gathered the men's and women's triathlon teams for a 360-degree panorama photo. They were in Williamsburg, Virginia, for the first race of the season; it would entail a half-mile swim followed by a 12.4-mile bike

race and ending with a 3.1-mile run. Excitement was high, says Janus, because it would be the first race with the new team members. "Sometimes we have our differences, but in the end, we are one big Queens' triathlon team," he said. Both teams finished first, taking down the United States Naval Academy, the defending national champions.

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