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The Agnes Scott Alumnae Association contributes to the long-term success of Agnes Scott College by promoting connectedness between alumnae and the college.

We serve as a lifelong resource for cultivating relationships among alumnae across a diverse alumnae community; we support the mission of the college and foster alumnae engagement with the college; and we foster opportunities for continued intellectual growth.





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It's been over a year since the COVID-19 pandemic forced students, faculty, and staff to retreat from campus and pivot to online learning. This spring, Agnes Scott made a hopeful step toward a full reopening of campus by welcoming nearly 300 students back in residence, and offering classes in dual mode of both online and in person. To ensure the safety of returning students, Agnes Scott launched the Be Well Campaign dedicated to informing a smart and healthy campus community.

We encourage you to learn about this spring semester and the Be Well Campaign at agnesscott.edu/engaging-the-challenge-together.

President's *message*

Dear Alumnae,

Spring, for many, is a season of renewal and hope, of new beginnings and opportunities. We still face many challenges in our individual lives and communities, as well as in our broader world. But spring is in the air.

Following are a few of the exciting alumnae- or college-related initiatives on the horizon or already in full bloom:



- Alumnae Weekend like you've never experienced it before! Registration opened on April 5, and while we'd hoped to be together in person, it has never been easier to participate. No travel required! [Sign up today](#), and we'll see you on Zoom June 4-6 (June is the new official month for Alumnae Weekend).
- During Alumnae Weekend Convocation June 5, we will officially welcome new Alumnae Board members (see the full Alumnae Board on the following page). Congratulations and thank you to these incredible leaders! If you know of an alum(na) looking to give back and get involved, please [nominate](#) a Scottie to serve today.
- Strategic planning is well underway with President Zak, faculty and staff, and the Board of Trustees. Thanks to all of you who participated in the alumnae [Strategic Plan Information Session](#) to review and discuss the four key pillars of the strategic plan on Feb. 23: 1) Transformative Education, 2) Pathways to Success, 3) Culture of Community, and 4) External Engagement.
- Students have been back on campus at a reduced capacity since January. Thanks to so many of you for volunteering as career mentors, for writing letters to students, and for continuing to answer the call to enrich our students' lives and help them transition from students to young alumnae.
- With your support, the college has raised more than half the funds needed to finalize renovations and get Main Hall back online. Main Hall is vital to accommodating Agnes Scott students and to preserving the legacy — literally the first and “main” impression — of our alma mater. Consider [making a gift to the Campaign for Main](#) today.

The mission of the Alumnae Association and Alumnae Board is to connect alumnae to alumnae and to connect alumnae to the college. We are here to serve you and to help connect you. We remain curious about you and how you're doing. I hope this spring is, in fact, a time of renewal for you personally. Let's continue to be there for each other and for our dear Agnes Scott with a renewed sense of commitment. And let's see, with fresh perspectives and eyes to the future, what really is possible in this new season.

On behalf of the Alumnae Board, thank you for your leadership, friendship and continued commitment to the Scottiehood.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Whitney Ott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Whitney Ott '03
Alumnae Association President
alumnae@agnesscott.edu

Senior Director's *message*

Dear Scotties,

As I write, Atlanta is experiencing some of those glorious first reassurances of spring. The electricity in the air brings to mind Emily Dickinson's poem "Hope is the thing with feathers." This spring, even more than springs past, we are animated by hope. Like our feathered friends, who are busy building nests, your alma mater is making plans for the future.

Some of you are likely aware of the work done to articulate a strategic plan. Watch for invitations to virtual events with President Zak throughout April to learn more. The Alumnae Association has plans as well. I hope you've noticed some of what we've been doing.

Alumnae leaders, the Office of Alumnae Relations and colleagues across campus have worked together on alumnae surveys this past year. Conducted in two phases, connecting with each class from 2018 to 1950, we learned a lot — and later this year we will share a summary of what we learned.

Also coming soon is Alumnae Weekend — that annual extravaganza of connection between alumnae! [Register](#) to be a part of some or all events the weekend of June 4-6. Since we announced last fall that Alumnae Weekend '21 would be virtual, the classes holding their reunions have been a model of creativity and ingenuity, connecting classmates in fun and meaningful ways this entire year.

The class of 1971 has held twice-a-month Zoom events — a book club and "Cricket Happy Hour." Their events have spotlighted distinguished classmates, taken them on a virtual museum tour and shown off collected Agnes Scott memorabilia. Theirs isn't the only class to have found silver linings. In this issue, check out "The Saucy Agnes," which debuted at a 1966 class social. The class of 2006 held a successful virtual dance party, and our 2020 alums will be the first (and hopefully only!) class to ask their class secretary to collect class news and spread the word about their in-person commencement ceremony. These are all stories of connection worth sharing!

The joy of being alumnae director is that I get to see how amazing we Scotties are and, despite our differences, how much we share — across generations, across demographics, across geography. My hope is that we continue to strengthen our ties to one another and the college, in ways either new or more familiar.

May your springtime be full of hopes fulfilled,



Mary Frances Kerr '93
Senior Director of Alumnae Relations
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Alumnae Board 2021–2022

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Jenny Spencer Parker '80

Atlanta, Ga.

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Atlanta, Ga.

Adria Toliver '08

Denver, Colo.

Marilyn Little Tubb '65

Gainesville, Fla.

Shilin Zhou '13

Decatur, Ga.

2020-21 Student Members***

Leah Trotman '21

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Tasida Webster '21

Powder Springs, Ga.

If you have questions for the Alumnae Board, email us at alumnae@agnesscott.edu.

Interested in joining the Alumnae Board? Visit agnesscott.edu/alumnae/volunteering.html.

*Officer and ex officio positions as articulated in the Alumnae Association Constitution and Bylaws

**Pending election to the office

***2021-2022 student members to be named

The mission of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Board is to represent the voice of alumnae to the college; to advance the mission and strategic priorities of the college in collaboration with staff, faculty and administration; and to cultivate engagement and connectivity of alumnae across all decades through communication, service to the college and stewardship.

Alumnae Board Elections

Announcement to all members of the Agnes Scott College Alumnae Association:

Alumnae Association Board Elections

The Nominating Committee of the Agnes Scott College Alumnae Association presents the following slate to serve as officers and incoming directors for the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, with terms of office to begin June 2021.

Voting will take place virtually at the annual meeting of the association, Saturday, June 5, 2021 (Alumnae Weekend, Alumnae Convocation). In addition to the slate of nominees, members present will be asked to vote on updates to the Alumnae Association Constitution and Bylaws.

All former undergraduate and graduate students who earned at least 12 credit hours at Agnes Scott College are considered members of the association and are eligible to vote. Members of the association who cannot join the annual meeting, but wish to vote, may vote via absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received by the Office of Alumnae Relations via email (alumnae@agnesscott.edu) or USPS no later than Friday, May 28, 2021.

Nominations for directors to be considered for three-year general terms beginning June 2022 may be submitted via the [online nomination form](#) no later than Nov. 1, 2021. For more information on the Alumnae Association, the nomination process, the slate of nominees, the revised Constitution/Bylaws (as proposed), a summary of changes, and to find the online nomination form, please visit the [Alumnae webpages](#).

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Officers and Directors to be Elected

President Elect:

Ellen Parker Gaffney '87
Atlanta, Ga.

Directors:

Joelle Aterre-Roberts '14
Lilburn, Ga.

Margaret "Peggy" Fredericks Smith '62
Park Spring, Ga.

Judy Jackson Mozen '67
Roswell, Ga.

Virginia Rockwell '79
Barboursville, Va.

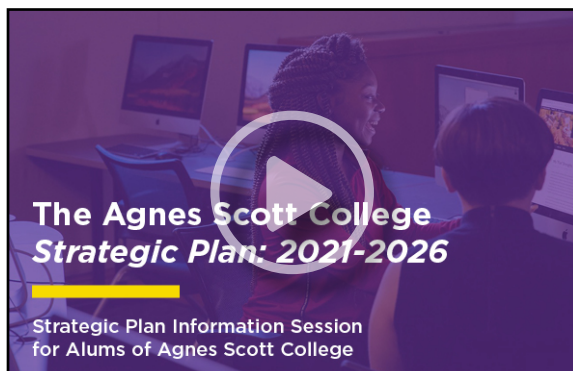
KayLeigh Shebs Waters '06
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alumnae connected



Since issue No. 6 of *The Onyx* was published last September, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to disrupt many aspects of how the Office of Alumnae Relations traditionally connects with alums.

Despite the hurdles, it has been fascinating — and inspiring — to see Scotties from across geographies and generations maintain their connection, be it through official alumnae association events, organic camaraderie or a mixture of the two. View some of the numerous ways alums remained connected throughout the fall, winter and into this spring season. Many include links to videos or opportunities to learn more.



Agnes Scott Strategic Plan: 2021-2026

In 2020, Agnes Scott partnered with Credo Higher Education to engage in a strategic planning process to move the college forward with a common vision and set of goals toward a sustainable future consistent with our mission and values.

Meaningful participation from all constituencies and members of the Agnes Scott community was critical to the success of the planning process, and alums were invited to a Strategic Planning Information Session on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021. During the session, participants learned about the strategic plan that will chart Agnes Scott's course through 2026 and were invited to share feedback on the proposed themes and initiatives.

[Watch the recording](#) of the session now.

Alumnae Grief Support Group

Co-hosted by the Office of Alumnae Relations and Office of the Chaplain

Loss is a heaviness that finds its way into our lives, but this year the weight has felt excessive and burdensome to so many members of our community. We all grieve different losses in different ways and on our own schedule, but we lighten the load when we hold those heavy things together.

In December 2020, Agnes Scott alumnae were invited to participate in a 3-week online support experience, with interactive small groups, co-led by Chaplain Zeena Regis '02 (top right) and College Chaplain Whitney Booth Lockhart (bottom right).

Nearly 30 alums participated in the support group to explore grief, listen to and shared stories, and be together during the holiday season.



Faculty on the Virtual Road



Hundreds of Scotties joined esteemed professors of Agnes Scott during the fall of 2020 for a six-session series exploring the successes and challenges of teaching in a virtual space.

Faculty on the Virtual Road featured presentations by Amy Patterson (Public Health), Jennifer Larimore (Biology), Amy Lovell '90 Astronomy), David Thompson (Theatre), Erin Bradley (Public Health), Gundolf Graml (German) and Erin Bradley (Public Health).

Watch all the sessions here [here](#).

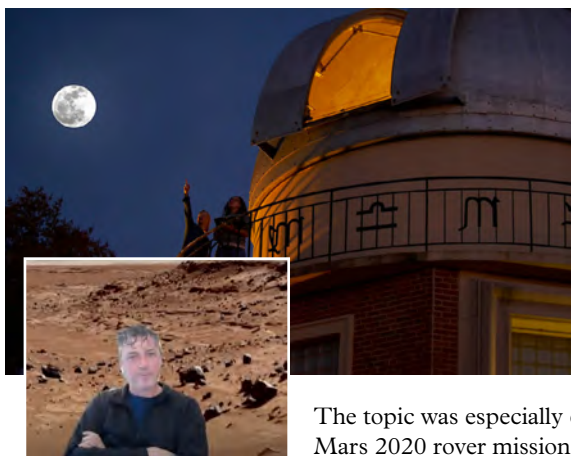
The Saucy Agnes Cocktail

Dedicated to the class of 1966, a great year for Bordeaux and Agnes Scott!

According to Alan Richmond (husband of Portia Morrison '66 and a professional-trained chef), “Sangria is bright, fruity, forward and refreshing. The class of 1966 is generally strong in at least three of these markers at any given moment.” With this in mind, he went to work to create a signature drink for the class to sip on during one of their many online happy hours during COVID.

[Read the full recipe here](#), which includes fun variations (including a nonalcoholic option) of the drink. Like all sangria, it is not meant to be consumed alone, so get your favorite Scotties together on Zoom (or in person soon!) for a toast to Scottiehood and the class of 1966!





Celebrating 35 years of Winter Seminar

2020 marked the 35th year of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter's Winter Seminar. The seminar is an annual opportunity for Atlanta alums to relive the intellectual rigor of Agnes Scott alongside longtime friends.

This year's seminar, "Planets Near and Far: Exploring the Solar System and Exoplanets" was lead by professor Chris De Pree (bottom left), Dana Professor of Astronomy, chair of the department of physics and astronomy, and director of the Bradley Observatory.

The topic was especially engaging as De Pree and the group closely followed the Mars 2020 rover mission and the successful landing of Perseverance on Feb. 18.

In addition to the seminar, De Pree offered participants the chance to listen in on capstone course presentations from multiple alums — like Melissa Hutcheson '15 and Ashley Zauder '02 — to Agnes Scott seniors about the professional value of a liberal arts degree.

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President Zak on the Virtual Road

Throughout April and early May, Scotties from across the country and around the world are invited to a virtual visit with President Leocadia I. Zak. President Zak will be joined by Senior Director of Alumnae Relations, Mary Frances Kerr '93.

Six Zoom events, each targeted to a different time zone, take full advantage of technology to allow every alum — no matter where you live — a convenient time to participate. President Zak will share the experience, impact and lessons learned from this most unusual year, as well as the vision for where the college is heading by highlighting the college's [Strategic Plan: 2021–2026](#).

Invitations to the series are being sent via email. Make sure we have your most current email address in [ScottieNet](#), the online alumnae directory.

To ensure online security, the events require individual registration. Aluma are encouraged to attend the event that is slated for their time zone, but if you cannot make that session, you are welcome to register and attend a different one that better meets your schedule. For questions email alumnae@agnesscott.edu.



Virtual

Alumnae Weekend

June 4-6

register now



1 | Anneke Schepman Corbett '63 (right) and her daughter Hannah in front of the Oxbow Gallery, Northampton, Mass., where their quilts were exhibited in the storefront windows rather than in the main gallery where they were to have hung before Covid-19 forced the gallery to close temporarily. **2** | Laura Dorsey '66, Margaret Draper, and Laura Draper saw Little Women together. **3** | Barbara Symroski Mayer '66 and granddaughter Eva. **4** | After 4 grandsons, Lucy Hamilton Lewis '68 greets first granddaughter, Margaret Lewis "Mills" Hultgren, with big brother, Henry.



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5 | Virginia "Ginny" Finney Bugg '66 on the Homewood Community knee scooter!
6 | Bonnie Jo Henderson Schell '66 now has new curly hair. **7** | Carolyn Newton Curry '66.
8 | Terri Singer Speicher '66 and her 8th (of 9) grandchild. **9** | Ann Teat Gallant '68 and recent adoptee, Rickie.

Class *photos*

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1 | Elizabeth “Betsy” Bean Burrell '74 and Karen Dick Bruhns '74 in Aug. 2020 hiked to LeConte Lodge on the peak of Mt. LeConte, Tenn. LeConte Lodge is the highest guest lodge in the Eastern United States.
2 | Ann Early Bibb '74 and Karen Dick Bruhns '74 practice social distancing at a pit-stop on a bike ride together in Decatur, GA. **3** | Linda Adams Clark '72, with her husband John Underwood at their wedding, Nov. 20, 2020.



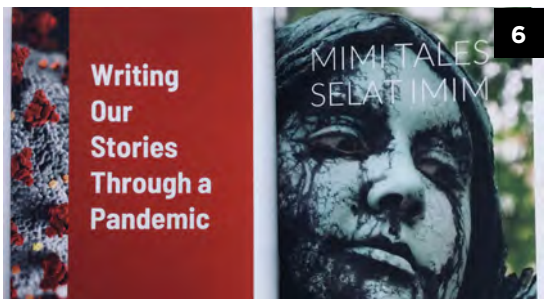
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4 | Emily Hill Ross '82, Cynthia "Cindy" Monroe Alexander '82, Joy Jun Rousso '82, and Ann Connor Harrell '82 on St. Simons Island for Ann's daughter's wedding. **5** | Elaine Wilburn Zullo '78 (wearing her favorite Scottie pj bottoms) with her grandchildren Jane, Benny and Sam. **6** | Two books self-published by Emily "Mimi" Holmes '78 in December 2020. **7** | Tracey Veal-Booker '84, pictured right in layers of PPE, serves a 10-hour shift at the COVID vaccine outdoor drive-thru clinic for Los Angeles County Public Health, earning her the unofficial nickname "the Vaccine Queen."

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1 | Laura Croft '98 and Amy Willis Amara '98. **2** | Susan Cowan Morse '91 and husband Matthew Morse hiking in the fall of 2020. **3** | Alaina Williams '93 and her daughter, Abrielle, in Rome, Italy Dec. 2019. **4** | Teresa Robertson Tidwell '93 and her daughter, Joy, is a new Scottie!



5 | Giselle Fernandez Martin '98 and the feisty ladies for a swim. **6** | Mary "Alexa" Horne '95 joined Merisa Aranas Pasternak '95 and family for some pandemic-style shoe-shopping last spring! **7** | Tabbatha "Tabby" Cavendish '99 and Jeffrey Bartlett, Oct. 10, 2020.

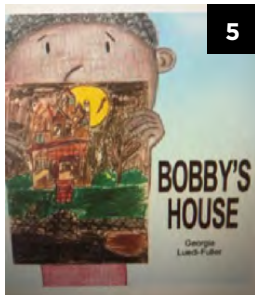
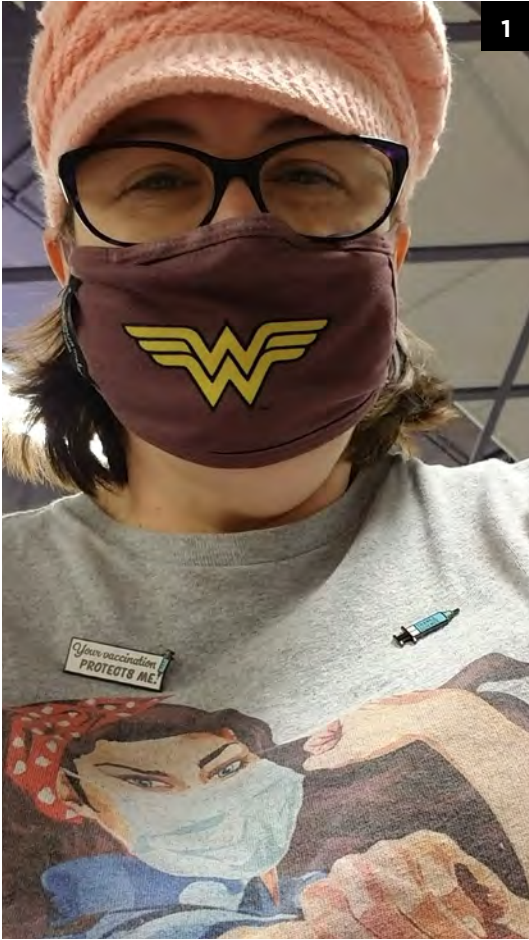
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1 | Dinah Conti '98 gets her Covid-19 vaccine! **2** | Courtney Dredde '04 visits the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. **3** | Kathryn "Katy" Rosenbaum '05 and her husband, Yassir Bougassa, celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander Karim "Z" Bougassa, on Aug. 9, 2020. **4** | Maria "Pinky" Lourdes Balais '94 has a new book. **5** | Georgia Ailene Luedi-Fuller '94 has a new book.

Next page: **6** | Fumilayo "Fumi" Showers '05 married Ilesanmi Adeboye, an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Wesleyan University, on August 1, 2020 in an intimate ceremony at their home in Middletown, CT. Fumi also started a new position as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at University of Connecticut in the Spring of 2020. **7** | Leah "Leigh" Takata '08 with her cat, Boo.

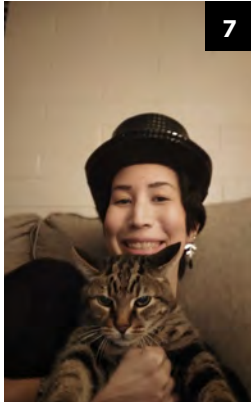


8 | Courtney Ware Lett '06 married Christopher Lett on Oct. 3, 2020, at Cascade Springs Nature Preserve in Atlanta, Ga. Covid-19 deterred their original plans to marry at Agnes Scott earlier that summer; but the small, intimate ceremony and photos by the waterfall ended up being the perfect backdrop for their union.

9 | Khara Agana Muniz '05 moved to the Caribbean with her family in 2020 and purchased a sailboat. Her nautical journey can be followed on Instagram: @lovemyasiancurls. **10** | Crystal Taylor Perry C '00 / G'20 (center in pink shirt) stands with members of Melanated PEARL's board of directors, from left to right, Kiana Cosby, Keelay James, Erica Hood, Amber Wright Jones '00 and Andrea Harvey Henriquez '00.

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1 | Lydia Grace Courtenay Dufour, daughter of Catherine “Courtenay” Miller Dufour '04 and husband Brian. **2** | Virtual playdate with Christine Hearn '08 (left), Katherine Frazier-Archila '08 (right), Claire Huddleston Seifert '08 (bottom right), and each of their new baby boys. **3** | Shaya Gregory Poku '06 along with her husband, Kwadwo, and son, Desmond, were overjoyed to welcome precious Zora Grace Asantewaa Poku into the world on Oct.25, 2020. **4** | In Oct. 2020, Ashley Spicer Wardlow '06 welcomed a new puppy to the family: Humphrey Elliott Wardlow. He's The Most and they adore him. **5** | Welcome to the world, Augustine Gisby-Fears child of Erin Gisby-Fears '08! **6** | Reem Faruqi '06 has three books releasing this year: *Unsettled*”, a middle-grade novel, available May 11; *“Amira’s Picture Day”*, a picture book, available April 6; and *“I Can Help”* available Aug. 10. Learn more on Amazon or www.ReemFaruqi.com. **7** | Alexis Crane '05 welcomed future Scottie, Stella Jane Parsons, on Nov. 3, 2020.



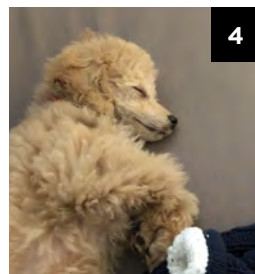
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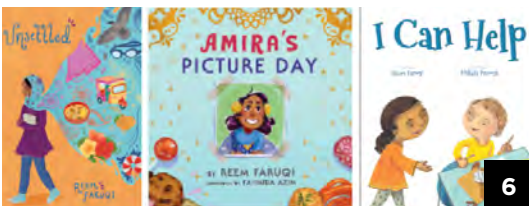
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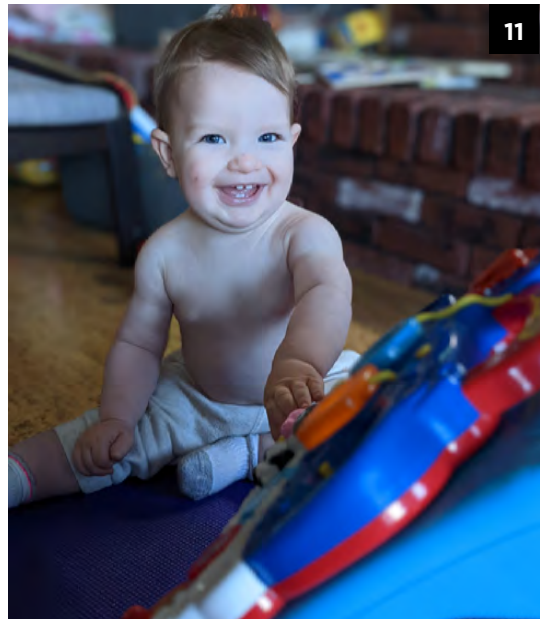
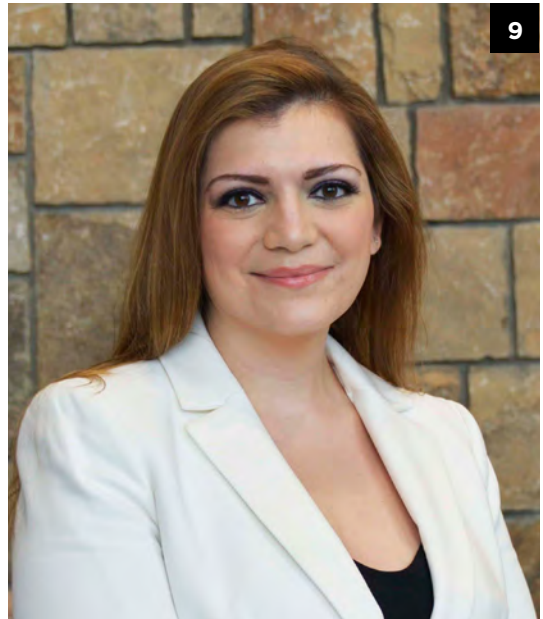


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8 | On Sept. 19, 2020, Hilary Parton '05 married Michael Meder at Freebird Books and Goods in Brooklyn, N.Y. The ceremony took place over Zoom and was followed with a Covid-safe road trip honeymoon through 20 states. **9** | Sara Haj-Hussein '07 poses for a website headshot in her new position as development director for the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Jan. 2021. **10** | Jennifer Bartell Boykin '05 and husband, Lester Boykin, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Loman Jonathan Christopher Boykin, on Sep. 18, 2020. **11** | Solly Jacob Lerman, child of Lauren Sadler Lerman '08, turned one!

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1 | Kaitlyn McCune '12 enjoying exploring the coast of Northern Japan with her dog. 2 | Angela Wilcox DeQuesada '07 with her son, Auden. 3 | Emily Kelly-Hollier '07 and husband Mark Hollier pose with their son Lucas "Luke" Dean Kelly-Hollier. 4 | Zahra Lynn Johnson, daughter of Kierra Johnson '11, born on Aug. 16, 2020. 5 | Kit Weber and Ryland All '17 enjoying time together.



6 | Olivia Greene-Knight '10 and her husband Carlton Knight welcomed daughters, Margaret Diane Knight and Madeline Ruby Knight in Dec. 2020. **7** | Photo taken by Annalise Ford '11 at Valley of the Gods in Southern Utah in Nov. 2020. **8** | Savannah Sharp Parison '10 and her husband welcomed their first child, Michelle Jean Parison. **9** | Adrienne Alexander '07 pictured with children Caridad (left) and Esperanza (right). **10** | Onyinye Edeh '11 was recognized as one of 50 Changemakers of Public Health by the University of Washington School of Public Health in Oct. 2020.

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1 | Stephanie Berry Jones '16 on her wedding day with (L to R) Claire Kircharr '16, Shalima Wellington '16, and Victoria Reed '16. Covid-19 grounded Avery Kiesling '16 in Manchester England but she was in the spirit as a virtual bridesmaid. **2** | Stephanie Berry Jones '16 on her wedding day with groom David Jones and officiant Shalima Wellington '16. **3** | Courtney Taylor '15, senior writer at Hallmark Cards. **4** | Sarah Bowen Hersh '11 and husband Eric purchased their first home in Huntersville, N.C. in Dec. 2020.



5 | Etienne Jose Luna, child of Emily Tan Luna '12, celebrated their first Christmas in 2020. **6** | Ruth Drake-Reveal '11 and Wes Drake-Reveal met up with Emily Moore Weiss '11 and Lanie Weiss in Jan. 2021. **7** | Alexis Doss '20. **8** | Bridget Elizabeth Marie Slack born to Stefanie Donham Slack '12 and James on Sept. 11, 2020. **9** | Adedayo "Dayo" Ajanaku '20 in Berkeley Law shirt.

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As the college continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, your support to The Fund for Agnes Scott is **needed more than ever** to help us respond to the financial needs of students and the college.

Did you know that the percentage of alums who give back to their alma mater is a key factor in U.S. News and World Report college rankings?

Only 20% percent of alums have made a gift to Agnes Scott this fiscal year. We need your help to increase this number to 32% by June 30 and bolster Agnes Scott's college rankings! [Make your gift today.](#)

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A note from the Secretary: News is welcome twice annually — please contribute!!

Ann Patterson Bynum expresses our common feelings that she is staying away from people but calling some friends daily to stay in touch; visiting children, grands and great-grands safely; doing church virtually; enjoying camellias blooming bountifully; and that's about it. Hoping for the end of COVID-19! Greetings to all!

Elizabeth Blair Carter reflects on the isolation felt in her assisted living unit at Park Springs in Stone Mountain, Ga. Probably this is made worse by some vision loss. She is no longer the musician for a men's singing group there.

Susan Daugherty enjoys her duplex living at Presbyterian Village in Austell, Ga. She has gotten her vaccine shots now, as has the entire village.

Mary Elizabeth Etheridge lost her husband (married 71.5 years) just before Christmas. They served as Presbyterian missionaries in Brazil and the Congo before returning home to Atlanta, where they continued serving in various roles with the Presbyterian churches.

Susan Pope Hays remembers, with much appreciation, the quotation on one of the ASC Library beams: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) Sitting under those words while studying in her youth, she now muses on what a difference knowing these lines makes in a person's thought processes. She wishes they were more widely known. She sends her best to all.

Jane Alsobrook Miller has been in the hospital and caught COVID-19. She is back home recuperating, about to start physical therapy. A chipper spirit!

Mary Alice Compton Osgood, writing from Mass., notes that her daughter in Namibia had a hard time getting across national borders to visit her in the fall, and that there are many problems just moving about within the country. All of this is because of COVID-19.

Martha Hay Vardeman lost her husband of 72 years on September 20, 2020. He fought in WWII as a Flight Radio Operator on a B-24 Liberator bomber that was often escorted by the Tuskegee Airmen, or "RedTails," to whom he says he owes his life. (Burt later was made an honorary Tuskegee Airman). He served at Stillman College (while Martha's father was president) as business and property manager, since his field of training was construction. Their life centered on the Presbyterian Church after they moved to Atlanta in 1965, where they served on various projects.

'49

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Like so many others in this country, members of the class of 1949 – the "Grand Old Gang" – have in recent months felt apprehensive, trapped and isolated, whether in retirement homes or living at home supervised by anxious children. Not being able to hug one's children or visit with friends has been hard. But on the brighter side, everyone seems to be learning to Zoom with help from grandchildren, and many have already received their COVID-19 vaccines. May 2021 be a freer, happier, healthier year.

Alice Crenshaw Moore, who left her longtime home in Bristol, Tenn., to be with her daughter in Lexington, S.C., moved to a memory care section of an assisted living facility during the winter.

Before Christmas, **Julianne Cook Ashmead**, along with her fellow residents in Ashland, Ore., found herself frighteningly close to one of the West Coast wildfires. Before Christmas, she wrote, there was a “dreadful fire at the west end of Ashland that spread into two adjacent towns and burned right through them,” forcing several displaced families to move to her retirement facility.

The class extends sympathy to families of classmates who have recently died: **Matilda Caroline “Tilly” Alexander, Nancy Parks Murray, Shirley Simmons Duncan and Sue Tidwell Paulsen**. We also offer our condolences to **Mary Virginia Skinner Jones**, who lost her eldest son, Malcolm, in October.

Nelda Brantley Burke has moved from her longtime residence at St. Simons Island, Ga., to Atlanta to be nearer to her children.

'51

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In January, **Mary Anna Ogden Bryan** celebrated her 90th birthday with family. Mary Anna still lives at home, walks every day, teaches a women's Sunday school class, reads voraciously and visits with friends on the phone. “God is good,” she said.

Another active 90-plus-year-old is **Mary Louise Mattison McLaurin**. She lives alone in her home in Anderson, S.C., where she grew up, and only recently felt the need to hire part-time help. “I'm thankful that I'm on two feet and able to navigate and my mouth still works,” Mary Louise says. A son lives nearby in Bennettsville, S.C., another son in Nashville, Tenn., and her daughter in Greenville, S.C. Her daughter is the only family member she has seen in a year, thanks to the coronavirus, but she is grateful that her family has remained virus-free. Mary Louise has six great-grandchildren, the youngest of whom is a 1-year-old girl.

The class mourns the loss of four classmates: **Janette Mattox Calhoon, R. Jenelle Spear, Virginia Kay Daniel and Freddie Hachtel Daum**.

Jenelle was dean of students at Converse College for 16 years. Later, she earned a master's in social work from the University of South Carolina and worked at the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Training and Consultation Network, where for the rest of her career she provided wise and compassionate counseling and helped train future social workers and marriage and family therapists.

Virginia was a successful businesswoman in the women's clothing industry, having worked at the Atlanta Merchandise Mart and as a Carlisle Consultant. She also was involved in many volunteer activities, but her greatest love and achievement were her family and home. She is survived by her four daughters, Debbie Thompson, Susan Cooper, Ginny Leigh Powers and Peggy Wright; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

After graduating from Agnes Scott, Freddie became the first female to graduate with a master's degree in chemistry from Emory University. She was a chemist for the Tennessee Corp. in College Park, Ga., until her marriage. Freddie was the last survivor of the four Hachtel sisters, all of whom were proud Agnes Scott alumnae. The others were Mary Ann Hachtel Hartman '50, Wilma Hachtel Fanz '55 and Helen Hachtel Haywood '58. Her daughter, Marie Daum Day '88, also attended Agnes Scott. Marie and her brother, Fred, survive Freddie.

Your secretary is sorry she was unable to find any information about Janette.

'52

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We are now 90 years old, believe it or not! With the help of a few email addresses and telephone numbers, **Adelaide Ryall Beall, Shirley Ford Baskin and Ann Herman Dunwody** have compiled some current information on a few of the friends you may remember.

If you see this news in The Onyx, please let the college know how we can reach you by telephone or email. Writing in longhand is too difficult for arthritic fingers!

Ann has used her COVID-19 confinement to

contact 10 high school friends, many first cousins, and find news of new classmates – a joy and a challenge. Adelaide's son and daughter gave her a weekend at Jekyll Island, Ga., for her 90th birthday. She loves living with her daughter Cindy at Saint Simons Island, Ga. Shirley's great news is her complete recovery from colon cancer surgery, done robotically. She said she feels better than ever.

Nancy DeArmond Gentry has moved to a retirement home in Erwin, Tenn. She keeps up with **Margaret "Billie" Bryan**, still living in her family home in Charlotte, N.C. Ann contacted **Anne McCleod Poulnot** (freshman year only), learned her husband had been a harbor pilot, and that she has a daughter in Atlanta and two sons in Charleston, S.C. She still has that wonderful South Carolina accent.

Martha "Tibby" King King (she was both born into and married into this last name, hence the repetition) is a certified genealogist, having had five articles printed in journals. She welcomed her tenth great grandchild during the pandemic.

Sylvia Williams Ingram enjoys her children and grandchildren living in the Atlanta area near her home in Marietta, Ga. She has been making scrapbooks for each of her children.

Margaretta Lumpkin Shaw reported on a new great-grandchild; there now are 16 of them.

Martha Fortson Scheffler is living in Largo, Fla., and is grateful for her two sons who live there.

Betty Moon Swofford lives in Anderson, S.C. She and **Edith Petrie Hawkins** have been friends since the second grade and enjoy their phone visits.

Dorothy "Dot" Duckworth Williams and **Beverly Olson Hines** are two of three close friends from their first-grade class who share memories with frequent telephone calls.

Helen Land Ledbetter misses her bridge games. She gets a lift from the colorful birds, especially the goldfinches and orioles, that visit Louisiana in the spring.

Catherine Redles is homebound with round-the-clock help in Valdosta, Ga., but hopes she will be out and about soon.

Phyllis Galphin Buchanan's husband died this past summer, and she continues to live in the home where she and Jim lived in Houston, Texas. She is

very proud of her first great-grandchild, Marley Jo, now 5 months old.

Elaine Blane Vafiadis sent the happy news that she and her family will be celebrating her 90th birthday with a champagne toast by Zoom. She keeps tabs on **Katie Berdanis Fakis**, who is fortunate to have all of her family in Tarpon Springs, Fla., where she lives.

Katherine "Kitty" Currie Neil lives in Black Mountain, N.C., in a retirement home, with her husband, a music Ph.D. She lost a daughter to breast cancer in September.

Margaret Inman Simpson has moved to her daughter's home outside Asheville, N.C.

Catherine Crowe Ragland is a new great-grandmother. Her daughter Cackie has become a Presbyterian minister, serving in coastal Virginia.

Betty "B.J." Sharpe Cabaniss lives in a senior living home in Monroe, Ga., where she is in COVID-19 lockdown.

Helen "Jean" Roberts Seaton enjoys living in a retirement community in Ohio. Daughter Sandy is a Presbyterian minister, "live streaming her services." Son Scott is retired and is on the board of Chicken Soup for the Soul. Her husband, Bob, died in March 2020 after a brief illness.

Clairelis Eaton Baxter lives in a retirement center in Athens, Ga. She has one grandson living in the city.

Theresa Dokos Hutchison lives in Norman, Okla. where she has been in a nursing home for 18 months. Unfortunately, the family has not been able to visit her.

We are sad to note that the Asheville Citizen Times listed the passing of **Helen Huie Bahr**.

Adelaide shared that her roommate, **Carolyn Wettstein Radford** passed away on Feb. 11, 2021.

Julia "Betty" Holland Boney lives in Carolina Bay Retirement Home in Wilmington, N.C., with all her children and grandchildren nearby. Betty is very proud that her architect son designed the facility where she resides. She would love to get

cards in care of her daughter: Elizabeth Jenkins '76, 2415 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, N.C. 28403.

Miriam Runyon Nunnally lives in Central Point, Ore. A new well is in the near future. Miriam's daughter and grandson live in England.

'55

No identified class secretary. Please send any news to share to alumnae@agnesscott.edu.

Julia Beeman writes: "Living with my daughter for two years now has been an awakening experience to put it graciously. She and I are opposites in every way, which often means strenuous compromises, again putting it graciously. (Does this mean I am in old age learning to be human at last?) There has been much opportunity for this extreme introvert, having lived more than 20 years in a small town in the north Georgia mountains, to adjust to being part of a family again in a larger, busier environment, not so peacefully. The constant in my life is that I still and always will be studying and learning. In this time of pandemic isolation, I have to work hard to find the occasions I have had in the past, but with an excellent library (restricted to requests online and order pickup), a Smithsonian membership's lectures online and the Women Alone Together monthly Zoom programs, I manage to keep my fading brain (mostly) in working order. After the past awful four years, I am grasping now for a bit of hope for our democracy and the necessary responses to Mother Nature's harsh lesson concerning our past sins against the environment. Love to all my dear classmates!"

'56

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Along with the rest of the world, members of the Class of '56 have each found their own way to deal with being mostly homebound during this pandemic year. **Stella Biddle Fitzgerald** reports that she and George are reading lots of books, doing puzzles and calling friends. One sad call brought her news of **Alice-Ann Klostermeyer Morgan's** death on Oct. 6.

Anne Welborn Greene says that Friday is the bright spot for her, when her three youngest grandchildren (the twins and their big brother) come and play in the backyard. She is conscientious about staying safe, which included getting the vaccine as early as it became available.

Ann Alvis Shibut is taking a positive approach to the situation, saying that she has almost enjoyed some aspects of this year — being at home with her books, piano, sewing machine and computer. She has moved from FaceTime piano lessons to very careful weekly lessons at her teacher's house. She also attends numerous Zoom events and participates in her church's virtual choir, recording her alto parts for hymns and anthems that the organist/choirmaster then synchronizes amazingly. The choir can be heard on their YouTube channel, Hymns From Home.

Virginia Love Dunaway speaks for a number of '56ers who appreciate the advantages of living in a senior community, making the isolation of the pandemic less of a problem. Having appealing meals brought to the apartment that she and Dan share is only part of the protective care that is provided, shielding them from exposure to the virus. She notes, "Of course, having Dan with me has made a huge difference." Virginia is spending hours going through old photos and discovering family history information. When this project is completed, she hopes to work on an autobiography for her children.

The timing of the pandemic was particularly unfortunate for **Mary "Memye" Curtis Tucker**. While life still seemed normal, an exciting launch of her fifth poetry collection, "A Net to Hold the Wind," was held at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in Atlanta, where she's taught poetry writing since 1989. However, the pandemic then caused cancellation of all her subsequent readings and signings. For a peek at the chapbook, go to mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/a-net-to-hold-the-wind-memye-curtis-tucker/.

Linda Guenther Christopher says that locked down seems similar to locked up, except for the absence of guards and "keepers." Wearing a mask has become as automatic as buckling her seat belt, but she misses hugging. She has missed in-person visits with her little granddaughter for more than a year, but daily photos and videos let her watch the 3-year-old grow. Linda believes the "new normal will require us to change even more, but we can do it. We're Scotties!"

'57

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Elizabeth Ansley Allan lost her husband just before their 62nd anniversary. They had recently sold their home of 25 years. She is now settled in Canterbury Court, a retirement community in Atlanta, where she's beginning to get involved. She continues as fund chair for our class and keeps in touch with everyone several times a year through "those letters." She can drive to nearby appointments and visits with family. Other activities, including keeping in touch with ASC, occur on Zoom.

Virginia Redhead Bethune lost her husband, who endured dementia and Parkinson's disease; she was able to play the harp for him at the end. Their 17 years in a lovely retirement center in Virginia made her transition to a new apartment easier. She lives within two hours of her daughters and their families and continues to play the piano, organ and harp. Sadly, one of her daughters has Alzheimer's disease.

Martha Riggins Brown has lost her husband.

Karen Beall Bullock's husband of almost 14 years is not doing well, so she does a lot of caregiving. They have gotten both COVID-19 shots. She "goes to church" online, plays with a bridge group online, has meetings on Zoom and enjoys computer messages and games. Technology surely has been a "mind saver."

Mary Oates Burton, after 54 years in the same house, has been busy downsizing and going through family papers and memorabilia after her brother's death. She is moving to Presbyterian Village Athens at the end of March. Please note her new address: 3430 Redbud Way, Athens, GA 30606. Her cellphone number remains the same. She has been lucky to be able to have picnics with family by the pool, socially distancing, but she misses the hugs.

Gloria Calhoun Edwards was admitted to the ICU with COVID-19, but she has been doing very well in rehab.

Suzanne Benson Darnell is very grateful to be in a retirement home; she got her first vaccination in January and the second on Feb. 12. It's good to have other folks around, even with social distancing!

Marianne Sargent Duncan lost her husband in 2019 but has wonderful friends and family

who help her out so she can stay in her home, with help coming in two mornings a week. Her family is wonderful about including her in holiday gatherings, although COVID-19 has temporarily changed that.

Mary "Maizie" Cox Hale is still in the same house — after 50 years! She now uses a cane most of the time. When she tells the doctors she used to be a dancer, they smile and look as if they want to pat her on the head! Her daughter-in-law passed away in April 2020. One of her grandsons (22) just joined the Navy. She loaned her car to her husband and hopes to get it back soon, but her three sons want her to take a driver's test before the car is returned.

Madge Martin Harper lost her husband on July 30, 2020. She had some falls, but after many weeks of therapy, she escaped without surgery. She also had COVID-19 and is glad to be over the rounds of steroids and antibiotics. A lovely lady comes to her home daily to help out. Madge has enjoyed holidays and trips with family members.

Margaret Minter Hyatt and Irwin are still happily living in their Decatur, Ga., home. They recently received their first Moderna vaccination. Until the lockdown, she enjoyed getting together with others in our class.

Helen Sewell Johnson is living in a retirement center in Portland, Ore. She went west to be closer to her three sons, but has been locked down for nearly a year. International embroidery lessons and a weekly classical guitar lesson on Zoom, book groups, and community meetings help a lot with the isolation. She misses poodles and snow.

Virginia McClurkin Jones enjoys Zoom meetings with the League of Women Voters and the Board of the General American Association of University Women, as well as Zoom church. She visits family on Skype. She often writes for a newspaper, which has put some of her columns on "Muck Rack," a site for journalists.

Suzella "Sis" Burns Newsome's husband, Dr. James Newsome, passed away on July 16.

Martha Jane Morgan Petersen now lives in Highland Farms retirement community in Black Mountain, N.C., and loves her two-bedroom apartment with dear friends as neighbors. Liberated from any commitments, she has been consumed with her fabric art. Like so many, she

has been mostly locked down.

Despite the horrible days of COVID-19 quarantine and general civil unrest, **Frances Cork Ross** is still glad to be alive.

Emiko Takiuchi turned 97 on Jan. 16, 2021. She talked to her niece in the U.S., sounded great and sent regards to ASC friends. Her sister — now 86 — goes to the church with Emiko every week.

'58

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As we gathered the news, we were happy to see that nearly all who wrote mentioned they have had at least one if not two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Trust our class to be on top of things!

Jeanette “Jean” Clark Sparks writes that she is fortunate to have a son living with her, providing good company and keeping her safe by helping with errands during the pandemic. Someone recently called her “spry,” and she is trying to take that as a compliment.

Caro McDonald Smith and husband Paul have just returned from a getaway at St. Simons Island, Ga., calling it both beautiful and delicious. They recently enjoyed lunch (outside) with **Joan St. Clair Goodhew** and her husband, Bill.

Mary Ann Campbell Padget enjoyed socially distanced Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. She has helped to keep the Food Bank in Fentress County, Tenn., open every Tuesday, working with all necessary pandemic requirements in place

Nancy Alexander Johnson is so grateful for Zoom, which allows her to keep up with family from coast to coast and watch her great-grandson grow, though from a distance.

Harriet Talmadge Mill reports the birth of a second grandson in March 2020. Her older grandson is now almost four.

Mary Jo Cowart Jenkins and her husband, Bob, are living in Tallahassee, Fla., where they moved after teaching in Ohio for more than 25 years. They are happy to be near their son and granddaughters

Celeste “Tissie” Rogers Thompson has

made a patio and enjoys planting after clearing 350 square feet with a rototiller and preparing the garden. She has four daughters.

Sara Hazel Ellis says that she has only her exciting trips to the grocery store to report during the pandemic.

'59

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COVID-19 turned everything upside down for us '59ers, as it did for everyone. Perhaps the most difficult adjustment was that gatherings of friends and family, as well as travels, were so limited

Nevertheless, Montreat offered a spacious, safe, spread-out retreat for **Jane King Allen, Patricia “Pat” Forrest Davis, Mary Dunn DeBorde, Margaret “Wardie” Abernethy Martin, Lila McGeachy Ray** and **Jane Kraemer Scott** for a few days during the fall. Masks and social distancing were the rules of the day. They had a great opportunity to spread out and catch up. Best of all, nobody got “the virus”!

Jane King Allen, with her daughter Elizabeth and her family, socially distanced at an Outer Banks, N.C. house, for a week at Thanksgiving. They even ate their meals together outside! It was their first holiday without Bona, so getting away was therapeutic for each of them.

Martha Holmes Keith and her husband, Garnett, were in Florida and decided to stay there when the virus became prevalent. They hope to return to their Mass. home soon, and perhaps visit their daughter in Mont. during the summer.

Gertrude “Trudy” Florrid van Luyn reports that she and Bob have become connoisseurs of every single World War II movie and are now branching out to Hitchcock films. She is happy that they are still speaking to each other.

Blanche “Boogie” Helm Nichols is making a serious effort to become Blanche, perhaps growing up after all these years? She is delighted to now be living only about 15 miles from **Mary Clayton Bryan DuBard**. They are planning some real adventures in the months to come. Blanche is assuming the class secretary job with a sad heart,

grateful to **Sara Lu Persinger Snyder** for her faithful work through so many years.

'60

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Jane “Jill” Imray Shapard, like most of us at our age, has not been going places. She does continue to read a great deal, within her interests, but does miss travel and occasional meetings with her best friends from Agnes Scott and beyond.

Jill DeBardleban Mack thinks that she may have permanently damaged her index finger from hitting “redial” to get through to places that advertise they have “the vaccine.” After several weeks, she signed up for a COVID-19 vaccine trial, thinking it would give her a 66 percent chance of getting a vaccine instead of a placebo. After more than an hour listening in person (behind two masks, gasping for air) to details of what she would be doing in the trial, she was told, “Never mind. You should see your primary care physician about your breathing problem.”

Rebecca “Becky” Wilson Guberman shares that she is sequestered and safe from COVID-19 at St. Anne’s Terrace apartments in Atlanta. Her only trips in a formerly travel-filled life have been to Publix, the dentist and the audiologist! She tremendously enjoys the Agnes Scott Winter Seminar on the planets. Weekly, she is glued to her iPad for wondrous visits to various planets, including live coverage of Mars exploration. She is also in an Agnes Scott book club. She is honored to join the participants in both groups of smart women whose ages span decades.

Eva Purdom Ingle reports that during the campaign in 2020, her political activity consisted of writing many postcards and letters for candidates, attending virtual fundraisers and — with the help of her husband — putting out 20 signs on country roads, all of which were stolen (including four stolen within 20 minutes).

Linda Jones Klett keeps in touch with **Eleanor Hill Widdice**. She also hears from Eleanor’s daughter Eleanor “Lea” Widdice ’92, a doctor in Cincinnati. She has virtual visits with classmate **Wilma Muse**. For the first time in 30 years, Wilma did not travel from Manhattan to San Francisco to join Linda and Bob for Thanksgiving!

Anne Morrison Carter canceled a trip to

Morocco last year. Instead, she has been to a nearby Audubon preserve many times. She has also been to One Day University lectures, a community college course on philosophy and unity, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, and many theatrical performances and activist/community webinars, all from the comfort of her own home.

Phyllis Cox Whitesell and Bill canceled a long-planned 60th anniversary trip. However, they were lucky to get to New York City by train the first weekend in March, just before the virus broke, to see two operas at the Met and visit the Whitney Museum of American Art. From there, they walked the High Line trail, a walking path converted from an elevated railway that moves above the West Side streets and is flanked by native plants and art installations. Longtime fans of rail trail walking, they found this a new experience, unlike bucolic walks along a river or stream.

Class secretary **Ellen McFarland Johnson** took on the project of assembling a document of our “Life After 1960” stories. It occurred to her — after listening to some of those stories during our virtual class meeting in August 2020 — that they should be put in writing. When she asked classmates to send their stories, she received more than 30. She also put together an “In Memoriam” document with the obituaries of many classmates. If any classmates have not received these documents, which were sent out via email, please let her know. Printed copies are available.

'62

Milling Kinard

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Elizabeth “Betsy” Jefferson Boyt, Margaret “Peggy” Frederick Smith, Mary Stokes Humphlett, Mary Ann Leslie Longshore, Milling Kinard, Ethel Oglesby Horton and Mary Culclasure Stephens (sometimes) enjoy monthly Zoom visits to share what they are reading, watching and doing while safely confined to their homes.

Katherine Davis Savage finds the pandemic gives her more time for walking, reading and cooking, as well as working as editorial consultant on a new edition of “Care of the Elderly” to be published by Cambridge Press later in 2021. However, her most important job was working as chief judge for her precinct for the 2020 election, when 95 percent of those registered actually voted.

Ensuring a safe environment for everyone was labor intensive but worth it. She has the utmost admiration for all election officials throughout the nation.

Margaret “Peggy” Frederick Smith is grateful for modern technology, particularly during these months of restriction. In the ASC Winter Seminar series, she took her first-ever astronomy class taught by Dr. Chris De Pree, “Planets Near and Far: Exploring the Solar System and Exoplanets.” She found the class so interesting and stimulating that she was uncharacteristically happy to do homework. Monthly Zoom calls with groups of friends from high school and college are a bonus.

In October 2020, **Milling Kinard** moved to a retirement community in Lexington, Mass. It was difficult to leave her home of 49 years, but she is happily adjusting to her new life. Now she can enjoy the beauty of falling snow without being concerned about shoveling!

'63

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COVID-19 naturally figured prominently in our class news. **Letitia “Brownie” Faucette** is recovering from COVID-19, and our thoughts are with her. Classmates who live on the West Coast — **J. Kennette Farlowe Shannon**, **Miriam “Mimi” St. Clair** and **Anne “Nancy” Rose Vosler** — dealt with the wildfires, reporting dense smoke and power outages, but thankfully no fire.

Fortunately, the rest of us have so far been spared both wildfires and COVID-19 but have had to adapt to the pandemic. Traditional celebrations, for example, were quite untraditional.

Lynn Denton and Charlie’s Thanksgiving dinner was “lavish, if solitary,” as they ordered a “big French meal plus enormous portions of French cheese.”

Ellen Hodgson Oakes had “the smallest dinner ever,” with only family who lived nearby.

Gloria Ellis Pylant was particularly thankful for a Thanksgiving meal with her family, with whom she now lives. Earlier the family had all had COVID-19, and she said they were so worried about her getting it that “every time I came into a room with any of them, they screamed and ran away.”

Nancy Duvall Hargrove ordered a Thanksgiving meal, ate outside with neighbors and joined her family via Zoom.

Lucy Gordon Andrews and Trygve Zoomed with her family on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Instead of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in London as planned, **Sarah Stokes “Stokie” Cumming Mitchell** and Marion celebrated with their children via Zoom.

Lidie Ann Risher Phillips compiled, in PowerPoint, photographs of each family member and featured these at “family Zoom meetings” on appropriate birthdays.

Also adjusting, **Anneke Schepman Corbett** and her daughter Hannah were supposed to exhibit their quilts in the main gallery of the Oxbow Gallery in Northampton, Mass., but when it closed temporarily, they shared the storefront windows instead.

Dorothy “Dot” Laird Foster and Quintin substituted driving around Northern Utah for two European cruises they had to cancel.

Nancy Duvall Hargrove said that instead of taking a Caribbean cruise, she had a skin cancer removed and new gutters installed!

Adjustment was positive for **Virginia “Lynn” Lindskog Deroy**, since — due to COVID-19-related circumstances — she and Michel are surrounded by all their children and grandchildren for the first time in 30 years.

Finding ways to exercise has been hard. Anneke Corbett credits husband Andy for inspiring her to walk. **Sandra “Sandy” Johnson Barrow** and Mimi St. Clair both credit their dogs for their regular walks. Kennette Shannon, by contrast, credits COVID-19 and the California wildfires for inspiring her to stay inside while her husband exercises their dog. During the wildfires, Nancy Vosler took a weeklong break from her “daily” run. Lucy Andrews takes trail rides on their horse farm, Pair O’Docs, which she continues to run. Nancy Hargrove and **Jean Hunter** counted physical therapy for a broken hand and a broken elbow, respectively, as their new exercise.

Some things were not affected by the pandemic. Lynn audited a workshop, “Directing Actors for Films.” Nancy Hargrove’s 1994 book on Sylvia

Plath was republished online as an Open Access book. Mimi and Chuck's company Sydex finished another round of retrieving data from NASA tapes for their client, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Anneke Corbett and others educated themselves on racism.

Margaret VanDeman Blackmon committed herself to fundraising and get-out-the-vote efforts in Georgia. Some things were accomplished because of expanded available time. Mimi St. Clair and Chuck built a deck and Stokie Mitchell fought invasive plants in her native garden. Most important, each of us seems to have become more cognizant of what is important to us and have worked hard to nurture those things.

We regret the loss of **Sue McKenzie Tuck** and of **Nancy Abernethy Young's** husband, Terry.

'64

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There were not many responses to the request for news. **Mary Womack Cox** stated the obvious when she wrote, "It will be interesting to know if any of us have done anything ... besides stay home." Those who did respond shared what they each had missed most, what they had done to occupy their time during the pandemic and their elation at beginning to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Lucy Herbert Molinaro wrote that, among other things, she had forfeited a beach vacation at Litchfield Beach, S.C., and that she had not seen her two children in "real person" since the pandemic began. She is enjoying frequent walks with friends on the newly constructed Cricket Frog Trail in Covington, Ga. She gave kudos to Zoom for enabling her to attend church and other meetings and have a "Zoom Christmas" with her children, but added, "Enough is enough!" Lucy received her first dose of the vaccine.

Norma "Betty" Alvis Girardeau wrote that she has stayed quite busy despite the pandemic. She enjoyed being an enumerator for the 2020 census, she qualified to become a mobile signing agent and she continued to write her daily blog posted on her website, bettygirardeau.com. She was happy to share that she has received both doses of the vaccine.

Susan "Sue" Parkin TeStrake and her husband, Bernie, continue to live in the home they purchased in 1971 near the Agnes Scott campus. Her daughter's family is currently in New York City, where her elder granddaughter is pursuing a career in journalism and fashion. The younger granddaughter is completing high school remotely while being dual enrolled at Agnes Scott before she enrolls as a freshman at Emory in the fall. Sue and Bernie are grateful to her daughter for her help in locating a site for their first dose of vaccine. She said it only took two people and three computers to get them scheduled, but they now have their first dose.

Carolyn "Kelly" Mulherin Oates and her husband, Jack, are staying put in their home. Reading books, listening to podcasts, streaming TV, keeping up with friends on the Internet and Zoom, and cooking fill their days. Kelly recommends the Louise Aronson book, "Elderhood," as especially relevant for this time in our lives. They are thankful to have had their first dose of the vaccine.

Lila Sheffield Howland wrote of missing her family in Colo. and Asheville, N.C., and south Ga. during the pandemic, but said reading, writing, TV movies and series streaming, along with some satisfying garden projects and neighborhood walks (weather permitting), have filled their days. Lila did say that cooking was "BORING!" She and her husband, Slocum, have had the first dose of the vaccine.

Mary "Mary Mac" Mitchell Saunders has missed being able to travel and said that her activities outside the home were limited to walks. She expressed frustration at attempting to find an appointment to get the vaccine.

Brenda Brooks Jackson is quite proud of her participation in the effort to turn out voters for both the general election and the runoff in Ga. Although she now lives in the state of Washington, she wrote hundreds of letters to voters in Ga. with the Vote Forward Project. She and her husband, Duke, finally scored an appointment for the first COVID-19 vaccine but had to go all the way to Tacoma from their home in Redmond!

'65

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Georgia Gillis Herring and Steve moved in early December 2020 to Givens Highland Farms, a continuing care retirement community in N.C., where they have a brand-new two-bedroom/two-bath cottage. This is only about a 45-minute drive from Flat Rock, where we all will be seeing each other before you know it! (Fingers crossed.) Her unhappy news is that last fall her 19-year-old grandson, Paden Carroll, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. In good spirits, although having a bald head, he is in treatment at Emory's Winship Cancer Clinic in Atlanta.

Husband Jerry gave an update on **Charlotte Webb Kendall**. While her memory issues have stolen her ability to interact verbally for the most part, she remains in good health, is as cute as ever and is as sweet as ever (and the love of Jerry's life). He remains her caregiver and will as long as he can do it well. He has found a memory care facility nearby that he will be happy to use when they reach that need. They sold their house in St. Petersburg, Fla., and, initially, moved to a condo. With the issues of the virus and Charlotte's challenges, they found it too confining. They now have moved to a wonderful house in the mountains of north Georgia at Big Canoe. They have a great deal of family in the area, and one of their daughters, Allston, lives in Atlanta. Classmates will be pleased to know that when Jerry tells Charlotte about past things, Agnes Scott always gets a reaction. He added a P.S.: "A BIG Thank-You to **Sandy Prescott Laney** for getting us that first blind date."

Patricia Gay Nash wrote that her husband, Malcolm "Skip" Nash, passed away on Jan. 9, 2021. He had been in a memory unit for the past 14 months and had struggled with Parkinson's disease since 2009, the result of his service in Da Nang, Vietnam, and Agent Orange. She said, "I was so thankful that I got to spend the last three days with him at Pennybyrn at Maryfield, that our three girls were able to see their dad prior to his passing and that his passing was peaceful."

Contact has been made to as many classmates as possible about our mini reunion in North Carolina Nov. 9-12, if we are all healthy and feel safe. So far 47 classmates have signed up, plus a few maybes. We are all hoping and praying we will be able to get together. It has been too long since we had to miss our 55th in 2020!

I hope all of our classmates are well and have been able to get their vaccine! Keep wearing those masks!

'66

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Alice Davidson, Elizabeth "Betsy" Anderson Little and Chris, **Felicia Guest, Jean "Jan" Gaskell Ross, Mary Brown Bullock** and George, **Martha Thompson, and Susan Thomas** participated in an excellent Zoom visit, which **Portia Morrison** and Alan Richmond orchestrated!

Barbara "Barb" Symroski Mayer spent October and November in Anchorage, Alaska, getting to know her first grandchild, Eva. In early February Barb returned to Alaska, this time as part-time babysitter to Eva!

Bonnie Jo Henderson Schell was diagnosed with small cell carcinoma of the left lung the same week in March that we first washed our hands to "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and began to stay inside. After chemo and radiation, her hair is growing back curly! During recuperation, Bonnie immersed herself in Black writers' histories of the white church and economic systems. She is now working on her city council's Public Safety and Affordable Housing committees, working with others to re-vision her United Church of Christ without walls, and putting her flash fiction and creative nonfiction together into a collection.

Carol Davenport Wood and Tom survived five hurricane threats last year but recently installed a whole-house generator anyway! Their 156-pound Great Dane takes them for long walks.

Carolyn Newton Curry's Women Alone Together is going better than ever! Natasha Trethewey spoke in December and Susan Meissner in February. One advantage of Zoom is getting great speakers for book programs. Women are coming from all over the country. Visit womensalonetogether.org and see what the group is reading each month. They partner with ASC Alumnae Association, and many alums participate.

Virginia "Ginny" Finney Bugg learned to navigate on the much-passed-around "Homewood Community Knee Scooter" last July after breaking her ankle. She rolled her ankle over an uneven edge

of asphalt while out walking, fell arms-first into the gutter and barely avoided losing her glasses down the storm drain. She recovered well, thank goodness, and hopes never to see that scooter again!

Laura Dorsey went to see “Little Women” a year ago with family members Margaret Draper and Laura Draper; three generations together made for interesting discussions afterward.

Mary Kibler Reynolds and Robert have been in hibernation and are happy and healthy. Mary has enjoyed working on watercolor painting, including a series of ten lighthouses in the Thousand Islands on the St. Lawrence River.

Portia Morrison and Alan have turned half of their Michigan garage into a man cave with yard chairs, a kerosene heater and an outdoor fire pit with the overhead door open, where they can huddle in their coats for brief social interactions. Otherwise, she is entertaining herself with Spanish lessons online, jigsaw puzzles, obsessive reading and her basement treadmill. Portia also threw a surprise remote 75th birthday bash for Alan — a test of COVID-19 creativity, for sure.

Suzanne Scoggins Barnhill’s work as a volunteer moderator in the Microsoft Community forum is highlighted in a “Strategies for Online Communication” vignette in “Technical Communication” (13th ed.), by Mike Markel and Stuart A. Selber, a college textbook published by Macmillan Learning. In September, Suzanne completed her editing of a revised edition of her grandmother’s autobiography (186 pages including genealogy and index), published it as a PDF and made it available to family via Dropbox. This is Suzanne’s fifth volume of family history and letters. Meanwhile, during the pandemic, Suzanne and Barney learned to cut each other’s hair!

Terri Singer Speicher has added two more grandchildren, for a total of nine! She spends many hours attending events where some of these grandchildren perform in dramas and play soccer, and one granddaughter plays volleyball for Tulane University. Terri also leads small groups in a Bible study at her church and has lately been raising Cavapoo puppies.

'67

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Suzanne “Poppy” Wilson provided the color illustration for a mystery, “Murder in the Parador,” written by Paula Mays. The illustrations can be seen on Amazon.

Jane Royall, after one vaccination, writes that life seems more hopeful for her and husband John. They have learned to move their volunteer nonprofit and political projects forward with technology and use new ways to be creative with poetry, cooking and a new family business. Participating in a poetry writing workshop with Justice Allen Waldrop last fall was a joy! They are grateful for the health care workers and for the hero teachers teaching their grandchildren, ages 8-22. Their “adopted” couple from Kenya completed master’s degrees, found a Ph.D. program, and moved out of the basement just in time for Jane and John’s Decatur, Ga. children to move in temporarily.

Avary Hack Doubleday writes that she and Garry have had one vaccination and are happy that they and their family are safe and healthy!

Kathy Reynolds Doherty stays busy writing for a global health project in developing countries. Daughter Hollis left expensive Los Angeles and is quarantining with Kathy and Bill in North Carolina near Chapel Hill — saving money and working remotely. Son Colin lives in Lexington, Ky., has two daughters (9 and 12) and owns his own video production company.

Margaret “Marty” Ryan Clayton is building a home on Pensacola Beach, Fla. — not a monolithic dome again. SKYART in Istanbul is reconfiguring four double first-class full flat electronic seats plus a captain’s seat from a jumbo jet (like her husband used to fly) into furniture for her home. The TV only works on aviation airwaves — so she’s having iPads installed instead for young relatives. With floor plugs, she can “fly first class” anytime in the comfort of her home and avoid the virus!

Susan Stevens Hitchcock writes that in December, after completing her 211th monthly Women in Leadership seminar (virtual since March 2020), she officially retired from her second career. In her honor and as a legacy gift, the Susan Hitchcock Executive Development Fellowship was created by the Turknnett Leadership Group. Agnes Scott was asked to recommend young alumni on their own career trajectory to be considered.

Bethany “Paige” Sullivan ’13, marketing manager with Central Atlanta Progress, was selected for the inaugural program. She is so humbled and proud to see this opportunity for Paige and to link these two important parts of her life — ASC and TLG.

Ann Roberts Divine writes that no news can be good news! She’s staying inside until the pandemic ends, but has volunteered to show **Jane McCurdy Vardaman’s** daughter MaryAnne (in final year of Vanderbilt MBA) around St. Louis — if it’s safe! Jane is substituting often and volunteering weekly at a food bank. She created a 3-year-old and a kindergarten program for her two oldest grandchildren to teach remotely each day from April to mid-August! So fun!

Doris Morgan Maye shared the sad news that **Rosalind Todd Tedards** died on Aug. 20. Her lovely obituary can be read at legacy.com/obituaries/greenvilleonline/obituary.aspx?n=rosalind-desaussure-todd-tedards&pid=196697238&fhid=5447.

Susan Smith Van Cott writes with sadness that her husband of 51 years, Dr. T. Norman Van Cott, died on April 27, 2020. He was a retired professor of economics at Ball State University and a paraplegic for eight years. She has eight children (two adopted from Eastern Europe), so her life is filled with 12 grandchildren, letters, care packages, FaceTimes, quick visits, Bible studies and prayer groups.

Barbara Bates Wince writes with sadness that her husband, Michael H. Wince, passed away on Nov. 26, 2020. They celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 30, 2020.

'68

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After four grandsons, **Lucy Hamilton Lewis** and Eric are excited to “think pink.” Granddaughter Margaret Lewis “Mills” Hultgren was born Dec. 29, 2020.

Also celebrating a granddaughter is **Sylvia Harby Hutton**. After six grandsons, Marayah Edith was born in December.

Ann Teat Gallant and Philip adopted a 2-year-old female Labrador retriever in September 2020.

Caroline “Chee” Kludt Ricketts has returned to teaching studio art classes as a volunteer in the University of Virginia’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes and more recently to small group classes on Zoom.

Nancy Thompson Beane retired after a 46-year education career, with 31 years at The Westminster Schools in Atlanta. She was honored to have the Westminster yearbook dedicated to her, to deliver the commencement address for the class of 2020 and to have the college counseling center named for her in October.

The pandemic has brought a lot of quiet time, a gift for an artist, so **Cynthia “Cindy” Ray Perryman** continues to paint in oils. She and Randy hope to see their grandchild, who lives in China, for the first time this summer!

Marilyn Johnson Hammond and Dean have had three beach trips. Their 9-year-old granddaughter attends “Camp Mema” every weekday for virtual school. They have an 18-year-old grandson from N.C., who is a freshman at Emory, who often joins them for dinner.

Grandmother **Sarah “Sally” Elberfeld Harrold** is delighted that daughter Sarah, Nick, and their son Ioannis (5) have moved from Burbank, Calif., to Portland, Ore., making them only four — not 16 — hours away.

Susan Aikman Miles enjoyed a Zoom visit with '68 classmates **Helen Davis Leach**, **Mary K. Owen Jarboe**, **Sylvia Harby Hutton** and **Alice Harrison Dickey** in December 2020. She is working to maintain her 60-pound (!) weight loss during the pandemic and figure out what size clothes she wears now.

Following her husband’s death in July, **Rebecca “Becky” Griffin Ramsey** is CEO and CFO of Ramsey Furniture Co. She and **Gloria “Alice” Griffin Walker** produced a virtual organ and piano Advent/Christmas concert video, available on YouTube and Facebook.

Margaret “Peggy” Whitaker gathers by Zoom every Saturday afternoon with classmates from Boston to Albuquerque, N.M., to the Southern states.

Elizabeth “Paige” Maxwell McRight is interim pastor at Oakland Presbyterian Church in Oakland, Fla., where **Olivia Hicks’** father served. It has been

a challenge and blessing to navigate online worship, socially distance in the sanctuary and meet via Zoom.

Cathy Walters Gonzales is active in the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association, serving as vice president of senior day men's and women's tennis teams.

Betty Miller Layng and Bill visited the Outer Banks in North Carolina, where daughter Blythe has a veterinary practice in Nags Head. They've had no visits with son Will in Portland, Ore., since Christmas 2019. Betty's outlets are her piano playing as well as her ukulele group, which meets weekly in a park.

Alice Harrison Dickey and Bill enjoyed a fall trip to Highlands, N.C., where they saw the children and grandchildren in action with virtual learning. Another highlight was having a visit with **Betty Derrick** and **Ethel Ware Gilbert Carter** on Betty's open-air porch.

For Mary K. Owen Jarboe, a highlight of 2020 was watching granddaughter Madison's virtual graduation from the University of Oklahoma summa cum laude with a major in neuroscience and minor in Spanish. Grandson Jackson is a sophomore at Texas A&M University, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Elizabeth Ann Glendinning and Dale stayed close to home, double masking for trips out, and are anticipating their second shots. Christmas shopping was infinitely easier with gifts to the food bank.

'69

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Dorothy Schrader and Richard have been in their Colo. apartment since Thanksgiving when daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Derek joined them from Austin, Tex. They still plan to drive to Austin for a COVID-delayed wedding reception on March 28, 2021, at the bluebonnet-filled Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Dorothy's grandmother's wedding dress from 1910 will have to be displayed instead of worn by the bride.

Carol Jensen Rychly and Bob have spent much of the year on the road in their Airstream, visiting much of the Southern and Midwest U.S. Carol writes that since their book groups, church and Rotary meet online, they have been free to travel.

Rebecca "Betsy" Fuller Hill and Larry have stayed close to home, with a couple of notable exceptions. In July they took all three teenage grandkids to a cabin in the mountains. "We kayaked and generally had silly fun. What a blessing to have those youngsters!" For their second adventure, during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, they rented a house at the beach and enjoyed time with the grandkids and their parents. On both trips they all tried to stay safe, ordering in groceries and keeping their distance from other people. It was a pleasure to be with the whole family, and she said walks on the beach restore the soul.

Marion Hinson Mitchell and Jack celebrated their 50th anniversary in August 2020 with their son and daughter-in-law at the mountain house and attended services together at the church where they were married. "We worshipped outside under a tent, and we wore masks, but we were blessed all the same. Our daughter's family came two weeks later, the visits stretched out to avoid a crowd in the house, and we celebrated again with them. Twice the fun! We took our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter to Disney World the first week in February 2020. We saw the magic of Disney through the eyes of a 5-year-old! We found enough joy in that trip to carry us through the rest of the year, mostly circumscribed in our little world between Greenville, S.C., and our mountain cabin 45 miles to the northwest."

Burnette "Bunny" Teeple Sheffield

commented that her family and neighbors are thankful for safety and health so far. They find ways to help locally and keep in touch with those further afield. One of her pleasures has been increased contact with ASC classmates, and she notes in particular the newly email-connected foursome of Betsy Fuller Hill, Marion Hinson Mitchell,

Winfred "Winnie" Wirkus Djajengwasito and Bunny, which began during the reunion planning. She and Winnie also fit in chats every few weeks.

Winnie Wirkus Djajengwasito wrote from Bali, Indonesia. On New Year's Eve, when the priest asked all to give thanks for people who had helped them get through 2020, her list included "the gang of four" Scottie friends: Betsy, Marion and Bunny.

'70

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Anne Marquess Camp and Joe retired to St. Simons Island, Ga., five years ago and love being Georgians again after 40 years in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Christine Pence was in India when the pandemic hit, getting the last flight out of New Delhi to get back to Los Angeles, Calif. She is glad she was able to spend time with her sister, who died unexpectedly in October. She is keeping busy with her role as projected image division chair for the Photographic Society of America and teaching an online course for Southern New Hampshire University. Her biggest news is becoming a grandmother again to a baby girl who “looks just like me.”

Ruth Hyatt Heffron writes that she, **Susan Ketchin, Mary Margaret MacMillan, Deborah “Debbie” Kennedy Williams, Judy Mauldin Beggs, Hollister Knowlton** and **Nathalie “Nat” FitzSimons Anderson** have been Zooming since last summer. They have been reading and discussing Susan’s book, “The Christ Haunted Landscape,” and several of Nat’s poems, as well as navigating politics and COVID-19.

Sally Tucker Lee and George enjoyed attending the inauguration of President Leocadia Zak, where they were able to see some old friends and talk with some students at the reception. Christmas with family at their farm near Parrott, Ga., was an added joy during this pandemic year.

Bryn Couey Daniel writes that Agnes Scott friends are there when you need them! During the days of isolation, she and class of 1970 ASC friends **Lily Comer Keyes, Edith “Edi” Guyton,** and **Mary Wills Hatfield LeCroy** have spent many afternoons playing online bridge. Modern technology allows you to play and even talk across the table! A great way to pass the days of quarantine.

Janet Pfohl Brooks and **Chuck** have spent the pandemic isolation year hiking in the Adirondacks during the spring and summer and snowshoeing during the winter months.

Jane McMullan Howe Darnell and James Alfred Darnell were married on Oct. 17, 2020, at

North Decatur Presbyterian Church garden in the presence of their children and grandchildren. Jane and Jim will reside in Avondale Estates, Ga., and Portaferry, Northern Ireland.

Jane, **Martha Cotter Oldham, Elizabeth “Beth” Truesdel Baer, Deborah Ann Claiborne Slavsky, Hilda Patricia Daunt-Grogan, Linda Gay Gibson Wages, Sharron Downs Landers** and **Mary Susan Pickard Zialcita** scheduled a video call to celebrate the 50th ASC Reunion and report, “We haven’t stopped talking yet!”

'71

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Sarah Ruffing Robbins continues teaching at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. With several colleagues, she is working on an anthology for literature courses, “Transatlantic Anglophone Literatures, 1776-1920.” Her daughters are bicoastally situated: Margaret is teaching at Mount Vernon Middle School in Atlanta, and Patty is an attorney for DoorDash in San Francisco, Calif.

Harriet Gatewood Parker’s oldest grandchild, Danielle Parker, is a freshman at Wake Forest University. Harriet and her family have enjoyed camping during the pandemic.

Susan Morton has cared for a stroke victim — her parrot, Tiki — and nursed him back to health. In September her area narrowly escaped the wildfires when the wind changed direction. She is planning a virtual conference for pollinators, with speakers from several parts of the country.

Carol Durrance Dunbar and Ellis are moving to the Presbyterian Life Community in Athens, Ga. During COVID-19, they’ve spent time at their home in Venice Beach, Fla. They’ve also spent time with daughter Caroline and her husband, Max.

Margaret Morrison Hamilton’s mother turned 100 and is enjoying a wonderful life.

Sara “Dale” Derrick Rudolph and her husband moved to Denver, Colo., several years ago to be near their children. Dale has been delighted to connect with the very active Agnes Scott group in Denver.

Beulah “Bitsy” Kasselberg has a great retirement job with REACH Memphis College Readiness. She works with talented students, and several of them have enrolled at Agnes Scott.

During the pandemic, our class has organized a series of programs created by the ’71 Reunion Committee: **Paula Hendricks Culbreth, Carlene Kirkman Dockery, Julia “Judy” Watlington Hudgins, Jane Duttenhaver Hursey, Margaret O’Neal and Bernie Todd Smith.** These get-togethers, which we call Crickets Connecting during COVID (CCC), are an effort to connect our class while we wait to be able to gather together in person to celebrate our 50th Reunion. If you haven’t joined with more than 60 (!) ’71 Crickets at one or more of these events, please watch your email and plan to Zoom in. If you have questions, contact Bernie (btoddsmith32@gmail.com).

Edna Lowe Swift sends her congratulations to the class for surviving this year of tumult and tears, and is recommitting herself to those things that make her happy to be alive. She is happy to report on her family, including her two Scottie legacies - Daughter Shanika Dawn ’93 is a recent hire as Director of Research Operations with NEPC (New England Pension Consultants), having previously worked for INVESCO and e-VESTMENT in a similar capacity. She resides in Austell, GA. Shanika’s daughter Tori ’18 lives in Mableton, GA with her husband, Luis, and Edna’s two adorable great grand-daughters - Isabella, 3, and Elena, 1. Tori is the Operations & Logistics Manager at Bover USA, a designer lighting company based in Spain.

Her son, Akinyele, who lives in Stone Mountain, is anxious to get his trucking company - Speedy Transportation Services, LLC - operational. He plans to provide Interstate and Intrastate transportation of goods. Edna’s other daughter, Ayesha and her family have returned to Georgia (Henry Co.) after living in Las Vegas, Nev. for the past 5 years. She works in the Dekalb County School System and is hoping to return to her previous position as Media Specialist in the near future. Grandson Jerry Michael is a HS Senior with an affinity for audio engineering. He looks forward to College in the Fall.

Edna also shares some words of wisdom, inspired by this year and our 50th Reunion milestone: “I, just like you, am navigating through the strangest of times hoping to make it to the other side of this

pandemic. I strive to make each day count by doing the things that not only make me happy but keep me alive and well - reading, exercising, TV binging, cooking, eating, shopping, cleaning, organizing, keeping appointments, researching my ancestry, managing property, giving an unending supply of love, support and advice to family, friends and others and, most importantly, being the Matriarch of my family. All of this contributes to keeping me anchored and focused. May 11, 2020 marked my 50th year as a member of my beloved sisterhood, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. This year, 2021, marks my 50th year as an alumna of Agnes Scott College with a great legacy here. Having reached these significant milestones makes me truly feel awesome, thankful and blessed. I would like to share a quote that I have reflected on and appreciated for some time: “Yesterday is History; Tomorrow is a Mystery; Today is a Gift - that’s why it’s called The Present.” I strive to treat each day like the “Present” that it is.

’72

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Our class has such exciting news! In December 2020, **Pamela “Pam” Arnold Milhan** and her husband, Randy, became parents once again, as they finalized adoption of their grandchildren Abigail (11), Archer (8), Ansley (5) and AvaLeigh (3). She says this has to be a first for the class of ’72!

Although **Linda Adams Clark** retired after 40 years as a CPA, she says the real news and change in her life is that she and John Underwood got married on Nov. 20, 2020. They met on a blind date at ASC in 1968, dated through college, went their separate ways and then got back together. She said, “It is not just about what you do, but with whom you do it.”

Paula Wiles Sigmon said the pandemic didn’t stop one group of Scotties from convening to share their stories. In fact, it encouraged them to meet virtually rather than wait another year for a face-to-face reunion. From the class of ’72, **Juliana Winters, Dianne Gerstle Niedner, Jean Jennings Cornwell, Gretchen Smith Mui, Elizabeth Seymour Eschbach, Virginia “Ginny” Simmons Ellis, Virginia “Ginger” Rollins Hopkins** and Paula Wiles Sigmon, as well as Stella Lee Walker Willard ’73, gathered online to catch up after a very long hiatus and also to celebrate Ginger’s selection as an Outstanding

Alumna for 2021, in recognition of her service to the community. **Charlotte Stringer Stephens** was unable to join but also shared her good wishes for Ginger and the rest of the group.

After serving a church in Tampa, Fla., through the pandemic, Ginny Ellis retired for the third time at the end of 2020. Having been vaccinated, she is looking forward to being able to travel and claim hugs from her children and grandchildren.

Mary Virginia Uhl Tinsley has been painting with a plein air group and enjoying going to some of the beautiful sites in north Georgia, when the weather permits. Her husband, David, had emergency spinal surgery over Labor Day weekend in 2020. Thankfully, he has made a very good recovery and is back to normal activity.

Louise Hardy Röska-Hardy reports that everyone at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities is working from home. She noted it has its advantages: You don't have to commute or travel anywhere. Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Big Blue Button have become household words. She is hoping the COVID-19 situation improves so she can visit her daughter and family in Huntsville, Ala.

Anne Kemble Collins enjoys seeing bluebirds at her feeders. She reports that the birds love dried mealworms and suet nuggets. Anne is looking forward to longer, warmer days, greening grass, budding trees, blooming flowers, blue skies,

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birdsong and buttercups.

Mary Ann Powell Howard has been saved during the pandemic by walks in the park, virtual races and playing with her newest grandson, Jack. She notes that she ran Atlanta's Peachtree Road Race virtually twice, on the Fourth of July and on Thanksgiving, the rescheduled date. She finished sixth in her age/gender group on Thanksgiving.

'73

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Andrea "Andy" Hankins Schellman wrote that she and her husband, Jim, are returning to Arlington, Va., in March after more than seven years in Louisiana. "Retirement sneaked up on me when we moved to Louisiana, but his retirement is official on March 1." Their two daughters' families live in Virginia, so they'll be close to three of their six grandchildren after the move. Their other three grandchildren, offspring of their son Ben,

live in Atlanta. "We've no firm post-retirement plans except to spend a lot more time with our children's families and rebook a retirement/birthday celebration cruise that was COVID-19-canceled."

Judith "Judy" Hamilton Grubbs reported that many of the old class of '73 "First Winship-to-Third Main" gang continue to keep in touch and gather frequently via Zoom. They have celebrated birthdays, new grandchildren and vaccines together while also supporting each other through pandemic losses and struggles. Five of the group lost their mothers during the pandemic, although thankfully none directly due to COVID-19. Their most recent virtual gathering marked classmate **Caron Collins Hopkins'** birthday. Celebrating with Caron were Judy, **Janifer Meldrum, Margaret "Meg" Lines Thrash, Mary Paige Lucas, Sally Schrader Hart, Paula "Polly" Barnes Holmes, Martha Foltz Manson, Elizabeth "Betsy" Haynes, Ann Cowley Churchman, Barbara Black Waters and Laura Jocelyn Williams**, as well as Eleanor Ninestein '71 and Rebecca "Becky" Orlich '71. Usually joining the group are **Sally Bryant Oxley, Nadja Sefcik-Earl** and Sarah Ruffing Robbins '71. They are looking forward to an in-person gathering as soon as possible!

Melissa Holt Vandiver welcomed a daughter-in-law into her family this summer. Son Ben, at 42, finally found the right one! She's from Charlotte, N.C., so Melissa is hoping to keep them both close by. Daughter Kate has three absolutely perfect children who still like their grandmother (for now), and Melissa loves to spend every free moment with them. Husband Tom retired from his OB-GYN practice this summer. He's home now while Melissa continues to work full time. "Interesting," Melissa reported. "We're adapting, and it's actually working quite well." She had a short round with COVID-19 — which she won — and concludes: "Here's hoping all of you are well and enjoying this stage of life!"

'74

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Mary Gay Bankston is staying well and keeping busy with fun things. She reported: "Like many others, I have only left home for the grocery store or farmers market in the past few months. However, in spite of being at home, I have been able to take advantage of several webinars on topics such as nonprofit leadership and inequality in education, a Washington Post webinar with Melinda

and Bill Gates on COVID-19, and a weekly politics webinar and town hall with the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. My virtual experiences have also included Ukrainian folk dancing and Bollywood dancing lessons, artist salons with Native Americans and the Autry Museum of the American West, bird drawing lessons, and on and on.”

Ann Early Bibb has a new granddaughter, Erin Lynn “Quarantina” Bibb. She was born Nov. 12, 2020, in Decatur, Ga. **Karen Dick Bruhns** and Ann get together from time to time to go bicycling.

In August 2020, Karen Dick Bruhns and **Elizabeth “Betsy” Bean Burrell** hiked up the Alum Cave Trail to the peak of Mt. LeConte, Tenn., in the Great Smoky Mountains. It is a strenuous 5-mile hike each way. They spent the night at LeConte Lodge, which is the highest guest lodge in the eastern United States.

Pamela “Pam” Coffey also has been busy virtually over the past months. She related, “I have spent many hours on Zoom since the beginning of COVID-19. The American Council of the Blind, of which I have been a member for about 14 years, set up a series of ‘community calls’ via Zoom in about mid-March, and that series has grown from about two per week to more than 80 per week. The calls cover everything from coffee socials to travel, technology to food, crafts to performing arts, games to karaoke, grief support, cancer support, Alcoholics Anonymous, a prayer group and health-related topics. Participants represent all ages and all walks of life. The one thing we all have in common is sight loss, either from birth or coming later in life. Some of the callers also deal with other disabilities. As a spin-off of these, I am helping a lady in New York City learn to use her iPhone, and have reconnected with friends from as far back as elementary and high school. I also still attend choir rehearsals via Zoom, but will be exceedingly glad when we are able to actually sit next to each other and sing at the top of our lungs.”

Teresa Lee experienced COVID-19 firsthand. “Careful as we were, my 92-year-old mother and I both got COVID-19. It was not my idea of ‘bonding time.’ Mother was asymptomatic, and my worst symptom was losing my sense of taste! We are very blessed.” Teresa is still dividing her time between her four-cat household in Atlanta and her mother’s home in lower Ala. Teresa’s Bowen cottage housemates enjoy Zooming twice a month.

’75

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Gloria Marene Emanuel moved to Morganton, Ga., in October 2020. It is quiet and peaceful, 20 minutes from Blue Ridge, and her home is on a mountainside. She has hunkered down during the pandemic with her 2-year-old lab, Lola.

Mary Jones Underwood’s daughter Elizabeth married Robert, a Navy lieutenant submarine officer, in October 2020. Son William and his wife, Carney, had a new baby, Lucy, in February 2021. Since they live close to Mary, she is very excited about being a hands-on grandmother. William recently became a partner at the Jones Walker law firm in Atlanta. Mary and **Ruth “Ruthie” McManus Mansfield** and husband John enjoy “Sunday supper” every week.

Rebecca Meador Walsh said she has nothing of interest to report, other than that she has gotten the COVID-19 vaccine and has been staying at home most of 2020.

Allyn Fine Linas and Rick are proud grandparents of a little boy, Cy Elliot Crosby, born to daughter Isabel and her husband, Blaine. The bad news is that the family lives in Australia, and due to COVID-19, Allyn missed her daughter’s entire pregnancy and has yet to see the baby. Son Claud and his family live in Savannah, Ga., where Claud is doing an OB-GYN residency. Allyn has not seen them since Christmas 2019. Allyn and Rick were able to open Christmas presents with son Bryan and his family in the frigid cold of their screened porch.

Virginia Parker Ennis expressed the same news as many: She has gotten her first vaccine; her groceries are delivered; drugs are automatically refilled; Uber Eats has been utilized often for takeout rather than going out; the house is very clean; and she ends her day with a gin and tonic served by husband Bob. Their evenings occasionally include friends in a socially distanced environment in their backyard. She is grateful to be alive.

Melodye Brown had a wonderful year. She was engaged in February 2020 to Rick Hollis and married in December 2020. Melodye’s parents are 88 and 92, are doing well, and still live in their

own home in Rome, Ga. Melodye also completed a two-year term as state regent of the Georgia Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoys DAR, which supports history, education and patriotism. Many Agnes Scott alumnae are involved in DAR and have become friends.

Charlotte Gillis has enjoyed her first year in Chattanooga, Tenn. She and Tracy Brown moved there and have been able to do some exploring at all outside venues. She is learning her mountains — Lookout, Aetna, Signal, Raccoon — and enjoying a smaller city, reduced traffic and gorgeous vistas. Pickleball has been a primary activity; there are courts in her neighborhood. Even in cold weather she has played and met new people through the pickleball network.

Donna McWhorter Gulley and David are extremely proud of daughter Katie, who received her J.D. degree from Baylor University on Feb. 6, 2021. Katie received special distinction in the Criminal Practice track. The graduation ceremony was held on Zoom. Donna and David have been working with Katie's children in online school and look forward to spending more time with them after Katie takes the bar exam.

Elizabeth "Beth" Wickenberg Ely wrote that the pandemic ruined their plans for moving to the Charleston, S.C., area to be near son Penn and his family. The good news is that there have been two grandsons in the past year — James Owen Ely on Jan. 23, 2020, and Samuel Penn Ely on Jan. 5, 2021! There has been no COVID-19 in their family, and without an immune system, Beth has managed to stay well!

'76

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Pamela Braswell writes: "I'm vaccinated! Never thought that would be newsworthy. My publisher submitted [my book] 'Rising from Rape: A Memoir of Survival and Justice' for The Edgar Award, but I wasn't nominated. In late January, my book was hand-delivered to the Mlabri tribe in Thailand (pictured in the book). I plan to frame the photos."

Lark Todd Sessions and John shared: "Our son William married Elisabeth Klouda on Sep. 20, 2020, in the wedding garden at the historic Lace House in Columbia, S.C. After an evening of

dinner, dancing and merriment under the stars, the newlyweds enjoyed a sparkler send-off and departed in a chauffeured 1930 Model A Ford. We are grateful that no one became ill as a result of attending the wedding. William, in internal medicine, and Elisabeth, in neurology, will finish their medical residencies in June and plan to pursue fellowships in Memphis, Tenn. We continue to serve as group leaders with Bible study fellowship and regularly keep in touch with **Win Anne Wannamaker Chewing** and Ed."

Virginia "Ginny" Maguire Poole writes: "My son and his wife welcomed their first baby in August of last year — my second granddaughter and a much-needed bright spot in 2020! In December, I surprised my family by purchasing a beach house interval in Pawleys Island, S.C., that will bring many wonderful years of memories for my growing family! I'm looking forward to our week at the beach — a welcome break from our cold, rainy weather in Nashville!"

Anne Turner Kimsey writes: "In my retirement, I helped found The Boyce L. Ansley School, a tuition-free, private school for children in Atlanta who have experienced homelessness. I serve on the board and volunteer on a weekly basis."

'77

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Renee Davis Day and Chuck welcomed their second granddaughter, Davis Ann McCarthy, born to their daughter Julie and her husband, Patrick, on Dec. 15, 2020. As you can imagine, Renee is honored and thrilled by her name! 2020 was a difficult year, but Davis brought much joy! Their older granddaughter, Eliza Lynn Day, will turn 3 in March, and they are totally smitten with the two of them!

Mary Anne Barlow has been fortunate to stay healthy thus far during this pandemic. She continues to work as an editor at Clairmont Press, where she has worked since retiring from teaching in 2008 (time flies!). Mary Anne continues to enjoy working at her church as well.

Katherine "Kathy" Oates Roos and Steve welcomed their grandson, Noah Arthur Holtzclaw, on Aug. 3! In order to see him, they quarantined for two weeks and then drove straight from Atlanta to Bethesda, Md., to avoid both flying and a hotel

stay. Kathy reported: “Any effort was worth it to be there and enjoy the time with Noah and our daughter and son-in-law.”

We mourn the passing of **Patrice Ivy Davis** (Patsy or Miss Patrice to her friends), who spent most of her professional career in Chattanooga, Tenn., working for the Fletcher Bright Co. as an executive developing new Walmart locations and other major retail shopping centers. She was very proud of graduating from Agnes Scott and frequently wore her class ring. She loved traveling with her sisters, Terese “Terry” Davis Braun ’75 and Elizabeth “Betsy” Davis Hudson ’78, especially to national state parks, because she loved the beach, all things in nature and a good outdoor adventure. An indoor passion was experimenting with recipes and sharing her “results” with friends or strangers. Pat adored animals and rescued several dogs. Her beloved mutt Penelope was named for her favorite ASC professor, Penelope Campbell. She adopted several older dogs, most noteworthy Ophelia and Nellie, who lived glorious lives with her traveling across the country riding shotgun in her car.

Pat, best roomies with **Terri Keeler Burke** and **Nancy Burnham Stephens**, moved to Columbus, Ga., for health reasons in early 2019, and to be closer to her ASC friends and classmates. Her timing was great because she was more in touch and closer to everyone, including her bestie, Nancy.

COVID-19 terrified Pat. Her compromised heart and lung condition prevented her from seeing most friends in the last six months of her life, but she made good use of her phone and iPad! She remained optimistic that once a vaccine became available, she would be first in line to sign up. Pat was a larger-than-life friend. She was immensely loyal. She was very private yet had an overwhelming sense of generosity. She did not expect or want to die so suddenly — she planned for many future projects knowing that she wanted to take advantage of each moment and be with her friends.

All of us in the class of ’77 send Miss Patrice a fond farewell and know that she will remain with us in our hearts for all our future Girls Weekends.

Classmates: Our next landmark reunion will be 2022. While the 2020 and 2021 ASC Alumnae Weekends have been remote due to COVID-19, we trust we’ll be well past that time and can safely be together in person. If you would like to be part

of the reunion committee or have any ideas or comments, please message either **Ellen Fort** or **Patricia “Pat” McWaters**, Reunion co-chairs, as planning will start soon. We will have much to appreciate and celebrate!

’78

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As we enter the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, not much news was forthcoming from our classmates, who must be hunkered down and suffering communication fatigue. **Janet Kelley Jobe** sent a link to this video of her Ikebana demonstration as a Master Gardener: https://youtu.be/IPt0OVr08_U.

Cynthia “Cindy” Peters at Duke University continues to work remotely but is grateful to have a job, a home, food, clothing, friends and family whom she loves and who love her. Cindy is staying healthy and staying safe, and hoping family and friends (with whom she’d like to spend time once the pandemic is over) are doing the same.

Because **Elaine Wilburn Zullo** is immunocompromised, she hasn’t been able to teach in person during the pandemic. Luckily, daughter Kate lives nearby and has been able to purchase and deliver groceries for her parents. Elaine enjoys Zooming with family and friends more than teaching over Zoom. Even though COVID-19 interrupted her plans to spend an entire month with children and grandchildren in Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C., last March, the ability to work remotely allowed daughter Sarah Zullo-Barnett ’05, husband Jared and their two kids (Sam and Jane) to come to Connecticut and live with them. Her son John, his wife and their 1-year-old son, Benny, were able to spend two weeks with Elaine and husband Jeff over Christmas. The unexpected, unimaginable benefits of working remotely — actually spending more time with family!

Emily “Mimi” Holmes has begun a second round of mailing postcards to all her classmates. Look for yours in the coming months! She regularly mails 25 postcards a week, and these Scotties hear from her monthly: Frances Elaine Williams ’77, Saralyn “Lynn” Summer ’77, Carole Langston ’77, C. Joy Cunningham ’77, **Cathy Walters**, **Sarah Workman**, Linda McInnis ’79, Nancy Eleanor Graham ’79, Melanie Best ’79 and Virginia “Ginny” Lee McMurray ’79.

Mimi is keeping busy teaching guided autobiography memoir classes, which in December 2020 resulted in her self-publishing an anthology of 22 stories written by 11 of her students who have worked with her for more than a year. Aptly titled "Writing Our Stories Through a Pandemic," it was produced as only 30 copies. She is still busy with her own creative writing and self-published "Mimi Tales" in November 2020 as a practice run for the anthology.

'79

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Andrea Groover Nagelson and husband Scott bought 21 acres of raw land in Lake County, Calif., full of olive trees. They managed to harvest 130 pounds of olives with their bare hands, but that yielded only 2.3 gallons of oil.

Anne Griner Watkins' daughter Julia has accepted a position as associate pastor for Mission and Congregational Life. Anne had shoulder surgery in January. She's going to be microwaving for a while.

Diane Banyar Pardoe and daughter Sarah have started a new talent business, Iris Talent Management. All is going well.

Chaille Winston Hawkins and her husband have sold their Texas ranch and are building a new home near San Antonio. They are looking forward to more travel, golf and playing with the grandchildren.

Deborah "Debby" Daniel-Bryant and Bill were able to visit COVID-19-free with all three daughters and families over Christmas.

Lyden Harris' book, *Right Here, Right Now: Life Stories from America's Death Row*, is being published by Duke University Press. She continues work with Hidden Voices to end sexual violence on campuses. Lyden wrote the book and lyrics for the musical "A GOOD BOY," sharing stories from the families of those on death row.

Sandra Fowler, Nancy Eleanor Graham and **Virginia Rockwell** escaped to the islands and Highlands of Scotland, where they traipsed around the grounds of gardens and castles on the island of

Colonsay.

Laurel Kramer was able to get the Pfizer vaccine due to her close work with her counseling patients. Her sweet therapy dog, Sarah, passed away after 15.5 years.

Sandra Eichelberger's new job allows her to work entirely remotely for a medical supply company. She has been knitting up a storm and has put her pattern for buttoned dishtowels on Ravelry.com. Sandra also made many face masks for those living in shelters and low-income housing.

Melanie Best found 2020 to be her year of Amtrak. She regularly traveled from New York/Newark to Philadelphia for weekly chemotherapy and other medical treatment since, while waiting to get a liver transplant in 2019, her bile duct cancer returned. She feels blessed that she healed and some long-standing internal bleeding stopped. While she is permanently off the transplant list, researchers are working to harness patients' own lymph nodes to grow a new liver inside the body! She has enjoyed armchair travel via WhatsApp to Scotland with Sandra, Virginia and Eleanor and to Texas to "see" **Linda McInnis**.

Anne Jones Fears retired in January, and she and her husband will sell their house in Decatur, Ga., to move further out of Atlanta to be nearer their sons and five grandchildren.

Susan Gledhill Pendergrass and husband Phil were blessed to become first-time grandparents to Emily Scott "Scottie" Pendergrass.

Virginia "Ginnie" Risher Wilcox is in her final year as head of school at Ambleside School in McLean, Va., after 18 years in the position. She looks forward to the next phase of life.

Margaret "Peggy" Pfeiffer Elder was lucky enough to squeeze in a trip to Australia and New Zealand in early 2020. She is financial secretary for her church and volunteers at her local Friends of the Library Bookstore. She cherishes being grandmother to Riley and Will.

Susan Bethune Bennett is helping her daughter edit a novel. Susan is learning the meditative art form of Zentangle and enjoying walks by the pond.

Angela Fleming Rogers and Jerry have taken

up two new hobbies during COVID-19. Last summer they bought a two-person kayak, and they've explored local waterways. Angela says she's got great arm muscles! They also have taken up hiking.

Leslie Doyle married off son No. 2 in October and, due to COVID-19 restrictions, had to move the rehearsal dinner to her yard. No glitches and a lot of fun!

'80

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Lisa Wise is now Lisa Wise Smathers! Lisa reports that she married in June in a lovely (yet small, due to COVID-19 restrictions) lakeside wedding at Lay Lake in Alabama. Her father, a retired Lutheran minister, officiated the wedding. Lisa retired two years ago from a human resources career and is looking forward to enjoying their new lake home with her new-by-marriage family.

Debbie Boelter Bonner moved to her forever home on Ono Island in Orange Beach, Ala., in October. She is retired (for a second time) from Albemarle after ending her contractor status in Dec.. Debbie hopes that if you are in the Orange Beach, Ala., Perdido Key, Fla., Gulf Shores, Ala., or Pensacola, Fla., vicinity, you will give her a shout.

Janet McDonald is working with the Delta Airlines Credit Union and getting closer to 30 years of service with Delta. Employed in an essential industry, she continued to work full time during the pandemic. She has a new grand-niece that she has yet to meet (but is hopeful the meeting will be sooner than later).

Keller Murphy Torrey celebrated the birth of grandson Murphy Spaulding, born on Sep. 23, 2020. Pre-pandemic, Keller, **Marjorie "Margie" Pirkle Morgan** and **Dorothea "Dottie" Enslow Putnal** had their annual/sometimes semiannual meeting of the "math nerds." During the summer Keller worked with **Susan "Susie" Ham Deiters** on Agnes Scott's Campaign for Main, and Keller and **Margaret "Peggy" Somers Shepard** coordinated events to help make Susie's daughter's June wedding safe and joyful. During the year, Keller, Peggy, Susie, **Allison Taylor Turk**, **Cynthia "Cindy" Dantzler Hammond**, **Elisa Norton Cooper**, **Mary Ann Mappus Taylor**,

Sharon Maitland Moon and **Paula "Lynne" Perry Sales** enjoyed several Zoom happy hours.

Not to let the pandemic dampen birthday traditions, **Kathleen "Kathy" Hollywood, Sarah Fairburn Pannill** and Katherine "Kathy" Stearns Thomas '82 gathered on porches and patios to celebrate each of their pandemic birthdays. For Kathy's birthday in January, they brown-bagged dinner and spent six hours in Kathy Thomas' backyard with space heaters, attempting to keep warm. (The fuses blew only about a dozen times.) The darkness and the evening chill couldn't stop the flow of conversation!

'81

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The class of '81 has been busy during the pandemic. Zoom calls, social distancing and even quarantining top the list. Our love of learning has never ceased. It has come in handy during these long months. On a recent Zoom call with the class officers and Reunion Committee, copies of the Norton Anthology appeared and several lines of the prologue to "The Canterbury Tales" were recited along with "Paradise Lost." Mark your calendars for our 40th Reunion, which will be held virtually June 3-6, 2021. Additional details to follow.

Twenty members of our class gathered for the Pre-Reunion Zoom Cocktail Party in February. We'll have these gatherings monthly, so check your emails and social media! One of the things **Elizabeth "Liz" Steele Forman** loved most about the liberal arts education she received at ASC (especially being a theatre major) was the sense that we could do anything we chose with the education we received. How true that was ... and is! In late 2019, Liz opened a small communications consulting business in Virginia and expanded on the work she had been doing in the nonprofit world in "telling the story" of the history of buildings, towns, cities, states and the country itself.

Genealogical histories and historic preservation projects accounted for the majority of what she did as a volunteer, and they remain an important part of Liz's new company, called Picture Show Productions. Liz specializes in crafting and telling stories in a variety of media and has produced coffee table books of historic houses and gardens, written family histories, and trained others to tell their stories themselves. Just as she was as a theatre major 40 years ago, Liz is in love with telling a good

story! The project she has had the most fun with was bringing forth the story of Pocahontas, a great bridge-builder between nations, honoring her life in a piece of jewelry that was based on the feather fan she is shown holding in her only known portrait. Besides bringing her story forward as the basis for the pin, Liz was able to use the design experience she gained as a corporate account executive for Tiffany & Co. to work with a design team to translate that story into jewelry. Photographing the pin on the James River in Jamestown, Va., for a special video (pocahontaspin.org) was the icing on the cake!

Laura McCrary Hurban and Bob and **Laura Klettner Bynum** were able to get together for a socially distanced walk during the holidays in Atlanta. They had a great time catching up, and it was great to be outside — masks and all!

'82

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E. Janine Jennings Joseph spent most of 2020 building a lovely home in Ellijay, Ga. She broke ground in the fall of 2019 and moved in a year later.

Margaret Phillips-Wyatt got a new puppy shortly before the pandemic struck. **Mary Margaret Clark Waterbury** even gave her a puppy shower!

Quite a few of our classmates traveled abroad before we were forced to travel only in our backyards. **Kathleen Fulton Banta** traveled to Brazil for a few weeks in the summer of 2019. She came back with some wonderful memories and beautiful photos. **Bonnie Etheridge Smith** got in a trip to the Middle East before we all had to stay at home. She enjoyed seeing Jordan and Egypt and their sights. **Katherine "Kitty" Cralle Tuttle** and her family vacationed in Costa Rica for a few weeks.

M. Lee Kite wandered about the South last spring and summer and got to visit **Leigh Smith Putnam's** lovely home in Alabama. Lee also caught up with **Susan Mead** in Virginia, **Georgia Anna Mitchell** in South Carolina, **Lucinda "Cindy" Foster Grace** in Atlanta and **Lu Ann Ferguson** in North Carolina. Lu Ann and Lee took a quick road trip to the Smokies, where they

were joined by **Cristina "Cristy" Clark**. They celebrated Cristy's birthday and her return to health after a short bout with COVID-19. Lu Ann and her husband have an RV and have been able to travel during this time of physical distancing. **Marjory Sivewright Morford** and her husband toured eastern Oregon on their bikes before the pandemic broke out. **Margaret Carpenter Beain** reported that she, **Cindy Foster Grace** and **Lu Ann Ferguson** were unable to get together in Washington last summer as they usually do, but look forward to being able to do so when we all can move about the country.

Weddings and babies make up a lot of the news for our class. **Caroline "Carol" Reaves Wilson** celebrated the birth of two new grandbabies and got to visit with both families before traveling stopped. **Catherine "Cathy" Garrigues Szelistowski** welcomed a new grandson last summer. **Ann Connor Harrell's** daughter was married in 2019 on St. Simons Island, Ga. In attendance were classmates **Cynthia "Cindy" Monroe Alexander**, **Emily Hill Ross** and **Joy Jun Rousso**. Lee Kite's son was married in December 2020 and — due to the pandemic — only family was in attendance.

Retirement news was also popular. Besides the bike trip, **Marjory Sivewright Morford** has been enjoying her retirement by hiking and reading for Start Making a Reader Today. She also has taken up watercolor painting! **Susan Hutcheson Koose** reported she spends her days hiking with her dogs.

Laura Gutierrez-Spencer retired after serving as director of Chicano Programs at New Mexico State University for 24 years. She also was an associate professor of Spanish at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the first U.S. Latina faculty member hired in the history of that institution. She is going to start work on her film project once she finishes organizing her house.

Kathryn "Kathy" Helgesen Fuller-Seeley was lucky enough to go on a research sabbatical from the University of Texas shortly after the pandemic started, so no worries about teaching remotely for her! She has been interviewed several times recently about Jack Benny, the subject of her most recent book.

Sonia Gordon Dettweiler and her husband packed up and were ready to move back to Nigeria,

when personal circumstances delayed the move. We are all holding good thoughts for Sonia's health and hope the doctors okay the relocation soon. Our hearts go out to **Alice Harra** for the recent loss of her sister.

'84

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In November 2020, **Allison Boyce Hudson** relocated from Gulf Breeze, Fla., her home for 12 years, to Little Rock, in her home state of Arkansas. During COVID-19, Allison surprised classmates **Charlotte Burch Jones**, **Meri Crawford Falciglia**, **Shawn Fletcher Foley**, **Miriam Garrett**, **Helen Virginia Harrell Hatch** and **Lana Smith** with gifts of Scottie slippers, which Shawn writes arrived in time for COVID-19 massage therapy sessions and Saturday night gin and tonics.

Alicia Paredes Laramy had daughter Emily as a "COVID-19 refugee" (from New York City) staying with her in sunny Palm Springs, Calif. They took advantage of the opportunity for safe outdoor experiences by visiting national parks/monuments in three states, including Devil's Tower in Wyoming; Badlands, Custer State Park, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota; and Joshua Tree and Death Valley in California. In an enduring ASC roommate coast-to-coast connection, Alicia contributed to a high school project titled "What does Good Citizenship mean to me?" for John Horne, son of **Marian Lewis Horne**, of Valdosta, Ga.

Janet Bundrick Burnley reports several COVID-19-inspired positive lifestyle changes, including a focus on her own health with exercise and weight loss of 20 pounds. Janet, a Disney human resources executive, worked from home for most of 2020 and found a higher productivity rate, complete with constant Zoom meetings. Husband Rick retired from Disney after 26 years upon the realization that life was more balanced when he was home during the week to do projects/errands. Now, their weekends have been transformed and devoted to relaxing/fun activities. They eventually look forward to more travel, including to Washington, D.C., to visit son Ben and wife Katie, who relocated in summer 2020 when Ben accepted a fellowship at Georgetown University for a Ph.D. in American

government and public policy.

In 2020, **Robin Ogier Warren** moved to a new home within her Clarkesville, Ga., community and, after a 25-year career, retired from teaching in Georgia Public Schools. The new house and retirement status were especially appreciated during the pandemic as Robin helped facilitate daughter Phoebe's online schooling. Robin is especially happy to live relatively close to her and husband Wally's parents.

Tracey Veal-Booker, who resides in Pasadena, Calif., is very busy with the COVID-19 Vaccine Community Collaboration for Los Angeles County Public Health and reports that her unofficial nickname is "The Vaccine Queen." She's worked ten-hour shifts at COVID-19 vaccine outdoor drive-thru sites in cold and stormy weather, wrapping herself in layers of personal protective equipment.

Diane Rickett Sandifer of Chattahoochee Hills, Ga., and husband Paul are pandemic hibernators given chronic health issues and the fact that Diane is the primary caregiver for her elderly parents. Diane's son, Parks, has two toddler-age children, living in Columbia, S.C., one of whom was born with dwarfism, a cause that is now near and dear to Diane's heart. Diane appreciates the support she's received from classmates who have taken a special interest in granddaughter Finley's special-needs journey. Despite all the challenges, Diane notes that she is defined/motivated by faith and not by fear.

Elizabeth "Lizanne" Edwards Stephenson of Atlanta serves as finance chair on the board of Mercy Care, a federally qualified health care organization for underserved and homeless populations. She also is a board member of Seedco, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing opportunities to people/businesses/communities in need. She continued "to have a blast" with 2-year-old granddaughter Eleanor and hiking, kayaking and enjoying life with partner Alan Kendall.

'85

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Fellow class officers **Bradie Barr**, **Jennifer Gazzola Parker** and I hope this finds you all well. It appears that the Sundance Kids are holding their own as we ride out this pandemic.

Our condolences to **Julie Gilreath Henry** on the deaths of her parents on Dec. 5, 2020. We share in your grief during this difficult time.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Stevenson**

Fairleigh and husband, David, on their 25th wedding anniversary. Although they had to cancel their trip to Paris, they are hoping they will make it this year.

Despite the stresses of a global pandemic, Bradie Barr and Tollie are enjoying the new normal — blessed to have jobs, health, friends and family, and a sense of humor. While Tollie has been in school, Bradie has kept busy on the golf course. The highlight of 2020 happened on June 14, Flag Day — which will now be called “Bradie’s Hole in One Day.” In case you care, it was a 140-yard par 3!

With daughter Charleston being a senior at Georgia State, at age 20 no less, **Janet Dawson Clements** is in the process of moving to Rome, Ga.

Sharon Core is proud to announce that she has learned the ins and outs of Zoom; knows how to host a meeting; and is amazed at just how much can be done sitting in front of a computer screen! A silver lining is that since Nick (husband) and Sassy (dog) still live in Alexandria, Va., Sharon has been working from home. Meanwhile, she is waiting to be in the age group to receive a vaccination and tries not to have vaccine envy!

Larry and **Ellen Grant Walker** are getting ready for retirement and bought a travel trailer this past summer. They’ve taken a few trips with the grandkids (who think the best part is that it has bunk beds) and are planning a trip to Tennessee and Florida this summer.

'87

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Sarah Goodwin Rollins is sad to announce her mother, Grace Molineux Goodwin '57, passed away Dec. 27, 2020. Grace was a longtime supporter of ASC. On a brighter note, Sarah and her husband, Tom, bought a mountain house near Cashiers, N.C., in October. It has been appropriately named “Grace in the Woods.”

Rose Mary Hopton White and hubby Bennett are both retired — Rose Mary in May after 30

years teaching Spanish in public high school and Bennett after 38 years as a civil engineer.

Jennifer Spurlin Barnes has been busy opening and operating an emergency food pantry in response to the food insecurity in the Latinx neighborhood in her Sandy Springs, Ga., neighborhood. Solidarity Sandy Springs has been open since March 2020 and has so far served 18,000 families. According to Jennifer, she is living her best life in the service of others!

In November 2020, **Jacqueline “Jackie” Stromberg DeCarlo** was recognized as a “Most Admired CEO” by the Maryland Daily Record. As a destressing hobby, Jackie has been cataloging her family history and was recently thrilled to find a baptismal certificate and a photo of her infant grandmother from 1908 in Wilmington, Del.

Kecia A. Cunningham married Steve Vaughn on Oct. 2, 2020, in Harrisburg, Pa.. They honeymooned in the Finger Lakes region in New York.

'88

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Monica Pina Ellis continues to teach Spanish at Brantley County High School in southeast Georgia. Retirement is on the horizon. Monica’s oldest son, Drew, married his high school sweetheart in April 2020 in a small family wedding, due to COVID-19. They had the family and friends’ wedding they originally planned on Aug. 15, 2020. Monica’s middle son, Will, is in his second year of law school. Her youngest son, Jack, is a junior at the University of Georgia and continues to be a pitcher for the UGA baseball team.

Donna Beck Blanton was very busy from August through December 2020 as a long-term French and ESOL teacher in Gwinnett County high schools in Georgia. In GCPS and other school systems, there is a tremendous need/shortage of certified teachers in all fields due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the moment, she’s taking a break from teaching teenagers full time in order to resume her private contractor ESOL work with adult English language learners — daily in person (masked) at La Fontaine Language Center in downtown Norcross, Ga. (walking distance from home) and weekly via Zoom at her church, Tucker

First United Methodist Church. Beginning in early March, Donna is already booked for her next long-term ESOL post with GCPS. She's looking forward to getting her COVID-19 vaccination very soon, along with fellow educators in the Priority 1B group!

Susan Martz Hutchinson has been focused on learning to provide support to her mom, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's this past year. Between caring for her mom and COVID-19, it's been a year of staying close to home and doing some nesting (painting the house and paring her belongings). Susan's grandson will celebrate his second birthday in March, and Susan notes that the little fellow brings much lightness and joy to this season of life.

'89

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Kimberly Baker served as a volunteer fundraiser for a school construction project in Togo, West Africa, and the heartwarming generosity of contributors resulted in a beautiful new classroom building dedicated in February 2021.

Heidi Staven Carpenter is happy to report that daughter Joy is in a dorm at Oglethorpe University and finally enjoying a true college experience. Husband Paul is working at a local movie studio after a pandemic-related job loss. Heidi has found a way to enjoy virtual puppet slams and is serving in her third year as president of the Atlanta Puppetry Guild. Her 87-year-old dad is going strong despite a recent fall.

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Haug Magdalena has been in Salt Lake City, Utah, for 21 years now, and she's recently started a new position as a manager for Goldman Sachs in its Consumer and Wealth Management Division. She's hoping to buy a home later this year. She loves living with her thriving 28-year-old son, Will, and is happy to report that she has been single for eight years.

Louisa Parker Mattozzi's son, Michael, has been elected to be his Boy Scout troop's senior patrol leader, and her daughter, Louisa Margaret, has enjoyed her in-person freshman year at James Madison University, double majoring in Italian and creative advertising and minoring in music industry.

Elsa Jann Schaefer joined the defense contracting world in the fall and is helping them use machine learning to tackle problems. She loves the opportunity to learn and grow and has terrific colleagues.

'90

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In November 2020, **Claire West Jones** and daughter Shelby got to catch up with Darline "Dolly" Purvis '89 at a post-election rally in Smyrna, Ga.. It was great to see Dolly, always lively and full of wit and humor!

'91

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Susan Cowan Morse has downsized and moved to northern N.H. The pandemic gave Susan and her husband, Matthew, time to settle into their new home in a remote region. Susan has pivoted her work again. While still working with children, she also now works with adults, and her focus is "awakening the authentic self." Her clients range in age from 15 to 90, and she absolutely loves supporting humans as a life coach and energy healer. She and her husband have a business called Two Guides. Her husband is the outer guide of activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, snowmobiling and hunting, while Susan is the inner guide. Susan is excited by the opportunities of her new venture.

'92

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Sandee McGlaun, Jeannette Elias Ventura and **Juliet Carney Ruhl** have enjoyed holding the first two "Scottie Page Turners" book discussions. What they initially hoped would be a "once a year" in-person book talk and excuse to have mini reunions has morphed into a COVID-19 survival kit with some book discussion and just catching up! They have changed the format to include four books a year of varying genres. It is anchored with members of the class of 1992 but is open to all who enjoy reading and discussion! It's been fun to get updates from classmates more regularly during this highly unusual time in our lives.

Dawn Sloan Downes loves her role as publications and content manager for the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association. She started last March, just one day before the organization made the decision to have employees work from home due to COVID-19. TVPPA represents the interests of the 153 public power companies, both municipal and cooperative, that purchase electricity from the Tennessee Valley Authority. She writes for and publishes the association's magazine, several newsletters and a variety of other communications vehicles. Her favorite part of the job is meeting and interviewing public power employees from across the seven-state Tennessee Valley. Telling the stories of how local power companies impact their communities makes her feel a bit like Eudora Welty traveling across Mississippi telling visual stories for the Works Progress Administration. Having a high school senior enduring such an unusual senior year has been bittersweet. Brendan (18) has rolled with the punches and is currently leaning toward attending the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. Dawn's younger son, Beckett (14), has struggled with remote classes but has developed an interest in stand-up comedy and keeps the rest of the family laughing. Dawn's keeping her fingers crossed for vaccinations all around and an in-person reunion in 2022.

'93

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Barbara Scalf Stairley dealt with many changes in 2020. Both her mom and mother-in-law passed away in May. And her "baby" started college at Clemson University over the summer and is now studying engineering. She and her family also moved out of the house they had lived in for ten years and have downsized to the house that had been her mom's. Like many others, she is struggling with how to process everything going on right now.

Lauren Granade Feldman passed her last CPA exam this fall and is now officially a CPA!

After nearly 25 years in Falls Church, Va., **Tracy Peavy Roussey** is finally considering herself a Virginian and not as just passing through! Part of that is based on the decision she and her husband, Chris, made to stay in Virginia after their boys graduate. (One is a junior in high school, the other a junior in college.) This year they were fortunate to be able to purchase a home in Wintergreen, Va., just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is a great getaway

for now and will eventually be renovated to become their retirement home. They look forward to having visitors in the future! In the meantime, she is still a manager at The Container Store and is serving as the moderator for her church's board this year.

Teresa Robertson Tidwell's daughter, Joy, is a first-year student at ASC. She moved onto campus Jan. 16 and loves it.

Carrie Powell Borgerding's oldest son, Henry, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He will be following in his dad's footsteps. Carrie and her husband will take Henry for his first day on July 1 and are so very proud of him, his dedication and his hard work! He also has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts.

While helping her daughter Abrielle (11) with digital school this past year, **Alaina Williams** pivoted her company, Abby Essie Designer & Vintage, into a full production company! It is now Abby Essie Studios (abbyessie.com), a socially conscious entertainment company. Over the years, the company has been behind the scenes providing props and wardrobe to film productions like "The Walking Dead," "Ozark," "Doom Patrol" and more, as well as to private clients. After being behind the camera, Alaina returned in 2019 to one of her first creative loves, working as an actress and dancer on various productions (including "For My Man," "The Killer Truth," "Lovecraft Country," "Conjuring 3" and commercials), further fueling her desire to produce. She worked as "momager" for her daughter in her debut acting year; Abrielle made waves while featured in "The Resident" and as the lead in a short film, "7 Pennies," which has been on the festival circuit. In early 2020, Alaina released her first instrumental album, "Trashonica," under her artist moniker Suga Lane. It's an introspective, live electronic keyboard composition. This album follows her three-song EP "Luv Trilogy" (2019) and single "Ride It" (2011). Alaina was honored to be included in an art book, "Inside the Artist's Studio" (2020, Ikouii Creative), which celebrates artists who are either family of artists with disabilities or living with disabilities themselves. Her sister Aleatha is a hearing-impaired artist and advocate. Alaina paints whenever she can, displaying most of her portfolio online (saatchiart.com/photography/alaina-williams/feature). Her two sons (26 and 24) relocated back to Atlanta this year, from Nashville, Tenn., and San Francisco, Calif., respectively. Along with her daughter and the rest of her family, they maintain a reasonably lively

bubble in Norcross.

Laura Barlament is happy to announce that she has accepted a new position as executive director of Strategic Marketing and Communications at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. She began her new job on Feb. 24, 2020. Previously, she had been in Staten Island, N.Y., for 13 years, where she served as director of Communications and Marketing for Wagner College.

'94

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Maria Balais has published her first book, “Pinky, a Memoir,” through Archway Publishing with Simon & Schuster. There is a chapter about Agnes Scott College and the time she saw the ghost in the Dana Fine Arts Building.

Georgia Luedi-Fuller also has published a book. “Bobby’s House” is a rhyming children’s book with colorful illustrations by Georgia’s talented daughters, Sophie and Naomi Luedi.

'95

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Lisa Sebotnick Durette received awesome news in December 2020 to wrap up the year: Her Hodgkin lymphoma is gone. As you all may remember, she had it both sophomore and junior years and then was cancer free for more than 20 years. But, as no good deed goes unpunished, her lymphoma came back again in 2017. She had to do six months of chemotherapy and was again cancer free for 11 months, but then it came back with a vengeance. In the late summer/fall of 2018, Lisa moved to Houston (and got to see **Judy Bowers Skelton!**) to have salvage chemotherapy, a stem cell transplant and additional treatment through an immunotherapy clinical trial. It was quite a trial, in more ways than one, but she’s back stronger than ever now! And her daughter Allison (12) has started to express interest in attending ASC one day!

Mary Alexa Horne and **Merisa Aranas** Pasternak got to spend some time shoe shopping together (sort of), right at the beginning of the pandemic!

For **Charmaine Minniefield**, 2020 was the most epic year ever! While serving as an Emory Artist in Residence, she traveled to The Gambia to begin the research of her ancestral history. Her flight was due to return to the states on March 16. It was canceled, and she’s been there ever since, living under quarantine until the borders finally opened this past October. Until then, she had to make a home for her and her 7-year-old, so they rented a compound with a studio and turned it into a COVID-19 pandemic-induced, self-initiated artist residency.

While there, Charmaine has had a chance to search for and find ancestors by seeking indigenous materials that were used both during and before enslavement. The resulting new work is of life-size self-portraits in indigo and crushed oyster shells, distinct to The Gambia and the Gullah Geechee traditions. By following these cultural clues, much like symbols hidden in Freedom Quilts pointing the way to freedom, Charmaine has found her way home and now has returned to the very slave ports from which her ancestors were likely taken. This work celebrates their resilience as she holds up their memory at such a pivotal time as today. Charmaine sees this work as activism by framing it as “Remembrance as Resistance, Preserving Black Narratives.” A full project presented by Flux Projects and Emory, originally slated for Juneteenth 2020, the exhibition now will take place in 2021. The project commissions her public artwork to honor the memory of the more than 800 unmarked graves found on the African American grounds of Atlanta’s historically segregated Oakland Cemetery.

Neva Holly Williamson finalized her Master of Science degree in human biology from the University of Indianapolis. She no longer works in the world of public libraries but has joined a small lab working as a DNA lab technician, handling canine DNA. Holly says it is really interesting and a great environment!

'96

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In 1860, James Petigru proclaimed, “South Carolina is too small for a republic and too large for an insane asylum.” Find out how S.C. is faring 160 years later. Asylum South is a new podcast, co-created and co-produced by **Jessica Chatham Lathren**. It features a rotating panel of deep-fried, misfit geniuses talking politics, food, music and

class notes

life in the evolving American South. Available on iTunes, Spotify or wherever listeners find their podcasts. Listeners can also stream episodes on the website at asylumsouth.com.

'97

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Jennie Albritton-Rimes moved to Florida from Georgia four years ago with her husband, Chris, and five children, four of whom are still living at home. She works as a teacher, teaching six subjects: band 1, band 2, strings, virtual theater, face-to-face theater and chorus. In January 2020, she was chosen as one of 30 finalists (out of 2,000 applications and 6,000 nominations) for the Golden Apple award. This is a local competition for district teachers. Finalists are observed teaching in multiple classes by a panel of 11 judges. Winners were decided in March and attended a gala in April, during which the six winners received a monetary award.

'98

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Laura Croft was thankful for the support and friendship of **Dr. Amy Willis Amara** during her mom's two brain surgeries last year (one scheduled, the second an emergency the next morning) at University of Alabama Birmingham.

Dinah Conti is celebrating five years in Iowa, 15 years as a mom, 16 years as a pediatrician and 18 years of marriage this year. And she got her COVID-19 vaccination!

In late October 2019, **Giselle Fernandez Martin** was promoted to director of Recruitment and Talent at Emory University's Office of Undergraduate Admission — just in time for her to learn how to pivot a full-scale operation in the midst of a pandemic. In September 2020 she was featured in "Who Gets in and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions," a book by Jeffrey J. Selingo. By early October she and her husband, Chris, received the good news that their residency status had been approved in Spain. They took their first and only plane ride of 2020, and now Giselle swims with a group of feisty women every afternoon in the Mediterranean. (Yes, it is cold!)

These same women are embarking on a mission to create awareness that the Baix Empordà is a livable, creative, gastronomic and environmentally balanced region 365 days a year!

'99

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Tabbatha "Tabby" Cavendish wed Jeffrey Bartlett on Oct. 10, 2020. The couple said their vows on a ridgetop at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., where Tabby also works. The wedding was, clearly, a bigger show than the namesake volcano at the park!

'00

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Kira Barden started a new role as director of Talent Management at WestRock in November 2020. This career opportunity came with a chance to return to Atlanta — 20 years after graduating from ASC and going to New York City for graduate school! After two decades in the New York Metro area, Kira bought her first home and moved to Sandy Springs, Ga., in December 2020. She's looking forward to spending more time connecting with Scottie friends in the Atlanta area and getting involved in the local community.

Crystal Taylor Perry launched the nonprofit organization Melanated PEARL Corp. while a student in Agnes Scott's Digital Communication and Writing Master of Arts program. PEARL stands for Passionate Engaged Activists, Resisting Limitations. The organization's mission is to empower, educate and uplift women, with a particular focus on Black women. Since graduating last spring, Crystal continues to expand Melanated PEARL in the community by providing critical services that contribute to the economic stability and mobility of women. Crystal's company recently received a \$25,000 grant from the United Way focusing on education, food insecurity, housing and mental health. To learn more about Melanated PEARL, visit melanatedpearlcorp.agnesscott.org.

'02

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Brooke Bedson Wilbur became "Grandma

BB” on Dec. 23, 2020, when her bonus daughter, Crysta, and husband Steve welcomed Jayce Alexander.

Remote education with a teenager was not without its challenges this past year, and **Amber Raley’s** house in Atlanta was significantly damaged by a falling tree, which also totaled her brother’s car. But Amber is thankful for being able to teach open andragogy courses in Sustainable Communities and Intro to Urban Life, a new job opportunity as employer outreach director with Dallas College, a U.S. Department of Education grant to work on open educational resources for transportation planning with the University of Texas at Arlington (libraries.uta.edu/news-events/blog/uta-faculty-lead-500000-department-education-transportation-planning-oer-project), and a relocation to a mid-century modern home in Farmers Branch, Texas, where she now serves on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Fans of urban planning can tune in on the second and fourth Mondays to see local policy discussions.

Kimberly “Kim” McNamara still has three kids, all teenagers. None is driving (thank God). She is still married to Michael McKnight. She still can’t spell, and she still owns Read It Again Bookstore in Suwanee, Ga. Two years ago they expanded to include the space next door. They also removed the horrible green carpet that Kim loathed. The bookstore looks amazing. When the pandemic hit, Read It Again had a full lineup of author events. Kim, not wanting to cancel, moved all her events to YouTube and Facebook Live. Since April, Kim and her staff have posted over 100 videos of authors, poetry hours and story times. You can find them on YouTube by searching for Read It Again Bookstore. Kim would also like to encourage her fellow classmates to mask up, stay safe and read more books.

Elizabeth Dominguez participated in a wonderful presentation to current Agnes Scott students detailing her amazing career in public health. Her fellow classmates enjoyed hearing about her career and catching up with her.

Kimberly Fowler Bandoh was recently appointed a judgeship in the Magistrate Court of Clayton County, Ga.

'03

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Kelly Williams recently was promoted to director at University of Washington Medicine Advancement.

Jodi Dixon Taylor and fellow Scottie Yehimi Cambrón '14 were named Atlanta Business Chronicle’s “Top 40 Under 40” 2020 honorees. Jodi also recently transitioned from the legal department as associate general counsel at Brasfield & Gorrie LLC to director of Human Resources. **Jelena Crawford Fordella**, a former 40 under 40 honoree, served on the selection committee this year.

Cara Steinbuchel is going full time with her business, Cara Mae Skin Care. She is grateful for the support of so many Scotties, helping her business grow even through the pandemic.

Whitney Miller Ott was selected for Leadership Atlanta’s class of 2021.

'04

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Emily Bielawski Buckley is using this time of the pandemic to learn a language and write a book. She celebrated her birthday with friends both near and far, including **Catherine Courtenay Miller Dufour** and **Nina Tioleco-Constantino**. Emily enjoys swimming in the nearby lake and hiking in the Colorado mountains.

Courtenay adds that she would like Scotties to please welcome the newest member of the class of 2042, Lydia Grace Courtenay Dufour! Lydia Grace was born on Aug. 18, 2020. Courtenay said, “She is our bright light during this difficult time.”

Courtney Dredde Carter continues to enjoy living in Washington, D.C., and working from her living room. She is still leading diversity and inclusion at a large law firm and, although 2020 was a challenging year, she hopes to be able to resume travel sooner rather than later!

'05

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Rebecca Earle Raciborski is working as a research health scientist for the Center for Mental Health Outcomes Research at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Atlanta.

Bevin Gaines Morgan started a new job as a financial trainer at Financial Gym (financialgym.com/team/bevin-morgan). Her articles and podcast appearances can be found on her website, BevinMorgan.me.

Fumilayo “Fumi” Showers married Ilesanmi Adeboye, an associate professor of mathematics at Wesleyan University, on Aug. 1, 2020, in an intimate ceremony at their home in Middletown, Conn. Fumi also started a new position as assistant professor of sociology and Africana studies at University of Connecticut in spring 2020.

Khara Agana Muniz moved to the Caribbean with her family in 2020 and purchased a sailboat. Her nautical journey can be followed on Instagram: [@lovemyasiancurls](https://www.instagram.com/lovemyasiancurls).

On Sep. 19, 2020, **Hilary Parton** married Michael Meder at Freebird Books and Goods in Brooklyn, N.Y. The ceremony took place over Zoom and was followed by a COVID-19-safe road trip honeymoon through 20 states.

Julia “Jewels” DeBlasio Olsheski, Samantha Casne, Carrie Cooper Bentley and Alice Hudson Pell met on a Zoom call during COVID-19.

'06

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Courtney Ware Lett started a new job on July 6, 2020, as a senior consultant communications specialist with Booz Allen Hamilton in Atlanta. She is grateful for the bright spots in 2020.

Kherra Crowe Lopez married her love, Franklin Javier Lopez, on Dec. 28, 2018, in a small and intimate ceremony filled with close family and friends. After a year and a half of wedded bliss, the couple welcomed their first child, Gracelynn

Esperanza Lopez, on April 8, 2020. Their precious baby girl is doing well, and the new mommy and daddy are enjoying the wonders of parenthood

Emmeline Creasy McWilliams, her husband and her three children moved to Yokohama, Japan, in October 2019 for a three-year assignment. Despite COVID-19, they have loved getting to know the Japanese culture, spent a lot of time outdoors, and even managed to do some amazing, socially distant skiing in Hokkaido over the holidays. It's been a great adventure so far!

Ashley Spicer Wardlow started a new job in March 2020 and is now executive director of the Northwest Arkansas Tech Summit at the Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce. This year, she began a term as president of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Margaret Renn Judin Freuchtel, along with her husband, Jason, and son, Ethan, welcomed Blythe Camellia Freuchtel to the world on Jan. 12, 2021. They are all loving the new addition.

Katherine E. Crews was awarded an Ed.D. in special education from Nova Southeastern University in May 2020. Kate completed her master's degree in literacy at Mercer University in Atlanta and works as a reading specialist at Read-Able Developmental Learning Clinic in Lilburn, Ga.

'07

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Maritza B. Aldir was honored to receive a promotion at Ogilvy, one of the most prestigious and historic advertising agencies in the world. Her new title is executive producer.

Adrienne Alexander and her husband, Alexander Villaverde, welcomed Esperanza Alexander Villaverde to their family on July 19, 2020. Big sister Caridad was extremely excited for a new addition in quarantine times and takes very seriously her “job” of reading to the baby.

Angela Wilcox DeQuesada and her husband, Ivan, welcomed their son, Auden Zephyr DeQuesada, into the world on April 1, 2020, at

Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Auden arrived three weeks early but was healthy and perfect, joining his older sister, Charlotte

Camellia Green became a licensed professional counselor supervisor in private practice based in the New Orleans area. She also is a doctoral candidate at the University of New Orleans, pursuing her Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision. In addition, Camellia recently accepted an adjunct teaching position for spring 2021.

Martha Zulema Guajardo became an assistant principal with the New York City Department of Education this past year. She loves her school, New Pathways Academy, a public middle school located in the Bronx, N.Y.

Sara Haj-Hussein was thrilled to begin her new position as development director for the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in January 2021.

Emily Kelly-Hollier and her husband, Mark Hollier, welcomed their son, Lucas “Luke” Dean Kelly-Hollier, on Oct. 23, 2020. He is their first child and the first nephew to his aunt, Sarah Kelly ’11.

Tiffany McKenzie Nuriddin opened two new Atlanta-area locations of Perspire Sauna Studio, an infrared sauna franchise, in addition to her existing Buckhead location. The two new studios are in Virginia-Highland and Sandy Springs, Ga.

Loretta J. Ross was featured in a November 2020 New York Times article titled, “What if Instead of Calling People Out, We Called Them In?” She was the keynote speaker for Agnes Scott’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Commemorative Week in January 2021, and was named one of the Top 100 Feminists for 2020 by Ms. Magazine. She currently is a professor at Smith College.

Charleen Wilcox moved to Seattle, Wash., in January 2021 to accept a new role as director for Marketing and Communications at the University of Washington College of Education. Prior to her move, Charleen successfully defended her dissertation prospectus to achieve Ph.D. candidacy in the Moving Image Studies doctoral program at Georgia State University.

'08

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Cecilia Batchelor obtained her Master of Science in Nutrition from Meredith College in May 2020 and married Christopher Taylor in November 2020. She resides in Wake Forest, N.C., and is working as a registered dietitian and certified diabetes care and education specialist at a University of North Carolina Health outpatient clinic.

The Reverend **Catherine Boyle** was ordained by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, Calif., on Dec. 5, 2020.

Leah “Leigh” Takata started a new position as vice president of Operations for Steel King Studios in January. In honor of a friend who recently passed, she has started the S.T. Shimi Performer Scholarship Fund for aerial artists like herself. She currently resides with Boo, her cat, in Phoenix, Ariz.

In late 2020, **Briana Cox** was accepted into the Dominican University School of Information Studies, where she’ll be studying for her master’s in library and information science. She hopes to obtain her degree with a concentration in data and knowledge management within the next three years. She plans to use her degree to further her data analysis and survey work at the MacArthur Foundation.

Thuy Hong Nguyen, M.D., is now the department chair of Psychiatry at Integris Health and medical director at the Oklahoma City Recovery Unit.

Judith Pierce recently transitioned away from the world of higher education to local government. She is now public outreach coordinator for the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, a role that combines her interests in risk communication, local advocacy and freaking out people about another looming public health disaster.

Lauren Sadler Lerman’s second child, Solomon “Solly” Jacob Lerman, turned 1 year old in late January.

This winter, **Christine Hearn**, **Katherine Frazier-Archila** and **Claire Huddleston Seifert** enjoyed weekly bicoastal virtual playdates for their new baby boys who, coincidentally, were born in three subsequent weeks last autumn: Cory Joseph Vatsaas Jr. (Sep. 17, 2020), Matias Bernario Archila (Sep. 23, 2020) and August James Seifert (Sep. 30, 2020), respectively.

Proud parents **Erin Gisby-Fears** and Rasmus Gisby announce the birth of their beloved daughter, Augustine Cecilia Denise. Born Aug. 28, 2020, at Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden, Augustine — or “Auggie,” as she’s fondly called — was 7.7 lbs. and 16.5 inches at birth. She is the first child for the couple and the sunshine in their lives.

'09

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During the past few months, members of the class of 2009 have welcomed new family members galore! In the human category, **Laura Shaver Jordan** and her family welcomed Jonas Russell Jordan, who is adored by big sister Edith as well as anyone who catches sight of his dimples.

As for family additions of the “has paws” variety, **Kali Bertelsen** and new pal Sir Pete Bubbies the Pirate are getting in some good together time, while Pete stares into and most certainly judges other beings’ souls. (Get off his lawn!) **Tiffany Claiborne** has brought her own little monster to the party, Boo — named after the “Monsters, Inc.” character, but whose full name is “Boo Berry” so existing kity Honey Bunches of Oats doesn’t feel left out. She was a big handful during her first few months of life but remains an adorable, snuggly beast. (Instagram loves her.)

Louisa Hill just completed writing for season 2 of CBS’s “Evil” and is now a co-producer of an Apple TV+ drama. (Stream it soon!)

Laura Jade Hershberger recently passed the milestone of spending a whole year inside and would like to invite everyone to continue being responsible and staying home as much as possible until we have herd immunity.

Good luck to us all.

'10

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Holly Nelson started a new job as director of Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution at the University of Colorado, Boulder, on Feb. 1, 2021.

Savannah Sharp Parison and her husband welcomed Michelle Jean Parison, their first child, on Nov. 29, 2020. Michelle is currently a champion sleeper and is developing an impressive vocabulary of grunts, coos and shouts.

Alisha Udhwani is president-elect of the Virgin Islands Bar Association and will be president in 2022.

'11

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Darcy Hammond finished her Ph.D. in natural resources at the University of Idaho in December 2020.

Anna Young Nastasi and her husband bought their first house in spring 2020 in Baltimore, Md. Anna has kept busy over the past year by baking biscuits for her husband’s restaurant, starting a podcast and learning to crochet, while continuing to work and teach remotely.

Chani Zwibel Butler and her husband, Evan, recently purchased their first home in Smyrna, Ga. Chani is working as a full-time library clerk at Life University Library. She began a Master of Library and Information Science degree program at Valdosta State University. She published her third chapbook, “Cash Registers to Cave Dreams.”

In summer 2020, **Meghan Ryan** joined a startup, Eterneva, in Austin, Texas, as recruiting and operations manager. Eterneva is a grief wellness company with a mission to change the culture conversation on grief and to offer ways for people to remember lost loved ones in a remarkable way. She is thrilled to be

part of a team with a mission she cares deeply about! **Sarah Bowen Hersh** relocated to Huntersville, N.C., in December 2020 with her husband, Eric, and two cats, Huskey and Snowman. Sarah and Eric purchased their first home in Huntersville and are enjoying getting settled into their new home and state.

Katie Kinsey Kilgore started a new job with the University of Central Florida's Office of Research as an institutional review board specialist in November 2020.

Ruth Reveal and Emily Moore Weiss, along with their husbands and babies, had a COVID-19-conscious meetup in January 2021. Both Scotties thought it was pretty special and surreal to safely get together, snuggle each other's babies, and have their older children, Wesley Drake-Reveal and Lanie Weiss, meet!

In October 2020, **Onyinye Edeh** was recognized as one of 50 Changemakers of Public Health by the University of Washington School of Public Health, where she received her Master Public Health degree in 2013. In January 2021, Onyinye was promoted to the position of Anglophone Africa officer with the new Family Planning 2030 Secretariat at the United Nations Foundation.

Mehwish Shaukat began a Social Justice Fellowship at the MacArthur Justice Center in January 2021.

Ashley McCook got engaged in November 2020 to her partner of more than five years, Jonathan. They do not have wedding plans yet but are focusing on purchasing a home sometime this year.

Kierra Johnson and her husband, Zachary, welcomed Zahra Lynn Johnson earthside on Aug. 16, 2020, during the global pandemic! Kierra planned to give birth at a local birthing center, but Zahra couldn't wait and was born in the car! They are excited to celebrate Zahra's half birthday on Feb. 16, 2021.

Gwendylon "Gwen" Smith Watson is a part of Team ATL with Dajun Dai, Ph.D., and Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, Ph.D., that was selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Program. Team ATL's Research Project is "Remove: A community-based intervention to advance environment justice and

health." The project's focus is to determine whether geographically focused health messages developed by lay citizens could increase radon testing in communities of color. Link: [//irleaders.org/team/remove-a-community-based-intervention-to-advance-environment-justice-and-health/](https://irleaders.org/team/remove-a-community-based-intervention-to-advance-environment-justice-and-health/).

Annalise Ford has occupied her pandemic year with two new hobbies: classical guitar lessons and camping. She loves exploring Utah's beautiful landscapes and invites any Scottie sibs who want to see the West to come and check it out with her sometime!

'12

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Taylor "Tally" Deushane married Jackson Klinefelter in a six-person backyard ceremony on Nov. 21, 2020. She plans to properly celebrate in late 2021 with **Deborah Susanne Willis-Ventre** and **Catherine Varner** as bridesmaids.

Katherine Curtiss accepted a position as a consultant for UNICEF's Education in Emergencies division. Katherine researches and coordinates advocacy-related work on issues of COVID-19 global education policies, education in conflict zones and migration, with a special focus in the Eastern Africa and Middle East and North Africa regions.

Kaitlyn McCune graduated from her OB-GYN residency in 2020 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. She moved to Northern Japan as a captain in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corp and marvels at the incredible and rewarding work of delivering babies safely into the world. During her downtime, Kaitlyn enjoys exploring her new home with her dog.

'14

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Phoebe Perry lives in Amsterdam with her boyfriend. She is learning Dutch, looking for work as a production assistant and developing sketches for her public access television show *Normaal Genoeg*.

Emily Gwen Angleton Reimche got married in September 2020. Due to COVID-19, she had a scaled-down courthouse wedding with her parents.

Elizabeth Higgins-Gabriels recently moved from Austin, Texas, to Seattle, Wash., with her partner, Piyush, and dog, Cassius. She started a three-year program at the Seattle School of Body Psychotherapy.

Maggie Rose Berardo is working as a full-time writer at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and in 2020 helped raise more than \$8 million for her museum's educational programming through writing grants and charitable proposals. She also has gotten into apartment gardening and has a collection of potted plants that all have names.

Rachelle Pierre-Marbury got married on Oct. 10, 2020.

'15

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Martha C. Wallace has been offered work at the Learning and Tutoring Center at Georgia State Perimeter College.

Aerial Reese graduated with a Master of Science in organizational leadership from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in December 2020.

Eternal grad student **Ruth Johnson** has gotten into the California Institute of the Arts and is studying creative writing and film directing. She's always wanted to be a film director, and now she's finally getting her chance. She's living in Milwaukee until at least the fall.

Courtney Taylor, a senior writer at Hallmark Cards, was one of three writers who created Mahogany's new Uplifted & Empowered collection, cards celebrating the beauty, significance and power of Black lives. Courtney wrote five cards for this collection. Read her article "We Matter: Inside the Mahogany Uplifted & Empowered Collection" on ideas.hallmark.com for an inside look at how these cards came to be. Find the collection at hallmark.com/mahogany.

'16

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Briana Vannoy worked as an office manager for Peachtree Psychological Associates right out of college, then onboarded with Emory Healthcare Systems in May 2016, just two days after graduation. What a blessing! She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in November 2017 and her life was flipped upside down. She has been hospitalized 12 times while managing to keep her jobs and still is a life and health licensed insurance agent (since 2017). She is excited about her new future in her job with Untapped Potential Services LLC as a behavioral health aide.

Betty Johnson started her executive MBA program at Louisiana State University with a focus on emerging technology.

Halden Ingwersen is happy to report that she had a "COVID-good" year. Though the world was chaotic, she managed to publish four new original games (one a finalist in a game design contest), hold down her job as managing editor at Indiehackers.com, grow much of her own food in a thriving garden, learn Nalbinding and keep two sourdough starters alive simultaneously (though you probably can thank her fiancée, Lex, for that). Attempts to actually learn German in a way that would please Frau Drescher remain her primary 2020+ struggle.

Rachel Brazeale will be published in the Jan./Feb. 2021 edition of Archival Outlook, the Society of American Archivists' bimonthly magazine. The article is titled "Documenting COVID-19 Artifacts: The Henry Ford Response."

Christina Moten-Johnson currently works for the Texas House of Representatives. She also is studying for her MBA in marketing and management and will graduate in May 2021. Christina looks forward to what the future brings as she pursues her next adventure.

Claire Kircharr has continued to work for the Escambia County Healthy Start Coalition. She received a promotion in 2020 and became director of Fetal and Infant Mortality. She has found a passion for bereavement work and helping families after a pregnancy and infant loss.

Stephanie Berry married David Jones and went from #BerrytoJones on Nov. 7, 2020, in a COVID-19-safe wedding. She was grateful to have three fellow Muses with her: **Shalima Wellington** was their officiant while **Victoria Reed** and Claire Kircharr served as in-person bridesmaids. **Avery**

Kiesling celebrated as a bridesmaid from Manchester, England, since COVID-19 restricted her from traveling.

Avery Kiesling has crossed the pond back to the United States after five years abroad in Manchester, England. She is excited to bring back a fiancé, Will Gough. They are looking forward to new adventures in the U.S.

'17

Jessica Luegering

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Miranda Gammon Coker married Benjamin Coker on Dec. 21, 2019. She now lives in Knoxville, Tenn., with her husband, renovating their fixer-upper and attending law school.

Ryland All married Kit Weber on Oct. 28, 2020, a day after her birthday. In November 2020, she finished her Master of Secondary Education degree. She began student teaching in February 2021.

Elizabeth “Stokes” O’Shields adopted a senior silver sable German shepherd named Hank. He’s a big, sweet, lovable boy, and she’s excited to welcome him into the family.

Caroline Cañas and **Cailin Laughlin** added a new furry member to the family when they adopted a kitten named Thimble. Their older cat, Needle, has adjusted very well to his little brother.

'18

Abigail “Abi” Camden

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Summer Bosley Fernandez married Andrew Fernandez in Savannah, Ga., on Nov. 16, 2019. They have since relocated to New Orleans, La., and welcomed a second dog into their family.

Emily Bryans Dobar married William Dobar on Nov. 7, 2020, in Newborn, Ga.

Anner Harris relocated to San Antonio, Texas. In January 2020, she was accepted to the Integrated Biomedical Sciences doctoral program at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where she is currently enrolled.

'20

Madeline “Maddie” Braggalla

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Olivia Ancrum is attending the University of Washington in Seattle, Wash., pursuing a master’s degree in epidemiology on the Maternal and Child Health track.

Faith Rashidi-Yazd has accepted a position as the admissions experience fellow at Agnes Scott College!

Emma Shaw has recently moved to State College, Pa., and is starting her first year in Penn State’s Graduate Program in Acoustics.

Adedayo “Dayo” Ajanaku was accepted to the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law with the class of 2024.

Samira Shahbandy is pursuing her master’s degree in integrated global communications at Kennesaw State University in Ga. She has started doing research for the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Mariah Lewis has been accepted into the University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland, and will pursue a master’s degree in peace and development studies. She will move to Limerick and begin her studies in fall 2021.

Hannah Piecuch began an accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing program at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center and hopes to graduate at the end of 2021!

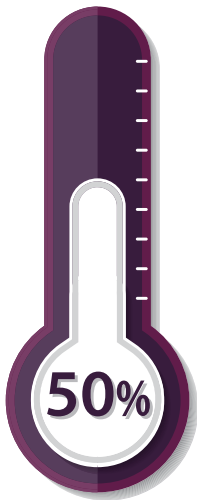
Callicott “Callie” Pierce accepted a public health educator position at her local health department. Since starting in December 2020, she has worked on distributing the COVID-19 vaccines in her community by scheduling appointments and coordinating vaccine distribution sites. She is looking forward to serving her hometown community in Tenn.!

In June 2020, **Alexis Doss** accepted a position as case investigator for her local public health department on its COVID-19 response team. In late July 2020, she was promoted to supervisor. In this role, she educates patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and staff at health care facilities such as physician groups, hospitals and health systems on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state Department of Public Health guidelines.

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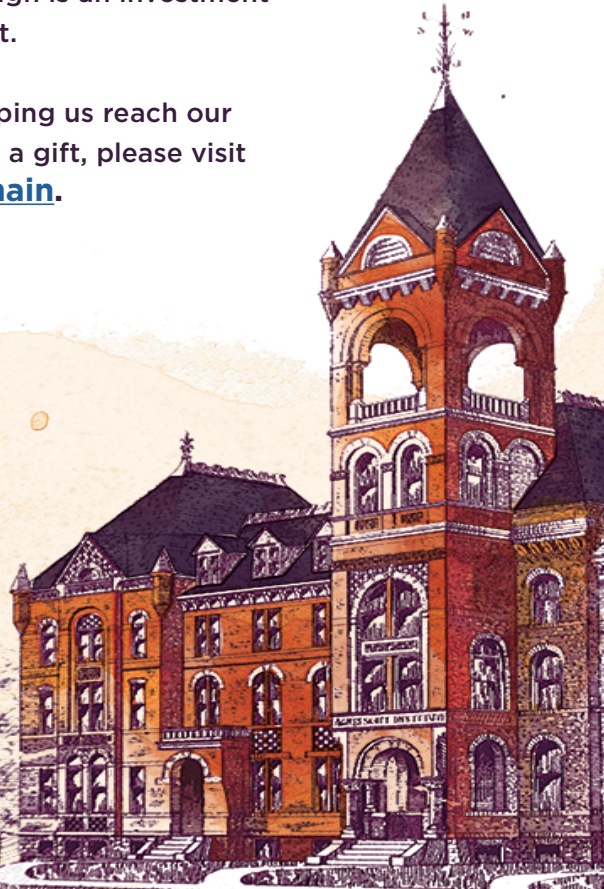


The urgency of completing the much-needed restoration of Main Hall is about much more than fundraising goal. The pandemic has affirmed that the foundation of a quality liberal arts education is a dynamic residential experience. Finishing the Campaign for Main is about returning students to the building's three residential floors, so they can flourish as part of Agnes Scott's renowned campus community.

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The Agnes Scott Alumnae Association is happy to announce the births of these alumnae children.

'04

Callan Michael MacDonald, second son to **Susan McLaughlin MacDonald** and husband Scott, Aug. 29, 2020

'05

Alexander Karim “Z” Bougassa, born to **Kathryn “Katy” Rosenbaum** and husband Yassir Bougassa, on Aug. 9, 2020

Stella Jane Parsons, born to **Alexis Crane**, Nov. 3, 2020

Loman Jonathan Christopher Boykin, born to **Jennifer Bartell Boykin** and husband Lester, Sep. 18, 2020

'07

Lucas “Luke” Dean Kelly-Hollier, born to **Emily Kelly-Hollier** and husband Mark Hollier, Oct. 23, 2020

Auden Zephyr DeQuesada, born to **Angela “Angi” Wilcox DeQuesada** and husband Ivan, April 1, 2020

Esperanza Alexander Villaverde, born to **Adrienne “Dri” Alexander** and husband Alexander Villaverde, July 19, 2020

'10

Margaret Diane Knight and Madeline Ruby Knight, twin daughters of **Olivia Greene-Knight** and husband Carlton Knight, Dec. 11, 2020

Michelle Jean Parison, born to **Savannah Sharp Parison** and her husband, Nov. 29, 2020

'11

Harlan Marlowe Aytac, born to **Hannah Marlowe** and Yigit Aytac, July 30, 2020

Zahra Lynn Johnson, born to **Kierra Johnson** and husband Zachary, Aug. 16, 2020

'12

Etienne José Luna, born to **Emily Tan Luna** and spouse Eddy Luna, April 27, 2020

Bridget Elizabeth Marie Slack, born to **Stefanie Donham Slack** and husband James Slack, Sep. 11, 2020

'13

Ellis Theresa Markwalter, born to **Christine Franzel Markwalter** and husband Daniel Markwalter, Sep. 2, 2020

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deaths

The Agnes Scott Alumnae Association offers condolences to the classmates, alumnae and families who lost loved ones over the last reporting period.

'37

Cecilia Baird, Jan. 13, 2020

'40

Julia Winifred Moseley, Aug. 9, 2020

'42

Clementina "Tina" Ransom Louis, Nov. 25, 2020

Dorothy Nabers Allen, Jan. 5, 2021

Josephine "Betty" Nash Story, mother of Linda Boone '72, Feb. 8, 2021

'43

Nora Percy Middleton Salvant, January 2021

'44

Anne Ward Amacher, June 5, 2019

Barbara Connolly Kaplan, cousin of Eunice Carr '53, Aug. 20, 2019

Marjorie Smith Stephens, Dec. 20, 2020

'45

Frances King Mann, March 20, 2020

Mary Turner Buchanan, mother of Leslie New '70 and Margaret L. Gunter '78, Jan. 18, 2021

Jeane White DuBose, Feb. 8, 2021

'46

Pattie Dean Curry, Aug. 4, 2020

Lucile E. Beaver, Dec. 15, 2020

Mary Duckworth Gellerstedt, mother of D. Gayle Gellerstedt '71 and sister of Dorothy Williams '52, Dec. 27, 2020

Irene Williams Jacob Sturgis, Feb. 15, 2021

'47

Christina Yates Parr, Jan. 1, 2021

'48

Evelyn Woodward, Aug. 25, 2020

Frank Burton Vardeman Jr., husband of Martha Hay Vardeman, Sep. 9, 2020

Mildred Jones Colvin, Sep. 20, 2020

Barbara Ann Blair, Sep. 24, 2020

Mary Sheely Little Miller, Nov. 19, 2020

Robert C. Etheridge, husband of Mary Elizabeth Jackson Etheridge, Dec. 23, 2020

John Luchsinger, husband of Amelia Davis Luchsinger, Dec. 28, 2020

Virginia Tyler McNair, Jan. 7, 2021

'49

Carmen Shaver Brown, mother of Catherine S. Rose '78, Aug. 9, 2020

Matilda Caroline Alexander, sister of Victoria A. Sharp '46, Sep. 25, 2020

Malcolm Jones Jr., son of Mary Virginia Skinner Jones, Oct. 2020

Nancy Parks Murray, mother of Elizabeth "Betsy" Anderson Blair '73 and Ellen Anderson '81, Nov. 8, 2020

Shirley Simmons Duncan, Dec. 16, 2020

Sue Tidwell Dixon Paulsen, Jan. 3, 2021

Robert Donald Burke, husband of Nelda Brantley Burke, Aug. 10, 2020

'50

Anne Irwin Smith, Sep. 30, 2020

Robert Merritt, husband of Cama Clarkson Merritt, Nov. 14, 2020

'51

Janette Mattox Calhoon, Sep. 24, 2019

Ruth Jenelle Spear, Aug. 15, 2020

Monica Jean Longino Hiler, Oct. 13, 2020

Mary Stubbs Tyson, cousin of Jane Nix '68, Dec. 3, 2020

Lula Morris Alexander, Dec. 30, 2020

Anna Gounaris, Jan. 24, 2021

Virginia Kay Daniel, Jan. 24, 2021

Richard E. Kerner, husband of Virginia Feddeman Kerner and father of Anne Kerner

'74, Jan. 28, 2021

Freddie Hachtel Daum, mother of
Marie C. Daum Day '88, Feb. 5, 2021

'52

Carolyn Wettstein Radford, February 11, 2021

Sarah Helen Huie Bahr, April 5, 2004

Frederick Dickman III, husband of Catherine
Crowe Ragland, April 30, 2020

Lamar Roberts, husband of Shirley Heath Roberts,
June 6, 2020

Dr. Hugh Smisson, husband of LaWahna Rigdon
Smisson and father of Summer I. Smisson Neel

'83, Sep. 24, 2020

Janice White Broadhurst, Sep. 29, 2020

Martha Hansen Blumer, Dec. 21, 2020

Barbara Grace Palmour, Dec. 22, 2020

'53

Margaret Hooker Hartwein, June 6, 2020

Betty Krauth Quarterman, July 27, 2020

Marion Sanders Murray, Aug. 25, 2020

Mary Birmingham Timmons, Nov. 26, 2020

'55

Catherine Eichelberger Krell, aunt of Sandra

E. Eichelberger '79, Sep. 9, 2020

Thomas Scott Willoch, grandson of Agnes

"Mickey" Scott Willoch, Sep. 17, 2020

'56

Robert Powell Hodges, husband of Martha Anne

Bullard Hodges, Sep. 13, 2020

Alice Ann Klostermeyer Erwin Morgan, Oct.
6, 2020

Jacqueline Plant Fincher, Oct. 24, 2020

Elinor Claire Irwin Peeler, Nov. 1, 2020

'57

Dr. James D. Newsome, husband of Suzella "Sis"

Newsome, July 16, 2020

Hazel Hall Burger, mother of Dr. Jennifer H.

Burger '90, Sep. 5, 2020

William Hunt Burger, husband of Hazel Hall

Burger, Sep. 19, 2020

Grace Molineux Goodwin, mother of Sarah

Goodwin Rollins '87 and cousin of Elizabeth

Perkins Klemann '65, Dec. 27, 2020

Emily Starnes Gibbs, aunt of Paula C. Weaver

'79, Feb. 23, 2021

'58

Nancy Hale Johnson, April 26, 2020

Eugene Dunwody, husband of Susan Foxworth

Dunwody, Jan. 9, 2021

Jeanne Slade Berry, Jan. 19, 2021

'59

Martha Clarke Bethea, July 16, 2020

Edith Hurt Ford, Aug. 19, 2020

Jimmy Lee Harrison, husband of Anne Tilly Lee,
Sep. 18, 2020

Sara Lu Persinger Snyder, Jan. 5, 2021

Jeanette Beaird Jones, Jan. 21, 2021

'60

Priscilla Gainer Faulkner, July 7, 2020

Joanna "Jody" Webb Custer, daughter of Jo

Smith Webb '30, sister of Judy Webb Cheshire '60,
mother of Julianna "Julie" Custer Altman '84 and

aunt of Joanna M. Cheshire Levitan '86, Sep. 3,
2020

Hytho Bagiatis Symbas, Sep. 16, 2020

Celia L. Crook Richardson, Sep. 17, 2020

Everdina Nieuwenhuis, Dec. 4, 2020

Joanna "Jody" Webb Custer '60, mother of Julie
Custer Altman, on Sep. 3, 2020

'61

Cornelia Brown Nichols, aunt of Ruth Jean Lee

McDonald '73 and Valeria J. Lee '74, Oct. 31, 2020

Paul Hines, husband of Judith "Judy" Albergotti

Hines, Nov. 4, 2020

Sandra Boger Steadman, Nov. 26, 2020

Polly Brooks Simpson, Dec. 24, 2020

'62

Joe Karcher, husband of Sylvia Pruitt Karcher,

Dec. 12, 2020

'63

Mary Maxime Stubbs Warlick, Jan. 17, 2021

Sue McKenzie Tuck, Jan. 18, 2021

Terry Young, husband of Nancy Abernethy Young,

Feb. 3, 2021

'65

Ella Sloan Fouche Christian, Nov. 2019

Phyllis Smith Morris, Oct. 21, 2020

Malcolm Nash III, husband of Patricia Gay Nash,

Jan. 9, 2021

'66

Martha Ann Montmeat Harre, Sep. 7, 2020

Herman Gudger Nichols Jr., husband of Mary

Kuykendall Nichols, Sep. 23, 2020

'67

Linda Marks, Sep. 21, 2020

'68

Walter McCreary, husband of Samuel "Sammye" Burnette Brown, July 26, 2020

Samuel David Ramsey, husband of Rebecca "Becky" Griffin Ramsey, Aug. 25, 2020

Sara Ann "Sally" Wasowski, Dec. 12, 2020

'69

Edna Waldrop Hamilton, mother of Nancy Hamilton Holcombe and Judith "Judy" Hamilton Grubbs '73, July 17, 2020

Beverly Gray LaRoche Anderson, Dec. 20, 2020

Mary Charles Fitzpatrick Wilmer, Jan. 15, 2021

'70

William D. Anstine, brother of Elizabeth Anstine Haines, Aug. 8, 2020

Mary Susan Pickard Zialcita, Jan. 3, 2021
Mother of Anne Marquess Camp, July 2020
Sister of Christine Pence, Oct. 2020

'71

Albert Somit, husband of Linda "Lyn" Corder, Aug. 2, 2020

'73

Edna Waldrop Hamilton, mother of Judith "Judy" Hamilton Grubbs and Nancy Hamilton Holcombe '69, July 17, 2020

'74

Dan Whelchel, father of Wendy Whelchel, March 22, 2020

W.R. "Dick" Coffey, father of Pamela "Pam" Coffey, June 8, 2020

John T. Lee, father of Teresa Lee, June 24, 2020

Valeria Jan Lee, daughter of Valeria B. Brown Lee '47, sister of Ruth Jean Lee McDonald '73 and niece of Cornelia Brown Nichols '61, Nov. 14, 2020

'75

Peggy Fox Harris, mother of Deborah Harris Painter, July 23, 2020

Martha Gail Sullivan Robinson, Feb. 12, 2021

'76

Rachel Dawn Alexander McMahan, Jan. 21, 2021

'77

Joseph Fitzhugh, father of Kandace Fitzhugh Carty, May 7, 2020

Celestine Grant, mother of Audrey Grant and grandmother of Nzinga Ayana Shakir '96 and Nkenge Ayoka Shakir '99, Sep. 14, 2020

Patrice Ivy Davis, Oct. 5, 2020

'81

Lucille Perez Lopez, sister of Mari Perez Hobgood '79 and Rose Perez Stokes '80, March 4, 2020

'84

Joanna "Jody" Webb Custer '60, mother of Julie Custer Altman, on Sep. 3, 2020

'85

Dr. Joseph A. Snitzer III, husband of Elizabeth "Liz" Hallman Snitzer, Jan. 18, 2021

'87

Grace Molineux Goodwin '57, mother of Sarah Goodwin Rollins, Dec. 27, 2020

'88

Phyllis Lea Heaton Bean, Feb. 8, 2021

'93

Margrit W. Nash, mother of Helen Nash, Nov. 21, 2020

'97

Edward N. Lockhart, father of Lucien M. Lockhart, Dec. 11, 2020

'13

Joshua Norris, husband of Tiffany Castillo, July 27, 2020

'14

Barbara Washington, mother of Tiffany N. Washington, Feb. 11, 2021

'17

Lee Amason, father of Cilia "Charlee" Amason, Aug. 29, 2020



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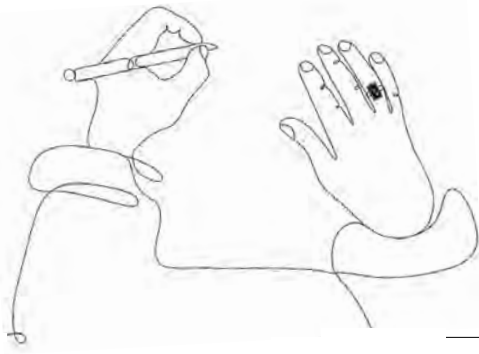
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Staying Connected the Old-Fashioned Way

Michelle Moses '90 and the class of 1990's Letter Writing Initiative

As the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects continued last summer, Michele Moses '90 noticed many of her fellow classmates were posting on social media about their struggles as parents of college-aged kids. She couldn't help but think of the difficult decisions they had to make before the upcoming fall semester.

Naturally, this led Michele to think about current Agnes Scott students — especially first-year students — and the difficult situation COVID-19 put them in.

"I remembered how much campus life meant to me," Michele said. "The beautiful campus, the amazing friendships created in the dorms, the excitement of being in a college classroom with professors, all sorts of new concepts and ideas coming together to transform who I was."

As an alumna Michele wanted to create a small, but meaningful, way for alums to express their support to first-year students. She posted on the class of 1990 Facebook page asking what her classmates thought about sending cards to first-year students. After missing their 30th Reunion due to COVID-19, the class of 1990 was ready and eager to engage with students and the college.

Getting alums to volunteer was easy, but matching those willing alums to students — while protecting their privacy and making sure everything was done properly — was a little more challenging. Michele worked with Senior Director of Alumnae Relations Mary Frances Kerr, who in turn worked with colleagues across campus to create an action plan.

In late September an email was sent to all first-year Scotties at their college email addresses asking if they wanted to receive a letter from an alum. Michele and Mary Frances nervously contemplated the response from students. What if First-Year students in 2020 thought actual, physical greeting cards were lame?

It became apparent quickly that any concerns of student participation should be put at ease. Nearly 50 first-year Scotties signed up to receive a card from an alum.

"It didn't bother me that students may have thought 'old' alums wanted to send them 'old-fashioned' cards," Michele said. "I knew, even in this modern world, that a card can still speak volumes about how much someone cares about you."

Another email went out to first-year students in early October, and more Scotties signed up to receive a card. Every willing student and every alumna had a match.

Grace Ashton '24, a french major, started her Agnes Scott experience remotely from her home in New Hampshire this fall. She was the first-year student who Michele was matched with.

"I'm so grateful for Michele's generosity and hope to emulate her community-mindedness as I grow here at Agnes Scott," Grace said. "Her words of support reminded me of how I have become part of a welcoming community of people who care deeply about their [alma mater]."

All together, approximately 80 first-year students would be contacted by an alum who wanted to send them a little extra love and encouragement from their Scottie sisters and siblings.

"Sometimes simple ideas and gestures can mean so much," Michele said. "The struggles of 2020 are enormous for everyone, but reaching out to each other during difficult times does make a difference. The Scottiehood is alive and well; even a global pandemic cannot tear us apart."

Do you have a special onyx ring story? Let us know at alumnae@agnesscott.edu!

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Class News and Notes from the Alumnae of **Agnes Scott College**



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The Association serves to strengthen bonds and understanding in a diverse alumnae community.

The Association advocates for increased alumnae engagement with the college.





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For the fourth year in a row, Agnes Scott College received the ranking of No. 1 Most Innovative school among national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" rankings. The college also maintained its No. 1 spot in the First-Year Experiences category. Other noteworthy rankings include No. 2 in Best Undergraduate Teaching, No. 2 in Learning Communities, and No. 6 in Social Mobility.

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President's message

Dear fellow Scotties,

Everything that I've learned, experienced and observed during my year and a half as president of our remarkable Alumnae Association inspires me and fills me with excitement about our future. Together, we will continue to nurture "bonds of belonging" among our alumnae community — a phrase that President Zak recently used in remarks in the Atlanta and Decatur chapters' virtual fall kickoff. It's a phrase that captures the Alumnae Association's mission and focus for the years ahead.

As you read this issue of *The Onyx*, it's fall at Agnes Scott. Students are once again on campus. YES! This season always reminds me of my years on campus and what the Scottie network has meant to me since graduating from Agnes Scott.

What have I gained over those years? Friends for a lifetime, amazing memories of the college experience, and a mind and spirit that were forever changed, starting with those first steps onto Woodruff Quad. Since then, I also have had the benefit of walking into rooms where the quality of my college education is known and understood, and I have leveraged the deep-rooted confidence of my time at Agnes Scott to ask tough questions and dig deeper to understand and make positive change. Hopefully, these are things we all got from Agnes Scott!

Through involvement in the Alumnae Association, I've also had experiences I didn't expect to get when I first became more active. Over the past several years, connecting with Scottie siblings beyond my class years has opened up meaningful new relationships. With each Scottie I meet, I am reminded of the traits and commitments we share across the generations.

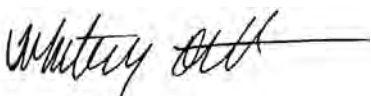
These connections are at the heart of our Alumnae Association Strategic Plan (which you can read about in this issue). Our plan is all about connecting and strengthening our Scottie network of alums. The five-year timeline of the plan hopefully gives you time to learn more and find your place in it.

I get so much back from the volunteering I do. Becoming involved as an alum is how I help ensure that Agnes Scott — home to values, traditions and ways of looking at the world that changed my life — continues to be a transformative place. And I've discovered that as an alum, it still transforms me.

While reading *The Onyx*, know that **you** are our audience. Start reading those emails from the Alumnae Office. Staff members Mary Frances Kerr '93, Amy Chastain, Tasida Webster '21 and Brooks Brower are reaching out. There are ways to connect, even during a pandemic.

Class officers — starting with those classes in reunion — are thinking about engagement in new ways. Scottie Book Month is coming (once again!) later this fall, with inspiration for conversation among generations. The partnership between the Alumnae Office and the Career Center is strong and getting stronger. There is more to come. As you look at the plan, think about the opportunities and pathways we've laid out and where you'd like to engage. Let's keep building the Scottie bonds of belonging together

All the best,



Whitney Miller Ott '03
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Senior Director's *message*

Dear Agnes Scott alumnae community:

Two years ago, when I started at Agnes Scott in this role, I was focused on how all of us, as Scotties, could harness our creativity, ingenuity, and courage to ask ourselves this question: **How can we do what we do better?**

It turned out to be an opportune moment.

We have lived through a time of enormous transition, and the evolving nature of the pandemic provides us with opportunities to do things differently. Our society is grappling with necessary and important questions about structural inequities. Some are questioning the value of a liberal arts education.

Times like these provide moments for us to reflect; we choose to embrace what is essential and timeless with new clarity and intention, or to adjust and change to meet the needs of the day at hand.

Your Alumnae Association leaders have spent the last year doing exactly what the moment required.

We spent the last year in serious reflection and planning for this next chapter in the life of our college. Members of your Alumnae Board looked at the results of our alumnae survey. We listened deeply and participated fully in the formation of the college's strategic plan, and we came up with one for ourselves.

In this issue of *The Onyx*, you'll see the connections we have in every submission of Class News. Two entries in particular — the kind words from Adele McKee '48 and the very last entry from new colleague and fellow Scottie Tasida Webster '21 — remind me of how much it means to be a Scottie. Their words capture so beautifully why **what we do matters**.

Alumnae Association President Whitney Ott and I encourage you to look at our plan to nurture the Scottie alumnae community at this moment. These Alumnae Association leaders — including every member of the Board and every single class secretary - are serving all of us with such passion and dedication. I couldn't be more honored to serve alongside them.

The biggest take away? We improve by leaning into our connections, our distinct perspectives, and shared traditions. **We are better when we are together.**

With warmth and gratitude,



Mary Frances Kerr '93
Senior Director of Alumnae Relations
mfkerr@agnesscott.edu



Vice President for College Advancement's *message*

Dear Agnes Scott alums,

After six rewarding years of service to Agnes Scott College, I will officially end my duties on Oct. 15, 2021. With this farewell letter, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you for your contributions to the wonderful chapter of Agnes Scott in my professional life.

Within two weeks of beginning as your vice president for college advancement, I attended three events — a young alumnae event hosted in the home of alumna Kathy Ashe '68, the Decatur Alumna Chapter Luncheon in Rebekah Scott Hall (before the renovation!) and the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter Luncheon held at the Druid Hills Golf Club. Soon after, I was on the road or in the air to visit with you in your homes and businesses from coast to coast.

Together, we broke bread as I listened to your memories of days gone by when you were students at Agnes Scott — learning all the while. Together, we celebrated your children being born, your getting married, your new jobs and career changes, your retirements and your daughters deciding to attend Agnes Scott themselves (or not). Together, we strategized on how to engage fellow alumnae in giving to the college and how to eradicate the perception of the college as a best-kept secret.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 took a year and a half of such engagement for us. However, this theft provided me with a greater appreciation for the times I did have to work with, laugh with and learn from so many of you.

Agnes Scott is what it is in large part because of you and the different perspectives and lived experiences you offer to the college. You form the mosaic of community that enables Agnes Scott College to be the dynamic, innovative and trailblazing institution it is today.

Thank you for the wonderful memories — such as celebrating alumnae reunion, learning the words to and singing “God of the Marching Centuries,” and spotting the black onyx ring wherever I am, just to name a few. Thank you for being an exemplar of how to support your alma mater, because Agnes Scott needs YOU! Please do not hesitate to stay in touch. #Agnes4ScottEver

With my very best wishes,



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Interested in joining the Alumnae Board? Visit agnesscott.edu/alumnae/volunteering.html

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The mission of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Board is to represent the voice of alumnae to the college; to advance the mission and strategic priorities of the college in collaboration with staff, faculty and administration; and to cultivate engagement and connectivity of alumnae across all decades through communication, service to the college and stewardship.

Alumnae connected



So much has happened throughout the Agnes Scott community since the spring 2021 issue of *The Onyx*. Over the summer, alumnae celebrated the classes of the 1s and 6s and the 0s and 5s at the first-ever (and hopefully last) Virtual Alumnae Weekend, The Fund for Agnes Scott finished the fiscal year with a record amount of money raised, and Elizabeth H. Noe '86 succeeded Elizabeth D. Holder '82 as chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Most excitingly, Agnes Scott welcomed all students to campus for the first time since March 2020.

Now that fall has arrived, we have so much to be thankful for and look forward to. Explore issue No. 8 of *The Onyx* to learn about important news and updates from the Office of Alumnae Relations, but most importantly, to rejuvenate your Scottie spirit through the news and notes of classmates.

Oh, and one more thing (in case you haven't heard) ... for the fourth year in a row, Agnes Scott received the ranking of No. 1 Most Innovative school among national liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*! This continued recognition would not be possible without the encouragement and support of our incredible alumnae. Thank you!

Agnes Scott Alumnae Association Strategic Roadmap

In the years ahead (2021-2026), you are invited to step forward with us into the space between our aspirations and our actions. Your Alumnae Board leaders have developed a strategic plan for the association that is focused on the possibilities for our future, even as we honor our wonderful traditions and successes and are honest about the challenges of the past and present.

We have dared to have real and visionary discussions about how we can nurture the bonds of belonging between us in order to capitalize on our unique strengths and take advantage of the opportunities available to us to do what we do better, together.

Interested in helping us realize this vision?

Join in to help be a leader in the Metro Atlanta area by clicking [here](#).

Raise your hand to volunteer in other ways, in other locations, by clicking [here](#).

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Creating the Pathway to Success for Alumnae

2021-2026 Agnes Scott Alumnae Association Strategic Roadmap

August 14, 2021

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Understanding Agnes Scott Alumnae

Findings From the 2021 Alumnae Engagement Surveys

The Agnes Scott Alumnae Board and the Office of Alumnae Relations, with help from the Office of Institutional Research, embarked on a yearlong, comprehensive effort to survey our alumnae community.

Thanks to every Scottie who helped us by completing a survey! Most of you completed the survey sent via email in January 2021. Shilin Zhou '13, Alumnae Board member, generously shared her skills as a highly qualified public health data scientist and a consultant with the international firm Deloitte to analyze and interpret these results.

[VIEW THE RESULTS](#)

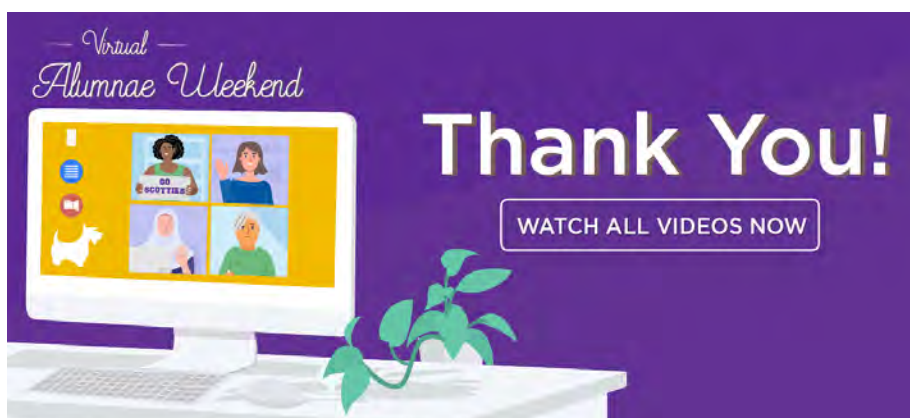
2010-2018 grads took a longer version of the survey in April 2020. This round of surveying captured important information on Agnes Scott's learning outcomes, postgraduate success and the alumnae experience. Corey Dunn, director of institutional research, was an instrumental partner in this round of the survey effort.

[VIEW THE RESULTS](#)

Together, these results helped inform the development of the Alumnae Association Strategic Plan. We intend to repeat the shorter version of the survey with all alumnae so that we can compare findings over time.



Alumnae *connected*



A Successful Virtual Alumnae Weekend

At the beginning of June, more than 450 Scotties came together to celebrate the reunion classes of the 1s and 6s and the 0s and 5s for Virtual Alumnae Weekend 2021. If you haven't had a chance, take a moment to relive the experience by viewing the events of the weekend, including a conversation about the present and future of Agnes Scott, the Alumnae Convocation and more.

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Save the Date for Alumnae Weekend 2022

Celebrate Alumnae Weekend next SUMMER! During the weekend, a limited number of residence hall rooms will be available for rent in the newly-renovated Rebekah Scott Hall. Stay-tuned for more updates!

AGNES SCOTT *FOREVER*

A photograph of a woman walking on a paved path in front of a large, multi-story brick building with arched windows and a black metal railing. The scene is set in autumn, with trees showing yellow and orange leaves. A black street lamp is visible on the left. The woman is wearing a white sweater and patterned pants, carrying a blue bag.

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1 | Helen Jo Hinchey Williams '55 and Callie McArthur Robinson '55. **2** | Martha Thompson '66 and Barbara "BJ" Brown Freeman '66 at BJ's Bridge Camp. **3** | Caroline Mikell Jones '60 in her protective gear to see the bees! **4** | Caroline Mikell Jones '60, Susan Owen, daughter of Jane Crook Cunningham '54 and Keller Henderson Barron '53 making candles from beeswax. **5** | Kay Roseberry McCarron '66 at Uxmal UNESCO World Heritage Site.



6 | Barbara Symroski Mayer '66 reading, of course about animals, to granddaughter Eva. **7** | Bill and Carolyn Newton Curry '66. **8** | Screenshot of some of the class of 1960 61st Reunion Zoom Participants: Elisabeth "Betsy" Lunz '60, Ellen McFarland Johnson '60, Mary Crook Moran '60, Carolyn Davies Preische '60, June Hall McCash '60, Rebecca "Becky" Evans Callahan '60, Phyllis Cox Whitesell '60, Rebecca "Becky" Wilson Guberman '60, Anne Morrison Carter '60, Ray Carole Hosack Armstrong '60, Eve Purdom Ingle '60, Linda Jones Klett '60, Martha Thomas Demaree '60, Carolyn Hoskins Coffman '60, Jane Norman Scott '60, Marion Barry Mayes '60, Angelyn Alford Bagwell '60, Kay Richards Summers '60, Anita Moses Shippen '60 and Harriette Lamb O'Connor '60.

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1 | Steve Bassett, Sherry O'Neill Bassett '66, daughter Erin and her husband Shane. 2 | Patricia O'Neal Goodwin '68 snowmobiling with grandson Riley. 3 | Kathy Blee Ashe '68 enjoyed a trip to Iceland in July.



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4 | Cathy Walters Gonzales '68, center, volunteers with ALTA at the Truist Atlanta Tennis Open. 5 | Jim and Elizabeth "Betty" Rankin Rogers '66 and Nancy Bruce Truluck '66 and Richard celebrate their 55th anniversaries together.

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1 | On tour to see renovations of Main Hall. Front: Katherine Mitchell '68, Ann Glendinning '68 Back: Gué Pardue Hudson '68, Mary K Owen Jarboe '68, Marilyn Johnson Hammond '68, and Betty Derrick '68. **2** | Lizanne Edwards Stephenson '84 and Meg Jenkins Locke '84 pictured June 2021 in Atlanta. **3** | Kandace Fitzhugh Carty '77 and "Future Scottie" 3-year-old granddaughter Gabriella touring Agnes Scott in the summer of 2021. **4** | After two years of study, Literacy Volunteer student Nebiye is with tutor Caroline Cooper Wilhelm '84 in Charlottesville Va., June 2021, celebrating Nebiye passing the U.S. Citizenship test.



5 | Mary Jane Kerr Cornell '74 attended, son, Glen and Alison Shin's wedding in March in Austin, Texas. Standing left to right are Mary Jane's son Alex Cornell who is holding his son Gabe, his son Owen is standing next to mom Kathy, Alison's mom Younghee Hong, Alison and Glen, Mary Jane and husband Gary Cornell. **6** | Elaine Wilburn Zullo '78 enjoys a well deserved vacation with her family after retiring on June 30. Daughters Kate and Sarah Zullo-Barnett '05, Jane (2), husband Jeff, Sam (5), Elaine (blue shirt), and son John holding his son Ben (19 months). Jane and Sam are Sarah's children. **7** | Virginia Uhl Tinsley '72 and Gretchen Smith Mui '72 enjoying lunch in Arnold, M.D. in July 2021.

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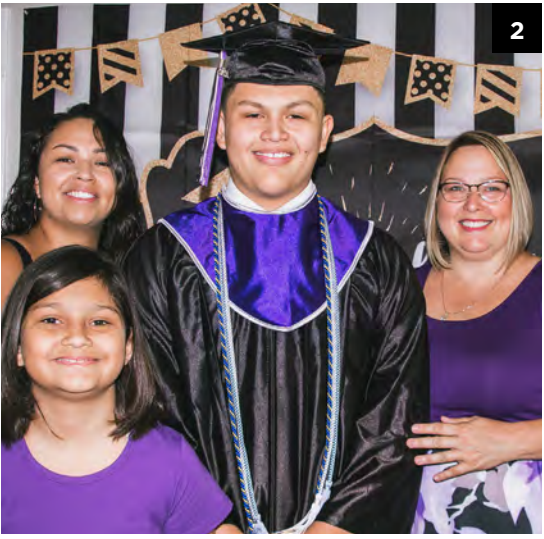


1 | Anna Crotts Straight '93 is the Pastor/head of staff at First Presbyterian Church in New Bern, N.C. **2** | Elena Adan Esquen '93, celebrating Alex's high school graduation in May 2021 with Addie and Amanda. Anthony was unable to attend. **3** | Anna Crotts Straight '93 and family. **4** | Class of 2000 friends gathered this past Memorial Day weekend in Tybee Island. (Top row, left to right) Kristen Whirley Berthiaume '00, Hillary Wiggins Edgar '00, Liz Meade Johnson '00 and Caroline Mitchell Hamilton '00. (Bottom row, left to right) Maria Banderas Nielson '00, Emily Vihlen Greenlee '00, and Jessica James de Beer '00.

Next Page: 5 | Jeni Woodbridge Sweet '00 celebrates her recent marriage to her husband John and new baby, Sawyer. **6** | Jennifer Long Hethcox '00 stands with UNC Charlotte Graduate and Carolinas District of Circle K International Governor Azal Abduh, as they both received Distinguished honor awards at the Circle K International Convention this summer.



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7 | Jennifer Long Hethcox '00 and Laurie Boggs Entrekin '99 spent a lovely girls' weekend in Clayton, Georgia reminiscing and catching up. They even stumbled upon an antique postcard store where Laurie found a postcard from an Agnes Scott Student that dated back to the early 1910s. **8** | Wes Hall, Katie Schroder Hall '04 and Georgia Mae on the Fourth of July. **9** | Saycon Sengbloh '00 (left) stars in the upcoming movie, "Aretha," with co-stars Jennifer Hudson and Hailey Kilgore. **10** | Saycon Sengbloh '00 (center) stars in the fall reboot of "The Wonder Years," with co-stars, from left to right, Dule Hill, Laura Kariuki and Elisha Williams.

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1 | Zachanta Valoy and her husband Eddie welcomed a beautiful 7lb 4oz baby, Ilana Reyna Valoy into the world on 6/9/21 at 10:20pm. 2 | Ashley French Schnider '05 married Mike Schnider on April 24, 2021 in a ceremony at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga.



3 | Robert Michael Williams Dukes, son of Michelle Williams '04 and Robert Dukes. **4** | Courtenay Miller Dufour '04, daughter Lydia Grace and Brian Dofour celebrate Easter. **5** | Katie Rubesch Owenby '05 discovered a hidden talent for painting during the pandemic. She currently is showing her artwork at The Corner Cup Coffee in Decatur, Ga. Check out her abstract art on Instagram: @kt.onb.art.

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1 | Arsed Joseph '06, Danielle Johnson '05, Courtney Ware Lett '06, and Suzanne Gordan '06. 2 | Rachel Wilson '05 was promoted to principal-head of operations at Collab Capital (www.collab.capital), an Atlanta-based venture firm focusing on disrupting the wealth gap by investing in innovative Black startups. 3 | Lindsay Cronk '06.



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4 | Suzanne Gordan '06. 5 | Emily Rose '06, daughter Courtney and wife Susanna Merrill. 6 | Arsed Joseph '06. 7 | Margaret Schutz '05, Briana Dayton '05, and Christina E. Lee '05 vacationing together at Oak Island, N.C.

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1 | Veronique Lunganga '06, Cherie Murray '08, Subaye Abu Mantey '09, Dannie Vanderpuye '08, Morgan Granger '07, Stephanie Terry Akunvabey '07, Tiffany McKenzie '07, Sandra Abrokwa Owusu '06, Esther Somuah Dankwa '07. **2** | Casey McIntyre '07 with Laurel Graefe '07. **3** | Elizabeth Ott '07 and wife Khalilah Karim with daughters Joan Hanan Ott-Karim and Me'Lony Giselle Brown.



4 | Amanda Goodman '10 and Bryan Fleming welcomed their daughter, Abigail Ruth **5 & 6** | In August 2021, Julia Sierra Wilkinson Reyes '08 moved from Denver, Colo. to Chicago, Ill. for her spouse's work. She was assisted in the moving process by Adria Toliver '08 and Melissa Tolley-Nink '08. **7** | Hannah Hunt Askew '11 with husband, Wade and their 12 month old daughter, Farrah Lu. **8** | Lizzie Naddra-Palleson '11, Sarah Bowen Hersh '11 and Anastasia Tsavaris '12 celebrate Sarah's one-year wedding anniversary.

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1 | Melissa Hutcheson '15 earned her PhD. in physics from the University of Michigan in March 2021 after successfully defending her thesis over Zoom. **2** | Jordan Steele '13 with baby Lucca Raylen McCormick. **3** | Emily Vanchella '15 in the Santa Ynez Valley, California. **4** | Samoyed puppy, "Yeti", adopted by Sarah Bowen Hersh '11 and Eric Hersh in July 2021.



5 | Jessica Luegering's family attends her Law School Graduation. From left to right: Clare Luegering, Jacob Luegering, Jessica Luegering '17, Johnny Luegering, Denisse Saucedo Petree '17, and John Luegering. **6** | Alexis "Lexie" Smith '18 graduated with her Master's of Arts in Teaching from Relay Graduate School of Education in Memphis, Tenn. **7** | In May 2021, Ore Adekunle '15 graduated from medical school at Morehouse School of Medicine and will begin her residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham this July. **8** | Madeline "Maddye" Webb-Mitchell 13 talking to Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress.

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2017 Agnes Scott College Commencement Ceremony



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Louise Breedin Griffiths vacationed with her daughters in Cape May, N.J., for several days in August. A few grandchildren and great-grandchildren stopped by. She has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Wendy Whittle Hoge is still chugging along, thanks to good genes and practicing good health habits. She has a few good friends left and a wonderful daughter.

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Mary Catherine Vinsant Grymes was glued to the Olympics, where she felt the audience got a helpful view of Kyoto as a background for the athletic events. The men playing beach volleyball in the pouring down rain was unusual! She is blessed that Marg Faith lives close to her and is so much help. She is 97 years old and sends much love to her classmates.

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Charlotte Clarkson Jones just celebrated her 96th birthday! How could that be? She hopes some of her classmates are keeping up with her. She just put down a new floor in her beautiful library and

she helped move more than 4,000 books. Now she will help put them all back! She loves to volunteer in the library, garden and do other activities. She would love to hear from you all.

Genevieve Harper Alexander continues to live at home in Dublin, Ga., and works daily in the family business. She has many friends much younger than her whom she sees quite often. "The girls" meet at her house on Friday nights for happy hour to review the week and discuss any subjects they want. It helps keep her up to date. Effective March 2022, one of her granddaughters will be a professor in the IT Department at Northwestern. As the TV commercial says, "Life is just a number, and mine is unlisted."

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Adele Dieckmann McKee
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A tribute to the class of 1948 from Secretary Adele Dieckmann McKee: I want to cheer you on with the insight I've had from being secretary at the end of our lives. The quality of each of your lives, the service you have offered to community and friends, and the professional accomplishments gained I have so appreciated, as I've seen the distinction in our existence. For girls expected to be only good mothers, you have far exceeded that goal. President James Ross McCain used to say to us that when you educate a man, you have educated one person for a job. When you educate a woman, you nurture a whole family for life. We have from our class distinguished scientists, musicians, teachers of English and other subjects, missionaries, preachers, writers, and other vocations from a day when we weren't supposed to perform thus. Your college can be amazed at your record and thank you deeply for the quality of living you have achieved. I salute you for what each of you has meant! Exceptionally well done!

Ann Patterson Bynum writes that her son, William Patterson “Pat” Puckett, died on April 18. He was 70 and had lung and brain cancer. Our sympathy goes out to her. We know burying one’s child is difficult, as we think about our class having lives extended up into our 90s for some of us.

Elizabeth Blair Carter is starting her painting classes again at Park Springs in Stone Mountain, Ga., and looks forward to them. She enjoys audio books now, as she has vision problems.

Mildred Claire Jones Colvin died Sept. 20, 2020. Unknown to many of her class was the fact that she and Cal founded Holly Hill Academy in 1970, of which he was the first president, and then at his death, “Miss Millie” became president, taught English, directed a vocal ensemble, played for musical groups and was a leader for her life. She also was the organist/choir director of the Holly Hill United Methodist Church for 36 years. She made a big, significant contribution to the life and educational world of this town in South Carolina.

Susan Daugherty reports moving to a “higher level of care” at Presbyterian Village in March. She finds “supportive living” at 96 not all bad!

We lost **Jane Alsobrook Miller** in March to COVID-19 after she suffered a round of pneumonia during the holidays. We remember her campaign to have female employees’ salaries at the University of Missouri raised to a decent wage and her support for a good public library system in University City in St. Louis. Her life was distinguished, and she too made a big difference for the good of those she taught.

Mary Manley reports she has fallen again and had a hospital stay, but is enjoying being home again now. She says her caregivers are really good.

Mary Alice Compton Osgood enjoyed a family vacation on Cape Cod in Massachusetts with her daughter and son-in-law from Namibia in July. Mary Alice keeps an ordered yard by herself and is active in South Hadley, Mass., where her husband taught at Mt. Holyoke until retirement.

Martha Hay Vardeman says she enjoys life at Wesley Woods Towers near Emory, where activities are interesting. She is counting nine greats and nine grands from her four children. Sixteen of their family members had a lovely reunion in Montreat, N.C., this summer. She misses Burt amid all these activities.

Nancy Deal Weaver says she, along with many others of our vintage, keeps busy with the activities of her college grands at Furman, the University of Georgia and Loyola (New Orleans), and two in grad school at Johns Hopkins and Auburn. No tradition here, she says, but life is interesting!

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Cama Clarkson Merritt is finding her way with Robert gone. She’s thankful that she lives in a retirement community and is treasuring visits from her children, who are scattered from Virginia to Oregon to California. They all were at the beach (Pawley’s Island, S.C.) the last week in July.

Because she has no children in the area, **Betty Phillips Lindsay** has kept in touch with weekly Zoom meetings. She is grateful for the staff and proactive measures that have kept her safe from COVID-19 at her retirement community in Chapel Hill, N.C. The past 15 months have kept her particularly socially isolated, but—for now—her “family” is other residents and staff.

Mildred Flourney de Marcellus has six children and 21 grandchildren.

Mary McDonald Humes is 92 and “deaf as a post.” But she still drives and looks after her business and her Siamese cat, Anna. She and Anna live in a little house on 15th Street, Columbus, Georgia. Thank the Lord for her young friends.

Elizabeth Cole Van Houten has sadly passed away. Her family writes that she celebrated her 92nd birthday on Feb. 17. Her oldest great-grandson, Clay Pardo, celebrated his fifth birthday on March 4. Her youngest great-grandson, Charlie Pardo, celebrated his second birthday on Dec. 30.

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Martha Ann Stegar
gacybergran@yahoo.com

After Hurricane Michael destroyed **Winifred Horton Martin**’s home of 40 years in 2018, she found a lovely small home next to her son’s home in Panama City Beach, Fla. “God has been pouring His blessings in abundance!” she says. “I am still able to walk from place to place, thanks to my 38- and 37-year-old hip replacements and my 16-year-

old knee replacements. In fact, I'm still able to work in my yard planting small shrubs and flowers. I drive my 2003 Toyota Camry to the senior center two or three times per week for exercise classes and play the piano some at the center, at very small church gatherings and sometimes at assisted living facilities."

Katherine Nelson Major writes: "I am still at my home, have had the two vaccinations, try to be careful, don't go out much, and, yes, wear a mask. What else is there to say during this hard time?" She and **Barbara Caldwell Perrow** keep in touch by phone. Barbara lives at Vernon Woods, an assisted living facility in LaGrange, Ga.

Julianne Morgan Garner continues to shelter, and her days are pretty much the same. She and **Tiny Morrow Mann** stay in touch. She reports that Tiny continues to be active and still sings in her church choir! Tiny's three sons live in Chicago, Michigan and Philadelphia, but they come to visit, and Tiny goes to visit them and her grandchildren. So far, they have all stayed healthy. Tiny sends best wishes to all the class of 1951.

Louise "Twig" Hertwig Hayes and Henry recently managed to assemble all their children, grandchildren and only great-grandchild at adjacent cottages at Lake George, Ticonderoga, N.Y. It was a wonderful family reunion, Twig says, the first since COVID-19 hit. She is looking forward to a grandson's wedding upcoming next June in Lake Tahoe. Twig closed her message with an observation that could be echoed by all of us: "When I count the many blessings of my life, two of them are always the education I received at Agnes Scott and the old friendships I enjoyed."

Your secretary asked **Mary Caroline "M.C." Lindsay** to report on Agnes Scott's virtual Alumnae Weekend and class reunion activities. Following is her report: "I think I was the only person from the class of 1951 who attended any reunion events. It was all on Zoom, as I think you all know, and in looking over names as they scrolled by I didn't see any others of our class. I watched the opening event on Friday night, the Convocation on Saturday morning, and the Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon. I'm sorry our class did not arrange for a Zoom class meeting. I had expected some guidance in setting one up and did not pursue doing so with the Alumnae Association. Maybe for our 75th we can meet face to face." Amen to that!

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Betty Cheney Watkins is still living in Franklin, Va. (population 7,000), with her daughter Beth and her husband. Being near her two granddaughters, their husbands and two brand-new great-grandchildren is great! Due to back trouble, Betty has a marvelous full-time aide. She said God is so good!

Adelaide Ryall Beall has moved to St. Simons Island, Ga., with her daughter, Cindy. Since moving they have enjoyed many visitors. She no longer drives, but is active in her church and serves on a committee to help start an Anglican church, as there is not one in their area. She is planning to visit her son, Dan, for a month at Lake Keowee, S.C. She is blessed!

Roberta Jones Austin is now a published author! Her first book is called "Are We There Yet?" and was published by Page Publishing Inc. in Conneaut Lake, Pa. "The author has written about being 'there' for almost nine exciting decades, from 1930 to 2020." In case you do not remember her, she was the chair of the freshmen "Black Cat" competition in 1948. We lost, but we had a blast!

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Carolyn Monroe Hopkins and her husband, Walter, are living at Amelia Island Plantation in Fernandina Beach, Fla. They attend an interdenominational church, where she sings in the choir and attends Bible study group. Walter is now wheelchair bound. Life is good and they are happy. She loved her two years at Agnes Scott.

Evelyn Bassett Fuqua-Cook has had a sad year, losing her last family member, Ralph Bassett. She and her husband, Paul, have adopted a sweet rescue cat named Bella. Since they mostly stay at home these days, Bella is a lot of company.

Keller Henderson Barron thanks the generous support of her classmates for the renovation of Main. The dorm room occupied by **Belle Miller McMaster**, president of student government, will be named "In Honor of the Class of 1953." In June, Keller was invited by Caroline Mikell Jones '60 to

a local farm for a “BeesKnees” party. Susan Owen, whose mother is **Jane Crook Cunningham** ’54, is a beekeeper! They enjoyed the gathering and Agnes Scott connections.

Anthanasia Roubekas Caras will be moving to Kennebunk, Maine, in September. She is proud to announce her newest great-grandchild, Cristian, one of six, and that there’s another on the way.

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Barbara Northey Severinghaus is still enjoying her third year at a senior independent living facility in Joplin, Mo., where she serves as an ambassador and a virtual book club participant in Missouri and Ohio. A Joplin study club, international Bible study fellowship and visits with her daughter 15 minutes away keep her busy. Other highlights are visits from friends and family living in Arizona, California, New York and Texas; attending the August wedding of her grandson in Santa Cruz, Calif.; and the September arrival of her first great-grand!

Florence “Florrie” Fleming Corley has new people in her family! Charlie Johnson has two new boys (Weldon and Beau).

Martha Simpson Conner has been very quiet and staying home due to the pandemic. From July to August, she flew to Houston and Dallas to see one of her daughters, her daughter’s four grown and nearly grown kids, and her brother. They spent time tracing Martha’s dad’s family in Dallas, but of course, they were limited due to the return of the virus. But it was still a good visit. She has two lovely new grandkids in Virginia and D.C. What a joy!

Katharine Hefner Gross is just trying to stay alive and is enjoying life. She is making improvements to her kitchen.

Louise “Lou” McKinney Reaves has been having visits with her great-grandchildren—one in Minnesota and two in her home. The two in her home are ages 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 and both are female, so they are eligible to come to ASC in the future!

’55

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Callie McArthur Robinson lives in a beautiful independent living facility in sunny Florida near her son, Fred, and is excited to have plans to travel to Colorado to see her other son, Steve, next month. Other than that, she manages to keep busy walking, reading, visiting with friends and enjoying church fellowship. You might be amused to know that she still keeps in touch with her college roommate, **Helen Jo Hinchey Williams**, and they try to get together for dinner a couple of times a year!

Elizabeth “Betty Ann” Jacks Miller had a lovely vacation—a week at the beach in Virginia with her younger daughter and two young grandchildren (7 and 11), plus two large labs and two young friends (7 and 9). It was a very lively time, but fun. Betty Ann is proud of this daughter, who is co-author of a book about carbonization and its effect on the environment.

Hannah Jackson Alnutt is 88 years old. She and her husband have two daughters who own homes in their area, so they see their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren fairly often. They are thankful for good health and try to stay as active as possible. She goes to exercise class three days a week, is in two book clubs, and is active in her church and several boating groups—though they no longer own a boat. They count their blessings!

Margaret “Peggy” McMillan White has two great-grandsons (5 and 2 years old) and one great-granddaughter (6 months old). They moved from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Franklin, Tenn. (in the Nashville area), in March. One of their sons and two adult grandsons and their families live there. She broke her left shoulder and had sepsis (a bad infection) in December and was in rehab in Chattanooga until she and Bill moved to an apartment at Somerby Franklin Community. She sends her love to her classmates!

Joan Pruitt McIntyre is living in a delightful and very fun place (called Lenbrook) in Brookhaven, Ga. Her husband, John, died 12 years ago, so this has been an answer for her. She is in good health and has four grown children and 10 grandchildren.

Julia C. Beeman had fun visiting with classmates in Atlanta on May 11. She became a grandmother to four black kittens. Grandson Jacob’s new cat,

Whiskey, presented him with these four precious felines. Granddaughter Melany may become a herpetologist! She already has three members of the lizard family. The human children are not in favor! Julia did a Smithsonian Zoom class on William Faulkner.

Louise Robinson Singleton is still living happily in Santa Fe, N.M. She is well and planning a trip to Tuscany in September. Her son, Rob, has rented a villa. She sends her greeting to all her classmates. Life is good!

Vivian Hays Guthrie's oldest grandson, Abe, is graduating from pre-kindergarten at age 5.

Marjorie Fordham Trask has made a huge adjustment in her life! In mid-January, she moved from her 200-plus-year-old historic home to an apartment two blocks away. Her 1811 home has been a lifelong joy and is where many memories have been made for all her family. But there are also many steps and responsibilities that in her 88 years have become, in many instances, difficult. Her ground-floor apartment is great, and she is surrounded by her favorite things. She has also adopted a precious 5-year-old shelter pup named Daisy. She is well and happy!

Margaret Bridges Maxwell will be 88 in December. She is still playing tennis and enjoys reading. She is active in church, particularly with social justice issues—thanks to Agnes Scott.

'57

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Sis Burns Newsome, Elizabeth Ansley Allan and Margaret Minter Hyatt are able to get together for an occasional lunch.

Virginia Redhead Bethune's husband, Dick, died in May 2020, and her daughter, Anna Elizabeth Bethune Collins, died in Switzerland following a wonderful vacation with her family. Anna was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Patricia Guynup Corbus writes that the pandemic brought her a new life. She spent several months away from home in Sarasota, Fla., sheltering with daughter Lili and her family in North Carolina, and found it great fun to be there, so she sold her home in Sarasota and moved to a retirement place in Charlotte, N.C. As a result,

she misses but still meets with her Florida writing group on Zoom, which is made up of Patricia, her husband and her grandson. She would love to hear from **Mary Kinman Flanigen**, her roommate of long ago, and wishes all her classmates strength and endurance during these difficult times.

Marianne Sargent Duncan has just had cataract surgery in both eyes (two weeks apart), and is amazed at the improvement. She fights problems with sciatica but keeps busy crocheting baby blankets for her great-grandchildren and afghans for her grandchildren. She enjoys seeing her granddaughters from Atlanta and her grandson from Auburn, and she has a new great-grandson. She lives at home with part-time help.

Dede Farmer Grow welcomes her eighth great-grandchild—now four boys and four girls, ages 4 months to 7 years. She and her husband are moving out of their house (villa) in Keller, Texas, to an independent living facility in North Richland Hills, Texas, and are glad to be leaving yard duty, flower duty, and cooking and cleaning duty. Both daughters and three of their granddaughters live nearby. She and Bob celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10.

Virginia McClurkin Jones visited her daughter's home in Knoxville, Tenn., in person, though outdoors, double-masked and sitting far apart. In the isolation of these days, she is enjoying the beautiful wildflowers of eastern Tennessee. She has learned a great deal the past year and a half, from using Zoom to being on alert for scams. Letters from friends, meetings on Zoom and Skype, and doing research of various kinds have helped.

Elaine Lewis Hudgins has a full (to overflowing) life with many blessings. She had 66 years with her wonderful husband, J.B. Her family includes four sons, their wives (three are married), six grandchildren (two are married) and three great-granddaughters. They have been sharing the sadness and grief over J.B.'s passing on May 5. She says they all are wonderful.

Anne Terry Sherren enjoys living at Lexington Square in Lombard, Ill., a senior life care community. She stays busy as worship coordinator and with many exercise classes. She enjoys using her Jazzy motorized wheelchair, but she also walks some each day. It's hard to believe that she has been a retired chemistry professor for 20 years. Her big news is that she sold her car and now depends on others for transportation.

It has been **Jackie Johnson Woodward's** time for more than a year to organize the next luncheon for the Nashville classmates, but COVID-19 and construction on her Blakeford Retirement Community have caused a long delay.

The class lost **Emily Starnes Gibbs** earlier this year, and members are missing her.

Jackie, **Karen Beall Billock**, **Cemele Miller Richardson** and **Joyce Skelton Wimberly** are remaining classmates in the community. Jackie still loves living there and not having a house. The management has been very strict throughout the pandemic and kept them safe. Her son, Warren, drove his family of five there for her husband's (Steve) birthday on July 9. The three grandsons are 8, 12 and 14. They are delightful!

Elizabeth Ansley Allan is learning the new experience of living in Canterbury Court in Atlanta. Other Agnes Scott alums are also residents at the retirement community. In the tradition of Agnes Scott women, Elizabeth continues to learn new things and meet many interesting, talented people. She recently took a class to learn how to paint with watercolors.

Susanne "Susie" Benson Darnell and her family are grateful to be healthy and well. She is currently living at Trezevant, a retirement community in Memphis, Tenn., and enjoying the company of her friend Jim Doiman, a geophysicist and seismologist who is retired from the University of Memphis, like her. She says, "I am looking forward to our 65th reunion next year! Love to all."

Dr. Lucy Robertson Greene is now serving as a consultant to Moody Support Organization following the death of her husband, Parker Greene (executive director of Moody Support), maintaining connections with the Pentagon and city/county government. This involves representing her community and Moody AFB at local, state and national occasions. Lucy is honored and richly blessed.

Nancy Brock Blake is grateful to say that she is well and COVID-19 free! She remains active, serving on her church board of deacons and on the Foundation Board at a local area technical college. Nancy is thankful for her years at Agnes Scott.

Eleanor Wright Linn is still in her house in Cartersville, Ga., and still trying to downsize. Her grandson, Hayes Linn, has been promoted to captain in the Air Force. He and his fiancée will be

married in Utah in September. Her other grandson, Tyler Linn, will be married next April in Georgia.

'58

Elizabeth Hanson Duerr

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Nancy Alexander Johnson writes that she was happy to see her twin brother, David, after more than a year as she, hubby Pierce and daughter Amy had a wonderful visit at his home in Nashville. Their other daughter and her husband joined the group, as did David's wife, their two sons, and their granddaughter and her husband. There were 11 of them around the dinner table. What fun!

Nancy Grayson has sad news to share, as she lost her partner of 10 years, who died last October. In addition, Nancy had an emergency appendectomy on July 4 but is now fully recovered. Her son has been helping her out with various chores.

Hazel Ellis reports that the "only" thing happening out in California is the mercury in thermometers rising to 113 degrees two days in July (and not once dropping below 100 during the day) and her outings to the grocery store! Also, she doubts that she would recognize a raindrop if they were to have any.

Sue Lile Inman is so happy to share that their first grandchild, Rachel Inman, was married on July 24 to Munish Dabas in a lovely outdoor wedding at Blooming Hills Farm, outside Monroe, N.Y. They both work in NYC. Sue and her husband, Sam, attended, and during the ceremony she read a poem her granddaughter had asked her to compose for them.

Carlanna Lindamood Hendrick reports that after restricting for a year and a half she ventured out to Virginia Beach for granddaughter Anna's high school graduation. All her family was there, a grand total of eight, which was wonderful. Anna will attend William & Mary next year with a tentative major in neuroscience and a minor in Japanese. Carlanna is enormously proud of her.

Elizabeth "Libby" Hanson Duerr flew to Atlanta for her younger granddaughter's high school graduation, seeing family there for the first time since Christmas 2019. Daughter Lisa Ann Duerr '87 was able to drive down from North Carolina, and they had a great time that weekend getting together with Angela Tonn '87 and Helen Nash '93.

Frances Gwinn Wolf spent the summer in the mountains. She arrived the same day as the first two guests. The crowd—family plus—grew to 15 by Aug. 2. “What a happy time to see lots of family members,” she says. Her 14-year-old grandson has been selected to have special training (at no charge) with a small group of 16 U.S. skiers. The heat is in the news, but 81 is the high in Alaska!

Mary Anne “M.A.” McCurdy is a retired teacher, after 54 years of teaching Latin and English in private and public schools. She has lived in a senior living facility in San Antonio since May 8.

Diana Carpenter White’s husband, Ivan, died in March. He had been in failing health for some time. He was 83. Diana has been upheld by friends and family. “It’s how we get through.”

'59

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At Garth Newel Music Festival in Warm Springs, Va., on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, concerts will be performed in celebration—the

Sara Lu Persinger Snyder Memorial Weekend. Since the festival’s inception, Sara Lu and her husband, Jim, have been pillars of this venue and its amazing concerts, with its own resident artists and a school for budding musicians. Phone: 540 839-5018. Web: www.garthnewel.org/events/list/ or www.eventbrite.com/o/garth-newel-music-center-13044186584

Jane King Allen’s granddaughter, Katie Morris, preached at her church on Father’s Day. Katie currently serves a church in St. Paul, Minn. Because Bona, her husband, died during the pandemic, a belated memorial service will be held at their church, Clemmons Presbyterian in Clemmons, N.C., on Oct. 23.

Melba Cronenburg Bassett is adjusting to being alone after Ralph’s death. She is grateful for visits to Kitsie’s beach house and hopes to visit her son Frank and his family in Victoria, B.C., soon. A memorial service for Ralph is tentatively planned for Sept. 26.

Hope Weathers Bothwell and David are quite happy in their condo, with good neighbors and their familiar location.

Mary Dunn DeBorde has spent most of the summer at their family home on Lake Rabun in

North Georgia with children and grandchildren coming and going. Shirley McDonald Larkey ’58 also has a house on the lake, so they have enjoyed connecting.

Kathleen Brown Efirm and her husband, Charles, recently celebrated their 63rd anniversary. All three of their children have retired. Sadly, they lost their youngest daughter to cancer.

Barbara Lake Finch was honored by the Marlene Meyerson Jewish Community Center in Manhattan and "The Forward" newspaper when she was selected as one of the recipients of the inaugural “16 Over 61” awards.

Suzanne McMillan Fowler and Fred are still in Knoxville, Tenn. Their daughter and her family are in the St. Louis metro area; their son and his wife are in western Kentucky. Suzanne is still involved in a leadership role with a weekly women’s Bible study.

Nancy Turner Gibson enjoys her family and friends and swims two miles a week in her safe, secure retirement community in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Betty Edmunds Grinnan is happy at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, Va. **Pat Forrest Davis** and husband, Ed, plan to join her as residents in the near future.

Mary Mac Witherspoon Harrell and her husband, Tom, took a cruise around Iceland in August.

Ethel DuRant Hughes wrote of her two daughters, six grandsons, two great-granddaughters and a surprise on the way. Ethel taught high school students with learning disabilities for many years in Charleston, S.C. She shares teaching duties for Sunday School at a nearby Baptist church.

Wardie Abernethy Martin has had a quiet summer but enjoyed a wonderful week over July 4 with **Jane Kraemer Scott** in Montreat, N.C. They shared visits with **Mary Clayton, Bryan DuBard** and **Lila McGeachy Ray**.

Blanche Helm Nichols is excited that another Scottie, Laura Sanderson Miller ’65, has moved into her community at Glenaire in Cary, N.C.

Archer Boswell Parsons is well in Knoxville, Tenn. She recently enjoyed a lunch with **Jane Kraemer Scott**.

Sally Sanford Rugaber hangs out with Eliot, one of the cat world's best—named for TSE, of course—and enjoys life. She is still involved with the Floyd Center for the Arts in the very cool town of Floyd, Va.

'60

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In June, classmates were invited by Class President **Phyllis Cox Whitesell** to a virtual 61st reunion. About two dozen joined the Zoom meeting and enjoyed exchanging stories about life during the pandemic and other events in their long lives since 1960.

At the June wedding of her sister, **Jody Webb Custer**'s granddaughter, Judy Webb Cheshire, raised a glass in memory of Jody, who passed away last September. She was joined by 10 representatives of the "Black Ring Mafia," which included the mother of the bride, Juilanna "Julie" Custer Altman '84.

During the past months, **Carolyn Hoskins Coffman** and husband Turner have become accustomed to Zoom and other online services. They are grateful for the opportunity to connect more with friends and family than they might have in pre-COVID-19 times. They have a great-grandchild in Texas they see virtually every Saturday. Carolyn was happy to view online photos of the ASC campus taken by a granddaughter. She and Turner have found that they enjoy tending a small vegetable garden.

Angelyn Alford Bagwell reports that, after two years, it was wonderful to see her daughters and their families. In June, she flew to California to visit one daughter. Soon after her return, the other daughter came to Tallahassee, Fla., from Pittsburgh with her family. Two granddaughters are out in the world: one is a social worker in NYC and another is starting a career as a mechanical engineer. A third is headed for Virginia Tech this fall.

Kathleen "Kay" Richards Summers is excited to be giving tours at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta after a year of lockdown. During her 54 years as a docent, she was on the museum staff for 12 years. She writes that Agnes Scott did not prepare her for her career in the art field, but that it taught her to love art history as well as painting. She was able to paint while in her COVID-19 bubble, although she missed the stimulation of

going into galleries.

Another artist, **Mary Carrington Wilson**, writes that she has just published a book, "To the Light: Paintings and Poems of the Golden Isles," with 35 full-color reproductions of her oil paintings of marsh, sea, sky and cloud scenes. Also in the book are five of her poems written to go with five of the paintings.

A new novel by **June Hall McCash** will be out early in 2022. "The Truth Keepsr," a sequel to "Marguerite's Landing," will be published by Mercer University Press. June is enjoying life in her new home in a retirement community in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Our fund chair, **Mary Jane Pickens Skinner**, reports that we came close to meeting our goal when 40 classmates contributed to The Fund for Agnes Scott. "Good," she writes, "but we can do better. On to next year." Mary Jane visited **Eve Purdom Ingle** and her husband, Clyde, in their home in the North Carolina mountains. During the visit, Eve and Mary Jane enjoyed viewing the Ben Long frescoes in the area.

Jane Norman Scott was honored as an influencer by the Virginia Baptist Homes Foundation for her volunteer work at her LifeSpire of Virginia retirement home, The Culpeper, as well as the surrounding area. During the first months of the pandemic when face coverings were in short supply, Jane organized the making and distribution of 750 cloth masks.

'62

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Sylvia Pruitt Karcher, Kay Gilliland Stevenson, Pat Flythe Koonts and Dot Porcher Amis keep in touch virtually, sharing their various survival tactics during the pandemic. As meeting host, Kay, who lives in England, successfully copes with synchronizing meetings across three different time zones. Kay notes that Zoom enabled them to join others for the funeral of Sylvia's wonderful husband, Joe, who died from COVID-19 on Dec. 12 in California.

Betsy Jefferson Boyt visited with Betsy Deal Smith '49 and Gil in Houston in April and then enjoyed a week at the family beach house on Bolivar Peninsula in Texas in May. Full vaccinations made it possible to get out more and be with friends.

Beverly Mason Askren finally retired! She wanted to spend more time with her husband, Jim, as he continues to recover from a stroke suffered in July 2020. He is doing well, but is not totally back. She has twin great-granddaughters who turned 2 in July.

For July 4, **Sue Amidon Zoole** was a judge for a neighborhood parade by the lake atop Skyuka Mountain in North Carolina. It was a small-town America event with boats, SUVs and people decorated for the event and a hot dog supper following the parade. The festivities and beautiful weather made the day memorable.

Beth Radford Russell Lindsay retired in 2018 from almost 30 years as a catalog librarian at the Henderson Library at Georgia Southern University, specializing in federal and state documents. She received her master's degree in library and information science in 2010. She married Nick Lindsay on June 24, 2017, at the yearly Russell family reunion at the old Russell homeplace in Winder, Ga. They were married by her brother-in-law, the Rev. Dr. William D. Russell, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony with Nick's grandson Jack and her grandson Noah as ring bearers and her granddaughter Ella and Nick's great-granddaughter Claire as flower girls/junior bridesmaids. They enjoyed a wonderful three years together until Nick's peaceful death on June 18, 2020, at the age of 92. His first wife, Frances DuBose Lindsay, graduated from Agnes Scott in 1946.

Ann Lee Sullivan Gravatt lost her dear husband, Cary, on May 29 to late-stage Parkinson's disease. Though she misses him terribly, she is happy his struggle is over. A lovely memorial service was held at Duke University Chapel on June 19, with all four grandchildren participating. Grandson Steven Wilke played "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace" on his violin in duo with the organ. It was beautiful!

'64

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Relief at having "made it" through the long months of the COVID-19 pandemic was the common theme from the class of 1964. **Lila Sheffield Howland's** experience was typical of so many of us: "We mastered 'Zooming' and virtual meetings and backyard socially distant happy hours, watched a lot of TV movies, read some good books, and in

general simply bore it out with as much patience (me) and humor [Slocum, her husband] as we could muster. Thankful to be vaccinated, we are back to our pre-'C' level of activity: seeing friends, traveling to visit relatives, dining out, attending in-person meetings, etc."

Kay Gerald Pope and her husband, Tom, participated in the Moderna trial study (out of Savannah, Ga.) in September 2020. Early this year they found out they had received the vaccine (not the placebo), so they have been fully vaccinated since early October. They "hunkered down" in their gorgeous, isolated, coastal home throughout the pandemic and enjoyed boating, fishing, eating seafood and watching wildlife.

Lucy Herbert Molinaro ended her period of "ocean withdrawal" with a week at North Litchfield Beach, S.C., in early August.

Shirley Lee began Spanish lessons during the pandemic, figuring it would help "ward off dementia" and be a useful language in many places. She plans to continue the lessons now that the need to isolate is hopefully over. She worked in her yard and enjoyed continuing as our class fund chair.

Carolyn Newton Curry continued to run Women Alone Together in partnership with the Alumnae Association, yet still managed to find the time to write a murder mystery about a football coach and his wife. Sound familiar? It will come out in August 2022.

Susan "Sue" Parkin TeStrake's daughter Rebecca came back from Manhattan to drive her and her husband, Bernie, to a suburban Atlanta location on March 1 to get their vaccines. Sue continued to attend her Bikram hot yoga classes throughout the pandemic. Their granddaughter, Kitty, returned from Manhattan in August to attend Emory University.

Mae Hall Boys had lunch in Hendersonville, N.C., in June with **Joh-Nana Sundy Lybass**, and they coordinated a "classmate retreat" with **Mary Mac Mitchell Saunders, Eve Anderson Earnest** and **Lucy Herbert Molinaro** in August. Throughout the pandemic, she continued her morning fitness class outdoors on the pool deck three times a week, including several times in the snow (sometimes dressed in ski clothes)!

Lila Sheffield Howland had lunch with **Anne Minter Nelson** and **Clair McLeod Muller '67** on July 14 and attended a gathering of Highlands/

class notes

Cashiers, N.C., alumnae in August. In June, their 8-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter from Denver spent a few weeks with them in Highlands.

Mary Womack Cox remained active by taking long “socially distanced” walks and writing haiku. She also took part in her church’s “virtual choir” and is thankful it is now able to meet in person. She led morning prayer every Monday since March 2020 on Facebook Live and intends to continue doing that. She and her husband, John, enjoyed resuming their annual trip to Sanibel Island, Fla., from June to early July.

Some members of our class made it their mission to organize a project to formally honor class friendships made in Main while we were students by contributing to the Campaign for Main and funding a plaque, “Main Friendships—Given by the Class of 1964,” to be placed in the new elevator where it will frequently be seen by future students. If you have not already done so, there is still time to support the effort. Contact Lee Davis, Legacy Giving, ldavis@agnesscott.edu, and mention the “elevator project.”

'65

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Nancy Linehan Charles shot her 13th episode of “Young Sheldon”(the spinoff of “The Big Bang Theory”) at the end of July. She loves her character of the church secretary who smokes and yells at everybody. She’s a handful!

The first weekend of June, **Nancy Hammerstrom Bishop** and her husband, Jim, were at Litchfield Beach, S.C., and **Carol Sutton Lumpkin** was at a wedding at Murrell’s Inlet, S.C.—practically next door. They were able to meet up for a little while before they took off for their respective homes. (Nancy looks fabulous, by the way, and so happy! Jim is a handsome man!)

'66

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Once again we are spotlighting two of our classmates and their work, their lives, and their contributions:

Barb Symroski Mayer, currently in Anchorage, Alaska, and babysitting her granddaughter Eva,

sent this update: Barb has been taking a few “courses” through the University of Hawaii’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. This is her first semester and she is enjoying various offerings, e.g., one on Islam, another on “Science in the Media: Separating Science Facts From Science Fallacies in the Domains of Climate Science and Public Health.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osher_Lifelong_Learning_Institutes

Kay Roseberry McCarron has been living in the Yucatan port of Progreso, Mexico, on the Gulf of Mexico. She is continuing her research into the trade patterns and routes of the Maya, particularly the salt trade along the coasts of Mexico and Belize. Tour guides have shown her two local archaeological sites: Xcombo with its vast salt ponds and Dzibilchaltun with its wonderful architecture and cenote. Her tours of other Mayan sites, including the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Uxmal, never cease to amaze her. Even her Spanish is getting a bit better, although still very limited!

Carolyn Newton Curry and Bill went to NASA for the launch of Crew 2 to the space station. Their friend Shane Kimbrough is commander on board and will be at the space station for six months. How many advances have been made since our days in college!

Marilyn Breen Kelley and Walt have a new granddaughter, Lillian “Lily” Clinton, born March 18. Lily’s parents are daughter Joyce and son-in-law Andy, and her sister is Hazel, who turned 9 in August. Joyce is a professor of English at Auburn University at Montgomery in Alabama, and Andy is the dean of student programs and a counselor at Saint James School, also in Montgomery.

Martha Doom Bentley and her happily vaccinated family have enjoyed the loosening of COVID-19 restrictions with graduations, weddings, babies and opportunities to get together. Her grandchild graduated from Florida State University magna cum laude in a limited-attendance graduation, so Martha was privileged to watch parts of the ceremony online at home as the rest of the family and close friends enjoyed their own party, a practice she highly recommends.

Martha Thompson spent a weekend at BJ Brown Freeman’s Bridge Camp at her home in Sapphire, N.C., where she and **Nancy Bruce Truluck**, Marilyn Little Tubb ’65 and Candy Gerwe Cox ’67 played bridge, walked, talked lots, ate delicious

meals and attended a chamber music concert in Cashiers, N.C. Driving back to Blowing Rock on Sunday, Martha stopped in Hendersonville to have lunch with **Bev Allen Morris**. Martha also visited **Peggy Marion Ryals** and Allen and enjoyed seeing where all those hours and hours of reunion work took place!

Mary Brown Bullock and George met their children, Ashley and Graham, and their families for a fabulous, previously postponed week together in Hilton Head, S.C.—a great time even with four grandsons ages 4-7!

Nancy Bruce Truluck and Richard met **Betty Rankin Rogers** and Jim to celebrate their mutual 55th wedding anniversaries. Betty and Jim had introduced Nancy and Richard, and they were married two days before the Trulucks. Nancy and Richard were at the Rogers' wedding and Betty and Jim were at Nancy and Richard's wedding. Lots of shared memories.

Suzanne Scoggins Barnhill received an award recently that was given by Rotary District for "Best Club Bulletin (Medium Club)." Suzanne has been producing the bulletin singlehandedly since 1995, and she and her Rotary Club have won a total of 23 awards in 26 years.

'67

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Please be on the lookout for the next Class News submission deadline this winter for the Spring issue of The Onyx.

'68

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Patricia "Trish" O'Neal Goodwin has a new, white mutt puppy, Osa, who brings dirt into her life. She has been to Sedona, Ariz., and Vail, Colo., and gone snowmobiling, extreme sledding and hot air ballooning.

Turning 75 during the angst of the pandemic, **Sally Bainbridge Akridge** was calmed by a year's worth of Saturday 5 o'clock Zooms with a Scottie pod ... **Peggy Whitaker**, **Betty Whitaker Wilson** and **Charlotte Hart**. Who knew what that year living on the third floor of Winship would foster?!

Gué Pardue Hudson and Bill had a wonderful week with family at Topsail Beach, N.C. They also journeyed to Lawrenceburg, Ky., taking the ashes of Dr. Sara Ripy, professor emerita, who died at age 96 during the pandemic. They were joined by **Helen Roach Rentch** on Dr. Ripy's birthday.

Sherry Grogan Taylor's home suffered extensive damage in the March tornado that struck Newnan, Ga.

Nancylee Rast Cater works part time as a chaplain at the Macon, Ga., campus of Magnolia Manor, the United Methodist-related senior living center.

Dale Reeves Sutton and her husband, retired Maj. Gen. B.K. Sutton, are living in her hometown of Greenville, S.C. She serves as state secretary for the South Carolina Department of the Reserve Army Organization. Her son, Michael Seabolt, graduated from Duke Law and is the designated soccer head coach for Missouri State University.

Cathy Walters Gonzales is vice president of the ALTA (Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association) Senior Day Men's and Women's teams. ALTA hosted the Truist Tennis Atlanta Open, for which Cathy volunteered in July.

Nancy Thompson Beane "ran" the Peachtree Road Race for the first time at age 74. Loving it!

After constraints in travel and social engagement, "Nonna Camp" resumed in Lufkin, Texas, in July for five of **Vicky Plowden Craig's** six grandchildren. They came from San Jose, Calif.; Austin, Texas; and Belton, Texas.

Caroline "Chee" Kludt Ricketts' watercolor, "Falling Springs," received a third place award from the Bath County (Va.) Arts Association.

Rebecca Lanier Allen and Jack's Colorado log cabin sold immediately, so they moved to a 3,000-acre cattle ranch to train and compete in field trials with her Labrador retrievers. Jack enjoys fly fishing and their daughters come to visit.

Carol Culver Meek, **Elaine Harper Horton** and **Patrice Cragg Darden** joined Larry and **Laura Warlick Jackson** in Alpharetta, Ga., to celebrate the Jacksons' 50th wedding anniversary.

Scott and **Susan McCann Butler** were able to travel to Los Angeles to see their only

granddaughter, Lily, in May, in time for Mother's Day and Lily's 10-month birthday.

Katherine Mitchell visited friends in NYC in July and is looking forward to a hike on the north shore of Lake Superior in September.

Sylvia Harby Hutton and Dave visited her mother's hometown, Maywood, Ill., pleased to learn her grandparents' house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Betty Derrick's painting, "Provençal Travels," is in the juried members' exhibit at The Bascom arts center in Highlands, N.C.

Paige Maxwell McRight has been celebrating! Fifty years of ordination on June 29, a 75th birthday on July 29 and the end of being interim pastor at Oakland Presbyterian Church in Oakland, Fla., on Aug. 1.

On July 9, **Marcia King** welcomed a new granddaughter, Joelle Virginia.

Mary K. Owen Jarboe, Susan Aikman Miles and **Helen Davis Leach** enjoyed their first post-COVID-19 lunch in Roswell, Ga. Helen is continuing to pursue the watercolor studies she started before the pandemic.

The Margaret Moore Hall Auditorium was dedicated at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, a memorial gift from Conrad Hall, husband of **Margaret "Peggy" Moore Hall**.

Ann Glendinning organized a tour of Main Hall for several classmates to see the beautiful new roof and renovated exterior of this iconic building. Main is stunning on the outside and in better condition than any of us who ever lived there or continue to love the building has ever known! However, a great deal remains to be done—the interior is down to the studs on three floors and in the basement. Ann and classmates have begun an effort to raise funds to name a room for the class of 1968 in anticipation of their 55th reunion in 2023.

'69

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After living together for 18 years, **Gayle Grubb Haas** (now known as Dorothy Gayle Haas) and Paul Barth were married last October. The wedding was on the front porch of the Methodist minister's

home. There were only four guests present, but friends and family participated by making prayer flags that were hung over the wide porch steps. Dorothy Gayle went on to say that she has had a difficult time balancing the pain and suffering of the world from COVID-19 and her own delight in slowing way down, gardening, making art and taking long country walks.

Ellen Joyce Sherling and Bill celebrated 48 years of marriage on July 7. They have continued to enjoy Auburn University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes. Ellen learned to recane chairs in one class! Their daughter Miller and her family returned from three years in Zurich in August 2020. The whole family, including daughter Dorothy and her fiancé, were reunited at the Sherling home at Lake Martin, Ala., for Christmas, taking appropriate COVID-19 precautions.

Sally Gillespie Richardson and Jim are loving being grandparents again following the birth of Laura James Richardson in March. Baby and parents (John and his wife) live a mile away, which means lots of visits and babysitting opportunities.

Dorothy Schrader wrote that she and Richard are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Lucy Lisette Donovan, born May 23 in Austin, Texas. Elizabeth and Derek were married in 2020 with only their parents attending, but they were able to have their pandemic-delayed wedding reception in late March.

'70

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Elizabeth "Boo" Winey Bunn writes that she is still teaching computer science at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics and looking forward to **not** teaching on Zoom.

Bryn Couey Daniel and Ross have stayed busy during this second COVID-19 summer visiting and assisting her 98-year-old mother who lives close by, playing online bridge and doing jigsaw puzzles. Bryn also writes that in fiscal year 2020–2021, we met our class goals for percentage of participation and for number of contributors.

'71

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In May, **Eleanor Ninestein** and **Becky Orlich** spent a weekend in West Virginia with eight 1973 alums who were in their hall. They enjoyed hikes, shopping, dining and catching up. Eleanor won the Scottie Strong Challenge with 151.2 miles—go, Eleanor!

Carolyn Gailey Christ reports that her dad, Malcolm Gailey, celebrated his 100th birthday in March with a drive-by parade of friends, a family Zoom call and a special birthday dinner.

Betty Scott Noble is caring for her father, who will turn 100 in August! She looks forward to joining one of our Zoom events soon.

Bernie Todd Smith and Cliff now live eight months of each year in Tampa, Fla. Their daughter, Morgan Smith Nobo '09, and family also live there, and they are delighted that their son, Alexander, and his family will be moving there soon. Please let Bernie know if you are in the Tampa area!

In September 2020, **Linda Corder** gathered with family and friends to share a meal and memories of her dear Al Somit in San Diego and Buffalo, N.Y. Half of his ashes reside in a niche at Mira Mar National Cemetery in San Diego and the rest in the memorial garden at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, where Linda's sister's ashes reside.

Melodey Mozeley Hauch has been living in League City, Texas, since 1984. Since that time, she has become a local historian and is currently vice chair of the Galveston County Historical Commission. Melodey is the lead writer of an upcoming book on the history of the county.

Christine Adams is a retired child and adult psychiatrist and promotes her award-winning, bestselling book co-authored with her mentor titled "Living on Automatic: How Emotional Conditioning Shapes Our Lives and Relationships." Written for general readers, the book describes how personalities develop and how we form relationships with one another based on the attractions of our different personalities. She does podcasts and journalist interviews and has a blog on PsychologyToday.com titled "Living on Automatic."

Mary Alice Isele decided, during the pandemic, to move to where her heart sings, and in February she moved to St. Simons Island, Ga. She had moved to Athens, Ga., in 2016 to be near her younger son and his family, but both sons and their families now reside in Denver.

Gayle Gellerstedt and her husband, Bill Funk, moved to Missoula, Mont., in 2018 and live next door to her youngest son and his family. They live in a hard-sided yurt with all the amenities, built for them by her son. Gayle's oldest son is senior minister at Covenant Presbyterian in Austin, Texas, and her middle son lives in Brunswick, Maine, and is self-employed.

Betheda Fries Gramling reports that life is good now that both children and the four grandchildren have moved into the Atlanta area. This summer, her husband's 97-year-old parents, who have been married 75 years, moved in with them. Betheda and her grandchildren enjoy having picnics on the beautiful Agnes Scott campus.

After practicing law for more than 35 years in Washington, D.C., **Carolyn Cox** and her husband retired there to spend time with each other and their children and grandchildren. She wrote a nonfiction book titled "The Snatch Racket: The Kidnapping Epidemic That Terrorized 1930s America," which was published in March.

Margaret Funderburk O'Neal enjoyed visiting friends in Savannah and on St. Simons Island, Ga., in June. She'll fly to New York City and Chicago this fall and plans a trip to France and Italy next year.

Susan Morton is grateful that she did not get COVID-19. Her parrot had a stroke but is much recovered. She has acquired a pink chicken.

'72

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Leigh Ann Peterson has some very exciting news!! After 39 years, she and Teresa Connell got married in a small family wedding at Teresa's son's house in Candler Park in Atlanta on April 24. Teresa's son and daughter and their families were there, as well as Leigh Ann's sister and two nieces. Leigh Ann reported it was lovely, even though the weather threatened tornadoes at times. They did manage to spend some time on the porch between showers.

In July, **Virginia Uhl Tinsley** drove up to the Washington, D.C., area for an impromptu post-pandemic trip to spend several days with **Gretchen Smith Mui** and her husband, Lincoln. They enjoyed catching up with each other and seeing sights in D.C. and Maryland.

Montie Smith Acuff and her husband, Steve, participated in a blind study of the Moderna vaccine. They later found out Steve received the vaccine in August and Montie received a placebo. She was then vaccinated in January. Their son David, who lives in Boulder, Colo., was a contact tracer. Montie was pleased that their son Drew and his wife Katy's furniture design business did well despite the quarantine and economy. Montie loves babysitting their daughter, Reese, three mornings a week.

Anne Kemble Collins reports that the (non) professional landscape team of Collins, Collins and Collins (aka Anne, her husband, Steve, and their son Penn) took on sodding their backyard and transforming their front and back yards by planting hundreds of new plants. She says, while their feathered visitors seemed to love all the new vegetation, their two dogs couldn't figure out why they had so much less space to run around.

After a very successful Peachtree Road Race in which **Mary Ann Powell Howard** came in first in her gender/age division in the virtual race, she and her husband, Henry, along with their two sons, Walter and Andrew, and their daughter, Christy, their spouses, and their children ranging from 18 months to 15 years, spent a week on Amelia Island, Fla. The 12 of them enjoyed some very special family time.

June 3–5, 2022, the weekend after Memorial Day, is the date of our 50th reunion. Please plan now to come. It will be wonderful to see everyone!!

'73

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Bonnie Troxler Graham shared the very sad news of her daughter's death in a tragic car accident in August 2020. Charlotte Graham Gingerelli, 43, attended Salem Academy, Washington and Lee, and James Madison University, where she earned her master's degree in music and during which a fellowship allowed her to study opera in six European countries. As a music

teacher of elementary and preschool children for 15 years, she was recognized as "a stellar teacher who inspired her students with her cheerful heart and gracious spirit." Charlotte is survived by her husband, Marc, and their two daughters. To honor her memory, Charlotte's siblings established a scholarship in her name at Salem Academy for students interested in music.

Susan Rudolph Birdwell surprised **Harriett Schneider Williams** during the pandemic with a package that contained an 8x10 color photo of Harriett in her 1971 bridesmaid's dress at Susan's wedding! For months they've been planning a reunion at the Williams home at Wild Dunes to celebrate Susan and husband Don's 50th wedding anniversary!

Sally Owen Roberts earned her master's in journalism from the University of Georgia and wrote for her local newspaper before directing the Publications Office at the University of West Georgia for 26 years. Recently retired, she is mom to son Oscar Roberts IV of South Dakota and daughter Helen Roberts, a third-generation employee of UWG, and grandmother to Heather Roberts, a new police officer in North Georgia.

'74

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Following retirement in 2019, **Louise Huff Armitage** began a fun part-time job as a standardized patient at George Washington Hospital. An SP is an actress who is given a script that includes symptoms, behaviors and demographic details. The SP is interviewed and examined by medical students, interns and residents as well as nurse practitioners and/or pharmacists, and the SP rates them on their interpersonal skills and thoroughness. COVID-19 ended all that, and Louise has spent the past 15 months at home playing bridge and attending online graduations, weddings, funerals, holiday gatherings, book groups, church services, and get-togethers with fellow classmates **Marty Rutledge Munt**, **Janet Sarbaugh** and **Judy Carol Duncan Baxley** via Zoom. Louise has sorely missed being with her two daughters, a teacher and a Foreign Service officer. The quarantine gave Louise a chance to make countless unusual recipes by freezer diving and using Community-Supported Agriculture vegetables, and to bake many loaves of bread (tasted awful) and too many cookies. Louise says, "I am fortunate to be healthy and not want for

anything—except hugs from my daughters [now delivered subsequent to vaccinations].”

The big event for **Mary Jane Kerr Cornell**'s family in 2021 was a wedding! After having to postpone a wedding in Seoul, South Korea, son Glen and his fiancée, Alison Shin, were married in March at a small family wedding in Austin, Texas. Alison's mother, Younghee Hong, flew in from South Korea. Son Alex officiated and daughter-in-law Kathy charged the couple. Mary Jane and Gary's two grandsons were the flower boys. Other family members, including Alison's dad, Kyungyoul Shin, and Sidney Kerr Mize '72, attended via Zoom. Alison and Glen have been staying with Mary Jane and Gary until they move back to Cambridge, Mass., in September. Alex and Kathy continue serving churches in Dallas while parenting two very active sons. Mary Jane stays busy serving as moderator of their presbytery's Committee on Ministry and sitting on the Presbytery Stated Clerk Nominating Committee.

Melisha Miles Gilreath and her husband, Ron, have moved to Presbyterian Village Athens in Athens, Ga. She has met fellow Scotties and is loving all the activities, good food, and proximity to her daughters and grandchildren. She invites classmates to come see the beautiful PVA.

Vivienne Drakes McKinney and her husband, Bob, were received into the Roman Catholic Church during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Sandy Stogsdill Ogle sent an update that her son Jason has returned safely from his deployment. After spending 11 months in Tennessee helping her daughter-in-law and two small grandchildren, Sandy returned to her home in North Carolina. Sandy's oldest son, Paul, lived at her house while Sandy was away and took care of her dogs and cats.

Jamie Osgood Shepard has wonderful news about the Osgood-Shepard family in Panama City Beach, Fla. After a nine-month, pandemic-related delay, son Lee married Shannon Ong in May on Treasure Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay. Jamie and husband Randy are still slugging away at work. Jamie loves her job with the Small Business Administration's Veterans Business Outreach Center, but she's thinking that in another year and half she'll be ready to consider retirement. After a relatively easy survival of COVID-19 and two rotator cuff surgeries in 2020, Jamie is feeling energetic and hopeful.

'75

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Anna Case-Winters is excited that her fourth book — "God Will Be All in All: Theology through the Lens of Incarnation" —is coming out this fall. Her husband, Mike, is honorably retired from ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA. Anna continues as a professor of theology at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Daughter Jenny is an astronomer at the Center for Astrophysics at Harvard, son Michael completed his PhD. at Georgia Tech in 2020 and works with the Kinsey Institute at the University of Indiana, and son Danny is assistant manager for Kribi Coffee and lives in Oak Park, Ill.

The class extends condolences to **Ellen Phillips Smith** on the loss of her mother, Eugenia Summers Phillips, on June 10.

The class also extends condolences to **Carolyn Webb Thomas** and Merrill on the death of their son Daniel on June 12.

Roberta "Robbie" Goodall Boman leads a local interdenominational prayer group of men and women every Thursday in Greenville, S.C. Robbie has organized and directed local prayer teams, which have completed 410 Prayer Walks in the Greenville area during the past nine and a half years.

Margaret Samford Day is excitedly waiting for grandbaby No. 11 to arrive, which will be the eighth girl. Her husband, John, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer and is receiving immunotherapy with the drug Keytruda. Her 94-year-old mother, Mary Aichel Samford '49, lives near her and is doing fairly well, although she has lost her vision and is not as mentally astute as when she was younger.

Lynne Jameson moved into her new home in High Peak Estates in March, which is on High Peak Mountain in Morganton, N.C. She has 10 acres of wooded property on her mountain. Lynne retired in September 2018 and enjoyed traveling in the British Isles on Viking Cruise Lines prior to the home move.

Mary Gay Morgan McKinney is semiretired and serves as coordinator of congregational care at the United Methodist Church of Geneva, Ill. She and Godly Mortensen spent a weekend at Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin, where they

enjoyed the people and Wisconsin food specialties.

Charlotte Gillis lives in Chattanooga, Tenn. All her major travel plans have been postponed until 2022, so she is enjoying short, local Tennessee trips to explore the area.

Rebecca Meador Walsh is happy to have her mother back in the U.S. after spending three years with Rebecca's youngest sister in Argentina.

Carrie Schulz Keith has owned Twigs and Leaves Art Gallery in Waynesville, N.C., for 15 years. She and husband John recently visited the Agnes Scott campus and met President Zak while there.

Susan McLarin Caffery is in her 15th year as the headmaster of the Academy of Science and Technology in Conroe, Texas. This is her 34th year in education. It was a challenge to keep teachers, students and parents encouraged and thriving during the pandemic, but she is proud to say that school was held for the students, whether in person or remotely, throughout the year. Both of her sons and their families live in Texas, which makes visiting them and the five grandchildren easy. She went to the Bahamas in June with her younger son and loved the white sand and aqua water.

Margaret Williams Johnston and husband Rip have built a new home in Rome, Ga., and are trying to get settled. Margaret's dad lives in Decatur, Ala., and she visits him frequently.

'76

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Virginia "Ginny" Maguire Poole is enjoying retirement and her granddaughters after being extremely busy with our 45th reunion earlier in the year. A Christmas gift to her children last year was part ownership of a beach house on Pawleys Island, S.C. They have enjoyed two fabulous family weeks there so far.

Gay Blackburn Maloney sends thanks to all who made our 45th reunion possible. She continues to practice law at her original firm in her hometown, Decatur, Ala., while traveling as much as possible to visit her grandsons, ages 9 and 6, in Ossining, N.Y.

Vernita Bowden Lockhart has exciting news to share! She has been named a 2021 American

Chemical Society Fellow and will be recognized in a ceremony on Aug. 24 during the society's national meeting.

Ann Patton Henley retired this year from teaching eighth grade math. She will be moving within the Atlanta area to live next door to her son, Drew, and his family. Her ninth grandchild, Salem Tate Lee, was born this spring to daughter Allison and her husband, Jacob Lee. Ann reports that she found her Raggedy Ann costume as she went through many boxes preparing to move!

Susan Grier moved back to Charlotte, N.C., in April 2020 after 43 years in Southern Maryland to be closer to family and friends. She lives with her kitty, Scamp, and teaches yoga part time at a nearby wellness center. Her younger son, 38, is a pharmacist in Savannah, Ga. The other, 41, starts med school this fall at UC San Diego.

Jane Maas Edwards reports that they are enjoying life on Jekyll Island, Ga., where she has returned to potting and is active in the Jekyll Island Arts Association.

Jennifer Rich Kaduck's first grandchild, Alice June Kaduck, was born in June.

Sally Echols Leslie's fourth grandchild, Ellen "Nellie" Carter Nygaard, was born in April.

In June, **Pam Braswell** completed a book manuscript, "Surrounded by Tigers," which tells of CIA activities in Thailand in 1954. She is also gardening, doing legal document reviews (remotely) and doing some acting gigs in Atlanta. After a cancer diagnosis in 2013 and years of treatment, she is happy to report that she is cancer free!

As soon as Switzerland opened to vaccinated U.S. citizens in June, **Cherry Joy Beyselance** and husband Matt flew to visit their daughter, Adrienne, who moved to Lausanne for work just before COVID-19 struck. They also enjoyed exploring the area around Lake Lucerne with her. Shortly after returning to the U.S., Cherry Joy underwent knee replacement surgery (planned in advance) and reports that she will spend the remainder of the summer doing physical therapy.

Lisa Banks Martin had a surprise two-day visit from her dear friend **Rebecca James Federal** on July 4! Rebecca traveled from St. Marys, Ga., through Atlanta, and then to Lisa in Dahlonga. Lisa's daughters and their children "entertained"

Aunt Becca and played with her gift—a “rescued” hamster.

'77

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Beth Doscher Shannon tells us this has been a year of extreme joy, as she celebrated the births of her first two grandchildren in February and May, and of profound grief, with the death of her husband, Jim, in March. Beth spent time with both girls—Nuala Elizabeth and Camila Jean—this past spring and summer. Nuala had lots of time with Grandma Beth while parents Kelly and Conor were house hunting in Cincinnati and during the long move from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to their new home. We extend our sincere sympathies to you and your family, Beth, on the loss of Jim.

After 23 years in Duluth, Ga., **Renee Davis Day** and husband Chuck moved to Social Circle, Ga., in April. Renee reports that she and Chuck are enjoying the small-town life and much slower pace!

Karen Bittenbender Zauderer and husband Jim are the proud grandparents of five grandsons and four granddaughters, with two of the nine born in 2020. They love being grandparents, with all the fun and craziness that comes along with being Nanny and GT!

Breaking with retirement tradition, **Kate Kussrow McConnaughey** and husband Jeff moved north and into a bigger, older home in the Olde Town East area of Columbus, Ohio. While rediscovering her Midwest heritage, Kate has improved her snow-shoveling skills, accepted defeat when growing tomatoes, taken pottery classes, read voraciously, gone to her first ice hockey game and added purple to her hair color. **Joy Cunningham's** gratitude posts kept her going through the pandemic. Thank you, Joy!!!

Now in her 13th year with Clairmont Press Publishing after 31 years of teaching, **Mary Anne Barlow** spends time outside work involved in the choir at her church and teaching a women's Sunday School class. She regularly travels to Bluffton, S.C., to visit family.

Ann Conrad Gwinn's biggest news to report is that middle daughter Sarah was married this year and eldest daughter Rachael was recently engaged. So, “Two outta three ain't bad,” according to Ann!

Ruth McMullen Valdez and husband Dave are the current cornhole champs in their beginners' league in Suwanee, Ga. “Yes, cornhole's a bit dorky, but it's great fun,” Ruth tells us. They plan to visit Hawaii this December to spend a few days with her son, Lt. Col. Chuck Bursi, and his family for the 80th observance of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ruth and Dave each have six grandkids and stay busy trying to keep current with them all. Volunteer opportunities are beckoning for Ruth's attention after she retires!

Frank Browder Holt retired from full-time teaching at Georgia State University in August 2019 but has continued teaching his beloved Humanities 1000 survey course. This summer, Frank took the Mongolian course at the Indiana University Summer Language Institute, a full year (8 credits) in eight weeks, truly “Mongol hel” (“hel” means language in Mongolian). His youngest son was given a medical discharge from the Marine Corps and lives in Jacksonville, Fla. His other two children and all six grands are living across the Metro Atlanta area. Frank currently lives in a retirement community in Decatur, Ga.

Congratulations to **Kandace Fitzhugh Carty** on the arrival of grandson Elijah Kwaku Boyd, born on April 28 to her oldest son, Stephen, and his fiancée, Nicole. Elijah's 3-year-old sister Gabriella, Kandace's “Future Scottie,” recently joined her for a tour of the campus. Kandace has been using time at home to purge and organize—tasks that are long overdue!

'78

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Barbara Duncan is still settling into her new home, where a green thumb neighbor is helping her with some gardening projects.

Catherine McLaughlin Hylands reports that her last paid day as an RN was in October 2020, but she continued to vaccinate as a volunteer RN at her local health department several days a week. She estimates she administered more than 2,000 vaccines!

Cindy Peters enjoyed visiting with **Susan Kidd** over a glass of wine in the ASC Alumnae House Sunroom during a recent trip to Atlanta. They had a blast reminiscing and catching up on their lives.

Martie Lovvorn Moore emerged from the pandemic with a second grandson, a new puppy

and an in-home pottery studio—what a well-spent “gap” year! Photos of her work are on Instagram at @martielmoore.

Elaine Wilburn Zullo retired officially on June 30 and spent two weeks vacationing on Cape Cod with her husband, Jeff, daughters Kate and Sarah Zullo-Barnett '05, son John, and two grandchildren. Life is good!

Mimi Holmes continues to take one class a semester at the University of Minnesota. This summer’s “Sexuality and Culture” wore her out from reading all the academic articles. She reports that things have not changed substantially since we were in college, although there are many new words to describe our choices. Mimi still teaches “Guided Autobiography” online and has a group she has met with 47 times throughout the pandemic.

'79

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Virginia Rockwell, Elizabeth Wells Lang, Linda Logan, Virginia Lee McMurray and **Sandra Fowler** attended the wedding of **Lyndon Harris'** daughter, dancing with reckless abandon, downing the bride’s signature cocktail and enjoying on-the-spot poetry compositions, all to the amusement of their global online audience.

Crystal Singleton Brown's daughter, Dr. Brittany Brown Jones '14, received her Doctor of Psychology degree in clinical psychology from Mercer University in Atlanta. She has been awarded the Clinical Service Award for excellence.

Edith Spurlock Towns and husband Tony have moved, after 32 years, from Aiken, S.C., to Hodges, S.C. They have two children still living at home and a son and daughter-in-law who have moved back to Aiken from the mission field due to the pandemic. Edith and Tony have two Burmese Mountain puppies that they hope to breed in retirement.

Linda McInnis moved to live with her babies-from-church oldest friend in East Texas. She now lives on 5 acres with cats, dogs and horses. In between cooking and caring, she is quilting and taking on an occasional writing adventure, all while learning Great Dane wrestling!

Sandra Eichelberger is working fully remotely for a medical supply company in Birmingham, Ala., and spent the pandemic knitting like a fiend.

Evelyn Kirby Jones had a great visit with **Anne Griner Watkins** when Anne traveled to Gainesville, Fla. Evelyn is thankful that things have opened up because she has big travel plans: a handbell concert in July, the Bahamas in August and a cruise from Venice in September.

Deborah “Debby” Daniel-Bryant and **Diann Sanders Baker** attended the Fox Theater in Atlanta to see “Hamilton” after having bought tickets a year and half ago. Debby has joined Rotary and the Daughters of the American Revolution and is on the board of the Georgia Preschool Association. She only **thought** retirement was going to be relaxing.

Ellen Poole welcomed her first grandchild, Sophie, into the world on March 6. However, she still found time away from playing grandma to don her bikini and dash to Pawley’s Island, S.C., with **Bette Broadwell Scott, Claire Hall** and Meredith Manning.

After 18 years, **Virginia “Ginnie” Risher Wilcox** retired from being head of Ambleside School in McLean, Va. She says that the retirement party felt a little like attending her own funeral without dying! She has five adult children, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law and three grands, with another due in October. Ginnie says, “Same spouse. Same house. Can’t ask for much more.”

Laurel Kramer and husband Dennis adopted a 3-year-old golden retriever that needed a new home. Lola was 25 pounds overweight, but, four months later, has lost 13 pounds. They are excited for Lola to drop the next 10 so that they can start sneaking her scraps under the table.

Leslie Doyle married off two children amid the pandemic to wonderful additions to the family. She gathered a couple of “also isolated” friends for a trip to Colorado, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon—way too many miles but helpful for making progress on her knitting. She has, **finally**, had garden success with turnips, radishes, beans, four types of squash, cucumbers and giant amaranth—all from seed. Leslie and **Katherine Harris** had a lovely visit when Katherine came through Hendersonville, N.C.

'80

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Judy Smith Willis reports that she has been

telecommuting to Georgia Tech for the past 16 months. Judy continues directing handbells at her church. They had to get quite creative during 2020 with a masked, socially distanced small ensemble. In the fall, Judy is taking over from **Debbie Bolter Bonner** as class fund chair, so you will be hearing from her soon! :)

Debbie Bolter Bonner is busy with houses! Last October, they moved to Ono Island in Orange Beach, Ala. (If you are in the area, message her for a visit!). They are now busy trying to sell both of their childhood homes before the big job of cleaning out their Baton Rouge, La., house.

Emily Moore was joined by **Cheryl Walker**, **Tracy Rowland Perrin** and Dacia Small Berry '79 for a celebration of the life of Bertha Burns Johnson Moore, Emily's mother, who passed away on Oct. 5. Cheryl, Tracy and Dacia also helped raise donations to install auditorium-size monitors at Francis Lake AME Church, Lake Park, Ga., in honor of Ms. Moore.

Just before the COVID-19 lockdown, **Lisa Wise Smathers** and **Rori Lane Herriage** were able to meet for lunch. Lisa and husband Butch are now busy moving into their new lakeside house. Lisa reports they are loving retirement and lake life!

Cynthia "Cindy" Dantzer Hammond and husband Chris had "Camp CiCi and Pops" cousin camp at their home for two weeks this summer. Cindy enjoyed spending time with **Sharon Maitland Moon** and her daughter, Lindsey, in May during a trip to Richmond, Va. In July, Cindy had an unexpected, but joyful, chance visit with **Keller Murphy Torrey** in Highlands, N.C.

Kathleen "Kathy" Hollywood and husband Bruce traveled west for three weeks in July! They covered 10 states, putting 4,000 miles on the rental van! Highlights included Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, Zion National Park, New Mexico and their son Steve in Los Angeles! Kathy reports that the open road was incredibly liberating.

In the small-world category: Kathy was recently catching up with a fellow band mom from her son's high school days. The item of discussion was the friend's daughter's new boyfriend—who turned out to be the son of **Amy Cohrs Vassey!**

Margaret "Maggie" Evans Porter has published her 14th historical novel, "The Limit of Limelight," featuring many real-life personalities of 1930s

Hollywood. Maggie is already hard at work on novel No. 15!

Jodie Jeffrey is busy in the Arkansas Ozarks. This summer, her marketing firm, BrooksJeffrey, celebrated 37 years in business. She has established a 75-acre creature preserve, Kindred Spirits – Fur & Feather Sanctuary, providing refuge to 100+ birds—swans, emus, geese, peacocks, doves, turkeys, parrots and parakeets—along with several non-avian rescues, including gecko lizards and a mini pig.

Sarah "Sally" Harris has been training for the Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thon that raises money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. From the health care front line, Sally notes, "Health care workers would really appreciate it if everyone would get vaccinated and be careful. This is exhausting!"

In March, **Mary Anne Hill** and **Sandra "Sandy" Burson Hosford** met on Isle of Palms, S.C., for their yearly "Winter Beach Retreat." While there, they were able to get together with **Elisa Norton Cooper**. In July, Mary Anne retired after 25 years with the federal courts!

Sherri Brown Breunig launched her consulting business, Padgett Brown, in 2019. She partners with schools, churches and nonprofits to implement brand communications. A recent visit with Melinda Tanner White '79 in Memphis, Tenn., was glorious after 18 months in COVID-19-related seclusion!

'81

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The Yellow Pages, ASC's own class of 1981, had a marvelous spring season as we prepared for our reunion. It's hard to believe it's been 40 years since our graduation! Thanks to having such wonderful Zoom meetings in the runup to the big day, we were able to quickly pivot when the college had technical issues. We hosted our class party effortlessly in our own space and didn't miss a beat ... or a cocktail. Although we hated not to be with each other in person, we were delighted to be able to include classmates who were as far away as England. Their smiling faces (which hadn't aged a day) were such an encouragement, as many of us were still dealing with pandemic restrictions. You would have thought we'd only been apart for days, not years. It's amazing how easy it is to pick up with such dear friends!

The business portion of our meeting was successful as well, and new class officers were elected to serve for the next five years. They include **Laura McCrary Hurban** (president), **Becky Durie Cottingham** (vice president), **Liz Steele Forman** (secretary/communications), **Laura Klettner Bynum** and **Lynda Wimberly** (fund co-chairs), and **Melanie Merrifield Podowitz** (45-year reunion chair). We've even started laying plans for our 50-year reunion! We are going to celebrate these big numbers, not run from them!!

Many thanks to those class officers who served tirelessly this past term. They have given our class untold hours of service, and we are most grateful. Many are serving again, but we have some who are retiring (for now). Special thanks to **Mary Ebinger Hurd** and **Susan Kennedy**, who have served as class officers for ages!

Here's some recent news from the Yellow Pages:

Karen Tapper has returned from living in Los Angeles since graduation and is home again in Gainesville, Fla. Her college roommate, **Liz Steele Forman**, is especially excited about having Tapper back on the East Coast!

In June, **Sarah Campbell Arnett** celebrated her 31st anniversary at Cone Health and is currently doing executive coaching, change management and leadership development. She enjoys her own consulting practice as well. That very work recently afforded her the opportunity to see Alice Harra '82 and Marjory Sivewright Morford '82 in Portland, Ore. Other exciting news from Sarah is that she and her husband were able to see their elder daughter for the first time in two years! She is getting her PhD. in Mandarin linguistics at UC San Diego. Their younger daughter finished her math/statistics degree at NC State in 2020. She lives at home and works remotely as a data analyst.

Mary Beth DuBose Amaker has had two sons get married in the past year, Richard to Amanda Kern on Oct. 24 at Ford Plantation near Savannah, Ga., and Belton to Claire Oliver in Cabo, Mexico, on June 12. Now all three of her sons are married and she is blessed with three lovely daughters-in-law! Mary Beth also became a grandmother on Jan. 15 when her granddaughter, Jane Brasington Amaker, was born to her son Rhodes and his wife, Nancy.

Condolences to our classmate, **Marie Castro Bruner**, on the recent death of her father.

The Yellow Pages are excited to announce that we are going to continue our Zoom sessions and plan to invite members of other classes of our era to join us. Book discussions, travel talks, etc., are in the planning stages now. To find out more, please e-mail yellowpages1981@gmail.com. We'd love to add you to the list!

'84

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After living in Atlanta for 41 years, **Kate "Katy" Esary Russell** and husband Dean retired, downsized and moved to the mountains of Hayesville, N.C. She reports that life is good and they enjoy a panoramic view of Lake Chatuge, the Appalachian Mountains and green pastures. A bonus is that Susan Pickens Morgan '85 lives nearby and they get together frequently. Katy's daughters have followed in their father's footsteps with legal careers. Katy's older daughter, Sarah, practices in Raleigh, N.C. Younger daughter Laura got married in March and is a law student at the University of Chicago.

Carol Jones is living in Buford, Ga., with her sister, Anne Jones Fears '79 and her husband, Don, while looking for a new human resources/benefits job opportunity in Atlanta or Raleigh, N.C. She is thrilled that her career coach is classmate **Rachel McConnell Berg** of the Sandbox Consulting Group.

Alicia Paredes Laramy—who moved from Atlanta to Palm Springs, Calif., in 2019—and daughter Emily continued their mission of visiting Western U.S. national parks/monuments. In 2021, the pair made it to Death Valley, Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Alicia made another big move this year when she sold her mother's house in Florida and relocated her to California, driving mother and her dog across the country in just four days.

On June 2, **Lana Smith**, who lives in Adairville, Ky., enjoyed a family celebration for her parents' 60th wedding anniversary.

This year, **Diane Rickett Sandifer** joined the Harris County High School faculty in the mathematics department. She and her husband, Paul, moved "home" to Pine Mountain, Ga., close to Diane's parents, for whom she is the primary caregiver. Diane continues to be inspired by her

fierce 4-year-old granddaughter Finley as she navigates dwarfism.

Meg Jenkins Locke, Hickory N.C., spent much of this year caring for her sister Mary Mallette, who bravely fought yet succumbed to cancer. Meg poignantly chronicled her sister's journey on social media. On a lighter note, Meg and her daughter Margaret were in Atlanta and hosted a friend's bridal shower at the home of classmate **Lizanne Abreu Stephenson**.

Patti Leeming Barrett and husband Ron, while working full-time jobs, have ventured into a fun new small business called Wizarding Arts. You can find them at local craft fairs and community events in the Charlotte, N.C., area and also on Facebook and Etsy. It's a hobby that they have turned into a livelihood.

Connie Patterson Haywood and husband Tom are proud of daughter Emma, a 2020 Auburn University graduate who stayed an extra year for a graduate internship with Auburn Christian Fellowship and, this summer, moved home to Metro Atlanta.

Caroline Cooper Wilhelm of Charlottesville, Va., is active with Literacy Volunteers and spent two years tutoring a student from Turkey, including preparing them for the U.S. citizenship test, which her tutee passed. The sessions pivoted to virtual during the pandemic. Caroline enjoys this work as it is reminiscent of her days teaching college students, stating, "It was a rewarding experience to be part of a newcomer's journey to citizenship."

Fran Ivey Lemmen, Georgetown, Ky., and husband Tim spent the first six months of this year as in-home caregivers to Tim's mother until her death. It was a total family affair as their children, Kirk, Ryan and Meghan, also lent support.

On April 24, the class held a virtual mini reunion attended by 25 boasting sailor classmates from New York to California.

'85

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Ann Fitzgerald Aichinger continues with her daily videos, which she started on March 13, 2020, as a way to keep Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Va., connected and informed through the pandemic. But over the months, her audience has

grown to include many Scotties as well as friends from all over the world. On July 19, she recorded her 500th consecutive daily video. You can see them on her Facebook page or at CentralPresBristol.org under View Videos. If that doesn't keep her busy enough, Ann is planning a 10-day trip to New England to mark off three more states in the U.S. she has visited. She has been to 43 states, and then will have to set up a time to visit the remaining four, which are on the West Coast. Her travels this summer have included a two-week trip to visit Southwest Florida and grandchildren, then back to Virginia Beach to visit with her family, plus chaperoning two youth conferences in Montreat, N.C., as well as some day trips in and around Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

Margaret Shippen Sanders' big news is that daughter Mary Ellen is a member of the ASC Class of '25! She's a third-generation Scottie!

Joanna Wiedeman Quillen writes that younger daughter Emma married David Petro on July 8 in her backyard in East Point, Ga.. Woodruff Scholar Emma is scheduled to graduate from Agnes Scott in December.

Classmates **Elizabeth Stevenson Fairleigh**, **Kristen Sojourner** and **Joanna Wiedeman Quillen** (with their husbands) celebrated the 4th of July together, with dinner at Joanna's then fireworks in downtown Decatur, Ga..

In July, **Cindy McGee Hitt** and husband David enjoyed a great trip west to Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Glacier national parks. They also celebrated their son Patrick's graduation from Mercer Law School in May. Currently working as a staff attorney for the Waycross Superior Court District, Patrick will begin his career as a JAG officer with the U.S. Army in January 2022.

Sundance Sisters, thank you for your words of comfort on the passing of my father. After attending the IDEA Fellowship program one summer at Agnes Scott, it was he who encouraged me to attend Agnes Scott. We always joked he was a "Scottie" before I was! – Ellen

'86

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Laura Smith and Krista Enos had a son, Cooper Timothy Enos, on Feb. 21. He is such a gift in their lives. They can't wait for us all to meet him!

Charline Pinnix Ruffin and husband Milton are proud to announce the graduation of daughter Julia from the International Baccalaureate Program at North Mecklenburg High School (Charlotte, N.C.) in June. **Kjerstin Boggs Terry** and her husband, Dr. “Lenny” Terry, traveled from Gainesville, Fla., to share this special occasion. Julia will attend North Carolina State University.

Julie Kilgore Willis teaches middle school science in Forsyth, Ga., and finished her education specialist degree in May 2020. Mark and Julie celebrated 33 years in July and downsized to a one-bedroom loft in downtown Macon, Ga. They were grateful to visit their children this summer (daughter Kate and her husband are in Louisiana, where Kate is in her last year of law school at Loyola, and son Luke is a chemical engineer in Virginia).

Sandy Dell Futch and Trey downsized to a house in downtown Lawrenceville, Ga., and purchased a cottage on Lake Oconee. Daughter Ellie, who works for Amazon, and her family moved to Cartersville, Ga., from Miami, so they are glad to have them closer (especially grandson Asher, almost 2). Daughter Sara works for a consulting firm in Durham, N.C. Son Jack works at The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta, and lives in West Midtown. Sandy teaches middle school at Providence Christian Academy.

Ginger Berry Verch and Richard sold their home in Alpharetta, Ga., and will be snowbirds between Wisconsin and a new Florida condo. They were able to have both sons (and their girlfriends) with them a lot during the pandemic. Ginger will miss the unique bond of attending ASC reunions with her mother, Doris Riddick Berry '47, who passed away in 2020. Son James lives in Austin, Texas, and works for Oracle. Son John graduated from the University of Michigan and works for a dentist in Chicago, with plans to apply to dental school next year.

Elizabeth Hardy Noe retired from her role as a partner and member of management of her law firm, Paul Hastings LLP, in February. She is looking forward to her new role as Agnes Scott Board of Trustees chair and has recently joined the board of Lexington Realty Trust. She enjoyed trips to Costa Rica and a six-day whitewater rafting adventure on the Salmon River in Idaho (no cell service, camping out at night with hubby and good friends, and enjoying the wilderness, although wildfires were happening nearby).

Adia Gonzalez-Bigner is in her 21st year practicing medicine at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and she is proud of classmate **Ellen Weinberg Boney** for joining the VA and getting honored by ASC!

Laurel Seibels Justice relocated to Lake City, Colo., where she practices psychotherapy via Zoom, as well as runs a gallery for the summer tourists and conducts retreats, workshops and residencies. Terry McGehee, chair of the ASC Art Department during our tenure, spends her summers there! Laurel spends April/May in another Lake City (South Carolina) helping with the art competition Artfields. Son William, 31 (Denver), son Calder, 29 (Boulder, Colo.), daughter Mary Caroline, 26 (Denver), and daughter Anna, a rising senior at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., are all great!

'87

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Skotti Ray Frese has spent the past two years since her retirement from teaching as an almost full-time church volunteer. She chaired the capital campaign for the church's new building, and then was responsible for designing and procuring all the liturgical furnishings and stained-glass windows. Her son, Jim, graduated from Columbia University in May 2020 and has just completed his first year at Georgia Law. Daughter Mary-Carter just graduated from Georgia Law and is headed to NYC for work in the fall.

Barbara “Babs” Breuer Scott has been busy being primary caregiver to her mom, Theresa Breuer, whom she moved in with her family in Texas two years ago. Her mom recently went on home hospice care. Last December, Babs and Matthew celebrated 25 years of marital bliss. She continues as lead female vocalist in the church house band and in other community charity work. In February, during the great freeze, the Scotts expanded their household, adopting two stray kittens, which brings the current total to five cats and two big dogs—all of which are indoor pets. The cats are happy to live in Babs' converted two-story dollhouse called Kitty City. In March, Babs started a new path working with a friend and general contractor part time, and she's having a blast learning new and very useful skills. Just proves we're never too old to take on new challenges! Babs is our reunion chair and welcomes your ideas as she

plans our time together in 2022. Feel free to e-mail her at babziellia@gmail.com.

Finally able to travel safely, **Jackie Stromberg DeCarlo** went on a two-week road trip from her home in Maryland to North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In addition to reconnecting with colleagues and family, she visited Julie Hartline '88 and our classmate **Kathy McKee**. Highlights included dolphin sightings, sloth watching at the Gainesville Natural History museum and a pilgrimage to Horseshoe Beach. Come to find out: There is no beach and there are no horseshoe crabs.

'88

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Susan Martz Hutchinson, after much careful consideration and work with other family members, made the difficult decision to place her mom, who has Alzheimer's/dementia, into an assisted living facility in June. It has been a rough road, especially during the pandemic, but Susan learned a lot along the way and is grateful her mom is now safer and more comfortable. Susan and her husband, Gerry, are traveling to Zion in October and are eagerly looking forward to becoming grandparents again in January 2022.

The high school where **Monica Pina Ellis** teaches managed to complete the entire year with face-to-face instruction. Her son Drew and his wife moved to Gainesville, Fla., where she is in the middle of her pediatric residency at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital. Another son, Will, finished his second year of law school. Jack will be a senior at the University of Georgia, where he pitches for the baseball team.

'89

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Jeanne Bressoud Higgins started a new job as a chaplain with Community Hospice in Jacksonville, Fla. She continues to also minister at a local church, preaching and providing pastoral care.

Louisa Parker Mattozzi traveled with family to see Kansas at the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival, where her daughter Louisa Margaret was interning and performing social media marketing, including livestreaming and creating photos and videos for future posts. Son Michael spent 10

days at the Boy Scouts of America's Sea Base in the Florida Keys in July that included snorkeling, sailing, fishing and camping. The whole family camped out on Assateague Island, accomplishing Louisa's bucket list experience of seeing the wild horses running on the beaches.

L. Julian Keniry is in the midst of launching a project called Green Teach for Opportunity. It is about helping teachers prepare students for new careers that demand sustainability skills. Her sister, April, is still teaching art in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and Julian was able to visit just before the pandemic chased her back home. Prior to that, Julian's urban transport planner and former architect friend helped her create a tiny-home condo unit that has been a surprisingly enjoyable place to work from home these past several months.

Rebecca Earnshaw reports that her daughter Jane-Elizabeth Hudson graduated from high school and will be a freshman pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in studio art at Florida Southern in the fall.

Allison Adams says she's been devouring novels, tending animals, growing gardens, practicing lots of yoga and enjoying her job (really!). She's enjoying singing with the Atlanta Resistance Revival Chorus, which was founded and is still directed by another alumna, Carlisa Johnson '13, and contains a few other alumnae. They were featured in a documentary about the resistance revival chorus movement, called "Resist," that was filmed right before the pandemic, premiered at Tribeca and is now being screened at film festivals all over the country.

Molly McCray-Finke reports that her husband, Gabe (who still remembers the hilarious phrase "Man on the hall!"), and she will be empty-nesters in August after 23 years. Their youngest daughter, Tess, is a sophomore at Davidson and is roommates with the niece of one our 1989 classmates. Their middle daughter, Hannah, is a junior at Emory on the premed track and has spent this summer being an EMT. Their oldest daughter, Sophie, just graduated from Georgia Tech as an electrical engineer with a computer science minor. She is now having a great time using her math skills as a Wall Street quantitative trader! Even though their family has been in Denver for 18 years, all three girls were clearly drawn to the South for college. Lastly, Molly is still putting together Colorado Agnes Scott alumnae events, with a few irreverent alums from the classes of the 1970s who keep her laughing. At their recent event this summer, Molly enjoyed seeing Beverly Garcia

Truscheit '88 and her husband.

Jennifer Boyens Victor and her husband have been lucky enough to work from home throughout the pandemic, and as their daughter Julia is a senior at Paideia this year—the college search has begun. In July, they took their first trip to NYC since before the pandemic so that Julia could look at NYU, Columbia and Barnard. She'd really love for Julia to stay in town and attend Agnes Scott, but Julia is determined to leave Georgia. Headed to Boston next! They're relieved to be able to visit colleges in person, unlike last year's seniors. This year marks the 15th year for Jennifer's law firm, The Victor Firm LLC.

'90

No identified class secretary. Please send any news to share to alumnae@agnesscott.edu.

Jill Barkholz James remarried in March. Her husband, Rodney James, is a retired pilot.

Amanda DeWees' latest gothic novel, "A Dangerous Observer," placed second in the 2021 Daphne du Maurier Awards for historical mystery/suspense.

'92

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◀ 50

Brooke Colvard McFry spent this summer on the go. She visited her son Alex in Los Angeles, with a trip to Las Vegas and Death Valley; spent a weekend in Huntsville, Ala., with her son Adam, then later helped him move to Colorado; worked on a film set of Alex's in Alabama; and got a new job for the fall as a secondary literacy instructional partner.

After 25 years of practice with the law firm of Morris, Manning & Martin LLP, **Vanessa Elliott Goggans** has formed the law firm of Goggans, Stutzman, Hudson, Wilson and Mize, LLP. You can check out the firm at gshattorneys.com. She is also about to be an empty-nester, as her youngest son goes off to Auburn University in the fall. A little bird also told us that Jennifer was recently awarded the George A. Pindar Award by the State Bar of Georgia for her lifetime contribution to real property law for the benefit of the bar. Bravo, Vanessa!

Earlier this summer, **Paige Priester Browning**,

Susan McTier Crain, Beth Bass Covalt, Jennifer Trumball Needham, Noelle Fleming Bandy and **Aida Najarian** had a mini reunion on St. Simons Island, Ga. There was a bounty of food, coffee, facial treatment masks, laughter and fellowship that was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Amanda King Nimnicht started a new career in 2019 as a luxury travel adviser and, after a partial hiatus due to the pandemic, she is enjoying planning trips of a lifetime for her clients as well as for her family. She owns Solace Travel in Jacksonville, Fla., and is a Virtuoso Certified Travel Advisor. Her daughter is 23 and living and working in Savannah, Ga. Her son is 15 and a sophomore in high school.

Dawn Sloan Downes celebrated her one-year anniversary as publications and content manager for the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association in March. She worked her first year there entirely at home, but is now enjoying being in the office and doing some limited travel throughout the seven-state Tennessee Valley region. Her son Brendan begins his freshman year at Sewanee: The University of the South in August, and her younger son, Beckett, begins high school then as well. To ease the transition, Dawn and husband Scott adopted a terrier-mix puppy named Doc.

Elizabeth Fraser Washburn is working as an independent mortgage broker, which she has enjoyed for the past 28 years as it helps people achieve their dreams of homeownership, and is a helpful influencer in debt management. Last year, Elizabeth's family purchased a cabin near Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., with plans to enjoy it before all their kids leave the nest in the next few years. Her oldest daughter is headed to the University of Georgia this fall. Elizabeth and **Anne Bearden Gunn** got their families together this summer, and in a few weeks their oldest daughters will be heading to Key West to visit Elizabeth's in-laws. Both moms are hoping for another lifelong friendship!

'93

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This year is a special year for many class of 1993 Scottie sisters—many of us celebrating our 50th birthdays! Happy birthday!!

In June 2021, **Anna Crofts Straight** moved to New Bern, N.C., to be the 19th pastor/head of

staff of First Presbyterian Church, a congregation founded in 1817!

Mary Curtis “MC” Lanford Pizzano, Helen Nash and Aimee Griffin met for a long overdue dinner recently. They hadn’t gotten together since before the pandemic, so it was wonderful finally being able to meet in person. Big news for MC is that, after 32 years of living in the Atlanta area (starting on her first day at ASC), she and her family are relocating to Central Florida. It’s time for them to flip the “reset” button, and with the kids being out of the house that makes it much easier. She looks forward to connecting with Florida Scottie friends in the coming months!

Lauren Granade Feldman recently earned her CPA! As an ASC theatre major, she says, “It’s true, you really can do anything with a liberal arts degree!”

Barbara Scalf Stairley updates that life is chaotic but good! She has gotten to the reno stage at her mom’s house. The kitchen was taken down to the walls and reconfigured. She and her son moved in last week, even though the house is still being worked on. It’s been a struggle, but worth it! Her mother-in-law’s house might be next! Both her kids are doing great: Rebecca is working on her PhD. at Medical University of South Carolina and has a wedding venue picked out; Will is starting his second year of studying engineering at Clemson!

Elena Adan Esquen recently returned to part-time work, after a yearlong furlough, at Walt Disney World, where she “makes magic” at Hollywood and Vine. She is also starting her 26th year of teaching full time and will continue at Orange County Virtual School. She shares that “Baby Anthony” recently turned 30 and is doing great as a branch manager for Weed Man Lawn Care in Suwanee, Ga. She and the family recently had a birthday bash for him and a mini family reunion at Lake Lanier! Her daughter, Amanda, has recently accepted a travel nurse position in the Labor and Delivery Department at WakeMed in Cary, N.C., so she will be visiting the area soon! Her son, Alex, recently graduated from high school and starts Florida Atlantic University. So it will just be her and Addie, 12, at home this fall with their pup, Maui!

’94

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Jessica Daugherty and Melissa Mullinax

met this past May in Colorado Springs, Colo., to surprise Mary Frances Kerr (class of 1993 and ASC alumnae director) for her 50th birthday.

After 18 years in Germany, **Nikki Webb Alger** moved back to the U.S. in July. She continues to teach for the Department of Defense Schools at Fort Stewart, Ga. She’s excited to be back in Georgia and looking forward to seeing her Scottie sisters more often.

’96

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Alvanita Hope accepted a position as director of enrollment management and financial aid at Shorecrest Preparatory School, a coed, independent, PK3–12th grade school in St. Petersburg, Fla. After several years serving as the director of enrollment for The Friends School of Atlanta, she moved with her family in June from Atlanta to St. Petersburg to begin her new role. Her sons, Enrique and Alejandro, will both be students at Shorecrest in the fall. She reports that her daughter, Kirklen, is moving to New York in the fall to continue her training with the Joffrey School of Ballet as she works toward her B.F.A.

’98

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Catherine O’Sullivan Johnson, her husband and their three daughters (ages 14, 11 and 7) moved from Atlanta to San Diego in June. They visited in January 2020, fell in love with the city, and decided to take the plunge and move before their eldest daughter entered high school. It was hard to leave Atlanta, but SoCal was calling!

’99

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Gemma Philage is generally loving life while living in southern Spain and working as a supervisor for a military counseling and advocacy program. Despite working from home under tight restrictions in the midst of a global pandemic, she successfully recruited participants, conducted interviews and wrote a dissertation on burnout—successfully defending it in April! To celebrate her defense, Gemma traveled to Miami with

her husband, Tom Roche. Family and **Nkenge “Ayoka” Shakir** viewed the live stream of the hooding ceremony and, later that weekend, Ayoka, **Heather Ricks Scott**, **Asiyah Sarwari Sharifi** and **Jamila Heard Lisbon** sent messages of support that were displayed on the Jumbotron of the Miami Marlins baseball stadium during the in-person, COVID-19-safe graduation celebration in May. Unfortunately, as many of us can empathize with, Gemma’s celebrations have been complicated with grieving—in the midst of this period, her mother passed away and she is now reckoning with all that entails.

Birgitta Johnson is now associate dean of diversity, equity and inclusion in the School of Music at the University of South Carolina; is an inaugural member of the inaugural UCLA Ethnomusicology Archive Advisory Board; and has a chapter in “Beyoncé in the World: Making Meaning with Queen Bey in Troubled Times” (Wesleyan University Press) titled “At the Digital Cross(roads) with Beyoncé: Gospel Covers that Remix the Risqué into the Religious.” And in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Marvin Gaye’s “What’s Going On” album, Birgitta talked with Peace Talks Radio (NPR) host Paul Ingles in June. The episode is titled “Musicians/Activists for Social Change” and you can hear it at www.goodradioshows.org/peaceTalksL217.htm.

In addition to parenting three spitfires of her own creation, **Heather-Leigh Owens Nies** is pursuing her M.S.W. degree at the University of Georgia. In the spring, she was inducted into two honor societies, and she also completed an internship as a victim/witness advocate for the DeKalb County Solicitor-General’s office. In summer 2020, she co-founded “Bridging the Gap Practice Therapy Group,” a UGA student organization supporting the growth of graduate-level clinical social work practitioners through networking, role playing and collaborative effort. She is also co-directing the Rockbridge Girl Scout Service Unit Leadership team in Lilburn, Ga. Heather-Leigh is looking forward to being able to travel again, especially as pandemic complications canceled two study abroad programs for her: one to Ghana in summer 2020 and another to Ireland this past summer.

In addition to celebrating Gemma, **Asiyah Sarwari Sharifi** and her two young sons, along with neighborhood friends the Ewings, explored a homeschooling unit on biology and economics. They began a composting and vermiculture project that evolved into competing roadside

bait businesses! Competition between the two families became surprisingly heated, which came to a head during what was meant to be a friendly neighborhood game of paintball (young JR did **not** expect that he would actually get shot during the game!). Both families, in hopes of peace, have shut down their bait stands, and the Sharifis recently retreated to a glamorous yurt to reconnect as a family.

'00

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Jennifer Long Hethcox received her fourth Distinguished District Administrator award this summer in Salt Lake City at the Circle K International Convention. Jennifer has served as the district administrator for the Carolinas District since 2018. She was elected last October as a Kiwanis district trustee. While at Agnes Scott, she served as CKI Club secretary and president as well as Georgia District governor, where she was named a Distinguished Governor.

Carolyn Stover Harvey is working on documentaries and podcasts as a producer, story editor and writer after earning her Master of Arts degree in writing and digital communication from Agnes Scott in May 2020. Carolyn’s productions are slated for release on major distribution networks later this year.

Monica Gissentanner-Richey joined Grady Health System as the VP of physician revenue cycle. She believes it’s a fabulous way to give back to her community.

Jeni Woodbridge Sweet gave birth to a son, Sawyer, in September 2020 and married her partner, John, in December. In May, Jeni graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and in June, her family moved into their new home in Lithonia, Ga.

Saycon Sengbloh was featured in the film “Respect,” which arrived in theatres Aug. 13 and stars Jennifer Hudson as Aretha Franklin. Saycon stars as Aretha’s older sister, Erma Franklin. Also, in September, Saycon stars as the Southern mom and wife, Lillian Williams, in “The Wonder Years,” a classic show reboot on the ABC network.

'03

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Cristina Simons resides in Venice, Calif., and is currently pursuing a doctorate in nurse anesthesia from the University of Southern California.

Brigid Scarbrough has been appointed to the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. In this role, she works to advance LGBTQ+ equality across the country and beyond.

Melva Lowry has accepted a new position as co-director of the Asheville Poverty Initiative in Asheville, N.C.

Zachanta Floyd Valoy and her husband, Eddie, welcomed a beautiful 7-pound, 4-ounce baby, Ilana Reyna Valoy, into the world on June 9 at 10:20 p.m. Mom, dad and two older brothers are elated to have her home.

Koa Castle-Woolley was transferred and promoted to assistant vice president and Kona Banking Center manager for First Hawaiian Bank. She also completed an intensive Emerging Leaders program through her company, while simultaneously completing the licensing program to become a foster mom. Koa welcomed her first placement, a 12-year-old girl, Sparkles, on Jan. 15. Additionally, she welcomed a fabulous new kitty, Sasha Fierce, into her family.

Emily Gibson lives in Quincy, Mass., and was promoted to senior manager, client production at AIRINC.

Carmen Bolivar has left the coastal metropolis of Miami for new adventures in North Carolina. She purchased a home in Huntersville.

Whitney Peoples has taken on a new role as the inaugural director of diversity, equity and inclusion at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Jameda Hugh Owens has accepted the position of high school assistant principal at Imp@ct Academy, a virtual school program in Henry County, Ga.

'04

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Carrie Crosby Hodges and husband Justin

welcomed Fitzpatrick "Fitz" Porcher Key Hodges, their fourth child, on June 14.

Georgia Mae Hall made her debut on June 27, born to **Katie Schroder Hall** and Wes Hall and big sister Ella. She is a perfect little peach and can't wait to visit campus and meet her momma's Scottie sisters.

Valerie Kote-Tawia launched a podcast on June 16 called "Live Set Apart!" This podcast inspires listeners to embrace their gifts, be who God created them to be and change the world in their unique way. New episodes are released biweekly on Wednesdays and can be found wherever you get your podcasts.

Martha Gaston purchased a home in the Charleston, S.C., area and is settling in with Benne, her Cavalier King Charles spaniel puppy.

Alania Jones Voerg was promoted to executive producer at Blue Marble Video. She's been with Blue Marble for 10 years and loves her job! Alania says her art degree from Agnes Scott has really influenced her work, and the communications skills she learned at ASC prepared her for this new role. She's also been happily married to husband James for 13 years and looks forward to many more!

Michelle Williams and husband Robert Dukes welcomed Robert Michael Williams Dukes on Feb. 10.

'05

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Lauren Lee-Crane and **Catherine Lee** launched their company, Semaine Health, in 2020, and their PMS and period supplement is for sale at Target stores nationwide. Semaine was started with the goal of helping other women (and nonbinary people) with pain points we all commonly experience during our cycles. Lauren and Catherine are driven by their own health journeys with their endometriosis diagnoses and hope to help shift the paradigm in women's health care toward more research, more options, and less stigma and taboo. The two were also recently mentioned in Forbes:

www.forbes.com/sites/jesscording/2021/06/23/how-the-sisters-behind-semaine-are-helping-improve-womens-options-for-period-pain-management/?sh=242799d73ff9

Megan Skelton King completed her master's degree in curriculum and instruction and has begun working toward her Ed.D. in the same field at Georgia College & State University.

Rachel Darr and her business partner have launched a comedy podcast called "True Crimes Against Wine" about wine and pop culture. It's available on all podcast platforms.

Katherine "Kate" Thomason Wood started a new job in March with Dental Care Alliance as its Coupa (a procure-to-pay platform) administrator.

Meghan Jaffe Bynum and her husband welcomed Ellis Jaffe Bynum on April 20. He joins big brother John.

'06

Courtney Ware Lett
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On June 1, **Lindsay Cronk** was promoted to assistant dean, scholarly resources and curation at the University of Rochester Libraries. She had previously worked as director of collection strategies and scholarly communication at the University of Rochester and coordinator of online resources and collections at the University of Houston.

On July 1, **Suzanne Gordan** began working as an associate product manager for her employer of three and a half years, UserTesting. She partners with internal customer-facing teams to deliver enterprise software solutions that improve organizational efficiency.

Lauren Kenyon Schreck and her family relocated to Devens, Mass., as part of a permanent duty station change with the military.

Arsed "Sed" Joseph, a project manager and international DJ based in the Atlanta area, launched her startup, StageWing, a DJ and A/V equipment-sharing community. In May, she graduated from the Atlanta Tech Village "It Takes a Village" pre-accelerator program, which helped propel her startup forward. To learn more, please visit www.StageWing.com.

Jennifer Hutchison graduated in May from Maryland University of Integrative Health with a master's degree in acupuncture. She is now a licensed acupuncturist with two thriving private

practices in Southern Maryland.

Samaneh Askarian graduated, with honors, with a B.S.N. in May and passed the National Council Licensure Examination in early June. She is officially a registered nurse!! In August, Samaneh began the ICU Nurse Residency Program at Northside Hospital in Forsyth, Ga.

Kayleigh Shebs Waters was elected to the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association Board at the reunion weekend. She loved seeing so many faces at the Vixens virtual reunion and hopes to see many classmates in person soon!

Emily Rose and her wife, Susanna Merrill, adopted their daughter, Courtney, after nearly four years of being her foster parents. Courtney is now 5, loves insects and chickens, and is too fast for any adult to keep up with.

Kristen Mangum Bruner moved to Columbus, Ohio, with her family after her husband got a job at Head Inc. She will be teaching at Mason Run High School.

LaTwanda Broughton was promoted to protocol specialist within the Office of the Chief of Staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Terri Entricht Fletcher was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine.

Jacquelyn "Jacquie" Hauth Turner and her husband, Syl, welcomed their second child, Rose Elizabeth Turner, on March 7.

Kirby Hager Johnson returned to MarkeTeam in a promoted capacity as an account director on the Sierra Club and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center accounts. Kirby was also accepted into the 2021–2022 cohort for Leadership Chattanooga.

Courtney Ware Lett celebrated her marriage to Chris Lett during a wedding reception at Agnes Scott College on June 26. The reception had to be postponed from July 2020, but it was well worth the wait!

'07

Kristin Hall
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Stephanie Terry Akunvabey recently took

on a new role as the vice president of equity and inclusion and the chief diversity officer at Roger Williams University. She began her new position on July 6 and is enjoying it so far. She also went to Ghana on Aug. 1 to celebrate her 10th wedding anniversary, accompanied by a few fellow Agnes Scott alumnae.

Dr. Christy Byrd became a tenured associate professor in the Department of Teacher Education

and Learning Sciences at North Carolina State University this spring.

Kristin Hall's new short play, "Ephesus Retreat," a sendup of both the self-care industry and Zoom meetings, received its premiere as part of Silicon Valley Shakespeare's 48-Hour Play Festival in January.

Casey McIntyre was blessed by visits from two of her favorite (and fully vaccinated) Scotties in June. Fellow '07 alum **Nisha Malani**, her husband, Todd Goldberg, and daughter Mia traveled from their home in Charlotte, N.C., to visit Casey and her husband, Andrew, in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn, N.Y. Later that month, Casey went to Key West, Fla., where she was met by fellow '07 classmate **Laurel Graefe**, who traveled from Chattanooga, Tenn., for a weekend filled with lots of pool time and piña coladas.

Dr. Elizabeth Ott and her wife, Khalilah Karim, recently welcomed two new additions to their family. On March 21, Elizabeth gave birth to their daughter, Joan Hanan Ott-Karim. On June 4, they became the permanent legal guardians of Me'Lony Giselle Brown.

Callie Elizabeth Tyner and husband Daniel Enrique Portillo welcomed with love their first child, Carolyn Emiliana Portillo.

'08

Dominique Khan
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Sabrina Cintron Cassell
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Brittany Eirwin-Maqueda and her husband, Alex, welcomed their third child, Cruz Mateo, on May 1. She continues to own and operate a rural dental practice in Southern Indiana.

Sarah Swygert accepted the position of assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Colorado State University.

Erin Eidson Payne moved to a new home in Canton, Ga., and started a new job teaching Spanish at Cherokee High School.

'09

Tiffany Claiborne
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The class of 2009 has welcomed several new family members this spring, with **Colleen Cogan Penn's** new arrival, Everett Anthony Penn, entering the world on Easter Sunday (April 4). **Jean Panek Hiefner** gave birth to (and caught!) Austen Karen Hiefner at home on April 27. Husband Jordan and big sister Zenobia were also present for the occasion. Finally, one of our smaller new additions is **Erica Stafford Wood's** son, Thomas Hooker Wood. Born on May 6 at a teensy 4 pounds, 12 ounces, this little one may be tiny, but he is mighty. He inherits his mom's smiling personality and love of music.

For a birth of a different kind, we look to **Leticia Urieta**, whose first book, "Las Criaturas," will be out this fall from Flowersong Press. For more information, visit www.flowersongpress.com/urieta to read all about it.

'10

Renu Urvashi Sagreiya
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Margaret McMillan was married on Nov. 14 in Knoxville, Tenn., to Jason Hamrin. She also graduated with her M.S.S.W. degree from the University of Tennessee College of Social Work in May.

Sarah Dhalla accepted a tenure-track professorship at Seminole State College teaching physics.

Emily Grim-Throop got married in October to Adrian Throop. They are planning to host their wedding reception this October in Atlanta. They also bought a 1930s bungalow in Atlanta's Candler Park neighborhood and are looking forward to living out their own 2021 version of "This Old

House". This summer, Emily left the advertising agency world to start a new job as a creative strategist at Pinterest, which really only enables all that DIY daydreaming.

Andrea Goodman and her husband, Bryan Fleming, are overjoyed to announce the birth of Abigail Ruth in March, making them a family of three.

Renu Urvashi Sagreiya was appointed as chair of the Customary and Religious Law Interest Group at the American Association of Law Libraries.

'11

Sarah Bowen Hersh
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Hannah Hunt Askew, along with her husband, Wade, and their 1-year-old daughter, Farrah Lu, are relocating from Oakland, Calif., to Atlanta at the end of September. Hannah has worked for 10 years at Google, which is growing its presence in Atlanta, and Wade found a job at the Georgia Justice Project. Hannah would love to get connected with any Scotties still in Atlanta and also shares that Google is hiring, in case anyone is interested!

Sarah Bowen Hersh celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary with husband Eric and a small group of friends and family at JuneBug Retro RV Resort in Weaverville, N.C., over Memorial Day weekend. The couple was excited to celebrate in person a year after their virtual ceremony. In April and July, Sarah and Eric welcomed two new puppies into their home: Tulip, a boxer, and Yeti, a Samoyed. They are loving having dogs at long last!

In June, **Mary-Kate "MK8" Laird** accepted a remote position as the paid social lead in ad ops at Sprinklr. Sprinklr is a unified customer experience management platform used by large brands to personalize and enhance the customer's online experience. MK8 is leading a team of senior analysts in the planning and execution of social media advertising for one of Sprinklr's enterprise brands. She and her wife, Savannah, are gearing up for Savannah's second year of pharmacy school—one down, three to go!

In May, **Rebecca Lunny-Knisely** relocated to Gaithersburg, Md., from Boston.

'12

Portia Neat
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Ellie Spresser started a new position with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the State Department in June, following the completion of an M.A. degree in international political economy and development at Fordham University

in December. She is teleworking from NYC for now but expects to move to D.C. when the office reopens.

Bhumi Patel accepted admission to the PhD. dance studies program at The Ohio State University this fall.

'13

Rachel Branning Rieman
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Emma Kearney is looking forward to graduating from law school in December with both her Juris Doctor and Master of Library Science degrees. Most recently, she completed an internship with the Federal Public Defenders of the Middle District of Pennsylvania. She's made the most of her pandemic experience by watching 600 movies since March 2020, knitting her first cable-knit blanket and becoming worryingly emotionally dependent on Ed Sheeran.

In September, **Charlotte Kubicz** will celebrate three years at Snowflake, one of the fastest-growing tech companies. She was recently promoted to a manager position and has been tasked with building out a team and recruiting new talent. She is currently living in the San Francisco Bay Area and getting back into horseback riding, one of her lifelong passions.

Celeste Banks' film "Break" recently was selected for the BronzeLens Film Festival. This festival is an Oscar-qualifying festival in the shorts category! Celeste's team is working on their next project, called "Black Girls and Fairytales." This short film is about a black princess for hire who gets the chance of a lifetime to be a real princess, but her ingrained colorism and insecurities hold her back from her crown. They have partnered with a nonprofit to help fund this film. If people would like to donate, they can visit <https://fundmyfilm.org/shorts/black-girls-and-fairytales/>.

Gabrielle “Elle” O’Brien has joined the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Information in Ann Arbor, where she teaches data science.

Natalie Jorge-Castellanos, her husband, Austin, and their daughter, Zora, recently bought their first home in a move to Maryland. Austin is working at the Congressional Budget Office in Washington, D.C. Natalie is spending some time at home before finding a new teaching position.

Zora, 2, is currently focused on developing her knowledge of colors, shapes, letters and numbers. She feels optimistic about these studies and is sure they will contribute to her future career.

Sarah Fordham was promoted to development associate at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Jenessa McElfresh moved to Memphis, Tenn., to accept a position as an associate professor at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, with the title of systematic review service coordinator and senior research and learning services librarian.

After a five-year stint at Central Atlanta Progress, **Bethany “Paige” Sullivan** recently joined the communications team at the Atlanta-based consulting firm Coxe Curry & Associates. She lives in Kirkwood with her trio of pets.

Tiara “Tia” Gass graduated with an M.Ed. degree in higher education/student affairs from Saint Martin’s University in Lacey, Wash. Tia was the writing center graduate coordinator at Saint Martin’s for one year, is currently a recruiter for a hospitality staffing agency in Tacoma and is looking for work in her field.

Jenna Liuzzi is entering the fifth year of her PhD. program in French at Princeton University. Her dissertation investigates representations of violence against women in contemporary French literature. She is also completing her 200-hour yoga teacher certification.

In May 2020, **Rachel Bradley** completed her graduate certificate in writing and digital communication. In July, she was promoted from senior social media editor to content strategy manager on the Brand and Creative team at The Home Depot.

Madeline “Maddye” Webb-Mitchell graduated with her master’s degree in library science from

Indiana University Bloomington in 2019. She also served as a junior fellow at the Library of Congress’ National Audiovisual Conservation Center in Culpeper, Va. She most recently accepted a faculty librarian position at IUB, becoming the new media archivist for IU Libraries’ moving image archive. She and **Emma Kearney** are roommates (and soulmates) in Bloomington.

’14

Aminah Hussain
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Taylor Smith has been working at Restored from Within, where they sponsor retreats and give restoration baskets to sex trafficking survivors residing in safe homes around the world. The organization gives hope and restoration to women who would otherwise feel hopeless.

Isabel “Izzie” Atkinson started an occupational therapy doctoral program at Georgia State University and will graduate in 2024.

Kerry Ayres-Smith got married to Luis Queremel-Milani in an intimate ceremony on March 6 in Atlanta. The couple now resides in Decatur. The ASC class of 2014 was represented by Kerry, who wore red shoes for the ceremony.

For the past six years, **Ashley Lawrie** has worked in higher education admissions. She will now be pursuing a dual degree in international and world history, with a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and a Master of Science degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, specializing in the history of the Guyana-Venezuela border dispute and the implications for Latin American and Caribbean development, a new global cold war, and the future of global energy security.

Maggie Rose Berardo has started graduate school to get her master’s degree in library science from Texas Woman’s University.

Stephanie Tirado passed her exam to officially become a board-certified clinical specialist in neurologic physical therapy.

Jessica Owen will be celebrating her fourth year working for ASC. She was recently promoted to become the college’s purchasing coordinator.

Aminah Hussain and the rest of the 2014 class officers offer love and support to our fellow Scotties

who have lost family members and loved ones during this pandemic. We hold you dearly in our hearts and wish you peace and healing.

'15

Shekinah Phillips
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Melissa Hutcheson earned her PhD. in physics from the University of Michigan in March after successfully defending her thesis.

In May, **Oreoluwa “Ore” Adekunle** graduated from medical school at Morehouse School of Medicine and began her residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in July.

Dr. Emily Vanchella recently completed the requirements for a PhD. in music theory at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she also received her master's degree in 2019. Her dissertation, “Honey Pie, Colors of Dreams, and Inner Light: Stylistic Expertise and Musical Topicality in the Beatles' Mid- and Late-1960s Songs,” examines the Beatles' music from the perspective of topic theory. This fall, she will serve as visiting music faculty in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Texas A&M International University in Laredo. She is excited to teach courses on American popular music.

'16

Claire Kircharr
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Halden Ingwersen is hard at work at her new job with the startup OnDeck, teaching potential founders how to launch startups of their own. Some of her clients have gone on to be featured in HackerNews and Forbes, and have launched at No. 1 on ProductHunt. Personally, she's doing great with a flourishing garden and two happy pets, Kona and Popsicle. Her pandemic hobby, brewing, keeps producing absolute jet fuel, including a 16 percent alcohol by volume hard cider and a nearly 50 proof mead. Oops!

Rachel Brazeale has been appointed to the Mosaic Scholarship Subcommittee as part of the Society of American Archivists' Awards Committee.

Megha Patel graduated in May with her master's degree in English from the University of Alabama.

'17

Jessica Luegering
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Jessica Luegering graduated from Georgia State University College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree on May 14. She has been studying for the Georgia Bar Exam all summer and is excited to begin her new career.

Rachael Scott completed her Public History and Museum Studies Certificate program at the University of West Georgia. She moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she is attending the University of Arizona to earn her Master of Library and Information Science degree. She is always up for having pen pals. Fellow classmates, reach out if you'd like to send and receive letters!

The gallery run by **Elizabeth “Stokes” O'Shields**, The Loft, was named Best Art Gallery in Cobb County, Ga., for 2020 by Cobb Life Magazine. It also received the award for Best Artist for resident artist Susan Easton Burns. The Loft celebrated its three-year anniversary on Aug. 6 as part of the popular First Friday Art Walks on Marietta Square. Stop by for a visit if you're in the area!

Sarah Meaghan Eiler completed a whole year of teaching online. She's excited to be going back to in-person teaching this fall.

Jennifer Marshall completed her master's program with the Relay Graduate School of Education in Dallas and graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching degree for elementary education. She is also certified to teach in Texas.

In May, **Natalie Martinez** graduated from San Jose State University in California with her master's degree in library and information science.

After completing a service year for AmeriCorps as a sixth grade math tutor with Hands On Atlanta, **Elisha Bronner** was accepted into the 2021 Teach for America Corps. She has moved to Memphis, Tenn., and will be a second grade teacher for the 2021–2022 school year.

'18

Abi Camden
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Amorette Aryee graduated from Royal

Holloway, University of London, on Dec. 15 with a Master of Science degree in international public policy. In June, she started work with Flexport as a global customs analyst.

Alexis “Lexie” Smith graduated with her Master of Arts in Teaching degree on June 26 from Relay Graduate School of Education in Memphis, Tenn. She is now in her third year of teaching at Freedom Preparatory Academy Charter Schools in Memphis.

'20

Madeline Brasgalla
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Kayla Oates will be attending Mercer University for a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.

'21

Teresa Enriquez Taxis
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Caitlin Weaver has finalized joining the U.S. Army in the Reserves for Military Police.

After being a student worker in the Office of Alumnae Relations for her four years at Agnes Scott, **Tasida Webster** was recently named the new alumnae relations coordinator! She is excited to continue to work alongside her wonderful colleagues in the office and make lifelong connections with alumnae across the country and the world. She hopes you enjoyed reading the Class News section of The Onyx; this was her first time collecting and editing the news by herself. It was a lot of fun!!

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The Agnes Scott Alumnae Association is happy to announce the births of these alumnae children.

'86

Cooper Timothy Enos, born to **Laura Smith** and Krista Enos, Feb. 21, 2021

'00

Sawyer Sweet, born to **Jeni Woodbridge Sweet**, Sept. 2020

'03

Ilana Reyna Valoy, born to **Zachanta Floyd Valoy** and husband Eddie, June 9, 2021

'04

Robert Michael Williams Dukes, born to **Michelle Williams** and husband Robert Dukes, Feb. 10, 2021

Fitzpatrick "Fitz" Porcher Key Hodges, born to **Carrie Crosby Hodges** and husband Justin, June 14, 2021

Georgia Mae Hall, born to **Katie Schroder Hall** and Wes Hall, June 27, 2021

'05

Ellis Jaffe Bynum, born to **Meghan Jaffe Bynum** and her husband, April 20, 2021

'06

Rose Elizabeth Turner, born to **Jacquelyn "Jacquie" Hauth Turner** and her husband Syl, March 7, 2021

'07

Carolyn Emiliana Portillo, born to **Callie Elizabeth Tyner** and husband Daniel Enrique Portillo, 2021

Joan Hanan Ott-Karim, born to **Dr. Elizabeth Ott** and her wife Khalilah Karim, March 21, 2021

'08

Cruz Mateo, born to **Brittany Eirwin-Maqueda** and her husband Alex, May 1, 2021

'09

Everett Anthony Penn, born to **Colleen Cogan Pen**, April 4, 2021

Austen Karen Hiefner, born to **Jean Panek Hiefner** and husband Jorda, April 27, 2021

Thomas Hooker Wood, born to **Erica Stafford Wood**, May 6, 2021

'10

Abigail Ruth, born to **Andrea Goodman** and her husband Bryan Fleming, March 2021

'13

Lucca Raylen McCormick, born to **Jordan Elizabeth Steele** and Sean James McCormick, May 11, 2021



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deaths

The Agnes Scott Alumnae Association offers condolences to the classmates, alumnae and families who lost loved ones over the last reporting period.

'30

David Henry Gambrell, son of Kathleen H. Gambrell, May 6, 2021

'40

Elizabeth "Penny" Hammond Vieau, March 23, 2021

Christine Florence Houseal, July 16, 2021

'43

Regina Stokes Barnes, mother of Paula Henry Holmes '73, Dec. 30, 2020

Mamie "Sue" Barker Wolf, March 31, 2021

Mary Ann Cochran Abbott, April 28, 2021

'44

Frances Craig Magruder, May 26, 2021

Elizabeth "Mas" House Russ, mother of Maslin A. Young '68 and Donna S. Russ Smith '71, July 10, 2021

'45

Carolyn Eplan Goldsmith, March 12, 2021

'46

Margaret Louise Dabbs Bevan, Nov. 24, 2020

Rev. Stratton Lee Peacock, aunt of Sara S. Chapman '69, Dec. 27, 2020

Helga Stixrud Rose, aunt of Donna Ruth Crawford '79, Dec. 30, 2020

'47

Mary Ann Martin Pickard, April 20, 2021

Jean Williams Hand, June 14, 2021

'48

Joseph B. Cumming, husband of Emily W. Cumming, Nov. 9, 2020

Jane Alsobrook Miller, March 17, 2021

Jane Campbell Symmes, Aug. 20, 2021

'49

Virginia Vining Skelton, April 13, 2021

Evelyn Foster Henderson, May 4, 2021

Rachael Stubbs Farris, cousin of Katherine Stubbs '67, June 15, 2021

'50

Betty Cook Barefoot, December 30, 2020

Elizabeth "Betty" Cole Van Houten, March 28, 2021

Sarah Tucker Miller, June 3, 2021

'51

Nancy Lu Hudson Irvine, Nov. 1, 2020

Bettie Wilson Weakley, March 14, 2021

Jimmie Ann McGee Collings, June 8, 2021

'52

Anne Cope Wallace, Sept. 30, 2020

Carolyn Wettstein Radford, Feb. 11, 2021

'53

Georganna Buchanan Johnson, April 7, 2021

Barbara West Erwin, May 2, 2021

Sarah Leathers Martin, July 19, 2021

Marion Merritt Wall, July 27, 2021

'54

Carolyn Randolph DeLay, Oct. 1, 2020

Mary Willis Sherer, May 1, 2021

Mary Mallette Jenkins Wood, sister of Margaret "Meg" Jenkins Locke '84 and niece of Keller Henderson Barron, July 7, 2021

Caroline Reinero Kemmerer, aunt of Susan Vargas Stephani '86 and Caroline F. Vargas '88 July 13, 2021

'55

Helen Fokes Farmers, Jan. 6, 2021

'56

Jane Alston Johnson Waites, March 27, 2021

Judith "Judy" Welch Crowther, April 10, 2021

'57

Judith Wiles Crow Barr, Dec. 30, 2020

Billie Rainey Echois, mother of Martha Echols Waddell '83, March 2, 2021

Emily Gillham Middleton, sister-in-law of Tena M. Nelson '56, April 22, 2021

Donald S. Hauck, husband of Margery DeFord Hauck, April 24, 2021

'58

Mary Ann Wilhelmi Betke, Aug. 13, 2018

Julia Jones Lindsey, April 17, 2020

Susan Hogg Griffith, April 14, 2021

Mary Jo Cowart Jenkins, July 7, 2021

'59

Don Trent, husband of Peggy Britt Trent, March 22, 2021

Sara Anne Frazier Johnson, April 30, 2021

Ralph Noble Bassett, husband of Melba Bassett and father of Mary K. "Kitsie" Riggall '83, May 12, 2021

Margaret Dubard Bills, daughter of Mary Clayton Bryan DuBard, June 17, 2021

Anne Moore Eaton, July 30, 2021

Leoniece Davis Pinnell, mother of Mildred Fockele '82, Aug. 16, 2021

'61

Virginia "Gayle" Green Miller, March 23, 2021

James "Jim" Manley, husband of Harriett Elder Manley, May 26, 2021

Ann "Flossie" Gaines Mitchell, July 30, 2021

'62

Edith Hanna Holt, aunt of Katherine L. Grant '82, March 25, 2021

Janice Heard Baucum, sister of Helen "Sandy" Lowery '67, April 22, 2021

Dr. Claude "Cary" Gravatt Jr., husband of Ann Lee Sullivan Gravatt, May 29, 2021

'64

Catherine "Kitty" Strickland Croxton, June 16, 2021

'65

John Freemont Sharpe, husband of Carolyn True Sharpe, April 24, 2021

Patricia Emmer Lawson, June 1, 2021

Cyron Tanner Lawson, husband of Patricia Emmer Lawson, June 1, 2021

Brain Hinman Gracey, husband of Peggy Bell Gracey, July 13, 2021

'66

Bennette Auxford Rowan, Nov. 10, 2020

'68

Elizabeth "Betty" LeTourneau Galyon, April 6, 2021

Rebecca Heacock James, June 18, 2021

Elizabeth "Mas" House Russ '44, mother of Maslin A. Young '68, July 10, 2021

Sharon Lagerquist Keating, July 17, 2021

'69

Beverly "Bev" LaRoche Anderson, Dec. 30, 2020

Martha Nell McGhee Lamberth, cousin of Heather Honerkamp '96 March 4, 2021

'71

Elizabeth "Mas" House Russ '44, mother of Donna S. Russ Smith, July 10, 2021

'73

Charlotte Graham Gingerelli, daughter of Bonnie Troxler Graham, Aug. 30, 2020

Regina Stokes Barnes '43, mother of Paula Henry Holmes, Dec. 30, 2020

'76

Rachel Dawn Alexander McMahan, niece of Margaret C. Alexander '60, January 21, 2021

'77

Patrice Ivy Davis, sister of Elizabeth Hudson '78 and Terese I. Braun '75, Oct. 5, 2020

James A. Shannon Jr., husband of Elizabeth Doscher Shannon, March 21, 2021

'89

Suzanne Barefoot Younts, June 17, 2021

'80

Bertha Burns Johnson Moore, mother of Emily Moore, Oct. 5, 2020

Rex Jeffery, father of Jodie Jeffery, Nov. 30, 2020

Jacqueline Dahl Spratt, mother of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Spratt, Feb. 3, 2021

James Joseph Hill, Jr., father of Mary Anne Hill, April 25, 2021

'83

Billie Rainey Echois '57, mother of Martha Echols Waddell, March 2, 2021

Ralph Noble Bassett, father of Mary K. "Kitsie" Riggall, May 12, 2021

'84

Mary Mallette Jenkins Wood, sister of Margaret "Meg" Jenkins Locke, July 7, 2021

'87

Janice Nell Albertson Sherk, mother of Melanie Sherk and mother-in-law of Kathy Scott '85, June 20, 2021

'89

Stephanie "Sue" Bigg Dickey, Nov. 12, 2020

'91

Natasha Darshan Singh, March 2021

'92

Mary Charlotte McCall, mother of Jessica Carey Graham, June 28, 2021

'04

Twan "Moose" Farmer, April 19, 2021



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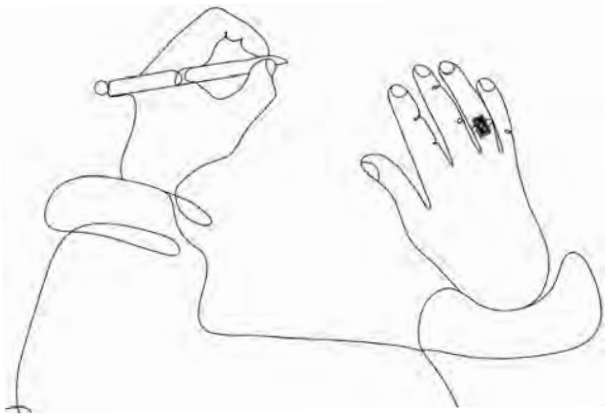
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Lost and Found

Sue Parkin TeStrake '64 and the scavenger hunt to return her lost Agnes Scott ring

In 1967, after obtaining a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I moved back to Atlanta with a new husband, who was returning to college in Georgia following his service in the Air Force. I began my first professional job, and we lived in an apartment off Peachtree Street. Our big splurge was to go to Morrison's Cafeteria in Buckhead for their all-you-can-eat boiled shrimp on Wednesday nights.

After one such meal, we returned to our apartment, where I discovered that my Agnes Scott onyx ring was missing. My husband teased me, saying that I had swallowed it during all the messiness of that meal. As you can imagine, I checked with Morrison's regularly, and they repeatedly told me that it had not been found. I was so sad!

One day, years later, I received a call from a staff member in the Office of Alumnae Relations at the college asking if I had lost my class ring. She told me that a teenage boy had called their office because he was tired of seeing my ring on his mother's dresser. Apparently, the boy's mother was an elementary teacher in an Atlanta public school on the west side of Atlanta, and a young girl had worn my ring to school. She was intrigued as to why this little girl was wearing such an interesting ring, so she asked here about it. The girl told her that her mother worked at Morrison's Cafeteria and had found the ring in the ladies' room where I had taken it off to wash my hands. The smart teacher told the class that some woman was sad that she had lost her ring — and wouldn't it be fun if they could find its owner and return it, like a scavenger hunt. She was having trouble making the time to follow through, which is why her son



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stepped up. So, the Alumnae Office contacted me to ask if I had lost my ring. The B.A., the '64 and my initials were a clue. Yay!!!

The teacher and I agreed that I would meet her at school to claim my ring. The principal allowed me to speak over the intercom during the school's morning announcements to say how happy I was that these kind people had taken the time to return my ring. And I took an age-appropriate gift to the little girl in exchange for my ring. Everyone was happy!

Do you have a special onyx ring story? Let us know at alumnae@agnesscott.edu!