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Bicentennial —and— Beyond

Anastasia Inciardi '19 hand-carved this linocut of Old Kenyon to help kick off the College's bicentennial celebration year. PAGE 28

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Visiting Instructor of Spanish Agnè Karosaité takes in "Nancy Spero: Maypole: Take No Prisoners," which is on view at the Buchwald-Wright Gallery through Spring 2024.

Cleveland-born artist Nancy Spero originally created the immersive installation for the grand entryway of the 52nd Biennale di Venezia in 2007. One of the last and most significant large-scale works by Spero before her death in 2009, "Maypole: Take No Prisoners" is a critical and visual outcry against the recourse to strategies of violence in situations of conflict.

Installation image of "Maypole: Take No Prisoners," The Gund. Image by James Decamp. ©The Nancy Spero and Loen Golub Foundation for the Arts. Licensed by VAGA at ARS, NY. Courtesy of Galerie Lelong & Co.







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Letters

PAUL NEWMAN Nobody's "Fool"

In regard to the letter from Emmie (Dengler) Smith '05 in the Spring 2023 issue questioning the wisdom of devoting so many pages to Paul Newman '49, I would imagine that the Paul Newman articles will continue until morale improves.

— William Melick, Bruce L. Gensemer
Professor of Economics

THE VI Soup chef

I enjoyed the fall 2023 issue greatly. I thought it was hilarious that the only letter referencing the previous article about the Village Inn (fall 2022), with the long-dreamed-of cheese soup recipe (which I, and no doubt countless others immediately made on the stove and thoroughly enjoyed) was a negative screed. I also enjoyed reading about my friend from Hill Theater and VI days, Scott Klavan '79.

— Mark Belden '78

KENYON CROSSWORDS Challenging and fun

I really like the Kenyon-themed crosswords: challenging and fun. As an old-timer from the Class of '86, I might suggest articles about retiring faculty members who have had such an impact on the lives of so many alums.

— Mark Aiken '86

Thank you

Just a quick line to say "thank you" for adding this feature. I love 'em.

— James Carson '74

MY GENERATION An incomplete history

It is always good to get a new copy of the alumni magazine and to catch up on the College and old friends. However, I write to call your attention to two lamentable factual errors in "My Generation" on page 44 of the fall issue. It purports to describe the 1970s, but egregiously asserts that, in 1970, "The first women students arrive at Kenyon." I assure you that we arrived a year earlier, in the fall of 1969. Granted, the College was not ready for our arrival in 1969, but neither was it ready in 1970. When the College celebrated "50 Years of Women on the Hill," it celebrated in 2019.

Secondly, the article states that, in 1973, "In May the first women students graduate from Kenyon. ..." This would have been correct if it had stated "the first full class of women ..." or "the first class of women to spend four years on the Hill. ..." but, as written, it erases the women who graduated in 1971 and 1972; and, as one of them, I resent that. We graduated from Kenyon and not from the Coordinate College even though the Coordinate College was not technically abolished until 1972.

In the fall of 1969, the College admitted a full class of first-year women, three sophomore women and two juniors. I was one of the three sophomores. It was not easy for any of the women in the fall of 1969 to make a place for themselves, but it was particularly tricky for the sophomores and juniors when there were no other women in our non-introductory classes. The Class of 1972 graduated with more women than three, and none of us, or the women in the Class of 1971, deserve to be forgotten in Kenyon's history as presented by the alumni magazine.

— Susan Emery McGannon '72

Editor's note: We regret the incomplete wording in the 1970s highlights that failed to acknowledge the pioneering women who arrived as early as 1969 and graduated in the classes of 1971 and 1972. You are absolutely right that those first years paved the way and should not be erased from Kenyon's history. We will be more thoughtful in how we characterize the evolution of coeducation on the Hill in the future.

CORRECTION

We published an incorrect last name for Catherine Uroff '87 in a fall 2023 class note. Catherine has two new short stories coming out this year: one in the Louisville Review and another in the New Ohio Review. See curoff.com to learn more. We regret the error.

TO OUR LETTER WRITERS

We welcome letters of 300 or fewer words. Letters to the editor may be used for publication unless the author states the letter is not to be published. Letters may be edited for style, length, clarity, grammar and relevance to Kenyon issues.

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“Depending on exactly the contours of the Supreme Court’s decision, then (DEI programs meant to mentor, train and support underrepresented groups) would be vulnerable to challenge.”

— **Lindsay (Buchanan) Burke '97**,
in a Dec. 5, 2023, Washington Post story,
“Supreme Court case could spark rush of reverse-discrimination claims” about arguments in the Supreme Court case of *Muldrow v. City of St. Louis*.



“Being so close to a farm reminds us of the duty we have to kind of live up to the food that we’re putting out on a plate every single day.”

— **Arjav Ezekiel '10**,
interviewed on “CBS Saturday Morning” after Birdies, the restaurant he opened in Austin, Texas, in 2021 with his wife and partner Tracy Malechek-Ezekiel, was named the 2023 Restaurant of the Year by Food & Wine Magazine.



“We need humanists conversant in AI who can critique and shape the future that AI may restructure. AI forces us to ask questions about what it means to be human.”

— PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AND HUMANITIES AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOLAR
Katherine Elkins,

delivering the 2023 Meredith Donovan Lecture at Mount St. Mary’s University in Los Angeles, in November.

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THE VIEW

Diamond in the Quad

Students clothed in a mix of late-19th century fashion styles gather on the lawn in front of Ascension Hall for a game of baseball. Ascension, which opened its doors on campus in 1859, was designed by William Tinsley and endowed by the Church of the Ascension in New York.

From Both Sides, Now

On a Sunday night in early February, I was among the 16.9 million Americans who watched the 66th annual Grammy Awards live on CBS. And thanks to a historic performance by Joni Mitchell, I haven't stopped thinking about the show since it aired.

Mitchell, now 80, has won 11 Grammys over her lifetime, but this was her first-ever performance on the Grammys stage. Singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile, who produced Mitchell's latest album, "Joni Mitchell At Newport (Live)," introduced her "hero," calling Mitchell "the matriarch of imagination." Then, as the opening notes to her 1969 oft-recorded song, "Both Sides, Now," filled the auditorium, a camera panned over to Mitchell, who was seated on a plush, gold-rimmed armchair, tapping a bejeweled cane to the beat. Performing with her in a supportive half-circle were Carlile and a group of younger musicians who have grown close with Mitchell in recent years, as she recovered from a near-fatal aneurysm and re-learned how to speak and sing. I doubt I'm the only person who got emotional when Mitchell sang, "Joni, you've changed/Well, something's lost, but something's gained/In living every day."

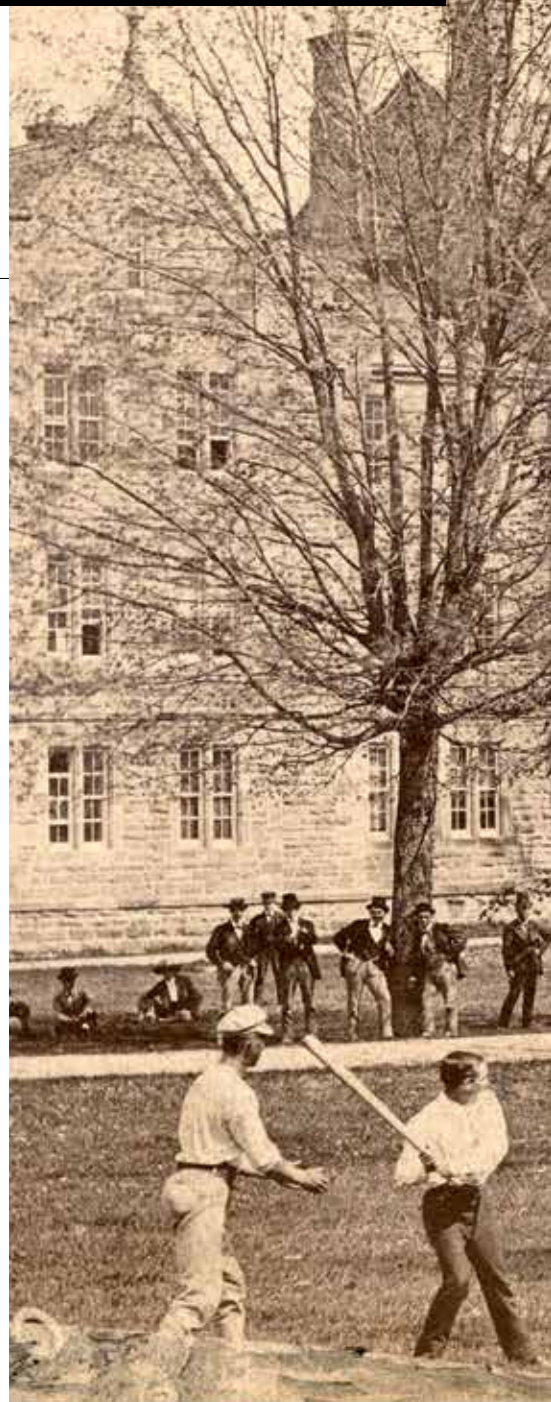
The thing that has stuck with me most from the broadcast was best described by WNYC's Brian Lehrer as "multigenerational synergy." I felt it while watching 40-something Carlile beam at Mitchell, and also when Tracy Chapman, 59, sang her hit, "Fast Car," with an awe-struck Luke Combs, 33 — the country star whose cover made the song famous, again, this year. There was something magical about watching musicians from different generations and genres come together in vocal harmony and infuse beloved old songs with new life, meaning and relevance.

The celebration of multigenerational synergy always has been at the heart of this magazine, whose mission is to connect alumni from all eras to each other and to the College — and it's been front-of-mind as we celebrate Kenyon's bicentennial this year. Over the past five issues, we've reconsidered and retold some of the well-known and lesser-known stories from the College's past, and we'll continue to do so. In this issue, Ryan E. Smith explores the legacy of Kenyon's swimming and diving program ("Making Waves," page 12); Carolyn Ten Eyck '18 works with student photographers and models to re-create a photo from Kenyon's archives in a contemporary context ("Past Presents," page 8); and David Hoyt '14 profiles superconnector David Rose '81 (page 45), who has hired and mentored 21 Kenyon graduates over the years.

Thanks for joining us as we continue to look at (Kenyon) life from both sides, now, during the College's bicentennial year and beyond.

— Elizabeth Weinstein

EDITOR, KENYON ALUMNI MAGAZINE



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BY THE BOOK | DAVID H. LYNN '76

Revisiting Old (Book) Friends

Starting with “Maus,” I’m rereading — and reconsidering — books I’ve read long enough ago that I don’t entirely trust my memory and earlier judgments. Here’s what I’ve learned ... so far.

OK, I was winging it. As I’d occasionally done across 35 years as a college professor, I was pretending to have read an assigned text, though usually one I’d have encountered or studied in the past. This case, a few months post-retirement, was a bit more egregious, since I was purporting to speak publicly. The audience at the Mount Vernon, Ohio, public library was hardly bigger than the panel itself. Not a surprise really, given the picture-perfect October Saturday. But I suspected it was the topic of our discussion — the banning of books in classrooms and libraries — that winnowed the audience to a few avid souls.

Free copies of the book chosen as a leaping-off point for discussion had been distributed in recent weeks around the county. Yes, I’d read “Maus” before, though a very long time ago.

Yet for some reason, I hadn’t been able to bring myself to open its pages. So at the library I performed a kind of misdemeanor fraud, with the crisp new paperback lying unopened before me all the while. I surely waxed eloquent, offering to the conversation a maxim by Wole Soyinka that I’d chanced upon only a day earlier: “Books and all forms of writing have always been objects of terror to those who seek to suppress truth.”

On climbing up the stairs from the basement meeting room an hour or so later, still carrying the uncracked copy of Art Spiegelman’s graphic memoir, and then turning on my car radio, a flood of wrenching news shoved its way through Saturday distractions. At the same moment we’d

MELINDA BECK

been discussing a 30-year-old comic-inspired book detailing cats (Nazis) glorying in the extermination of mice (Jews), Hamas fighters attacked southern Israel and killed approximately 1,200 people, in what President Biden called the “deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.” Later that afternoon I opened “Maus” again after all. ...

One simple and almost immediate takeaway: It is a disturbing, powerful, almost overwhelming portrait, or shattered mirror of micro-portraits in cartoon-like strips, of hate and fear and desperation. Perhaps that explained my reluctance to plunge in. Had I been shying away, consciously or not, from re-encountering such deep discomfort? Now there’d be no avoiding it.

The book opens with a simple epigraph contributed by Adolf Hitler: “The Jews are undoubtedly a race, but they are not human.”

I hadn’t remembered that lovely item. And in truth, I was quickly discovering how faulty my memory had been about this book. Yes, those cats and mice established themselves pretty quickly, and OK, now I recalled that Poles would be appearing as pigs. But the opening two-page prologue sets up a narrative situation that is far more complicated: Spiegelman is remembering roller skating through the Rego Park neighborhood of New York when he was 10 or 11. His skate catches and he tumbles, not really hurt but abandoned by his friends. He limps home and discovers his father, bent over a sawhorse, “fixing something” in the driveway. Artie tells him what happened, still sniffling not so much because of the minor injury but because his friends snickered and went on without him.

“FRIENDS?” his father says in a close-up. “Your Friends?...” (And already we can see what is possible with a drawing that can’t be reproduced with the mere type I’m offering here: the cynical anger reflected in hand-lettered dialogue. And in the next frame from a greater distance showing us both boy and father: “IF YOU LOCK THEM TOGETHER IN A ROOM WITH NO FOOD FOR A WEEK....” Next frame, more distanced still: “...THEN you could see what it is, FRIENDS!...”

We get little Artie with his fluent American English in contrast to an angry father whose lyrical yet seething Yiddish inflections both establish his character and mark him out as so different from his son, as well as from the surrounding neighborhood. Although this scene opens the book, we never return to it or any immediate outcome. The central narrative begins with Artie grown and married, now paying a rare and somewhat guilty visit to his elderly father still in Rego Park, “because we weren’t that close.” Yet the short prologue clearly figures in the artist’s memory as a significant moment of awakening that comes to frame all the rest.

“Maus” had begun to appear in 1973 and was then serialized through the 1980s in much shorter fragments in the magazines “Raw” and “Short Order Comix.” They belonged to the world of underground comix, frequented by then better-known artists such as R. Crumb. Not that that was my world, though I knew of it from a slight distance. As a boy, I’d been a devotee of “Superman,” “Green Lantern” and the rest, but gradually drifted toward more conventional forms of storytelling.

While I was reading comics in the late ’50s and early ’60s, there was very little public mention of the Holocaust or the Shoah. It’s not that the world didn’t know what had happened. My family and other Jewish families surely did. But there simply wasn’t a lot of discussion. Perhaps the tragedy was too raw and recent. Perhaps my parents and their friends all feared that confronting those events represented a kind of emotional and cultural black hole that might suck us all into despair. Perhaps the secular world, despite the many GIs returning who’d seen firsthand, didn’t want to know. After all, these were the days in America of looking to the future, of the moon shot and the Mustang.

My parents, both raised as Orthodox Jews, had turned to a pared-down version of the faith and its stories for their children. We learned merely the sound of Hebrew letters and a handful of prayers, nothing of substance. Did we learn about the Shoah in our Sunday school held on Saturdays? After all these decades I can’t even recall, but I suspect the impulse would have been the same: the sound of words but not the inner breath to make it all real.

When Pantheon first published “Maus” as two self-contained volumes in 1991, however, it rocked what I knew of the literary world. I recall buying first one and then the second when it appeared later, though I would have sworn this was before I returned to Kenyon in 1988. (As I grow older I’m ever more aware of the vagaries of memory.) Here the volumes reside, however, tucked snugly on the shelf in my study. And it’s the first, “My Father Bleeds History,” that I’m consulting now. (I’ve given away the paperback copy to a friend who expressed interest.)

I do remember the excitement, even furor, when “Maus” was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1992, the first graphic book so honored. It’s stunning to look back and recognize how that sudden recognition seems to have thrown open the doors of respectability to a genre growing out of the childish or smutty domain of comic books. Go into a bookstore today and you’ll notice without even noticing how graphic books sit side by side with novels and memoirs and nonfiction, not to mention entire racks devoted to that genre. No secreting it away in a back room anymore. >>

“The joy of taking a walk on Middle Path or grabbing dinner with friends at Peirce Dining Hall is known to everyone.”

— Lera Lukianova '26

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So it's as a long-neglected old friend, like so many others in my study, that I revisit “Maus” on October 7. It's deeply unsettling, this searing portrait of Jews being slaughtered just because they're Jews. Yet “Maus,” I now grasp, is not just another “Holocaust story.” It's also an oral history, Spiegelman recording the mixed narratives his father recounted, not just about living in hiding in Poland, being arrested and sent to Auschwitz, and the struggles to survive, but about their family, those who perished and those few who survived.

Just as important, it seems to me now as both a father and, long ago, a son, that “Maus” paints a picture of the long, painful struggle between Vladek Spiegelman, survivor, wounded widower, translated to a new country and a new language, and his son Art, an American and, yes, an artist. Because this ultimately is Art's story — he's both artist *and* narrator. (As I recited to my students over many years, when you've got a first-person narrator it's always his or her story, even when it seems not to be.) “Maus” is ultimately the story of Art Spiegelman's struggle to come to terms with both his father and his father's testimony, and what this has meant for the relationship between them.

Spiegelman's efforts are played out in his medium: the cartoon images stir our emotions with an immediacy and a potency that may escape us as we try initially to make sense of all that's going on, the what-happened and when and to whom. This may seem mysterious, even counter-intuitive, since there's nothing “realistic” about the drawings—they offer deliberate caricatures, whether of the cats in Nazi uniforms brutalizing the terrified mice, (and what's particularly hilarious and awful, the mice wearing pig masks to try and blend in with Poles), or Vladek and his new wife, Mala, also a survivor, squabbling in the narrative present of the 1960s. And yet seeing the visual choreography of terrified humans—because we never doubt that's who they are—hiding and starving in an attic or being shot in the snow or, decades later, still haunted by the past while trying to inhabit a new world, wrings our hearts.

Did I grasp all of this 30 years ago when I first encountered the book? I suspect that I was so caught up in the simple forward thrust of the narrative, especially the fear and anger and loathing that led up to Vladek's capture and the struggle for survival in Auschwitz, that I didn't have the strength to stand back with any kind of critical perspective. So I'm grateful for the chance to reacquaint myself with “Maus,” to delve more deeply and appreciate more broadly, even though the catalyst has been a horror re-enacted in our own time.

David H. Lynn '76 taught English and creative writing at Kenyon College for 35 years and was editor of the Kenyon Review from 1994-2020.

STUDENT VOICE |
PHOTO RE-CREATIONS PROJECT

Past Presents

Archival Kenyon
photos re-created with
and by students

Photos can evoke nostalgia and jog memory in a way that few other mediums can. It's not uncommon to read comments on Kenyon's social media channels from alumni who, upon seeing a photo of campus, feel transported — for a moment, recalling the specific sensation of walking down Middle Path, late to class, even if they haven't set foot on campus in decades.

In honor of Kenyon's bicentennial, we're celebrating the students, faculty and staff who have lived in and changed Gambier over the past two centuries, and those who are just beginning their journeys here. In re-creating archival Kenyon photos, we decided to focus on students. From the 1940s on, we've selected photos from Kenyon's archives and worked with student photographers and models to re-create them on campus in a contemporary context.

The goal of this project is to celebrate those quintessentially Kenyon moments that connect our greater community, while acknowledging how much Kenyon — and the community within it — continues to evolve.

In this photo, Lera Lukianova '26 worked with two members of Kenyon's track and field team, Joe Hindle '24 and Emmanuel Makelele '25, to re-create this photo (unidentified, but thought to be from the 1950s-60s) of two students horsing around at Middle Path's College Gates.

“It does not matter whether you graduated decades ago or are just about to,” said Lukianova, a biology major from Kyiv, Ukraine. “The joy of taking a walk on Middle Path or grabbing dinner with friends at Peirce Dining Hall is known to everyone.”

To view the complete series, follow @Kenyon-College on X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook for updates. — CAROLYN TEN EYCK '18





RECOMMENDED READING

**"In Case of
Emergency"**
by Mahsa Mohebali

"Minor Detail"
by Adania Shibli

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

"Cairo Station,"
1958, dir. Youssef
Chahine (Egypt)

"Battle of Algiers,"
1966, dir. Gillo
Pontecorvo
(Algeria/France)

"A Separation,"
2011, Asghar Farhadi
(Iran)

**"Costa Brava,
Lebanon,"**
2021, dir. Mounia Akl
(Lebanon)



60-SECOND SYLLABUS | HIST 365

Art and Humanity

"Middle East Through Film and Fiction"

MONDAYS, 7-10 P.M., ODEN 300
TAUGHT BY NURTEN KILIC-SCHUBEL

Years ago, when Nurten Kilic-Schubel decided to teach a history course about the modern Middle East using movies and novels instead of traditional textbooks, she ran into a significant problem. "At the time, there were very few works available," she said. In a pre-streaming world, finding films from Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Algeria, Palestine, Afghanistan and other places in the region was a tall order. Fortunately, she had a solution close at hand: "I have a huge collection of films, so I used my own personal copies."

Much has changed since then as access to international cinematic material has exploded thanks to Netflix and other streaming platforms. But Kilic-Schubel's belief in the mission of her course, HIST 365 ("Middle East Through Film and Fiction") remains. "Students have, in general, a sense that the Middle East is this very homogenized place, and then they encounter —

with really diverse, dynamic reach — incredibly innovative works of art, whether literature or film," she said. "That really opens up their world. There's a broader, richer cultural world and aesthetic world in the Middle East beyond politics, war and revolution."

It's important to recognize, she said, that the class is neither a literature class nor a film course. "It is a history class that uses the medium of film and novels as a means for helping students explore the complex, layered histories and really diverse cultures of the region."

The seminar's syllabus includes an ever-changing selection of works from artists from throughout the Middle East, as well as examples of Western imaginings of the region. Students learn about legacies of colonialism, issues of gender and social divisions, the changing roles of religion, responses to development



and globalization, and more. “Cairo Station,” for example, is a 1958 crime drama by the Egyptian director Youssef Chahine that is set in a train station and offers a powerful portrait of the major social, economic and political transformations taking place in the country in the 1950s.

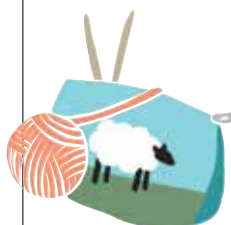
An associate professor of history who joined Kenyon in 2001, Kilic-Schubel has spent a significant amount of time in Central Asia, having received three degrees from universities in Turkey and serving as a Fulbright scholar in Kyrgyzstan in 2010. She said the course aims to expose students to the global humanities in a meaningful way. “Students who might otherwise think of the people of the Middle East as ‘the other’ find themselves identifying with the lives and struggles of the characters in the films or novels and come to see their shared humanity.”

— RYAN E. SMITH

Lost and Found

On a college campus as lively as Kenyon’s, it’s only natural that some things should go missing — and on the flipside, be discovered in unexpected places. Here’s a highlight reel of the season’s lost and found, sourced from campus email lists.

— CAROLYN TEN EYCK '18



Knitting.

Possibly lost in transit from a Fiber Arts Club meeting, the yarn-deprived owner described the missing craft project as being housed in a special pouch. “With a sheep on it,” of course.



Invisalign retainers.

A self-described “Tooth Cinderella” announced her discovery of the dental gear “still wet with your spit” on the path to Peirce Hall. If the correct owner didn’t come forward, the finder declared that she would “have no choice but to visit the dwelling of everyone in the kingdom and put them in the mouth of every eligible creature until I find the perfect fit.”

A plastic possum.

A slightly terrifying marsupial figurine was last seen on north campus, somewhere between the first-year quad and the NCAs.

“It’s actually so sentimental to me,” said the owner, offering reward money in exchange for information about the possum’s whereabouts.



A jean jacket.

Last seen outside Gund Commons. In the event of foul play, the jacket’s owner offered the thief a warning. “It may seem generic,” she wrote, “but I know what my jacket looks like and will not hesitate to catch whoever is wearing my jacket on campus.” The denim garment was quickly returned.

KATELYN RATAJCZAK

Make way for ducklings.

A Hydro Flask water bottle, bedecked in “a plethora of stickers” that includes a flock of baby ducks, was misplaced in the library. The stickers are still at large, though there have been occasional reports of quacks in the stacks.



A black kitten.

Found wandering outside the bookstore on a cold November evening, the feline was taken in by some students for the night.





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KENYON

Making Waves

Kenyon's swimming and diving program is having a ripple effect far beyond Gambier through the swimmers who have gone on to become notable coaches at all levels.

BY RYAN E. SMITH

ILLUSTRATION BY DANA SMITH

WHEN ABBY BRETHAUER '02 WENT TO THE HOME of legendary Kenyon swimming coach Jim Steen during the semester break of her senior year, she was fighting mad.

Brethauer was a co-captain and Steen — who had won 37 NCAA Division III team championships at Kenyon by that point — was on sabbatical. She felt abandoned and frustrated at a time when she wasn't performing well in the pool after returning from a semester abroad and an injury.

The difficult conversation that followed, during which Steen offered some straight talk about what the swimmer needed to do to get back on track, changed the trajectory of her life. Every detail remains etched in her memory.

"I can just picture it," Brethauer said. "I can picture the time of day. I know what the sun was doing. I picture everything about it."

Having someone tell her what she needed to hear in a way that she needed to hear it — even if she didn't want to — was a lesson that she keeps returning to in her personal and professional life.

"I think about that conversation so often in my coaching career, in my life," said Brethauer, who took the helm of Princeton University's women's

swimming and diving team in August. "It saved my season — and therefore it saved my (swim) career, and therefore it probably saved my coaching career. Because I think if I had ended the way that I had started my senior year, I would've been so dejected and angry at the sport that I don't know that I would've gone into coaching."

Instead, Brethauer used that moment to jump-start a successful senior year and a professional journey into coaching that included eight years as head coach at University of Mary Washington. Along the way, she joined a legion of teammates from across the years who have turned their swimming experiences at Kenyon into a career.

“You look at him and he’s bigger than life, and the thought of replicating that is a bit intimidating.”

— Jon Howell '90, on Coach Jim Steen

No sport at Kenyon — or anywhere else, for that matter — has matched swimming in its success. Since 1975, the year Steen joined the program, the men’s team has claimed 34 NCAA titles; the women have 24. That far outpaces any other team at any college or university in any sport in Division III.

And while it’s not unusual for an elite athletics program to breed outstanding coaches, the breadth and magnitude of the ripples that Kenyon has sent across the swimming world are remarkable. From YMCAs and top club teams to college squads and the Olympics, Kenyon alumni are making a splash.

Their legacy goes beyond even those of long-time Division I powerhouses like Texas, Auburn and Georgia, according to Michael J. Stott, a staff writer at *Swimming World*, the oldest continuing magazine devoted to competitive swimming.

“In terms of the broadest reaches of impact that a school has had on swimming, I think you should probably start with Jim Steen and go out,” he said. “The tentacles are so far-reaching and they go so far underground that it’s really unbelievable.”



Strike a Pose

From left: Gregg Parini '82, Kevin Sweeney '82 and Jack Emens '83 mug for the camera.

A legacy of success

In Division III swimming, the stats tell an unparalleled story: Since 1983, no swimming and diving team that hasn’t been coached by Steen (affectionately known as “Coachman”) or one of his former athletes or assistants has won a men’s or women’s title. And on the men’s side, the domination extends even further, back to 1979.

Gregg Parini '82 — a member of Steen’s first three NCAA championship teams and the coach’s first individual NCAA champion — has five men’s team titles and two women’s championships at nearby rival Denison University in Granville, where he has worked since 1987.

His team was the one that broke the Kenyon

men’s 31-year winning streak — which started with Parini as a college sophomore — by a single point in 2011. And his women’s team, the 2023 national champions, stopped the Kenyon women’s win streak at 17 in 2001.

“Jim pushed me to be my best as a swimmer and has contributed immensely to my development as a coach,” Parini told the *Alumni Bulletin* in 2011.

At Emory University in Atlanta, Jon Howell '90 — an 11-time NCAA event champion while at Kenyon — retooled teams that had been ranked near the bottom to win three men’s titles, and 12 women’s championships that at one point numbered 10 in a row. A former assistant coach at his alma mater, he also holds a national title from his time as interim coach at Kenyon when Steen was on sabbatical for the 1995-96 season.

Steen’s teams won the bulk of the rest — 50 titles over a 36-year career characterized by passion and data-driven innovation — with his successor, Jessen Book '01, winning Kenyon’s three most recent men’s titles from 2013-2015 and a women’s title in 2022.

“People always ask what the secret is. I don’t think there’s any secret to it,” Howell said in an interview from Atlanta, where he’s been head coach for 25 years. “People always felt like Jim (Steen) had some advantage in some way. People would call, asking how much was our budget or how much our assistant coaches made. They’d always hang up the phone realizing that they already had more than what Kenyon had. Jim made it work because he worked really, really hard. He was committed to it, and he put energy into things that really mattered. And I’ve always tried to do that.”

Changing lanes

Not that these top-tier swimmers left Kenyon expecting to become coaches.

For Howell, a philosophy major, it was a side gig while he was pursuing a master’s degree in art history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After he became an assistant coach there, however, Steen invited him to join his staff in 1993.

It could be overwhelming at times, he said, but it was worth it.

“It was often drinking from a fire hose. There was just a lot of information being thrown at me and a lot that I was trying to do,” Howell said. “And then taking over as the interim head coach, that was amplified because you didn’t want to mess it up.”

At the same time, Steen encouraged Howell to find his own voice — advice he found freeing, especially when he joined Emory in 1998.

“The reality is that I’m not Jim,” he said. “You look at him and he’s bigger than life, and the thought of replicating that is a bit intimidating. So that kind of opened the door for me to say, ‘OK, let me take what I can from this experience



and other experiences I have but also really try to do something that is uniquely Emory.’”

Book — who now holds the title of Lords and Ladies Alumni Head Coach, Owls Swimming and Diving — also spent time as an assistant with Steen before eventually taking over the women’s team in 2010 and adding the men in 2012.

An English and biology major who was teaching in Virginia after graduation, Book had no experience coaching. But he just couldn’t stay away.

“I went to watch them compete at the NCAA championships that year, and while I was there, I was just overwhelmed with how much I missed it,” said the former team captain. “I missed the pursuit of excellence, I missed the team, I missed just the level of investment that athletics and Kenyon swimming can create in a person’s life.

Somehow, he managed to talk his way into a position with Steen, whom he called “the greatest coach ever.”

“We were in the same space all the time, so I was always listening, always watching,” he said. “That’s something I’m good at.”

Book describes himself as steady, patient and methodical. While he may not have the outsized persona of Steen — “I do very well with the one-on-ones, the small conversations,” he said — he shares his mentor’s love for tracking data and using that to build off of the past.

“One of the biggest gifts I got from him was the ability to see swimming in numbers,” Book said. “I see things through the same lenses because I wear the glasses that he handed to me.”

There’s one number, though, that he’s not defined by: NCAA titles.

“We will not be defined by whether we win it or not. But we will be defined by the effort we put into building a team that is competitive for a championship,” he said. “If we get fixated on winning alone, then that reduces the experience. It makes it defined by one moment, not by a full year.”

That sounds a lot like Steen, who said: “If success is strictly focused on beating someone else or winning, I’ve got nothing to offer.”

Something in the (Woodlands) water

If there’s something about Kenyon that predisposes swimmers to be successful coaches, it must be especially concentrated around the Taft Cottages. That’s where Book lived during his senior year, when the Tafts were known as the Woodlands — with two other future swim coaches.

Josh White ’01 spent 15 years at the University of Michigan as assistant and associate swim coach, and Tom Rushton ’01 travels the world coaching superstars of the sport for international competitions. Even the roomie who didn’t make a career in swimming, Brett Holcomb ’01, basically married into the profession when he wed one of Steen’s two daughters, Sarah.

White — who admits to being the messy one of the group — remembers the steady rhythm of life that year, all four going to bed at the same time, all four waking up before dawn, and all four heading out together for swim practice at 6 a.m.

White entered Kenyon with the goal of becoming an engineer. Then, as he approached senior year, he had an epiphany.

“What I kept coming back to was that my favorite part of the day was going to practice,” he said. “I loved being in an environment of supportive people, people working hard together to achieve a common goal.”

As an upperclassman, he set his sights on coaching, taking courses like physiological psychology and the biology of exercise. And through Steen, he met Joel Stager, director of the Counsilman Center for the Science of Swimming at Indiana University (where White was roommates a second time with Rushton, who also went to study there).

Making a Splash

Women’s swimming and diving team members dunk Steen in the pool in 1982.



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— A college photo of Lords and Ladies Alumni Head Coach, Owls Swimming and Diving Jessen Book ’01

A former head coach at Pomona Pitzer College in California, White was part of the coaching staff at Michigan when the team won a Division I national championship, and he coached a number of future Olympians who passed through, including one from Barbados whom he coached at the London 2012 Summer Olympics.

Rushton, the son of two British Olympic swimmers — both of whom became coaches — has taken a global approach to coaching. He now coaches individual elite swimmers, and in the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo, swimmers he worked with brought home a total of six gold medals, seven silver and four bronze.

“In the last four or five years, I’ve coached athletes from, I think, 36 different countries,” he said.

Each of the six athletes he currently coaches has qualified for this year’s Paris Olympics.

“A lot of what I do day-to-day, you can look back and see how it’s evolved from my time as an athlete at Kenyon,” he said.

Part of it is technical — like the color-coded training charts that Steen used — but part is much more nuanced.

“What’s important, and something that I have learned from Coach Steen, is making everyone feel valid and valuable.”

A mentor in the pool — and in life

For Brethauer, the decision to become a coach was about making an impact — like all her coaches had made on her during her Kenyon days.

“I knew pretty early on that I didn’t want to have my own kids,” she said, “and I thought if I can be the person to one person that my coaches were to me, I will have made a difference in the world.”

A self-described “swim nerd,” Matt Kinney ’93 spent hours in Steen’s office as a student discussing the technical aspects of the sport. It was the coach’s gift that he could fuse technical expertise with strong personal relationships to help swimmers accomplish things they never thought they could do.

“He literally pulled me in. I was walking through the office one day and we must’ve talked for three hours about breast stroke and stroke mechanics and some things that he wanted me to work on,” Kinney said. “When he focused that great coaching mind and his motivational skills on you — I mean, there’s nobody better than Coachman was at that.”

Kinney has taken a great deal of that experience into his own career, whether it was as head coach of the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, where his teams won 22 combined conference championships in 12 years, or Carnegie Mellon University, where he’s been since 2007 and where both teams finished in the top 15 in last year’s NCAA Division III championships.

Brazil native Fernando Martinelli Rodriguez ’04 absorbed — and reflected — Kenyon’s unique swim culture as both a student athlete and a team staff member. Not only was he taken in by the Steen family as an undergraduate, spending Thanksgivings at their home, but he later served as an assistant coach with the team under Book’s tenure.

“When you swim under somebody who’s so passionate about what they do — Jess, and Jim Steen — you fall in love with it. You end up wanting to inspire other people the way you were inspired by them,” said Martinelli Rodriguez, who now is a women’s assistant swim coach at the University of Georgia.

The Kenyon experience

Some former Kenyon athletes say that their time on the team provided an informal master’s degree in swimming, whose lessons they carry with them to this day.

Consider Teresa (Zurick) Fish ’88, a Kenyon Athletics Hall of Famer who was inducted in September, along with Steen. She captured 14 NCAA titles and claimed 27 out of a possible 28 career All-America swimming awards.

As a young coach, she often referenced her own meticulous training notes.

“At Kenyon, I wrote down a lot of my workouts,” Fish said. “I would get back to my room or to the library, and I’d pull out this little notebook and write down my practices. So when I first started coaching, that was a good resource for me. ... I could look back and pull out the workouts and see what exactly we were doing and why we were doing it.”

It paid off. The head coach at Illinois Wesleyan University since 1995, she led the men’s team to its first conference title the next year and has earned College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin “Coach of the Year” honors 10 times.

Dani Korman ’06, who started as an associate head coach at Kenyon last summer, said she really connected with the idea of embracing and honoring the past, something that’s always been promoted at her alma mater.

“You’re not just swimming for people right now. You’re swimming for the past,” she said.

So it’s not surprising to her that her best friend is a former Kenyon student — and a fellow swim coach — who graduated before Korman started her career on the Hill: Brethauer.

“It just kind of speaks to how there was this deep connection. It didn’t matter when you swam, there was this common bond that you had,” she said.

While Korman met Brethauer when she was being recruited, they became fast friends during the summers when they both coached at swim camps run by Steen. That time inspired Korman to pursue coaching as a profession — as an assis-



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—Fernando Martinelli Rodriguez ’04 (pictured above in a 2014 photo)



tant at Johns Hopkins University, Yale University (twice) and the University of California, Berkeley and as a head coach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Even though some coaches who have Kenyon roots may now be competitors, their shared history creates a strong sense of mutual respect.

"It's a pretty strong connection, and we all understand where we come from and why we do what we do," Martinelli Rodriguez said. "It's like receiving a very special kind of certification in coaching that only Kenyon coaches have. We know why we all coach and how we coach, so we also know that the athletes of Kenyon-trained coaches will always be taken care of."

And the future is bright as the Kenyon coaching tree continues to grow.

"There are some pretty remarkable alums out there coaching and involved in the sport. They have really taken what Jim did and kept the ball rolling," Kinney said. "Now I have four coaches who coached with me that are now head coaches. All of the mini branches that branch out from the direct Kenyon lines add even more layers to this."

A coda for Coachman

It's been years since Steen last coached a competitive swimmer, but in many ways he remains the same. For one, the grandfather of five is still fascinated by data and process.

"I still maintain spreadsheets as a means of organizing my life," he explained, although now they are more likely to track his own personal training program rather than swimming data.

During the pandemic, he tracked monthly COVID rates around the country to determine the safest places to travel.

And he's still a firm believer that personal connections have to come first. It was in building these with his swimmers that Steen's coaching artistry was always best on display — and what he believes made him such a good fit for Kenyon.

"This is a relationship-driven campus," he said. "At Kenyon, and certainly on our team, the relationships are profound in shaping your competitive character and your personal philosophy and your ultimate expectations."

Never was this more obvious to him than at the Swimming and Diving Reunion in September, when 400 former team members returned to campus to see Steen, Fish and three other alumni — Sanders "Read" Boon '03, Agnese (Ozolins) Butler '04 and Andrejs Duda '06 — inducted into the Kenyon Athletics Hall of Fame.

"It was so nice to see all of these swimmers back and feeling like it was just yesterday," he said. "That's what it's about: relationships."

"I remember so much detail of the conversations I had with my swimmers," he continued, and that includes the sit-down with Brethauer. "Those kinds of moments are fundamental for any expectation of being successful."

He said he is proud of his former swimmers who have gone into coaching, but he has tried to give them space to develop independently.

"They're all their own people," he said.

"They're doing wonderful things with their respective programs. I wish them all the best." ❧


Hall of Fame

Coach Steen (above left) was inducted into the Kenyon Athletics Hall of Fame in September in an evening of tributes and appreciation. Sports-caster Craig Hummer '87 (above right) served as master of ceremonies. A new endowed fund was created by his former swimmers in his honor to increase resources for the team and allow it to train and compete at the highest level possible.



LOWELL HOUSE

The Tour Guide
Elizabeth Redmond '25
kicks off a campus tour
at Lowell House, the
new home for admis-
sions and financial aid.



THE **Ins** AND **Outs** OF Getting In

As college admissions adapts to an ever-shifting and increasingly competitive landscape, we break down what has changed — and what has stayed the same — about applying to Kenyon.

STORY BY MEGAN MONAGHAN

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“My job is not to sell Kenyon. It’s to tell Kenyon.” Elizabeth Redmond ’25 is wrapping up her campus tour for a high school student and his parents, who drove from Cleveland to Gambier on a warm November afternoon. It’s a line she has used before, not just because it’s catchy, but because she likes to stress to families that she is here to speak truthfully about all things Kenyon. She looks directly at the 11th-grader: “So, ask me anything. Seriously. I’m an open book.”

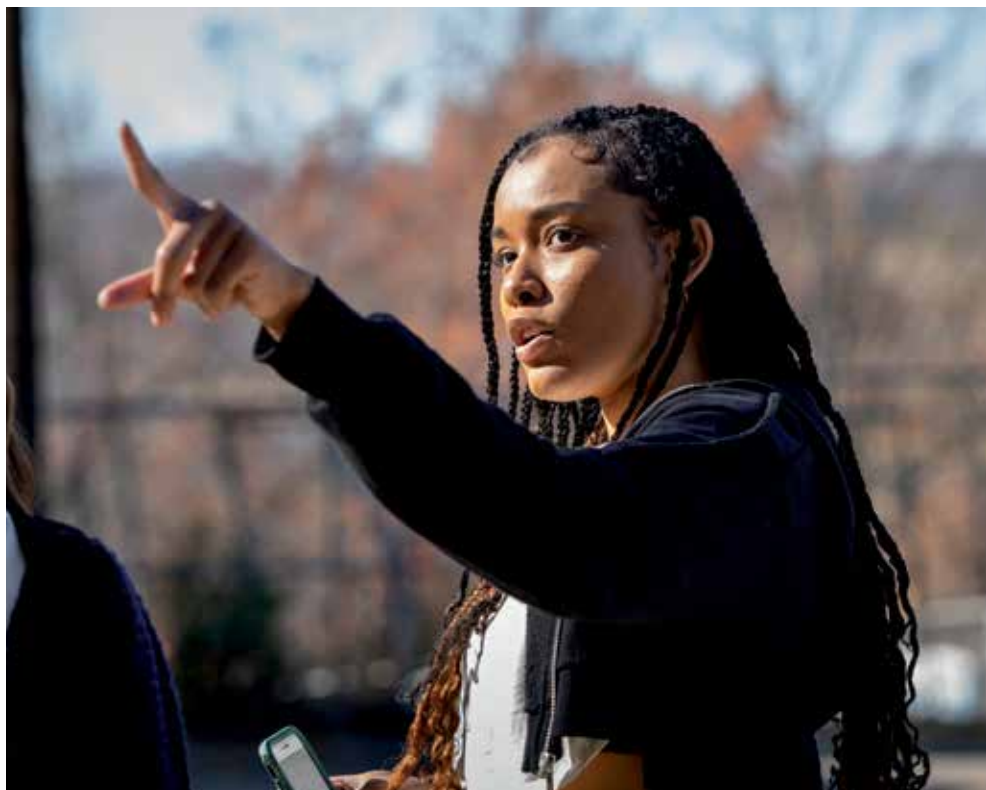
In that moment, you get the impression that Redmond, a history major from Indianapolis, really would tell you anything you wanted to know — offering up the kind of candid accounts that aren’t easily found by scrolling Kenyon’s Instagram feed. Her guest, who so far has expressed interest in chemistry and baseball, opts to ask about the club scene. It’s a standard question that elicits the customary response (Kenyon offers 100 clubs, and the option to start your own), but if anything else comes to mind, he can email Redmond at the address on the card she hands him as they part ways. He is off to a tour of the English quad, and she is off to her independent study on modern Anglican literature.

Alumni joining a campus tour today may note that much of the experience remains unchanged. Families are guided toward Old Kenyon, where they pause at the Celtic cross to tell the story of the College’s founding. (Redmond nailed the delivery of Philander Chase’s “this will do,” earning the desired chuckles.) The literary scenes etched in Peirce’s stained glass windows

are described alongside the extensive dining options. The seal is sidestepped with caution, and tour groups stay to one side of the post when walking through the gates to Middle Path. (Rituals based on superstition always seem to stick.)

The most prominent change to the campus tour is where it begins: in the newly constructed Lowell House, situated on the north side of the West Quad, which was completed in 2023. The modern, four-story brick building is an architectural contrast to Ransom Hall, the early-20th-century Gothic landmark that welcomed visitors to Gambier for 60 years. Yet both are named after renowned Kenyon writers: John Crowe Ransom founded the Kenyon Review and Robert Lowell ’40, who twice won the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, was one of his students.

Moving across Middle Path to Kenyon’s newest academic quad certainly has its perks, including an underground parking garage and panoramic views of Chalmers Library and Oden Hall. Yet the transition also was a practical one,



as it brought together the offices of admissions and financial aid — two functions that work hand-in-hand — under one copper-paneled roof. (The latter had been housed across the street from Ransom, in Edelstein, for a decade.) The result is a more seamless experience for prospective students and their families, who are heavily weighing costs when searching for colleges, and with good reason. Considering that tuition is rising at a faster rate than household income, the sticker prices of private institutions, Kenyon included, can be startling.

Adding to the list of questions on discerning high schoolers' minds are the usual suspects regarding student life, choice of major and career-building opportunities. These topics pop up regularly on campus tours and at college fairs, and admissions directors have responses and resources at the ready.

What's less certain is the enrollment landscape surrounding Kenyon, which continues to adapt to shifting demographics, economic instability and a landmark Supreme Court ruling on race that upended the higher education industry this past summer. "We are in an ecosystem," said Diane Anci, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions and financial aid. And when that ecosystem is disrupted, students — and the institutions they apply to — make different decisions, shaking up enrollment patterns and causing unpredictability throughout the sector.

Despite this volatility, the demand for a Kenyon education remains high, with recent years of record applications from students who continue to raise the College's academic profile. (The average weighted GPA of the first-year class was a 4.14.) The uptick in interest

also may point to growing uncertainty among high-achieving students, who are applying to more schools — the proportion pursuing more than 10 has doubled in the last decade — to expand their options come decision day. When it's time to admit those students, Kenyon competes with the most selective colleges in the country as well as those offering deep discounts, creating "significant pressure," said Anci. "There never has been a time with more external forces at play."

A Kenyon Introduction

Left: Seniors Chevaugn Campbell, Lucy Scott and Joe Hindle share their Kenyon experiences during an information session. Center and right: Reanna Phillips '24 guides a prospective student through Peirce Dining Hall and gestures toward Old Kenyon.

"The truth is that we are trying to teach students how to make big life decisions, and this is a big life decision."

A 35-year enrollment veteran, Anci leads a team of professionals who navigate this complex work with great care, making decisions that are informed by data and always in service to students and their families. We asked Anci to shed light on the biggest headlines in college admissions and to expound on Kenyon's approach to building a class.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT What's Happening IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Understanding the news on testing, tuition, and how admissions decisions are made, and what it all means for Kenyon



Behind the Scenes

Bottom: A view of Lowell House from Oden Hall, the newest addition to the West Quad.

Right: Admissions staff members Anthony Dean, Michelle Dunavant '12 and Chris Renaud stuff envelopes with Early Decision acceptances.



1. The pandemic continues to impact enrollment.

Higher education, like most industries, is still dealing with the fallout of the pandemic. For enrollment, a system that relies on predictive models to attract, enroll and retain students, the impact has been seismic. Since 2020, most colleges and universities have not met their targets, some soaring well beyond goals with others falling far below. Institutions coming up short have pivoted to heavier-than-usual discounting, offering pricing so low that it has increased competition among colleges. The transition to virtual learning for high school students took a toll on college preparation, causing retention rates to bounce around. And when standardized testing centers closed during the pandemic, 2,000 colleges and universities, Kenyon included, waived long-held requirements that applicants submit SAT and ACT scores. “Test-optional was a significant event in and of itself,” explained Diane Anci, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions and financial aid, who said that Kenyon continues to evaluate its policy on a yearly basis, with the expectation of making it permanent.

2. Increased costs and competition demand increased scholarships.

As college costs continue to rise in an unsettled economy, more families are reaching out to financial aid offices for support. During the pandemic, the federal government provided institutions with additional grant funding in the form of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds. As families continue to recover, colleges are boosting their scholarship dollars, putting unprecedented pressure on financial aid budgets — which are limited at institutions like Kenyon that depend largely on tuition revenue. Kenyon also remains committed to accessibility by meeting 100% of a student's demonstrated financial need. (Only about 5% of colleges and universities do this.) All of this makes giving to the endowment and annual

funds that much more vital: Alumni and donors gave \$100 million to support scholarships and financial aid during the Our Path Forward to the Bicentennial campaign.

3. The FAFSA Simplification Act shakes up financial aid.

Families applying for federal aid are filling out a more streamlined form since the implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act in December. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid — filed by 18 million students each year — now includes a direct data exchange with the IRS, resulting in fewer fields to complete. The form also no longer considers the number of siblings concurrently enrolled in college, but it does have provisions that are designed to increase Pell grant eligibility for low-income families. These changes — the first major ones since 1992 — have resulted in multiple delays for the release of federal financial aid data that colleges and universities rely on to make financial aid offers. This has forced institutions to make significant adjustments to their planning and messaging throughout the decision season.

4. The Supreme Court decision does not alter higher education's mission.

In June, the Supreme Court ruled that race-based affirmative action programs violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. While colleges and universities were well-prepared for the ruling, it required a shift in the policy and practice of admissions selections. Kenyon is fully complying with the ruling while remaining committed to enrolling a student body with diverse talents, viewpoints and lived experiences. “The ruling does not force colleges and universities to alter their mission or their recruitment efforts,” said Anci. She added that Kenyon always has practiced a holistic review of applicants: “We don’t admit students for one reason, just as students don’t choose Kenyon for one reason.”

ASK THE Admissions Dean

The college search is often cluttered with guidebooks, news stories and unsolicited advice about where to attend and how to get in. Diane Anci, Kenyon's dean of admissions and financial aid, is here to clarify an often overwhelming process.

You've been doing this work for 35 years. What are your guiding principles?

My colleagues and I very much view our work as being in service to prospective students and their families, and to great institutions, like Kenyon, that are making a difference in the world. And while we aim to always be articulate, informed and enthusiastic about the institution that we serve, we want to make sure it's not about us. It's about helping students find the answers that they need — whether it's about their prospective major or what they value.

When we say that this is a place that's going to take you seriously, that's going to challenge you, that's going to support you, we want you to walk away from every interaction you have with us feeling some or all of those things. When I did my own campus visits in December of 1983, I don't remember the answers to the questions I asked, but I absolutely remember how I felt.

When you meet prospective students, how do you introduce them to Kenyon?

We start by really listening to them. Everyone who works here values asking good questions and listening to the answers, because we care about what students have to say. We're eager to hear how they are and where they are in their college search. What are their observations and reactions as they make their way to different campuses and log on to college websites? The admissions process can be overwhelming for students and families — we aim to keep the focus on them and their interests.

Choosing a college is a big decision. How do you help future Kenyon students see themselves in Gambier?

We find that what's best for students is to connect them with Kenyon students, so that they can hear directly and authentically from them about their own experiences. We have 84 students who support our efforts in the Office of Admissions, so we put them in touch with one another based on shared interests. Our student guides and fellows

care about Kenyon and our prospective students. They are well-trained on the important facts and figures about Kenyon, but also on how important it is to genuinely listen to other students and create space for them.

How do you empower tour guides and admissions fellows to represent Kenyon?

We bring a good deal of transparency to what we do, and we entrust them with a lot of information. As Kenyon students, they're smart, interested and engaged. It's a powerful thing to watch people sit up straight when they're trusted. And part of the trust includes the freedom to connect meaningfully with prospective students and share details of their Kenyon experience that matter most to them. They are not following a script.

What is the most important thing you look for in a Kenyon applicant?

While we do not have a formula, the transcript is absolutely the most important part of the application, since it is a reflection of a student's four years in high school. It's not just a quick scan of the final GPA and class rank, but a look at a student's progression. What does rigor look like at a particular school, and how has the student pursued rigor? We learn as much as we can about the schools within the territories we represent. That background informs our read of every single application. Admissions is the art of context: community, school and family.

How do you decide who gets in?

Our approach to decision-making aims to honor merit, in terms of academic ability, the ability to think and write well, and co-curricular involvement and talent. This is a place that values academic excellence first and foremost, so that is what drives our decisions.

What is most misunderstood about college admissions?

We can't fix the overwhelming nature of the admissions process, but we can try to be a little bit of an oasis. For instance, we would never give advice that suggests the admissions process can be manipulated. It frustrates me when I hear someone advise students to avoid writing about certain subjects in their essays. It's important that students write about what they know. This is not a moment to pick a topic that they think will dazzle admissions committees and then be hunting and pecking for their words.

I do think students receive the message that the admissions process is a game, and that they



“We can’t fix the overwhelming nature of the admissions process, but we can try to be a little bit of an oasis.”

have to play it by putting on a strategic suit. The truth is that we are trying to teach students how to make big life decisions, and this is a big life decision. You have to be articulate and clear about your own interests and values. You have to be able to reflect on your past so that you can think thoughtfully and well about your future.

What is your favorite piece of advice to give prospective students?

We all say that you don’t start the admissions process by buying the 15-pound book of 3,000 colleges in the United States. There has to be an internal process that happens first. You need to be able to describe the environments in which you are happy and do your best work.

Do you like the idea of being the smartest student in your class or being surrounded by really smart kids? Is it important to find a specific course of study or to have a wide range of options? Do you like the idea of meeting five new people a day or finding five people who will be your friends for life? Are you drawn to familiar people and places or are you excited by a new region, meeting students from across the nation and around the world? Do you prefer to work in a highly collaborative environment or are you energized by competition? Knowing the answers to these questions provides a protective armor in the admissions process. Being able to say, “I’m the kind of person who ...” is empowering. ❧

To the Letter

Top: Diane Anci, dean of admissions and financial aid, signs outgoing letters to accepted students.





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Homecoming on the Hill

President Julie Kornfeld and her husband, Fred Silverman, visiting assistant professor of film, mingled with the hundreds of alumni who returned to the Hill as Kenyon celebrated Homecoming in September. Football alumnus Alex Dowell '10 (pictured here, left), came back for the induction of Alby Coombs '07 into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

JAMES DECAMP

Art in Season

Craftsmanship and entrepreneurial acumen collide in the buzzworthy food prints of Anastasia Inciardi '19.

BY CAROLYN TEN EYCK '18

PUT FOUR QUARTERS INTO THE MACHINE, AND A surprise 2.5 x 3.5" linocut print comes out. Whether you'll get a print of a single olive, a Cheez-It or a piece of farfalle, it's luck of the draw — and part of the fun.

The Mini Print Vending Machines constructed by artist Anastasia Inciardi '19 have become something of a sensation. Take it from the New York Times Magazine, where the machines were featured: "Anastasia Inciardi has found a new way to connect with collectors."

The idea was born in the summer of 2020, when the U.S. Mint shutdown and mandates on businesses led to a nationwide coin shortage. Quarters were temporarily hard to come by, so Inciardi found an innovative way to acquire some by selling prints for quarters in a mechanized fashion. ("I needed quarters to do my laundry," Inciardi said. "So I got a machine made.")

Inspired by Art-o-mats — repurposed cigarette vending machines that dispense cigarette-pack-sized art — and the temporary tattoo and sticker machines often found at supermarkets, Inciardi's vision became a reality last year, when the first Mini Print Vending Machine was temporarily installed at Soleil, a shop down the street from her studio in Portland, Maine, where Inciardi lives with her fiancée, Addison Wagner '18, a farmer and artist.

An Instagram reel showcasing the machine

went mega-viral in June, gaining over 18 million views and nearing a million likes. Inciardi won't reveal how she sources the vending machines — there already have been some copycats — but she sees the project expanding in the future. The vending machines have a waiting list of hundreds (including a Kenyon art professor who submitted a request for one on campus). "I'm putting a few in New York and London, and hopefully some in Edinburgh and Amsterdam," said Inciardi. Most recently, one was installed in the Whitney Museum of American Art.

The whimsy and public-facing nature of the project garnered a huge positive response, a big leap for someone whose entrepreneurial acumen and eye for audience engagement have brought her business steadily increasing returns for years. Her growing number of followers even offer print ideas (she keeps a running list of audience-generated suggestions).

DANA VALLETTI



Fast Food Art

Anastasia Inciardi '19 poses with her Instagram-famous Mini Print Vending Machine.



Fresh Prints

Inciardi signs one of her popular tomato prints while working in her studio.

For Inciardi, art has always been a central force. She began interning and working in museums in her hometown of New York City at the age of 14, and came to Kenyon wanting to study and create art. But, as a studio art major, finding the right channel for her creative aspirations proved to be tricky. Then, in a “History of Printmaking” class sophomore year, visiting assistant professor of art history Jill Greenwood handed out pieces of linoleum and carving tools with simple instructions: carve a print.

“From then on, I was obsessed with printmaking,” said Inciardi. She began carving out of rubber in her Mather dorm room, making new prints every day. That semester, she started selling her works for the first time, printing and advertising T-shirts on Instagram and donating the proceeds to Planned Parenthood in the wake of the 2016 presidential election, when reproductive rights were front-of-mind for many.

In her senior year, she took the studio art printmaking course with Associate Professor of Art Craig Hill, along with her sister, Alex Inciardi ’21. Though she’d been making prints out of her residence halls the past few years, this was the

first official training she’d had in the art form.

Over the course of the semester, she experimented with multi-color prints and different techniques. “In the beginning, her prints were really quite simple,” remembered Hill. “Everything was blue, and she would have string or stencils to block out designs. And she would make a hundred of them a week, you know, and they’re all slightly different.”

She and Hill bonded over their shared passion for collecting small toys and objects. “She started doing these gorgeous linoleum cuts of these objects, like a can of sardines,” said Hill. “That’s when her work became really personal, because it was about the things that she collected and found interesting.” For her senior exhibition, Inciardi asked people to send in photos of their own objects and used those images as the basis for a series of prints — an object portrait project, of a kind — from the hundred or so pictures she’d received.”

Hill remembers an open studio night during Inciardi’s senior year as a turning point for her burgeoning print business. “She put out her prints and sold them for around \$5 apiece, and she made like \$500 in a night.” From there, she knew she had something.

The ability to produce a lot of prints at once appealed to Inciardi’s artistic sensibilities. Creating multiples for each print helps keep her prices low and her art accessible to a broad audience. “I’m using my hands and a machine to make multiples of a certain work of art, and it’s still unique,” she said.

There’s a business savvy to this practice, too. The quantity of prints she’s able to generate and sell in a short time is large in comparison to the output of artists in different fields. Hundreds of people can purchase an iteration of one print and receive a handcrafted product. “Ana’s getting a good return on the amount of time that she spends on it, which is tricky for artists,” said Wagner.

After Kenyon, Inciardi anticipated a career in the museum world and interned at the Metropolitan Museum of Art following her graduation, focusing on exhibit design. But the COVID pandemic brought about a moment of reckoning. “I had to make a decision about what I wanted to do with my life, and that was this,” she said. Moving with Wagner to Portland, Maine, in June 2020 was a big leap. Both had been planning on finding food service jobs, which were hard to come by in a city dependent on tourism revenue during a pandemic. Instead, Wagner found farm work, and Inciardi went all-in on her print business.

With no shortage of gifted artists showcasing their work on social media, it can take more than craftsmanship and talent to stand out.

DANA VALLETTI

For Inciardi, who's been sharing and selling her art for nearly as long as she's been making it, finding her creative niche was the best entrepreneurial decision she made.

"I looked at my work and I thought about what brings me the most joy," said Inciardi. "My family is in love with food — we're Italian Americans. What we're eating and what we're making and cooking are the things that connect me the most to my family. My grandmother calls me all the time and asks, 'What are you cooking right now?' And Addy's a farmer. So it couldn't have made more sense."

The produce Wagner brought home from her work proved to be great inspiration. Garlic scapes, red cabbage and rainbow chard all have a place on Inciardi's online storefront. Her art celebrates, too, the processed joys of the culinary world. Jars of Maraschino cherries and jams, boxes of Annie's mac and cheese and cones of sprinkle-encrusted soft-serve ice cream are well-represented. "Food is nostalgic and brings people joy," said Inciardi. "I got into this niche that just opened up the whole world for me."

Now, Inciardi is collaborating with the likes of tinned seafood company Fishwife (named one of Ad Age's Hottest Brands in 2023) and fashion designer Rachel Antonoff (known for her social-media-friendly statement pieces). Working with brands and food companies generally involves sending scans of prints, but occasionally the collaborations get hands-on. "There's a restaurant in Copenhagen called Noma, and their co-founder is opening a restaurant in Brooklyn, named Ilis, and I'm doing their menu for them. I've made like 60 prints. It's not like a traditional menu — every single ingredient has its own card, in the shape of a tarot card. So when the diner sits down, the ingredients are put in front of them (in print form). I've been working on this project for months."

Inciardi has a knack for hopping on pop culture trends early — last summer, she made a negroni sbagliato print (for the chronically online: if you know, you know) — and often returns to familiar pantry staples for inspiration. After making a print of a carton of Miller High-life Pony, she worried she'd get a cease-and-desist letter in the mail from the company. Instead, they sent her a box of merch. For Inciardi, the beauty of focusing on food is the breadth of specific references to pull from. "I've probably carved 500 foods already, but there are so many more to do," she said.

Recently, Inciardi's work led to a surprising family discovery. One of her first popular prints was of a tomato, carved at the request of classmate Eve Bromberg '19. While checking out her website's visibility by entering various word

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combinations into Google's search bar, "Inciardi tomato" brought her some unexpected results.

The Inciardi tomato was more than one of her prints — it was also a variety of paste tomato named for her family. In 1898, her great-great-uncle Enrico Inciardi emigrated to the United States from Sicily, arriving at Ellis Island with heirloom seeds stitched into his clothing. Enrico eventually settled in Chicago. Anastasia's side of the family, based in Brooklyn, had no idea about the tomato variety, which was lapsing into obscurity at the time she found out about its existence online.

One of the last farmers growing the Inciardi tomato is based in Ravenna, Ohio — around a two-hour drive from Kenyon. Inciardi got in touch, and the farmer sent over some seeds, which Wagner propagated at the organic farm. After successfully soliciting grant funding, the pair are working together on a zine-type art book about the tomato and other seed stories. A bonus? "The tomatoes are delicious."

This book marks the couple's first artistic collaboration. "She's meticulous and likes to work on something for a very long time, and I like to work at the very last second, and I'm really fast," said Inciardi of Wagner. "It's been fun to work on something that involves both of our interests," said Wagner. "It's very meaningful because the (Inciardi) tomatoes were about to enter oblivion, and now a lot of people are interested in growing them in their home gardens."

They're also wearing them. On Rachel Antonoff's website, a trapeze-style dress is patterned with Inciardi's tomatoes on the vine, and her green tomatoes bedeck a cotton-and-cashmere cardigan.

"I love working with Ana so much," said Antonoff. "She is such a gifted artist, and her process is endlessly fascinating and cool to me."

Becca Millstein, the co-founder and CEO of Fishwife, echoed the sentiment: "She's an absolutely brilliant artist and businesswoman, and that is a rare breed in this world."

In a way, Inciardi's tomato prints are a microcosm of the formula that makes her work so successful: vibrant visuals that evoke strong sensory reactions. You want to eat her work, or inhale it. Steeped in cultural history and personal taste, the details that inspire Inciardi also resonate widely across audiences. ❧

“THE MYSTERIES” | FEATURED BOOK

A “Mysterious” New Chapter for Bill Watterson

IN 2011, THE ONION POKED FUN AT BILL WATTERSON '80, in a satiric post that imagined Watterson having drawn a new installment of his wildly popular comic strip, “Calvin and Hobbes,” every day since it ended in December 1995 and subsequently feeding it daily into a paper shredder. “Wow, this might be one of the best yet,” Watterson quips in the piece as he destroys an imagined 5,689th strip.

While amusing, the item was a bitter-sweet reminder of how beloved “Calvin and Hobbes” remained years after Watterson ended it. It also highlighted Watterson’s disappearance from the public eye afterward as he gave virtually no interviews and didn’t pursue a second professional chapter as an illustrator or painter. (He didn’t respond to this magazine’s requests for comment.)

As a result, news that Watterson was publishing his first non-“Calvin and Hobbes” book immediately ignited interest in and nostalgia for Watterson and his iconic strip. “The Mysteries,” a short fable co-created with illustrator and caricaturist John Kascht, appeared in October 2023 and quickly topped bestseller lists. While its folklorish aura and dark themes may puzzle diehard “Calvin and Hobbes” fans, “The Mysteries” and its unique illustrations reflect an observation that Watterson made in a 2014 interview with Jenny Robb, curator of the Billy

Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum at Ohio State, which holds a collection of more than 3,000 original “Calvin and Hobbes” strips and related materials. The interview was conducted for the museum’s catalog of a comprehensive exhibit of “Calvin and Hobbes.”

“Art has to keep moving and discovering to stay alive, and increasingly I felt that the new territory was elsewhere,” Watterson told Robb.

Post-“Calvin and Hobbes,” Watterson delved more deeply into painting, an artistic evolution evident in the moody and layered illustrations in “The Mysteries.” But by his own account, Watterson — a political science major — didn’t take a single painting class at Kenyon. He did enroll in several art classes, however, including drawing, life drawing and printmaking. “I knew they’d be teaching us about color, and the idea of sitting there mixing colors seemed soooo tedious,” he told Robb. “So I skipped that, and had to figure it all out the hard way twenty years later.”

Pages from
Watterson
and Kascht’s
“The Mysteries.”

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Long ago,
the forest was dark and deep.



So the Knights set off
into the misty forest.

Year after year they searched.



In Watterson's era, Kenyon's art department took a traditional, almost classical approach in its instruction that he was able to combine with his background in cartooning, said one of his instructors, Professor Emeritus of Art Martin Garhart, who painted with Watterson in New Mexico.

"You look at the way he develops the landscape, he had a really good sense of how you develop an image traditionally," said Garhart, who now works out of a studio in Powell, Wyoming.

Over the years, Watterson pursued fine arts painting on his own, including *en plein air* or outdoor painting during the time he lived in New Mexico before returning to Ohio. He continued to paint after ending the strip, exploring the medium but with no plans to exhibit. "Well, never say never, but I don't currently paint with that kind of ambition," he told Robb in 2014.

It was around the same time that Watterson decided to give himself a painting subject by writing a story. The result, "The Mysteries," wasn't what he expected, nor did he have any idea what the illustrations should be.

"So the story sat in my desk drawer for years," Watterson said in an official Andrews McMeel video interview released in conjunction with the publication of "The Mysteries." "I made periodic attempts at it, but I could not figure out what this thing wanted to be." (Andrews McMeel also published a second and more familiar Watterson title this year, "The Calvin and Hobbes Portable Compendium Set 1," featuring strips from 1985 to 1987, the first in a planned seven-volume series.)

Eventually, Watterson and Kascht talked about collaborating on something related to Watterson's story. One of their hard and fast rules would come back to haunt them, but ultimately in a positive way: neither had final say and either could veto anything or simply pull the plug on the project. Soon they were exchanging ideas and trying different approaches, but neither man was satisfied. So back to the drawing board they would go.

"Our process was appallingly inefficient and wasteful," Watterson said in his Andrews McMeel interview. "We were basically drawing the map as we wandered around lost. But when you're lost, pretty much everything is surprising."

For example, Watterson was more interested in capturing the nuances of a subject, whereas Kascht wanted something more realistic. As Kascht told Andrews McMeel, "It would be hard to overstate the incompatibility of our creative approach."

Watterson's description of their process struck a familiar chord, said Professor Emeritus of Art Gregory Spaid, a painter in Gambier who also taught Watterson at Kenyon. Wandering around lost "is kind of a description of making art, especially at the beginning stages of working your way into a project or a series," Spaid said.

Watterson and Kascht broke their amicable deadlock when Watterson suggested that Kascht sculpt a series of heads that could audition as characters. In due time, a box of clay heads arrived at Watterson's studio and he began seeing possibilities. "Choosing a head almost randomly would bring new interpretations to the figures," Watterson said. "They were constantly surprising. They started shaping the pictures by themselves."

So what is "The Mysteries" about? Well, it's a little hard to say. At first blush, it recalls journalist and author G.K. Chesterton and one of his most frequently quoted lines, about the precautions people should take when removing fences whose purpose they no longer understand. In that vein, it's easy to interpret "The Mysteries" as a climate change parable: as people in a medieval-like kingdom overcome their fear of unknown entities called the Mysteries with their "bizarre and terrifying powers."

Eventually, when a Mystery is captured (it's never described or portrayed), people lose their fear of them, chop down the forest where the Mysteries dwell, and tear down "enormous walls" erected to protect the kingdom.

But as modern life intrudes in the form of mass media, highway congestion and urban overdevelopment, the sky turns "a slightly weird color," acrid smells drift in from across the sea, animals migrate to far corners of the earth and things begin to disappear.

Although not the last line in the book, the most telling might be this sentence, appearing opposite what appears to be a thick mist or smog partly obscuring the moon: "Rather late, the people grew alarmed."

Among those not surprised by the book's dramatic departure from Watterson's comic strip days was his biographer, Nevin Martell.

"He was never going to be the guy that came back with 'Calvin and Hobbes 2.0,' or even another comic strip," said Martell, author of "Looking for Calvin and Hobbes: The Unconventional Story of Bill Watterson and His Revolutionary Comic Strip." "He clearly felt like he did all he could have done with that medium and he wanted to move on."

In Watterson's 2014 interview with Jenny Robb, he cited painters he admires including late Titian, Caravaggio, Rembrandt, Vermeer and, in particular, Lucian Freud. He described Freud as having "a cold eye, but great sense of physicality and weight," a description that could also be true of some of the illustrations in "The Mysteries."

"Collaboration generates friction, but also energy," Watterson said in the Andrews McMeel video. "And sometimes the combination of talents is greater than the sum of the parts. We set off looking for surprises, and we got them every day. So be careful what you ask for."

—ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS '83 P'17



"The Mysteries"

By Bill Watterson '80



NEW RELEASES



Editor's Note:

Have you published a book in the past year? Email editor@kenyon.edu and tell us about it.

The Ranch Table:

Recipes from a Year of Harvests, Celebrations, and Family Dinners on a Historic California Ranch
BY ELIZABETH POETT '03

The Divorcées:

A Novel

BY ROWAN BEAIRD '09

In midcentury America it's hard for a woman to initiate a divorce — unless you can get to Reno. In Beaird's debut novel, "The Divorcées," that's exactly where protagonist Lois Saunders finds herself: enjoying a six-week vacation at one of Nevada's divorce ranches, waiting out the state's only requirement to officially end her loveless marriage. While rubbing elbows with everyone from movie stars to cowboys, Lois meets a mysterious new friend who breaks her world — with all of its conventions — wide open. (*Flatiron Books*)

Across the Worlds of Islam:

Muslim Identities, Beliefs, and Practices from Asia to America
EDITED BY EDWARD E. CURTIS IV '93

Although Islam is often associated with the Middle East, the religion boasts incredible diversity and complexity the world over. In Curtis' latest work, "Across the Worlds of Islam," the Indiana University religious studies professor and award-winning author of 14 books explores the lives and identities of marginalized Muslims around the world, painting a more comprehensive portrait of Islam's many varied communities. (*Columbia University Press*)

Reconceptions:

Modern Relationships, Reproductive Science, and the Unfolding Future of Family
BY RACHEL LEHMANN-HAUPT '92

Family can mean many things beyond the traditional structure of "mom and dad with 2.5 kids in a house with a white picket fence." In "Reconceptions," Lehmann-Haupt, a journalist and single mother by choice, explores cutting-edge reproductive science through the stories of real people creating families on their terms. True to its title, this book will change your conception of family and all that's possible when bringing a new human into the world. (*BenBella Books*)

From the Human to the Humane:

Eugen Kullmann, Teacher
BY ROBERT SCHINE '72 AND RABBI STEVEN LEBOW '77

We'll admit to being biased, but we believe the Kenyon family of professors is the best in the world. However, one in particular, the late Dr. Eugen Kullmann who died in 2002, touched so many lives that 40 of his students were inspired to write essays in his memory. This memorial collection beautifully illustrates Kullmann's legacy at Kenyon and beyond. To order, contact Lebow at rab-bilebow@gmail.com. (*Peter E. Randall Publishing*)

Along California's Central Coast lies the historic ranch which chef Elizabeth Poett calls home. By going with the flow of the seasons, choosing fresh, in-season ingredients to make simple yet wholesome meals — just as generations of her family before her have done on this same ranch — Poett illustrates what it really means to eat farm to table. With an unpretentious approach to hospitality cooking and everyday family meals, she shows readers that what makes meals unforgettable isn't elaborate food but the memories you make around the table with the people you love. (*William Morrow Cookbooks*)

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1950s

1953

Ronald R. Ryan

informs, "Mig and I continue to enjoy good health here in Jupiter, Florida, and we're playing golf two to three times a week. I gave up tennis two years ago."

Donald B. Thomas

writes, "While I am sure that most of our class has passed on, some of us continue. I still live in Oregon but am not able to travel or drive. I am 92 and feel it most of the time. I live in a retirement home and am planning my 100th birthday. I'll never forget my days at Kenyon."

1954

Paul B. Wolfe, La Jolla, California, shares,

"My first recollection was being met at the railroad station in Mansfield by Dean Bailey, who then carried my bags to a basement room in North Leonard. The two profs I most remember are Jim Michael and Wilfred Desan. Mr. Michael got me interested in dramatics and then invited me back to Reunion when **Paul L. Newman '49** directed a production at the old theater building. One of my fondest recollections is of singing down Middle Path, a tradition that I understand no longer exists and is not even mentioned in the college archives."

1955

Edward T. Rhodes Sr.

updates, "I recently married Dorothy Bondurant. We are snowbirds who reside in a condo at Lakewood National Country Club in Bradenton, Florida, from December until the first of May. Home for us is Leisure

World in Silver Spring, Maryland. We would love to meet or dine with any classmates who are interested in Florida or Maryland (edrhodes900@gmail.com)." Ed celebrated his 90th birthday on March 20.

1957

Ronald E. Kendrick,

Columbus, Ohio, recalls, "When I first arrived on campus in 1953, the place looked deserted — I was a month early, for football, and trying out for quarterback. Head coach Bill Stiles played me some my freshman year. I remember being carted off the field in Wooster one Saturday when a bunch of opponents clobbered me and knocked me out as I was returning a kickoff. My football career lasted only one year, but I did start on the basketball team for four years and the baseball team for three years. I missed my senior year in baseball after I married the lady who enjoyed many dance weekends at Kenyon while she attended Ohio Wesleyan. ... We are still married after 66 years and live together by some quirk of good fortune."

1959

Richard A. Dickey,

Hickory, North Carolina, writes, "I am delighted to think that the wonderful experiences and excitement my classmates and I enjoyed continue to be offered to students in Gambier. I am often reminded of and feel gratitude for the education Kenyon provided me and my classmates, an experience which continues to be made possible for others through the

unselfish generosity of so many." **Robert B. Palmer**, New York City, reflects, "On my first visit to Kenyon in early April 1955, robins and crocuses were on the lawn of the Alumni House (now the Kenyon Inn). I may have still been 16 when, in the renowned Charles Coffin's class on Milton, I was addressed for the first time as 'Mr. Palmer.' Thus began my life-long love affair with Kenyon in quaint Gambier." Bob fondly recalled many professors, including Frank Rouda and **Charles (Mike) Bundy '52**. "Classics Professor Bill McCulloh remains a Gambier neighbor of my still good friend, **Alan Wainwright**, and I met Micah Myers, also in classics, for lunch in NYC this last year. Another Kenyon highlight for me was the graduation of my daughter, **Michele Palmer Fracasso '81**. She was first on campus in the spring of '60 at two months old, when we lived in Mount Vernon for my final semester. She enjoyed Kenyon as much as I did, but in a more restrained manner — less time in Dean Edwards' office than me." **David N. Sharlin**, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, retired on June 30 from his position as medical director of the Mercer County, New Jersey, program for children with handicaps, which he helped found. "I reconnected with **Robert F. Neff**, **Alan S. Loxterman**, **Robert W. Chapin Jr.** and **Richard A. Dickey** at our 50th Reunion, but somehow have lost touch with them and would love to reconnect. Hopefully they will read this and respond

(dnsharlin@verizon.net)." **Roger C. Smith**, Moneta, Virginia, entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant in August 1959. "During my 29-year Air Force career, I completed a master's in public administration at the University of Oklahoma, graduated from the National War College in 1979, and from the advanced management program at Carnegie-Mellon in 1983. Along the way I found the one who would share life's adventure with me, my wonderful wife, Sybil. We met and married in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1966 — she was a Virginia native visiting her sister. We have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Kenyon helped me develop intellectual curiosity and an ability to think analytically, gifts that served me well. As an English major, I developed writing skills that opened several doors, one as head speechwriter and chief of the secretary of the Air Force's policy analysis group in the Pentagon under three consecutive Air Force secretaries. I commanded a major Air Force base, a 150-missile Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile wing, and NORAD's Cheyenne Mountain Complex in Colorado. In 1986, I was the senior military negotiator during defense and space negotiations with the Soviet Union, for which I was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal. Retiring as a brigadier general in 1988, I established my own consulting business, before retiring again in 2004 to Smith Mountain Lake in the

foothills of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. For many years, I have been involved in restoring antique and classic boats from the 1940s and '50s. My greatest satisfaction has been our family, and it is a joy to spend time with our children and grandchildren at the lake and see them develop new interests and grow."

1960s

1960

The Rev. David O.

McCoy, of Athens, Ohio, submits, "I'm doing my best to keep active. My number one way is to go to the gym five days a week. In addition, my wife, Chris, and I are getting out and about: saw three shows in Wooster in July; spent a couple weeks at my cottage on a lake in Canada; traveled to the Orkney Islands in Scotland; doing some Sunday supply work at our local Episcopal church; even got to Cincinnati for a Reds game!"

1961

Daniel O. Holland

notes, "Our move to the South has proven to be the best move ever. Since moving to Virginia, I've been called 'sweetie, sweetheart, honey and love,' something that never happened when I lived in the North! Patty is a member of two local symphony orchestras, one of which, Waynesboro Community Orchestra, recently was named the best community orchestra in the country. Active in three poetry/literary/musical groups, I get to read my poetry and song lyrics at three grand venues every month. I contribute a poem on Facebook every day.

Standing offer to all Kenyon men and women to come visit. Word of caution: you may never want to leave!"

1962

Paul C. Heintz, Radnor, Pennsylvania, updates, "Still practicing law after 58 years with the firm I joined after Penn Law School. Flying airplanes since my solo 65 years ago. My wife, Jane (aka Saint Jane), still tolerates me after 60 years. We spend more time than ever with our four children and seven grandchildren, four of whom are in college. Being able to join my classmates every five years on The Hill since graduation has been a blessing." **Harvey F. Lodish**, Brookline, Massachusetts, updates, "Though I closed my research laboratory in 2019, I remain on the active MIT faculty and continue to teach." Harvey wrote from a sabbatical leave in Africa, where he was teaching biotechnology in Uganda, Ghana and Malawi "with the aim of encouraging students and young faculty members to start biotech companies that can deal with these countries' many unmet medical and agricultural needs, and making contacts for them in the Boston biomedical ecosystem that can help with specific technologies. This January I will spend two weeks in Gambier, teaching a half-course on biotechnology. Students will read and discuss key research papers that underlie recent successful gene and cell therapies — the same papers I use in my MIT biotech seminar. Eleven years ago at Kenyon, I taught a similar seminar course on

stem cells; the students were as good as the seniors in my class at MIT, and their term papers were on average better-written." **Richard A. Rubin**, Mill Valley, California, remembers, "As editor of the Collegian my junior year, I crusaded to have the college eliminate the dreaded compulsory chapel requirement. Not only had it deprived generations of homework- or party-weary students hours of precious sleep on Sundays, it forced them to worship at places perhaps not of their own choosing, at odds with the fundamental values of a liberal arts education. Happily, the Board of Trustees agreed to its rescission. To my surprise I received a very gracious and approving letter from the Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Ohio — who happened to be the chair of the Board of Trustees at the time!" Richard also recalled visiting **Paul L. Newman '49** in 2005 at his home, along with former president Georgia Nugent and fellow trustee **David Horvitz**. Richard's friend **Maurice Kanbar H'06**, a San Francisco inventor/philanthropist, recently deceased, had just made a \$1.25 million gift to the College — contingent upon Newman's willingness to meet. "The meeting was a great success," Richard recalls, "with Newman refusing assistance, preparing and serving lunch — Newman's Own, of course. I will never forget his self-effacing response when I asked if we could have our photo taken: 'Sure, but you realize a hundred of these is worth one Robert Redford.'" **Robert D. Vance**, Chapel Hill,

North Carolina, is "long retired from the UNC philosophy department but continues to teach some courses in Duke's Lifelong Learning Institute. My hobbies now include photography (with periodic exhibitions), and my workouts include water volleyball." Bob and Terry were headed to Bogota, Colombia in December to visit two sons and their grandchildren.

1963

Alan W. Beck, New Albany, Ohio, writes, "I have been reflecting on life in Gambier in the '50s, with two grocery stores, a Sohio station and a barbershop on the main block and (until

a student, to now having our second woman president!" **Calvin S. Frost**, Lake Forest, Illinois, says his 60th Reunion was "a wonderful experience. Since May, I have continued to work, garden and play. Just back from Brussels and Amsterdam and headed to India for 10 days shortly. Our small business now has 160 employees, including our daughter **Cynthia Frost '84**, son-in-law **Richard C. Hoffman '89**, and grandson **Alexander B. Hoffman '20**." **Neal M. Mayer**, Millsboro, Delaware, reports, "In late August, our children made us an amazing 60th anniversary party. All 12

"I married the lady who enjoyed many dance weekends at Kenyon while she attended Ohio Wesleyan. We are still married after 66 years."

— **Ronald E. Kendrick '57**, of Columbus, Ohio

1954) no dorms west of the gates at Philander's Well, where 308 ended at 229. In 1954, my mother, a faculty member, was told she should not march with the men in the convocation and graduation processions, and she was refused admittance to the Phi Beta Kappa meetings because she was a woman. Ivy League Phi Beta Kappa meant nothing if the person was a woman. Kenyon has come a long way in 70 years, from the Pajama Parade ("hazing"?), which stopped in the early 1960s while I was

grandchildren took part, alongside old and new friends. President Biden and Jill Biden sent us an engraved congratulation card." After a fall cruise and then a family Thanksgiving in Atlanta, Neal was headed to Belize in late January. "Grandson Kio's high school graduation in mid-May, the Kenyon Bicentennial Celebration in Gambier, and our grandson Max's graduation in June at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. It is good to have so much to look forward to." **Robert H. Scott**, Joplin, Missouri,

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shared fond memories: **"L. Mifflin 'Miff' Hayes** and I both went to Duke Law. I went on active duty as an Air Force JAG officer, serving my last year in Thailand on the Mekong River during the Vietnam War. Returning to the U.S. to practice law, spent 11 years in Cincinnati

"Wrestling with three books in process," he writes. 'Reflections on Naval History: Collected Essays,' the third volume of my collected essays, from 2011 to 2021. The second, written with Geoffrey Till, 'Recovering Naval Power: Henry Maydman and the Recovery of

came to Kenyon in fall 1960. A clarinet enthusiast, I asked Professor Paul Schwartz about opportunities to play in ensembles. Together we organized a clarinet quartet, with **Richard A. Rubin '62**, myself, and another whom I can't recall on standard B-flat clarinets,

fit. I spend most of my time now playing golf. I've managed to shoot my age well over 200 times."

1966

Charles S. Evans resides at Highland Green, a 55+ senior community in Topsham, Maine, "just across the river from Brunswick and Bowdoin College," he reports. "I am now the senior staff physical therapist at the Veterinary and Rehabilitation Center of Cape Elizabeth. I have been doing PT on dogs now for 22 years at a variety of 24/7 hospitals." Charles plays in a rock-and-roll band called Off Their Rockers, sings in a church choir and is a board member of the Brunswick Senior Center. **Carl S. Mankowitz**, New York City, updates, "Our son Zachary graduated from Landmark College in December, with a bachelor's in computer science. My wife, Lisa Rubin, is in leadership on the board of Master Voices, a volunteer singing ensemble, well-known here in the arts scene. After many years of giving short views on the Bible portion of the week, I'm setting out to teach others how. We are making Shabbat services more participatory, as well as delving into the multiple meanings of Torah portions." **Richard T. Nolan**, Red Lodge, Montana, reports, "Gretchen and I are catching up on travel. In June we did a 23-day Med cruise that started in Barcelona, visited ports all the way to Jerusalem, and finished in Trieste. In September, we spent three weeks hiking in Scotland, first on the Fife Coastal Path

near Edinburgh, and later the Great Glen Way near Inverness. In December, we headed to Norway for a 15-day northern lights cruise that started in Bergen and ended in Oslo."

1967

Phil Cerny, updates, "Fairly quiet here in York, U.K., but keeping busy. Still singing at the Black Swan Folk Club and playing in the house band, Ramshackle. Although I'm officially retired from academia — University of Manchester in 2004 and Rutgers University-Newark in 2010 — I still publish and go to international conferences, most recently Athens, Toronto, Potsdam and Prague this summer." Last February, Phil published "Heterarchy in World Politics" (Routledge). **Edward J. Forrest Jr.**, Marietta, Georgia, recalls, "(Then-admissions director) Tracy Scudder set the tone — amazing tweed sport coat, button-down collar and sage advice: 'Gentlemen! Welcome to Kenyon. You will be treated as an adult until you prove yourself otherwise.'" Edward asserts that "some Tales of Kenyon range from 'whales' to 'problematic.'" And: "Please remind Dr. Schnall the Kenyon Riots were far deeper than plugging Philander's Well, which was traumatic and never allowed in those times. However, installation of stop signs and their bold enforcement? *That* frosted the pumpkin!" **Lawrence C. Schmidlapp** was re-elected for a seventh term as mayor of Centre Island, New York, a Nassau County village on a 605-acre

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— **Walter W. Nielsen '64**, who played in a clarinet quartet at Kenyon and now plays principal clarinet in the Scottsdale Philharmonic in Arizona

before returning to my family home in Joplin as a partner in Roberts, Fleishaker and Scott after a friend was appointed federal judge. Raising our young family outside the world of corporate practice is a decision I am glad we made, as we had time to enjoy our children growing up far more." Robert has published 30 books, including eight novels, with the ninth out now (visit amazon.com/stores/author/BOOG10JNTS). "Sadly, I lost my wife of 43 years, Sandy, to cancer in 2009. But the children and grandchildren keep me busy. ... While I will not likely make any reunions or the 200th celebrations, I wish all the very best."

1964

John B. Hattendorf, Newport, Rhode Island, traveled to London for a three-day meeting of the Anglo-Swedish naval history society

the Royal Navy,' is an edition of a completely overlooked book from 1691 with great relevance to the naval situation today. Finally, for Oxford University Press's Great Battle Series, a book on the memory, commemoration and various historical interpretations of the 1805 naval Battle of Trafalgar." **Martin McKerrow**, Nantucket, Massachusetts, shares, "Living on an island, we think, is wonderful, and Nantucket is a fabulously beautiful place, but small. Leaving the island, particularly during the off-season, is a long-term island tradition. So we took to the road with trips to Tunisia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, and then Paris and London. All were interesting — I will say the food is better in Paris. We're back on the island and devoting the fall to raising a new puppy." **Walter W. Nielsen** recollects, "I

and **Alexander McNamara** on bass clarinet. We rehearsed in the Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church and performed several recitals there, plus at least one in the Knox County Memorial Theater, to meager yet appreciative audiences. Fast forward to 2007: I received my master's in clarinet performance from Arizona State University at age 65. Now aged 81, I'm back playing principal clarinet in the Scottsdale Philharmonic in Arizona. Gratefully, our concerts are so well-attended that people are sometimes turned away at the door." **Eric A. Summerville**, Saint James, North Carolina, informs, "At a recent college sports-themed dinner, I finally got a chance to wear my Kenyon letter sweater. I'm happy to say that after nearly 60 years it not only was in good condition, but it still

peninsula in Oyster Bay Harbor. "Also elected commander of my American Legion post," he adds.

1968

Michael A. Liff shares, "In Portland, Maine, for the last eight years. Probably our last stop until assisted living!" Michael works part-time for the Maine Celtics, a G-league pro basketball team. "I get a paycheck from the Boston Celtics! For a lifelong basketball fan, how cool is that! The Kenyon Owls? From the Lords to the Birds! Didn't Temple University get there first? My last day at Kenyon was our 1968 graduation. I really don't miss the place — it's always been about the people. There is no way to put into words how much I think about and miss fraternity brothers and friends **Jeffry F. Kelleher, Parker C. Molden, Richard C. Fox** and **Terrence E. Parmelee**. They are why I will always treasure my Kenyon experience."

Pierce E. Scranton Jr., Ketchum, Idaho, reflects, "The classic wide-eyed, bushy-tailed new freshman was me in 1964. Admitted as an experiment — no one had ever applied from my high school. ... I logged in Alaska for three summers, working my way through Kenyon. I drank deep from the cup." Pierce became an orthopedic surgeon, sent a son to Kenyon, became a member of the Board of Trustees and won awards and honorary degrees. "I founded a mission in Vietnam taking care of land-mine victims and disabled children. Maybe all because Professor Bob Burns called me

back after I'd turned in an honors thesis and said, 'Pierce, I won't accept this. You can do better.'" **John D. Sinks**, Arlington, Virginia, continues his genealogy hobby now that health conditions and the risk of COVID have ended his ballroom dancing. Newly accepted in the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, he continues to be a member in the Jamestowne Society, Sons of the American Revolution, First Families of Kentucky and the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina. **Mark E. Sullivan** practices law in Raleigh, North Carolina. "Busy with travel, including business trips to Kansas City; Fargo, North Dakota; and Hawaii — mainly concerning military divorce training and teaching. Looking forward to our Reunion and hope to be part of a 'fraternity sing' on the steps of Rosse Hall."

1970s

1970

Frank J. Berardino Jr., Delray Beach, Florida, writes, "I have three vivid memories of Kenyon: The night of the first draft lottery. Not great for some of us! Professor Bruce Gensemer suggesting that I become an econ major; I'm an economist today, so thanks, Bruce! Endless rounds of APBA baseball games with friends when it was raining — 75 percent of the time? My only question: Where was the sushi bar in 1970?" **Robert C. Boruchowitz** works part time at Seattle University School of Law, where his upcoming courses include law

and the Holocaust and abuses of executive power. "I am an expert witness in several cases involving public defense and serve on state and national committees working to improve public defense," he adds. "I sometimes wonder how we got to be in our mid-70s. Did we ever think about that in 1970?" **Peter M. Cowen**, Wilmington, North Carolina, notes, "Retirement continues to be full. I FaceTime with **the Rev. Karl D. Ruttan, Andrew D. Stewart** and **William S. Koller Jr.** on a somewhat regular basis (all Delt brothers)." His recent travels have taken him to Bermuda, Norway and Maine. "Met two Kenyon alumni on a canal boat tour in Amsterdam (great fun; she was a swimmer); ran into **Donald L. Shupe '81** randomly at a restaurant in Wilmington (we both

have Kenyon license plates and the swimming connection); and finally had a most enjoyable breakfast reminiscing session with Delt Big Brother **Timothy R. Holder '68** (another swimmer), who also lives in Wilmington! Go Lords!" **The Rev. John K. Morrell**, River John, Nova Scotia, writes, "The Kenyon experience was much more than classes, books, reports and labs. We were also involved in sports, humanities and, in my case, I became engrossed in theater. My freshman year I watched a Gilbert and Sullivan production and was enthused. For my sophomore and senior year I appeared and sang in two productions. My junior year abroad I sang in the Beirut College for Women production of "Patience," and at McGill University in Montreal I appeared in three productions.

With my retirement from full-time ministry at St. Mark's Anglican Church in 2018, I became involved with the North Shore Players. Now preparing a world premiere of Gary L. Blackwood's musical "We're All Bound to Go" and MCing our annual Christmas variety shows." **William F. Paraska**, Alpharetta, Georgia, informs, "Three Kenyon events will always be significant for me: my commissioning as an Air Force second lieutenant in 1970; my presentation to the College of a memorial marker on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Air Force ROTC at Kenyon; and commemoration in 2022 of the 50th anniversary of the closure of Kenyon ROTC."

1971

Belinda Bremner updates, "Another summer of working

NEW RELEASES

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Juan Calzadilla, Translated by Professor of Spanish Katherine M. Hedeem and Olivia Lott '15, "The Roof of the Whale Poems"

David Guenther '84, "The Art Dealer's Apprentice"

Susan (Hopkins) Charland '01, "Public Engagement Made Easy: A Guide for Planners and Policymakers"

David Bukszpán '02, "Crosswordese"

Peter Smagorinsky '74, "L. S. Vygotsky and English in Education and the Language Arts"

Daniel Z. Epstein '05, "The Investigative State: Regulatory Oversight in the United States"

Jeffrey A. Wolin '72, "Measuring Time"

Tamara E. Kneese '06, "Death Glitch: How Techno-Solutionism Fails Us in This Life and Beyond"

Dr. Lean'tin Bracks '74 H'08, "African American Almanac: 400 Years of Triumph, Courage and Excellence: 2nd Edition"

Lawrence H. Witner '69, "Federal Individual Income Tax, Three Parallel Income Tax Systems"

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with Oak Park (Illinois) Festival Theatre, the Midwest's oldest professional, outdoor, classical theatre. Now helping with the 2024 season. A play of mine, 'Envoy,' with earlier productions in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, was presented at SUNY Binghamton in early October. The rest of my time is busy with theatre work, teaching, writing and volunteering." **Christopher A. Myers**, Baltimore, reports, "I retired after a long career as a federal prosecutor and then a white-collar defense lawyer. My wife of 46 years and I have three adult children and currently live in a multi-generational house in Baltimore with our daughter and 4-month-old grandson and our youngest son. We frequently see **Jeff Franklin '70** and his family; **David Cronin '72**; **Jeff Oppenheim**; and **Ransom Griffin**." **Norman E. Schmidt**, Cleveland, recounts, "At the swimming and diving reunion, I enjoyed meeting up with **Douglas M. Neff** and teammates **William S. Koller Jr. '70**, **James F. Loomis '73**, **James Lucas '73**, **John A. Davis '73**, **David H. Cannon '73**, **William R. Wallace '72**, **John E. Davis '75**, **Lawrence H. Witner '69**, **John A. "Jack" Kirkpatrick III '73**, and others a little younger (like frat bro **Stuart S. Wegener '75**) and older (**James G. Carr '62**), and even one I coached (**Carol S. Leslie '84**). The event was terrific. I continue to play golf with **John H. Emack '72** about once a week; he still wins handily, but we have fun and even get some exercise.

John and I recently got together with **Arthur B. "Chip" Sansom '73** to celebrate the life of **Gregg J. DeSilvio '74**, who died recently. Chip is my DEKE little brother, and Gregg was Chip's little brother. I also had the pleasure of meeting up with **David Gregg** when he was in Cleveland recently. I seem to be completely retired. Case Western Reserve University did not employ me this year to work with seniors planning to become science teachers."

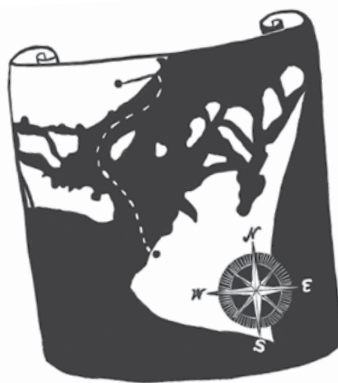
1972

Samuel Barone, Mount Vernon, Ohio, has been invited to join the board of the Philander Chase Conservancy. "I'm looking forward to expanding my understanding of land trusts in general, and those protecting the Greater Gambier environs in particular. And, of course, putting 50-plus years of Knox County knowledge to work in service of Kenyon," he writes.

Barry Gross, Media, Pennsylvania, updates, "I continue to practice law and was recently named Best of the Bar White Collar Criminal Defense by the Philadelphia Business Journal."

1973

Jeffrey L. Bennett writes, "Great to see classmates at our 50th this spring! I even stayed on campus, which brought back a lot of great memories. Up here in Michigan, I'm a substitute teacher three days a week and still volunteering at the Sloan Museum in Flint on Thursdays. I have even subbed in kindergarten and first grade." **Cathy A. Carter Godshall**, Akron, Ohio, updates, "Retired two



Reconnections

Ships in the Night

"Kenyon is a great teacher both inside and outside the classroom. I was reminded of that again while joining 500-plus members of the Kenyon swimming nation for a reunion last year honoring Hall of Fame inductees and the incomparable Coach Jim Steen. We connected with this generation of swimmers and teammates and others from the Coach Dick Sloan era. Coach Sloan and the culture of Kenyon swimming he created made a very real difference in my life and career. I learned the real power of a shared vision and goals, the understanding that individuals can be more than they believed, that a team could be more than it thought, the value of consistent hard and focused work, the imperative of not making excuses, the importance of leadership, and that 'luck is when preparation meets opportunity.' Very thankful. Plus, it was a blast swimming in reunion relays with teammates **Charles D. Welker**, **James Lucas**, **John A. Davis** and **James F. Loomis** 50 years after graduation. I left with one big regret: I had lost touch with Coach and never told him how much he meant to my life at Kenyon and afterward. Fortunately, teammate **Norman E. Schmidt '71** had his email. I wrote Coach a longish thank-you note and included the fact that Sara and I now spend most of our time on Bald Head Island off the coast of North Carolina. He immediately wrote back. It turns out he and his wife, Diane, have been living about a mile from the marina where we catch the ferry to the island. We have been driving past his house for years. The next day we got together. He is 87 and still serves on the town's planning board. Diane is an accomplished artist. The world worked in a wonderful way."

— **John A. Kirkpatrick III '73**,
Bald Head Island, North Carolina

years ago — 44 years of practicing law was enough! Doug (also a lawyer) and I have two children — Hallie, a school administrator, and **Jack C. Godshall '06**, who works at BlackRock. We have three grandchildren and hope to have more! We like to travel, most memorably to Vietnam and most recently to Hawaii." **Shelley A. Hainer**, New York City, conducts sensory awareness sessions online and in person — in Berkeley, California, last spring; New York City last fall; and next fall in Spain. See Shelley's "Leaders in the Spotlight" interview with the Sensory Awareness Foundation on YouTube or visit shelleyhainer.com. Shelley enjoyed meeting **Leonie J. Deutsch**, JoAnn and **Christopher A. Bloom**, **Jeffrey A. Wolin '72** and **John M. Himmel** in Chicago; **Jack Y. Au** and **Marcia Barr Abbot** in NYC; and **Colleen Kelly-Eiding**. "Shimmers remain in the wake of our 50th Reunion afterglow. I loved being in Gambier, in the community of like-minded humans. Rekindled, refreshed and newly engaged connections with **Thomas E. Allen**, **Katie Fishman Eastridge**, **Bonnie Levinson**, **Katherine Cushman**, **David W. Cronin** and **Kerry H. Pechter** among them, and a beautiful in-person visit with my freshman advisor, Professor Emeritus Robert Bennett. As a practicing meditator of four decades, the middle way resonates powerfully with Middle Path, my time at Kenyon and beyond." **Mitchell L. Jablons**, Watchung, New Jersey, admits, "I

didn't realize semi-retirement is a full-time job. Between exercising, travel, friendships, family responsibilities and a once- or twice-a-week job as an anesthesiologist, my days are full. My Kenyon liberal arts education has been a great launching pad to enjoy intellectual challenges as I age. Just glad I received it at a time when the cost was a fraction of what it is currently." **Shirley J. Leow** sends "congrats to the women's lacrosse team on a successful season! You make us pioneers so proud! Recently I moved to Idaho and have been settling in to a new home and community. Been out birding with Golden Eagle Audubon and continuing my country line dance classes. By the time you read this, I will have been to Antarctica via the Falklands and South Georgia, then Patagonia and Valparaiso. I'll be doing a bit of citizen science for NASA on this trip and hopefully visiting the Argentinian research station on Antarctica, weather permitting. Here's to everyone enjoying our second seventies!" **Bonnie Levinson**, Delray Beach, Florida, had a "fabulous" 50th Reunion, "plus those of us in New York this summer got to join **Marcia Barr Abbot** and **Jack Y. Au** at Jack's favorite Chinese eatery. My summer was filled with travel, art and family. My solo exhibition 'Metanoia' at Roxbury Abbey in the Catskills was thrilling, with 49 pieces presented in conversation with the stained glass and soaring architecture. Then a family wedding in Tuscany and an

adventure driving tour throughout the winding mountain roads of Sardinia. The colors and textures of sea and sky are already influencing my work in the studio." **Edward "Mel" J. Otten** notes, "We have a brand-new emergency department at the University of Cincinnati, but business is the usual. I recently spent some time with **Steven C. Carleton '78** and **Kevin A. Conry '71**. Being smarter than

employment at a living wage with benefits, I was asked to stay on and help run a Supreme Court committee to help get New Jersey's 130,000 probation clients good jobs. This is what I am doing every day now, and loving it." **Ann Starr**, Columbus, Ohio, reflects, "When I entered in the first class of women in 1969, I had been at Kenyon in some sense since 1964, when Gambier's school system merged with Mount

or fewer students when we were there, and even fewer when I was a girl. Nostalgia, nostalgia! ... 'My' Kenyon is fully alive inside my memory; Kenyon College keeps growing and changing, keeping up with its generations of students."

1974
M. Christine "Mary" Anderson, Cincinnati, informs, "**Carol A. Heiberger** and I had a wonderful time in London and Athens

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— **Shelley A. Hainer '73**, reflecting on the afterglow of attending her 50th Reunion

me, they are both retired and enjoying life. I would retire, but I don't know how to do anything else." **Mark Sandson** offers his first-ever class note. "So I have a lot of territory to cover! After a mediocre career at Kenyon I went on to law school at Emory. Thereafter I practiced law in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for 30 years before being appointed to the Superior Court and serving there for about 15 years. I served on the family, general equity and criminal divisions. My last and favorite assignment was in recovery court, where I finally found my calling. When I turned 70, I was determined to be constitutionally infirm, as the NJ Constitution requires all superior court judges to retire on their 70th birthday. After I had stressed the importance of

Vernon's. In junior high, my closest friends were the children of Professor Michael, Professor Schwartz, and Dean Edwards. I slept over and dined at faculty homes, played the jukebox at Dorothy's, and bought candy from Mr. Hayes. As a student, I house-sat over the summers for professors Baly, Seymour and Crutwell. I knew where the wild blackberries grew in the summer. I picked gallons of them and baked pies that I shared with the Warners and Greenslades. By the time I was 20, I was an old-timer. I've been back rarely, but I recently spent the day with **Jacqueline E. Robbins** and **Thomas P. Stamp**, loyal alumni who have lived in Gambier and served the college after earning their graduate degrees. I think there were 800

last April. Thank you to **Julia Miller-Vick '73** and **James W. Vick** for taking the time to share their expertise on Athens. I go to Atlanta as often as possible to see my grandson. I also chair the board of King Studios, a nonprofit preserving the history of iconic independent recording company King Records." **Thomas A. Andrew**, Washington, Massachusetts, updates, "After 35 years teaching and coaching at the Moses Brown School in Providence, Rhode Island — and a 44-year career overall — I retired in 2022. My wife, Katy, and I sold our home and now enjoy our mountainside woodland home in the Berkshires as our primary residence. We hit the road periodically, especially to see our granddaughters play soccer (of course!) — one as a first-year at James

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Madison University and the other as a sophomore at Barrington High School." **Lean'tin Bracks**, Old Hickory, Tennessee, observes, "Our May 2024 Reunion will be 50 years since graduating and 200 for the College as a whole. Wow, time flies! The first time I experienced a true fall season was on Middle Path. A Texan who grew up on the coast surrounded by palm trees, I saw the leaves changing colors as a glorious gift from nature, indeed a spiritual experience. (Oh, then there was the first time I saw snow!) I have retired from Fisk University in Nashville as a full professor of African American literature and spend my time keeping my granddaughters and writing. The second edition of my resource book was released in October. All is well, and I send greetings to my alma mater and the Black Student Union, long may they endure." **James E. Breece III**, Litchfield, Connecticut, remains active in the Chinese, Japanese and Southeast Asian art worlds. "I was recently involved in a new show at Harvard Art Museums called "Objects of Addiction: Opium, Empire, and the Chinese Art Trade." My involvement was not only the loan of a key object (Hong bowl) but also as the driving force behind a free 23-page booklet — rather than a cocktail-table book for the show. We printed 10,000 booklets so they would reach more people than a typical show hardback catalog. **Peter Hoover '71** claims I am addicted to the objects. My son Jeb, **James E. Breece IV '04**, would not disagree." **Kevin**

Fitzgerald, Nahant, Massachusetts, informs, "In 2011, I was in a fire when a gasoline tanker tipped over on the highway. They say to add your age (60) to your percentage of third-degree burns (55) and that is your mortality rate. I am 115 percent dead, statistically. I am a third of the way through a chemotherapy program for B-cell lymphoma. If I am already statistically dead, I figure the cancer has nothing to work on. I want to be clear: I am not a glass-half-full person. I believe I was given a full pour, and it is up to me to make the most of it. (I don't drink anymore, so that glass is iced tea.) God bless you for your friendship; if you are having troubles, mine are neither better nor worse than yours. We all survive based on the strength we are given by those around us. Treasure your loved ones as they treasure you." Kevin is counsel to the Massachusetts House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, where "the title is much bigger than the paycheck, but the work is fascinating." **Dan E. Patterson**, Dallas, writes, "Some of my fondest memories of Kenyon are the amazing fall weather. I have been serving on the board of The Gund art gallery for the past few years, and we had a board meeting on campus when leaves were at their peak. My second grandchild (a boy) lives near me in Dallas. Endless blessings. I have been in frequent touch with **Richard I. James**, who retired from the ministry and is trying to move closer to his grandchildren

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— **Lean'tin Bracks '74**, a self-described "Texan who grew up on the coast surrounded by palm trees"

in Idaho." **Stewart F. Peck** and **Renee Peck '75** welcomed a fifth grandchild, their second granddaughter, in June. "I am still practicing law in New Orleans and hope to cut back next year to travel more, take classes in Spanish, art history and drawing, and play more golf and pickleball. Had a great reunion with my soccer teammates last spring on the team's 75th anniversary. In recent times I have been trying in multiple ways to pay forward the financial help and great education I received at Kenyon." **Martha S. Schulman** had an eventful 2023: "My third grandchild, Fiona, was born in February. I am so very fortunate that both of my sons and their families live near me in Richmond, Virginia. In mid-September, I received a kidney transplant, which came sooner than I expected. I received excellent care at VCU Health, and that wonderful care continues at home through my partner of 20 years. There is so much to be grateful for!" **Sidney E. Wanetick** writes, "As our 50th approaches, I frequently reflect on the twists and turns of life. My father, who never went to college, told me college would be the best years of my life and to enjoy it. For two years I took him very literally

and enjoyed myself way too much. The light bulb went off when Dr. Jegla, my physiology professor, suggested I consider dropping pre-med and finding another vocation. At a Reunion weekend years later, I was having a beer with Dean Edwards — whom I got to know well, as many of you may remember. I mentioned how five of us PEEPS had fared. Four physicians: **Joseph J. Baem** — who, I am sad to report, passed away in July — **Paul Shapiro**, **Stuart B. Weiner** and me. And one dentist: **Thomas F. Northway**. Dean Edwards replied, 'I wouldn't have put money on it.' But we all made it, because the unique experience that is Kenyon impacts our lives profoundly and stays with us forever." Sidney spends winters in Mexico and summers in Carlsbad, California, "where we bought an old — not to be confused with charming — townhouse, gutted and remodeled it, and are determined never to move again!"

1975

Joan Baldwin, Falls Village, Connecticut, reports, "I had the bitter-sweet pleasure of being present for **J. Bradley Faus**' last day of teaching. It's a Hotchkiss School tradition for the community to applaud

a faculty member as they leave class on the last day of school. I met Brad in an art class September of our first year. A decade or so later we found ourselves at Hotchkiss. I remain the school's curator of special collections." **Anne G. Campos**, Hancock, New York, is writing a book tentatively titled "Speaking from the Margins" that "loosely applies Josef Alber's color theory — (color) is almost never seen as it really is — to life as work in progress," she explains. "Nothing is obvious until it is. The book will create a retrospective sketch that incorporates movement through boundaries, two centuries and constant encounters with the laws of motion — specifically, for every action, there is an opposed and equal reaction." **Constance Chapman Dillon** updates, "After 14 years in Naples we moved to the Chattanooga area in 2018, first building a home west of town up on the Cumberland Plateau, then moving into the city in 2022. We're right downtown, so we can walk to restaurants, museums and enjoy all the activities the city offers. It was great to have a visit recently from **Elizabeth K. Parker** and her husband, Mark." **Steven C. Durning**, Holliston,

Massachusetts, reports, "On Sept. 23, a group of us gathered at a daylong event graciously hosted by **Thomas A. Lucas** and his wife, Shari, at their home 40 miles north of New York City. Most came from far away. Our guiding spirit was **Kevin J. Martin**, who suggested that we give 'Tom Talks,' which some of us did. We caught up with each other, ate and drank, remembered, processed once again what **Mark C. Fox '76** meant to us, sang along to **Peter H. Frank's** guitar, and contemplated our approaching 50th Reunion. Many thanks to all for making the effort, including **Alice Cornwell Straus, Brad Foote, Murray J. Smith** and **Janet Byrne Smith '76, Karen Mesberg** and **Scott M. Univer '73, Matthew S. Mees, Michael C. Davis, Arthur M. Marx** and **Pamela A. Martin-Diaz**." After 46 years of teaching at the secondary school level, **J. Bradley Faus** retired to Charleston, South Carolina. "We remodeled our home and moved in this fall. We plan to summer on the Maine coast and winter in Charleston while spending time visiting our children in Denver. I am building a studio and will be focusing on making art in addition to pursuing various environmental, social and political interests. Stay in touch (jbfaus4@gmail.com)." **Brooks Jackson**, Iowa City, Iowa, stepped down as the dean of medicine for the University of Iowa Health Care System, and before that dean of medicine at the University of Minnesota, and before that chair of pathology at Johns

Hopkins. "I will continue my research full time and see patients in my specialty of transfusion medicine," he explained. "I still have a number of projects in Uganda, China, Brazil and, more recently, Zambia, so I will be busy traveling and on a lot of video calls. But I should have more time for running, creative writing, music composition and seeing our three sons and my wife of 37 years." **Emily Crom Lyons**, Darien, Connecticut, announces, "**Renee (Brandt) Peck** and I are celebrating our seventh decade with a trip by jet around the world. Bucket-list trip for us both, with world high-lights around the globe. Bon voyage!" **Charlotte "Shami" J. McCormick** updates, "My husband and I are currently living in Geneseo, New York, enjoying the fine art of grandparenting

working with **David I. Jaffe '78** and **Adam T. Petherbridge '08** in NYC on an evening of Chekhov. I keep my oar dipped in theater but am doing a lot of writing and editing. Working for BGG Creative Studio on a children's adventure series and brushing up on my playwriting." **Richard H. Miller** and his wife, Cherie, celebrated their 25th and moved from their COVID haven in Big Sky, Montana, to New York City, where Cherie leads Apple's New York office and Rick 'unofficially' transferred to Bryan Cave's NYC office. "After 18 months we have settled in," he reports, "mastered the subway and figured out NYC's underground economy — which is how life really happens and things really get done. We also learned the two no-no's of living in New York: no cars

vintage Ford pickup truck, and I continue to work on dressage training with my Lusitano gelding. We had a fun and informative visit to London, Normandy, Paris, Krakow and Berlin on a WWII history tour sponsored by the Ohio State University history department. My daughter was married in mid-September, and we enjoyed a large festive celebration in the Finger Lakes region. After the wedding, Tim and I toured Lake Placid, New York; Stowe, Vermont; and the White Mountains in New Hampshire." **Paul Silver**, Silver Spring, Maryland, updates, "As I read note after note of classmates retiring, I have started a new job at the tender age of 70. After almost 19 years at George Washington and almost my entire career as both a psychiatrist and

also lived with us. Seeing my 2-year-old grandson talking with his great-grandfather was particularly cute. My daughter and family moved to Olney, about 10 miles away, so it is now just Shelly and me. A bit too quiet at times. Son Ari and his six live outside Philadelphia, and Sarah and her six are in Baltimore, so all are in easy driving distance." **Murray J. Smith**, Gambier, thanks **Thomas A. Lucas**, Shari Krikorian and their son Nate "for hosting (and tolerating)" the abovementioned mini-reunion. "Shout-out to **Kevin J. Martin** for being the lead organizer, and to **Matt Mees'** wife, Elizabeth, for listening quite patiently to the old war stories." **Aaron B. Webber** updates, "Have had the happiest year with my new husband, Jack MacLeod. After

"I want to be clear: I am not a glass-half-full person. I believe I was given a full pour, and it is up to me to make the most of it."

— **Kevin Fitzgerald '74**, expressing gratitude after several health scares

Rhys McCormick, age 3. Our winters are spent in the milder climate of Richmond, Virginia. Turning 70 has given me a different perspective on being old — as in, 'Surely, I'm not ... am I?' **Gail Jacobs Gordon** and I got together with other chums in Chautauqua, New York, to celebrate seven decades and be inspired by Bonnie Raitt, who gave a fierce concert! Recently I had the pleasure of

and no kids! We live in Nomad — a short walk to the theater district and countless interesting restaurants. Would love to see anyone who may be passing through." **Pamela Cole Schneider** informs, "My husband, Tim, and I continue to enjoy our home in central Florida (north of Orlando, south of Ocala and not The Villages). We are renovating a property we plan to flip, Tim is restoring a 1970s

internist at academic medical centers, I have joined a private practice at Sibley Hospital in D.C. Nonetheless, I will continue to teach at GW and, perhaps, Hopkins, with which Sibley is affiliated. After living with us for nine years, my father passed away this spring just after his 100th birthday. For a year and a half we had a four-generation household while one of my daughters, her husband and three children

10 years in England, we are moving to Portugal, where his mother's family is from. Time to put toes in sand."

1976
James M. Borgman reports, "A 2020 safari in Botswana was to have been our way of celebrating **Christopher J. Myers'** retirement from his career as head of IT at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Sadly, Chris passed away before we could

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realize that vision. But three years later, his wife, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Murdock Myers**; my wife, Suzanne; and I completed the journey, celebrating the wonder of it all with Chris in our hearts." **Christina Barros Kramer** retired after 30+ years of work in international health, having visited over 40 countries and lived abroad four years. "I loved work," she notes, "and I love retirement. I now volunteer at several

Crosslake, Minnesota; and Charleston, South Carolina. I'm kind of going with the flow and loving it." **Rabbi Charles P. Rabinowitz**, Larchmont, New York, shared, "When I arrived at Kenyon for the first time, sitting in the back seat with my bike against my knees, I was the youngest member of my class, at just 17. I had spent my last year of high school in Israel and thought in Hebrew, translating

pressure, and we've found it here. I was able to continue working part-time from Gambier until early 2020, but then the pandemic hit; and I have not looked back. For the last few years, I have been more and more involved with the Knox County Democratic Party." Janet canvassed area households to urge Yes votes on Ohio's reproductive freedom ballot issue, which passed in November. "I swim almost daily in Kenyon's amazing pool, the likes of which is completely unavailable in the New York City metropolitan area, and this summer I participated in the inaugural Total Performance Masters Swimming camp held at Kenyon. I was by far the oldest and slowest, swimming alongside several former Ladies swimmers, but we all had lots of fun, and our coach, **Danielle M. Korman '06**, was phenomenal. Murray and I travel as much as we can, with trips to Mexico City, Alaska and Nova Scotia planned for 2024." **Deborah E. Tepper** moved from Cape Cod back to her hometown of Pound Ridge, New York. "It was a difficult decision," she explains, "but we are now two miles from our grandchildren and enjoy the peace and quiet of living on the edge of a forest. There is time to garden, as well as work on environmental advocacy and animal protection causes. It's an easy trip to NYC for shows, too." **Joel E. Turner** and **Timothy M. O'Neill '77** recently visited Ben Drake, professor of English at Kenyon from 1972 to 1976, at his home in Peachtree City, Georgia. Their talk ranged from

Shakespeare to Milton to the Kokosing to Ben's work with the Highlander Center to the birds and trees in the woods behind Ben's home. Ben revealed that he was using a replica/copy of Shakespeare's First Folio as a stand for his computer — a copy he had bought from **Terence W. McKiernan** in 1976. Tim subsequently "delivered the folio back to Terry in Boston, a truly poetic reunion." **Michael W. Young**, Carlsbad, California, announces a monthly LinkedIn audio program, "Clinical Trials: OBQ (One Burning Question)." Alongside six co-moderators, he and his fellow hosts discuss the design, development and execution of clinical trials for new pharmaceuticals. "A year of programming thus far included a four-month series on JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, inclusion) in clinical trial enrollment," he informs. "Pleased to note we've had over 1,000 people join the live audio sessions to date! Happy to connect with any life sciences alumni at [linkedin.com/in/mwyoungrx](https://www.linkedin.com/in/mwyoungrx)."

1977

Mieke H. Bomann notes, "After having done almost no traveling the past few years, my partner, Jeff Meckling, and I headed to southern California for a week in September. I wandered the terrific Hollywood Farmers Market with **Margrit B. Polak Shield**, got lessons in olive harvesting from a grower in Ojai, and revisited those lovely spots I knew in Santa Barbara, where **William T. Haebler Jr.** and **J. Lindsey Flexner** and I moved right after graduation. Great trip!"

"I have started a new job at the tender age of 70."

— **Paul Silver '75**, on joining a private practice after a career spent working as a psychiatrist and internist at academic medical centers

places, including an equine therapy program and grant writing for a nonprofit in Nepal. Living in Alexandria, Virginia, with husband and two sons. I'm still in close touch with **Elizabeth R. Honecker '77**. **Tanna L. Moore** writes, "Serendipity has led me to be very engaged in hosting international students and businesspeople from around the world through my engagement with Global Minnesota and the Humphrey School of Public Policy. It takes a bit of getting used to the diplomatic language after being in business for over 40 years ... never a straight answer. I'm also deeply engaged in the music world, hosting mid-career classical musicians for the Lakes Area Music Festival. They have actually motivated me to start playing piano again. Splitting time between Minneapolis;

back into English, that first semester. My academic journey began with Professor Eugen Kullmann, who knew my grandfather and father and knew that I would continue the rabbinic service of my family. He had a tremendous influence on me." Charlie is co-editor of the revitalized Journal of Jewish Spiritual Care and just completed a memorial book edited by **Rabbi Steven J. Lebow '77**. For the third year running, Charlie and his family met **Stephen W. Grant** in Ogunquit, Maine, "for walks along the coast, good seafood and better conversation," he notes. **Janet Byrne Smith** and **Murray J. Smith '75** moved to Gambier in 2017 after 32 years in northern New Jersey and commuting into Manhattan, she notes. "We were in desperate need of a break from the crowds, noise and



PAYING IT FORWARD

Connected by Kenyon

DAVID ROSE '81 HAS INTRODUCED
21 KENYON GRADUATES TO THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY.
MEET FOUR OF HIS PROTÉGÉS.

If you're trying to find David Rose '81 during Homecoming Weekend in Gambier, checking McBride Field is a safe bet. A former Kenyon football player himself and a longtime supporter of the team, Rose is too energetic and gregarious to simply sit in the stands — rather, he'll be up and about at the top of the stadium, shaking hands and handing out cards, but with one eye always on the game.

Forging connections on campus has become something of a specialty for Rose, who has introduced 21 Kenyon grads to the financial industry in his

capacity as senior vice president and manager of public finance at Richmond, Virginia-based Davenport & Company. (The total will rise to 22 this summer, when Cameron Williston '25 plans to complete an internship.) Rose doesn't play favorites — and Davenport also recruits from many other top universities and liberal arts colleges — but he does believe Kenyon graduates tend to make excellent employees.

"Kids that go here just have a certain mental mindset that sets them up for success," Rose said. "They're very diligent; they're appreciative."

After the Homecoming game (at which the Owls took down the Hiram Terriers by 24 points), Rose sat down to meet with a junior economics major curious about summer internship opportunities. Then, over cups of hot apple cider outside Wiggin Street Coffee, he shared his own Kenyon story.

Anyone who met Rose during his college days might not have pegged him as being destined for the cutthroat world of finance. Initially planning to follow a favorite uncle's footsteps from Kenyon

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into the medical field, Rose majored in chemistry, but discovered passions for history and religious studies with professors Don Rogan and the newly arrived Royal Rhodes. Working in the admissions office meant Rose was often on campus during college break periods, so he became a frequent guest in faculty members' homes, and was a sought-after babysitter for clients including President Philip Jordan and his wife, Sheila.

After deciding not to attend medical school, Rose considered a career in academia, and was accepted to and attended Harvard Divinity School following the guidance of Rogan and Rhodes. But "that all got cut short because the economy was so bad" in the early 1980s, he said. With his parents tightening their belts during a business downturn and his younger brother still in school at Kenyon, Rose turned toward a more lucrative field.

Kenyon networking led Rose to Wall Street, where he secured his first finance industry job after connecting with his uncle's one-time Kenyon roommate. Rose married his wife, Linda, a Mount Vernon native, at Harcourt Parish's Church of the Holy Spirit, in a ceremony officiated by Rogan. The couple had four children, and when they were still young, the family decided to relocate from New York City to a slower pace of life in Richmond, with Rose joining Davenport in 1998. (Among other clients across the country, his projects in Ohio over the years have ranged from helping nearby Knox Community Hospital with a refinancing plan to serving as financial advisor for the city of Cincinnati.) A few

years later, he hired his first Kenyon alumnus, Kyle Laux '03, who has stayed at the company for two decades and is now a senior vice president.

The Lifer

"If you had asked me at the time, I would have said 'No way I'll still be here 20 years later,'" Laux said. But a combination of strong mentorship from Rose, an attractive corporate culture and "a really nice business practice that fits super well with a Kenyon liberal arts education" inspired Laux to stick around. The swimmer and economics major counts Rose as one of three Kenyon figures who have been major inspirations to him, alongside retired coach Jim Steen and Jack Au '73. "They've all taught me, in their own way, the value of really buying into your alma mater," he said. "Not just when you're there, but for the rest of your life, and how rewarding it can be to continue perpetuating that."

"I gave Kyle a life sentence and he's taken it," Rose joked. Indeed, one of Rose's greatest assets might be his ability to retain top talent, which Laux credits to his leadership techniques. "As hard as you work in the office, he's going to make sure that you're taken care of outside of the office," Laux said. Rose "engenders the support of everybody around him. ... The majority of our senior people have been here for multiple decades. That is very rare in the world of business and finance."

The Swimmer

Rose's next Kenyon hire was Gabe Rodrigues '05, a friend of Laux's from the swim team. Rodrigues, a native of Brazil, initially felt like a fish out of water in Richmond, but Rose "helped me learn and embrace Southern culture," he said. "David treated me like a nephew. I spent Thanksgiving, Christmas, all those kinds of things at his house."

But Rose didn't let this hospitality get in the way of business. "He scared me a little bit," Rodrigues recalled. "There was no 'Kenyon crowd' or anything like that. He treated everybody equally in the office: he was really tough with everybody." Not one to hide his opinions, Rose is also a master of disagreeing with others with civility, according to Rodrigues. "He and I have pretty different ideologies, but he still respected and loved me, and he was very welcoming."



The Kenyon Crew: From left, A.J. Allen '22, David Rose '81, Gregor Bates '22 and Kyle Laux '03 at Davenport & Company's office in Richmond, Virginia

After three years, Rodrigues moved on from Davenport — "He wrote this incredible referral letter for me and I ended up getting this really big job in New York; it's like 99% because of David" — eventually landing in his current position as chief financial officer of Netflix's Latin American operations. But Rodrigues is far from the last Kenyon student to start their career with Rose.

The New Hires

"David has played a pivotal role in shaping my professional journey and personal growth," said Gregor Bates '22, who joined Davenport as a public finance analyst after double majoring in economics and mathematics at Kenyon. "It's individuals like David who make me want to maintain a lasting connection with the College." Originally hailing from the United Kingdom, Bates noted that Rose "navigated the complex process of hiring a foreign worker with diligence and empathy, which made me feel valued and welcomed in the team."

Bates' classmate, A.J. Allen '22, a fellow economics major who served as captain of the football team while at Kenyon, undertook a summer internship at Davenport before joining the company as a full-time public finance analyst after graduation. But even before arriving on the Hill, Allen learned of Rose's commitment to Kenyon grads at an information session for potential football recruits. "Davenport was a major reason why I decided to come to Kenyon," Allen said. "It takes a certain amount of belief in a school to continually hire graduates from that school for 20-plus years. It was in that moment that I realized the

profound experience David must have had at Kenyon."

"What Kenyon is great about is turning out graduates who think critically and can draw on a broad knowledge base to solve difficult problems," Allen added. "And that is where David is demanding. He wants us to think critically about everything, to go beyond the obvious and see what the underlying problem and solution may be."

The Rose family maintains a foothold on campus, too, with daughter Abigail Rose serving as Kenyon's assistant director of student and young alumni giving — a job she's implicitly been training for ever since being born in the household of one of Kenyon's biggest cheerleaders. "Anytime we would be out in public and someone would be wearing Kenyon gear, it didn't matter where we were, (my dad) would stop them and strike up a conversation and ask them about Kenyon," Abigail said. Although not a Kenyon graduate herself, she felt an immediate connection after her father forwarded her the job posting (and then recused himself from any further alma mater-boosting input). "It felt like something that made sense" Abigail said. "I knew these really great alumni; I knew the power of the Kenyon network in the world."

Ultimately, Rose's desire to give recent Kenyon graduates a leg up in the job market is about paying it forward. "My passion for Kenyon is its people," he said. "I remember very well my first interviews and saying to myself, 'I hope someone takes a chance on me.' And so I just didn't forget that. And as a result, I want to try to give some Kenyon people chances."

—DAVID HOYT '14

Patrick J. Edwards, Boulder, Colorado, celebrated a 40th wedding anniversary with his wife, Maryann, in the U.K., returning on the Queen Mary II. "Recently enjoyed my 50th Lake Forest H.S. reunion, even though there seemed to be some older folks attending?" he jokes. "Joined our local volunteer fire department in the Boulder foothills and playing tennis — my team just represented Colorado in USTA play against other mountain states in Utah." **Jerome "Jerry" Mindes**, Rockville, Maryland, is the senior advisor for inclusive development on a new USAID project to advance the next generation of development assistance. He's also enjoying his volunteer work on the Alumni Council and with the Alumni Friends of DISCO, a committee of students with disabilities. **Donald B. Taber** married Dorota Podlaska, an artist. They live on a small farm in southern Portugal "with plenty of room for visitors," he notes.

1979

Mary Anne Cunningham retired in 2020 from a long career with nonprofits, she informs, "most recently a 26-year stint using my Kenyon history degree at the Oberlin (Ohio) Heritage Center. ... It's been my good fortune that Kenyon roommate **Allison Gould Gallaher** worked across the street at Oberlin, and we could get together for lunch regularly — and continue to do so." **Wai-Kwong Kwok** reports, "Finally retired from Argonne National Laboratory in September after

working there since 1984! Looking forward to new adventures, Seido Karate (in Chicago and Manhattan), and especially spending time with the grandkids!"

Ann Hess Myers and **Kurt J. Myers '78** are "retired and enjoying life!" Ann submits. "Kurt retired in May 2023 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation after 25 years, most recently as deputy secretary for driver and vehicle services. I retired in October 2022 after 40 years in fundraising. We spend our time in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Chatham, Massachusetts, with our 16-year-old golden retriever, Bexley." **Barry Rosenberg** and his wife, Marilyn, welcomed their first grandchild in July and are now happy members of a three-generation household. "I'm still working as a course developer at Google. Last summer, I got to hang out with **David D. Peterson** and **Kenton J. Blagbrough** on Cape Cod. Zoom calls with **Thomas L. Pappenhagen** and **David R. Bucey** were a big upside to the pandemic." **Tracy Teweles**, Wilmette, Illinois, had "a truly lovely reunion with **Leslie Andren Olsen**," she reports. "We were next-door carrel mates in the library our senior year, where we became friends. Over lunch we realized — again — how much we have in common!" **Mark L. Thomay**, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, played golf with his basketball teammate **Scott D. Rogers '80**: "He's still The Man! Happy to report that my wife,

Joan, and I are greatly blessed with seven grandchildren, all boys!"

Margaret Whitman, Baltimore, is "really looking forward to going back to campus next May. Being retired, my husband and I have been able to spend five months at our camp in the Adirondacks, with family coming and going. Lots of hiking! I am still involved with some volunteer organizations, which I enjoy very much. Two grandchildren and one on the way!"

1980s

1980

Virginia Calhoun de Millan, Chiapas, Mexico, updates, "After 20 years of studying and teaching linguistics, first language acquisition vs. second language learning, and the neuroscience of language development in babies at the Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas, I'm having a ball watching all this happen in real time with my delightful 18-month-old grandson Xun (Juan/John; in Mayan, Tsotsil). He now understands and responds to nearly every conversation around him, Spanish or English: pointing at the appropriate things or carrying out complex commands. His language production is a little slower: Mama, Dada and the sounds produced by dogs, cats, horses, owls, motorcycles and blenders. As my daughter and son-in-law work full time, I get to be the Dictadora Vitalicia del Lenguaje." **Quentin R. Hardy**, Berkeley, California, updates, "I'm writing a lot about AI at Google, and on the side

have writing projects about bookbinding and Renaissance science. My Kenyon education is invaluable for them all. My wife just finished her year of nasty cancer drugs and is doing great." He adds, "I was in Montana a few times in the spring for the terminal months of **Joe Goia '77**. Several other friends — **Christopher M. Bench '05**, **Thomas E. Fath '78**, **Tom Ford '79 P'07**, **Gary D. Snyder '79**, **Kyle W. Henderson '80**, among others — visited, for which Joe was very grateful."

1981

William H. Derks returned to Kenyon "for the first-ever swimmers reunion and the induction of Jim

37 years, working as a civil engineer and on the board of directors of a successful land development consulting firm. All three kids grown up and on their own, leaving Colleen and me enjoying being empty-nesters." **Wendy A. MacLeod's** newest play, "Posterity," winner of the Sue Winge Playwriting Award, was produced in Philadelphia at Villanova Theatre in November by the graduate acting students, directed by Ed Sobel. **David P. Rose** celebrated the wedding of daughter Abigail last summer in Maine. "She currently works in the advancement office at Kenyon," he notes. "Kenyon folks in attendance: **Kyle A. Laux '03**, **Maya A. Artis '13**,

"We enjoy the peace and quiet of living on the edge of a forest."

— **Deborah E. Tepper '76**,

on moving from Cape Cod back to her hometown of Pound Ridge, New York

Steen into the Kenyon Athletic Hall of Fame (about time). Hundreds of swimmers returned, including a great representation by the '81 grads, including **James F. Parker**, **Steven R. Counsell**, **William A. Fullmer** and **Donald L. Shupe Jr.** The weekend included some great times at the VI and the beer tent, beyond the more formal events and the stellar alumni relays. That pool even made the old guys feel fast again. Now back in North Carolina, where I have lived for the last

Anna V. Harnsberger '23, Abigail, me, **Myles H. Alderman Jr. '82**, **Stephen Honig '68** and **Ugnius 'Ugi' Zilinskis '21**. We also celebrated my son's marriage in June and welcomed my first grandchild, Emmet, in December 2022. She is a beautiful red-headed girl with a terrific smile."

1982

Sylvia S. Duggan, Philadelphia, works part time as an assistant for a small church pre-school and enjoys "going to the occasional Phillies

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game with **Kristen M. Richardson '84**. Love keeping in touch with Kenyon friends online. One of my children is grown and flown to Baltimore and the other at home finishing up a COVID-interrupted college journey." **Hilary Quay Sparks-Roberts**, Old Lyme, Connecticut, writes, "In light of our upcoming bicentennial, I find myself reflecting on Kenyon highlights: starting a campus chapter of Amnesty International; seeing the gorgeous Paul Newman at close range in the Village Market and later hearing him and his wife onstage at Rosse Hall; collaborating with fellow students and faculty to raise awareness about the lack of accessibility on campus; playing volleyball with an amazing group of women and then charging up the hill

at St. Paul's Church in Norwalk, Ohio. Brian is the convener of the Province V Archivists and Historians of the Episcopal Church and serves as a trustee with the Oberlin Heritage Center. He is also helping his siblings care for their 85-year-old mother, who comes to stay with him and his husband, York Encalada, at their home in Oberlin for a week every month. In his spare time, Brian continues to work on his 1924 Model T Ford, genealogy and collecting antique phonographs. **Michael K. Zorek** notes, "As Kenyon approaches its bicentennial, it sometimes feels like we graduated 200 years ago! It's nice to be in touch with classmates, mostly with **Michael G. Berick**; even though he and his family live in

1983
Susan A. Apel, Blawnox, Pennsylvania, joined the Alumni Council for a three-year term. "If anyone has any concerns or questions, please let me know (saapel17@gmail.com)." **Willing L. Biddle** updates, "After 30 years of building a real estate investment trust focused on shopping centers in the New York area, we sold the company to a larger REIT, and I am lucky to be able to retire. Looking forward to the third chapter in life with many adventures and friends!" **John N. Cannon**, Shaker Heights, Ohio, recovered well from total knee replacement in the spring and summer, and now needs a hip replacement. But after Oktoberfest, he headed off to Austria

Fairfield, Connecticut, informs, "This summer I became a grandfather of a beautiful girl named after my mom. All three of my grown kids have found wonderful life partners, and Cathy and I feel very blessed with our family finding happiness. Work has been more challenging, with the Hollywood actors and writers strike affecting my ability to get new films into production. Still consulting for Bleecker and Neon Pictures and a few others, so staying busy despite tough entertainment environment."

1984
Amy E. Chenoweth observes, "I can hardly believe this spring marks 40 years since graduation. I always smile when I see the occasional purple Kenyon College decal here in central Virginia. After nearly 30 years, I have left full-time nursing (oncology, surgery and anesthesia, nursing education) and am now working part time as a nursing clinical instructor and trying my hand at freelance health writing. Thank you, Kenyon, for a writing-intensive and literature-loving education!" **Lisa (Stearns) Deal** updates, "After 27 years of service to the state university system of Florida, I retired from the role of chief procurement officer at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. I am now enjoying not: having to get up at a specific time; having multiple meetings, virtual or in person; being in charge of people; and navigating the complexities of a large public institution. I do miss (some) colleagues but look forward to the next chapter." **Cynthia**

Frost, Lake Bluff, Illinois, notes, "Now that our kids are grown and gone, a few old friends from Kenyon have been able to rekindle past camaraderie. I recently went on my fourth, maybe fifth trip with **Carolyn S. Lackey**, **William H. Knopp**, **Pam Sweet** and **Bennett A. Blau**," Cindy shares. "Together, we have toured Chicago, Sonoma, New Hampshire, many places in the Boston area and now the Highlands of Scotland. Those who journey to the town of Gambier are destined to reunite in the journey around our wondrous world. The question is: Where next?" **Donata A. Rechnitzer**, Frankfort, Ohio, updates, "Instead of retiring, I transitioned from medical director for three urgent care centers doing direct patient care to a work-from-home physician reviewer for a large insurance provider. Some might say I have gone to the 'dark side,' but I love it! I now take vacations, and have time to plan for our 40th Reunion! I really hope to see **Christopher C. Penn**, **Deborah L. Winkle** and **Katherine (Webster) Kindbom** in 2024 ... hint, hint!"

1985
Richard K. Lincoln Jr. updates, "After almost five years living and traveling on our boat, Apricity, we have returned to a terrestrial life. We have settled in southeastern Massachusetts, and I plan to re-enter the workforce in the coming months. After a life mostly without seasons for the past four years, I am looking forward to New England's seasonal changes." **Peter A. Propp** informs, "With kids well out of the

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— **Michael K. Zorek '82**

to make choir practice; and hearing from poets and politicians — especially the fiery debate between Ramsey Clark and Gen. William Westmoreland. And all of this on top of the perpetual academic demands and delights among inspiring professors. I am forever grateful." **The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert** retired from full-time ministry on Dec. 31, 2022. He continues to work as the archivist for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio and as a Sunday supply priest

L.A., we remain close friends! ... It is fun to speak with recent graduates who frequent the Drama Book Shop here in New York City while they look for material to inspire them as they write plays, direct or act. A recent customer I spoke with was the daughter of **Neil L. Pepe '85**, who has been the artistic director of the Atlantic Theater Company in New York since 1992. A not-so-recent grad who visited recently was **Matthew C. Pasher '88**.

and Prague. **Peter C. Fischelis** reports, "This summer we spent a great day in Niantic, Connecticut, with our Kenyon soccer coach, Jeff Vennell, and his wife, Judy. **Patrick B. Grant '85** and **Gwynith Mayers Grant '86**, **William H. Alderman '84** (with partner Lori Goldenberg) and **George H. Carroll** were all in attendance." Peter is in his 11th season as varsity coach of the Concord-Carlisle girls soccer team. **William S. Sondheim**,

house and parents sadly gone, I've returned to the software business, tapping into my 15 years of experience at IBM, to help lead KnockMedia, a full-stack UX shop at Yale Science Park in New Haven, Connecticut. We build online platforms for global brands like Yale University, Home Depot, Booking.com and TED Talks. I also volunteer on a variety of local and regional initiatives and serve on a few boards. My latest instrument is mandolin, and I occasionally get a chance to perform or jam. And the Propp family's favorite annual event is the Newport Folk Festival, where Suzanne and I experience amazing music with **Julia Lyon Borden '83**, her husband, Tom, and our kids and friends." **Frank R. Vinnelli Jr.** reports, "**J. William 'Billy' Pinkston III, Matthew F. Rhoads, John Callinan** and I celebrated our 60th birthdays in Napa, California, during the third weekend of September. Officially, the occasion was a surprise party for Matt, attended by his family and friends from high school to today. We had a tour and wine tasting followed by the party itself at a different ranch. Although we are in constant contact electronically, it was great to see each other in person and spend time together."

1986

William I. Hitchcock writes, "Happily still teaching history at UVA. Spent the fall of 2023 at Oxford University. I'm working away on a new book about how Americans responded to the rise of fascism in Europe in the 1930s."

1987

Stephanie L. Abbajay shares, "What a busy year this has been! I've been promoting my book 'A Bar in Toledo,' working on the sequel, running David Stine Furniture and visiting old friends all over — including **Joseph E. Lipscomb, Linda Djerejian Eigeman** and **Christopher J. Eigeman, Ed Wood, and Robin (Zaplar) Goodstein. E.W. Gentry Sayad '86** and I have lunch and dinner regularly in St. Louis, and we even hosted **Curt B. Kinsky '85** and **Mary E. Abbajay '86** this summer. For my 40th high school reunion I spent some time in Toledo. September 19, 2023, also marked a sad anniversary: Forty years ago, my brother **Robert R. Abbajay '85** died at Kenyon. You may recall he was a junior while Mary was a sophomore and I was a freshman. Bobby's death was an epic tragedy that rocked my family to the core. But that tragedy was made bearable — even now, 40 years later — by the incredible outpouring of love and support from the Kenyon community. From his brothers in Beta Theta Pi to my then-new friends in Norton Hall, to the faculty, staff and student body, the Kenyon community rallied around me and my family in the most open-hearted and supportive way. It was incredible. And I still feel it today, as his friends and brothers send Mary and me notes of love and support. In honor of Kenyon's Bicentennial, and in honor of Bobby's death, I'd like to increase foundational support for the Robert Abbajay Memorial Scholarship. I can think of no better

way to honor Kenyon's legacy and Bobby's memory." **David F. Hanson** notes, "I'm still living in Columbus and working as an attorney at the Ohio Public Defender. I make it up to Gambier often for a variety of things, and enjoy being 'Uncle Dave' to friends' kids at Kenyon." **Joseph T. Leone** caught up with **Christopher D. Klein '88** in Milwaukee at his youngest daughter's first communion, he

neighboring district. My two young adult children took some time off after high school to work, but both have recently decided to start a program at the local community college. They live only 20 minutes from us, so we have the best of both worlds — we get together often as a family, but we have the house to ourselves."

1988

Paul A. Baier declares, "Life in Boston has been

Douglas Gertner '81 at music house parties that he hosts." **Tara L. Jones**, Eugene, Oregon, reports that her pantry is stocked with her own grape and aronia juice, apple cider, applesauce, raisins, and dried mulberries, aronia berries, pears and apples. "All this work was made possible, in part, by my decision to work even more part-time than previously: from 30 hours to 12. I'm loving it! With the dark months of

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— **Cynthia Frost '84**, on traveling the globe with longtime Kenyon friends

informs. "Got to spend some time with his two older kids (both flown the coop, more or less). Great time! All good here in Madison. Playing gentleman farmer (sheep, cattle, laying hens) in between writing patent applications!" **Fawn C. Lewis**, Tulsa, Oklahoma, updates, "Our daughter Alexa is a freshman in high school and starting to think about colleges. Michael is a nurse anesthetist retired from the Navy. I am a pediatric surgeon specializing in neonatal, general and thoracic surgery for children. I love hearing updates from classmates and I figured it was my turn!" **Keri Waltner** submits, "I continue to teach high school in Falls Church, Virginia, but I have switched from teaching German to teaching ESOL (more job security). My husband teaches history in a

good. I've been enjoying staying in touch with the Kenyon basketball team from our years. Also working with generative AI, things like ChatGPT, for business, and would welcome connecting with other AI enthusiasts." **Jessica Brown** moved to Colorado to launch a public creative and performing arts school outside of Denver in Aurora, the Charles Burrell Visual and Performing Arts School. "We launched the K-12 school last year and named it after the first African American musician to contract with a major symphony. Charles Burrell is often called the Jackie Robinson of classical music. When not at work, I can be found hiking and checking out lots of wonderful mountain towns. I hike with field hockey teammate **Sarah Q. 'Sally' Wagner '86** and see

the year approaching, I look forward to getting back to my piano and guitar, open mics, composing, meditation and all the other things that got put on hold during all the sunny months in the garden." **G. Stephen McCrocklin**, Louisville, Kentucky, had a fun year of travel. "I met **Tim Holmes** in San Rafael, California, last September; **David P. Diggon** in Seattle in July; **Sophia R. Heller** in New York in August; and in September **Paul C. Bingaman** and **Sonya (Kane) Bingaman '89**, who live near Meersburg, Germany. Of course we took in Oktoberfest. Sure is fun having classmates all around the globe! **Andrew G. McCabe**, I'm coming for you next in D.C.! Check out my online company that teaches reading to kids grades 3–8 at WeTeachReading.com!"

1980s



I WAS THERE

Jennifer M. Mizenko '85

Jennifer Mizenko is professor emerita of movement for the actor and dance at the University of Mississippi, where she ran the theater department's dance program from 1989-2020 and the movement program from 1996-2020.

My first semester at Kenyon I took "Introduction to Philosophy" at 8 a.m. with Professor (Daniel) Kading H'86 in Ascension Hall because I was in the last group to register. Can you imagine? Philosophy at 8 a.m. for a freshman?! I had no clue what was going on most of the time. It also doesn't help that I slept in fairly frequently and/or fell asleep in class!

As I look back, I realize now how that class and so many others made me the choreographic artist I am today. Often the liberal arts are dismissed as irrelevant for the artist in training, and a major emphasis is placed on technique, form and skills. But as Susanne Langer expressed in her seminal book "Feeling and Form," without feeling there is no need for form, and form needs feeling in order to have a purpose. Becoming a choreographic artist in the strong liberal arts atmosphere of Kenyon College taught me to make cross-connections between subjects, as well as performing arts techniques and theories.

In this next phase of life as a professor emerita, I am creating site-specific works about the history of the enslaved in Mississippi, combining dance, theater, music and spoken word to express this difficult and complicated history. Without my Kenyon education, I don't think it ever would've occurred to me to unite philosophy, sociology, psychology, dance and physical theater to sensitively express difficult history.

TOP: Mizenko (top row, far right) was among a group of senior dancers chosen by longtime dance professor and noted choreographer Maggie Patton to go on a performance tour in the spring of 1985. RIGHT: a photo of Mizenko, taken "many years" after graduation, wearing a "Kenyon is not near Uganda" T-shirt ... while in Uganda.



Highlights from on and off the Hill

1980

The men's swimming team **wins an NCAA Division III championship**, kicking off a streak of 31 consecutive championships.

The first **Summer Sendoff** is held on McBride Field.

1984



The women's swimming team begins its run of **17 consecutive NCAA Division III championships**.

The Alumni House is torn down to make way for construction of the Kenyon Inn, which opens for business in 1985.

1985

E.L. Doctorow '52 H'76 gives the Commencement address to the Class of 1985, titled "Beautiful Composition." He tells the graduates, "You are endowed with the spirit of this place."

1986

Olof Palme '47, a Swedish politician who served as prime minister of Sweden from 1969 to 1976,

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and again from 1982 to 1986, is assassinated by a gunman.

1987

Harlene Marley of the Department of Dance and Drama becomes Kenyon's first female faculty member to be awarded a full professorship.

1989



Evelyn King '92 and **Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings '93**, with assistance from Juan DePascuale, associate professor of philosophy, become the founding members of the new club, **ADELANTE**, which promotes Latin American and Latinx culture and community on campus.

Musical acts that rocked the College in the 1980s:

1981: Michael Stanley Band, *Ernst Center*
1982: The Romantics and Livingston Taylor, *Summer Sendoff*
1984: Sonny Rollins, *Rosse Hall*
1986: Red Hot Chili Peppers, *Summer Sendoff*
1987: Dizzy Gillespie, *Gund Commons*

Jeffrey A. Richards, Columbus, Ohio, enjoyed reconnecting with Reunion committee members and friends while attending the Homecoming game (Kenyon 40, Hiram 16). "Had a good time with former football players **Joseph A. Coates '85** and **David F. Hanson '87**, and with **Scott H. Ehrlich '89** and **Robert J. Zaiser '86**, who are parents of current players." **Kevin B. Richardson** reflects, "Leafing through the latest copy of the Bulletin, I was struck by the fickleness of time. Not long ago, starting in the back — just my weird habit? — only a few page turns reached

enjoying building a world-class HR department for a growing automation company. Having started with two, I'll soon have 18 people on my team; as much as I complain about Gen Y and Z, I am truly enjoying coaching and mentoring the next generations. Still writing and struggling to learn guitar." **Tamsin Smith**, San Francisco, informs, "Dead & Company concerts in San Francisco brought several alums out west, and **Oliver J. Janssen '86** and **Caitlin M. Long** hosted an unforgettable reunion with **Wallace C. Henderson '85**, **Patrick T. Flood '87**, **Lawrence P.**

to DePauw. "He was admitted to Kenyon, but really likes the vibe of the Tigers, so he is the only Anderson who is not a Lord/Lady/Owl. It's fun learning other colleges' traditions! We actually own black and gold fan gear now! Our daughters, **Kiele L. Anderson '21** and **Leah N. Anderson '23**, struggle to cheer for DePauw teams, except men's tennis, because they do still strongly root for their brother! Formerly a goalie, Leah was named NCAC Defensive Player of the Year, and in Kiele's senior year she won the '21 Falkenstine Award. Kevin still works as a banker in Peoria, Illinois,

hear from President Kornfeld. I had a visit with retired Professor Robert Bennett in Gambier, and then the next day when he and his husband, Larry, flew into St. Petersburg."

1989

Chandra Billiar Andersson cheers, "Hello, Cleveland! After working in banking and then raising three kids (now 22, 23 and 25) in New York City, I have just moved back to my hometown. I enjoyed getting involved with Kenyon alumni through the NYC regional committee and Reunion planning, and I am excited to reconnect with fellow grads here on the North Shore. I will be starting a master's in mental health counseling in the spring." **Susan Bloom Hudgins** launched a new business, Blooming Brains Coaching. "I offer a blend of college consulting, executive function coaching, and writing and reading support to students of all ages. I love it! My son **William B. "Dell" Hudgins '22** works in Richmond, Virginia, with **Philip F. Abraham '79**. When he interviewed for the job, he was unaware of the connection but was wearing his Kenyon tie! My youngest, Porter, returned with me to Gambier to help plan our 35th. Susan also visited **Melissa Thorn Tierney** and her husband, Bill, in Boston. **Kyla K. Carlson**, Kirkland, Washington, serves on the Alumni Council and Reunion Planning Committee, and visits daughter **Shea C. Wilt '25** on campus — which "gives me the opportunity to return to Kenyon frequently,

"Leafing through the latest copy of the Bulletin, I was struck by the fickleness of time."

— **Kevin B. Richardson '88**, on noticing the Class Notes for his year inching closer to the front of this magazine

the Class of 1988. As I turned and turned and turned some more, I realized that 35 years have passed. Kenyon really was an amazing springboard into adulthood. And now as I think about retirement, I wonder how I could have let that connection slip away. I hope by writing this I can reconnect a bit — and also encourage those folks on the 'pages nearer the back' to keep their connection!" Kevin and his wife celebrated their 35th anniversary with a trip to Jordan. "My oldest is busy here in Atlanta with my three grandchildren, 11, 7 and 4. And I am immensely

Kass '85, David W. Seevers and **Philip E. Cable '85**. So fun. My eldest, Scully, teaches English lit at Berkeley High, and Tabitha is in her second year at Northeastern. I'm still consulting on brand strategy but devoting more and more time to my creative pursuits — painting, poetry and art essays. I also started a songwriting collaboration with my partner. Our first LP is now streaming on all the various platforms, or listen on www.wundercat.us." **Shelley G. Swank-Anderson** and **Kevin J. Anderson** are empty-nesters now that son Scott is off

and I try to be helpful in the community with Meals on Wheels and substitute teaching. I am considering getting more involved with the local Multiple Sclerosis Society, as time and confidence permit." **Beth Miyashiro Vivio** reports, "We ended an action-packed summer with a month in Park City, Utah, the perfect place to escape Florida heat and hurricanes. Right after leaving Utah, I headed to Gambier for my first KFEC meeting. I had such a great time getting to know my fellow committee members from different classes and enjoyed getting to

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for which I am always grateful. Where else can I attempt to re-create my early 20s? (Spoiler: Monday mornings after a weekend of tequila consumption as a 56-year-old are definitely harder!) In September, Kyla joined Shea's 8 a.m. behavioral science class taught by Iris Levin. "I honestly was riveted, especially when Dr.

Turku, Finland — where we both taught. Though I'm continuing to run my digital communications and marketing agency from the upper floor of an 1820s townhouse in Philly's Queen Village district, I also just started teaching full time as a visiting professor at the College of New Jersey." **Christopher P. Toft** and **Nicole Dunn**

VP of Advancement for Adler University. Nicole leads the education and mission committee for Edgebrook Community Church, "rules" the local women's tennis scene and cements friend groups from high school to Ladies' basketball to Teach for America alums. **Sarah Wilsman** updates, "I've been at OverDrive, a tech company based

October I saw **Michael J. Mullen '90** and **Jeffrey A. Richards '88** on my way home."

1990s

1990

Joseph C. Bline, Dublin, Ohio, dropped off his oldest, **Steven Bline '27**, at Kenyon on Aug 19. "He is living in McBride Hall, and I am surprised how little has changed in 33 years. I was filled with pride and nostalgia as I walked around campus with him. Special thanks to Professor **Gordon G. Loveland '89** for being his physics advisor." **Jennifer A. (Neiderhouser) Hedden** relocated to Greenville, South Carolina, after the death of husband Chris. "After 14 years in Oakland, California, I am grateful for South Carolina's lush greenery, frequent rainstorms, abundant lightning bugs and absence of earthquakes. The joys and quirks of my new hometown are many, and I've been delighting in them all."

1991

Gregory J. Abate, Hollis, New Hampshire, beams, "Kathy and I are so proud for the upcoming graduation of our daughter **Emma F. Abate '24**. It's been a great experience coming back to Gambier and rekindling relationships over the last few years. It's almost like I never left!" **Richard H. Barron** updates, "After 30 years of coaching college basketball, I retired to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, with my wife, Maureen, and son, Billy. Our twin daughters play softball at Swarthmore, and Billy and I won the

state championship in basketball at Hilton Head Prep, where Maureen is a teacher. I am filling my days as a boat captain with Salty Dog at the South Beach Marina." **Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup**, Montpelier, Vermont, spent the summer "cleaning up after the devastating July floods; the climate crisis is more real every day. At Vermont Humanities, I'm honored to work with the Vermont Arts and Culture Disaster and Resilience Network and the National Endowment for the Humanities, supporting the dozens of libraries, museums, galleries and other cultural organizations affected by the flooding. I was able to take a quick break in September to travel to London and visit with classmate **Robert D. Schroeder**, while **Sarah S. Young '95** swung through Vermont in early October." **Kristin (Schelter) Macdonald** reports, "I've lived in England for 23 years, currently in the bucolic Cambridge countryside, in a converted barn with my three wonderful sons, golden retriever and elderly cat. Oliver is in his second year at University of Nottingham, and twins Jasper and Angus are in 11th grade, doing their A levels. Oliver's university housing accommodations are a far cry nicer than Bexley 112, with its walls made of paper, the shower serving nicely as a keg storage unit, and rooms so small we stacked our desks on top of each other to allow room to move. That being said, hand on heart, I made my most treasured friendships whilst at Kenyon. I regularly

"Where else can I attempt to re-create my early 20s?"

— **Kyla K. Carson '89**, who returns to campus frequently for Alumni Council and Reunion Planning Committee meetings

Levin showed videos of crows and experiments that highlighted their amazing intelligence and problem-solving capabilities." Kyla also enjoyed seeing **Jeannine M. Gury, Lisa (Betson) Resnik** and **Edgar Arceo P'15**, with whom Shea discussed neuroscience and studio art career opportunities. "When I'm not trying to relive my college years, I am working to get the Seattle Regional Association back on its feet post-COVID. I'm AP coordinator (and wear several other hats) at a 6-12 public school in Bellevue, Washington, where working with teenagers every day keeps me on my toes." **Marc D. Monseau** and his wife, Susanna, moved to the Center City neighborhood of Philadelphia from Princeton, New Jersey, "to see what it is like to live in a city once again," he shares. "We decided to do so after spending six months in

Toft '92 took daughter Lucy to L.A. in August, where she is now an Occidental College first-year. "Janie, our oldest, is blazing her own trail by holding down three part-time jobs, making progress toward her undergrad degree and brilliantly acting in or handling tech responsibilities for the theater productions." Janie also recorded some songs with five-time Grammy nominee **Liam Davis '90**, Chris notes. Also in August, Chris directed a production of Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" for Edge of the Wood, a Chicago theater company. "I had a great lunch with **Lawrence C. Grimm** a few months back, and I continue to enjoy seeing him on some of the big Chicago stages. I've also frequently seen Liam, **Eric M. Ziegenhagen '93** and **Mark Revermann '99**. **Anne B. Cadigan '92** and I correspond religiously about our N.Y. Times Spelling Bee scores." Chris is

here in Cleveland for five years helping schools build their digital collections. I work for Sora, the sister app of Libby — stop paying for Audible! Your public library gives you free access to audiobooks." Sarah recommends listening to the Newman memoir "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man," which talks about Paul's time at Kenyon, including his arrest in Mount Vernon. "I spend my free time volunteering, hiking and watching my grand-dog." **Eric A. "Kip" Williams**, Indianapolis, informs, "After the long haul of the past three years, my work as a staff chaplain is entering a post-pandemic phase. Taking a break from training new chaplains, I am working on translating my eleven years of spiritual care practice in didactics, exercises and work processes, and lecturing at the IU School of Nursing. After a two-week training in

see my wonderful sister-in-law **Julia R. (Fischneider) Schelter** and **Shirley Y. Chung** on Cape Cod and am still in touch with **Heather (Huffman) Carskaddan**, **Nancy Cooper Coles** and **Kirstin (Peters) Dunlop**. Though I have not been back since, I return often in my mind. My B.A. in English led to exciting executive positions at Ducati, Bvlgari, Bally, Fairchild Publications and more. When the children arrived, I retrained, designing and planting private residential gardens for 10 years. Now in retail, sourcing and selling antiques and vintage items at a tiny boutique called Oxbow & Peach, just outside of Cambridge." **Julie K. Roth** updates, "Both our kids have launched, and both are now at University of Michigan — happy mama. I continue to work for the city of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations, now as energy manager, working to move the city to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030. Any free time I find is usually on the tennis court." **Lisa Timmel** began a full-time job in Central Park this September after three years of volunteering. "My section is in the North Woods," she explains, "one of the park's 'natural areas' where we focus on cultivating and caring for native plants, keeping invasive plants under control, and less pleasant things like cleaning up trash left behind by park patrons. My favorite feature of my area is the native plant meadow at 102nd and the East Drive. Right now it's

full of goldenrod, rye grass, ironweed and asters and teeming with bees, hummingbirds and warblers."

1992

Kate Blanchard writes, "My spouse and I have been living in Minneapolis for almost a year, and it has been great to reconnect with folks around the Twin Cities. Recently, we went to hear **Mike Cougar Hallenbeck** play with his band. **John W. Ursu** and **Matthew C. Gladue '93** were also in the audience. Soon after, a more official alumni event, complete with sunset over Lake Minnetonka, was hosted by **Chris T. Kirwan '05** and **M.E. Kirwan '05**. Kenyon is a gift that keeps on giving!" **Jenna J. Blum**, Boston, is promoting her most recent book, "Woodrow on the Bench," a memoir "about my beloved old black Lab." She teaches, speaks, and is also "running my author interview company A Mighty Blaze, which puts authors with new books online so you can see your favorite writers in your living room without even having to put on pants! Recently, I interviewed Ann Patchett, Peter Heller and Andre Dubus. If you're literarily minded, please visit the Blaze on all social platforms. Speaking of visiting, for two summers running I've hung out with **Sharon Stochholm Wetzel**, **Jennifer (Bowman) Ryznar**, **Amy E. Haid** and **Megan Lewis-Schurter '91** in beautiful Harbor Springs, Michigan, and in Colorado, where Meg and I went to a writing retreat in a nunnery! Our abiding connection

continues to be a chief joy of my life." **Paul A. Hamann**, Vancouver, Washington, started his sixth year as an instructional coach. "As much as I miss having a classroom," he offers, "I have to say that a day when I can help a teacher, especially a new one, is every bit as satisfying as the best day in the classroom. I'm as excited to do my job as I ever have been. Meanwhile, my two sons are now in high school and middle school, and my wife teaches social studies — it's a ton of fun to work together!" **Joshua P. Rupright**, San Francisco, describes

in White Plains with **Richard C. Mathes '89**, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Fest with **Joshua W. Danson '94** and generally keeping it hazy here in S.F. with **Alexander W. Kriney**. Who'd I miss? Finley is a senior at Kent but unfortunately she shows no interest in Kenyon for next year. Griffin just started seventh grade at the Cathedral School for Boys and is enjoying his time in the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys."

1993

Ann H. (Rittenbaum) Allain shares, "Life is good in Rhode Island. I am in my 19th year as

also a few days a month at our apartment in lower Manhattan — better bagels. **Peter D. Apple** is Piper's godfather." **Mary Kay Costello** completed graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, shifting her career from info tech to become a speech language pathologist. She reconnected with roommate **Katja Zerck** at the 20th. **Kevin C. Kropf** writes, "Imagine my surprise when a Class of '93 classmate showed up for a campus visit with her son at the college where I work. Double the surprise to find out **Tobey K. Cronnell** and I have

"Recently, I interviewed Ann Patchett, Peter Heller and Andre Dubus."

— **Jenna J. Blum '92**, who recently launched an author interview company, A Mighty Blaze

"a fun and productive 2023 connecting with fellow Owls! SF sight-seeing and dinner with **Tiel Arnot '91**, seeing **Guy J. Tino** perform in Connecticut, and hosting a great crew for the 1st Annual Memorial Day Weekend Goonfest at the ShermShack." Attendees included **Christian L. "Smitty" Smith**, **Joshua Zuckerberg**, **William B. Gregg '91**, **Stephen M. Wrinn '91** and **Silvio A. "Sandy" Spadavecchia '89**. Also "a frothy summer afternoon hang with **Jay B. Khetani** on his back porch in Concord, Massachusetts, dinners in NYC with **Richard A. Thompson III**, golf

a school counselor at a small independent day/boarding school, St. Andrew's. Indigo (18), Jude (15) and I live in a house on campus which is beautiful, especially when the leaves start to change. Indigo is a freshman at Framingham State University and plans to study criminology. Jude is a sophomore at St. Andrew's. Of course I am biased, but they are really great kids, and I am grateful for the life we have together." **Anthony R. Brown** and his wife, Mariel, welcomed a baby in late May, Piper Joanna Brown. "We're raising Piper at our farm in Monkton, Maryland, but

lived a scant five miles apart for the past seven years without either of us knowing it. It has been great catching up since then here in Springfield, Missouri. Also connected with **Gregory D. Smith** when he was in town for work in September. We talked about all the fun he missed at the Reunion. One more neat Kenyon encounter was meeting **Gwyndolyn E. Harrison '94** at a St. Louis Cardinals game last summer." **Amy C. Smith** informs, "We couldn't make it to Kenyon this summer, so **Kim M. Sarnecki**, **Jennifer W. Shearin**, **Cheryl M. (Kluck) Nizam** and I met in

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Nashville for our own reunion weekend. Kim lives in Issaquah, Washington, with her partner of 29 years. She's CEO of Together Center, a human services hub and affordable housing campus in Redmond. She's also granny to two adorable 6-year-olds. Cheryl lives in Olympia, Washington, with her husband of 25 years. A luthier specializing in restorations and instrument-making, she's mom of a freshman in high school and a college-age film major. Jen lives in northern Virginia and has taught high school social studies in Arlington for 25 years. She's also mom of a freshman in high school and a seventh-grader. I'm in Atlanta, with my husband of 27 years, working as a nonprofit board governance consultant. I have a son in grad school in New York, and my daughter **Audrey Smith '27** is a freshman at Kenyon." **Vanessa Picard and Robert J. Wellman** "née Bobbo," of Pittsburgh, report, "Quotidian days slip into months and the months into years; children mature (fortunately) as do our remaining parents (unfortunately). We look at each other and still see the 18-year-old neophytes who met in Gund in 1989. Sadly, we then look in the mirror and wonder what the hell happened. Bobbo still plans on establishing a global hegemony via a steel empire (his employer — the same since 1994 — remains in the dark). Meanwhile, Vanessa steadfastly perfects her jousting skills when not shuttling their children to cross country and

crew practices." **Kelli J. Stenstrom** and **Matthew C. Schwab** were married at Lion Rock Farm in Sharon, Connecticut, on Sept. 30, 2023, "after a nearly 30-year delayed engagement," they share. "We were very happy to have a robust Kenyon contingent to help us celebrate, including **John D. and Quimby Margaretten; Anne T. (Hickey) Meehan** and **Andrew D. Meehan '90; Lisa Kay Primmer** and **Ryan Primmer, Karin A. "Kaki" Kinne McGeary, Elyse Forkosh Cutler, Rebecca A. (Palash) Barth** and **Patrick T. Sheehan**. We also bought a house and moved to Riverside, Connecticut. Nothing like a lot of life changes at once!"

1994

Katherine Farnham updates, "I am a senior architectural historian at AECOM, where I'm part of a team designing ADA improvements to Amtrak stations nationwide. Outside of work, but very similar to work, I'm vice-chair of my township's historical commission. I am also president of the Skycastle French Hounds basset pack and spend a lot of time training and hunting around Chester County, Pennsylvania, with our 16 Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen hounds — a rare-in-the-U.S. dog breed that won the 2023 Westminster Kennel Club dog show. My son Ned is a senior in high school, and my husband and I are almost empty-nesters. My daughter Helen is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh, which has

given me multiple opportunities to see **Amy Katz Leaman** and her family." **Michael P. Rutter**, East Arlington, Massachusetts, submits, "I read a book or two now and again. Time permitting, I dig into academic classes. I've taken up running to reverse the spread of gravity. My wife and I do the best we can to raise our twin daughters, nearly teenagers, to be good humans and better stewards of the planet. I have a fantastic dog named Luna (who we call Tuna). I count myself lucky, gainfully employed in higher ed, and grateful for cool autumn mornings, silent, pitch-dark winter evenings and spring-to-summer transitions that inevitably erupt into beauty and chaos. Sure, I'd like a beach house — but for now, this is enough."

1995

Natasha Carrasco Stillman updates, "Kia ora from Wellington, New Zealand. After several years in eastern Germany, I returned to New Zealand and have been working within the Outbreak Response Directorate, Te Whatu Ora Health NZ, National Public Health Service. ... I have segued into the artificial intelligence/equity space, where I assume I will be happily ensconced for several years, because it's definitely not boring and I hate being bored above all else." **Aaron J. Derry**, Missoula, Montana, shares, "For about one and a half years, I've been joining **Todd J. Czartoski, Julian M. Murchison, Andrew M. Guest '94** and **Ryan J. McNulty '94** every other month for book club on Zoom. Turns out

these guys are still very thoughtful, high-character people, and I find myself enriched after every conversation. Best thing to come out of COVID for me in terms of getting reconnected with good people." **Michael S. Epstein**, Cincinnati, notes, "Wife **Mary M. Mason** and I spent a great long weekend with **Timothy J. Barry** and family early last summer. Had a really great time catching up! I don't know how the rest of you are celebrating your 50th birthdays, but for mine, I got a tattoo. My first. One that commemorates the most important risk I ever took, kissing Mary for the first time. Of course that happened at Kenyon, and the great tie-in is the tattoo is the GPS coordinates of that fateful smooch, translated into Hebrew and in the form of a tree. In my work life, I deal with risk and response all day long; to this day, after nearly 1,000 incidents from hurricanes to security issues, none have scared me as much as that leap." **Alice Mulvaney Link** greets, "Hello from Alabama! My family ended up here after my husband, Col. Ryan Link (USAF Ret.), finished his career in the military after 26+ years. We spent our final assignment at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, and we enjoyed it immensely. My girls — middle school at the time — were the perfect age to travel around Europe and only got a little bit tired of churches and castles. (We'd throw in a water park or amusement park every now and again to prevent total

rebellion.) Ellery, Megan and Sophia are now seniors in high school, and the college application process x3 is exhausting, emotional and exciting. So far it seems they will end up *not* in Alabama and *not* with a sister. I've finally gone back to work full time as a veterans' disability attorney for a firm in Maine, working remotely."

1996

Christopher C. Ellsworth, Mount Vernon, Ohio, notes, "I'm happy to report that year 22 at Kenyon is off to a good start. Attended the recent Homecoming festivities and loved watching the football team win and Kenyon embrace balloon culture! I love balloons!" **Matthew J. Gernstein** writes, "Rubbing elbows with Washington's elite. At an event a few weeks ago, my arm bumped into Kamala Harris'. The Secret Service was not happy about that and pushed me out of the way. Living in Arlington, Virginia. Near a motorcycle gang. Well, not a motorcycle gang per se — more like a bunch of Deloitte bro's who own BMWs. I'm gainfully employed as a practitioner of the law. Probably not after they read this, though. Clearly, adulthood is going great." **Mark F. Haggarty** shares, "I've started teaching as an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business, where I got my M.B.A. in 2008. It's been fantastic engaging with undergrads, although grading really is a *thing*! I've also got a weekly radio show on WMMX.org, Mondays from 7

to 9 p.m. Central. If you're into great music from different eras and genres, I invite you to tune in!" **Gerald "Jerry" Kelly** reports, "Busy, enriching years in Gambier! My spouse, Lori, and I have farmed flowers at the Kenyon Farm and completed a bunch of projects here at our house, just off the north edge of campus. Lori owns a flower and wine shop in downtown Mount Vernon, and I'm retired from my tech and solar careers, still doing small-press publishing and writing a hitchhiking memoir. Since 2015, I've been teaching an environmental studies course with Professor Eric Holdener. Our students are designing clean energy systems that now adorn rooftops on the Village Inn and Village Market, Gund Commons, Hoehn-Saric House, the Kenyon Farm and a number of residences in and around the village."

Abby S. Peck updates, "After eight wonderful years in Portland, Maine, I accepted a position as director of corporate and foundation relations at Clemson University in South Carolina. Being a northerner in the South is definitely leading to some culture shock! I can't fault the weather, though, and it's great job experience. **Silvia L. Mercado Masters** flew in from Chicago to help me get settled that first week. I'm a little farther from England now but still able to travel over to see my partner, Hazel, every few months. Who knows where I'll land next?"

Andrew S. Richmond happily announces the opening of an antiques and art auction house

near Marietta, Ohio. "Meander Auctions had its first auction in September, and we are excited to see where this takes us. Grateful to classmate **Joseph F. Herban** for helping me vet the building we purchased for our new endeavor." **Julia M. Warga** updates, "After working at Kenyon and living in Knox County for 19.5 years, I am excited to share that I am the new university librarian at John Carroll University. Over the summer, my family and I moved to Shaker Heights, Ohio. Still in the process of settling in, but so far we love it up here."

1997

George L. Hawkey, Seattle, works for Microsoft in the gaming and media space.

George married his wife, Bénédicte, whom he met in 2017 during a business trip to Tokyo. "We spent a few years doing the long-distance thing, city-hopping, and I was lucky enough to spend months of that time in Japan.

Thankfully, she decided to settle in Seattle for a while as she finishes up her M.B.A. at HEC in France. Teenage boys, 16 and 13, keep things interesting. One dreams of professional skateboarding, the other of pro basketball stardom — so we'll see how those play out." **Stacey D. Nichols**, Westerville, Ohio, marvels, "Thirty years! That is how long some of us have known each other. Lots of reminiscing lately with my former Gundi roommate **Kelli A. Schrade** — you know,

the girl who arrived with her stuff packed in a boat! Helping out with First Year Move-In

Day was a blast, seeing all of the wide-eyed freshmen with their insane amount of stuff and scared and excited looks on their faces. Best part was welcoming **Benjamin Priestland '27**, son of our very own **Jessica L. (Stockdale) Priestland**. I had the opportunity to check

missed while living in Chicago." **Sara E. Reish Desmond**, Melrose, Massachusetts, landed a book contract with a University of Wisconsin press, Cornerstone. "My collection of short stories, 'What We Might Become,' will appear soon. One, 'Cicadas,' was published by the Kenyon Review several

"I don't know how the rest of you are celebrating your 50th birthdays, but for mine, I got a tattoo. My first."

— **Michael S. Epstein '95**, who adds that the tattoo "commemorates the most important risk I ever took, kissing (my wife) Mary for the first time ... at Kenyon."

out the new construction and the purple Adirondack chairs, and to soak up all things Kenyon before heading back to Columbus and the real world."

1998

Frederick C. Bierman, Brooklyn, New York, informs, "Had a delightful dinner with **Peter M. Sughrue Jr.**, **Joseph D. Goldberg '99** and **James C. Stover '99** in NYC, where Peter and I see each other frequently. Jamie has returned to his roots in New Jersey but can be found haunting the bars near Penn Station while waiting for the train. Joe was in town (from Oakland) for work, and it was a great fun to catch up. Missing was **Andrew B. Solar '99**, who has moved back to New York City and looks forward to getting back into musical theater and the Jets — two things he

years ago. I'd be so appreciative if you'd consider pre-ordering when the collection becomes available. And once I know where I'll be showing up on a (very modest) book tour, I'd love to see any and all Kenyon folks!" **McClain "Macy" L. Howarth** enjoyed seeing many friendly faces at the 25th Reunion. "I was also completely in awe of the breathtaking new buildings and overall changes on campus," she notes. "I continue to live in Lexington, Massachusetts, with my husband, Bridger, and 11-year-old daughter, Livy. I work at a health-care startup, Devoted Health, and dedicate time to Be The Match, an organization near and dear to my heart after it helped enable a successful stem-cell transplant for me nine years ago." **Kathryn (Snyder) Howe**, Upper Arlington, Ohio,

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updates, “I continue to work at Columbus State in administration but now am fully remote. My husband, Jason, teaches middle school science, looking ahead to possible retirement in a few years. Most important, we are adjusting to empty-nester life. Auggie and Olivia are both at Denison University (classes of ‘25 and ‘26).”

1999

Courtney K. Bambrick teaches first-year writ-

suburb of Pelham, New York, with my wife, Doro, and 9-year-old son, Anders. Still practicing architecture in Manhattan, but we will miss Brooklyn, which we called home for 11 years. I am also proud to announce **Charles K. Sheldon’s** intent to compete in next year’s Finnish Hobby Horse Championships.” **Zachary Nowak** is the director of a study abroad program in Italy. He’s taken up sketching: “still pretty mediocre but getting

Chloe — an avid rower at Tampa Prep here in Florida. I work with the veterans community at the VA in clinical cancer research. We lost my mom, **Michelle “Mickie” Merian ‘73**, in March 2022. She moved to Tampa to be with us for her retirement, so the loss is difficult for us. We spent time this summer in the U.K., Germany, Poland, Finland and Sweden. I had the opportunity to meet the always lovely **Mary Elizabeth Wilson** in Berlin.”

become more involved in the Finnish literary community.” Visit BenjaminBagocius.com. **Kelly P. Dillon**, Grove City, Ohio, was named director of faculty development at Wittenberg University, after earning tenure promotion. “My husband, Eric, and I continue to marvel at our sons Jackson (16) and Benjamin (14) as they navigate high school, marching band, baseball and the post-COVID landscape.” **Scott M. Kenemore**, Evanston, Illinois, announces that the sci-fi/horror novel he wrote during COVID has been purchased by Skyhorse and will be published in the summer of 2024. “It’s currently titled ‘The Goo’ ... though we’ll see if that sticks; publishers sure do like to change my titles. It imagines a future in which Google has become a religion, and a team of astronauts exploring a strange new planet find themselves mysteriously and irresistibly compelled to kill one another.” **Rachel I. Leber**, Portland, Oregon, graduated from naturopathic medical school in June. “I’m taking some much needed time off before I start working with patients,” she informs. “Still playing in a samba percussion group, dancing, cycling and yoga-ing, and getting inspired for what’s ahead.” **Michael S. Lewis**, Concord, New Hampshire, submits, “The deteriorations we have seen throughout the country have caused me to develop a fairly robust civil rights practice. In one recent case, I sued a police chief and other municipal officials for retaliating against a

local Jewish woman who criticized their lackluster response to neo-Nazi threats.” He worries about the inability of government leaders to respond to challenges, noting, “I’m really worried about what the next decade will bring. On the bright side, ice cream still tastes good.” **Irene (Amanda) Loy** is now the patron services and outreach manager with Westminster University Performing Arts Center in Salt Lake City. “It’s the perfect work blend with my low-residency Ph.D. program in creative research through Transart Institute/Liverpool John Moores University, which I expect to complete in October 2025. Last year, I got to go to Siena, Italy, to see Il Palio — a long-time goal of mine. I also enjoyed the publication of my first book of poetry by Common Meter Press, in July 2023.” **Siiri C. Morley** sends greetings from “the Smiling Coast of Africa, The Gambia!” With husband Jeremy and 6-year-old son Indigo, Siiri has relocated to become country director with the Peace Corps. “Jeremy and I met as Peace Corps volunteers in Lesotho. My job is both inspiring and challenging. I draw on my international studies and anthropology learnings from Kenyon every day as I work with local staff, government partners and U.S. volunteers. ... We are enjoying the beautiful coastline — surfing/paddling opportunities included! — the stunning countryside, the food and, most especially, the warmth of the people.” **Maraleen D. Shields** left private

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—McClain “Macy” L. Howarth ‘98, from Lexington, Massachusetts

ing and public speaking at Thomas Jefferson University’s East Falls campus in Philadelphia. “Having a single full-time position after adjuncting for well over a decade has allowed me to prioritize my own writing and publishing, in addition to serving as poetry editor with Philadelphia Stories. After nine years, I am fairly acclimated to Delco. I hope to catch up with neighbors **Krista M. Apple**, **Patricia M. McCartney** and **Meredith J. Methlie ‘00** eventually!” **Christopher A. Junkin** updates, “After living in San Francisco, Philadelphia, London and New York in the years since Gambier, I just moved to the

better slowly.” He’d look forward to visits if you’re going to be near Perugia. **Andrew W. Shannon** has been busy at a new emergency medicine residency at Lakeland Regional Health in central Florida since leaving Jacksonville last year. “A challenge, for sure. Managed to make it to N.C. to celebrate **Shannon A. Byrne’s** wedding in April, and also caught up with **Eliza Andrews ‘00** and **Lindsay M. (Irvin) Doyle** there.” **Shelby (Van Voris) Schoenborn** updates, “My lieutenant colonel husband retired after 23 years active duty in the Army. We’re enjoying retired life with our high schooler,

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Benjamin D. Bagocius published “Queer Mrs. Ramsay, or Virginia Woolf’s Geomorphic Family” in Modern Fiction Studies and “Pheoby’s Queer Quietness in Their Eyes Were Watching God” in Mississippi Quarterly: The Journal of Southern Cultures. His first book of poems, “The Canaanite Woman,” appeared in 2022, and “The Gospel According to B.” comes out in 2024. Other recently submitted work on the mystical aesthetics of Virginia Woolf, Kazimir Malevich and Emily Dickinson soon to appear. “Learning Finnish to

practice after nearly 20 years to become the second executive director of the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness in its 20-year history. "An incredible opportunity to repurpose skills I developed as a trial attorney to advocate for meaningful change in Pennsylvania on a broad range of issues," she explains. She also ran a half-marathon in November, her third in two years. "Hoping to break 1:40. Also continuing to expand my Spanish skills with two little training/practice partners, my kids Cole (13) and Sage (7)." She was appointed to Kenyon's Board of Trustees in April.

2001

Daniel J. Connolly updates, "My wife and I had our first child in early 2022. Being a father has often been difficult, but fun. As I get older — in my mid-40s now — I appreciate more and more the liberal arts education I received at Kenyon, particularly the critical thinking skills that I apply every day in my job as a journalist. ... I became a reporter after I worked at the Collegian and loved it. After working for many years at the Commercial Appeal (Memphis), most recently as an investigative reporter, I recently switched companies. Now with Law360, a national legal news service, I'm working on an investigative reporting project related to bankruptcy courts, of all things. I'm still in touch with several Kenyon people, including **Jeffrey S. Reed** and **Maria Cerny '04.**"

Rowan Williams Haug teaches Design 1 and 3-D Design in her 13th year at Mississippi State University. "In 2022, I added foundation coordinator to my job title," she informs. "My husband and I have been campaigning for his third run for judge, and our children Sophie (15) and Liam (11) keep us busy." **Anne E. Morrissy** took over in 2021 as the editor of *At The Lake* magazine, a regional luxury lifestyle magazine in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In addition to her magazine work, she has spent the past two years researching and writing her second nonfiction book, "Street Fight: The Chicago Taxi Wars of the 1920s," which will be released by Lyons Press in March. Anne was thrilled to reconnect with **Jessica L. Bellama '02** on a trip to Phoenix. **Alys L. Spensley** and **Andrew D. Lebkuucher '99** "are delighted to be back in D.C. after our tour in Baku, Azerbaijan," Alys reports. "We are having a great time while back in the States connecting with Kenyon friends, including some who work for the U.S. Department of State. We are headed to Bucharest, Romania, in 2024 and look forward to hosting visitors!"

2002

Alexander S. "Sandy" Bryant, Lebanon, New Hampshire, works as a tennis professional and substitute teacher "as I figure out what I want to be when I grow up," he jokes. "I also continue to volunteer for Kenyon." **Nora E. Colburn**, Hilliard, Ohio, welcomed second son Ethan Michael Colburn to the world in February 2023 "with so much

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love and gratitude," she writes. "So wonderful to have visits from aunts **Kate Murray Diersen**, **Julie B. Silverman**, **Abigail W. Williams** and **Mary K. Hill** to help welcome him to the Class of 2045." **Sarah Daily**, New York City, fulfilled "a lifelong dream" by appearing as a contestant on "Jeopardy!" in early July, she reports. "It was a terrifying, incredible experience and, while I won't be quitting my day job any time soon, I had a ton of fun. I also visited **Margaret P. Aisenbrey** and **Jeremy M. Suhr** last summer in Kansas City, where our collective four boys had a blast together. Lastly, I met up with **Gina M. Sorrentino** and her kids when travel soccer had us out and about in Westchester County." **Jesse W. Donaldson**, Portland, Oregon, submitted, "Headed west and wester / Poet wife, funny kids lucky / Man halfway through life." **Curt N. Foxx** is a PE teacher and athletic director at a Catholic K-8 in Los Angeles. "My wife, Elizabeth, and I are getting quality time with the four children — Evan (12), Emma (9), Rowan (4) and Casey (1)." **A'Biell R. Hammonds**, University

City, Missouri, is "enjoying traveling with my new partner, Grace," she reports. "Together we've visited Hawaii, Colorado, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia." And Gambier, last September, for Alumni Council meetings and Homecoming — "my first visit back to The Hill in perhaps a decade. My partner and I formalized our commitment Sept. 16 in a wedding-like event which was joyous and so wonderful for us, our friends and our family." **Robert W. "Winston" Sale**, Washington, D.C., donated a kidney on Sept. 21. "My friend Rob was suffering end-stage renal disease caused by a hereditary kidney condition. The transplant was a success, and Rob will be able to return to a normal life without dialysis in a few months. Statistically speaking, kidney donors live longer than the average population, and I expect to live a normal, healthy life with my remaining kidney. If you or anyone you know is thinking about kidney donation, please reach out." **Margaret Scavotto** is director of compliance and regulatory affairs at Season, a health tech food-as-medicine

startup. "I'm still in St. Louis with Ryan, Gennie (10) and Carrie (8). I love reading our class letter — I am always so proud of the wonderful things my classmates are doing!" **Miriam Walden** is in her eighth year in the Upper School English department at the Hewitt School in Manhattan, and the 20th year of her career. "Currently, I teach American literature and a course called Creative Monsters, which focuses on creativity, monstrosity and queer theory," she informs. "My remarkable son, Alexander, is 9 this year and in fourth grade. I think fondly of The Hill and have enjoyed several NYC events with the Kenyon Review over the years. Although a (successful!) mastectomy caused me to miss our last Reunion, I hope to return to Gambier soon to celebrate all things Philandery."

2003

Corianne M. Arnold, Newark, Ohio, announces her new book, "Win with Your Money," now available on Amazon. "Follow my journey from \$260,000 debt (mostly student loans) to millionaire in 10 years

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at winwithyourmoney.com.” **Jacob D. Howley**, Mount Rainier, Maryland, was assistant to the chair of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a year but returned to his 15-year career as an attorney for the U.S. Postal Service. “Arguably more important is my diversification from Irish traditional music — as classmates may recall — into klezmer and Yiddish folk song. Check out/follow my band on YouTube and social media @ CornedBeefHashBand!”

2004

Alexander L. Barron updates, “Life is good in Baltimore, where I’ve now lived and worked for more than 12 years. I teach and chair the English department at Boys’ Latin School of Maryland. My wife, Maya, and I spend much of our time shuttling our 6-year-old twins (a boy and a girl) to their various activities. I still break out the cello and guitar on occasion, and I keep in close touch with a contingent of Kenyon friends, most of them from our now-defunct chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma.” **Mara D. Bernstein** reports that after 15 years as a student and employee of Indiana University, she joined Breakthrough Collaborative in 2022. “Breakthrough Collaborative works toward equity in education through joyful summer and school-year programs,” she explains. “Not only do Breakthrough affiliates around the country prepare young people for college success, they also prepare young people to enter the teaching profession.” Mara connected with **John B. Hiester ’02**,

the executive director of Breakthrough Silicon Valley, and many other alumni who are experts in education around the country. Mara and Jada Bee — “the most amazing wife ever” — are turning their Bloomington, Indiana, home into an urban farm. **Robert L. “Bobby” Bloch** is in the last year of his Ed.D. program in social justice and

100-mile ultramarathon around the streets of NYC, and 15th female in a six-day race through Colorado mountains. My husband and I adopted two, 2-month-old puppies the Monday before my Friday dissertation defense — would not recommend that timing — and now have a total of three rambunctious pitties as office mates! Hectic — but I wouldn’t change a thing!” **Anne**

identify as Latino — that’s at least 10,000 who could identify with the goals and mission of ALMAS, as well as any Latino allies from other races and ethnicities.” See @ALMASnaperville on Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram. **Leeman T. Kessler** and **Rachel Kessler**, Gambier, Ohio, had a big travel year: Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina and Toronto, and — for

our adoption process, my husband, Alex Weissman, and I are overjoyed to welcome a son, Omri, into our family. The wish I shared with friends on my birthday, May 13, was to be a parent this year — and Omri was born May 16! When I’m not parenting or nourishing people’s creativity as director of program design and facilitation for Jewish Studio Project, I’m in perpetual awe of the work I get to do companionship people on transformative journeys of self-discovery and spiritual connection as a spiritual director in private practice.” **Adam G. Lazarus** sends word that his fifth nonfiction book, “Wingmen,” about the friendship of baseball legend Ted Williams and senator/astronaut John Glenn, released in August, has been reviewed or featured in Booklist/ALA, Kirkus Reviews, Publishers Weekly, the New York Post and the Boston Globe. “My wife, Sarah, twin boys (now 10), and fellow alumni like **John T. “Tom” Giberson**, **Kristofer D. Cheney ’02**, **Michael J. Ferzoco**, and **Jessica (Russell) Murphy** and **Ryan M. Murphy** prefer to hear me talk about something else,” he observes. “I was glad to see **Jennifer A. (Judson) Vastola**, our 2004 Reunion committee member, attend one of my book signings in Alexandria, Virginia, last month.” **Taryn A. Myers** is now full professor and chair of the psychology department at Virginia Wesleyan University. She continues to publish scholarly journal articles, including a recent collaboration with Professor Sarah Murnen. **Daniel S.**

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— **Robert W. “Winston” Sale ’02**, who successfully donated a kidney to a friend in September

education at University of Missouri-St. Louis. “I started teaching seventh- and ninth-grade English at John Burroughs School, a progressive private school in St. Louis, with many staff and alumni who attended Kenyon, including the headmaster and his wife.” **Bobby** adds that he celebrated a one-year anniversary with his husband. **Amy R. Bukszpan**, Delray Beach, Florida, informs, “It’s been a hell of a couple of months! I received my doctorate in applied behavior analysis from Endicott College in May. Quit my nearly decade-long job as national director of ABA Center Development in July, and opened my own practice, Bukszpan Behavior Consultants, in August. Additionally, I finished third female in a

C. Field married Colin Christopher Deuchars in a small ceremony with their 3-year-old daughter, Isla, at the Jupiter Artland in Edinburgh, Scotland, where they live. “We hopped over to Venice for a family-moon in the evening, and it was overall a really lovely day.” **Diana Torres Hawken** founded Alliance of Latinos Motivating Action in the Suburbs to support her Latino community. “ALMAS engages the community by promoting the diverse experiences of Latinos in Naperville, Illinois, and the surrounding suburbs, and is the first 501(c)3 organization in Naperville to offer its Latino community a voice,” she informs. “According to the 2020 census, 6.7 percent of Naperville residents

Rachel — New Zealand and Australia to represent Kenyon at the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion. With both kids now attending Wiggan Street Elementary, Leeman continues to serve as mayor, after running unopposed for a second term. **Matthew O. Krist** announces, “After 16 years of teaching history and music in Maryland, my wife, Alli, and I have opened a bookstore bar in Ellicott City called Backwater Books. While I miss teaching alongside fellow alumni **Samuel W. Farmer ’05** and **Benjamin S. Farmer ’05**, the bookstore is a new and challenging adventure.” **Rabbi Adam S. Lavitt**, Philadelphia, announces, “Two years after starting

Scharff moved to Santa Monica, California, and remains the CEO of Machu Picchu Energy, a maker of organic energy drinks. He notes that his drinks are “available in the Midwest at Meijer, Fresh Thyme, Mustard Seed Market and select Jewel-Oscos, and nationwide via Amazon.” **Sarah Walsh** is now the lower school librarian of Bullis School in Potomac, Maryland, a school that is chock-full of alumni folks! she reports: “**Anita T. Havas '73** (admissions); **Jennifer Houston '92** (fifth grade) and husband **W. Erling Houston '92**; **Lara Cooke Morford '94** (admissions), wife of **Zachary B. Morford '94**; **Faith E. Darling '01** (dean of faculty) and husband **Alexander J. “Sasha” Lourie '00**; **George N. Kambanis '02** and his wife, Kristelle (learning specialist); **Elizabeth P. “Liz” Martinich '02** (lower school counselor) and husband **Jeremy A. Martinich**; and **Taryn L. Kittel '14** (STEM director!)”

2005

Erin A. Carr announces, “My wife, Suzanne, and I added a baby girl named Everett to our crew at the end of July. Her big brother, Zander, is thrilled. I was so happy to celebrate a milestone birthday with **Claudia D. (Masko) Smith** along with **Colin L. Smith '06** and some other Kenyon friends in April!” **Daniel Z. Epstein**, Boca Raton, Florida, joined the full-time tenure-track faculty of St. Thomas University Ben Crump School of Law, where he teaches and writes in the area of public law. “My book on the law and politics of the administrative

state will be published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2024.” **Jonathan Pratt** informs, “Since graduation I have had a number of different fascinating experiences — from being a photo editor at Laptop magazine in Times Square, then publisher of Where To Live magazine in Boulder, Colorado, to being a Hollywood extra at Central Casting. These days I study mental illness, recently completing a 40-hour course from the National Alliance on Mental Illness on serving as a peer support specialist. I was inspired to do so after being diagnosed with schizophrenia about 10 years ago following a crisis I went through while losing my small business during the recession of 2008. Now I volunteer to help others who are dealing with mental illness and homelessness in the San Diego area. I still keep in touch with roommate **Arthur N. Yaskey Jr.**, who has his own D.C. law firm. I miss soccer practice at Kenyon and Coach Lawless yelling at the players in his British accent. I must have learned something, because I was assistant varsity coach at Peak To Peak Charter School in Boulder — the same year we graduated from Kenyon, and our soccer team won the state championship game.” **Claudia D. (Masko) Smith** updates, “I am a licensed clinical social worker at Pennsylvania Hospital. Grateful to Professor Jan Thomas — both for her amazing teaching and for her support and guidance when I was applying to grad school all those years ago. I started studying French again last year and have fond memories of classes

with Mme. Vallury and teaching as an AT. I live with my husband, **Colin L. Smith '06**, and our daughter, Mariel (first grade!) in Haddonfield, New Jersey.”

2006

Julianne I. Day, Grand Rapids, Michigan, shares, “After many unremarkable years, I have several major updates. One, I signed on as a copywriter at a local marketing and design agency four years ago, so I’m finally living the dream and writing for a living. Two, I took the leap and bought a house last year in what I later learned was Realtor.com’s hottest ZIP code in the nation in 2019. Yikes! No wonder

and **Christopher L. Loggins '08** took their sons Christopher (6) and Jeremiah (1) to Homecoming. “We had an absolute blast! It was great to be on campus after not getting back for several years.” **Amanda J. Rantz** and **Alexander J. Rantz '08** live in Charlotte, North Carolina, with daughter Claire (9). “Keeping busy with travel, homeschool and work! I am home-making/homeschooling while also representing multiple brands via social media — including Vera Bradley, Shokz, Her Universe — which I never thought I would be doing, but here we are! We missed Coach Steen’s induction into the Hall of Fame, but

“We had an absolute blast! It was great to be on campus after not getting back for several years.”

— **Molly E. Loggins '06**, on attending Homecoming Weekend at Kenyon

it was so difficult. And three, I got married last July to Arun Kumar in a ceremony that included **Erika J. Niemi** and was attended by **Andrea E. Daly** and **Kristin S. Valentine**. It was lovely reuniting with those three Kenyon ladies on the dance floor. (Wait, does a grassy park lawn count as a floor? Oh right, Sendoff. Yes.)” **The Rev. Maeba Jonas** and her husband welcomed their second child, a daughter, in September. “I recently began my third year as the chaplain of Goucher College in Baltimore, where we live with our newborn and 3-year-old. All is well.” **Molly E. Loggins**

my 40th birthday was that weekend, and we had already planned a getaway.” **John D. Sadoff**, Somerville, Massachusetts, is a full-time instructor at ChessMate Tutors, the chess tutoring company he founded. “I teach chess in schools and work with private students. I’m actively running — with a few upcoming half-marathons.” **Kelsey (Rotwein) Schagemann** sends “Greetings from Chicago! I live in the Lakeview neighborhood with my husband, Joe, and our kids Talia (just started kindergarten) and Will (3½).” Kelsey writes for colleges

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and universities, a higher education and nonprofit marketing company, and a regional travel magazine. "This summer, I took Talia and Will up to Michigan for an amazing beach vacation with **Dylan E. Rudmann** and her family. It was fantastic to chill on the beach while the kids played and had adventures. Later in July, I had a birthday party to celebrate turning 40 (how?!), and **Kathryn Cameron McMillan** and her boys were among the guests!" **Karl A.D. "Alec" Schoettle**, who lives in coastal Maine with his wife, Katie, and two dogs, tallies the last few years' highlights: "Became a high school social studies teacher. Hardest, most exhausting, most gratifying (and lowest-paying) job I've had. Bought a little cruising sailboat and spend as much time on it as work and Maine weather allow. Started playing music with some friends and had a couple small gigs. Surgeries — knee surgery for her, oral surgery for me; getting old sucks. Constant renovations/upgrades to our house: hot tub coming soon! Pursuing voice acting. Still filling in as a tall ship captain a bit in the summers."

2007

Lisa A. Hamer recently left full-time criminal defense law and joined Fair and Just Prosecution

as a research and policy associate, where she works to encourage reform-minded prosecutors and edit and compile amicus briefs. She and her husband, Ifeanyi, welcomed a son, Ambrose Obiora Hamer Okeke, in August. **Lauren C. Ostberg**, Hadley, Massachusetts, is into "public radio story slams, talking about Wallace Stevens (a quasi lawyer/poet!) and green curry," she writes. This May, she saw **Willow A. Belden** and **Cori Hirai** at a gathering **Amy Strieter** expertly hosted. "There was a chocolate flight!" While **Benjamin F. Taylor** dabbles in chess strategy and rehabbing native plants, Lauren and Ben's sons are "serious about Hot Wheels City, maintaining a streak on Duolingo, and snuggling." **Eduardo M. Rodriguez**, Burlington, Vermont, reports, "In early September, I visited Gambier for the swimming reunion and induction of Coach Steen into the Hall of Fame. Great to reconnect with **Matt Jacobssen**, **Alexander R. Tanton** and **Davis Zarins**, my brother **Fernando M. Rodriguez '04** and countless other swimmers, coaches and faculty. There is always a bit of a magical feeling returning to campus. At the end of the weekend, it was also nice to get back to Vermont, where my wife, Emma, was holding things together

with our two boys, Felix and Arlo."

2008

John D. Bence moved to Philadelphia in July to take a new job at the University of Pennsylvania. "I miss Atlanta but am comforted by that proximity to delicious hoagies."

Elliot P. Forhan is serving his first term in the Ohio House of Representatives, representing a district in greater Cleveland. "Thanks to all the Kenyon folks who supported my campaign last year. Go Owls!" **Andrew G. Irvin** updates, "After 11 years in Fiji, I'm relocating to Melbourne, Australia, with my family. I've been hired in the Melbourne Centre for Cities in the faculty of architecture, building and planning at the University of Melbourne, where I'm undertaking a Ph.D. I'm currently developing the national maritime transport policy for Belize and supporting a land transport policy project in Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Tonga. I continue my creative development work with the College of the Marshall Islands." **W. Neil Johnston** updates, "My wife and I are settling in nicely to the Philly suburb of Springfield. I also started a new position at the Fox School of Business at Temple

University, helping students get their startup ventures off the ground." **Isaac M. Miller** and his wife, Emily, moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, nearer to her family. "I'm now a sixth-grade ELA teacher at Memorial Middle School, a place of many challenges and rewards on a daily basis."

2009

Corrine D. Anderson notes, "What a whirlwind year! The stars finally aligned for me to be in the same city as a Chamber Singers tour stop, and I can't tell you how much joy it brought me to be in a room filled with other alums, to watch a stellar performance, and to see Doc. A month later, I married the man I am convinced makes the stars shine. Roomie **Katie (Woods) Argall** was by my side. Since then, I'm keeping busy running a cottage food bakery, collaborating with the Georgia chapter of ME Action, and reading as many books as possible." **Austin M. Faught** and his family are settling into life in the greater Columbus area. "My new job at Ohio State University has been great and full of exciting challenges." An associate professor at the Wexner Medical Center, Austin researches how the physics properties of proton radiation therapy relate to biological endpoints in the pediatric cancer population. "I visited campus this fall for Homecoming weekend and Reunion planning and look forward to catching up at our 15-year reunion." **Toni J. Metcalf** and her husband, Brady, spent a fun summer week on the Carolina coast. "We love living in Dublin, Ohio,

with our cats Apollo, Bella and Simon," she shares. "I'm still working as a paralegal in the elder law arena, helping clients obtain Medicaid eligibility and prepare estate planning documents." **Linda T. Pear** and **Daniel A. Takacs** are still "hard at work parenting three kids — would write more, but have to go do another load of dishes and laundry. Next up: potty training the twins!" **Caleb S. Ruopp**, Concord, New Hampshire, welcomed a second son into the family this fall. "Older brother Graham (potential '42) is excited to meet his younger brother, whom he has confidently named Pickle. ... I think the strongest memory I have of Kenyon is also my first. Visiting campus for the first time after being accepted, arriving via airport shuttle, I stepped off the bus and saw a student in front of Lewis sitting in an Adirondack chair under a cherry tree whose petals gently fell in a light spring breeze. I fell in love with the campus at once and never regretted my choice. Here's to a wonderful college, may it have another 200 years!" **Elizabeth C. Wiener**, her husband and three kids now live in Los Angeles, enjoying epic road trips, beach days and Disneyland. Lizzy is a tenure-track assistant professor of politics at Occidental College.

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Rachel A. Burgreen and her partner, Stefan, bought a house together in Austin, Texas, she updates. "We're getting married this spring in Bentonville, Arkansas,

"There is always a bit of a magical feeling returning to campus."

— **Eduardo M. Rodriguez '07**,
who attended a swim reunion on campus in the fall

with our closest friends, family and our two dogs. My private therapy practice is growing and doing well!" **Stephanie Caton** and her wife welcomed a beautiful baby boy into their home in January, and his adoption was finalized in July. "Life with Hudson has been the most amazing journey," she writes, "and I am so happy to be able to share him with each of you!" **Matt Colburn** began an M.F.A. in fiction at NYU in September. "My story 'On the Metro' was published in the Potomac Review 72, spring 2023." **Saskia E. (Leeds) Dunadair** updates, "After eight years in the D.C. area, I moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains! My new husband and I got married there in March and totally fell in love with the area. I was able to keep working remotely for USA for UNHCR, but with a much better view." **Arjav R. Ezekiel** and wife Tracy had a baby boy in November 2022. "Our little restaurant, Birdie's in Austin, is chugging along — Food & Wine magazine just named it the Restaurant of the Year (birdiesaustin.com)." **Martha C. Gregory**, Brooklyn, New York, is the co-director and co-founder of a new filmmaker support organization called UFO. "We run residencies upstate as well as a short film lab based at Brooklyn Academy of Music, which helps early-career filmmakers telling underrepresented stories to level up into the next phase of their careers." **Laura K. Goehrke**, Brooklyn, New York, married Alysa Stryker in May. "We were surrounded by an amazing Kenyon community on our special day, and they even led

the charge on a surprise flash mob during the reception! Alysa and I went to Portugal for our honeymoon and enjoyed every minute (and every sip of port)." **Elizabeth P. Maloney** and Seth Maloney live in Rockville, Maryland, with two cats. In 2021, Liz left her position as a children's librarian at D.C. Public Library to become the contract librarian at the National Institutes of Health Patient Library, akin to a public library for patients, caregivers and staff at NIH. Outside of work, she cross-stitches, lifts weights and plays Dungeons and Dragons. She often keeps in touch with **Elizabeth "Liz" Beckman** and **Anna Kephart Norris**. **Anne K. Severe**, Cincinnati, is a social worker at the VA "and an occasional artist," she informs. "My husband and I purchased a new home last July. We spend most of our time trying to keep up with our 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter. I've been fortunate enough to stay in touch with many Kenyon friends. We have a small but mighty local EDM collective!" **Alexandra C. Shaeffer** sends "Greetings from sunny northern California! After spending the last 20 years away from home and around the world, my husband, four cats and dog moved back to the Bay Area. It's great to be home!" **Forest D. "Juney" Shober**, a teacher of high school physics and chemistry for the last six years, now teaches science at University High, "a brand-new synthesis of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga resources and the local public school system's

approachability," he explains. "This opportunity has accelerated my career, and I am only slightly displaced from my family, allowing me to see them periodically. Truly a balanced equation." **Michelle A. von Hirschberg**, West Chester, Ohio, enjoyed visits with family and friends, "including a fantastic Chamber Singers reunion weekend and a week in Bamberg, Germany!" she notes.

Oaxaca, Mexico, learning from native artisans. The trip was inspiring and influential, enabling me to bring back a little piece of their collective, generational fiber knowledge to my own loom." On Oct. 14, Liza welcomed **Hannah B. Withers**, **Rose M. Proctor '10**, **Brianna Parry**, **Katherine D. Kremer**, **Margaret P. Rodgers**, and former professor Ivonne M. Garcia to Durham for

— went to see it and were blown away. ... All in all, nice that Kenyon continues to find me!" **Andrew R. Ding** sent his first update since graduation: "So, to skim over the highlights, I ended up living in Bolivia with stints in a few other South American countries. After returning to the States, I plummeted down a deep rabbit hole of rock, ice and alpine climbing, and ski mountaineering, work-

"My firm recently hired a 2023 Kenyon grad as a paralegal, which made me feel just how long it has now been since 2011."

— **John S. Crain '11**, who works at the law firm Wigdor LLP

"Daughter Ellie turned 4 in August, and we had so much fun celebrating." **Natalie E. West** moved back to her hometown of Baltimore to start a master's of public health at Johns Hopkins after nearly nine years living and working in Europe and Africa. "I received a Sommer Scholarship, which recognizes M.P.H. students from diverse professional backgrounds with public health leadership experience and potential, and is a really wonderful honor!"

2011

Jillian M. Arenz earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Columbia University and now works at Weill Cornell Medicine in its program for anxiety and traumatic stress studies. **Liza W. Chabot**, Durham, North Carolina, "spent several weeks in

her wedding to her partner of the past eight years. **John S. Crain** finished a second year at Wigdor LLP, litigating civil rights and employment discrimination claims. "Rewarding work, and I love my clients," he shares. "I am also delighted to have an article coming out shortly in the Albany Law Review. My firm recently hired a 2023 Kenyon grad as a paralegal, which made me feel just how long it has now been since 2011. My wife, Danielle DeMatteo, founder and artistic director of SheNYC, a nonprofit promoting gender equity in the arts, produced a play called 'Radio Man,' written by **Sarah N. Groustra '22**. A bunch of alumni from my era — including **Henry B. Jackson**, **Benjamin A. Lucas**, **Sarah M. Kemp '10** and **Rachel R. Fletcher**

ing as a mountain guide across the American West. Cracked open my psyche and grew a relatively existential but reductionist, atheistic kernel into something a bit more lightly held. I eventually went to medical school. Now finishing my final year of psychiatry residency in Connecticut, focusing on psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy, psychoanalysis and modern limbic therapies, with plans to move to Oregon after graduation to start private practice." **Sasha Pauline Fanny-Holston** submits, "I've further cemented my 'crazy cat lady' status by adopting two adorable and mischievous kittens — biological brothers from successive litters. Mr. Puff is 1, and Prince Neemo is 5 months. I don't post a whole lot on Instagram, but you can follow them at @

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mrpuffandneemoipres-ume! Other than that, I'm still at Kenyon doing the DEI thing and hanging out with the squad (Apple Valley #lakelife)." **Analise N. Gonzalez-Fine** and **Charles H. Fine '12** welcomed second child Eli Roy Fine on May 30. "Aidy (2) has transitioned to her role as big sister with gusto, and we're settling into our

Agriculture Economic Research Service. "In June, I moved to Durham, North Carolina, and I am so happy to be here!" **Lauren M. Maggart Stearns** and **Tyler J. Stearns** are "finally feeling settled" in southwest Oregon's Rogue Valley. "He's still kicking ass as a clinical pharmacy specialist of mental health at the

digital banking practice, and started a podcast with a close friend called Bettor Bets Ahead. "In the last year, I attended weddings of **Ryan J. Poh** in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and of **Zachary L. Blitzer** in Sayulita, Mexico."

2012

Ellen D. Blanchard moved back to northern Michigan and served as venue and volunteer coordinator for the Harbor Springs Festival of the Book. "For a three-day festival with 1,300 participants, I was in charge of the 200+ volunteers making 35 sessions happen at nine venues! We had 41 authors present, including the playwright Sarah Ruhl, who penned 'Eurydice,' a show that was part of the 2009 Kenyon season — and backstage is where I first met **Margaret J. (Higby) Ericksen** and **Rob Fine**. I was also in Ruhl's 'In the Next Room, or The Vibrator Play' in Ann Arbor in 2017. I got to meet her, and she signed my script!" **Caitlin Cook** made her off-Broadway debut at Soho Playhouse with her one-woman bathroom graffiti musical "The Writing on the Stall." "So many Kenyon alumni turned up! I was thrilled. It will be running at another big theater in NYC very soon, so stay tuned!" **Bennett S. Davidson** writes, "My wife, Vy, and I have been living in NYC for the past 4+ years, and it finally feels like home. We live in Harlem and enjoy proximity to the north end of Central Park. In the past few years I've picked up an old hobby in earnest and now spend much of my free time oil painting." **Zachary E. Goldman**

updates, "I'm working as a consultant in the global sports space, currently splitting time between home in L.A. and my main clients in Japan." **Sarah L.** and **Jeffrey A. Hechler** announce the birth of their first child, Owen James, Feb. 11, 2023. "Parenthood is a lot of work, of course, but he is absolutely wonderful. Class of 2045? I am still teaching social studies at Community High School in Ann Arbor, and Jeff works as a software engineer for Rocket (based in Detroit, but he works from home). We love our community in Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti!" **Sonam Lhaki** says hello from Monterey Bay, California, where she started her M.A. in translation at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. "Had the wonderful opportunity to see Lisa Swaim (formerly of the Center for Global Engagement) and **Nikola Popovic** after a long time. Reminiscid about Kenyon experiences as we walked along the coast and admired the basking sea lions. Grateful to have a Kenyon connection here and look forward to having many more." **Christian A. Martinez-Canchola** works for Transcend Education as a partner in school design services. "We're committed to supporting communities in creating and spreading extraordinary, equitable learning environments. It's a remote job requiring me to travel throughout Texas, primarily, but with some opportunities of travel elsewhere." **Daniel P. Hall Riggins**, Indianapolis, and his partner, Lauren, welcomed daughter Ayla Grace Hall-Riggins

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— **Caitlin Cook '12**, on feeling supported at the off-Broadway debut of her one-woman bathroom graffiti musical, "The Writing on the Stall"

family of four! We still live in Denver, where I serve as director of college initiatives for DSST Public Schools, and Charlie is a deputy general counsel for Denver Public Schools." **Ananda Plunkett Levine** writes of "a wild and delirious summer" in which she gave birth to a son, River, on June 1. "We're settled in the upper Hudson Valley in New York, where I'm still making music (my sixth full-length album comes out next year) and spending lots of time in nature." **Nicholas P. Loud** announces with excitement that the feature film he and **Christopher F. Loud '06** produced in northern Michigan, called "Quicksand," got a distribution deal. Now available on Amazon and Apple TV. "We screened 'Quicksand' in Ann Arbor at the Michigan Theater on Nov. 17." **Laura A. Paul** works for the U.S. Department of

VA, while I teach middle school humanities at St. Mary's School. Kieran (6) and Maia (3) are living their best lives running loose in our neighborhood. I had a wonderful time catching up with my fellow 2010 KenExers during a Zoom call with former professors Deborah Laycock and James "Jim" Carson in August — thanks for coordinating. **Ai Binh T. Ho!** Speaking of KenEx ... at the moment I'm actually writing this from a hotel room in London with **Ashley G. Gray**, **Abby Lagrow**, **Laura A. Briskman** and **Claire P. Strom!** It's been well over a decade since we were all in the same room, and we're having a blast catching up, reminiscing over our time in Exeter, and stuffing ourselves silly with high tea (the proper Devonshire way)." **Brandon M. Ventling** moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, in May 2022, is a senior manager in Accenture's

Crossword Answers from inside back cover

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into the world on June 6. **Tatenda Uta**, Lithia, Florida, informs, "After graduating, I set two primary objectives for myself: securing a job and reuniting my mother with me in the United States. Landing a job was a challenging journey, but it materialized more quickly than I had anticipated. Yet the path to bringing my mother here proved to be far more arduous, spanning a grueling 12-year period. Today, I am elated to share the heartwarming news that my mother has finally made her way to the U.S., reuniting with her daughter-in-law and meeting her granddaughter for the first time." **Alyssa N. Van Denburg**, Chicago, is a clinical psychologist in the Pain Management Center at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She also maintains a small private practice. **Nicolyn V. Woodcock** sums up, "I just wrapped up a delightful Homecoming Weekend in Gambier for Alumni Council meetings. Really looking forward to all that the Bicentennial year will bring! Shout out to my Kenyon besties who did a mini-reunion with me in Philadelphia in June: **Vivian Chergn**, **Helen T. Liutongco**, **David L. Sowa** and **Christina W. Vick-Kell**. And a big hug to **Brittney S. Miles '13**, who I visited at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in September."

2013

Heather K. Amato and her partner, Chris, went to New Zealand for the

Women's World Cup of soccer, "where we spent some quality time with my girl **Charlotte S. Detchon**," she reports. "I'll be moving back to the D.C. area sometime next year — super sad to leave the Bay Area after eight years, but excited to reconnect with all the D.C. Kenyon folks!" **Jaqueline Neri Arias** explains, "I was so sad to not be able to attend Reunion this year, but I had an important conference to attend in New Orleans. I enjoyed looking at all the pictures! I had a very successful year professionally, as I was promoted to lead several departments and provide strategic leadership to my university. Chicago is treating me and my family very well as we raise our 3-year-old near family in a very diverse area." **Adrian E. (Natale) Everett** welcomed a daughter, Robin Everett, on July 15, 2023. Adrian is in the fourth year of her Ph.D. in anthropology, subfield archaeology, at Yale University and is preparing for a second season of excavation at a Maya site in Guatemala in the spring of 2024. **Nathan W. Huey** finished his Ph.D. at Harvard in biostatistics and lives in Costa Rica, working as a quantitative field biologist at the Sloth Institute. "After the slog of a long Ph.D.," he observes, "very happy to be spending some quality time with creatures who share my same pace of life." **Rowan M. Kurtz** updates, "I completed my M.B.A. at NYU this past spring and am now working as an investment banker. The group I joined is focused on the energy transition and is ironically located in Houston." **Rachel K. Max** moved back to

Washington, D.C., after 10 years in California and bought a house with her husband in the Brookland neighborhood. "Thrilled to be back on the East Coast experiencing my first autumn, literally, since Kenyon," she informs. **Ariana Skye McSweeney** moved to London, U.K., starting a job with the National Health Service's Early Intervention in Psychosis service. "So far I have no regrets about changing careers from architectural conservation," she reports, "but I am also enjoying all the historic buildings in London during my free time!" **Meaghan E. Pachay** announces, "It's been a big year! My (now) husband and I eloped in February, I graduated with my Ph.D. from Ohio State in May, and in October we moved to North Carolina!" **Morgan E. Peele** asks, "What can you do with a women's and gender studies degree? Mine has taken me on a rather serpentine career route. I was a Fulbright Fellow in China researching women's child-care options. I then pivoted into statistics and population studies in graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. I wove gender theory into my academic publications as a Ph.D. candidate in demography, thanking newly retired Professor Laurie Finke in my dissertation acknowledgments. I recently pivoted again — this time into the corporate world, as associate director of health equity on the business engagement team at Merck. So I'll rephrase my question: What *can't* you do with a women's and gender studies degree?" **Samantha M. Sheahan**

"What *can't* you do with a women's and gender studies degree?"

— **Morgan E. Peele '13**, reflecting on "a rather serpentine career route"

submits: "Samantha loves being a drama therapist for kids, a.k.a. being a professionally bad actor. Her clients remind her when she doesn't act badly well enough. (She misses the easy days at Kenyon when you'd get graded on Aristotelian analysis.) More seriously, this summer she was grateful to run a collaborative drama therapy group with refugee women. Otherwise, she's still chasing her cattle dog around the hiking trails of San Francisco."

2014

Gregory T. Culley began a master's of architecture at the University of British Columbia School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture in Vancouver. **Mary E. Defer** joined the marketing and development department of Ideastream Public Media, home to northeastern Ohio's NPR news and information radio station. Over the summer, she created an installation of lumen prints for an immersive art event in Cleveland and taught a photography workshop at the Akron Art Museum. **Max J. Dugan** is a visiting professor for 2023-24. "Reflections after two months in Gambier: Kenyon students are still remarkably good-natured; everything

is closer than you remember; I'm excited to dance with y'all at our 10-year." **William S. "Willy" Friedlander** and **Natalie P. Pick '16** were married on Oct. 14 — 10 years after meeting on the indoor track at Kenyon. **Natalie Thielen Helper**, Brooklyn, New York, is "over the moon to share that this fall she got engaged to her partner of nearly four years, Marisa Lastres," she writes. "The eagle-eyed reader may recall that Natalie got arrested for civil disobedience at a protest for immigrant rights back in 2018. Fun fact: Marisa — just 'a good friend' at the time — was one of her co-arrestees. That's romance! As of October 2023 the happy couple have no idea when or where they'll get married." **Andrea M. Odegard** and her husband celebrated the birth of a baby girl on April 30. "Everyone is healthy and doing well. Thrilled to have a new little member of the family." Also, Andrea submitted her completed dissertation to her committee in September. "Almost a Ph.D.!" **Jeremy M. Peck** writes, "Yesterday I accepted that my right knee is my 'bad knee.' And today you all hit me with the 10-year anniversary. Might as well just throw me in a home." Jeremy

“Being a middle school librarian is *hard* right now.”

— **Elna Z.A. McIntosh '16**, warns readers:

“If you think books aren’t being challenged and banned in schools near you, you’re probably not paying enough attention.”

welcomes visitors to his home in Taiwan. **“Haley Abing '13** is coming to see me soon, which is about to make my year. I have been at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy for the past year, working on supporting democracy and human rights in Asia and around the world. If you have seen any news, you wouldn’t be surprised that there’s work to do. I can’t complain — it is great to be working on something that feels so important.” **James H. Roll** shares, “Approaching my eighth year in Denver, having the wonderful privilege of working for Cochlear Americas in our professional marketing space. When I’m not busy helping craft messaging or supporting new product launches, I can be found enjoying life on my fabulous patio in my new home, watching my sister get married in the San Juan Islands, hiking in the Tetons or seeking out my next adventure abroad.”

Emily K. Rose moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in June to train in pulmonary and critical care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. “Just after moving,” she adds, “my husband and I had our ‘second’ wedding celebration in Jackson, Wyoming, with family and friends, including **Melanie R. Couchman, Lara Del Piano, Grayson M. Donley, Alissa C. Feirson** and

Rebecca C. Katzman.

I’ll be forever grateful for these friendships that we forged at Kenyon!”

2015

Frances J. Alston, Washington, D.C., was married Oct. 21, with **Isobel C. Rosenberg** as maid of honor and **Margaret L. “Greta” Greising '16** a bridesmaid. “I teach fourth grade at St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes in Alexandria, Virginia,” Frances writes. “Many D.C. Kenyon pals were in Cleveland this past summer to celebrate the marriage of former Zeta **Madelyn K. Cook '17**! We stopped at Kenyon on the way, and it was wonderful to visit the VI and other old stomping grounds. It’s been a year of weddings, reunions and big life changes, but having my Kenyon friends has made it so much more fun and memorable!” **Stephanie A. Cordonnier** and **Hanning Wong '16** were married at A Very Kenyon Wedding in Mount Vernon, Ohio, by Stephanie’s faculty advisor, the Rev. Dr. Harry Itagaki in his Kenyon necktie. Beloved Kenyon family present included “wedding welcomer **Johanna I. Frye**, meditation selfie leader **Yohanna Ewing-Kally '16**, vocalist **Emilia Pazniokas**, harpist **Lily A. McBride '17**, equality challengers **Emilia M. Louy** and **Elizabeth C. “Lila”**

Greco, brideswoman hype queen **Grace E. Janzow**, ramen lover **Johnson Qiao '16**, and best woman/notorious llama advocate **Kathleen M. Low '16**,” they report. **Audrey L. Davis** completed her master’s in Renaissance and early modern studies and started a new role at the National Railway Museum in York, England. “The trains are cool,” she reports. “I’ll stay for as long as this country will have me!” **Anna C. Dowling** was married this summer in a joyous celebration with a wedding party full of Kenyon alums: **Louisa C. Ashford** and **Elizabeth M. Gardner**, and siblings **Stephen R. Dowling '08** and **Sarah E. Russell '11**. **Matthew T. Eley** lives in San Francisco with his wife and two cat-sized children, he submits. “Or were they children-sized cats? Thoroughly on the record as to being nostalgic over parts of Kenyon that have been knocked down and replaced by white clapboard or glass-and-steel shlock. It suffices to say: ‘It is history which teaches us to hope.’ It was once said of me that [he] has mistaken Kenyon for Arcadia.” **Colin D. Finnegan** married **Catharine E. Straley '17** on Oct. 8 “surrounded by an obnoxious amount of Kenyon friends, as is tradition. Over the moon and looking forward to a new life together.” **Elizabeth C. “Lila” Greco** was delighted to be back on campus this fall to celebrate the marriage of **Stephanie Cordonnier** and **Hanning Wong '16**. She reconnected with old friends yet again at **Emilia Louy**’s wedding a few weeks later. **Lila**

visited **Andrew D. Stewart** in Los Angeles last fall, her first time in California. **Drew A. Hogan** continues “his floundering crusade against the real world” in his Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Minnesota. In October, he was awarded a second master’s degree for his efforts. **Mary Alice Jackson** and **Spencer Jackson-Kaye '14** are happily living and working in Washington, D.C. with their dog Mookie. Lately, M.A. has been dabbling in Spanish-English translation/interpretation and working at a local wine shop while studying to get her D.C. social work license. She will start a job as a school-based mental health counselor this fall. **Alyssa M. LaFrenier** and **Christian F. Josephson '16** moved to Philadelphia, where Alyssa started working in the NICU at Children’s Hospital. “Most recently, we spent some time in Greece to celebrate **Jacob T. Hegge**’s wedding alongside other fellow Kenyon alumni!” **Amelia Li** finished her postdoc at Cornell and is now an assistant professor of sociology of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. She has been enjoying her new role and the improved Asian grocery options in Lincoln. This past summer, she celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary and went back home to China for the first time since COVID. **Olubusola O. Olukoya** and **Samuel A. Justice** married in Boston in “a small, intimate wedding attended virtually by Kenyon professors and in person by a few men’s soccer alums, including **Anthony I. Amolo '17**, **Daniel C. Akuma '14**

was the best MC, and **Edna J. Kemboi '16** was a glowing bridesmaid. It felt like an International Students at Kenyon (ISAK) reunion, with **Iggee Marrero Hu** designing the most beautiful boutonnières and her husband, **Hector L. Marrero**, doing the absolute most to make the day go perfectly. Myself, Tony and Daniel opened the dance floor with Afrobeats music and, in our small venue, I was reminded of the many international formals I organized at Weaver Cottage. Here, however, my new husband became my forever dance partner. At my new home with Sam, I am slowly finding my Kenyon self again. I am very, very happy." **Isobel C. Rosenberg** was thrilled to attend so many Kenyon weddings, she reports, including **Jacob Hegge's** in Greece, where she was proud to be one of the few Kenyon guests who weren't on the swim team, and as maid of honor for **Frances J. Alston** in October. "My boyfriend and I adopted a puppy, a black spaniel mix named Lyra, who is perfect in every way. Lyra is settling in to her pampered life as the only child of two consultants very well." Finally, once upon a time, during her front-desk shift at the KAC, **Jane E. Simonton** checked out a basketball one night to **Nathaniel A. Epstein '16**. On July 8, 2023, Janie and Nate married. "**Kerry M. Kennedy** officiated," Janie reports, "and her simultaneously light-hearted and emotionally resonant facilitation had the whole room laughing and crying in equal measure. **Steven E. Schmidt** and **Will Spencer '16** offered

readings about love during the ceremony, and many other Kenyon friends celebrated with us into the night."

2016

Katie Goldman reports, "**Joseph W. 'Jake' Bates IV** and I recently moved across the country (again) and now reside in Boston!" **Monica J. Lee** updates: "After opening Spoonful, a Korean dessert cafe, in St. Louis, Monica is preparing to open her second location in Edwardsville, Illinois." **Donald A. 'Aaron' McIlhenny** informs, "After seven years of hustle and toil in Brooklyn, I finally made the decision to move back to my hometown of San Francisco." **Elna Z.A. McIntosh** published a short comic in the July issue of Sunspot Literary Journal. "Also, being a middle school librarian is *hard* right now, peeps — stories shouldn't be silenced just because a loud minority finds certain content 'objectionable.' If you think books aren't being challenged and banned in schools near you, you're probably not paying enough attention." **Milad Momeni** and **Eamon H. Levesque** "are dissolving their New England-based bed and breakfast empire," they submit. "For five prosperous years, the two hosts/entrepreneurs, each coming from opposite ends of the aesthetic spectrum, worked to transform the industry, often through unholy means. The future of their dubious relationship remains to be seen." **Jordan W. Rucci** married **Dirk Hamel '17** on Oct. 7. "Dirk and I bought a house outside of Lexington after eight years, three apartments

and one cat together. I'm exhausted and being held together by hopes, dreams, and feminist affect theory. Working toward a Ph.D. in English at the University of Kentucky, where I'm also an instructor in the composition program." **Haley M. Townsend** and **Noah P. Winters '15** welcomed their baby girl, Astrid, into the world in January 2023. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

2017

Alton S. Barbehenn and **Julia N. Josowitz '18** now live in the San Francisco area with their two kittens. Alton updates, "I completed my statistics doctorate in May and work in an HIV research lab at UCSF, exploring the nearby hills with Julia on the weekends." **Benjamin F. Grannis** reports, "Bikes and the #eyesup mission continue to occupy a good portion of my time, and I am grateful to have spent two weeks traveling around Kansas to speak to hundreds of middle and high school kids. I feel grateful to see different parts of this beautiful country and connect with alumni all along the way." **Sarah M. Lloyd** and **Alexander W. Seaver** were married on the lawn of the Church of the Holy Spirit on June 17, 2023, with many Kenyon friends in attendance. **Andrew T. Meeker** updates, "After working on animation for Marvel and DC — most recent film releases being 'Thor: Love and Thunder' and 'Blue Beetle' — I moved on to a full-time motion capture animator role at Rockstar Games in New York! I now live on Long Island by the beach, have connected with a few fellow Kenyon and SCAD

classmates, and can't get enough of rooftop sites in the city." **Aldis H. Petriceks**, Boston, has been thinking about **Samuel E. Meyerson** and **Evan M. Frazier** and their shared triple on the third floor of Hanna during the fateful 2016–17 academic year. He recalls "piles of laundry dumped on the floor and mountains of peanut shrapnel. It was, quite simply, the best of times." **Nathaniel E. Shahan** was promoted to senior associate at the strategic communications firm Kekst CNC. He resides on the Upper East Side in NYC. **Jennifer L. Wendler** started a communications and membership role at NAMA, a trade association based in Rosslyn, Virginia. She's been enjoying taking weekly walks with City Girls Who Walk DC, starting Dutch classes and striving to read 100 books this year. Jenna traveled to Italy in October for the exhibition opening of "The Jews, the Medici, and the Florentine Ghetto at the Palazzo Pitti," for which she completed research while interning at the Medici Archive Project in 2021.

2018

Stephanie A. Holstein is in her third year as an architecture and design editor at Phaidon Press, where she's worked on books with fashion designers Thom Browne and Todd Oldham, graphic designer Stefan Sagmeister and architecture studio Diller Scofidio + Renfro. "I continue to enjoy the cozy Upper West Side as my home neighborhood, with **Julia M. Waldow '17** living just a block away." **Sadiq Jiwa** reports he is fully recovered from



MOVIE THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

"Theater Camp"
2023

As a former resident advisor for the Kenyon Review's Young Writers Workshop, I devoured this movie. While a writing camp for high schoolers is different than a performing arts camp, the similarities were uncanny. So, for those of you who were camp counselors, sit back and enjoy the ride on the nostalgia train. For those of you who weren't ... well, I think you'll enjoy it, too. While it's disguised as a silly summer laugh-out-loud romp poking fun at the absurdity of 20-somethings in charge of grade-school kids, this movie is a heart-felt meditation on the importance of arts for all, no matter how 'dorky' it may seem.

— **Meera White '18**
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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health issues suffered over the summer. “My kidneys and lungs are back to normal, and my arthritis has returned under control. I’ve moved back to Phoenix, where I’ll be competing in tournaments again.” **Natalie S. Kane** is a freelance theater director — with a new audio play just released as part of Premiere the Play Podcast’s latest season,

the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque! It’s been a wild four months. I’ve jumped between rotations at an in-patient psych unit, the emergency room, pediatric urgent care and, most recently, the psychiatric emergency room. Never a dull day out here — for better and for worse sometimes. It was wonderful catching up with folks

and late professor Kristen Van Ausdall. Her memory will forever live on in my heart and those of her students.” **Taaj-udeen Y. Davis** shares, “I am now in my fifth year as an educator at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, where I have recently entered a new role as assistant dean of students. I’ve been able to learn so much about what it

you to all our friends for making our Baltimore wedding the perfect day. We are happily nesting in Boston, where I am a management consultant at Accenture, and where Ally — after graduating with her master’s in art history from Tufts — started work as a photography curator at the Griffin Museum.” **Taylor A. Hazan** submits: “I’m writing this note from a carrel in the Allen Library at the University of Washington, where I am in the middle of my second day of graduate school and missing Olin and Chalmers. They keep telling me that this is actually *more* rain than usual for Seattle, but I’m starting to wonder if they’re lying to me.” **Jenna M. Korns** and her husband, Brandon, welcomed a son, Flynn Jasper Korns, on Sept. 25. “While I’m still getting used to saying that I have a son, we are over the moon and soaking in all of the newborn snuggles!” **Hannah E. Orbach-Mandel** is “officially a San Francisco resident,” she reports, working as a policy analyst, “and enjoying being around a lot more young people and things to do. Fun to see a few other Kenyon alums, too!” **Evangelina G.R. Warren** observes, “Because history loves to repeat itself, I found myself back in Gambier at the end of August for the first day of classes — ready to spend the 2023–24 school year as a visiting faculty member in the Department of Sociology. Now that we’re a few weeks into the semester, I’m still fighting the instinct to look around for someone more senior when a student shouts ‘Hi, Professor!’ in my direction.”

2020s

2020
Ruth J. Cohen moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to begin a Ph.D. in economics and finance. “After three years working as a research assistant in Boston, I’m happy to be back in the Midwest and back in school!” **Aidan B. Murphy** graduated from the U.S. Navy’s Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an ensign in April. Stationed in Pensacola, Florida, Aidan is training as a naval flight officer. **Catherine A. Smith** started her first year of law school at George Washington University. “My boyfriend and I just moved in together (with our two cats), and I’m making a lot of new friends. It feels great to be back in an academic setting, and makes me grateful for the education we received at Kenyon.”

2021
Elizabeth E. Barrowman lives in Washington, D.C., with her partner, Noah, and two cats, Carmela and Bean. “I get to see fellow Epsilon Delta Mu alumni all the time — **Camille K. Pipino ’17**, **Peyton A. Thomas ’19**, **Sydney H. Telaak ’19**, **Catherine A. Smith ’20** and **Kylie G. Milliken ’20** — which has really helped the adjustment to living in D.C.” **Schuyler C. Bunn**, a third-year teacher, was named the 2023 Outstanding Rising Star Teacher by the Kentucky World Language Association, an award presented to a teacher with no more than five years’ experience who has already made a lasting

“I’ve been able to learn so much about what it takes to keep a school moving in the right direction — it takes a lot!”

— **Taaj-udeen Y. Davis ’19**, who started a new role as assistant dean of students at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia

along with front-of-house and administrative work supporting theater in NYC. **Charlotte B. Lee** was the assistant makeup designer for the Tony-winning Broadway musical “Some Like It Hot,” which opened in December 2022. She continues to work in the wig department at “Saturday Night Live” and does makeup for many of the Park Avenue Armory’s operas and plays, including “Hamlet,” “Oresteia” and “Doppelganger,” with world-famous tenor Jonas Kaufmann. Also a painter, Charlotte will have a solo show in June 2024 in Seoul. Find her paintings on Instagram @thegirlsofhamiltonplace — or visit her home studio to see works in person. **John H. Wilhelm** updates, “I finally escaped Florida after four years of medical school and started psychiatry residency at

at the Reunion. The timing was just about perfect for me — I’d just graduated from medical school, said goodbye to dozens of folks I love, and prepared for another cross-country move. I had also been waiting to return to Kenyon to truly grieve **Avery Campos**. Being with so many of you was healing in a way that is difficult to succinctly describe.”

2019
Lynne A. Cullen moved to Scotland to pursue a career in law. “I am currently in my final year at the University of Edinburgh,” she writes. “This summer, I clerked for a judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg. I plan to return to the U.S. to pursue a postgraduate master of laws. I often think of my art history studies on the Hill and my wonderful mentor

takes to keep a school moving in the right direction — it takes a lot! Shout-out to the awesome Educators of Color panel that Kenyon alumni put on last spring. Outside of work, **Herbert S. Wakefield** and I are still podcasting hard, so please check out The NuBlack Podcast. On Sept. 30, I was joined by many Kenyon friends at the wedding of **Robert B. Meagher** and **Jordan A. Wetzel**.” **Lelia J. Dusthimer** joined the Biden-Harris administration as special assistant to the International Trade Administration. “Balancing this while trying to finish my last year of grad school at Georgetown is challenging,” L.J. notes. “I’m thankfully kept sane by my amazing Class of 2019 friends.” **Nathan C. Grosh** married **Alexandra F. Cirelli** in September. “Thank

impression on students by exhibiting best language teaching practices. "I'm so grateful for the AT program — and my fantastic professors — at Kenyon for giving me the courage to be a teacher."

Valerie G. "Willow" Green updates, "My first year of living, working and dancing abroad is coming to an end." They completed their Fulbright ETA grant in Israel in July. "While living in Jaffa, I joined an incubator of local choreographers in Jerusalem at MASH (Machol Shalem), and I developed a new work, culminating in my international artistic premiere and presenting my solo 'what is offered' at MASH and Kelim." Willow then went to Seoul, South Korea, to present thesis research with Professor Julie Brodie at the International Council for Kinetography Laban conference. "Then, I did a summer dance intensive with Oriantheatre in Paris, a lovely company with which I am now excited to take on my new role as intern producer." Willow continues to freelance as a writer, researcher, choreographer, and performer.

Cassady N. Neviska writes, "I think I might finally be getting the hang of the post-grad life and maybe starting to piece together the 'What now?' Currently, I work as a barista at a local coffee shop, where I also help out teaching art classes. In addition, I just began teaching dance to kids aged 4-9 at a studio." **Charles W. Scarborough Jr.**, Arlington, Virginia, is a high school special education teacher who fosters life skills and

aids in career planning. **Brian R. Sellers** and **Julia D. Cullen** biked 200 miles from Bushwick to Hudson, New York, along the Empire State Trail in September. **A. Shaikh** completed an M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Michigan's Helen Zell Writers' Program. "When I'm not writing, I'm working part time as a paralegal helping Afghan refugees at a local nonprofit here in Michigan."

2022

Lucy R. Bidwell submitted her dissertation for a master's in history and heritage from Aberystwyth University.

Ansley Grider is pursuing a master's in ecology and environmental science at the University of Maine, traveling to Greenland and Norway to do field work on glacial lakes. "I am in the process of analyzing my samples. Looking forward to having results soon!" she updates. "I am currently living with my partner, **Aaron M. Meuser**, and two Ph.D. students from UMaine." **Isabella R. Hatkoff** started working for a painter who uses AI and robotics in her work, she reports. "It's been really neat to see the intersection of art and tech. I have been working on a sculpture project on display at IMAGINARI in SoHo, NYC. The all-nighters in Horvitz prepared me for some of the work I do now, but I miss the camaraderie of my fellow students. Looking at grad programs abroad for sculpture!"

Rebecca A. Hölzel worked in a research lab at the Medical College of Wisconsin for a year and has now moved to Austin, Texas, to pursue

a Ph.D. in microbiology at UT. **Joshua N. Katz** is now an admissions counselor at Bucknell University. "I'm very excited to see where this opportunity takes me!" **Rebecca L. Turner** and **Seamus K. Clair** were married on Sept. 8, 2023, "in an intimate ceremony in Brooklyn!" she announces. **Conor E. Tuttle** writes, "After a year of reflection and self-realization, I made my way from Philadelphia to Brooklyn in August. Now I spend my days determining which subway line has the best light for reading (and working as a paralegal in Manhattan). Turns out it's hard to get a job in entertainment during the strikes without becoming a scab. But I'm feeling fine — my new friend, Mr. Trader Joe, has lots of tasty snacks that I eat to cope with the transition into this next phase of life. That said, I am looking for screenwriting work and will happily share my lentil onion rings with you!"

2023

Christopher Bechtol updates, "Settling into life here in Tajikistan teaching English on a Fulbright. I miss the friends and fond memories that I made at Kenyon, but I'm looking forward to making new ones and continuing my life's education! My brain keeps thinking I'll be going back to Kenyon in the fall!" **Isabelle C. Freeman**, Lake Oswego, Oregon, reports, "I have adopted a cat named Snuffkin. I am working as a scribe at an OB-GYN clinic and doing research part-time." **Elizabeth J. Haljun** started a polymer science and engineering Ph.D. at

UMass Amherst. "Busy continuing to study, learn and further my scientific knowledge. I am so grateful for how Kenyon prepared me for this next step." **Abigail C. Navin** shares, "I am currently living in Los Angeles with two Kenyon pals. We have a turtle named Tanklin, who is skittish but ultimately pretty cool and cute. I work at UCLA, but in my free time, I like to explore the city via bike or walking." **Ngone Fall** is on a Fulbright to Senegal. "I spent my summer initially lounging and traveling, but I couldn't accept the fact that I

Brookie was excited to Zoom in to Professor Bender-Baird's class in October to talk about their collaborative research. "I've been reminiscing about my amazing professors and all the things they did for me over the years. Like the time Professor Buehrer helped me after I crashed my bike on Middle Path!" **Jinxue "Jerry" Wu** writes, "Time had never felt this fast before. Now I'm retreated back to southwest China, in Sichuan, near a mountain, taking my time to live on my own. Next month I plan to pack up and live in the mountains

"My brain keeps thinking I'll be going back to Kenyon in the fall!"

— **Christopher Bechtol '23**,
on adjusting to life post-graduation

had graduated. So, of course, I came back! I had an amazing time as a TA for the KEEP/STEM program. My final experience on The Hill was truly a full circle moment. Medical school is in my future. I am enjoying life after college day by day, even though I am severely deprived of Kenyon's kindness and Wiggins Coffee." **Brucken E. Wilkens** informs, "While going to law school in Atlanta and living with my fiancé, I've been keeping in touch with my friends who are finishing up at Kenyon and missing grabbing meals with them, hanging out on weekends and being jealous that they scored a Farr Apartment!"

for a couple of days, inside the temples, with the monks. I think a moment of slow-motioned serenity would find me there; we'll see. Hope the temples could lend me some echoes of answer." **Xinjie "Anna" Zheng** updates, "I'm working now, glad that what I learned at Kenyon College is applicable in real life. A behavioral technician, I work with autistic children to build basic life skills. It's demanding, but rewarding. I really miss all the intellectual conversations. I think about Kenyon now and then ... the bookstore, Middle Path ... and sometimes dorms I lived in come into my dreams, too."

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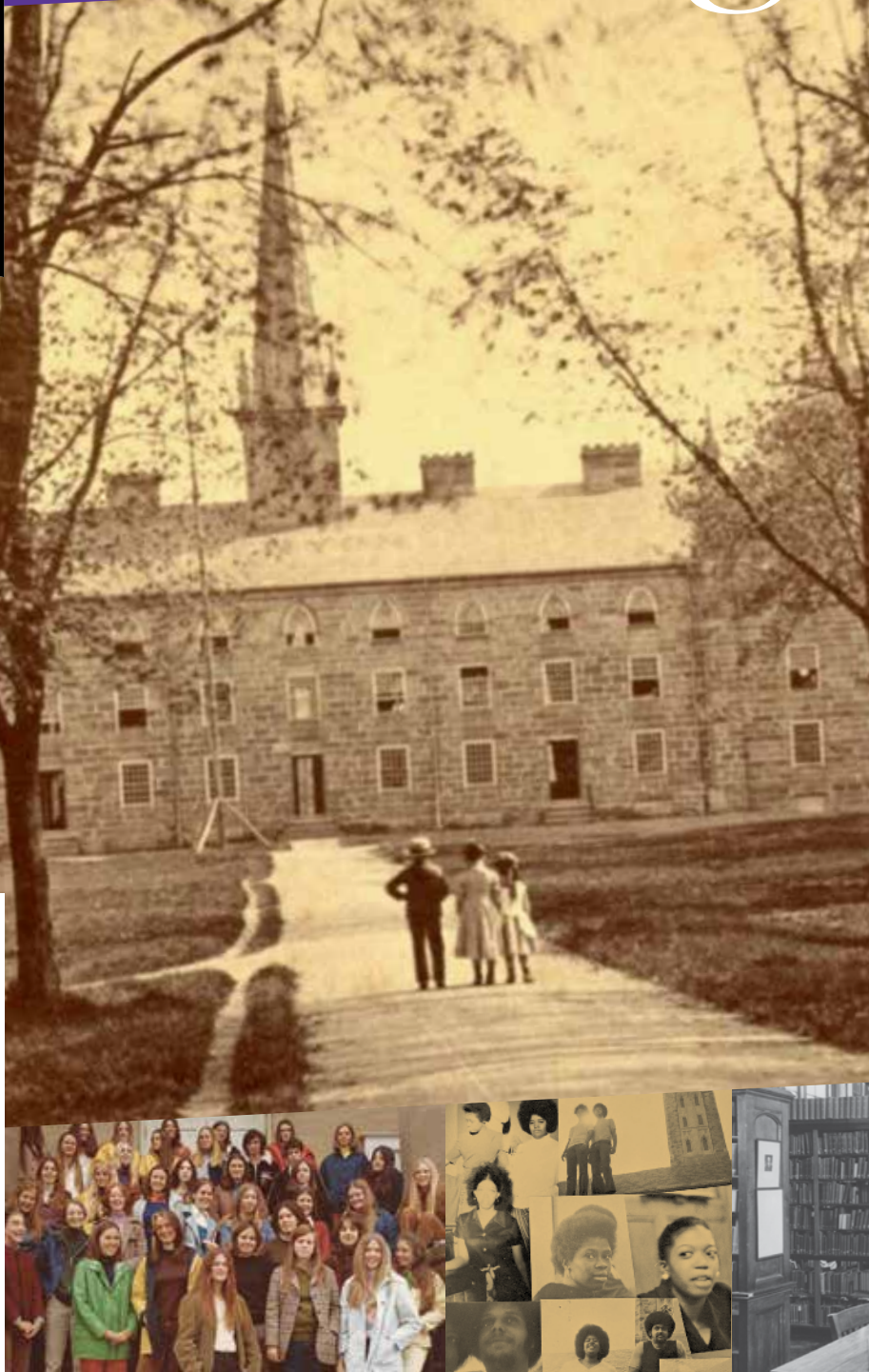
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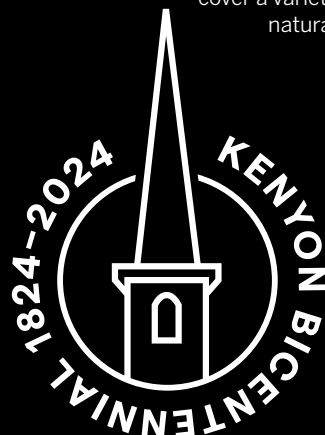
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Bernard Sargent Hoyt '49, on July 8, 2023. He was 97. In 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was soon in the South Pacific. "After helping retake the Treasury and Bougainville islands, instead of returning home to recover from trench foot, he trained as a B-25 navigator/bombardier." On the GI Bill at Kenyon afterward, he joined the Pre-Med Club and Delta Kappa Epsilon, sang in the choir and worked as head waiter in the dining hall — where he met Jane Elizabeth Grossman. They were married in 1950 in Gambier, "soon embarking upon a lifelong journey to provide medical care and philanthropic support to their communities." Bernie became an osteopathic surgeon who practiced in the western Pennsylvania towns of Sharon, Mercer and Grove City. He was a district chairman for the Boy Scouts in Mercer County, and he and Jane were active, longtime supporters of the Church of the Epiphany and the Grove City College Music Program. A few days before his death, Bernie was honored with the Outstanding Rotarian Award for 71 years of service in Rotary. Survivors include **McCallum R. "Cally" Hoyt '76** and **Douglas K. Hoyt '81**.

Perry M. "Bud" Trinkner '50, on May 20, 2023. He was 94. Perry was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and met the love of his life, Louise, in elementary school; they married in 1955. After graduating from Kenyon, he went on to dentistry school at Ohio State. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Perry returned home to Mount Vernon, where he practiced dentistry for over 30 years. He was active in many community service organizations and served as president of the local school board during the 1970s.

Perry retired in 1984 to pursue his lifelong passion for golf. "Raised on the 7th green at the Mount Vernon Country Club," his obituary noted, "Perry used this to his advantage to fine-tune his golf game." At 16, he won his first championship at the club — and went on to do so 21 more times in six consecutive decades. Until 2022, he held Kenyon's lowest 18-hole score since 1949 and was inducted into Kenyon's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2023.

He is survived by Louise; children Thomas, Anne and Robert; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father **Perry E. Trinkner 1925**.

G. Bruce Hartmann '52, on April 29, 2023, age 93. At Kenyon, Bruce studied political science. Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, Bruce played on the undefeated 1950 football team. He earned an M.B.A. from Columbia and a Ph.D. from SUNY Albany before beginning a long career as an economics professor at Tennessee State University. His tenure there culminated in leading to the establishment of a fully accredited M.B.A. program.

During the 1960s, Bruce was involved in community improvements, civil rights and Planned Parenthood. Bruce enjoyed many years of sailing the coastal waters of North Carolina, skiing, traveling, playing tennis and gardening. He is survived by daughter Katrina, son David and three granddaughters.

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If you've recently learned of or experienced a loss in the greater Kenyon community, email editor@kenyon.edu. We will use any information you send us to honor your friend or loved one's memory in a future issue of the Kenyon Alumni Magazine.

ROBERT L.
HESSE '52 >

Bob was a class agent and president of the Sarasota Kenyon Association, helped arrange annual reunions and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1992 and 2003.

Robert L. Hesse '52, on May 16, 2023, at home in North Carolina. He was 93. Born in Chicago, After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1955, he joined a Chicago law firm and practiced admiralty law for shipping on the Great Lakes.

In 1970, Bob moved his family to Florida and served as assistant secretary of commerce and attorney for the governor. Settling in Sarasota, he joined a law firm that came to be known as Nelson Hesse. Bob was a class agent and president of the Sarasota Kenyon Association, helped arrange annual reunions and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1992 and 2003. He created the Robert L. Hesse Scholarship Fund to provide needy students with financial aid.

Bob's wife, Pat, died in 2011. In 2017, he married Paul Plantenberg, who survives, along with Bob's daughters Sarah Wassmuth and Melissa Badolato, son Paul Hesse, eight grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Charles Noell "Chuck" Marvin Sr. '52, on June 4, 2023, in Ojai, California. He was 95. Chuck served two years in the Marines before enrolling at Kenyon, where he earned chemistry and economics degrees, and then attended Harvard for business school. His career led to positions at Monsanto Chemicals, Valspar Paints, Cat Pumps and NorthStar Chemicals. In Minnesota, he owned Mid-Continent Engineering from 1977 to 2019.

"Mountains held a special place in Chuck's heart," his obituary read, "where he found solace and adventure. He often embarked on hikes carrying only a water bottle, a wedge of cheese and a chunk of crusty bread. In his early 60s, he summited Mount Kilimanjaro. He regularly donated to the National Outdoor Leadership School and many other institutions." Chuck was preceded in death by his brother, **Clitus Marvin III '46**, his sister, and two sons. He is survived by son Sanders, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cousin **Edwin B. Barnes '06** and niece **Julia F. Johnson '73**.

Charles P. Tranfield '52, on Aug. 24, 2023. He was 92. At Kenyon, he played soccer and lacrosse. He met Pat Ruth at a Christmas party in England in 1954 while serving in the U.S. Army, and they married in 1955. Charlie earned master's degrees from Cornell and Wesleyan, and taught math at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, where he coached football and lacrosse. "Charlie never missed an opportunity to encourage his students, assuring them, 'Oh, yes you can,' when they doubted their abilities," his obituary read. In 2022, Charlie was inducted into the Hebron Academy Sports Hall of Fame, along with the lacrosse team he coached to an undefeated season in 1970. In retirement he and Pat lived in Keene, New Hampshire, and their home on Shelter Island at the tip of Long Island, New York.

He is survived by Pat, his wife of 68 years; sons **Richard V. Tranfield '81** and Frederick; daughter Lyn and seven grandchildren.

Arnold Starr '53, on July 2, 2023. He was 91. Arne graduated cum laude at Kenyon and completed his M.D. at New York University and a residency at Harvard. He became one of the country's most prominent neurology scientists, dedicating his life to groundbreaking disabilities research. After a stint on the Stanford faculty, he became the founding chair of neurology at California-Irvine. Colleagues remembered him as the discoverer of auditory neuropathy. Arne recorded the first electrically evoked auditory brainstem responses and found that brain-dead individuals still respond to sounds.

A remembrance published in the September issue of the Hearing Journal noted, "The development of auditory neuropathy reveals much about Arne as a clinician and as a scientist. It grew out of his intense frustration at being unable to understand the symptoms of a particular patient. The patient could hear, had an unremarkable audiogram for her age, but could not understand speech." His clinical research led to the recognition of auditory neuropathy as a significant form of hearing impairment.

Charles V. Cable '54, on July 18, 2023, age 91, in Olmsted Township, Ohio. His Kenyon pathway was paved by his father, **David L. Cable 1921**, and uncle **James H. Cable 1911**. Charles was manager of the football team, worked on the Collegian and was a Delta Tau Delta. After two years on the Hill, Charles joined the Navy. Aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway, he was a carrier pilot and later a flight instructor.

A passionate aviator, he built a wooden sailplane, restored a J3 Piper Cub and was a member of the Quiet Birdmen. He was a sailor, too. "Every five years he found a bigger boat," his obituary read. "He loved to race and captained the Port Huron to Mackinac race 20 times and the Chicago to Mackinac race six times, winning his class six times." Charles sold his manufacturing company, Kamin Cable, retiring in 1992. He is survived by Carol, his wife of 65 years; son Keith; daughter Claudia Scharlow; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Edwin B. Spievack '54, on July 3, 2023. He was 91. Among his Kenyon friends were **E.L. Doctorow '52**, **Evan Lottman '53**, **Ron Sanders '54** and **Roger Hecht '55**. A lifelong lover of literature, politics, law and the arts, Ed transferred to Columbia and graduated from its law school.

Returning home, Ed took to politics. He ran Hamilton County Democratic Party congressional campaigns and at 26 became the assistant to Jim Lantz, Ohio House speaker. Ed's involvement in the 1960 JFK campaign led him to Washington in 1966, where he would spend 30 years and raise his family. First an assistant counsel at the U.S. Information Agency, Ed became a senior aide to an FCC commissioner and later fought for decades to build a more competitive and open telecommunications world as a partner at Cohen & Marks. His legal career culminated in the breakup of the AT&T equipment monopoly.

< ARNOLD STARR '53

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Ed's book, "Memoirs of an Unfinished Generation" was described in a 2014 Bulletin: "An attorney whose career has embraced both politics and foreign policy, Spievack recounts his personal journey, and those of others in the generation that came of age in the 1950s and 1960s, in a wide-ranging exploration of how big business and the wealthy 'short-changed the American Dream.'"

Ed is survived by his wife of 35 years, Yvonne; sons David and **Jay B. Spievack '84**; and many grandchildren and extended family. He was preceded in death by his brother **Alan R. Spievack '55**.

Cecil E. Grimes '58, on Aug. 31, 2023, in East Liverpool, Ohio. He was 87. A Sigma Pi, he lettered in basketball and majored in political science. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army during the Vietnam War, where he received the Bronze Star, served 13 years and retired as a captain with the Meritorious Service Medal in 1971.

Home in East Liverpool, Cecil was the superintendent of Thompson Park from 1969 until 2004. He oversaw reconstruction of the Depression-era swimming pool, amphitheater and security gates, winning community support via tax levies. Preceded in death by Maryann, his wife of 60 years, he is survived by sons Paul, Ross and Eber; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Paul T. Evans Jr. '59, on June 24, 2023, age 86, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. A halfback on the Kenyon football team, a baseball player and an Alpha Delta Phi, he studied English literature. Paul had an accomplished career at Evans Flowers, a specialty florist founded by his grandfather. He was also a successful real-estate agent for over 40 years, retiring in 2015, known for his work ethic and dedication to his customers and co-workers. Paul served in the Army, was a member of many civic groups, and was a deacon at the Federated Church of Chagrin Falls. Passionate about golf, skiing, gardening, traveling and playing ball with his kids and grandkids, he was always there for family events. "Paul was a huge fan and big supporter of his grandchildren and enjoyed going to every event rain or shine," his obituary read. Predeceased by his wife, Katherine, he is survived by daughters Debbie and Beth; son Paul and five grandchildren.

William Harley Henry '59, on Aug. 31, 2023. He was 86. He was the editor of the Collegian, president of Beta Theta Pi and — as he joked with the Bulletin in a 1987 profile — "the only Phi Beta Kappa third base coach" in the conference at the time. Harley headed to Oxford University on a Rhodes scholarship, and later Johns Hopkins, where he completed his Ph.D. in 1970. By then Harley had settled in St. Paul, Minnesota, with his then wife, Meser, and daughter, Astrid. He taught in the Macalester College English Department until retirement. Harley edited and wrote the introduction for Kenyon Professor Denham Sutcliffe's "What Shall We Defend?," a collection of essays. After a 16-month Fulbright on the first of his several stints

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in Zimbabwe, in the early 1990s Harley diversified Macalester's literary curriculum with an African literature course focusing on Black African authors. A lifelong lover of baseball, music and education, Harley pursued those passions to the last. "Whether playing in a jazz band, leading a book club or catching a ballgame, Harley was always happy to share his analysis and insights," the obituary read. For Kenyon he was a class agent and Reunion Committee member who, after his retirement, wrote the Bulletin, "The most important benefits I've gained from my education at Kenyon are a persistent sense of wonder and a profound and often troubling need to inquire." He is survived by daughters Astrid and Else, and son Axel.

James E. Jobes II '59, on Nov. 26, 2002. He was 86. Jim majored in chemistry, was on the staff of the Collegian, and completed an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He became a marketing consultant and was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Grayslake, Illinois. A "kind man and sweet grandfather." He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marjie; daughters Sarah Jane and Emily; son James III and four grandchildren.

The Rev. Michael M. Davis '60, on May 4, 2023, "just shy of his 85th birthday after a two-year fight against esophageal cancer," his obituary read. After Kenyon, Mike joined the Navy, completed deep sea diving school and served on a ship carrying UN peacekeeping forces to the Congo. He earned a master's of divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California, where he met and married his first wife, Betsy, who preceded him in death. An Episcopal priest since 1967, Mike shifted his career to religious education, becoming chaplain at TMI-Episcopal in San Antonio, Texas. He served as headmaster of Episcopal schools in Houston and Marshall, Texas, then became rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, San Benito, Texas. Continuing his ministry in retirement, he served as a supply priest across south Texas, completing 25 years of Sunday services, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Widowed in 2007, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Pattie Rose. They married, moved to Austin, and embarked on 14 years of wide-ranging travel they both relished. His lifelong love of jazz began at Kenyon, his tenor voice enthusiastically singing church music for six decades. Also preceded in death by daughter Michelle, he is survived by Pattie; son Jonathan; brother Peter and a large extended family.

The Rev. Stephen G. Alexander '62, Aug. 23, 2023, in Cincinnati. For many years the vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal in Newport, Kentucky, he was 82. At Kenyon, Steve majored in history and met his beloved Leslie, a Denison student; they married in 1962. He earned a master's of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary before serving parishes in Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and finally Cincinnati. He was known for his sermons; love of church history, liturgy and music; and traveling with Leslie to Mexico and

Japan. He loved entertaining and prided himself on his culinary talents; guests for dinner were typically greeted with a menu posted on the front door. He wrote and self-published a book of family recipes, which he called "receipts," as he had been taught growing up in the South. He had an infectious sense of humor and storytelling skills. Ten years ago, in a letter to the editor of the Bulletin defending marriage equality, he recommended a book from his Kenyon days titled "Your God Is Too Small." Predeceased by Leslie, Steve is survived by son George; daughter Starratt Scheetz; two grandchildren; brother John; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

James Jefferson McLain '62, on April 6, 2023, in Metairie, Louisiana. He was 82. A captain in the Air Force for four years, Jim met his wife of over 50 years while stationed in England. At the University of Pittsburgh, he obtained his Ph.D. and was a professor of economics for many years at Tulane, University of New Orleans and elsewhere. For many years, he conducted and wrote the "Economics of Mardi Gras" impact study for the city of New Orleans, where he owned an antique store, Relics. Predeceased by his wife, Patricia, he is survived by daughter Soline, a granddaughter and brother **David L. Doeppen '73**.

Philip J. Harter '64, on August 12, 2023. A math major, Phil returned to campus to teach during the summer of 1965 while pursuing his graduate degree in mathematics. He completed his master's and then a law degree at University of Michigan, working in both government and private firms. Phil went on to shape the field of administrative law. A professor who chaired the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, Phil was "the father of negotiated rulemaking," writes **Andrew Emery '90**. As Phil told the Bulletin in 1992, "I came up with this idea of negotiating federal regulations as more or less an academic exercise, but then federal agencies started saying, 'Hey, come do it!' And now that's how I spend my time, in really complicated, controversial federal rulings." In a profile headlined "Lawsuits into Ploughshares?" the New York Times described Phil's "mammoth negotiation" with oil companies, clean air advocates and numerous other parties lobbying around the Clean Air Act of 1991: "The idea of writing regulations by negotiation, which was formalized in a law passed by Congress last year that Mr. Harter first drafted, is that the affected parties can thrash through the technical issues and write realistic rules more easily than the staffs of, say, the EPA or the DOT." Phil was also a national leader in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. He ended his career as a scholar in residence at Vermont Law School. Phil was an Alumni Council member, its president in 1978-79, a trustee of the College from 1985-1991, an oft-recognized distinguished service volunteer and extern sponsor, and a mentor of D.C.-bound students. The American Bar Association passed a resolution honoring

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him in October. He was recognized in a tribute from the Administrative Conference of the United States. Phil and his wife, Nancy, were married for nine days shy of 60 years. He also is survived by a daughter, Alexa.

Stephen A. Wallis '64, on Sept. 28, 2023, in Lexington, Massachusetts, after "bravely and graciously living with Alzheimer's for many years," his obituary read. He was 81. An English major, Beta Theta Pi and Student Council member, Steve was captain of the track team. He earned a Northeastern University M.B.A. in 1967, specializing in finance, and led environmental companies early on in Boston's high-tech scene. As president of Woodcliff Corp., he provided consulting services to emerging high-tech and clean-tech ventures. In 1993, he founded AIRxpert Systems, which made large buildings more efficient via indoor environmental monitoring and control. He is survived by wife Frederica Cushman, daughters Tanya and Janna, brothers Kendall and Charles, and three grandchildren.

Ronald C. Weingrad '67, on March 10, 2022. He was 76. A political science major, he became an attorney in Pittsburgh. He is survived by his wife, Franny; sons Eric and Adam; brothers Jeffrey and **Stephen C. Weingrad '63**; and five grandchildren.

Stephen G. Ryan '69, on July 18, 2023. Steve played football, impressing the Collegian sportswriters in September 1965 even as a freshman: "Big Steve Ryan, a 220-pound full-back, showed great promise bulling his way over the Defiance defenders to average better than ten yards per carry." Steve went on to fulfill that promise in many other ways, graduating from Georgetown Law School in 1977 and passing the bar in four states. After clerking for a federal judge, he moved to London. "Steve would travel the globe representing clients, some as far as Saudi Arabia, until he decided he wanted legal work with an even higher purpose," his obituary read. He relocated to the Gallup/Farmington area of northern New Mexico to practice Legal Aid law in 1985. Steve was an assistant city attorney in Las Cruces and was elected to municipal court. He later worked in private practice as a criminal defense attorney and for the public defender, and, while an adjunct at New Mexico State University for many years, taught criminal evidence.

Steve and his wife enjoyed a second home in Mexico together for decades. A diehard Cubs and Packers fan, Steve was "the family encyclopedia before we could ask Google. He seemed to know it all but relayed his knowledge kindly, with humor, to everyone he taught." He is survived by his wife, Margarita Lopez; sons Julio, Austin and Michael; daughters Jolene and Nicole; and a granddaughter.

Allen "Todd" Bankson '70, on June 24, 2023. He was 74. After Kenyon, he became an engineer and later a senior planner who prepared cost estimates for the maintenance-of-way and

construction departments of the Erie Lackawanna Railway. It later became Conrail, then Norfolk Southern, but he remained, from 1973 through 2010. Allen is survived by his sister, Joan Procopio; his brother, Thomas; two nieces and a nephew.

David Michael Bootes '70, on Aug. 31, 2023. He was 75. For more than 40 years, Mike was a union carpenter and project supervisor in Cincinnati. His self-written career summary submitted to his alumni file reads, modestly, "built a lot of buildings as a journeyman, foreman and now a project superintendent." Translation: Mike rehabbed or improved numerous Cincinnati high schools, the Procter & Gamble headquarters and the Creative and Performing Arts School, and served as a civic leader and pioneer in the renovation of historic buildings in Over-the-Rhine, where he lived. In retirement, he wrote, "Living in a 19th-century beer brewery icehouse where I share our 1,200-square-foot workshop with my brother **Doug '71** in the midst of rapacious urban development." There, at "the Boatworks," his obituary described, he built rowing sculls and a canvas kayak, and "left behind an unfinished project — a mahogany 'midget racer,' his first motor-powered vessel." Mike rode his bicycle all over town, introduced kids to Soap Box Derby racing, and was passionate about his BMW and Ducati motorcycles, even rebuilding vintage racing bikes for others.

He was a member and officer in the Over-the-Rhine Community Council. "Mike was instrumental in establishing the Brewery District, unearthing tunnels and lagering cellars, painting the names of bygone breweries on the building facades, and facilitating tours of his residence." He is survived by brothers Keith and **J. Douglas Bootes '71**.

David P. Emmens '70, lifelong resident of Mansfield, Ohio, on April 28, 2023, following a long illness. He was 75. After finishing law school at Ohio State in 1973, David became corporate counsel at Shelby Insurance and then corporate counsel for pump manufacturer Gorman-Rupp. He served on the executive board of the Boy Scouts' Johnny Appleseed Trail district; was a member of the Mansfield Sailing Club, Richland County Emergency Response Team and Ohio Gun Collectors Association; and successfully participated in long-range rifle competition at Camp Perry.

Richard J. Rand Jr. '70, on Oct. 3, 2023, of pancreatic cancer. He was 76. Dick's friend **Art Vetter '70** submitted the following: "A member of Sigma Pi, Dick majored in biology and pursued his passion for dentistry, graduating from the University of Pittsburgh's dental school in 1974. He had resided in Punta Gorda, Florida, since 1975, where he had a solo dental practice for 41 years. He was active in the Methodist Church and numerous dental societies. In his free time, he nurtured a palm and bromeliad garden, and enjoyed boating, fishing and reading." He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons Richard III and John; and four grandchildren. A third son, Robert, preceded him in death.

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Alan G. Janos '71, on June 27, 2023, in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He was 73. A chemist, Alan devoted more than four decades of his life to his career as principal scientist with the Gas Technology Institute, a nonprofit research and development organization. He had built his own spectroscope even before coming to Kenyon at age 17, and was passionate about radio and vocal music. A longtime donor to the Kenyon Fund, Alan established a scholarship in honor of parents Adeline Schenold Janos and Andrew George Janos, who weren't able to attend college. "This is something I feel good about doing, in addition to my gifts to the Kenyon Fund," he once wrote. In a bequest, Alan supported the study of chemistry. "I wanted the money to go to enhance the classroom experience and more specifically to benefit individual students studying chemistry," he says. "I do feel I'm paying back a little for the things I learned there."

Nicholas Gray '73, on June 13, 2022, in Brookline, Massachusetts, after a 19-year battle with cancer. He was 69. As a senior and Collegian reporter in 1972, he once jokingly recommended removing McBride and Mather: "Replace them with a 20-story pyramid dorm, with a tasteful replica of the Old Kenyon bell tower made of petrified salami. On one side build a monorail to the top, on the second side build a ski slope, and on the third side have in giant letters GO FOR 25!" After a career in Boston's audio repair industry, Nick immersed himself in his passions for history, religion and politics. He was an avid baseball fan. Above all, he devoted himself to his beloved daughter Helen, showering affection on her cats Spiffey and Charlotte. In addition to Helen, he is survived by sister Carolyn Fahm and brother Edward.

Joseph J. Baem '74, on July 6, 2023. He was 71. A biology major and sometime photographer for the Collegian, he worked as a dishwasher while at Kenyon. He became a physician after receiving an M.P.H. from Harvard's School of Public Health and his M.D. from Temple University, interning outside Philadelphia. An obstetrician-gynecologist with Kaiser Permanente in Martinez, California, Joseph eventually rose to become chief of the department. He retired in 2015. In 2022, he and his wife, Rebecca, established the Joseph and Rebecca Baem Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Gregg J. DeSilvio '74, on July 24, 2023. He was 71. He studied English literature, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the 1972 lacrosse team, and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. Gregg's career included work at Merrill Lynch, Philips Lighting, Tenneco and finally as a senior marketing director for Hertz. A loyal DKE, he returned to The Hill for its reunions in 2002 and 2008, when he was elected alumni secretary. He was a member of the 1974 50th Reunion committee and had been living in Bonita Springs, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Julia; and two daughters, Katherine Montgomery and Lindsey Wright.

JOSEPH ALFONSO GIOIA JR. '77 >

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Joseph Alfonso Gioia Jr. '77, on June 30, 2023 in Billings, Montana, the result of a brain tumor. He was 68.

"A prolific and widely published photographer, writer and critic," wrote his friend, author Rachel Cline, "Gioia's writings on photography, music, literature, sports and American history appeared in the New York Times, Salon.com, and Utne Reader." An English major who wrote for the Collegian, Joe wrote three nonfiction books and published witty, insightful, moving work right to the end of his life.

Joe started his writing career as a reporter in Idaho and Colorado. By 1982, he had moved to New York City, joining the staff of Diversion magazine. "He worked as an editor at both Modern Photography and American Photo magazines and began making his own pictures in a variety of photographic styles and formats," Cline added. In 1991, he wrote a New York Times column called "Camera." Moving to Minneapolis in 1995, he ran the Bryant-Lake Bowl Cabaret Theatre, a music venue, and in 2003 he moved to Chicago, publishing "The Guitar and the New World: A Fugitive History in 2013." Photos and writing from his website, the Visible Republic, later appeared under his own imprint, Cliffhanger Press.

Joe had served as president of the Peeps Alumni Association from 2004 to '14, helping plan reunions and supporting Knox County undergraduates headed to The Hill. With **Harrison Sherwood '82**, Gioia had co-hosted an online reading group for Thomas Pynchon novels. In the past decade and a half he also was elected to serve on Alumni Council. Since 2020, Gioia had been writing for the Magellan TV website. He is survived by sisters Tina and Carlotta; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Michael S. Lynch '77, on May 20, 2023, husband of **Karen Kromer Lynch '78** for 27 years, in Frederick, Maryland. He was 67. A Psi Upsilon, Mike majored in French and Spanish. During his junior year in Bogota, Colombia, he discovered a love of South America and returned after graduation. "He traveled down the Amazon River, eventually landing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he taught English as a Second Language for several months," his obituary noted. Later, as a circulation clerk in a medical library, he chose his vocation. After a 1988 master's in library science from the University of Maryland, he became a systems librarian at Bucknell University and then at Middlebury College. Upon Mike's retirement in 2013, he took a one-year position at the National University of Ireland, Galway, and helped digitize the archives of the Abbey Theatre.

Mike loved theater. He acted in over 20 community theater productions while in Vermont. In a 2004 farewell tribute to Professor Harlene Marley in the Bulletin, Mike remembered her casting him as a dead body in Tom Stoppard's "The Real Inspector Hound." Years later, **Doug Anderson '75** wrote in to say that he saw that very play at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater. But "Mike turned up in the role of Birdboot, one of two leading roles. Back in April 1975, Mike didn't have a single line

— his name wasn't even included in the program, though he lay there, hilariously dead, for the entire play. Mike is equally hilarious in a speaking role."

Mike and Karen enjoyed gardening, cooking and the profession of librarianship together, and they visited Quebec, Jamaica, Peru, the Southwest and Scotland. They were happily "owned" by four Irish wolfhounds. He loved sharing jokes, stories and songs or tossing a Frisbee. "We had a marriage for the ages. A True Love. And that won't end," Karen shared. "I cherish that truth as time continues to go by." He also is survived by brothers Kevin, Gerry and Joe; sister Margie; numerous nieces and nephews; and his former wife, Lynn McGowan.

Brian R. McGraw '79, on May 19, 2023, in Westlake, Ohio, after a short illness, at age 65. Brian was a past president of Phi Kappa Sigma. His fraternity brother **Edmund Hartt '79** shared that Father **Greg Fedor '79** "gave an excellent homily at Brian's funeral" — some decades after he had presided over Brian's wedding.

In 1986, Brian earned his J.D. from Cleveland State University's law school. He served in the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office from 1987 to 1996. Brian's solo practice since 2001 focused on criminal defense in state and federal courts — "everything from traffic tickets up to capital murder," he submitted to the Bulletin. "I have a broad base of experience getting 19-year-olds out of trouble in places like Bowling Green, Athens and Kent, Ohio, as well as on High Street in Columbus. Still waiting for my first underage possession in Knox County Municipal Court." He is survived by his wife, Mary Haas McGraw; daughters Marie and Karen; son Tom; a granddaughter and several siblings.

Katherine (Norton) DuHamel '81, on Oct. 8, 2023. She was 65. At Kenyon, Kate "excelled in psychology, modern and jazz dance, and Spanish," her obituary read. She completed graduate work in psychology and her Ph.D. from Yeshiva University, eventually becoming a professor at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Said her mentor Marcia Greenleaf, Kate "stood out among hundreds of students, becoming a superb clinician and researcher in psycho-oncology. She traveled the world as an esteemed lecturer, attracting millions of dollars in research grants and publishing a wealth of important papers." Added Dr. Greenleaf, "Her patients loved her, and I loved to brag that she outranked me, her former professor." She conducted groundbreaking research on colorectal cancer screening in minority populations, developed cognitive behavioral psychotherapy interventions for treating PTSD in bone marrow transplant recipients, and established programs to enhance cancer survivors' quality of life. "Known as the 'Stats Queen' to her friends," the obituary noted, she mentored many postdocs, saying, "Math is my first language." Kate was also an inspiring speaker, appearing as a guest on the "Today" show and serving as a co-investigator with the Katie Couric Colorectal Cancer Initiative.

She is survived by her mother, Constance; son, Kenny Ryan; sisters Stancy, Lucie, Betsy, Emily and

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Charlotte; nieces and nephews; and Britney, her faithful dog.

Elizabeth "Lisa" (Brain) Pease '81, on Sept. 16, 2020, in Louisville, Kentucky. She was 61. "Before devoting her time to raise her children, Lisa was a practicing attorney at Dinsmore and Shohl in Cincinnati, known for her keen intellect, strong faith and boundless love for her friends and family," her obituary read.

Lisa was a member of the 1979 women's swimming team, which captured its fourth straight NCAA championship. She designed costumes for the productions of "You Never Can Tell," "The Crucible" and "Rehearsal." In 1980, she won the Alan G. Goldsmith Prize for the history department's best work of the year. Her obituary thanked her "four moms," Ellen Smith, Janna McWilliams, Anne Jaroszewicz and Heather Vance, for their support during her battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, David Pease III; sons David IV, Fletcher and Henry; daughter Elizabeth; and brothers David Brain and Michael Brain. Deceased alumni family members include father **Devin K. Brain '47**, grandfather **C.K. Brain 1922, F.M. Devin 1919** and **Henry Curtis Devin 1888**.

Paul Gambal '82, June 22, 2023, at home after a six-year battle with uveal melanoma. He was 64. Paul came to Kenyon from Trinity-Pawling for a degree in art history, played lacrosse and studied French at Middlebury and La Sorbonne in Paris. He became head trader at the National Bank of Washington's brokerage services and in 1988 co-founded two investment advisory firms. In 1992, he received his M.B.A. from George Washington University. In 2006, he founded PG Capital Management, where he was the investment advisor until his death. "He believed in the Graham and Dodd style of value investing and greatly enjoyed taking the pilgrimage to the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha," his obituary read.

Paul met his wife, Anne, when he was 21, was reintroduced when he was 29, and on their second date discussed marrying and raising a family, his obituary noted. "He was a generous, silly and loving father who cheered on his children in all that they did. He had boundless energy and was a lifelong athlete enjoying cycling, running, swimming and rowing. In 2015, he took up shooting sporting clays, and it changed his life. Despite his cancer diagnosis and ultimate disability of having only his right eye, Paul dedicated hours to this sport, moving rapidly from beginner to master class in just a few years."

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Anne; daughter **Elizabeth G. Gambal '14**; son Nicholas; brother Alex; and sisters Krista and Leah Gambal Alfageme.

Paul H. Lysaker '82, on July 25, 2023, in Indianapolis. He was 63. He was known for his work on metacognitive psychotherapy for individuals with psychosis. After earning a master's and a Ph.D. from Kent State, Paul

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became a clinical psychologist. He served the Roudebush VA Hospital in Indianapolis for 25 years, was a professor in the IU School of Medicine's psychiatry department, and president of the MERIT Institute. "A world-renowned clinician and scholar," his obituary read, "Paul focused on providing psychotherapy to adults diagnosed with serious mental illness. He was a gifted, compassionate therapist who passionately believed in the full humanity of his patients. He did not see anyone as beyond the reach of human connection and worked tirelessly to help others find meaning in their lives. As a scholar, Paul inspired clinicians and academics all over the world and was always eager to learn from them. As a mentor, Paul was insightful, generous and empathetic. On a personal level, Paul loved art in all its forms ... he became an accomplished abstract painter and a devoted student of the piano, which he spent hours playing late into the evening. He was known for his collections of coins, books, CDs, film, wine, stories, friends and kitschy office desk toys."

In 2008, Paul and his brother **John T. Lysaker '88** co-authored "Schizophrenia and the Fate of the Self." Paul returned to The Hill to lecture on the topic in recent years. He is survived by his wife, Judith; mother, Yvonne; children and stepchildren Mercedes Lysaker, Joshua McAvay, Benjamin McAvay and Haley McAvay; brothers Eric and John; sister, Jill; and three grandchildren.

James D. Weiss '86, on Aug. 10, 2023, after a long battle with antiphospholipid syndrome. Jim was a labor and employment discrimination attorney at Sidley Austin in Chicago for more than 25 years. In addition to his University of Minnesota law degree, he earned a master's from Princeton in politics on a fellowship from the National Science Foundation. At Kenyon a leader — four years in student government, one as Student Council president — so he ever was, serving on the board of his local school district in River Forest for eight years, including as its president. He was a proud member of the Kokosingers and a lifelong Minnesota Twins fan. In 2017, Jim wrote the Bulletin that his firm was "missing our former summer associate Barack Obama."

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Davies; sons Ethan and **Daniel A. Weiss '25**; brother, John; and sister, Susan Spencer. During Daniel's first year at Kenyon, Jim wrote the Bulletin, "He's loving it — and living on second floor Lewis, down the hall from my old room."

Douglas J. Kush '88, of Naperville, Illinois, on Aug. 2, 2023, at his lake house in Dowagiac, Michigan. He was 57. A Sigma Xi at Kenyon, he majored in physics and economics and then earned an M.B.A. from Carnegie Mellon. Doug married his high school sweetheart and served in the Navy. In Chicago, Doug was a partner at Egon Zehnder, which announced, "It is with heavy hearts that we share the very sad news that our dear friend and beloved colleague, Doug Kush, passed away after a brief but fiercely fought battle

with brain cancer. True to form, Doug remained courageous and resilient throughout the entire process — a sense of unwavering perseverance that he was well-known for."

Friend **Kent Wellington** shared, "Very sorry to learn of Doug's sudden passing. We enjoyed hanging out on the football team, in economics classes and along Middle Path. Very smart, poised, principled and a prince of a guy who could knock you down and help you back up with a smile." He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Brenda; mother, Nancy Kush; children Ryan, Alexis and Madison; and siblings Dawn, Jeffery and Jennifer.

Saskia Hamilton '89, on June 7, 2023. She was 56. A professor and vice provost at Barnard College, Saskia published five poetry collections, including the acclaimed "Corridor," listed by both the New Yorker and New York Times Book Review as a top poetry book of 2014. She was the editor of "The Letters of Robert Lowell" and co-editor of "Words in Air: The Complete Correspondence Between Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell."

"I love letters," she told the Collegian in 2017. "They're a primary source, but they don't have the status of a literary work. But in them, you can find all sorts of haunting and interesting ideas." That year, she returned to The Hill to read from her work during Family Weekend. While in graduate school, she had worked as an assistant for the poet Elizabeth Hardwick (whom **Robert Lowell '40** married). Saskia organized documents Hardwick had accumulated, among them Lowell's letters. Among many other prizes — including \$15,000 she won for poetry during her senior year — Saskia's poetry won the Pegasus Award for Poetry Criticism and the Morton N. Cohen Award. She held fellowships from the Poetry Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the National Endowment for the Arts, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. While a student, she went abroad on the Exeter program, and was a WKCO disc jockey.

In 2000–01, Saskia came back to The Hill to teach. As she told the Collegian, some of her strongest memories were of sitting in close groups around tables in small seminar rooms, so she was struck by "all of the new students sitting where she had sat before them, and where others — Lowell included — had sat before her."

Graywolf Press published a posthumous collection titled "All Souls" in September. She is survived by her mother, Elise Wiarda; a son, Lucien; brothers John and James; and sisters Claudia and Emma.

Robert W. Leever '90, on Oct. 1, 2023, in Lebanon, Oregon. He was 55. An English and psychology major, he was active in Kenyon Christian Fellowship. Traveling with Youth With A Mission, he met fellow missionary Heather on trips to Russia and Brazil, and they married in 1993. Robert worked in education and in the lumber industry writing for magazines. With science fiction writer and editor John Jackson Miller, he wrote for the Comics Retailer magazine. "He loved reading

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stories aloud to his kids, and reading comics — especially Calvin and Hobbes. Robert enjoyed the outdoors, hiking to waterfalls and picking wild blackberries with his family. Christmas was his favorite time of the year,” his obituary read. He is survived by Heather; children Madalyn, Jonathan and Andrew and their families; his mother, Barbara; and sister Leigh Ann.

Finley Peter Maxson '91, on May 9, 2023. He was 54. An English major, Finley graduated from Washington University's law school in 1997. A senior in-house counsel at the National Association of Realtors, he wrote its legal affairs newsletters and served its state and local associations regarding professional liability insurance. Finley also assisted the community and political affairs division on state campaign finance issues. Nicknamed “Shark,” Finley met up with **Mark Lloyd**, **Bill Gregg** and **Gregg Hill** for a Chicago Bears-Cleveland Browns game in 2013. He is survived by his sister Anne, among others.

Teresa Heidrich Cole '97, on June 18, 2023. She was 64. A paralegal, more recently Terry provided in-home care professionally and for family members in need, and worked for her church. She was a National Merit Scholar, a political science major and worked at Kenyon as an assistant director of research. A bassoonist, “she called for the attention of everyone in the room whenever a bassoon was featured in any piece of music,” her obituary read. “Terry was fluent in thrift shops, salvage stores and yard sales. She took great pleasure in researching anything and everything. A walking Bible concordance, she washed dishes by hand at almost every home she visited, usually singing hymns while she worked.” At West Mecca Bible Methodist Church in Cortland, Ohio, she served as ministry coordinator. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Burton W. Cole; son, Jeremy; daughter Melissa; sisters Kathy Koch, Fran Butcher, Mary Ann Fox, Christine Riley and Patricia Washington; and a grandson. She was preceded in death by brother **William A. Heidrich III '76**.

Jonathan E. Hartmann '97, on July 21, 2023, two years after being diagnosed with cancer. A resident of Lafayette, California, he was 48. Majoring in psychology and political science, Jon enjoyed fencing, disk jockeying for WKCO and the Peeps O' Kenyon, of which he was co-president 1995–96. “He loved Kenyon, and the Peeps in particular,” **Peter Glassman** and Jon's friends submitted. “Jon was a uniquely kind and positive friend to all who knew him. He made friends easily and kept them in perpetuity. An Eagle Scout, he remained committed to helping people at all times. Jon loved baseball, the outdoors, military history, but perhaps music most of all. He was a constant in the music scene at Kenyon — helping bands find gigs and playing guitar on stage or in his dorm. He was always happy to talk music, particularly if the conversation veered to Black Sabbath, his favorite band.

CHARLOTTE
ELIZABETH NUGENT
'07 >

“Charlotte was a dedicated advocate for digital equity in education, access to reliable bus service, affordable housing and small businesses.”

With his authenticity, intelligence, energy and myriad interests, he loved spontaneous and inspired conversation.”

Upon returning home to California after graduation, he met Claire, whom he married in 2015. Their daughter, Violet, was born in 2018. He also is survived by his parents, George and Edna; sister, Sara; and cousins **Katherine A. Brown '03** and **Charles H. Meyer '98**.

Kristin Ann Petri '98, unexpectedly on Aug. 5, 2023, in Denver. She was 47. “Kristin was instrumental in establishing the children's program at the Rocky Mountain Immigration Advocacy Network,” her obituary noted. “She was a passionate advocate for the rights of immigrant children. Kristin represented hundreds of youths throughout Colorado who suffered persecution, abuse, abandonment, neglect, family violence, forced labor or violent crime.” She presented at the annual meeting of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, among many other venues.

Graduating cum laude in international studies and political science, Kristin earned her J.D. from the University of Colorado in 2004, where she won a prestigious Equal Justice Works fellowship and used it to support her advocacy and defense work. She is survived by her daughter, Audrey; parents, Gary and Jean Petri; brother, Benjamin; former husband, Tom Barnwell; a niece and other relatives.

Charlotte Elizabeth Nugent '07, on June 18, 2023, due to heart complications from lymphoma. She was 38. A “beloved community member and advocate, friend, neighbor, education policy leader and new mom,” her obituary read, “Charlotte dedicated herself to making her communities and the world around her a more humane, just and positive place.”

Awarded a Fulbright to teach English in Indonesia, Charlotte declined, instead moving to Khartoum, Sudan, to teach fifth- and sixth-graders and high school journalism. With Teach For America, she then taught K-5 special education for two years in the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. Charlotte earned a master's in public policy at George Washington University, worked for Deloitte and ended up serving four years as an advisory neighborhood commissioner in the District of Columbia. “As a commissioner, Charlotte was a dedicated advocate for digital equity in education, access to reliable bus service, affordable housing and small businesses.”

As a friend, she was described as “incredibly inspiring, supportive and caring. A pleasure to spend time with.” The Winter 2007 Bulletin published a photo essay on “Night Owls: A Glimpse of Nocturnal Kenyon,” in which readers will find Charlotte up late in the offices of the Collegian — joyously belting out songs with **Hannah Curran '09**, **Mara Alperin**, **Willow Belden** and **Leslie Parsons '09**. She is survived by her husband, Ben Bonin; an infant son; and many relatives and friends.

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Zachary Alan Weaver '08, on Aug. 13, 2023, in Howard County, Maryland. He was 37. Zack earned a degree in studio art and was working as an assistant manager at Thos. Somerville Co. "A fine artist who loved music, movies and using his skills to make a beautiful home," his obituary read. "Zack was an honorable and noble man who was gifted in many areas. He will be remembered as a remarkable husband and father who loved spending time with his family." In Zack's online guestbook, **James Miller** remembered his creativity, for example, "the psychedelic stop-motion animation Zack produced — which required keeping a bunch of creepy dolls in our dorm for a week. His art was silly and fun, but also cut deep with love and frustration and music." And **Isaac M. Miller** sent these words about "my roommate Zack. He was a great friend and the best roomie that I had at Kenyon, a guy who approached the world with a quiet flair and confidence and sincerity that was awesome to behold. He held his friendships fiercely and was passionate about his art and interests. I've never met anyone like him before or since, and his loss will be felt greatly by those who loved him for a long time to come." He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Smith-Weaver; father, Mark Weaver; children Justin, Casen and Alexandria; and cats Charlie and Bentley.

Elizabeth C. (Davis) Lithio '09, on Sept. 17, 2023, in Evanston, Illinois, after a six-year journey with colorectal cancer. Liz was 36. Looking for a college that provided solid academics and a competitive swimming program, she "landed at Kenyon," her obituary noted. A biology major who received many academic honors, including Phi Beta Kappa, Liz won nine individual and team events in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. As Kenyon's 2009 Senior Athlete of the Year and a three-time Academic All-American, she was elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019. "More important to her than all the accolades, though, were the close friendships she forged there with her fellow swimmers, coaches, classmates and professors."

Liz met her husband, Dan, at Indiana University while she pursued a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology. Of their first meeting, Liz's father, Jeff, recalled her summary: "I got to spend the whole night talking to someone I'd been wanting to get to know. He's a really smart math grad student, he's really funny and he's a terrible dresser — but I can fix that." Liz adjusted her own career as well, shifting from research biology to complete a master's in secondary education at Northwestern University. Liz taught science and led the robotics team at Gemini Junior High until her diagnosis.

She is survived by Dan; her daughter, Anna, 6; parents Jeff and Lynne Carlton; brother Charlie Carlton; a nephew; and many other relatives. At Liz's memorial service, attended by many alums, best friend **Sarah Zukowski** said, "For the people she loved, she would do anything. Her love was all-encompassing and ever-present. There will never be enough time for me to say all the ways that Liz was beyond comparison. She was my North Star, my kindred spirit and my sister."

LUCIAN LI '26 >

"Lucian's magical life is exponentially more than the tragic circumstances of his death."

Lucian Li '26, on July 17, 2023. Lucian, 19, a rising sophomore, died in an automobile crash caused by a wrong-way driver in Chester County, Pennsylvania, which also severely injured lacrosse teammates **David Chintala** and **Will Jordan**.

"Lucian's magical life is exponentially more than the tragic circumstances of his death," his obituary read. Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Lucian lived in Burlington, Vermont, until age 5. He moved to his father's homeland, Taiwan, and "learned Mandarin with alacrity because he needed it to play with others." Returning to the U.S. in fifth grade, he had to catch up in English, and did. "He first joined a lacrosse team at a neighbor friend's suggestion," his obituary read. "Lacrosse became an outlet for all the physical energy that was Lucian Li, but also an environment in which he could unite with cherished friends." At Kenyon, he had "an extraordinary first year full of adventures with friends that Lucian treasured from his first moments on Middle Path in the KEEP program."

"Lucian Li, son, smiler of outrageous smiles, grandson, pride of all family and polite to all, brother, protector of any kid smaller or younger than himself, friend, the person you need on your right after you have gone left, teammate, hard worker who will stay with you on the field so he can chat you back to the locker room, and, most important, man among men, has left his beautiful beating heart on this earth to comfort us all as his soul continues." He is survived by his parents, Sarah Popdan and Eric Chen-Ta Li; his sister, Calla; grandparents and an aunt and uncle. Lucian's wishes to be an organ donor were proudly honored by his family.

FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF KENYON

Philip J. Morse, on Aug. 8, 2022. He was 91. He was athletic director and head football coach during the late 1960s and early 1970s. A Marine who had served in Korea, Phil earned his bachelor's in education from Wittenberg and a master's from Xavier. Phil "devoted his life to coaching young men," his obituary read. At Kenyon, he recorded the best results in school history, including a 1972 team that went 7-0-1, tying the best single-season record in program history. **Mark Schott '78** submitted, "Four players from his undefeated 1972 team, including **Pat Clements '74** and **Russ Cunningham '74** and I, attended his memorial service in Danville, Kentucky." **Mark Leonard '76** wrote, "I know the saying 'a life well lived' is sometimes overused, but in Coach's case it's a perfect fit. May he rest in peace knowing how many people he positively impacted throughout his lifetime." He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marilyn Irene Graham Morse; sons Glen, James and Paul; daughters Lisa Marie Morse, Jennifer Irene Kazimer, Catherine Ann Fox and Angela Kay Baxa; brothers Jack and Carl; sisters Kay Haber and Betty Schott; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren

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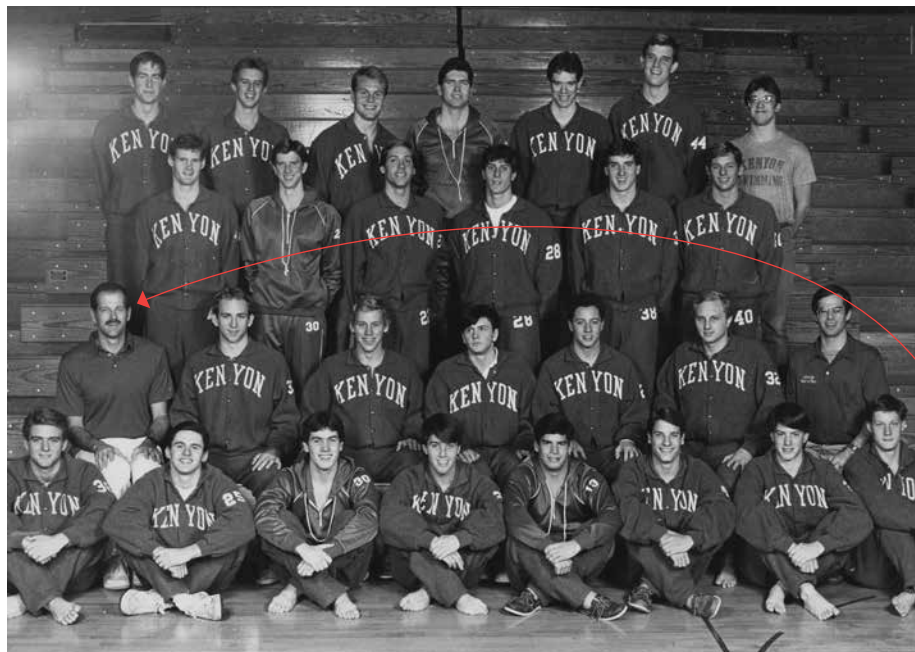
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Back Talk



(our Table of Contents in reverse)

Welcome to the end of your alumni magazine journey; we hope you enjoyed it. Or, for those starting at the back and reading forward, please enjoy this reward for breaking the rules. Here are a few moments in the magazine that we wanted to make sure you caught.



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STEEN ENGINE

Everyone who went to Kenyon from 1975 on either was a swimmer, knew a swimmer, or at least knew of the Kenyon swim program, largely thanks to the ripples of one "Coachman."

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Batter up, I do say my good chap

In this game from another era, top hats and neckerchiefs are equally welcome on a make-shift Middle Path baseball diamond.



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Carry-art

Anastasia Inciardi '19 has a to-go solution for when you need visual nourishment.

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... Let's go exploring!

Bill Watterson '80 told us in his final Calvin and Hobbes panel that the next adventure would be a trip, in this case a climate change parable in a medieval-like kingdom shrouded in mystery. (What did you expect from someone who named a comic after two philosophers?)



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But what if you jump?

We all know superstition says you have to go through the College Gates on the same side as your friends.

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Sourcing a syllabus from your shelf

No, your personal collection of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" DVDs is probably not going to have this kind of payoff.

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The more things change

Alumni joining a campus tour today may note that much of the experience remains unchanged. But college admissions is a different story.

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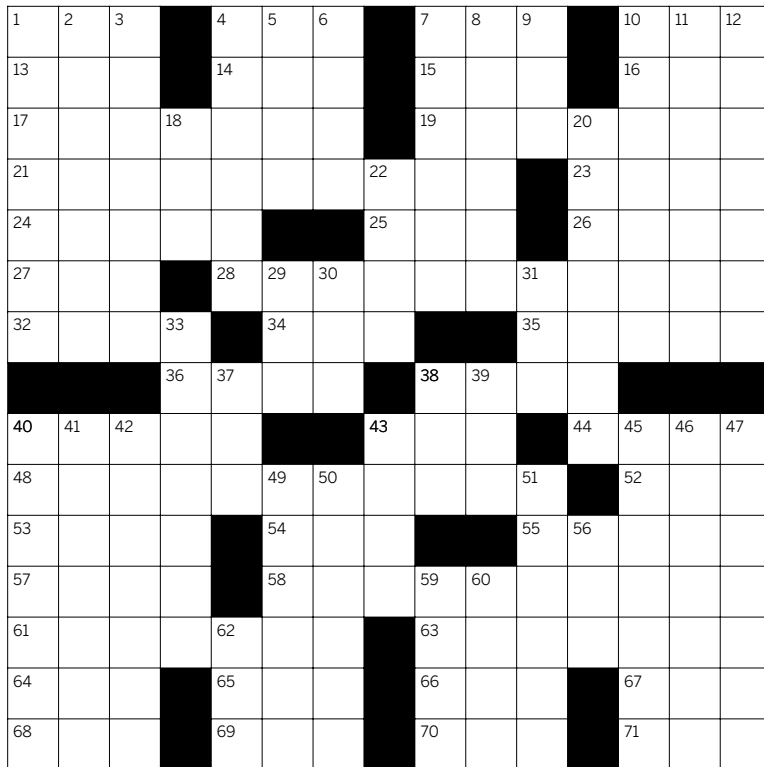


Crossword

Kenyon Crossword

An original puzzle created by David Bukszpán '02 for Kenyon Alumni Magazine readers. The answers can be found on page 62.

Right Said Fred



ACROSS

1. Band with the 4x platinum album "Automatic for the People"
4. The "G" in GALA, Kenyon's ___ and Lesbian Alumni group
7. Cheeseheads' state: Abbr.
10. Home to the world's busiest airport: Abbr.
13. Round path
14. Mine find
15. I.R.S. employee: Abbr.
16. ___ Lanka
17. Round stuff on Middle Path

19. Spring event for many seniors? (Hope to see you there!)
21. *With 58-Across, Clinton's group
23. Burden
24. Widespread hatred
25. Former UK record label
26. Botanical climber
27. Denison's color
28. *White border around Edwards House
32. Sugar Maple in Gambier, e.g.
34. Day, in Chile
35. Run in the wash
36. *With 38-Across, gradeless option for some courses

38. See 36-Across
40. Beads on a brow
43. Boxing match enders, for short
44. New or Farr things on campus: Abbr.
48. *Lighthearted tussle between room-mates, perhaps
52. To and ___
53. "___ Mater"
54. When before 9-Down, an email received by every undergrad
55. Schindler of "Schindler's List"
57. Kenyon's Ballroom Dance ___
58. See 21-Across
61. Relatives

63. For the most part
64. Boy
65. What a jerk does that rhymes with jerk
66. Time to graduate
67. Lang. the course "Vienna 1900: The Joyful Apocalypse" is taught in
68. Moody rock music genre
69. Kenyon degrees, for short
70. An additional addition to an email, say: Abbr.
71. William Dreyer's ice cream partner Joseph

DOWN

1. Camaraderie
2. Bookworm's gizmo
3. Freshman Residence Hall near Gund Commons
4. Lose rigidity
5. Code that for Kenyon is 740
6. "O.K." from Huck Finn
7. "No surprises, please"
8. Assurance to a jokester
9. "Simpsons" retro character Disco ___
10. Silly
11. Beat badly
12. Oil ingredient from flax plants
18. ___-Ray: a disc, and the name of one of Kenyon's club Ultimate frisbee teams
20. "Billy Budd" or "Heart of Darkness"
22. "___ mouse!"

29. Thinks checked by the bartender at The Village Inn
30. Different than trans
31. Justice Dept. division
33. Govt. water-testing sites
37. From ___ Z (completely)
38. Cloud near the ground
39. Bonfire remnant
40. Fill an opening in a dorm?
41. Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Rehnquist, who was briefly a Kenyon student
42. Madrid daily newspaper
43. Ceramist's oven
45. '64 graduate, author, and long-time English and creative writing teacher (whose initials don't stand for the starred answers, but for "Paul Frederick," and who goes by Fred)
46. Pursued
47. Wizard's magic
49. Mass distribution?
50. Falls way short of an A, say
51. Word before "special" on a menu
56. Address of the Church of the Holy Spirit?: Abbr.
59. ___ Kenyon (college nickname)
60. PDQ
62. 1997 sci-fi movie starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, for short

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“It does not matter whether you graduated decades ago or are just about to — the joy of taking a walk on Middle Path or grabbing dinner with friends at Peirce Dining Hall is known to everyone.”

— Lera Lukianova '26, page 8

