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To the Editor:

After spending three weeks in India, I read with interest your profile of Martha Alter Chen ’65 ("Ground reality" in the Winter 2013 issue). Her accomplishments in improving the lives of people, especially women, in South Asia are most impressive. During our travels, my husband and I were deeply troubled by the poverty and squalor, deep disparities in wealth, widespread illiteracy, the very poor status of women, overpopulation and environmental degradation. From reading and conversations, we are aware of the pervasive corruption, in both governmental and nongovernmental organizations, that often prevents well-meaning assistance from reaching its targets. Much as one would like to help, it is difficult to know how to do so effectively. I wonder if Mrs. Chen, with her breadth and depth of knowledge of the region, could suggest effective and efficient agencies through which private donations could be assured of having a positive impact, especially in empowering women through education, economic opportunity, and access to birth control? I am interested to hear her response to this concern.

Jennifer Ward Angyal ’72
Gibsonville, N.C.

Marcia Hunter Matthews ’67
Kennebunkport, Maine

Please accept grateful appreciation for the newly designed CC Magazine. After years of overemphasizing lighthearted campus-life appeal, the magazine at last pays tribute to a serious community, distinguished by culturally engaged students, alumni and faculty — and all who build on that foundation. I hasten to add that President Higdon’s messages are always on the mark, offering welcome insight into the greater vision of the College. In overused words, he will be a hard act to follow.

The feature on global economic policy specialist Martha Alter Chen ’65 and her remarkable mother, Barbara Beach Alter ’42 P’65, made me wish for dialogue and opportunity to connect, to draw our insights. So many other inspiring features as well.

Thank you.

Joella Werlin ’59
Portland, Ore.

This may be an unusual letter to the editor, but I wanted to use the inside cover of the Winter 2013 issue to illustrate a point: The best feature of this magazine was the picture of the recycled-black-oak counter. This program keeps the black oak “alive” in the minds of people, so they will not forget the importance of the environment in our lives.

Congratulations to those promoting this pro-environmental approach.

Edmea da Silveira McCarty ’59
(An exchange student from Brazil, where tree conservation is of the utmost importance.)
Alexandria, Va.

CORRECTION

The bio of Liza Talusan ’97 on page 19 of the Winter 2013 issue incorrectly stated that she and husband Jorge Vega ’97 have two children. They have three.

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EVERY SPRING, I feel honored and privileged to preside over Commencement and watch our newest group of graduates as they set off on their next great adventures. This year, I congratulated the Class of 2013, confident in the knowledge that when these young people gather for their five-year reunion in 2018, they will have already accomplished a great deal.

How can I be so sure? We recently completed a comprehensive effort to find out exactly what our 2008 graduates are doing now, five years after earning their Connecticut College degrees. We found more than 97 percent are currently employed or enrolled in graduate school or both.

Many of these young alumni are now working in jobs and occupations that are directly connected to their majors. There are economics and international relations majors working as global financial advisers, for example, art history majors employed at national museums and galleries, and psychology majors conducting research or working in clinical settings.

On the other hand, many others have found their way to interesting and productive jobs by less direct routes. Among my favorites are a math major who served in the Peace Corps and then founded a not-for-profit organization to help empower women in Africa, and a philosophy major who earned a master’s degree in library science and technology who now works as a corporate librarian.

The lesson here is that career paths for liberal arts students aren’t always obvious or linear, nor should they be. In fact, one of the strengths of a liberal arts education is how well it prepares students to grow and adapt not only to a changing employment landscape, but also to a changing society.

A few weeks after Commencement, I had a chance to reconnect with many of those 2008 graduates during Reunion and to hear firsthand how they are using their Connecticut College education to make their mark on the world. I couldn’t be more proud of our graduates.

Now we’ve launched another great class into the world. I am sure it includes future doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, professors, bankers and authors. I am sure it also includes community activists who will help shape public policy, scientists who will make new discoveries, and artists who will challenge the world to think in new ways.

New federal legislation introduced this spring would require colleges and universities to collect and report more data about the employment and salaries of newly minted graduates. Asking institutions to show their value is a worthwhile goal, but I would caution the policy makers against focusing too narrowly. The full value of a liberal arts education is not revealed in the first job out of college, or even at the peak of a career. Instead, it unfolds across a lifetime in many different venues and dimensions.
$7.5 million renovation will transform Shain library

AT ITS MEETING IN MAY, the Board of Trustees approved a $7.5 million renovation and expansion of Charles E. Shain Library that will provide more individual and collaborative study spaces, transform the entry and supply more natural light in study areas.

The renovation will add more than 100 new seats to the building, quadrupling the number of collaborative study areas currently available. A new technology commons located on the lower level will provide flexible individual and group areas with access to instructional technologies. An expanded Blue Camel Café will be moved to the main floor and become a 24-hour study space. The library also will house the new Academic Resource Center. (See related story at right.)

Construction is expected to begin by summer 2014. Staff are working on plans to ensure that library and information services will be provided with limited interruption during the year of construction.

Shain Library was built in 1976 and dedicated at a ceremony featuring author Kurt Vonnegut as the keynote speaker. The renovation will be the final building project of the $200 million Campaign for Connecticut College.
Academic Resource Center **making an impact**

**IT'S ONLY EXISTED FOR ONE SEMESTER,** but the Academic Resource Center is already having an impact on student success.

"The benefit is tremendous and empowers students to be fully engaged in their learning," says Carol Akai, the Bennett Assistant Professor of Human Development.

The center will provide tutoring, workshops and group study that focus not only on academics, but also on study skills and time management. It will encompass the Roth Writing Center and the Office of Disability Services, and its staff will work closely with staff and faculty in the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching & Learning.

"Many colleges offer tutoring centers," says Noel Garrett, who was named the center's inaugural director in January. "Our aim is to transform the way that looks, creating a new model for student success. We want this to be a centralized place where exceptional students can maximize their potential, but at the same time, offer basic skill enhancement and academic resources to help them become more efficient and effective learners."

The center will also assist students in developing quantitative skills such as using statistical reasoning, modeling empirical data, formulating mathematical descriptions and theories, and using mathematical techniques to explain data and predict outcomes.

In his first semester, Garrett held about 50 one-on-one meetings with students, which, according to students and faculty, resulted in improved test scores and study habits.

Molly Huyssman '16 sought Garrett's assistance with time management. "I am now able to stay on track better and even found that I had more free time than I thought," she reported as the semester drew to a close.

The center, which was funded and endowed by an anonymous $1 million gift to the College, will occupy a 2,500-square-foot space on the second floor of Stain Library, following the library's renovation.

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**Making the Honor Roll**

**CONNECTICUT COLLEGE** was named to the President's 2013 Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in March, the fifth time the College has been included on the list since it was first published in 2006.

Compiled yearly by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the honor roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. Each year, more than 500 Connecticut College students volunteer, intern, work and study in local schools, agencies and other nonprofits.

**STUDENTS AND STAFF PITCHED IN ON A SATURDAY IN APRIL TO ENCLOSE THE HOOP HOUSE IN THE NEWLY EXPANDED SPROUT ORGANIC GARDEN BEHIND CROZIER-WILLIAMS. WITH THE SHELTER OF THE HOOP HOUSE, STUDENT GARDENERS WILL BE ABLE TO START CROPS EARLIER AND EXTEND THE GROWING SEASON INTO THE FALL. OVERALL PLANTING SPACE HAS BEEN INCREASED FIVE-FOLD AT THE GARDEN'S NEW LOCATION, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO PLANT AS MANY AS 30 DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF PRODUCE THIS YEAR, VERSUS FEWER THAN 10 AT THE OLD LOCATION.**
What should students learn?

ASK A GROUP of Connecticut College graduates about their experience with General Education (GE), and two different kinds of answers emerge. Some say that fulfilling the requirements, which include one course each from seven broad distribution areas, led them to an exciting topic or field of study that they would never have discovered otherwise. Other alumni, however, say that GE requirements were simply classes they had to take before they could study their true areas of interest.

These divergent views, along with the changing nature of higher education, have prompted the faculty to take on a daunting task: review and reform of the College’s GE requirements, which have been in place with few modifications since 1973. (One change was the introduction of a small first-year seminar for every student in 2004.)

“In that timeframe so much has changed,” says Marc Zimmer, the Tempel Professor of Physical Sciences and co-chair of a 12-member GE Working Group. “We have an opportunity to rethink our curriculum to support new kinds of learning and thinking.”

Because changing GE requirements is notoriously controversial, faculty leaders decided on a multi-stage process. Stage 1, which took place during the past semester, was to build a faculty consensus around desired learning outcomes or goals for GE.

A working group of faculty, staff and students, chaired by Zimmer and Suzuko Knott, assistant professor of German, solicited input from across campus via panels, discussions, surveys and other activities. One recurring discussion point was about the acquisition of intellectual skills — such as critical thinking, writing and research skills — versus content. Other questions centered on whether and how GE should foster a shared set of values or ethical framework.

In May, the faculty approved a set of learning outcomes (see below) that are “designed to develop educated citizens who will demonstrate curiosity about the natural, physical, and social world (past, present, and future) and one’s place in it, taking into account global concerns: sustainability, social location, and ethics.”

A new working group will work through the summer on Stage 2 of the process — designing curricular models to meet those learning goals that will be presented for broader discussion and review in the fall. If all goes well, the new requirements will be voted in during the next academic year and will take effect for the Class of 2018.

In May, the faculty approved the following learning outcomes for a new General Education program.

Knowledge
- Acquire and integrate ideas from the humanities, natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and the arts
- Develop awareness and broad knowledge of diverse cultures, past and present
- Understand that human inquiry is a social practice and that every discipline has a history
- Understand one’s social location, power and privilege

Skills
- Develop cultural competence, including how to engage with and respect diverse local and global communities and their languages
- Critically examine, synthesize, and assess written, visual, quantitative, and oral arguments
- Formulate a research question and collect and evaluate data using relevant methods and technologies
- Communicate powerfully and persuasively — orally and in writing — taking into account audience and context
- Express one’s ideas using non-verbal forms
- Obtain, evaluate, ethically use and present information
- Approach a central problem from a variety of perspectives and disciplines
- Apply learning in a way to engage the campus, the local community, or both
- Employ creative problem solving and develop imaginative thinking

Ethics
- Reflect on the ethical significance of one’s learning
- Incorporate multiple perspectives in learning and decision making
- Apply learning to live a socially responsible life on campus and beyond
Secret life of trees

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION has awarded Rachel Spicer, assistant professor of botany, a three-year, $395,000 grant for research that addresses fundamental questions about how trees grow. The work has practical applications for biofuel development and forest generation.

The project will provide advanced summer research opportunities for nine Connecticut College undergraduates plus an additional five to 10 students during the academic year. The grant begins in the fall of 2013 and includes funding for equipment and for travel to research conferences by Spicer and her students.

Spicer is researching how the fast-growing poplar tree lays down the intricate system of microscopic pipes that move water and sugar through the wood to the leaves and roots. Her research will shed light on how the vasculature — the piping network — is established.

The pipe structure determines the permeability of the wood, which in turn determines optimal uses of a given wood. The piping system also affects how fast a tree can get water to its leaves, which can influence the tree’s growth rate.

Spicer’s students will do advanced work on gene expression — measuring where and how much a gene is turned on or off — and they will use mass spectroscopy to measure the levels of auxin — a hormone that helps create the vasculature — in different parts of a tree. Tracking the movement of auxin from the young leaves to the woody stem below, Spicer and her students will be able to trace the connections between new spring growth and the woody tissue formed in previous years.

Few undergraduates have the opportunity to do this level of research, Spicer says. “The chemistry involved is quite challenging,” she says.

Two students are already helping with independent research and, next year, will write senior theses related to the project. Spicer hopes the project will encourage more students to pursue careers in plant biology.

Spicer, whose grandfather was a tree biologist, has always loved trees. She decided to become a forestry major after seeing tree vasculature under a microscope as a freshman at the University of Massachusetts.

“It was the most beautiful stuff I’d ever seen,” she says.

Spicer earned a master’s degree from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. from Harvard. She joined Connecticut College in 2010.

Professor collects stories of resilience

VIETNAMESE STREET VENDORS tell their stories in three new documentaries produced by Professor of Economics Rolf Jensen. The project is a continuation of research he and fellow economics professor Don Peppard have been conducting for more than a decade with the help of students in the College’s study-abroad program in Vietnam.

The vendors featured in the films are rural women who leave their children and husbands at home to work as street vendors in Hanoi, often for weeks at a time. It’s not just long separations from family that make the migration difficult: The women share cramped quarters and often must evade police who occasionally enforce vague laws about street vending.

“They migrate to work in the informal sector of Hanoi’s rapidly growing urban economy, but they do this precisely so that they and their families can maintain their rural identities,” says Jensen.

The films were commissioned by the Vietnamese Women’s Museum in Hanoi and are part of the museum’s permanent exhibition on women and the family. They can be found online at http://vimeo.com/channels/streetvendors.

The research that Jensen and Peppard have been conducting with their students will also appear in a forthcoming book, co-authored with Vu Thi Minh Thang of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities at Vietnam National University-Hanoi, titled “Women on the Move: Hanoi’s Migrant Roving Street Vendors.”
Founders Day honors William Meredith

THE COLLEGE CELEBRATED its 102nd birthday on April 5 along with another important institutional anniversary: the 25th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry awarded to the late Professor of English William Meredith.

To kick off the celebration, the Harkness Chapel bell tolled 102 times—marking the number of years since the College's charter was signed in 1911.

Faculty, staff, and students gathered in Shain Library to remember Meredith and read from his poetry. An all-campus reception followed.

1. THE WILLIAMS STREET MIX PERFORMS THE CENTENNIAL SONG A CAPPELLA AT THE FOUNDERS DAY RECEPTION.

2. ROBLEY EVANS, LEFT, AND ALAN BRADFORD, RIGHT, BOTH EMERITUS PROFESSORS OF ENGLISH, AND JANET GEZARI, THE ALLYN PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, CHAT FOLLOWING THE MEREDITH POETRY READING.

3. PRESIDENT LEO I. HIGDON, JR., AND WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE BLANCHE BOYD, THE WELLER PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, LOOK THROUGH A BOOK OF MEREDITH'S POETRY.
Community college partnership brings new talent to campus

WHEN JOSEPH HEADEN '14 arrived on campus last fall, after a 13-hour drive from Michigan, he brought something that few of his classmates possessed: an associate degree from a community college.

Headen and another rising senior, Leah Mantei, were the first students to enroll under a new Connecticut College initiative to attract qualified transfer students from selected community colleges. Headen and Mantei completed their associate degrees in a small honors program at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Mich.

"I'm excited about the potential for this program," says Carolyn Denard, dean of the college and senior diversity officer. "We are expanding access to Connecticut College education for high-achieving, highly motivated students and, at the same time, expanding the range of perspectives and life experiences represented in our student body, which contributes to the quality of education for all."

ENRICHing the community

THIS SPRING, 94 CONNECTICUT COLLEGE students volunteered in a pilot program for New London middle school students that could become a national model for after-school enrichment programs.

From February through May, 100 students from New London's Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School came to campus after school several days a week for homework guidance, reading and writing instruction, and a whole lot of fun. The program, called ENRICH, was developed by Bennie Dover teachers and administrators with help from the College's Office of Volunteers for Community Service.

Connecticut College "really stepped up to the plate and delivered in a major way," Alison Ryan, Bennie Dover's principal, told The Day newspaper in a March 11 article.

Seventeen Connecticut College students were trained as workshop leaders and 77 served as mentors and tutors. They led the middle school students in activities designed to engage students in learning and provide opportunities in the arts and other areas that are hands-on, including singing and songwriting, Afro-Caribbean dance, art and crafts, Arabic language and culture, Chinese language and culture, theater, henna and Middle Eastern culture, spoken word, improvisation, Zumba, physical fitness and more. The College also provided healthy snacks.

The program built on nearly two decades of partnership between the College and Bennie Dover, including active tutoring and mentoring programs. The program was funded by the Ford Foundation and the National Center on Time & Learning.
A SPRING SEMESTER FOCUS on global justice issues began with a standing-room-only lecture in Evans Hall by New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and co-author of “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.”

Kristof discussed the maltreatment, marginalization and brutality that women and girls face in many developing nations. But he also emphasized stories of women who overcame difficult obstacles — women like Beatrice Biira ’08, whose elementary school education was made possible by the donation of a goat to her family in Uganda through Heifer International.

Kristof surprised the audience when he pulled out his cellphone mid-talk to call Biira and ask about the impact that education had on her life.

“Coming from Uganda, and coming to Connecticut College, I feel so empowered,” Biira said through speakerphone. “I have the chance to make very meaningful, thought-out choices for how I live my life and how I impact the lives of others.”

The lecture and subsequent events in the series were co-sponsored by the College’s five interdisciplinary academic centers.

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE has received Gold Certification for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for the new Science Center at New London Hall. LEED recognizes the use of green building materials and practices and the installation of energy-efficient systems. In addition to the eco-friendly and recycled materials used in its construction, the renovated and expanded New London Hall is heated and cooled by a system of geothermal wells under Tempel Green.

Sarah Nugent ’10 led the certification team at Stephen Winters Associates, a consulting firm retained by the College to guide the certification process.

This is the third LEED certification for the College, after the LEED Silver designations earned by Silfen Auditorium and the Fitness Center.
A different kind of spring break

FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS scattered around the globe for service and study trips during the College’s two-week March break. Among them:

- Steve Loomis, the Tempel Professor of Biology, and Manuel Lizarralde, associate professor of ethnobotany, took students in “Tropical Biology” to Belize to take stock of rainforest diversity.
- Pablo Tuttillo ’13 traveled to Qatar to present a paper on the position of influential women in early Islam at an international conference; he wrote the paper for a College class, “Islamic Traditions.”
- Pre-med students Shannon Brady ’14 and Kelsey Row ’14, both certified EMTs, spent 10 days in Haiti delivering medical supplies and teaching first aid and public health to Haitian students and their teachers.
- Eight students traveled with Residential Education and Living Director Sara Rothenberger on a community service trip to South Africa.
- Hisae Kobayashi, senior lecturer in Japanese, took the students in her intermediate Japanese class to Japan to learn about the culture and exercise their language skills.
- A group of professors traveled to South Africa to study biodiversity. The trip was part of a larger project, led by Jane Dawson, the Weinmann Professor of Government and Environmental Studies, to develop a global environmental justice curriculum at the College funded by a $200,000 grant from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation.

Retiring faculty

SIX FACULTY MEMBERS with 181 years of combined service to Connecticut College retired this year:

- Paul Althouse, professor of music (43 years)
- Thomas Ammirati, professor of physics (44 years)
- Bridget Baird, professor of mathematics and computer science and former director of the Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology (31 years)
- David Lewis, the Margaret W. Kelly Professor of Chemistry, former provost and interim president of the College (18 years)
- Richard Moorton, professor of classics (30 years)
- Ann Robertson, senior lecturer in mathematics (15 years)
Kovic wins the Gold(water)

JUNIOR YUMI KOVIC has been awarded the College’s fourth Barry Goldwater Scholarship in the last five years. The scholarship, authorized by the United States Congress in 1986 in honor of Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, encourages outstanding students to pursue careers in science, mathematics or engineering. Scholars are selected on the basis of academic merit to receive a one-year scholarship of up to $7,500.

A member of the College’s Science Leaders Program, which is designed to prepare women and other underrepresented students for careers in the sciences, Kovic is a biochemistry major with an interest in immunological sciences. She plans to pursue a medical degree and doctorate in biochemistry and hopes to one day practice medicine in a teaching hospital where she can research autoimmune diseases.

“It has always fascinated me that a leading cause of disease is our own cells,” she says.

Six awarded Fulbrights

SIX CONNECTICUT COLLEGE SENIORS and recent alumni have been awarded 2013 Fulbright U.S. Student Program grants to conduct research or teach abroad for an academic year. Connecticut College is consistently recognized as a top producer of Fulbright fellows, with 37 winners in seven years.

This year’s recipients are:

- Rebecca Tisherman ’13, Fulbright Research Award to China, to research the effect of shale gas drilling (commonly referred to as “fracking”) on groundwater resources.
- Candace Taylor ’13, Fulbright Research Award to Nicaragua, to use dance and anthropology to document cultural histories.
- Monica Raymunt ’09, Fulbright Study/Research Grant for Beginning Professional Journalists to Germany, to research access, funding and the role of government in the German higher education system.
- Evan Piekara ’07, English Teaching Assistantship to Poland. Piekara has chosen not to take the Fulbright and, instead, has accepted an employment offer from BDO, a large accounting company, where he will be working to launch a federal management consulting practice.
- Andrew Greaves ’13, English Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia, to teach English at a primary or secondary school.
- Andrew Gatti ’10, English Teaching Assistantship to Hungary, to work at the Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center and the Jesuit Roma Residential College in Budapest.

Lilypad debuts

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013 DESCEND THE LAUREL WALK INTO THE ARBORETUM TO ATTEND LILYPAD, A NEW SENIOR-WEEK EVENT DESIGNED BY THE SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL WITH SUPPORT FROM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE CAROLYN DENARD. STUDENTS ENJOYED LIVE JAZZ MUSIC, A DJ, HORS D’OEUVRES AND A CHAMPAGNE TOAST WITH SPARKLERS AT MIDNIGHT.
Myers award supports student research

AS THE 2013 WINNER of the College’s Myers Research Fellowship, Gabrielle Arenge ’14 is conducting a study of creativity in Kenya’s largest slum this summer. Arenge is a psychology major and art minor from Columbus, N.J., and a scholar in the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy. She previously studied abroad in Kenya and founded an art-based mentorship program there with a $10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant.

The Myers Research Fellowship provides up to $5,000 to a sophomore or junior of extraordinary promise to support a self-directed and intensive summer of research, exploration and travel. It was established by the Myers family in 2012 in honor of Minor Myers jr. P’00 ’03, a professor of government at Connecticut College from 1968 to 1984 who later served as the president of Illinois Wesleyan University for 14 years.

Arenge’s Myers research, which involves implementing and evaluating a creative curriculum in an after-school arts program, builds on her previous work in Kenya and will inform her senior honors thesis.

“I hope to use research data from this summer to draw links between creativity and empowerment and examine how community perceptions, culture and student participation can determine the effectiveness of a creative arts after-school program,” Arenge says.

Liz de Lise ’13, an anthropology major, musician and songwriter from Ambler, Pa., was the inaugural winner of the award. De Lise spent the summer of 2012 studying the culture of nomadic street kids living in Portland, Ore. Her research served as the basis for her senior honors thesis, “Situating Street Kids: Ethnography of Nomadic Street Kid Culture in Portland, Oregon,” and inspired a number of songs she wrote as part of an independent study.

De Lise says she learned as much about herself during the course of her research as she did about the street kids she observed and interviewed.

“Looking back, I would probably change a million things about my project, but the beauty of the Myers is that it allows one to dive into the great unknown — and emerge, ready for the next challenge,” she says.

Scouting talent in Pakistan

ARTS PROGRAMMING Director Robert Richter ’82, the man behind the onStage at Connecticut College performing artist series, recently spent two weeks in Pakistan scouting talent for a new U.S. cultural exchange program.

Richter toured Pakistan evaluating contemporary art performances for Center Stage, an initiative of the U.S. Department of State that brings artists from abroad to the U.S. to engage Americans in cultural diplomacy.

He and three other members of the advance team met with artists in Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad to help select Pakistani music ensembles to tour the U.S. in the fall of 2014 and to gather contextual information to support the tours.

In addition, the U.S. team presented 10 workshops on topics such as arts management, careers in the arts and promoting social change through the arts at universities, cultural institutions and at the International Young Alumni Conference (IYAC) hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. The IYAC was the largest gathering of alumni of U.S. cultural exchange programs ever hosted by an embassy.

“The State Department has a long history of sending U.S. artists abroad, but Center Stage is the first program where they are bringing foreign artists to the U.S.,” Richter says. The first Center Stage artists, from Indonesia, Pakistan and Haiti, toured the U.S. last fall. Connecticut College was a stop for Haitian singer/songwriter BelO, who performed on campus in November as part of the onStage series.
Women's water polo wins league championship

**WATER POLO IS A QUIRKY SPORT**, with a basketball-like flow, a soccer-like setup and culture-based rules reminiscent of golf. Coaches can be dismissed (a polite way of saying ejected) from a game for any number of reasons. Which is why, with just minutes to go in his team’s league championship game on April 13, head coach JJ Addison was crouched in the doorway of his office in Lott Natatorium, as close to the pool deck as he could be without couching ic.

Dismissed from the game for challenging calls, Addison was a bundle of nerves and energy as he waited for the final seconds to tick off the clock. When the match ended, the Camels had beaten three-time defending champion Grove City College 6-3 to claim the first league championship in the history of water polo at Connecticut College. For Addison, who sprang from the doorway and leaped into the pool to celebrate with his players, it was a dream 10 years in the making.

Connecticut College’s men’s and women’s water polo programs were started just 13 years ago, with a grant from the U.S. Olympic Committee as part of an effort to grow the sport at the collegiate level. With no other varsity programs in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), the women’s team competes in the College Water Polo Association’s (CWPA) Division III league, formed in 2009 for teams from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Grove City had won all three previous Division III titles. But Addison, who has coached the Camels for 10 years, was confident going into the championship game.

**Water polo season highlights**

- Overall record: 17-7; 17-4 vs. non-Division I opponents
- 17 wins equals the team’s previous two best seasons combined (eight wins in 2010, nine wins in 2012)
- First win over a top-10 team
- Seven wins against teams Connecticut College had never beaten
- First-ever wins against Division II teams
- Won 13 of last 14 games
- CWPA Division III Champions
- Placed ninth at the CWPA Championship (highest among non-DI teams)
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Despite having a young team, Connecticut College was hosting the tournament after posting an impressive 12-6 regular season record (12-3 against Division III opponents) and garnering a No. 8 national ranking. By halftime, the Camels were up 2-1 and had the momentum.

"I was so hyped up; I don’t know why I was questioning calls," Addison says. "It was clear we had control of the game. I was just so excited."

The Camels were up 4-1 with five minutes left when Addison received a red card, which meant he had to leave the bench. Assistant coach Ryan Pryor had received a red card during the semifinal match and was sitting out the championship game, per NCAA rules. That left the Camels with no coach.

"It was crazy," recalls tournament MVP Nicky Jabson '15. "I was so focused during the game that I didn’t even realize what had happened until we had to stop the game."

A frantic search ensued to find a College representative who could fill in for Addison, per NCAA rules. Athletic trainer Daniel Siopa, who was watching the game from the stands, assumed coaching responsibilities and is credited as the winning coach, per NCAA standards, for the game and championship.

"I’ve never played water polo in my life. I never dreamed I’d win a championship," jokes Siopa, who says he will retire from coaching the sport with his undefeated record.

In the end, the change on the bench did little to disrupt the Camel offense, which increased the lead to 6-1 before all of the team’s seniors were substituted in.

"Coach Pryor and I felt good about the fact we’d coached the players so well all year they didn’t even need us for those last few minutes," Addison says.

With the win, the College earned an automatic bid to the CWPA Championship in Michigan, where the team finished ninth, the highest finish for a Division III school.
Camels move up in NESCAC rankings

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE sports teams racked up 39 wins in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) this year, placing the Camels ahead of Wesleyan, Hamilton, Colby and Bates in total NESCAC win percentage for the 10 teams that compete with a full round-robin conference schedule.

The Camels boast a nonleague winning percentage of nearly 70 percent, and one team — women's volleyball — qualified for the NCAA tournament. The College also did well in sports that compete outside of the NESCAC, including water polo and sailing, and sports in which athletes compete individually in addition to as a team, such as cross country and tennis. The water polo team won its conference championship (see page 14), for example, and Mike LeDuc '14 became the College's third NCAA champion when he won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in dramatic fashion on May 25.

Connecticut College hasn't been in last place in the NESCAC standings since the 2006-07 academic year, and progress has been consistent, with the Camels winning at least 33 conference games every year since 2009-10.

"Our success is a testament to the investment we have made in athletics, both in facilities and in support for coaches and athletes, including training, recruiting and leadership development," said President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. "We have established a firm foundation for future growth, and I see potential for Connecticut College to break into the top ranks of the NESCAC."

MICHAEL LEDUC '14 (above, center) became Connecticut College's third NCAA champion with a dramatic win in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championship May 25 in La Crosse, Wis. After hitting the final barrier on the course — the first barrier he had hit all year — and nearly falling, LeDuc charged in the final stretch to overtake top-seeded Jack Davies of Middlebury at the finish line. LeDuc bested Davies by just .08 seconds, finishing with a school record time of 8:50.58. The time was the fastest in Division III this year and the sixth-fastest in NCAA Division III history.

THE CONNECTICUT COLLEGE women's rowing team took home the gold medal in the women's varsity four at the Eastern College Athletic Conference National Invitational Collegiate Regatta in Worcester, Mass., on May 12. Coxswain Maureen Sweeney '13, stroke Anne Speranza '16, three seat Natalie Calhoun '16, two seat Seana Siekman '13 and bow seat Lindsay Cook '15 posted a time of 7:59. Connecticut College also placed third in the fourth-level final of the varsity eight regatta with a time of 7:56.
ON MAY 19, UNDER A GRAY SKY, the College community celebrated the 95th Commencement exercises on Tempel Green. The rain held off for the bagpipe-led procession, speeches and a slew of awards, including the College's top two student honors, two College Medals and an honorary degree for speaker Howard Gordon, creator of television's "24" and "Homeland." Drops began to fall as College Marshal Ann Sloan Devlin read the names of the graduates one by one. They tramped across the grassy dais to receive their diplomas, hug or shake hands with the president and pose briefly for a photo. By then, no one really cared about the weather, because there they were — the 445 newest graduates of Connecticut College, ready to take the world by storm. The applause was thunderous.
MEET THE CLASS OF 2013

Degrees Awarded
Bachelor of Arts: 443
Master of Arts: 2

Fields of Study
Most popular majors: economics, psychology, biology, government, international relations
Double majors: 94
Most popular combination of majors: economics and international relations
Triple majors: 1 (dance, sociology and French)
Most unusual major: post-colonial linguistic anthropology (one of six student self-designed majors)

Signature Experiences
Studied abroad: 182
Performed community service: 67 percent
Completed a College-funded internship or summer research: 77 percent
Earned a certificate from an academic center: 67
- Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology: 5
- Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment: 10
- Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy: 23
- Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts: 29
Earned a certificate in museum studies: 7
Earned teaching certification: 13

Honors
Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa: 43
Latin honors: 141
Departmental honors: 186
Three Fulbright fellowship winners, a Davis Projects for Peace winner and eight All-American athletes

Where They Came From
29 states in the U.S. and 19 other countries or territories (Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Croatia, Georgia, Kenya, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Tanzania, Tunisia, United Kingdom and Vietnam)

Where They’re Going Next
As they packed up their dorm rooms, the graduates of 2013 were heading in many different directions, from first jobs to grad schools to service organizations such as AmeriCorps and Teach for America. Some were still job hunting or reviewing their options; a few had plans to travel before joining the workforce.

Many employers of the Class of 2013 are large and well known; major hospitals, accounting firms and financial services companies are represented. Others are small and specialized, including a German travel agency, a dance company and an organic farm. The most common titles for these first post-college jobs are business analyst, teacher, research assistant and paralegal.

The graduates planning to continue their studies immediately are enrolling in a wide range of graduate and professional programs at public and private universities across the United States. Many graduates are pursuing master’s degrees in fields as varied as public health, economics, fine arts, nuclear engineering and forensic psychology. Others are going to doctoral programs or schools of law, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. A few of the new graduates will be leaving the U.S. to study, including at the London School of Economics, the University of Ottawa, the University of Oxford, Paris College of Art and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

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‘Work hard and be nice’

By Howard Gordon

‘I’VE WRITTEN AND PRODUCED’
hundreds of hours of television. I’ve never once lost sight of what a privilege it is to tell stories to millions of people every week. In our fractured, frenetic society, a compelling TV show can become a collective experience — a kind of massive campfire where people gather to hear a story that moves them and makes them think.

The terrible events of 9/11 made “24” relevant in a way none of us could have anticipated. After Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, Jack Bauer became a much more controversial figure. Some journalists went so far as to find a causal link between “24” and the promotion of torture as an acceptable means of interrogation. Suddenly, I wasn’t just writing a television show, I was at the center of a national debate I’d never signed up for. Still, I was grateful to have been part of a dialogue that needed to happen. It made me reconsider the line between social responsibility and free speech. And it showed me the power of telling stories.

With “Homeland,” I’ve been able to explore some of the big questions we’ve all been asking in the decade since 9/11. What’s the real human cost of going to war? How far can we go to defend our values without losing them along the way? How much of our privacy are we willing to sacrifice to be secure? And can we ever be truly secure?

The fictional characters I create live in the same crazy, complicated world as the rest of us. How they navigate through the world is what makes them compelling. How you navigate your way through the world will make your story compelling.

God knows, you’ve got great source material: the widening gap between rich and poor; an economy that’s losing ground to the growing economies of India and China; a warming planet that’s causing our oceans to rise; the implications of which we’re only just beginning to understand.

The list goes on. You’ll inherit the world sooner than you think, and the sooner you understand its challenges, the better equipped you’ll be to meet them head on.

You’re all leaving Connecticut College with invaluable tools: the capacity for critical thinking that comes from having earned a first-rate liberal arts education; the ability to ask good questions, even when there may be no good answers; and the understanding that along with your privilege comes the responsibility to give back to those who haven’t had your advantages.

I’ve been talking about the power of stories. The most powerful one you’ll ever get to tell is your own. It won’t be about your achievements or awards or how much money you’ve made. It will be about how you touched people and how you let them touch you. What story do you want to tell? What story do you want others to tell about you?

It may sound like fortune-cookie philosophy, but this seven-word sentence inspires me every day from a poster on the wall of my office: “Work hard and be nice to people.”

Hard work doesn’t guarantee success. Many people work hard and fail, but I have yet to meet a successful person who hasn’t worked hard. So when you get lucky and someone opens a door for you, be ready to walk through it.

As to the second half of my philosophy, being nice to people is like the trunk of a tree with many branches — humility, respect, compassion, empathy and love. Whether I’m creating a bipolar CIA agent or the world’s most wanted terrorist, my job is to make them talk and behave like real people. To do that requires understanding their point of view, as different as they may be from my own. Listening to other people is the root of empathy.

It’s made me a better writer, but more important, it’s made me a better person. It takes practice, and it takes patience. But your story will be better for it.

I want to leave you with a final thought. I think it was Montaigne who said this — or maybe it was Homer Simpson — “Donut eat anything they can’t do!” Okay, that was Homer. But Montaigne said, “It’s the journey, not the arrival, that matters.”

I hope you all find happiness in your journeys.

Good luck.

Howard Gordon is the co-creator of the Emmy-winning television series “24” and “Homeland.” This article is excerpted from his Commencement address to the Class of 2013.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

IN HIS REMARKS to the Class of 2013, President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. (1), reflected on the new graduates’ achievements at Connecticut College, as well as the many opportunities ahead of them.

“I hope you continue to embrace learning in all forms; continue to cross boundaries and to make connections others don’t see; and continue to live the values of the Honor Code and to respect and value equity and inclusiveness as part of your lifelong learning. Above all, please stay connected to Connecticut College,” he said.

Senior class speaker Amy E. Cheetham (2), of Monroe, Maine, urged her classmates to keep exploring and following their passions.

“Our most powerful tool is our liberal arts education,” she said. “We’ve been taught to think critically about the very foundations of modern society: to question our actions and our ideas, and the thoughts and deeds of those who came before us. When we leave here today, our most immediate challenges may be renting that first apartment and getting that first job. But our biggest challenge is one we’ll face for the rest of our lives: to use our educations to chase our passions and cling to them for dear life.”

Douglas G. Bernstein (3), a religious studies major from Bethesda, Md., received the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for the year’s most outstanding honors thesis. Bernstein’s thesis analyzed internal conflicts within the Gelugpa school of Buddhism.

Marline S. Johnson (4), a psychology major and art minor from Chicago, Ill., received the Anna Lord Strauss Medal for outstanding community service and commitment to justice and equity.

President Higdon also presented the Connecticut College Medal to two emeritus trustees, Linda J. Lear ’62 (5) and Raymond J. Debbane P’09 ’13 (6). Lear, an author and historian, was lauded for her scholarship and environmental advocacy, as well as her service and generosity to the College. Debbane was cited for his work on global hunger and nutrition issues, his service to the College and his strong support of the College’s international programs.

An honorary doctorate of letters was awarded to television writer and producer Howard Gordon, who gave the Commencement address.

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PHOTOS BY BOB MACDONNELL AND KHOI TON
THE TRAILBLAZERS
The first Posse Scholars have changed their lives – and the College
by Lisa Brownell

In August 2009, 12 students from Chicago arrived on campus lugging heavy suitcases and bags of recent purchases from Target. Like all first-year students, they came with their own hopes and dreams for college, as well as the usual anxieties. But, unlike their peers, these students carried another set of expectations and responsibilities — their pioneering roles as Connecticut College's first Posse Scholars.

Posse Scholars are chosen for their academic and leadership potential by the New York-based Posse Foundation and admitted to a select group of private colleges and universities that provide full scholarships along with strong mentoring and support. The program is based on the premise that students from disadvantaged backgrounds who enroll in college with a "posse," or peer group, of similar students are more likely to persevere and graduate.

Established in 1989, Posse has placed more than 4,800 students from nine urban areas at 45 partner colleges and universities, with an overall graduation and persistence rate of more than 90 percent. In 2010, President Barack Obama recognized Posse's success by designating the foundation to receive a share of his $1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize award.

Posse aims to identify and develop students who will take on leadership roles and change campus culture. "Posse can inject a kind of dynamic diversity that a college might not have enjoyed in the past," says former Dean of the College Armando Bengochea, now a program officer overseeing diversity initiatives at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Connecticut College selected the 12 "Posse 1" students in December 2008, halfway through their senior year of high school. For the next eight months, they met weekly with Posse leaders for workshops on leadership development, team building and communication, diversity and academic preparation, as well as service days, career development events and a final three-day retreat in Michigan.

Within the group, there were significant differences in background and life experience. Some students came from homes in which modest financial means were offset by extraordinary support and inspiration; others grew up in families affected by gang violence, drugs and crime. They had graduated from 11 different Chicago public high schools, ranging from highly competitive magnet schools to resource-poor inner city schools. Six were African-American, five were Hispanic, and one was Asian-American. Only two had a parent who was a college graduate; two were the children of immigrants.

"It took us quite a while to form true bonds of friendship," says Milan Saunders '13.

Their first reactions to college were mixed.

The physically safe environment was a welcome change for Ashton Evans '14, who had often been told as a child that neighborhood gunfire was just fireworks. "For the first time, I was able to look up and make eye contact when I was walking," he says. "I began to say 'hi' and to smile at strangers. It felt quite awesome."

At the same time, some of the students felt a certain scrutiny on a campus where American students of color were only 15 percent of the student
population. Socioeconomic differences were less visible but equally important: About 85 percent of Connecticut College students have at least one parent with a college degree; more than half do not qualify for need-based financial aid.

“...out like a sore thumb,” says Marline Johnson ‘13. “You had a small group of kids coming from inner city Chicago entering a predominantly white school. We had a mini-magnifying glass on us.”

Over the next four years, many of the students struggled academically; others had trouble finding their niche outside the classroom. One student left in the first year and two in the second, for personal and academic reasons. (A fourth, Evans, took a semester off and will graduate next year.)

The departures shocked and saddened the other students. “We were a posse,” says Wyndee Reece ‘13. “We’re supposed to be here for each other.”

The remaining nine students overcame their obstacles and took advantage of the College’s signature experiences, including study away, funded internships, interdisciplinary certificates and faculty-student research. By the time they graduated last month, they had won their share of honors and taken on leadership roles such as admission fellows, floor governors, housefellow, club officers, and more.

For the first two years, their official mentor, Candace Howes, the Ferrin Professor of Economics, met with the students weekly as a group and every other week individually.

“Candace is the backbone of our posse,” says Johnson. “She played mentor, parent, therapist and professor all at the same time. Every one of us confided in her; she was, and still is, one of our biggest supporters and fans.”

In 2011, as the two-year mentoring program officially ended, Howes invited the group to her 1765 farmhouse in New Hampshire for an informal celebration. Many had never seen anything like the rustic home in the woods or spent time in a rural environment.

Working with Posse has been eye-opening for Howes as well. “It expanded my world,” she says. “I’m really close to them. It was a real privilege to see their world in a way that would never have been possible for me. It made me understand what is going on under the surface of all our students, not just Posse.”

This past year, with the arrival of Posse 4, 42 Posse students were enrolled across four years. (Thanks to Posse publicity, the College has also seen an uptick in applications from Chicago overall.) While many on campus may not even know which students are Posse, faculty and administrators say the students’ diverse perspectives are changing campus conversations, inside and outside the classroom.

“Posse students have an extraordinary effect on all other students,” says Jefferson Singer, the Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology and mentor to Posse 2.

For students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the impact is particularly significant. “It didn’t take me long to see how involved the Posse students were here and how they made it much easier for students who do not necessarily come from private schools or suburban neighborhoods,” says Elena Rosario ’14.

Asia Calcagno ’14, a member of Posse 2, agrees. The Posse 1 students “would not let us fail,” she says. “We were strong because they showed us how to be strong.”

RONALD ARTICA
THE TEST OF FIRE

Ronald Artica was a high school senior when a school counselor recommended him for a Posse scholarship. “I just didn’t take it seriously at first,” he says.

The son of Honduran immigrants, Artica had already faced challenges such as being teased for his accent and riding the bus home after dark through gang-ridden neighborhoods. To avoid hassles, the high-achieving student kept a low profile outside the classroom.

The counselor persisted, and Artica agreed, joining 2,500 candidates from across the city. Multiple rounds of interviews and essays whittled the group to 250 finalists, who were matched with one of Posse Chicago’s 10 partner colleges and universities. The final phase occurred in December: a group session with 25 other finalists and a Connecticut College selection committee.

“It was the test of fire,” Artica says.

The quiet young man, who liked playing soccer, cooking carne molida and talking politics with his father, put aside his shyness and jumped into the discussion. His effort paid off with an offer of admission from Connecticut College.

Artica arrived planning to major in math, but
struggled in his first college-level math course. His goal changed in his second semester, when he enrolled in “Introduction to Latin American History” with Associate Professor of History Leo Garofalo.

“Ronald was engaged in the study and debate of ideas and politics from the first class,” says Garofalo, director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE). Inspired in part by his own heritage, Artica began to research African populations in the Americas and resistance to slavery by runaways in the Caribbean.

“I don't think I would've stuck it out if it hadn't been for that history class,” says Artica, who was subsequently awarded a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship.

“Professor Garofalo has given me faith that I can do bigger things,” he says.

Along with his newly minted degree, Artica has a new ambition: to pursue a doctorate in history and become a social activist.

WYNDELETEE REESE
INDEPENDENT THINKER

Wynndee Reese’s older sister was a Posse Scholar at another liberal arts college. Wynndee wanted to follow her sister’s example — but in her own way.

She brought her independent spirit to Connecticut College as a member of Posse 1. “Not a week goes by that someone doesn’t say to me, ‘I never would have expected that of you,’ after I’ve expressed an idea,” Reese says.

An introductory course in anthropology led her to major in anthropology while also fulfilling pre-med requirements. Working with Professor of Anthropology Catherine Benoit, Reese self-designed an academic minor in traditional medicine and biomedicine in Africa; interned in Malawi. Next step: Applying to medical school.

Ronald Artica ’13 History and Latin American studies major; awarded Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Next step: Working in Chicago while applying to doctoral programs in history.

Milan Saunders ’13 Environmental studies major and member of the College’s Science Leaders program; conducted summer research in the Arboretum as part of its long-running vegetation studies; ALANA volunteer. Next step: Tutoring and mentoring with City Year Chicago.

Andrea Lewis ’13 Human development major with K-6 teaching certification; Teaching Scholar for the Golden Apple Foundation, Chicago; numerous volunteer roles on and off campus, including ALANA coordinator, volunteer/teacher’s assistant in the Children’s Program and volunteer at the Regional Multicultural Magnet School. Next step: Applying for middle school teaching jobs in Chicago.

Rasheed Mitchell ’13 Government and American studies major with a concentration in comparative race and ethnicity; studied in South Africa. Next step: A marketing internship at OluKai Footwear in California.

Garrett Brown ’13 Theater and sociology-based human relations major; interned as a teaching assistant and housemaster at the Summer Institute for the Gifted at Yale University; involved in multiple campus theater productions; also was floor governor, housefellow and co-chair of 2013 Senior Giving program. Next step: Tutoring math and English with City Year Chicago.

Marline Johnson ’13 Psychology major and art minor; winner of the College’s Anna Lord Strauss Medal for community service. Next step: A master’s degree in art therapy from the Art Institute of Chicago.

Ashton Evans ’14 Film studies and economics major; took a semester off and plans to graduate next year; currently doing a College-funded internship at a film and television casting agency in New York City.
the Environment, she did her center internship at World Camp, Inc., in Malawi.

"I'm proud of myself for not limiting myself, for picking a major that was outside the box and blazing my own trail," she says.

Each year, she has taken on some new leadership role, including working as an admission fellow and a housefellow. Shortly before graduation she was a panelist for a discussion on redesigning General Education. (See story on page 6.) She plans to attend medical school and become a forensic scientist.

Reese jokes that she majored in "people-watching," and she is a keen observer of her fellow Posse Scholars. "We all have an innate ability to adapt and adapt quickly," she says. "You may get knocked down, but you get right back up."

Although Reese describes herself as "fiercely independent," she has learned to value the group's support. "Posse has taught me the benefit of a team working together," she says. "I rely on the other members."

MARLINE JOHNSON
HEALING THROUGH ART

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or her senior art project, Marline Johnson created black-and-white photographic portraits of several friends using a technique that suggests transparent layers. "As humans we're so complex — there are many different layers to us," she explains.

In her first year, Johnson shared her personal story at the Black History Month Convocation. In a powerful speech, she related the death of her father shortly after her first birthday in a gang-related shooting, her mother's drug addiction and her early upbringing by her grandmother. "Even to this day, I've yet to see a picture of my father, the man who gave me life," she said.

After her grandmother became ill, a lawyer who had become a family friend was named legal guardian to Marline and her brother and raised them.

With her empathetic personality and analytical mind, Johnson may have been destined to major in psychology. But as she did with her portrait, she layered on additional dimensions, including a minor in studio art and a deep commitment to community service.

Her activities included mentoring on campus and in the New London schools, and she led creativity workshops in the ENRICH after-school program. (See story on page 9.) During a semester at Rhodes University in South Africa, she volunteered in a local organization for high school students affected by HIV/AIDS. At Commencement, she was awarded the Anna Lord Strauss Medal, the College's highest student honor for public or community service.

In the summer after her junior year, Johnson did a College-funded internship at the Institute for Therapy through the Arts in Evanston, Ill., and found a career goal that combines her interests. This fall, she starts a master's degree in art therapy at the Art Institute of Chicago.

TENZIN PALMO
OUTSIDE HER COMFORT ZONE

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orn in India to Tibetan parents who had been resettled there, Tenzin Palmo was 2 when her family moved to Chicago. For a while, their home was a studio apartment not much bigger than her first dorm room in Burdick House.

A high-achieving student who attended one of the best public high schools in Illinois, she knew how to earn top grades. Mastering life outside the classroom was not as easy.

In her second year, Palmo, an economics major, challenged herself "to go outside her comfort zone, and even outside the Posse."

After joining one sports team where she felt out of place as the only non-white student, she eventually found her niche in the women's rugby club. "I became part of the campus community after that," she says. "I'd found the confidence to do other things."

Soon, she was business manager for the student-run Coffee Grounds café as well as a member of the Poggotty Investment Club and Students for a Free Tibet.

During junior year, she spent a semester with the College's study away program at Vietnam National
In Hanoi, he discovered another hidden strength — she was less squeamish than her classmates.

"My friends from more privileged backgrounds had never seen a rat before, so seeing rats the size of cats running around the street did not go over well with them," she says.

As a first-year student, she says, she viewed the College as a collection of opportunities and resources. Now she sees it differently — "as a great college with dedicated professors who are truly invested in the higher learning of their students."

In his junior year, Mitchell spent a semester at Rhodes University in South Africa, where he focused on contemporary African political theory. The following summer, he interned at the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization on Chicago's South Side. He later headed downtown for his first corporate experience — an internship with a philanthropic management consulting firm.

By senior year, Mitchell was elected president of the Black student group Umoja and was finishing a double major in government and American studies with a concentration in comparative race and ethnicity. But he was also living with an old football injury so severe that he would dislocate his shoulder by turning over in his sleep. For the second time, he underwent surgery.

In February, his arm still in a sling, he approached the microphone at the Black History Convocation and quoted Maya Angelou: "No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place."

Then he reflected on a "dark period" in his life, his teenage years in Englewood. "In addition to understanding that life is short, I learned to listen to people and their experiences," he said. "My friends all had different experiences at home ... but the streets were our commonality and the only way to accept that our existence depended on each other. We had to gain a sense of trust and respect for each other."

He applied the same lessons on campus. "Of all the students in his Posse, Rasheed has changed the most in four years," says Dean of Multicultural Affairs Elizabeth Garcia. "He's a quiet leader ... thoughtful and caring."

He also has a sense of humor, even about his abandoned football career; he enjoys wearing a t-shirt that proclaims Connecticut College Football, Undefeated Since 1911.

He's serious about expressing gratitude, though. "The educational experience that I've been afforded through Connecticut College and Posse has raised my chances of being happy and successful in life to a point that is exponentially higher than it was four years ago," he says.

Scholarship support for Posse Scholars has been provided through the generosity of Virginia Slaughter '48; James Doran '59; Richard Zannino '79; Michael and Martha Brown '09; The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation; William Randolph Hearst Foundation; the Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund; and the SFS Charitable Trust.
A SACRED JOURNEY

PHOTOS BY DAVID KATZENSTEIN '76
IT STARTED with a leap of faith.

Photographer David Katzenstein '76 met Cheikh Fara Gaye, a Sufi Muslim, at a New York City prayer-for-peace event in 2003. Sufism is the mystical tradition of Islam, and Gaye is a disciple of Mouridism, a Sufi sect centered in his native Senegal.

Katzenstein, who wanted to explore positive aspects of Islam in the post 9/11 environment, asked Gaye to accompany him on the Magal, the sect's annual pilgrimage to the city of Touba.

"He said, 'I'll meet you in the airport in Dakar next year,'" Katzenstein told a Connecticut College audience in February.

A year later, Katzenstein was on a flight to the capital of Senegal, wondering if this man he hardly knew would remember his promise. "Then someone tapped me on the shoulder," Katzenstein said. "He was on the plane with me."

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Special trains bring pilgrims from Senegal's capital to Touba. The city's permanent population of about 900,000 swells into the millions during the Magal.
The inside of this baobab tree has a vast space that serves as a prayer room protected from the weather.

An exhibition of Katzenstein's photos from their trip entitled "Islam in Africa: A Pilgrimage to Touba," was mounted in Cummings Arts Center this spring alongside another Katzenstein exhibition called "World Views: Ritual and Celebration in Global Culture."

For decades, as both a commercial and fine art photographer, Katzenstein has been drawn to capture daily life and communal rituals around the globe. He has documented Hindu ceremonies in rural India, Santeria rituals in Cuba, Zulu dancers in South Africa, Easter processions in Guatemala, Buddhist festivals in Bhutan, Islamic ceremonies in Egypt and Jewish worship in Israel.

With Gaye's help, Katzenstein also has been documenting the large community of Senegalese immigrants who live in New York City, in a section of Harlem known as  le Petit Sénégal.

Mouridism is a sect that emphasizes religious ritual, study of the Koran and the value of hard work. It was founded in Touba by Cheikh Amadou Bamba. The Magal commemorates Bamba's exile by the French colonial government in 1895 and culminates at his burial site under Touba's great mosque.

Katzenstein and Gaye, now close friends, gave a joint lecture at the College on Feb. 13.

"These people in Africa are looking at you, and you are looking at them," Gaye said of Katzenstein's photos. "This is the magic of art. It's between the hearts of people, bringing them into one humanity."

Katzenstein works in a "reportage" style of photography inspired by the French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson. Using a wide-angle lens, he stays close to his subjects to avoid objectifying them. He does not crop or otherwise manipulate his images after he takes them.

"The challenge for me is to capture something in the world as a moment, and also to have it be artistically complete," he says. ■
During the Magal, pilgrims read from the Koran as well as mystical poems by the founder of Mouridism, Amadou Bamba.

Boys greet the arriving trains during the Magal.
Paying it forward
For Carolyn and Jerry Holleran, giving back is a way of life

IN THE FALL OF 1956 at the then Connecticut College for Women, President Rosemary Park informed the newly arrived first-year students, “You are all here on scholarship.”

Eighteen-year-old Carolyn McGonigle was shocked; she was sure that her father, the prosperous owner of a Pennsylvania pretzel company, had sent a check for her full tuition.

President Park went on to explain that tuition didn’t cover the full cost of education, and that all students were benefiting from the generosity of the donors who had built and supported the College since its founding.

“I learned that everyone here is walking on the shoulders of many, many people who cared a great deal, and gave,” says Carolyn McGonigle Holleran ’60 GP’07.

It’s a credo that Carolyn and her husband Jerry live by — and work hard to impart to others. Over more than three decades, they have donated millions of dollars and countless hours to causes and organizations ranging from...
small, local programs in their hometown of Reading, Pa., to the College's Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, which they endowed in 1999.

"Their vision and generosity are extraordinary," says President Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

The Council of Independent Colleges honored the couple with its 2012 Individual Award for Philanthropy in recognition of their support of higher education, which, in addition to Connecticut College, has included multimillion dollar gifts to Jerry's alma mater, Carnegie Mellon University, and Alvernia University, a Catholic college in Reading.

Carolyn, an economic educator and community volunteer leader, and Jerry, a businessman and investor, married in 1982, each bringing three children from a previous marriage. Their first joint project, renovating a row house into two apartments for low-income families, set a pattern for their subsequent philanthropy.

"We fund programs where we can see the impact," Carolyn says.

From 1995 to 2005, Carolyn served on the College's Board of Trustees, including four years as vice chair. A history and English major, she credits Connecticut College with teaching her how to think critically and communicate clearly — and to understand philanthropy as an obligation of citizenship.

"The preservation of democracy requires that everyone participate, not only by voting, but also by caring to raise the bar for everyone — improving every American's quality of life," she says.

Jerry earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering as well as a master's in business administration from Carnegie Mellon, where he has served on the board of trustees. He retired in 2010 as chairman of the board of Precision Medical Products, a specialized medical device company he co-founded.

For both Hollerans, philanthropy is tied to faith and family. Carolyn's father was a successful businessman, but he and her schoolteacher mother came from humble beginnings. Helping others was part of daily life.

"We always had a big box in one of the closets that was filled with things going to other families," Carolyn recalls.

Jerry, born during the Depression, was the youngest of seven children in a Catholic family. "Thinking of others was an expectation," he says. "We learned that the center of attention in life is your fellow man, not yourself."

Back in the 1950s, when Jerry could not afford to attend Carnegie Mellon, a local research scientist stepped up and paid the bill. In exchange for his support, he set three conditions: Jerry must keep up his grades, mow his benefactor's lawn in the summer for spending money, and, at some point in the future, "return the favor."

Jerry did not forget. In 2009, he and Carolyn donated $2 million to Carnegie Mellon as a challenge grant that ultimately created 100 new endowed scholarships. To educate the scholarship recipients about the importance of philanthropy, the couple also provided an endowment that gives the Holleran Scholars $5,000 a year to collectively donate to a charity of their choice.

In recent years, the economic downturn has hit hard in Berks County, Pa., where the couple live. In response, they have focused more of their giving in the region, including gifts to support economic literacy, after-school programs, arts programs, human services and environmental sustainability. Often, they position their contributions as seed money to develop an idea or to leverage larger donations.

"We're very comfortable getting involved in pilot programs," Jerry says. "It's been exciting to see the results."

At Connecticut College, the results of the Hollerans' generosity are visible across campus with support of projects as varied as the student-run Sprout organic garden and the turf field for athletics. The most far-reaching impact, however, is through the Holleran Center's Program in Community Action, which prepares students through coursework and experiential learning to lead change through community collaborations. Since the program was founded in the late 1990s, 255 students (including Katie Williams '07, one of the Hollerans' 10 grandchildren) have graduated and now work in a variety of social justice, advocacy, community-building and public policy roles.

Among them is Tiana Davis Hercules '04, who, after graduating, earned a master's degree in business administration and a law degree from the University of Connecticut. A native of New London, she is now program director for the City of Hartford, where she works to deliver comprehensive education, employment and economic stability services to city residents.

"The name in itself — Program in Community Action — inspired me," Hercules says. "It was nice to have a classroom full of people who were really committed to this ideal of social justice, community justice and community activism."
The play’s the thing
Jessica Ammirati ’94 follows her passion for theater

By Jordana Gustafson ’01

JESSICA AMMIRATI HAS A FAVORITE LINE
from the 1995 movie “Apollo 13.” Just after the first
manned spacecraft lands on the moon, Tom Hanks,
playing astronaut James Lovell Jr., says, “It’s not a
miracle. We just decided to go.”

That line could also describe Ammirati’s decision
to establish her own theater company, Going to Tahiti
Productions (GTP), in 2007. Until then, she had been
cobbling together production gigs and part-time jobs
while trying to make a career in theater, but the death
of a beloved uncle — a painter and bookstore owner —
prompted her to reevaluate.

“I started thinking, ‘How can I make this matter?
How can I do something that makes a mark?’” she says.
“Life is short, and you never know how short it’s going
to be.”

She borrowed the company’s name from a childhood
game she and her two sisters played with their uncle.
GTP launched its first show, “In the Ebb,” at
Sage Theater in Times Square in 2008. The show, a
collection of short plays written by her sister Camilla,
was reprised in 2012 at the New York International
Fringe Festival. One critic called it “extremely funny
even as it peers into the abyss” and lauded Ammirati’s
direction for “creating a series of haunting tableaus that
mirror the dark lyricism of the text.”

Today the GTP ensemble includes 28 actors,
designers and theater technicians, and the company has
staged a total of eight productions, including a well-received
adaptation of Jane
Austen’s “Persuasion.”

In a male-dominated industry, Ammirati is particularly
proud that all the productions to date have been written
by women and that the production teams have been at
least 50 percent female.

The company’s ninth production, “Bella’s Dream,”
a play with dance, is based on the true story of a
newlywed couple in 1939 Poland, who, heeding the
dreams of a dream, fled the Nazis. It’s scheduled to run
June 18-30 at New York’s Flamboyán Theater in the
Clemente Soto Vélez Cultural and Educational Center.

“I marvel at her seemingly endless energy,” says
Ann Napolitano ’94, whose first novel, “Within Arms
Reach,” is next on GTP’s production list.

Ammirati found her calling in high school when she
directed an adaptation of a Hemingway short story. As
a theater major at Connecticut College, she developed
her craft and took on an ambitious senior project — a
production of the Broadway musical “Pippin.” To
get it done, she had to call on all her resources and
relationships, including family. Camilla operated the
spotlight, and their other sister, Jennifer Ammirati
Doyle ’91, played the flautist.

Today, it still takes a village to put on a theater
production. With production budgets between
$12,000 and $20,000, Ammirati’s biggest challenges
are financial. Each show is funded through individual
donations, ticket sales, fundraising events and online
fundraising campaigns; the goal is simply to break even.

“I am not exaggerating when I say it is a daily juggling
act,” she says.

Helping Ammirati keep the ball in the air is a
supporting cast of family and friends led by husband
John Mark, her sisters and her parents. (She’s the
daughter of Dean of Studies Theresa Ammirati and
retired Professor of Physics Thomas Ammirati.)

While she has learned to love all aspects of
production, Ammirati’s passion is still directing.
When she talks about it, she could be describing her
philosophy of life.

“You come in and have a picture of what you want
it to be,” she says. “But what it really turns out to be
is thinking on your feet, figuring it out as you go and
figuring it out in a way that works.”
From director to doula

JESSICA AMMIRATI’S just-do-it attitude extends beyond the theater.

In 2003, tired of paying the bills with nine-to-five administrative jobs, she went back to school to become a massage therapist. When money was tight, she supplemented her income with a shift at a local spa. She also teaches an occasional Lamaze class for expectant mothers.

In 2010, she added another credential to her eclectic resume — certification as a doula, a childbirth assistant who helps the new mother before, during and after the birth. “Basically, I’ve always been fascinated with the human body in general and birth in particular,” she says.

Under the business name Birth Angels, she has attended more than 40 births, including the 2011 birth of a daughter to Rhonda Harrington, an actor and member of the GTTP ensemble.

Both as a director and a doula, Harrington says Ammirati has a talent for listening, watching and taking cues from those around her. She’s particularly good at allowing people to discover things about themselves, in their own way.

“She would never say, ‘Say the line this way,’ or ‘You shouldn’t have that much pain right now,’” Harrington says. “It makes you feel good about your journey.”

Ammirati sees a common thread in her diverse occupations. “I like being needed,” she says. “I like being able to help. I like taking care of people. I do the same thing as a director. I try to take care of my actors and my crew.”
Coffee with community
A lawyer-turned-entrepreneur is building social capital, one espresso at a time

By Jessica Brassard

IN THE EARLY PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY, the streets of Manhattan's Lower East Side teemed with pushcarts selling anything from apples to scrap metal. They were easy, accessible places to see a familiar face and get a bit of news. When Jamie Rogers '04 opened Pushcart Coffee, a neighborhood coffee shop on East Broadway, in September 2011, he was honoring that legacy of fellowship and commerce.

"A lot of the things we do are geared toward empowering the community by creating a community environment," Rogers says.

With a height chart and toys for kids, a crowded community bulletin board and menu items sourced from other local businesses, everything about the coffee shop is designed to bring people together. Active social media and community events such as an after-hours writing group, a Torah study group and donation-based yoga create additional connections.

Across the street is Rogers' newest venture, Cowboy Pizza, where on a recent afternoon he was teaching children from a local after-school program about pizza making. Cowboy Pizza also offers a weekly farm produce pick-up, part of a community-supported agriculture program.

In October, Rogers and co-owner Lisa Fischhoff opened a second Pushcart location on 21st Street and Second Avenue, just a few weeks before Hurricane Sandy roared through. With power knocked out across lower Manhattan, the Pushcart team fired up a generator and stayed open, providing food, coffee and a massive charging station for customers' electronic devices.

"This wonderful group of people came to the rescue of a neighborhood they were new to," one customer wrote on yelp.com. "Their generosity (and delicious coffee) have made me a dedicated patron."

Jamie worked with his sister Maggie Rogers '11 to build a commercial baking facility in the basement of a building across from Pushcart; now she supplies all of the baked goods for sale in the shops and is developing a wholesale business.

The Pushcart community has included other Camelids, too: Rachel Grossinger '04 is a former director of marketing and events, Sarah Trapido '08 helped open Cowboy Pizza, and Rafael Nuñez '10 managed the pizza restaurant for seven months.

"If you want the responsibility, Jamie is willing to give it to you," Nuñez says. "If there's an idea you want to try, he lets you try it. If it becomes too much he's always there to help. But if you can handle it, he lets you do what you need to do."

At Connecticut College, Rogers honed his community ideals — along with his multitasking skills — as a student leader. He majored in history and American studies, earned a certificate from the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, edited the College Voice, founded a literary journal and was elected young alumni trustee. He also earned his commercial pilot license and wrote a senior thesis on the social history of flight in America.

In 2005, Rogers enrolled at Cornell University Law School, where he served as executive editor of the Law Review and organized student service trips to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. After graduating from Cornell, he interned for a nongovernmental organization in Bogota, Columbia, then spent a year with AmeriCorps. In late 2010, he took a job as a law firm associate, but he quickly realized that he wanted a more entrepreneurial setting. When a coffee shop in his neighborhood was about to close its doors, he saw an opportunity — and Pushcart was born.

Two years later, Rogers has plans for more growth. After all, New York is full of people looking to be connected and inspired in new ways.

"The more ways we can empower people to explore their own potential, the better," he says. "The best manifestation of a pushcart that we have today is that sense of entrepreneurship and community spirit and raw energy. So that's what we do: We have a lot more community to build."
In this slender volume of poetry, Collier explores the relationship between personal and public history. Portraits of his parents and grandparents — differently perceived at different moments in his life — are mixed with reflections on honeybees in Lebanon, Homer’s Greece, a Cold War childhood and his own experience as a father. The title poem introduces one of Collier’s most haunting metaphors: his “crazy” maternal grandmother, who spent five decades in mental institutions “before, during, and after the time of atomic fallout, Auschwitz, the Nakba, DDT.”

Collier is director of the Breadloaf Writers Conference at Middlebury College, professor of English at the University of Maryland and former poet laureate of Maryland. In 2011, he wrote “Six Reveries on the Occasion of the Connecticut College Centennial.”

My Mother of Invention
By Michael Collier

The needle goes up and down on my mother’s Singer, squat black with its gold scroll and script, shaped like a smokestack turned on its side.

Have you ever seen a dipper bobbing in a stream? It’s like the Singer but so much slower. Its beak makes thread of water and sews patterns of spreading ripples.

Such a fierce engine at the center of creation and beautifully sculpted, a porcelain boot or a falconer’s gauntlet. The dipper likes the action of a cataract, the rapid tumble of rapids, and if it wants walks easily along the stream’s pebbly bottom. Hour after hour, my mother’s fingers fed the fabric through the pressing foot, kept the seams flat, while thread spooled out and the bobbin coaxed up from its metal gear held the stitch.

The American Dipper? What joy in finding such a bird. Its short trills punctuated by sharp, clear zeets. Its eyelid white against total gray, when it blinks.

If it didn’t exist, you’d have to make it up. You’d have to give it its own day of creation, a day of translucent patterns, pinking shears, and pins.

You’d have to say, come see how the sewing machine in its sleek skin dips and bobs and swims, and how my mother, white eyelid lined blue, sings her same stitched tune — never remembered so never heard — and how like a solitary calls out, now in air but under water.

A Wheel in a Wheel

Poems by Gretchen Schaefer Kelley '49
2011, Antrim House, $10
In 1949, Gretchen Schaefer Kelley was the first recipient of the College's Benjamin T. Marshall Prize for Poetry. After graduation, life went in another direction as she raised a family, volunteered in schools and the community, and taught hatha yoga at Hartford College for Women. Now, she has published her first book of poetry, with themes of passing time, the fragility of love and the redemptive power of nature.

Flock Book Poems

By Katie Uman's '01
2012, Black Lawrence Books, $14
Farmers use "flock books" to register and track livestock, including parentage, ownership, births, transfers and deaths. Uman's poems survey the anxieties of this registry, the comfort of shelter versus conformity, the threat of removal and the desire to stray.

“for Mischief done”

By Jan Schenk Grosskopf '81
2013, Andres & Blanton, $12
In the early 1990s, while doing research in the Connecticut state archives, Grosskopf stumbled on the records of a 1786 New London court case that resulted in the execution of an 11-year-old “mulatto” girl for the murder of a 6-year-old neighbor. Grosskopf, who has a doctorate in history, decided to tell the story in novel form.

The Affordable Housing Reader

Edited by J. Rosie Tighe '98 and Elizabeth J. Mueller
2013, Routledge, $47.95
Tighe, an assistant professor of geography and planning at Appalachian State University, and Mueller, an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin, have compiled the latest research on housing planning and policy. Tighe's research and teaching focus on affordable housing, racial and class policies, and urban politics.

A Wedding in Haiti

By Julia Alvarez '71
2012, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, $22.95
More than a decade ago, Dominican author and poet Julia Alvarez and her husband befriended Piti, a young Haitian working in the Dominican Republic. The book is Alvarez's first-person account of their friendship, including two trips to Haiti, in 2009 for Piti's wedding and in 2010 to bring Piti's homeless wife to visit her family. Illustrated with Alvarez's personal snapshots, the book paints a vivid portrait of Haiti before and after the 2010 earthquake.

Alvarez is the author of 19 books, including the bestselling novels "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" and "In the Time of the Butterflies." She attended Connecticut College from 1967 to 1969.
Public Apology
By David B. Bry ’93
2013, Grand Central Publishing, $23.99
Bry is sorry for every mistake he’s ever made, and he wants the world to know it. The book, described as “a sort of memoir told through incidents of regrettable behavior,” grew out of Bry’s blog at www.theawl.com.

Book Art Studio Handbook
By Stacie Dolin and Amy Lapidow ’83
2013, Quarry Books, $24.99
The craftsmanship of Lapidow and Dolin, both of whom studied bookbinding at Boston’s North Bennett Street School, is on display in this well-illustrated handbook intended to teach “techniques and methods for binding books, creating albums, making boxes and enclosures, and more.” Lapidow, who is also a librarian, periodically presents bookmaking workshops on campus.

Makers, Shakers and Takers
By Roy Eaton M.A. ’78
2012, Tate Publishing and Enterprises, LLC, $13.99
Eaton’s essays touch a variety of topics including public policy, his boyhood friendship with Donald Trump, and the life of his late father, the College’s campus safety director in the 1970s.

Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots
By Jessica Soffer ’07
2013, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co., $24
In this debut novel about family, love, grief and food, 14-year-old Lorca tries to win her mother’s love by learning to cook her mother’s favorite meal, a Middle Eastern dish called masgouf.

A History of Collegiate Rowing in America
By Daniella K. Garran ’94
Garran, a middle school history teacher and freelance writer, fell in love with rowing at Connecticut College, where she was coxswain for the men’s team. Her passion shines in a coffee table book packed with photos, facts and rowing lore.
The Good Life
By Susan Kietzman '82
2013, Kensington Books, $15
In her women's fiction debut, former journalist Susan Kietzman tells the story of a wealthy, beautiful wife and mother, whose seemingly idyllic existence begins to unravel when her aging parents move into the family guesthouse.

Wynter's Horizon
By Dianne Cavaliere
May '92
2013, Evernight Publishing, 
ebook, $5.99, print, $16.99
Cavaliere's paranormal romance, published under the name Dee C. May, features a beautiful, troubled senior at an unnamed college in New London.

World Rat Day
By J. Patrick Lewis,
illustrated by Anna Raff '99
2013, Candlewick Press, $15.99
Raff illustrates humorous poems by the U.S. children's poet laureate about Chocolate-Covered Anything Day, World Turtle Day and other obscure holidays.

The Ballerina
Monsters Go to the Zoo
Written and illustrated by
Kate Ledogar '94
2013, A Proper Mob, 
ebook, $2.99
Three little girls run wild at the zoo and end up behind bars until their mother, "fortified by a strong cup of tea," rescues them.

Ocean Counting
By Janet Lawler '74
2013, National Geographic Children's Books, $16.95
Vibrant photos of marine life illustrate this ocean-themed counting book; fact boxes throughout the text provide information on the sea creatures' habits and habitat.
Annual Fund:
A critical resource for the College

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College through annual giving has been a priority throughout the Campaign and will continue to be a primary focus of fundraising efforts in the future. Sustained annual giving is critical because it helps the College both immediately and in the long term.

The Annual Fund has grown significantly during the Campaign, from $3 million initially to levels consistently exceeding $5 million. Continued positive growth to levels of more than $6 million is key to ensuring nothing less than an extraordinary education for our students.

The arrival of Anna Longstaff '00 as the new director of annual giving in April adds both expertise and experience to the team. In addition to her commitment to best practices in annual giving, she is dedicated to engaging increasing numbers of alumni and parents to support the College through annual giving.

Fall Weekend/
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A weekend you won’t want to miss

THE PREMIER EVENT FOR FALL WEEKEND
2013 will be the celebration of the Campaign for Connecticut College, an event for the entire Connecticut College community.

Come to campus Oct. 18-20 to take part in all the traditional Fall Weekend favorites — Harvestfest, picnic on the Green and a cappella concert — and some new additions that will catch your attention to mark the extraordinary achievements of the Campaign and how it has transformed the College.

The long sweep of Tempel Green, a beloved campus space, will serve as the main stage for all the weekend’s events. It represents both the College’s beginnings and its future promise. In a festival-like atmosphere, the community will come together to enjoy a packed schedule full of inspirational talks, live entertainment and dynamic activities to commemorate this special occasion.

So mark your calendar and plan to join alumni, parents, friends, students, faculty and staff for our festival celebration this fall. For more information, visit:

www.conncoll.edu/alumni/programs-events/fall-weekend/

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STUDENT EXPERIENCE:
$98 MILLION

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FINANCIAL AID:
$24 MILLION

ANNUAL FUND:
$47 MILLION
show that I haven't a lot of time to finish several projects I'm working on." One project is a map showing U.S. expansion during the 20th century. Mims taught U.S. history and still thinks about ways to teach it; fortunately, collaborators from the U. of Hartford are helping her with a teacher's manual, "adding some student technical interactions (in my time this wasn't an option)" and trying it out in a classroom.

"I've been working on this for about five years, and I have to remind my collaborators that time is running out." Mims is also working on a small book called "My Felonious Friends," which deals with her experience with prisoners she got to know when visiting an inmate for eight years in the '50s and '60s. "Will my memory hold out till I've wrapped that up?" Her book "Just Say Yes" is still selling "but very slowly."

1941
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I chatted with Mildred (Millie) Lascalon Vanderpool last Aug., (too late to make the last issue—I didn't forget, Millie!). She has been living in the same house in LA for 55 years, with two acres that are professionally cared for. Millie still climbs the stairs to her upstairs bedroom. She has been widowed for 12 years and has a son who lives in CA and a daughter nearby. At 92, Millie drives, plays bridge, cooks and enjoys eating out and seeing movies with friends.

Cathy Elias Moore is a numismatist (a dealer in precious metals, coins, etc.). She lives in an apartment in PA and goes to her nearby office every day. She is well and adjusting to the new office, which she finds larger than necessary. Cathy went to a convention on Wall Street and was overwhelmed by the elegant Tiffany & Co. store, among other sites. She never knew there was another Tiffany besides the one on Fifth Avenue. Cathy is an avid baseball fan, particularly attached to her beloved Phillies. She has been a tremendous help to me as class correspondent, as she reports to me about classmates she talks to.

She recently talked to Doris Goldstein Levinson and says Doris is walking less because her ankles are weak. Cathy and Doris traveled together from NYC when they were returning to the College.

Cathy spoke to Dorothy (Bosch) Boschol Holbein's son Bruce. Cathy and Bosch were close friends in college. Bruce said his mother had died on 4/12/12. Bosch's obituary ran in the Fall 2012 issue of this magazine, but Cathy and I had missed it. Bosch had three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Class of '41 sends sympathy to Dorothy's family and friends and thanks to Bruce for his concern.

I put Cathy in touch with Ginny Hope Richmond, who phoned me to say that they had talked for an hour and it was fun. Ginny gave up driving last summer when she broke her pelvis. She hopes to start again this summer. She enjoys "Downton Abbey." I hope to get more of you out there to be reporters for me. This job is not getting any easier as my 94th birthday comes closer.

I had a lovely phone chat with Martha Chapman Poe, who lives in her own apartment and enjoys classic movies on TV. She goes to a central dining room for meals. The food is good, and she sits with friends. She has four children: a son who lives in France and three daughters who live in Austin, TX, as does she. All of her children have children "too numerous to count." Martha has given up driving and traveling, preferring to "stay put." Sally Kiskadden McEllelland has an independent-living apartment in Great Barrington, MA. One of her two sons lives nearby, and the other has a prospective retirement home in the area. Sally has given up her car; the parking facility was too far, particularly in the winter. A service accommodates her shopping needs—she still cooks. In July, she heard Yo Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble open the season at Tanglewood. "It was interesting and exciting to hear all the exotic instruments . . . with beautiful costumes as well as lots of Asian musicians, including Yo Yo himself. He works his cello into the mix." Sally spent her junior year at Swarthmore, where she was Phi Beta Kappa. She returned to CC for her senior year and graduated with our class. Sally's granddaughter Sadie is in school in lower Manhattan, and when Hurricane Sandy struck, she was sent home for a week until power was restored. "Hurricane Sandy will be a memory for her like our 1938 hurricane is for us."

I had a fun talk with Susan Shaw Keffler, who is living in her own house with full-time help. She lived in Mather House freshman year and later moved to the new cooperative, Emily Abbey. She remembers being in Fanning Hall when the '38 hurricane.
struck. Five students, including her, held hands to struggle back to their house. She remembers that Professor Roosevelt, who lived in New London and was given five minutes to evacuate, reported that she had saved all the wrong things but made it class the next day. Susan is in touch with Mary Lou Sharpless Swift, Bettie Smith Twaddle and Elizabeth (Brockie) Brick Collier. The Class extends sympathy to the family and friends of Kay Ord McChesney, who served faithfully for many years as our class correspondent. She died 7/19/12. I feel compelled to thank her for her many years of service to the Class of '41.

And, the Class extends sympathy to friends and family of Phyllis Walters Williams, who died 9/2/12.

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Back in '42, when we graduated, 12 of our classmates started a round-robin. Seventy years later (who's counting?) the round-robin is still going strong, with five participants.

One of them, Mary (Pete) Franklin Gehrig, was at our 70th reunion in '12. And her correspondent neglected to include her! I apologize. She was there with her daughter, Suzanne Gehrig Krane '68, and her granddaughter, Kate Krane '03. Pete has lived in the Cypress, a retirement community at Hilton Head, SC, since '93. She is very happy there, and why not? She is well cared for, with one meal provided every day and transportation to all her medical appointments. As we grow older, our lives seem to consist of one medical appointment after another! She keeps busy with exercise programs there and credits them for keeping her in as good condition as she is. She still drives, but only in her immediate area.

Daughter Suzanne, recently divorced, has moved from PA to FL, but visits her mother in Hilton Head as often as she can.

Lydia Phippen Ogilby is another of the round-robin participants. She lives alone, except for her standard poodle, Doria, as she has done since her husband died in '50, in a house built in 1791 in Belmont, MA, five miles from Boston. One of her hobbies is preservation, and by that she means preserving the house she lives in! Son Henry lives next door and is on call when things need fixing or Lydia needs help of any kind. Son David is a cardiologist in Philadelphia, married to Katrina, a lawyer. Third son Clement lives in OR, and he visited his mother when she broke her right wrist in a fall, leaving her in a large cast and quite helpless. Lydia's daughter, also named Lydia, who went to CC for two years but graduated from the U. of New Hampshire, lives in South Paris, ME, where she is a fifth-grade teacher. One of her sons graduated from Bowdoin College just at the time of our Reunion last May, and our Lydia went to it instead of coming to Reunion. (We would all make the same choice, if we had to!) Lydia's other hobbies are local politics, knitting, swimming and church. She still drives and is trying to learn to type so she can use her computer, but that was on hold while her wrist was in a cast. Lydia owns two cottages; one in South Paris, ME, where she goes every July, and the other in the mountains in northern NH, not far from the Canadian border. The other three round-robin participants are:

Winnie Stevens Freeman, of Hinsdale, IL, she has three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and she vacations in northern MI each July.

Los Weyand Edwards has two children and three grandchildren. He lives in a retirement community in FL, in the winter months and visits with old friends in Birmingham, MI, in the summer.

Cynthia Schofield Cleary, known to us as Scho, rounds out the round-robin letter writers. Your correspondent is charmed by the convenience of Facebook and instant messaging, but wonders if her grandchildren's dear friends will remain in ongoing correspondence 70 years from now.

I am sorry to report the death of Olive (Bunte) Mauve Stone, of Strouds, OR, last Christmas Day. After graduating from CC, Bunte went to Katherine Gibb School in Boston, She was married to her husband, John, for 70 years, and they had three daughters: Barbara, Deborah Stone Mager '70 and Martha, as well as six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Class sends sympathy to John and Olive's extended family.

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Greetings, classmates. At holiday time, I hear from several of you. Barbara Avery Jubbell is happy about her move to a senior facility in Vernon Hills, IL, near her daughter and family. Betsy Dale Wells is also happy to be near her two sons in Santa Cruz, CA. Anne McCarthy Garrison and husband Earl must be doing okay in Lower Ayrwield, PA, their address hasn't changed, and I still receive their Christmas messages. Elizabeth (Trim) Trimbly Croswell developed a nasty illness while in ME last summer. As I recall, a daughter and Trim scrambled to Boston for treatment and eventually got home to CA, where she recovered completely.

Marcia Joa Faust McNeer appreciates all the traveling and celebrating she does with her wonderful family. Last Oct., they attended Fall Weekend and dined in a new waterfront restaurant overlooking the Thames River. Ruth Veevers Mathieu joined them for the special dinner. In May, Jo's youngest niece, Katie Quick '13, graduated from CC. Jo shared an amazing story. Her paternal grandmother, who died in 1930 in Schenectady, had owned a beautiful wool cape. Apparently a diligent worker in a thrift shop in western MA found the cape with other obviously "old family estate items" and took the time to search the Internet and contact two historical societies. Somehow, she found a rightful Faust family member in 2011... his grandson in DK! When Jo's niece Katrina graduates from medical school, she will receive the cape, which belonged to her great-grandfather, the first of 12 doctors in the Faust family.

It was good to hear from Lois (Tom) Fenton Tuttle. Tom shared that Joanne Viall Davis died in Dec., after having been in failing health for some time. As for Toni, she has six great-grandchildren and a granddaughter, who lives in NH, where she has launched a career in natural medicine and acupuncture.

Marcieh Wilder Smith's longtime companion, Kong, passed away last fall. This has meant many changes, but she is getting back involved in life at Carolina Meadows, including taking golf lessons, despite a bout with bursitis. "I even try to keep a free day for myself each week... I have enjoyed making a point of entertaining more often." Marcieh also attends Citizens College in Pittsboro, about 20 miles away. The community and the county staff have created a seven-lecture series about getting to know your county and how it works. Marcieh still drives at night, but her long-distance traveling days are over: "Email and phone calls fill that void!" She phoned Marjorie (Marje) Lawrence Weidman on Marcieh's birthday. Marje still lives in her home in Orleans on the Cape.

Mary Watkins Wolpert brightened my life with a long, chatty email! Sadly, she reported Shirley James' death a few months ago. Shirley was with us in Vinal Cottage freshman year; Mary and Shirley had remained good friends ever since. The last I saw Shirley, she was in Norwood, MA, but we visited in her Tucson maybe 15 years ago. I also saw another Vinal Cottage gal, Elizabeth (Betsy) Payne Shannon, in the summer of '11. We wined and dined at the Denver Art Museum, where Betsy has volunteered for many years. Mary also sent me a photo taken during freshman year of our Vinal Cottage classmatoes. Together we identified all but one where the name was deleted and women from our Class have enjoyed our first winter in QCT, especially seeing more of our Boulder family.

Joyce Stoddart Aronson sent greetings and good health wishes and love to all. She expressed sadness over some recent news notes. After chairman her community library committee for many years, Joyce has passed the torch, but she is still busy and feels blessed. Joyce reads a lot and writes that she even looks forward to reading our Class news column when CC Magazine arrives... so do send your news!

Suzanne (Suki) Porter Wilkins and husband are both in good health and have busy lives. They don't travel much, just a few three-hour trips to Boston and the Cape in the summer. They look forward to golf season, Suki does yoga three times a week and takes a college class on the Middle East. They have three great-grandchildren not close enough to visit very often. Luckily, daughter Wendy is in the next town; she is "helping Wilk write up his life." Suki retired from docent work last year but still attends meetings and events at the Clark Museum across the street. "Good luck to you and our classmates."

Patricia Feldman Whistile and Dorsey moved about seven miles from their condo on the CT shoreline to a life-care retirement community in North Branford. At writing, they were "still getting settled." Pat continues to work on the News and works with the Class Group Committee of the Yale U. Women's Organization.

Lucile Lebowich Darcy wrote me just after I sent in the last column. She had lost track of contact information for a couple of classmates and asked if I could help. Yes! I have a current list of our classmates and sent the addresses and phone numbers she needed. If you need updated information, just ask! I am happy to help reestablish contacts with as many of you as possible. Note: it would be nice if Lucile shared what she has learned from contacting her "beloved friends." Lucile, can we expect to hear from you soon?

Closing with a good-natured report from Mary Watkins Wolpert: "Things are pretty quiet here now that we've made it through tax time, and I'm recovering from getting my first speeding ticket in 40 years!!! the cost of living has really gone up — $152 for this one. It's slow and easy for me from now on!" Thank you, Mary, for giving us all a good chuckle!

1946

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Reading the latest CC Magazine, I'm impressed at how the College keeps up its momentum; I think we do, too. It appears that the game of choice is bridge; book clubs are very popular and '46ers are trying new things.

Marie (Ann) Bloomer Patterson gave up photography and is now studying and working with clay. Shirley (Chito) Wise-Talley prepares food for community meals, takes courses through the U. of Binghamton and has joined a class called Aline Drums. She does strenuous...
drumming with sticks on a huge ball set on a bucket. The class has to switch techniques whenever the teacher changes the music. "It's good exercise and fun, and we laugh a lot." Mary (Tawie) Easterling Biggin lives at Pennwood, a Quaker-run community. She has cut back her volunteer work from seven committees to three, mostly ones dealing in financial matters.

Evelyn Black Weibel has taken two long trips to family weddings since our 65th Reunion. A book clubber, for light reading she recommends the Women's Murder Club series.

Eleanor Tobias Gardner, now living in a retirement community in State College, PA, told me that after graduation, a master's from Penn State and a teaching job at a friend's school in Philadelphia, she returned to Penn State to work for the CIA (then was then a new organization growing out of the wartime OSS). When Toby's boys were older, she had a shop there with designer fabrics and fine wools. She always recommends a book, this time it is "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power," by Jon Meacham.

Lydia De Freitas Charlton, in CA, has recovered from horrific pneumonia, and she recommends any books by Len Deighton for good spy stories.

I have two books to suggest: "Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour," by Lynne Olson and, for well-written lighter reading, "Mrs. Queen Takes the Train," by William Kuhn.

We send our sympathy to Jean Mount Bussard and Suzanne White Frank, whose husbands, Willis Bussard and Arman Frank, died last winter.

Please send me word about yourselves, a comment on the world or a book title, and if you come to Philadelphia to visit the new Barnes Museum, let me know and I'll meet you there for tea.

1947

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Jane Sasinsley Nelson was the class baby, born Dec. 7, 1926, and entered CC at 16, two years after Pearl Harbor was struck. She attended CC three full years, got engaged and married at the end of junior year, and followed her husband when he was stationed first at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, and then at Fort Sill, in Lawton, OK, where the nearest college was in Oklahoma City or Dallas-Ft. Worth, both of which were too far away for commuting. "As my husband was already a dentist and a captain, we had all the privileges of the officers' clubs, and I met lots of interesting people, and probably got more out of that than another year of college, anyway." Jane has lots of young friends, and since she is connected to Brown, attends all kinds of functions and lectures. Son Jonathan M. Nelson is the founding partner and CEO of Providence Equity Partners. "He has been interviewed by Charlie Rose and has traveled all over the world. He has offices in New Delhi, Hong Kong, NY, Providence, London, and who knows where else. He has signed the Giving Pledge (created by Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett). It was in all the papers, CNN Money and the Wall Street Journal. He had already underwritten a gorgeous new fitness center at Brown, which was dedicated last year, and I could go and see."

Jane's other son lives in Newton, MA, and works for EMC. Jane's daughter just retired as a speech and language pathologist. "All have graduate degrees, MBA, Ph.D., M.Sc., etc. I am so lucky!"

1948

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Carol Young Pomeroy and husband moved to a smaller house in Portsmouth, VA. Both daughters are attorneys, and one son works in CO, MI and WY as an energy expert. Another son is a musician in Nashville and head of the American Federation of Musicians union. The Pomeroy attended a family wedding in Washington, MA, and saw a Red Sox game. They met Pat Folks Dooley for lunch, she is doing well and looks great.

Emily Lee Garrison went to northern Italy to paint. In early fall she will have an exhibit in VT with two other artists. She mentioned Mr. Mayhew, remember his art history course? Lee has produced a film titled "Scattered Good: Artist and Teacher."

Anne Glazer has a busy life in Enfield, CT. Last Oct., a snowstorm knocked out power for eight days. Anne left on the third day to stay with a friend. She plays cards at the senior center and belongs to a singing group. They give concerts at Christmas and in the summer and entertain at nursing homes. Anne visited with Estelle Markowitz Schwartz at Barbara Norton Fleming's funeral.

Estelle Parsons lives in NYC and is in the play "Nice Work If You Can Get It." When I mentioned how gracious she is to her CC classmates who come to her shows, Estelle said, "I'm glad they come." Her two daughters are well. One is an actress, the other teaches yoga and edits magazines.

Miriam (Mimi) Berberian is still in her Worcester, MA, home. She keeps an office at Clark U., where she does the technical editing for a book on how human activities affect the environment. She also volunteers for the International Center of Worcester. She visited Russia and stayed with a Russian family, experiencing their stupendous hospitality.

Dorset Townsley has lived in Houston since 1978 and is still in her home (with four cats and a dog!). She enjoys the cultural activities of the city as well as visits with children and grandchildren.

Selma Weiner has lived in NYC since 1956. She still works part time as a travel agent and takes courses at NYU, and she loves being close to plays, lectures and musical events.

Helen (Hil.) Wettach's activities are limited by the effects of a 2004 stroke and congestive heart failure. She sees Catharine (Kitty Lou) Wilder Pope, who also lives in Chapel Hill, and she maintains contact with Carolyn Beatrice Garbutt, Jean Sherman Muster, Margaret Haskell McDowell, Gale Craige Dillow and Joyce Silhavy Harper.

Elizabeth Anderson Culbert and family have lived all over with her Foreign Service husband, finally settling in Maple Valley, WA, south of Seattle. Betty enjoys hiking and is involved in church activities and the League of Women Voters.

Margaret Ashton Biggs and husband Charlie live in the house they built for their retirement in Berkeley Springs, WV, where they are involved in environmental issues and "Pooch is a master gardener. Barbara Ayers Herbst is still in her home in Summit, NJ, where she enjoys the garden club and church activities.

NYC enthusiast Edith Barnes Bernard claims it is a great place to live when you're old, because it's so easy to get around. Edie volunteers at the Metropolitan Museum and goes to the gym. She and Jane Smith Moody, Vicky Simses Poole, Jean (Johnnie) Jossen Biven, Esther (Andy) Coyne Fianegan and Jean Webber Clark get together occasionally.

In Alexandria, VA, active Frances Brigham Johnson and husband are think tank consultants and sponsors, working with organizations such as Heritage Foundation, Cato Institute and Brookings Institute.

Marjorie Byck Levy lives in an over-55 active community in Shrewsbury, NJ. She volunteers with the League of Women Voters, plays bridge, and does aerobics and tai chi.

Elizabeth Costa Formica taught math for many years at several campuses of Suffolk County (L.J.) Community College, retiring in '03. Now she and her husband enjoy a "happy, contented retirement" in a
house on the water in Mattituck, NY, on the eastern tip of Long Island. They enjoy boating, fishing, gardening and woodworking.

Esther Coyne Flanagan, still in her home in Norwich, NY, is mostly busy with her husband, 53, who has limited mobility. They enjoy visits with their seven sons and families, all of whom live nearby.

Suzanne Brenner Geller still lives in the home she moved to in 1974 in La Jolla, CA. Her daughter and family, including dogs, live with her. Suzanne paints, goes to the gym, travels, takes courses at UC San Diego and enjoys the theatre. She loves her animals and is active in animal organizations.

Anne Coby Spencer lives in a condo in San Rafael, CA. Always a lover of the outdoors, she continues to walk and cook and write, but has curtailed her serious hiking and environmental volunteer work. She comes east each summer to visit her family and grandchildren in Boston.

Gloria Barnett Levin keeps an apartment in FL. Her next trip is to Italy, accompanied by her niece. Gloria travels to Cleveland to see family and also to CA. She enjoys her many friends in Atlantic Beach.

Mary Benton Gemell and husband moved to a retirement community three years ago and are very happy. Both have health problems, which keep them from being very active. Their greatest joy is their four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marion Bernstein Waldorf is doing well. Her daughter and granddaughter visited recently. One son lives nearby, the other across the country. Marion keeps in touch with Barbara Himmell Springer, Elizabeth Brainard Sandwick’s daughter, Victoria Sandwick Schmitt ’73, and two grandchildren, Stephanie Briggs ’06 and Eleanor Langley Schmitt ’12, are all CC alumnae. Elizabeth presented one granddaughter her diploma. Another granddaughter teaches Native American children in Albuquerque.

Elizabeth volunteers at the Akron Art Museum, helped found Progress Through Preservation, focusing on preservation of historic and/ or noteworthy buildings, and is a member of the Akron Arts Alliance. She is in touch with Mary Stecher Douthit and Sarah Blaisdell Dorn.

Despite a vision problem, Janice Braley Maynard is able to live alone and care for herself and even does crossword puzzles. Two daughters live nearby, another daughter lives in FL. Janice gets together with Norma Gabianelli-LeFebvre yearly.

Sarah Blaisdell Dorn and husband are still in their house, and a son lives in the same town. Sarah knits and enjoys gardening.

Retired teacher Elizabeth (Betsy) Bragg Crane has been in CA for four years, where she has family. She also has children in Denver and Phoenix. One daughter is a retired teacher, as is a grandson. Betsy currently teaches in the ESL program. She keeps in touch with Helen (N.L.) Wettach and Catharine (Kitty Lou) Wilder Pope.

Lois Braun Kennedy spent Thanksgiving with a son in Denver and Christmas with another son and his family in London. Lois is in her third year as a trustee of the New York City Police Museum, which “is amazing and does some great children’s programs.” Lois keeps in touch with Carol Young Pomeroy and Gale Craigie Chidlaw.

Mabel Brennan Fisher and husband no longer travel, but a year ago they took a four-day cruise to Bermuda, leaving from Baltimore. Mabel is still active in her garden club and church.

1950

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Artemis Blessis Ramaker attended the 2012 Sykes Society Luncheon with Marilyn Crane Williams and saw Gerry Foote Dollier, Joan Pine Davis and Diane Robbins Gibson. Artemis weathered the big storms in RI well. She never lost power, so she took in other members of the family. They had trouble opening the doors because of the drifting snow.

James Gleick, son of late classmate Beth Youman Gleick, is now a successful science writer. His most famous book, “Chaos,” has been printed in many languages. (See www.around.com.) “Chaos” acknowledgments include, “I’m also indebted to my parents, Beth and David Gleick, for brought me up right but edited this book.”

Ginny Amburn has been a patient at Bayview in Waterford, CT, for some years. Has anyone kept in touch with her?

Eilane Title Lowengard and your correspondent, Packie, are amazed that many of our children are now senior citizens—two for her and three for me. Elaine continues to vacation on Nantucket Island each summer. For many years, she and her husband owned a large house there, but she sold it after her death 10 years ago. She now lives in West Hartford, CT, in the same house in which her parents lived before she was born! Elaine sometimes gets together with Jean McClure Blanning, who also lives in West Hartford. Jean’s granddaughter, Allison Hamilton Blanning, 16, attends CC, her parents went to Fall Weekend and were very pleased with her choice.

Jan Doherty McCarthy continues to be happy with her renovated barn home on the Hyannis, MA, coast. She keeps busy with the activities of her six grandchildren, who live in town. Jan plans to return to Naples, FL, this winter, where she plays golf and bridge. She has learned to use an iPad. Husband Bill lives in a nursing home; unfortunately, he does not have much “quality of life.”

Our class president, Marie (Mimi) Woodbridge Thompson, did not make it to the Sykes Society Luncheon because of a broken arm. She did make the Fall Weekend and well soon send a class letter. Mimi keeps a busy schedule with a yearly trip to HI, summer stays at a NH cabin and Learning in Retirement courses at St. Regis U, which is near her home in Wayland, MA. Cynthia Hill Williams is in one of her classes. Rhoda Fried Mann and Paul have found an ideal retirement home in Auburndale, MA, situated on the campus of Laselle College. Rhoda sees Adrienne Najarin Rabkin and Jeanne Wolf Yezell. Joan Thompson Baker and husband moved to Middletown, VT, some years ago. Now that she is widowed, Joan has relocated to a retirement community of about 120 people, where she can still enjoy Middletown College activities and small-town life.

The Marilyn Packard Ham family suffered the loss of Marilyn’s son Gordon, 57, in Sept. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, as he had served 20 years in the Navy.

Sue Little Adamson, who has been in CA since 1954, occasionally sees Gabby Nosworthy Morris. Sue keeps busy with plays and church. She has six grandchildren. She sees Nancy Budde Spooner when Nancy comes from Essex, CT, for two months in the winter to visit her two daughters.

Janet Sargent Hill is employing her West Hartford house and putting it on the market. She plans to live with her daughter in Portsmouth, NH. The Class sends condolences, as Janet has just lost her younger sister.

Meredith Byrne ’13, our scholarship recipient, graduated in May. An international relations major who hopes to pursue a master’s degree in international development, Meredith has done outstanding fieldwork, including a grassroots community garden project in a low-income area of Staten Island. She later interned with a government organization that aids refugee youth in their educational endeavors in Cameron.

1951

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It’s been a while, but we were glad to hear from so many of you.

Class president Mona Gustafson Affinito sent greetings in January, writing of a fabulous two-week cruise to Australia and New Zealand, which she enjoyed with son Doug in early Dec. After Christmas in Williamsburg, VA, with daughter Lisa and her family, Mona and Doug embarked again, cruising for four weeks from Singapore to Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, South Korea, China and Japan. “From Singapore to Nagasaki, we followed degrees of recovery from colonialism, civil war and intrusion, always finding that there are no ‘exotic’ (i.e., foreign) strange people, just folks who live in different countries in different circumstances—an amazing experience.”

Pat Roth Squire and David attended the dedication of the new Science Center at New London Hall last fall. They were pleased to see how well the new blended with the old. In Feb., when she wrote, Pat and David had just returned from a wonderful trip to Panama and a cruise through the canal on a small ship, with just 77 passengers from all over the world. They saw the construction of the new canal, ongoing 24/7, which is scheduled to finish in 2015. The trip wrapped up with a stop in Costa Rica and visits to a coffee plantation and an amazing wildlife refuge.

Marge Erickson Albertson and Murray spent their Christmas holidays on a Caribbean cruise with their daughter and her family. One of their grandchildren is now a freshman at Notre Dame, where she serves as a volunteer for the football team.

Jane Swett Lonsdale and Adrian wintered in North Fort Myers, FL.
and still manage to play tennis! Adrian, already the author of two nonfiction books, has written a new book, “Scotch and Water,” a fictionalized account of his grandfather’s exploits as the skipper of a Coast Guard vessel chasing “rum runners” in the Pacific Northwest. It is available online and has a five-star rating from Barnes and Noble.

Nancy Bohman Rance wrote from Highland Beach, FL, where she moved several years ago to be near her daughter. Her condo looks out at dockside on the fascinating Intracoastal Waterway. When not enjoying the beach, Nancy keeps busy with her piano, her family and many local concerts.

Jus Shepherd Freud recently noted in the advice column of her local newspaper that when a woman inquired about help with her husband who had become interested in male companionship, the columnist recommended that she seek guidance from the website www.straightspouse.org—Amy Pierce Buxton’s company, now operating worldwide to give advice in such situations. Jus and Don are doing fine, but feel it might be time to think about an assisted-living facility in the Atlanta area. At press time, Sally Buck Thompson wrote that she hadn’t gone to FL this winter because the day before she was scheduled to leave for Siesta Key, her car was hit by a drunk driver, totaling her car and catching his on fire. She was hospitalized with a fractured right ankle. Hopefully, by now, her ankle, muscles and nerves will have recovered. And Pam Farnsworth French called to say that although she is now housebound, she wants to be remembered to all. Roldah Northup Cameron sends greetings from Basking Ridge, NJ, where she sees Helen Pavlovich Twanney occasionally in the dining hall.

Ginny Eason Weinmann was recovering from shingles when she wrote, but the Super Bowl, followed by Mardi Gras, helped to divert attention from the pain. She heartily recommends a visit to the new National World War II Museum, recently opened in New Orleans. Jeannie Tucker Zener has moved to a smaller home in Morristown, N.J. Her three children and 10 grandchildren are among her many blessings. Phyllis Hoffman Driscoll, in Hilton Head, is still playing golf (14 holes, her choice) and walking two and a half miles daily. She hears from Ellie Tuttle Wade, who is active in the Vero Beach American Association of University Women, and Chloe Bissell Jones, still enjoying her garden in Fife Lake, MI.

Harriet Bassett MacGregor welcomed a great-grandson in Jan., in the midst of all the snow they had in ME this winter. Bob and I stayed home this winter, and fortunately the really cold weather and snow passed us by. We thought often of our NJ and New England classmates who weren’t so fortunate.

And on a sad note: The Class extends deepest sympathy to the family of Rennie Aschaffenburg Christensen, who died last Nov., especially to her sister, Eide Aschaffenburg Wilhem, ‘48, and her daughter, Linda Christensen Wright ’87. Our sympathy also to the family of Pat Krugier Jackson, who died in Feb., to Jo Willard Nesteruk, whose husband, John, died last Dec.; and to Judy Adaskin Barry, whose husband, Nate, died on Valentine’s Day. In writing to tell us of Nate’s death, Judy says she will stay in Dartmouth, NH, enjoying her children and keeping busy. Stay in touch.

1952

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Cordy Ettie Clement went to Cuba in Jan. for eight days with Road Scholars, (formerly Elderhostel). They have permission from the US government to run educational trips there. Cordie’s trip was called “People to People.” Her group met with students, artists, writers, senior citizens and a vocal group. She said the Cubans they met were very poor but very friendly and welcoming to Americans. She recommends a trip there, saying that the country is lovely. I am very sorry that President Higdon is retiring. The campus has never looked better, and he is well-liked by students and faculty. I’m sure we all send best wishes to him in his next endeavor.

Monique Maisonnepierre Wood had been an addicted tennis player; three rotator cuff surgeries put an end to that, so she took up biking. She and David live in “a biker’s heaven area” in Lincoln, CA, near Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. They bike about 120 miles a week with a fun bike group in their active retirement community. “Had always thought that a bike and barge trip would be fun when I got old—we’re old.” So last Sept., Monique, David and 14 friends from the bike group arranged a bike trip from Bolzano to Venice. They were on their own the first four days, with maps and hotel reservations. “The most exciting part was Lake Garda, where we would have liked to stay, but we had to reach the barge, our hotel for the next eight days.” The barge was brand new and very comfortable, with amazing food. “We did work it off, on our bikes at 8:30 to return by 6. It was a very un-tourist bike trip until Venice. We went far from the barge up and down hillsides, happy we were in good shape. Met wonderful people in Trento, Chizzoria, Peschiera del Garda. On our way to Italy, we stopped in Zurich and Innsbruck, where we did some great hiking. This was a fabulous trip!”

While many of us traveled to exotic places in 2012, the big event of the year for Pat Wardley Hamilton was Hurricane Sandy in late Oct. “We knew it was coming, of course, but there wasn’t much we could do except stock up on batteries, flashlights and water, all of which proved to be very useful. The night it hit Grand View there was a full moon, with high tide expected at 11 p.m. As we waited, hoping for the best, the wind blew directly at us from the east at about 70 knots, and really enormous waves from the Hudson River rolled into the yard. While we held our breath, the river came to within four feet of the kitchen door... and then began to recede. No water came inside, no trees fell on the house, we were truly fortunate. When daylight came, we discovered we had a backyard full of debris—big plings and pieces of lumber from docks that had been destroyed, a couple of telephone poles. Our seawall had been reduced to rubble, but this was nothing compared to the damage many of our neighbors suffered. Glass windows smashed, bottom floors totally flooded and all furnishings ruined. We were without
Many people in nearby Nyack were without power for two weeks. So our 120-year-old house and its aging occupants held up OK. And so did our boat, which weathered the storm in the boathouse when many others did not.

Jean Hewitt Thomas has finally joined the unemployed. She retired (at age 82) from helping to run the fertility clinic at New York Hospital. She will now live full time in her Darien home, near daughter Heather and three grandchildren. Knowing Jean, I am sure she will shortly be very involved in something.

Barb Ackroyd Elder has moved to a retirement community in Medford, OR, to be closer to son Win. Son Wyatt lives in Holland near Rotterdam, working for Carill. Barb and Win visited him last spring. She lives a quiet life, playing some bridge and taking a course at the local college. She has been slowed down by two knee replacements and now walks with a cane but does get around and still drives during the day.

Rosemary (Posie) Dunne Kelly’s husband sent an email: “I am sorry to tell you and your CC readers that my wife, Rosemary Dunne Kelly, passed away late last Sept. Ten weeks earlier she wasn’t feeling well and, going to the doctor, we were surprised to learn that she had cancer. Mayo Clinic did their best, but to no avail. Hospice was very helpful in her final weeks. Posie is survived by her three children, three stepchildren, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who makes quite a gang. We had been married for 35 years. She was, as one of the grandchildren remarked, ‘the glue that held the family together’ and will be greatly missed.’ We send our condolences to Bill Kelly and Posie’s family.

Because I am very deaf, contact me at jphellock@att.net if you have any news for our next issue. Please do.

1953
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Joan Walsh Asker has been involved in Cerdallo Project, a missionary program, for five years. She spent five weeks in the Dominican Republic, in a small village with no electricity and no running water. The project focuses on helping people learn to cook and conduct business matters, and to improve their living conditions. Bible study is also offered. The project has installed four pumps in the village to provide clean water for area inhabitants.

Henny Jackson Schoeller has been busy shoveling snow. She is involved with renovating the interior of her church and assisting the new minister in attracting the “nones” (people who don’t identify with any religion). Lucky to be in good health, Henny attended a women’s retreat.

Jane Doman Smith and husband Were went off to FL in March to “freeload” with their son for a couple of weeks and watch baseball games. Wee loves the warm weather, and Jane opts for the WC at the ballpark.

Joan Flaherty Johnson has been “a very lazy noncontributor to the Class Notes during these past 58 years.” She has enjoyed an interesting life with Bob (now a retired USCG aviator), including seven sons, 24 grandchildren and two greats. In her 40s, Joan earned an MS in the U. of Houston and worked in a variety of settings. She flew “by very small plane” over the villages that ring the coast of Kodiak to provide services up close and personal.

Jonathan Musoke ’00 and Carla Laracuent Musoke were married last spring. From left: Lauren Butler ’00, Laura Israeliian Petras ’00, Jeanine Ferrer Zapata ’00, Jennifer DeLeon ’99, Maria Perla ’01, Daniel Carrero ’01, the bride and groom, Jason Allababidi ’04, Andrew Musoke ’04, Tito Molina ’80, Jacques George ’00, Adam Musoke ’11, Felix Folie ’00, Eric Williamson ’01, Mitzcha Ortiz ’99, Rodney Ortiz ’99 and Michael Vascovitz ’10.
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A safari to Tanzania was the highlight of 2012 for me, Betty Ann Smith Tylaska. We saw the Big Five and multitudes of other animals and birds. Memories of the leopard that walked past us and of the lion that crawled under our vehicle and then dashed out to catch a zebra will stay with me forever.

Betty Ann Tylaska’s sortie to Tanzania must be similar to unusual journeys by others of you — please let us know what you’ve been doing. In travel, of course, but also your volunteering, work (we seem never to be without that, either), and hobbies, some of which must also lie with work and volunteering?

1957

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At our 55th Reunion, Barbara Wasserstrom Alpert looked great and spoke enthusiastically about her three children and eight grandchildren. She emailed with more. “Joel is professor and chairman of pediatrics emeritus and Linda, a dean at the Boston U. School of Medicine.” The Alperters have wintered in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, for the past 10 years, with summers in ME.

Condolences to Caroline (Caco) Myers Bailllon, whose husband, John, died Dec. 27. “We had been married 54 years, so you can imagine the void in my life. I was fortunate, however, that he lived more than five years after a significant stroke. He recovered to relatively stable health, and we were able to enjoy that time together. Having all six children living nearby has been a blessing, and they have been very attentive and supportive.”

Elizabeth (Bettine) Morgan Montgomery and Bill, along with Sally Read Dow and Bryden, enjoyed our 55th Reunion. Sally kept everyone organized so they didn’t miss anything! Later that summer in their Chatham, Cape Cod, home, Bettine and Bill had a mini-reunion.

Dolores Pagman Tut and Bob, Kate Crehan Bowman and Phil, and Sally and Bryden all came for a few days to talk and catch up. Bettine and Bill are doing well, three of their six children and families live close by in VA and MD, the others are in Boone, NC, Colorado Springs, CO, and Mill Valley, CA. “These are all great places to visit, plus, of course, our real joy is seeing family.”

Sarah (Sally) Hargrove

Harris and Chris are now great-grandparents — an adorable baby boy was born last June to the granddaughter of the late Linda Robinson Harris. Sally and Chris went trekking with a small group of “younger, fitter folk” in Croatia last spring. Sally still volunteers and designs publications. “And I’m happily singing again, with a regional world music chorus and with a smaller group that specializes in hospice singing.”

Helene Zimmer-Lowe has enjoyed her first year of “not working full time (not retirement!).” They moved to a Chicago apartment overlooking Lake Michigan and Belmont Harbor. Helene’s son and family live nearby, so they see their two granddaughters often. Helene worked as a consultant for a third-party study abroad provider and traveled the world. She still does presentations in the U.S., most recently on the EU and using art museums in language class. Helene had fun skiing with Sue Kinn Greene in Jan. Mark’s MS is progressing, but he is still able to get around and do some things for himself. “All in all, life is good.”

Life for Anne Hildreth Russell is rolling along in Portland, ME. She volunteer teaches ESL sings, enjoys eating out, cross-country skis during the endless winter, and is generally adjusting to widowhood — “I hate that term.” She enjoys reading, being outdoors, and embracing grandchildren, family in the Portland area and being involved in her new community.

Sarah Greene Burger attended the CC holiday party last year, but lots of young, enthusiastic recent graduates. “Great fun!”

Lyne Twinek Gorman and friend John spent 10 days in England during the winter. They rented a flat and visited her oldest grandson, who was in his first year at Wilanova Business School and took the second half of the year in London to study and do an internship. They also spent three days in Bath visiting some old friends. “Aside from the total absence of the sun and unusually cold weather, we had a great time.”

Susan Adam Myers’ son, Adam, and his wife, Karen, have been growing their new business, Our Pleasure 2 Help. They provide nonmedical convenience services to seniors and other busy people throughout the Boston area. Most requests are for transportation to airports and medical appointments, but they can fill a variety of client needs.

Sally Read Dow enjoys retirement after 40-plus years of being a children’s librarian, but finds she is busier than ever with mahJong. yoga, community gardening, aerobics, book club, bridge, Audubon board and lots of travel. She took a trip to Yellowstone with the local Audubon chapter, then visited children in CA, and finally spent time unwinding at home in Swampsppct, MA, near the beach. She enjoys her recent rescue — a dachshund-shaped Southern coon dog “who takes me for long runs along wooded trails.”

Sadly, Wendy Allen Wheeler passed away at home in CT on Feb. 6. The Class sends deepest sympathy to her husband of 53 years, Robert B. Wheeler, and to her two sons, ten grandchildren, two sisters, brother and all of their spouses. Wendy had a long career as a psychotherapist, as well as published “Path Through the Fire,” a book that recounted her experience with breast cancer. Her strength over her 19-year battle with cancer was inspiring to all. Betty Weldon Schott and Sandy Weldon Johnson visited Wendy after our 55th Reunion: “The three of us laughed over our escapades as students. Wendy was a class act. She could lead, empathize, inspire and entertain us. Her life included family and a career. At the end, hospice and her family helped Wendy help us all focus on a celebration of her life. She will be missed.”

The Class sends condolences also to the family of Bernelle (Bunny) Curtis Millan of Simsbury, CT, who died in Nov. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Raymond “Tito” Millan, a daughter, two sons and five grandchildren. Bunny was an artist, docent, needlepoint; cook, gardener and participant in many community activities. She fought a brave two-year battle with leukemia.

1958

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Kathy Gregory Hearn and Bruce have relocated to their old hometown of Cincinnati. They are happy to be surrounded by all three children and families.

The Class extends sincere sympathy to Sandy Sturman Harris on the death of her husband, David.

1959

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Anne Earnshaw Roche and husband visited from New Zealand, seeing Margy Brash Crisp and husband in CA and taking a trip on the Napa Valley Wine Train. They took a National Geographic trip on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. In Portland, OR, Anne had lunch with Joella Werlin. They completed their trip by celebrating Anne’s 75th birthday in Maui, spending time at their beach with family and friends. Anne has been playing piano duets with a friend.

Judy Petrequin Rice and husband traveled for three weeks in Australia and New Zealand. Son Jim lives in Cleveland with a daughter, 13, who
Connie Snelling McCrea is proud of Gigi, who won an Emmy for writing and producing the Disney Channel’s "The Wizards of Waverly Place." Connie’s oldest grandson attends Wesleyan.

Marcia Fortin Sherman and John have been taking mini courses, doing choir rehearsals, building Habitat houses, and attending P.E.O. functions and meetings. They spent time in FL and had an adventure by airboat, traveling among alligators. They also had a family gathering in MI, where their son fixed a great meal.

Jean Alexander Gilcrest had successful eye surgery. Her daughters took her to Sedona, AZ, to celebrate her 75th birthday, and they toured the area and the Grand Canyon. Jean spent time in Las Vegas with one daughter. Other daughter Gretchen, who was widowed, just remarried and lives about 25 miles away.

Mimi Matthews Munro celebrated her 75th with her family of 14 at the beach.

Ginger Reed Levick and husband traveled to Abu Dhabi. Lynn Graves Mitchell celebrated with her family in Santa Fe, NM, at Christmas. Lynn’s granddaughter is a freshman in the Penn State Schreyer Honors College.

Olga Lehovich moved to a nice apartment back in New London, NH, without the mouse problem she had in the old place. She spent time with her brother over Christmas and with her three grandchildren. She reminisced about college and the personal attention we received from our professors, as well as the wonderful friends we made.

Judy Bassin Peknik had her first solo art exhibition through the Stamford Art Association. She sold her home and has moved to a downtown apartment, where she has an urban vista.

Jean MacCarthy Marshall left Botswana in 1966 for ME, where she lived for 25 years. Husband Ian changed his job from architect to marine artist, and Jean worked as a town planner and then for Eastern Maine Development Corporation on two Navy base closures with Senators Collins and Snowe. Her oldest daughter majored in theater but decided to become an architect, studied at Cambridge in England, worked in London, and then got a job in TX, where she married an Argentinian and now has a son, 5. She teaches art, architecture and dance at Southern Methodist U.

Connie Wharton Nasson's 95th anniversary with her family, as she had done. A few years ago they celebrated their 50th anniversary with three generations on St George’s Island.

Edmea da Silva McCarty is an interpreter, but takes shorter business trips since she is semi-retired. She loves participating in a totally Italian-speaking group. She and her husband live in Old Town, Alexandria, VA, and enjoy cultural events and walking everywhere. Their latest cruise was on the Rhine, preceded by visits with friends of 60 years who live in Normandy and Bern. Their children live in Brazil, Mexico City and Tallahassee. Her youngest grandson attended school in Spain and lived with a family, as she had done. A few years ago they celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family, as she had done. A few years ago they celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family, as she had done.

Edie Berkowitz Hargreaves, a confirmation artist and Jean worked as a submanne artist. Jean moved with her family to London. She’s a confirmed Londoner now.

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Patricia Steiger Salazar ’58 pictured here on a canopy walk suspended across tree tops in the Amazon.

Above: Patricia Steiger Salazar ’58 pictured here on a canopy walk suspended across tree tops in the Amazon.

Left: Joella Werlin ’59 and Anne Eamshaw Roche ’59 in Portland, OR, last fall.

EDIE BORKOWITZ HARGREAVES had a brush with cancer in ’11, but all is well for the family of Edie Berkowitz Hargreaves. She and her husband live in Old Town, Alexandria, VA, and enjoy cultural events and walking everywhere. Their latest cruise was on the Rhine, preceded by visits with friends of 60 years who live in Normandy and Bern. Their children live in Brazil, Mexico City and Tallahassee. Her youngest grandson attended school in Spain and lived with a family, as she had done. A few years ago they celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family, as she had done.

1960

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All is well for the family of Camilla Richards Larrey, of North Falmouth, MA, especially with their daughter, Melissa, whose family lives nearby, allowing Camilla and husband Lou to attend their grandson’s sports and music events. A former director for the Woods Hole Library, Camilla now serves on the board of trustees and finds time to organize and sell used books. A May trip took the Larreys to CA to visit old friends, and in Oct., they plan to travel to Italy with a tour group.

Frances Gillmore Pratt visited CZ recently to check out the new science center, which she describes as “most impressive." She was pleased to find that her sculpture, Synergy, looks even better in its
new location than where it had been placed at the time of its dedication. July will find Frances and all of her family (L'11) in Hi to celebrate her 75th birthday—it is "most exciting," she says, for none of the family has been to Hi before.

Carolyn McGonigle Holleran is also traveling extensively. In Jan., during a three-week overland trip to South America, Carolyn and Jerry visited Chile, Argentina and Brazil. "The trip was educational, exciting and exhausting." Within the last two years, two granddaughters were married, and last Nov., the Hollerans welcomed their first great-grandchild. Carolyn continues to work out at the gym and still devotes time to worthwhile community activities. "Life is good!"

Jean Sloan Chappell wrote of her fantastic trip to South Africa last summer, which she found a beautiful country, very different from Tanzania (which she had visited in '11), complete with a lot of green grass, trees and rolling hills. "Soweto, which I remember seeing in pictures as shocks, is now full of small houses, with millionaires living there. Nelson Mandela's former home is a museum. Our guide said that the country is seriously concerned about what will happen when Mandela dies. "We never stop learning, do we?"

Harriet Kaufman Breslow and husband skied in CO this winter. Back home, the Breslows enjoy their grandchildren, 2. In continuing her social work, Harriet has become interested in mediation and is pursuing education in that area. Living in Potomac, MD, with children Aimee and Jeff nearby in the DC area, get-togethers are frequent.

Nancy Osterweis Alderman, in North Haven, CT, must barely find time to take a breath! She is president of Environment and Human Health, Inc., a business working to protect human health from environmental harms. Multiple research projects include efforts to ban minors from using tanning beds (irrefutable melanoma relationship), to ban fracking waste from coming into CT, to reduce pesticide exposure to children in their schools, and a new project this year, to research the harms of using fire retardants in the development of numerous products. To learn more about the vital research Nancy's company is accomplishing, visit the website, which gets 30,000 hits a day. http://debi.org Nancy and husband Myles have four grandchildren; when the youngest enters college this fall, all four will be in college!

Barbara Eaton Neilson retired two years ago from a management position in Cape Cod, MA, and immediately began traveling. However, she continues to accomplish monthly "temping" in her former office, "which is good for the brain." She tells us: "Universe's #1 luxury riverboat was the crown of all trips." Other destinations, thanks to the locations of family and friends, include LA, CA, MD, FL, TX, VA, VT and HI. On her home turf, she loves walking the beaches and talking to the seals, who are very attentive. "All of the Cape has educated retirees involved in animal care, senior care, student care and any cause you can think of." She is divorced, with a happy and active family, her oldest grandchild is 24, and the youngest, 6. "Life is good—come and visit!"

Last, but never least, our classmate Cynthia Enloe is always on the go and educating as she goes. "I carry the alum magazine with me to my favorite lunch eatery. I love seeing what all of our wonderful classmates are up to! Greetings today from TX. Yes. Women's studies students and faculty are everywhere!" Cynthia admits that her travel schedules and talk dates are hectic, but such a lifestyle keeps her brain cells jumping. Recent commitments have taken her to L.A. and NYC, and last Nov. she was at the IL of Iceland for a week of teaching a Gender Equality Training Program, which was aired on C-SPAN. "I keep thinking how I'd love to talk about all of this with Louise Hobson," her CC professor and mentor. "Every time I go through New London, I look up at CC there on the hill and silently give a wave of thanks." Cheers to all!

1962

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1963

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By the time you read this, many of us will probably still be on a high from our 50th Reunion weekend. I can only hope that everyone is following through on commitments made to stay in touch with old friends and new.

I'm afraid there is no way to come up with Class Notes for this issue beyond suggesting that anyone who did not get a copy of our 50th Reunion yearbook, Koiné Gold, please order it now from the Alumni Office for $55 including shipping.

Our Koiné Gold includes the biographical summaries and observations of the past 50 years from over 185 classmates, along with current photos and many photos from our college days, reunions and informal get-togethers over the years. Thanks especially to the tireless and tenacious efforts of my two co-editors, Lonnie Jones Schorer and Susan Hall Veccia, our Koiné Gold is the largest and most comprehensive ever published! Thanks to everyone who shared their lives, memories, photos and other memorabilia to make this a hugely successful effort. And special thanks to all who emailed, phoned and otherwise tracked down classmates to encourage their participation in our yearbook and our Reunion. News for the next issue is due by early July. For those who were not included in Koiné Gold, please take time now to connect with our class and send news of your life. Everyone else, please keep us updated.

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths this year of two classmates, Duffy MacNaught Monahan and Susan Passell Koenigsberg. They remind us of the fragility of life and the importance of maintaining friendships. The Class sends condolences to family and friends of Duffy and Susan.

1964

Reunion

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1966

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Donna Allieri had cocktails during the holiday season in Denver, CO, with youngest friend Jeffrey Woodruff and his mother, who happened to be visiting from
1967

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As your new class correspondents, we are delighted to be the repositories of all Class of '67 news. We hope you will respond to the thrice-yearly calls for information, but feel free to be in touch more often if you want to share your news as it happens. We also need your help locating missing classmates. The College is eager to reach out to all of our classmates in preparation for our big 50th Reunion, and we are sure many of you have news of people with whom the College has lost touch. If you are willing to help, contact one of us, and we will send you the list.

Speaking of Reunions, our 45th was wonderful. Despite having only about 30 classmates in attendance, we made enough of an impression to be dubbed the "fun class" by the College. We had our own dinner on Friday night, a Saturday morning class breakfast with speaker, and another dinner complete with karaoke and a DJ on Saturday, so we had lots of time to catch up.

Deborah (Debb) Greenstein visited Betsy Wilson Zanna last fall. Betsy, who lives in Waterboro, Maine, serves as tour guide for a trip to nearby Mamaroneck. They met up with about 15 other alums, whom the College has lost touch. If you know of any classmates we are missing, please let us know.

Betsy Wilson Zanna, Nancy Brown Slimak and Lil Balboni Nolan (behind Debby) having a pre-dinner drink at the Marriott.

NYC. Donna and the visiting mother made a quick discovery where did you go to college? In Connecticut. What school? - Connecticut College for Women. What class? - '66. So did I, and we never crossed paths ... Donna is delighted to have met Rona Shor as a new friend from an old world.

Anne Backus left Santa Fe, NM, early this year to teach third grade at the American International School in Chennai, India. Her students are from Korea, Japan, South Africa, England and France, as well as from India. Anne has a spacious apartment and would welcome any CC friends as visitors.

Jackie Cogan Smith returned from a fantastic trip with Road Scholars to Costa Rica, which she found to be a beautiful, amazingly biodiverse country.

Louise Fay Despres, husband Bob, and their fox terrier, Jack, spent the winter in their new condo in Williamsburg, VA. They enjoyed the many cultural activities in the area, especially programs on Native Americans and African Americans in the eighteenth century. Louise is writing a short book on French influences in the eighteenth century. She would love to hear from classmates, either in VA or in the Chicago area, where they live from April to November.

When she was in MA, home lost power during the blizzard in Feb., Ellen Kagan was evacuated to high school shelters, first in Sandwich and then, after the generator died, in Falmouth. She was very impressed, even inspired, by the excellent work of the American Red Cross, the Medical Reserve Corps, Amencorps, and the people who cared for animals brought to the shelter. Ellen was interviewed in Sandwich by Sean Teehan for his article in the Feb. 10 issue of Cape Cod Times.

Olga Karman Christiansen is a board member of three literary organizations in Buffalo: the King Center Charter School, the city's first charter school, founded in 2000; the Just Buffalo Literary Center, a not-for-profit that helps local writers, brings writers to schools, and invites "star" writers to Babel, its international literary author lecture series; and BLOOM, a chwyde noyfication book club, where rabbits, magicians, professors, government officials and writers make presentations and lead discussions.

Now that Roxy Plate has cut back her private practice in psychotherapy to two days a week, she can spend more time on her art and on traveling, including winter in Venice, FL. She took up jewelry-making in the fall, loves it, and may turn it into a new business venture. Older son Tucker is engaged, younger son Eben is married, and both live in the area. Roxy would love to hear from any classmates on the west coast of FL during the winter.

Susan Rothschild and Kathy Leggett visited Bernice Abramowitz Shor in NJ in Jan. to celebrate Bernice's return to her building after a fire kept her away from her home for 16 months. Bernice continues to work as an elementary school Basic Skills teacher, which she finds both challenging and rewarding. Kathy enjoys being a literacy tutor in an adult education program with the New York Public Library. Susan still works two days a week in NYC as a psychotherapist, and when at home in MA, volunteers for her local land trust.

Marian Silber sent winter greetings from Napels, FL, where she had a lovely lunch and afternoon visit with Wilma Probst Cohen and husband Louis in Jan. And she spent time with Ruth Zaleske Leska, who also winters in Naples, Asia Riel Estbee, who lives in Naples full time, joined them at the Napels Museum of Art for a tour with the CC Club of Southwest Florida, where they met up with about 15 other alums. In NYC, Marian keeps in touch with Carol Katz and Rona Shor as they meet occasionally for lunch, dinner and theater.

Betsie Staples Harding and Sara (Sally) Wateridge reconnected by accident over plans for a trip to South Africa — Betsy having recently been and Sara about to go. Betsy was thrilled to catch up with Sara and wrote, "Sara divides her time between Boothbay and South Portland in ME. and Hale's Location in NH. I'm in Jackson, NH. pretty much full time. What fun to discover how much we have in common, as well as some of our (perhaps temporary) differences. Sara is youthfuly embarking on rock climbing and other terrific adventures, while I'm hard at work recovering from knee replacement."

The Class of '66 sends sympathy to the family and friends of Sandra Welch Mitchell, who died in Jan. 12. Thank you to everyone who wrote in! We all enjoy hearing from you; please continue to stay in touch.
VENETIA BELL VALIN '69 began her career as a French-English translator 43 years ago while living in Malaysia with her first husband, a French diplomat. One of her recent projects is the English translation of the 150-page catalog for a landmark interactive exhibition on the Paleolithic cave paintings of Lascaux, France, that opened in March at the Field Museum in Chicago and will move on to Houston, Montreal and Denver.

Lascaux, a world heritage site, is considered the birthplace of human art and creativity, but it has been closed to the public since the early 1960s because the paintings, created 170 centuries ago, are so fragile.

Valin said the most challenging aspect of the project was its short time frame: She had just two and a half months to translate the richly illustrated catalog, which explores the history and significance of Lascaux along with the sophisticated reproduction techniques used in the exhibition.

Bell divides her time between homes in Paris and Bordeaux and is already immersed in her next translation project: a history of the Camondo banking family, known as the "Rothchild of the East."

New Hampshire's proverbs' office. Judy hopes for a chance to make a true mark while remaining in one of the worst-paying jobs in the country! She is also trying to find a way to give back to CC while helping to support her adult children and maintain an inherited vacation home in FL.

The Class of '67 sends sympathy to the family and friends of several of our classmates. Ann Morgenstern Jones, who died in '06, and Nancy Ross Livermore, who died in '96. The Class also sends condolences to the family of Sarah (Sally) Donavan Goodrich, who died in 2010. Sally led a life devoted to education and helping those in need, including a career in elementary education and board membership on many organizations. After the loss of son Peter, she co-founded Families of September 11, as well as the Peter M. Goodrich Memorial Foundation, and led initiatives to aid and understand Afghani people. Sally is survived by her husband, Don; a daughter and son and their spouses; three brothers; five grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews. See a full obituary in this issue.

1968

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Carla Meyer keeps thinking it's time to retire, then some new project comes along that proves irresistible. Last year she worked with Leonardo DiCaprio on "J. Edgar" and Oliver Stone on his next movie, "Savages." Who would have thought being a dialect coach would take her down so many interesting roads? Her other great interests are in the animal world. Since 2011 Carla has become a volunteer guardian ad litem for neglected and abused children, she visits the children and then writes reports to help the judges determine what is in the child's best interest. She also reads voraciously and works in her organic garden, which is now a certified wildlife habitat and which she has filled with mostly native plants. She enjoys travel, both to visit her three children in San Francisco, London and eastern WA, and to see interesting new places. This year: a mission trip to Costa Rica, a camping trip to Botswana and Africa, and a Danube River cruise. Life is good.

Janet Herrmann also enjoys seeing Trudy Glidden around town in Winchester, usually at a meeting having to do with social justice.

Judy Irving is working on a documentary, "Pelican Dreams," about brown pelicans and the people who know and love them. Elegant as they soar, awkward as they waddle, comical and intelligent as they live their lives, these flying dinosaurs are tolerant of human beings and extremely endearing. She is having a blast. Husband Mark Bittner is working on a memoir, "Street Song," and has almost reached draft three. Each of these projects has taken (and will take) many years.

Judith Greenberg is relocating to Cooperstown, NY. In July, she joins the psychiatry faculty at Bassett Hospital as their second child/adolescent psychiatrist. Rural central NY is an underserved area for child/adolescent psychiatry, so she looks forward to quite a challenge. At writing, she was working both in private practice (Huntington, NY) and as a staff psychiatrist at Long Island Jewish Medical Center (for school-based health programs and as medical director of a substance abuse clinic). She looks forward to this major change, which will allow her to change to a more rational professional setting and quality of life. Judith would love to meet with other alumni who reside in the Capital District/Leatherstocking region of NY.

Brooke Suiter enjoys being retired from teaching and being a grandmother to two little girls. As a volunteer guardian ad litem for neglected and abused children, she visits the children and then writes reports to help the judges determine what is in the child's best interest. She also reads voraciously and works in her organic garden, which is now a certified wildlife habitat and which she has filled with mostly native plants. She enjoys travel, both to visit her three children in San Francisco, London and eastern WA, and to see interesting new places. This year: a mission trip to Costa Rica, a camping trip to Botswana and Africa, and a Danube River cruise. Life is good.

Janel Hernandez had breakfast with Kathy Bunnell Flood in Cambridge. Kathy was in Boston with her husband, Charles Bracelen Flood, while he attended a book fair for his book, "Grant's Final Victory: Ulysses S. Grant's Heroic Last Year." Janel also enjoys seeing Trudy Glidden around town in Winchester, usually at a meeting having to do with social justice.

Last June, three generations of Suzanne Gehrig Krantz's family attended Reunion. Her mother, Mary Elizabeth Franklin Gehrig '42, celebrated her 70th reunion with the class of '42. They were joined in New London by Suzanne's daughter, Kathryn Krantz '03.

Cathy Hull was invited, as a nonmember participant, to take part in the exhibition "Celebrating
Women's Work" at The Pen & Brush Gallery. The Gallery is dedicated to "Women in the Visual, Literary and Performing Arts Since 1894."

The Class sends condolences to Dorine (Dori) Lee Reiley, who wrote that her husband, Bill, died in Jan. '12, "after 25 wonderful years together." She had a nice time at the Sarasota CC luncheon in March and met Marcia Hunter Matthews, who started two months ago but graduated with us after marriage.

Miriam Daniel and husband Larry Wolff have lived in Chevy Chase, MD, for 30 years. Miriam retired from her law practice six years ago and now travels frequently to Israel, where she helps a Reform synagogue and community center in Tel Aviv, called Beit Daniel, which was started by her parents in '92. Her special love is a program in which young, post-college Americans volunteer, work and study in Jaffa (a neighborhood in Tel Aviv), one of the few places in Israel where Jews and Arabs live together. Two years ago she and her husband bought a cabin overlooking Pleasant Lake in Casco, ME, an hour from Portland. Miriam loves the summers in ME, especially when her two children visit. Rebecca flies for a week from Seattle, where she works at Microsoft. Son David, now looking for a job teaching music in Washington DC, is a more frequent visitor. In ME, Miriam swims, kayaks and looks for loons. Larry, an educator who worked for many years at the World Bank, is writing about Israel's education system, when not distracted by the lake and the loons. Miriam sees Helen Epps, who lives in DC, regularly for lunch; had a wonderful visit with Ricki Chapman Fluegelman Kahn in Brooklyn.

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Marcia Hunter Matthews '67, Nancy Blumberg Austin '67 and Judi Rosman Hahn '67 at their recent reunion in New York.

Right: Floridian Ann Tousley Anderson '69 planned a trip north in January to include a visit with Helen Harasimowicz Walters '59 in Ambler, PA.
Helping Afghan women

ROZ RUSTIGIAN '73 has been elected chair of the board of directors for the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women, a Providence, R.I., nonprofit that seeks to develop Afghan women as leaders through higher education in the United States, leadership training and career guidance. In the 10 years since it was founded, the initiative has helped 57 women earn undergraduate degrees; five more are expected to graduate in 2013. Rustigan is the owner of V. George Rustigan Rugs in Providence.

Thoreau’s desk, bed, etc. Woo-hoo!”

The Class of ’59 sends sympathy to the family and friends of Catherine Ramsey Kane, who died on Feb. 12.

With only three more issues before our 45th Reunion, it is not too early to make note of the date: May 30–June 1, 2014. Reunion Co-chairs Alice Wellington (alice@nutmeadow.com) and Ann Barber Smith (abarber11@comcast.net) would love your ideas and assistance. To be kept up to date on important details and urgent classmate news, be sure to send your current email address to me at gmarigigio@bellsouth.net.

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1972

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Doreen Chen Allen’s daughter, Laura, finished law school and spent five months in Ecuador doing a study for the Nature Conservancy. Doreen and Charley celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year and are very busy with their photography and book production business. They have worked on more than 100 book and catalog projects and are particularly proud of “How We Survived,” a book for Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Los Angeles, because of its beautiful quality. Find out more at www.charlessallen.com, especially if you have a book project. Doreen welcomes visitors to their home in Pasadena, CA, where they’ve lived for more than 30 years.

Beverly (Bev) Alfano Ahrensford retired after teaching for 38 years in inner city Philadelphia. She moved in Nov. to Naples, FL, and loves it... back to sun, fitness and needlepoint! Husband Lee still works but can do it anywhere. Son Drew, 28, lives in Manhattan and works in finance, and daughter Leigh, 26, is in Boston working at Children’s Hospital in finance and attending Boston College for her MBA at night.

After 20 years as an academic dean at two colleges in WA, Norma Orba Waltz Goldstein has moved to Annapolis, MD, where husband Allen started a new position at the National Institute for Standards and Technology, working on smart grid technologies. They enjoy sailing on the Chesapeake and being closer to their older two sons. Norma is pleased to be closer to CC graduate Patti Lenehan Brayley ’70, who lives in Medford, NJ, and she would love to get in touch with Fitch High School and CC graduate Elizabeth Kennedy, who lives in DC. A published poet and editor, Norma is busy writing and consulting until the perfect full-time academic or government position comes through.

Meg Genson Ashman and husband Jay took a break from leading a study abroad program and teaching in Belize, which they’ve done for most of the past few winters. Instead, they spent a few months in Panama, studying Spanish and teaching English to adults. In the spring, they returned to Burlington and continued teaching at the U of Vermont. They’re looking forward to seeing Maria Spencer Freedberg this summer.

Ruth Ritter Ladd continues to work at the New England District Corps of Engineers in the Regulatory Division as a supervisory wetland biologist. Although she could retire, as long as it’s enjoyable and satisfying, why stop working? The only downfall is that it reduces opportunities to spend time with her three grandchildren. Ruth and husband Larry still raise puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind and are on their 10th puppy.

Dorquita Acosta-Hathaway retired last July after 22 years as a district-level administrator for K-12 education in CA. She has started an educational consulting business and also works with the county office of education as an administrative coach for new principals. She may come out of retirement to teach full time at the post-gr and level with the CA university system. She and husband Mike (USCA 72) have two daughters and five grandchildren living within 15 minutes of them in Huntington Beach, CA, and another daughter in San Francisco. Mike works for the Coast Guard Support Center in San Pedro, after a 26-year active-duty career with the Coast Guard. They feel fortunate that Orqui’s mom and Mike’s dad are in their 90s and still fairly healthy.

Laure Stet le Benot majored in music history at CC, but her real love is performing. Singing in choirs since age 2, she continues to sing as the soprano soloist at a church in Wellesley. She has rejoined the Tanglewood Festival Chorus (chorus of the Boston Symphony), after a hiatus of 30 years. She loves singing great works of music with these terrific musicians. She also does solo concert work and occasionally performs in local musical theater. Younger son Mike started college last fall.

 Husband David still works at MIT, but in Oct. they took a two-week roundtrip drive from Boston to Orlando, FL, via Parents’ Weekend in Rochester, NY. Son Jim is married and lives and works in Seattle. Laure’s niece, Tory Stewart ‘15, enjoys life at CC. Laure attended CC’s 100th birthday party, along with our 40th Reunion, and hopes to see more classmates at the next one!

Nancy Burnett spent the summer gathering oral histories for a book about her hometown and tending her blueberries, blackberries and a host of flower gardens. She still teaches at the local state university and loves it.

Margo W. R. Steiner is one of our most fearless classmates! Her “year of living dangerously,” included her first skydive, an unforgettable experience. She followed that with her first polar plunge—into 38-degree waters off Gloucester, MA. Margo and another member of her Rotary club raised a whopping $6,275 for Rotary International’s mission to eradicate polio in the last three countries in
Architect builds community

WALTER SCHACHT '75, co-founder and principal of Schacht Aslan Architects in Seattle, Wash., has been elected to the American Institute of Architects' College of Fellows, in the category of design. Schacht focuses on strong, modern buildings designed to bring people together and enhance the quality of civic life. His commissions have included a library addition, a Seattle fire station and buildings at a community college. After graduating with a degree in architectural studies, Schacht spent six years as a woodworker and builder with a successful contracting business in Mystic, Conn. He describes his architectural practice as the intersection of his focus "on community and craft."

class notes
Actor's ally

Labor relations attorney SUSAN GORVINE NELSON '80 has been named executive director of the New England local of SAG-AFTRA, the union representing professional actors and broadcasters. Nelson has worked in labor relations for more than 25 years; most recently she was counsel to the Connecticut State Employees Association. She majored in English and government and earned her law degree at the University of Connecticut.

Joy Jerome Turtola, who lives in Portland, OR, entered 2013 very grateful for modern medicine. Last year, his son, Cody, underwent two separate surgeries to remove cataracts he developed after being on steroids for over a year following his bone marrow transplant in '07. Cody now has 20/20 vision for the first time in five years and quite literally sees a whole new world. Joy is grateful to his friends and family, who have provided love and support during his ongoing journey as a parent.

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1984 REUNION 50TH-55TH 2013

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Cushing Anderson and wife Sue live in Boston's South End and have a cottage in RI, where he can work remotely all summer. "Our cat, Boethius, has just turned 17, so must be considering colleges, but like all teenagers, he doesn't talk to us about important things like that." Cushing loves his job as a market research analyst, mainly researching how organizations train their employees and how companies leverage business consultants. He works with Megan Santosuos '87 and Rich Vancil '82. Cushing has also been working with Brad Thorpe P'11 to help organize IDG-sponsored CC seniors for internships at their offices around the world. They sent Vinit Pham '13 and Gyanendra Sharma '13 to Prague last summer; and David Romanow '12 to Chile over winter break. In his spare time, Cushing sails, reads lots of books, plays golf and squash, and tries to stay in shape. "I completed 90 days of the P90x workouts in 2011 and got halfway through in early 2012 before I injured myself and went back to a less intense workout routine." Last summer, sailing and golf were the primary activities. Cushing was in the Mediterranean for 10 days, sailing between Spain and Italy and around the northern part of Sardinia. He also spent some time in MN, where he and a couple of friends won the Yngling Open North American Championships. "I sail out of the Sakonnet Yacht Club, where several former and current CC grads also sail, including Adolf Halfercrafter '05. I see Sue Kur Lees every couple of months with her family, and Lisa Sohmer is great about staying in touch, too. I love reconnecting with classmates, so if anyone lives in or is visiting Boston, please let me know."

1985

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In 2002, Nicole Meuderscheid got married and moved to the beautiful countryside of Schleswig-Holstein ("that's where the black and white cows come from") to live with her husband and two cats next to a farm with about 70 cows. "It's quaint here, but after living in NYC, Zurich and Hamburg, it's also a bit quaint! So my office/apartment is in the city of Hamburg (by the way, gorgeous, green, great harbor, cosmopolitan attitude, more bridges than Venice), to which I commute four days a week. To anyone interested in visiting North Germany: I'm happy to supply any CC student with a place to stay and good advice on where to go, what to see, what to do and what not. For those seeking a job abroad, I can help out with advice and possible connections." Please contact the Alumni Office at 860-439-2306 for information on how to reach Nicole.

1987

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Dawn Ellingsbe Carleton has been in the San Francisco Bay area for more than 20 years, teaching at the same school for 14. Currently, she is social studies curriculum chair, diversity chair and the fifth-grade teacher. "Each day is a new adventure!" she writes. "Interesting fact: One of my colleagues here is a CC alumna from the Class of '97!! Small world! Dawn has also played some ice hockey on a co-ed team. "I've loved hearing how successful the Lady Camels have been on the ice since I was a student. Women's ice hockey was merely a club when I was at CC." Dawn has two children, both who graduated from college this spring.

Randel Osborne lives in Essex, CT, with his wife, Molly Tyson Osborne '88, sons Garrett (Georgia Tech '16), Floyd and Roald; and a collection of Labrador retrievers. He's the information technology director for the East Haven Public Schools and spends his spare time sailing, writing music and making custom electronic instruments.

Michael Ridgway '75 and Michael Collier '76 on the shores of Lake Champlain in Westport, NY, in August 2012. Photo was taken after lunch with Robin Rice '72.

From left, Holly Durnett Mikula '80, Dawn Tatsapaugh Herdman '80, Jill Ersson '80 and Linda Garant '82 got together on a warm October weekend in Boston.
Jonathan Rosenson and wife Rebecca recently welcomed their second child, Alexe, who joins big sister Sarah, 5. Jon is still working as an emergency room physician at Oakland and Richmond Medical Centers in the San Francisco Bay area. He is also on the faculty as an assistant professor at the medical school at U. of California—San Francisco in the Department of Emergency Medicine. "All is well," he writes, "and if any Camels are out our way, please get in touch!"

1988

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Editor's note: Due to an error, the Class of '88 column was mistakenly omitted from the Fall 2012 Class Notes. The following notes include those from last fall and the current submissions. Our apologies to the Class.

"All is well for Liz Irwin Schlosser in NC, who has lived in the South and worked for NACCR for 16 years. Last summer on Cape Cod, she saw Sara Melziger Deveaux and husband Jon. "We had a lot of laughs, and it seemed we had just seen each other yesterday when it had been nearly 17 years." Liz works and carpool her kids for sports. She still plays golf but has taken up tennis. She'd love to hear from Camels in the Charlotte, NC, area.

In the Bay area, Jonathan Davis and family are well. Sons Cлинton, 9, and Murray, 7, are into Harry Potter, and the family has traveled to Harry Potter World to work on their spells. Wife Susan is developing and expanding a language program in the school system. They've seen Dorothy Dudley Kenereick de Saint Phalle, John Zuckerman '90 and Rena Whitehouse '87, who stopped by on her way to Yosemite. They also spent time in Portland with Rod Woodley '86 and his family, and they saw Pete Mohr. "I have a Chris Coyne original (painting) in my office that routinely gets good reviews, not quite the same as Spiral Gallery." A trip back east brought a reunion with Nick Burlingham and Camille Hames Burlingham '85.

After living in TN and TX since '93, Joann Scheiber Donnelly moved back to the Northeast with her three kids (ages 10 and 6-year-old twins) to live near family and begin a new job as the executive director of Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Programs for the YMCA of Greater Boston. She visited DC. "Everything looks great though I am not crazy about what appears to be a new building being plowed down in the middle of the main green." She looks forward to connecting with old friends.

Jennifer Schelter loves life in Philadelphia and summers in Cape Cod. She teaches yoga and mindfulness and does life coaching for teens and adults. In Tulum, Mexico, Jennifer led her fifth Radiant Retreat, a week of yoga, meditation, writing, beach and self-discovery. She designs and facilitates retreats for Fortune 500 companies, Wharton Business School and private clients. Jennifer is also studying creative nonfiction writing and is writing a memoir. "My intent is to inspire others to take the time to enjoy and honor their bodies, relax for peace of mind, and tap into their creative spirit. My work is my life passion, and for that I am grateful." She is in touch with Bruce Sultphen and enjoys hearing from other CC grads.

Alyssa Smallwood-Dalsass loves working as a nurse practitioner in Bucks County, PA, and raising three children, ages 12, 10 and 7, with husband Andrew. A former Schwift, she still sings, "but usually only with my kids, who are all singers too!"

Things are going well for Sandra Engle Gichner. She lives in Bethesda, MD, with husband Steven Gichner and daughters Frances, 14, Cecilia, 12, and Eliza, 10. They celebrated their 15th anniversary at Jazz Fest in New Orleans. Sandra has taught Latin for 11 years, "totally inspired by my fantastic CC Latin professor, Dirk Held." Sandra sails every summer and sees a few CC folks occasionally, "which is always great!" Will Meyer moved back north after graduating from Tulane Law School in '93 and now practices law on Long Island. He enjoys a busy life at home in Oyster Bay with wife Christina and children Willits, 10; Hannah, 8; and twins Gwen and Cole, 4. He also volunteers on several nonprofit boards, including the local Community Sailing Organization. Will still sails competitively and looks forward to competing in his 10th Newport-Bermuda race. "Most of my time on the water, however, is devoted to cruising with the family around the Northeast aboard our Sabre 38."

Kristen MacKenzie Pollard and husband Sam opened their second toy store in Salem, MA, and have owned Mud Puddle Toys in Marblehead for nine years. Son Graham is in high school and plays three sports, daughter Clara is in junior high and does events with her horse. Image: "Marblehead is a mecca of CC grads—fun to keep in touch!"

Carlos Garcia lives in northwest Washington, DC, and is starting to rally support for CC among alumni and friends in the Mid-Atlantic region. He lives with wife Lucinda (who attended CC for one year before transferring to art school at Pratt in NYC and children Michael, 16; Gabriel, 13; and Maya, 9). Carlos practiced corporate, tech and international trade law for 12 years and has been investing in DC real estate since '95. Today, he actively sells real estate as a top agent in his area and works closely on strategically growing companies with his business partners in real estate brokerage and development, property management and database marketing. Carlos also serves on boards and works with DC-area start-ups on education reform.

After graduation, Bill Lyons spent six years in Washington, DC, as a researcher on technical and international topics. He attended the U. of Wyoming for a second bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and ended up with an M.S. in geology. He then earned a Ph.D. at MIT in oceanography and marine geology. Since then, Bill has been with Shell International Exploration and Production. He and wife Keliie, with dogs Bella and Copper, enjoy the nice winters in Houston, TX ("and suffer through the summers").

Life in England is still entertaining for Alison Edwards Curwen. "The Grand National was a wonderful yet weird spectacle to behold." As teachers, Alison and husband Austin have summers off and head back to the East Coast for warm weather and time with family and friends. Alison works at Kingham Hill School with students who are moderately to severely dyslexic, dyspraxic or dyscalculic. "Each day they make me laugh, or sigh in exasperation. Work is truly rewarding." Children Darcy, 12; Lag, 11, and Stapley, 9, keep Alison and Austin entertained and "keep life a bit chaotic, too." They live in the "bucolic Cotswolds, where out my window the rapeseed is blooming and the lambs are bleating. Life is good." I was happy to receive news from several classmates last summer, including Deborah Carr, who is a professor and chair of the sociology department at Rutgers U. and lives in Highland Park, NJ.

The artistic Anna Raff illustrated two children's books. "World Rat Day," by 2011 U.S. Children's Poet Laureate J. Patrick Lewis, was published in March, and "Sylvia's Spinach," by Katherine Pinyor, was published last Oct.

Anne Harris Wilcox lives in Rochester, NY, with her husband and..."
three children. She continues to work with her dance company, Present Tense Dance, and teaches at the U. of Rochester. Last Aug., she was named the president of the New York State Dance Education Association. She always enjoys spending time with classmate Sarah Webb and her wonderful family.

And, from across the Atlantic, Francesca Sommariva writes, "I'm currently living in Deauville, France, working for the Groupe Lucien Barrière as MICE sales manager for our three local luxury hotels. Still married with two kids, ages 13 and 14, I welcome all alumni visiting the area. I still hope to return to the U.S. for good someday soon!" She is in touch with Beatrice Spadacini and Monique Galassi.

1989 REUNION
May 30–June 1, 2014
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Caroline Bennett and her husband and family are back in the U.S. this summer for a month, travelling the loop of the East Coast from Toronto to NYC via Boston to see Heather Meeker Green ’90 and her husband, Rich, and hopefully other CC buddies. Her children are Freddy, 14; Ella, 12; and Felix, 11. "We really hope to pop into CC to relive some great times."

Our 25th Reunion is just around the corner! We hope to have a record turnout. If you want to help, check in with Reunion Chair Mark Howes (you can find him on Facebook). We welcome help from anyone, near or far.

In Feb., Liz Arnold Boll’ achieved her goal of completing in and finishing a winter triathlon in Ottawa, Canada. She was one of two U.S. citizens who competed with 250 others in the race, which included an eight-kilometer skate, five-kilometer run and five-kilometer cross-country ski. "The kids and husband are great. My oldest turned 16 this year, and it feels like his college days are right around the bend. My youngest excels in music and mathematics, and my middle son won a science fair last year and went on to a national competition."

Helen Dewey, who apparently hasn’t checked in with us in a while, sent in a very long report, which I took the liberty of distilling: "The dust is finally settling from last year’s move (leading suburban life and returned to life as a city dweller). It’s nice to be liberated from home renovations. I’ve been traveling and getting to see lots of Camels — coffee in NYC with Tappan Heher and Joe St. Cyr ’87; the Scottish games with Bob Calhoun; a leisurely ‘ladies who lunch’ in Philadelphia with Chesca Sheldon Mayer and Alexandra (Alice) Davis Cummins (just be sure they get home in time to meet the kids after school...sorry about that); and DC power catch-up sessions with Anne Mickle and Deborah (Deb) Dorman Hay, then on to San Francisco... Mark Howes provides full-service hospitality, including a remote office for telecommuting, and, up in Sacramento (hopefully you can be your own judge of this at Reunion), Paul Cress has not aged a day since school! I met Andrew Bechgaard at the Ottawa airport and spent a week driving around Scotland. Seems my navigation skills were lacking, and we routinely lost even though we weren’t going anywhere in particular. Paige Margules Tobin was enticed to escape for a girls’ weekend. There are lots of other classmates I’d love to see, so hopefully my ‘traveling to a town near you’ tour will continue."

1990
Correspondent: Tonia Brett, 30 Washington Ave., Northampton, MA 01060, victorabrett@comcast.net

Greetings from Tonia Brett, your new class correspondent. I figure I can’t do worse than the last correspondent, since there wasn’t one, and it has been long enough since the witty and wry Kristen Lofblad Sullivan resigned that I won’t suffer by comparison. Speaking of, Kristin lives in Cambridge, MA, with her husband and 4-year-old son and works at Harvard.

Meanwhile, the children of Rich Petersen invaded Colonial Williamsburg in Feb., astounding colonists with their musketry and milksmaid skills. The Petersens are headquartered in Brooklyn, where their three children attend Packer Academy. Rich works in midtown Manhattan and likes it when visiting Class of ’90 alumni call him to go out in the city.

Working near Rich is Bruce MacLaren, who for the last three years has been the Chinese art specialist for Bonhams Auctioneers’ NYC galleries. When not traveling, he lives north of the city with his wife and 13-year-old son.

John Rubin and Mary (Mare) Neary-Ruben are rocking out in the West Village with a cool new business venture called Replay Studios, a music rehearsal space for musicians, with an afterschool rock-band program for kids. John has been dreaming about this for a while and wanted to make a career change. Mare writes: "It is exciting that we have become small business owners, but life is busier than ever. Good thing our kids are already 11 and 13 and much more independent! The perk of being a Camel: John and Mare are offering any NYC alums a free hour of studio time: www.playreplaysudios.com."

Victoria Shaw-Williamson, Rachel Arp Ramstad and I got together in NYC this fall. Victoria speaks for many of us when she says she is a proud member of the sandwich generation, madly dashing around while running a three-generational household in Manhattan.

Victoria is a furniture specialist at 1stdibs.com in NYC. Rachel was visiting from Seattle, where she likes to hang with Galen Grossman Hermelee now that Galen has moved back to Seattle from London.

Mark Teschner ’79 with his 5th Emmy Award for Casting for General Hospital.

Erika Esposito ’02 and husband Brett Pfister with their children from left, Graham Patrick Pfister (born 12/28/09), Natalie Marie Pfister (born 12/12/12), Sophia Danielle Pfister (born 3/1/07).

I continue to enjoy trying to strike a balance between my work as a designer and life as a married person, parenting three kids," says Rachel. For fun, Rachel is soaring through the air, taking a flying trapeze class. Really, I’ve seen the video.

Also in the Seattle area is Abbe Bartlett Lynch, who loves the outdoors (when it’s not drizzling), hanging with her husband of 15 years, Andy, and three kids, Kieran, 10; Drew, 5; and Sarah, 2. "My kids enjoy all the outdoor opportunities—skiing, hiking, messing around with boats, snowboarding. And it appears I’m becoming a hockey mom—Kieran’s been playing for three years, and Drew has just started," Abbe is at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center doing administrative/operational work. She continues to row, as she did in college, and raced at the San Diego Crew Classic for the first time in April, especially enjoying "the sun and warmth—and the fish tacos. Life is full, life is good."

For the last 16 years, Josh Motta has worked at Brandeis U. in mail services. He lives in Waltham, MA. Also in MA, former CC net men are connecting on the court in Chestnut Hill, where Tim Smith is the director of junior tennis at the Longwood Cricket Club. In March, Tim hired Trevor Prophet ’11 to his coaching staff. Brad Freer ’91, also of the men’s team, visited in July for the National Father-Son event held at the club each year.

As for me, I live in Northampton...
with Geoff Schafer and our daughters, Sophia, 13, and Lila, 10. Geoff still plays a lot of hockey, sometimes with Dan Crowley '93. We spend time in the summer on an island off the coast of ME, a great respite from inland living. Ken Rosen visits us there almost annually for sailing trips, a shift from his life as a Chinese medicine and spa professional in Asia. Tina Munstein lives nearby in Chesterfield with her two kids and husband, though we don't see her as much as we'd all like. We did spend a few days in LA with Joe Syracuse and Lisa Addario last spring, gleaning "Inside Hollywood" info about the movie they wrote ("Parental Guidance," starring Billy Crystal and Bette Midler), and our kids had fun hanging out with their cool CA kids, Augie and Lulu.

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### Digital leader

**VINCENT FARRELL '96**, has been named to the newly created position of global chief content officer at Havas Worldwide, an integrated marketing communications agency headquartered in New York. Farrell will develop the agency's digital-at-the-core model with oversight of content creation, curation, development, production and distribution.

Farrell came to Havas from R/GA, where he helped build and manage the agency's digital studio, experiential, retail and presentation design capabilities. Before that, he directed content and integrated marketing production at SpikeTV.com. He also has a background in independent film production. His documentary "ME AT THE ZOO," which maps the rise of a controversial video blogger from small-town Tennessee, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2012 and was distributed by HBO.

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### 1994 REUNION 5/30-6/2, 2014

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Susan Cotter recently published her first two teen e-novels, "Miss Calculation" and "Miss Taken," under the pen name Sue Seabury. The third novel in the series, "Miss Understanding," is expected out this summer.

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### 1996

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**Liz Gonzalez-Quinones** is the Teacher of the Year at the Regional Multicultural Magnet School, a K-5 magnet school in New London, CT, where she teaches fourth and fifth grade in a bilingual program.

**Carla Larcacuente '01** and Jonathan Musoke were married on 5/27/12. Camels in attendance included Lauren Butler, Laura Izabelaian Petras, Jeanne Zapata, Jennifer De Leon '01, Maria Perez '01, Daniel Carrero '01, Jason Alkahabadi '04, Andrew Musoke '04, Tito Molina '00, Jacques George, Adam Musoke '11, Felix Fofie, Eric Williamson '02, Mitzi Pena Ortiz '99, Rodney Ortiz '99 and Michael Vasconitz '10.

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**Erika Espósito and husband Brent Pfister** are thrilled to announce the arrival of their third child. Natalie Marie Pfister was born on 12/12/12 in Greensboro, NC. Erika and Brent's other children include daughter Sophia Danielle Pfister (born 3/1/07), and son Graham Patrick Pfister (born 7/28/09).

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### 2002

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Marcela Gandy '93, Gustavo Correa '94, James Palten '04 and William Wayke in Miami for the Miami Half Marathon.

Emma Hartos '07 and Max Peterson at their wedding in Newport, RI, on 12/1/12. From Left: Amanda Calkins '05, Andrew Baker '06, Sarah McKitterick '07, the groom, Kendall Doble '07, the bride, Anelle Dezura Patton '07, Ben Courchesne '05, Bradley Wray Cooke '07, Kevin Cooke '07, Hunter Patton '05. Evan Pekrza '07 was also in attendance.
Thirsty in Brooklyn?

When BRADFORD NICOLL ’01 and his business partner Sara Williams recently opened The Saint Catherine, a new bar and cafe in the Prospect Heights/Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, some of the first guests through the door were a dozen friends from Connecticut College. Nicoll, who has lived in the area for seven years, aims to make the place a neighborhood hangout with a menu of comfort food throughout the day and into the evening. Hungry and thirsty Camels can follow his progress on Instagram or Twitter @SaintCathBK.

Jossedyn Sadler Correa and husband Steven Correa are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Daniel George Alvarez-Correa. Daniel was born on Feb. 11 in Providence, RI. Daniel was welcomed home by his “big sister,” the family’s Jack Russell terrier, Hazel. So far, Daniel enjoys listening to Mommy sing, cuddling with Dad and soaking in the tub.

2003

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Taylor Neff and Daniel Eberle were married on 6/30/12 in Philpburg, ME. Camels in attendance were Evan Olstead and Liza Eleoff, Sara Kelly, Sarah Besky, Katherine (Kate) Brooks Grandbois, Mary Raffer, Eleni Kotsonis, Whit Richardson ’02, Sean Hagan, Coley Ward, Zvee Geffen, Henry Kesner, Stefan Asey, Jeff Mandell ’04, Chris Percy ’04, and Annie Etesliss ’04.

2004

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Holly Simpson and Gerard Berry were married on 6/10/12 at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA. After living in Cleveland, OH, where Holly worked as an epidemiologist, they are moving to Chapel Hill, NC, this summer. Suzie Connor ’06 and Ryan (Woody) Woodward were married at Harkness Chapel on 9/16/11. See the 06 Class Notes column for more details.

2005

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Correspondent: Julia Prinz Jacobson, jacobson. julia@gmail.com; Skyler Cruz (formerly Christine Cruz) earned her Master of Social Work at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in May. As a four-year employee at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Services Center in NYC, Skyler’s passion and dedication for youth work inspired his pursuit of the MSW. The Center nominated Skyler for an event at Vice President Joe Biden’s home celebrating the next generation of LGBT Leaders. Skyler attended the event on 9/19/12 and was recognized as an LGBT Emerging Leader.

Richardson ’02, Sean Hagan, Coley Percy, Matt Molberger, Jim Folger ’05, Elizabeth Bennett ’08, Laura Gosnell, Bonnie Molberger. 07, Anne Etesliss ’04, Justin Chiu ’04, Rich Kupper ’04, Matt (Presto) Preston ’04, Katherine (Kate) Reardon, Mallory Littman, Alex Lanstem ’07 and Timma Molberger.

Marisa Olsen and Will Grosvenor were married on 10/7/12 at Castle Hill Inn in Newport, RI. Camels in attendance included Katherine Brant ’07, Emily Whipple, Katherine McCord, Rachel Humphrey, Joe Griffin ’07, Virginia Fuller, Kelsey Comstock, Ned Leutz, Jordan Savage ’07, Thomas Anderson ’07, Patrick Jones, Makena Cahill, Colin Whitney ’07, Colin Pagnan, Graham Lincoln, Brendan Rampi, Peter Levitan, Katherine Brodie and Nate Dooley-Hayes.

2007

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After five years of teaching in Boston Public Schools, Te-Ana Harris is in medical school at Tufts U. School of Medicine.

Emma Haritos and Max Peterson are happy to announce their marriage on 12/1/12 at the Hotel Viking, Newport, RI. Camels in attendance included Bradley Wray Cooke, Kevin Cooke, Annette Dezura Patton, Hunter Patton ’05, Kendall Dobie, Evan Piekarra, Amanda Calkins ’05, Andrew Baker ’06 and Sarah McKenzie.

Patrick Heffernan is proud to announce the formation of the Law Office of Patrick J. Heffernan, located in Salem, MA. Patrick is licensed to practice in both MA and ME, and his firm focuses on criminal defense, domestic relations, and employment and labor law. He lives in Salem, MA, with his wife, Casey.

2008

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Christine Jackson Remy

M. Grant Hogan ’07 and Stefanie Weiss ’07 (both scholars in the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts) at the 2013 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC.

Joselyne Flores ’10 married high school sweetheart Jose Ochoa 12/22/12 in a small ceremony attended by the parents of the groom, Benjamin and Gionna Ochoa, and the parents of the bride, David and Marra Flores.
and Joseph Remy are happy to announce their marriage on 8/6/12 in St. Petersburg Beach, FL. They currently reside in Tampa, FL. Laura Robertson was one of the guests in attendance at their intimate beach wedding.

**2009 REUNION 2010**

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- Grace Astrove earned her M.A. in art history from Virginia Commonwealth U. in Dec. She recently moved to NYC, where she is interning in the curatorial department at the Jewish Museum.

Veronica (Nica) Botsford recently moved to San Diego, CA, to study massage therapy at the International Professional School of Bodywork (IPSBI). So far it's going great, and she looks forward to a career in the healing arts of massage.

Kathryn (Kat) Torrey is working as a media planner at the NYC full-service boutique advertising agency, Lipman, which was started as a creative agency led by David Lipman and has gained many clients, growing almost three times in size in the past year. Kathryn works on brands ranging from Harry Winston to Sam Edelman and Yankee Candle, planning and buying all media, including outdoor, digital, print and broadcast.

Michael Meade loves life in Santa Fe, NM, where he grows with Many Gardens, a gardening program at Agua Fria Elementary School in collaboration with Santa Fe Community Farm, a local nonprofit dedicated to feeding the needy. In April, the program hosted a spring break camp to introduce children to gardening, natural arts and crafts, earthen building, animal husbandry and other life skills.

Josefina Flores always knew she wanted to work with children, and in June '12 the doors to Early Bird Family Child Care opened. They offer quality daycare for infants, toddlers, and school-aged children near downtown L.A. They also work with low-income families, offering quality subsidized daycare. Opening this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding this daycare has not been the only life-changing event in Josefina's life. On Dec. 22, in an intimate ceremony with just family, Josefina married her high-school sweetheart, Jose Ochoa. They are now focusing on expanding classroom notes

**Writing for kids**

A musical written and directed by ASHLEIGH CATSOS '06, was showcased at the New York Children's Theater Festival in Manhattan this spring. "Molly Bloom-Lately" is about a third grader who, after being teased, learns to stand up for and believe in herself. Catsos lives in New York City; in addition to her life in the theater, she is also a yoga instructor and teaches the newest members of the Blue Man Group.

Emma Krane has been living in rural Cambodia with the Peace Corps with a primary assignment as an English teacher/teacher trainer since July '11. She is scheduled to end her service in Aug. and will be returning to the States.

Brigid O'Gorman graduated from Tulane U. School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine with a Masters of Science in Public Health from the department of Tropical Medicine. Last summer, she interned at the Botswana-Baylor Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence in Gaborone, Botswana, in the pediatric and family HIV clinic. Brigid aspires to become a pediatrician with a specialty in infectious disease and to continue traveling to sub-Saharan Africa and other areas around the world that need medical aid.

Siddharth Ratho is in his second year at the Government Law College in Mumbai. He expects to complete his law degree by May '14. He has interned in three different law firms and is currently at the Supreme Court of India in New Delhi. He has decided to take up litigation as a career.

Lizzy Aielo lives in NYC and works at the Hewitt School, a private girls' school on the Upper East Side. She continues to teach yoga in her neighborhood and will begin a master's degree in social work at Columbia University this fall. Lizzy will be traveling this summer before she goes back to school.
2012

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Grace Gunderson works as a staffing assistant at Vertex Pharmaceutical in Cambridge, MA. She also volunteers as a job coordinator with the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development.

Megan Reback works as the assistant to the publisher at Quartz, a staffing assistant at Vertex and The Atlantic. She works directly under Jay Lauf '86. She lives in Brooklyn with Eva Jablow and Anne Anderson.

Catherine Lawton and Jacqui Durand were thrilled to meet fellow Camel Will Clark '79 in Park City, UT, and appreciated him sharing his knowledge of the local mountains and city.

Rachel Buonanuto works at a global education company in Boston called EF Education First. Erik Karwatowsi, Sam Mauck and David Ma live together in a satellite Abbey House in Brooklyn, NY.

Brannen Liang works as a lab technician at U. of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, CT. He co-authored a second manuscript to be published in Blood, the journal of the American Society of Hematology, with his research contributions on CD-13, a molecule with potential beneficiary effects during myocardial infarction.

On the weekends, he visits Camels with a host family and plays for the champagne capital of the world!

John (J.J.) McGregor moved out of Moribel in the French Alps when he was picked up by a new team in Reims, France. He now lives with a host family and plays for the Reims Phénix of the French Division 1 Ligue. "It’s an amazing town, the champagne capital of the world!"

Brenner Green coached the boys' and girls' cross-country teams at Mosaic to fourth place in division and 10th in regionals. He’s now head distance coach for track and field and continues teaching the SEC (served emotionally challenged students) room through the teach for America program in Las Vegas. He is also enrolled in the Masters of Education in Special Education program at the U. of Nevada—Las Vegas.

Alex Owen lives in New Orleans, working at the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Center preventing housing discrimination. He also plays music, leading his own New Orleans jazz band and playing with other bands.

Alii Arrigoni works at two labs and took the MCAT in April, after which she celebrated with a trip to Disneyland.

Anne Kearney is in her first year as an MS candidate at Colorado State U. in the department of horticulture and landscape architecture, specializing in entomology with a bit of viticulture. Anne enjoys rock climbing and hiking the Rocky Mountains. She also trained for her first marathon, the Colorado Marathon, in May. She still bakes and has developed new recipes that are altitude friendly.

She bumped into Becca Pava '11 in the anatomy and zoology building recently—Becca is at CSU for vet school!

Anakena Paddon was working on a one-year master's program in contemporary art at Christie's Education, in London, England. She returned to CT twice in Oct. and March to attend the board of trustees conferences and looks forward to attending Commencement 2013.

Ali McPherson was accepted into the Yale School of Medicine Physician Associate Program and starts in Aug.

Jazmin Long moved to Cleveland, OH, last Aug. to attend the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve U. This summer, she’s working for a foreign exchange company, Academic Year in America, in Stamford, CT. She spent a week in Poznan, Poland, taking courses at their school of social work.

Cecy Cuevas lives in Chicago, earning her master's in Latin American and Latino studies. Currently working as a TA, she plans to go to law school when she graduates.

Karam Sethi is doing a fullbright in Malaysia. After training in Kuala Lumpur, he was placed in the state of Johor, where he's a teacher's assistant for a primarily Chinese secondary school.

Dan Seehausen lives in Laos and works for an environmental development firm on a project that uses combustion from 100% human waste to produce electricity! While the project may seem off-putting, it's actually very exciting, and they are optimistic regarding the economic returns.

Caitlin McKeel lives in Munich, Germany, and works for a start-up company.

Catherine Manahon spent last summer teaching drawing and painting, studio art and ceramics at Northfield Mount Hermon Summer Session. She lives in New Haven, CT, serving as a public ally with Public Allies Connecticut and working as the coordinator of communications at Squash Haven, an afterschool program that combines academic enrichment, squash instruction and community service.

Samantha Spourakes is a Peace Corps volunteer in Soroti, Uganda. As a literacy coach and teacher trainer at Asrot Primary School, she works with teachers to utilize student-centered teaching methodologies and to incorporate reading, writing and critical thinking into the classroom.

She lives only two hours away from the orphanage where she interned for the past two summers thanks to CELS and DVCS, Asaro's Wish Foundation, the place that captured her heart.

Alex Hsu tutors kids ranging from middle school to high school in Washington, DC. The group tutoring sessions cover all school subjects, and Alex provides his help and support wherever needed.

Amy Hannum held a solo show at the Pigeon Hole Gallery in New London, CT, last fall and was awarded a scholarship to attend the Seventh International Encaustic Conference in Provencetown, MA, in June. Three of Amy’s works were selected for the Cotton Exhibition at Fountain Street Fine Art Gallery in Framingham, MA, in Jan. and several pieces from her “Migration” series were exhibited at the Chelsea Groton Bank in New London.

Grace Astrove '10, Julia Harnett Lenzi '10 and Alicia Cauteruccio '12 traveled to Martha's Vineyard last summer. They will return again this summer for their second annual Camel reunion weekend.
OBITUARIES

Emma Howe Waddington '38 died March 5. No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Eunice Morse Benedict '38 died Sept. 25. No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Frances Henretta Whiting '38 died July 27. No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Elizabeth Butler Close '39 of Dallas, Texas, died Feb. 1. A French major, Betty and her husband, Walter, resided for many years in Scarsdale, N.Y. An active volunteer, Betty worked with many community organizations, including the Junior League of Scarsdale, Scarsdale Women's Club, Greenville Community Church and White Plains Hospital. She and Walter spent 50 happy years together before his death. Betty was predeceased by her daughter Valerie and is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.

Mary Chapman Watts '39 died June 22. No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Janet Jones Diehl '39 of Skaneateles, N.Y., died Jan. 9. An economics major, Janet volunteered for the College as a class agent and class correspondent. She taught lip reading for more than 12 years. Throughout retirement, Janet volunteered at many organizations, including the C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter and the South Bay Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Gene Diehl, and two siblings. Janet is survived by two children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a goddaughter.

Margaret Weston French '39 of Wilton, Conn., died Sept. 18. A sociology major, Margaret worked as a security analyst for Central Hanover Bank & Trust and served on Wilton's planning and zoning commission. Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Daniel C. French, and her cousin, Nefiite S. VanDeVeide '39. She is survived by her son, two daughters and granddaughter.

Helena Jenks Rafferty '39 P'63 "65 of Hartford, Conn., died Jan. 28. A zoology major, Helena volunteered for the College as class agent. She earned her master's degree in teaching from Central Connecticut State College and taught elementary school for nearly two decades. An active volunteer, she held several leadership roles in her church, including serving as deaconess and on the music committee. Helena was predeceased by her husband, Allen H. Rafferty, and five siblings. She is survived by four children, including Peggy Rafferty Redker '63 and Susan Rafferty Williams '65; nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn Braunworth McKinley '40 of Petersborough, N.H., died Oct. 14. An economics major, Evelyn, known as Brownie, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the U. of Pittsburgh. A dedicated member of her community, she held elected offices in the League of Women Voters and AANUW, as well as the PTA and Friends of the Library. Brownie's hobbies included painting, politics and sailing. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert, and is survived by three daughters, four granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Shirley Rice Pallucchini '40 of Honolulu, Hawaii, died March 5. She was predeceased by her husband, Mario Hugo Pallucchini. No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Harriet Rice Stratton '40 of Killingworth, Conn., died Sept. 26. A history and government double major, Harriet went on to receive her master's degree and teaching certification from the U. of Connecticut. She served on the board of directors for the Connecticut Education Association and was president of the Old Saybrook Education Association. Harriet was predeceased by her husband, James R. Stratton. She is survived by her daughter, granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Margaret Schultz Marr '40 of Dubuoy, Mass., died Jan. 5. A psychology major, Margaret worked as a reading specialist for Dubuoy public schools for many years. She was an active volunteer in several local schools. Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Colin D. Marr, and a brother. She is survived by her sister, two daughters and sons-in-law; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Lafore Wyatt '41 of Portola Valley, Calif., died Nov. 4. An English major, Peg worked for the College as a class agent. Her hobbies included traveling, going to the beach and enjoying the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She was predeceased by her first and second husbands, Allan Moltzen and Reverend Jack Wyatt, respectively. Margaret is survived by four sons.

Doris Porter Smith '41 of West Lebanon, N.H., died Dec. 24. After her time at the College, Doris worked at Smith Auto Sales, a family business. She was a skilled golfer and avid watercolor artist. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Smith, a sister and brother. Doris is survived by a sister; two sons, three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Phyllis Elizabeth Walters Williams '41 of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Sept. 21. An English major, Phyllis served as secretary of the board for All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. She was on the board of the South Pinellas Red Cross and a founding member and president of the Stuart Society at the Museum of Fine Arts. Phyllis was predeceased by her first and second husbands, W. Henry Stover and John H. "Jack" Williams, respectively. She is survived by her children, stepchildren, grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Anne Bates Dorman Atherton '42 of Old Saybrook, Conn., died Oct. 14. A psychology and zoology double major, Anne worked for many years at an art magazine based in Centerbrook, Conn. She enjoyed tennis, walking on the beach and attending church services. She was predeceased by her sister, Alice Dorman Webster '36; son Timothy; and husband, Albert C. Atherton. Anne is survived by her daughter; son, eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Joan Hadley Ewakva '42 of New Castle, Del., died Dec. 30, 2011*. A child development major, Joan, known as Virginia, attended Sleeper's Business College. She enjoyed singing and volunteering. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael Ewakva, a son and a grandson. Virginia is survived by her two children, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Margaretta Hosack Jones '42 of Annapolis, Ohio, died Feb. 16. A mathematics major, Mary was an active member in many local civic groups, including Junior League, Women's Board of the Youngstown Hospital, Ohio Genealogical Society and Niles Historical Society. She was preceded in death by her husband, William B. Jones. Margaretta is survived by a son; three daughters; a sister; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Olive Mutho Stone '42 P'70 of Poland, Ohio, died Dec. 25. A dedicated volunteer, Olive served as president of the Women's Board for the Youngstown Hospital Association. She was an active member of the Village Club, Garden Club and New Century Club. A Hispanic studies major, Olive enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family. She was predeceased by her parents and brother; Olive is survived by her husband, John H. Stone; three daughters, including Deborah Stone Mager '70; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Carol Metcalfe Hole '42 of Vineyard Haven, Mass., died Jan. 16. Carol was an active member of the Owosso Country Club. In addition to volunteering, she enjoyed playing golf and tennis. She is survived by her three sons, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Carol's husband, Legare Romig Hole, predeceased her.

Billy Mitchell Young '42 of Hickory, Pa., died Sept. 21. A chemistry major, Billy worked for Sun Oil for many years. She was predeceased by her husband, James Donald Young. Billy is survived by her daughter, two sons and respective wives, six grandchildren, and niece.

Sarah Turner McKelvey '42 of Youngstown, Ohio, passed away Jan. 18. A French major, Sarah was an avid volunteer, serving on the boards of Youngstown Society for the Blind and...
Disabled, the Monday Musical Club, Camp Fire Girls of America, Park Vista and the Pink Ribbon Tea Committee of the Junior League. Sarah enjoyed reading, traveling and playing bridge. She was predeceased by her husband, William B. McKelvey, a son, five grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, L. Margaret McKelvey Anderson ’36. Sarah is survived by her brother, sister Helen Grayce McKeith ’46; seven children; 21 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Ann Whilmote Carter ’42 of Millboro, Del., died Feb. 5. Ann graduated as a history and government double major. She married naval officer William A. Carter and settled in Millboro to raise their children. Ann was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by her daughter; son-in-law; son, six children; two step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Alice Dimock ’43 of New London, Conn., died March 30. A German major, Alice earned her bachelor’s degree in comparative religion from Barnard College. She worked as a social worker in New York and was a member of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Alice enjoyed reading, studying foreign languages and traveling. She is survived by her sister, two nieces and three nephews.

Anne Godchaux Polack ’43 of Baton Rouge, La., died Jan. 4. A French major, Anne volunteered for the College as a class agent. She was a dedicated volunteer, serving in leadership positions such as service director for the Career Services of Greater Baton Rouge. In addition to volunteering, Anne enjoyed books and crossword puzzles. She is survived by her husband, Joseph A. Polack, two children; a daughter-in-law; a son-in-law; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Knotts Walsh ’43 of Denton, Md., died Sept. 16. A psychology major, Mary Ann was a supervisor for foster care and adoptions for the Maryland Department of Social Services. She was passionate about historical preservation and recorded her personal experiences from times of war in a memoir, “Golden Days and Gentle Ways, My World from the Wooden Porch Swing, 1922—1939.” Her husband, Lt. Commander Quentin Robert Walsh, predeceased her. Mary Ann is survived by her sister; two brothers; three children, four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Hildergard Meili Van Deusen ’43 of Wayne, N.J., died March 6. An English major, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Hildy led an involved career in journalism, serving as a researcher for Life magazine, writer for the Journal of Medical Economics, and editor of the forum of a magazine in Al-Anon. She also collaborated with the Duke of Windsor on his memoir, “A King’s Story.” Hildy enjoyed golfing, photography and international travel. She served on the College’s Alumni Board, was a class agent, helped plan reunions and served as class president. Her extraordinary service to the College earned her the 2013 Alumni Tribute Award, which was awarded posthumously at Reunion 2013. Hildergard is survived by her husband, her daughter; two siblings, including sister Katherine Meili Anderson ’40, three step-grandchildren; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jean Wallace Douglas ’43 P’75 of Washington, D.C., died Sept. 23, 2011. An art major, Jean worked briefly with the Office of Strategic Services. Daughter of Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture and vice president for Franklin Roosevelt. Jean was known for her pioneering support of conservation, farmland protection and farmer’s markets. She served on the boards of American Farmland Trust, Audubon and the Conservation Fund. In 2003, Jean was awarded the College Medal. In recognition of her love for gardening and natural resources, she received the Garden Club of America’s highest award in 2004. Jean was predeceased by her husband, W. Leslie Douglas. She is survived by her son; two daughters, including Ann W. Cornell ’75; and six grandchildren.

Alaye Watson McAllister ’43 of Carlbad, Calif., died Sept. 1. A mathematics major, Alaye served on the board of directors of Palos Verdes Golf Club. An avid golfer, she won the Women’s Club Golf Championship five times. She was predeceased by her husband, Billy, and is survived by her sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Frances Yeames Prickitt ’43 of Middlebury, W.Va., died Oct. 9. Frances served as a member of the judiciary board as an undergraduate and later as a class agent. She worked for Middlebury College as a secretary. Frances was predeceased by her husband, Henry B. Prickitt. She is survived by her sons and daughter.

Jean Decker Mckee ’44 of Williamsport, Pa., died Oct. 12. An economics major, Joan worked in retail at G. Fox and Bramson’s. She served on the board of directors of the Williamsport Home. Her hobbies included storytelling, baking and knitting. Joan was predeceased by a daughter and sister. In addition to her husband, Jack V. McKeen, she is survived by a daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Monroe Stanton ’44 of Hamilton, Mass., died Aug. 5. During her time at the College, Betty studied English. She went on to earn her teaching certificate from Bridgewater State U. and taught at the Riverview School. Betty was instrumental in founding Bradford Books, a nationally acclaimed publishing company that was later acquired by MIT Press. A literature enthusiast, Betty worked as a senior acquisitions editor for Bradford Books/MIT Press for many years, as well as served as a trustee of the Iowach public Library of Ipswich, Mass., and of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library. In addition to volunteering, Betty enjoyed gardening, sailing, local government and whitewater rafting. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry B. Stanton. Betty is survived by her four children.

Helen Rippey Simpson ’44 of Stamford, Conn., died Jan. 4. An English major, Helen was a member of the board of trustees for the Brunowse School. She worked for the College as a class agent. A dedicated philanthropist, Helen was awarded the Clara Barton Award in 1990 for her long hours within the Red Cross Army. She was predeceased by her husband, George H. Simpson, Esq., and sister, Susan Rippey Polleys ’47. Helen is survived by three sons, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Lois Webster Rickinn ’44 GP’60 of Bristol, R.I., died Oct. 28. A chemistry major, Lois worked as a chemist at Metal and Thermel Corporation, a research assistant in ornamental horticulture at Rutgers U. and as a lecture assistant at Brown U. Lois worked for the College as a class president, class agent and Reunion chair. Lois is survived by her husband, Saul Rickinn; three sons, a daughter; grandchildren, including Ruby Wells ’01; and great-grandchildren.

Norma Foley ’45 of Newtown Square, Pa., died June 1. An English major who enjoyed the theater, Norma was a pioneering businesswoman who worked as an office manager in New York City for many years. Norma is survived by her cousins and godchild.

Mary Maynard Roberts ’45 of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., died Nov. 14. A history major, Mary enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well as cheering on the Detroit Tigers. She was predeceased by her husband, William E. Roberts, and is survived by four children and their spouses; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Service Church ’45 of Pensacola, Fla., died March 18. An economics and sociology double major, Charlotte was a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, the Avon Historical Society and the Garden Club of Avon. She served as the deaconess of Avon Congregational Church for several years. She was predeceased by her husband, Hollis F. Church, and two sons. She is survived by her daughter; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; niece Marguerite E. Gehmeyer ’84; and sister-in-law, Beverly Church Gehmeyer ’53 P’84.

Joanne Vials Davis ’45 P’72 G’06 of Essex, Conn., died Dec. 6. A fine arts major, Joanne volunteered as a class agent. She was predeceased by her husbands, John T. Monzani and F. Kelso Davis, respectively, as well as two daughters. She is survived by two daughters, including Susan Monzani Johnson ’72 P’06 ’08; two sisters; and six grandchildren, including Merrill A. Swig ’06 and John A. Swig ’08.

Ceres Gieger Henkel ’46 of Fairbury, Neb., died July 16. As an economics major, Ceres was active in dorm council, choir and volunteering. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence E. Henkel, and cousin, Margaret Lynn Hiatt ’46. She is survived by her sister, children, niece, nephew and grandchildren.

Jean Putnam Daily ’46 of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., died Nov. 7. A history major, Jean was the first woman elected to a park district and state commission in the state of Ill. She continued her leadership in Calif., where she served as president of the Sandpiper Owners Association in Palm Desert and a docent at the Los Angeles Zoo. Jean’s passions included photography, traveling and spending time with friends and family. She is survived by her husband, Robert Fisher Daily; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen O’Brien Purkrabek ’46 of Monroe, Ohio, died Jan. 16. A Hispanic studies major, Mary earned a master’s degree at the U. of Virginia. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Paul V. Purkrabek, and her brother. Mary is survived by her four daughters; two sons, four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; 17 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Lyntte Ronci Koh ’47 of Stuart, Fla., died Dec. 9. An education major, Lyntte dedicated her time to her family and to the Catholic faith. She is survived by her husband, Edmund R. Koh, daughter; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Jacquelin Fihn Isaac ’48 of St. Columbus, Ohio, died March 16. During her time at the College, Jackie studied French. Jackie was predeceased by her husband, Arthur J. Isaac, and daughter. She is survived by three children and their families.

Joan Demmitt Whittington ’48 GP ’06 ’11 of Cheye Chase, Md., died Sept. 19. An economics major, Joan received her master’s degree from the U. of Maryland, College Park. She volunteered for the College as a class agent, alumni admissions representative and Reunion committee member. Joan was predeceased by her first husband, Edward Williams Lewis, Jr., and stepson. She is survived by her husband, Richard M. Whittington, M. D., daughter; son; three step-grandchildren; one stepgrandson; and four step-grandchildren, including Sarah A. Whittington ’06 and Daniel J. Whittington ’22.

Joan Williams Sokoloff ’48 of Greenwich, Conn., died Oct. 8. An art major, Joan was a warm, compassionate, good-humored, adventurous and kind person. She is survived by her husband, Boris Sokoloff, Jr., two children; and three grandchildren.

Phyllis Peters Bellah ’49 of Norfolk, Va., died March 15. An economics major, Phyllis worked as a Realtor for over 30 years and was a member of the Hampton Roads Realtors’ Association Circle of Excellence. She was an avid member of the Chrysler Museum of Art, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and the Algonquin Garden Club. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband, Captain James Bellah, USN Ret. She is survived by a sister, three sons, daughter and three grandchildren.

Elizabeth Dangler Taylor ’50 of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, died March 2013.
Linda Herr
1940–2012

LINDA HERR, a professor emeritus of theater who transformed the College’s theater program into a full academic department and major, died Dec. 23, 2012, in East Lyme, Conn. She was 72.

A Jan. 19 memorial service in the College’s Palmer Auditorium honored Herr’s dedication to the College and accomplishments as an actress, director and scholar. Mary Foster Conklin ’79 told the crowd, “This room is alive with Linda and always will be.”

Herr was instrumental in the opening of the College’s Tanjill Theater, where she directed Academy Award-winning actress Estelle Parsons ’49 in “Medea.” Herr also directed productions of “The Waiting Room,” by Lisa Loomer; “Suddenly Last Summer,” by Tennessee Williams; and “Love of the Nightingale,” by Timberlake Wertenbaker.

Robley Evans, professor emeritus of English, recalled how “Linda pulled a coup d’état by building a theater department out of nothing. Her impact helped propel this college into a much broader, more complex institution.”

As an actress, she immersed herself in her roles — and then drew from her experiences to help students bring their own passions to the stage. Among other roles, Herr was cast as Lady Macbeth in “Macbeth,” Maggie in “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,” Martha in “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” and Amanda in “Private Lives.”

Herr’s former students noted her extraordinary skills and talent to recognize their distinctive abilities. Associate Professor of Theater David Jaffe ’77, now chair of the theater department, said, “My very first acting class in 1976 was taught by Linda Herr. It was a turning point for me. In 1989, she invited me to come here and teach, and I’ve been doing it ever since.”

Robert Richter ’82, director of arts programming at the College, said Herr was instrumental in creating multitalented artist-scholars. “We are all part of her legacy of a life well-lived,” he said.

Former students also posted to an online guestbook in the local newspaper, praising her acting, directing and teaching skills.

“I took a drama class from Linda Herr my first semester at Connecticut College, and it changed my life — for the better!” wrote Simon O’Rourke ’92.

Herr’s service to the College went well beyond theater. In addition to serving as chair of the theater department for most of her tenure, Herr was dean of academic programs from 1997–2000; served as chair of the Planning, Priorities and Budget committee from 1987–1988; and was chair of the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee from 1983–1985. She was also acting director of the gender and women’s studies department in 1996 and acting co-chair of the dance department in fall of 1993. After 33 years of teaching at the College, she retired in 2009.
Anne Russillo Griffin '58 of Norfolk, Va., died March 18. A government major, Anne served the College as a class agent and class correspondent. She spent her life volunteering for philanthropic organizations, including Meals on Wheels and Birthright of Norfolk. Anne enjoyed swimming. "Wheel of Fortune" and crossword puzzles.

Charlotte Chappell Bennett '51 P'81 of Verona, Pa., died March 13. Charlotte, known as Charde, worked as a reading specialist at the U. of Pittsburgh. She was predeceased by her sister, Carolyn Chappell Reed '54. Charde is survived by her husband, David Patterson Bennett, Jr., four children, including Rebecca L. Bennett '81, nine grandchildren, and a sister A. Vaughan Grenier Spitsburg '51 of Huntington, N.Y., died July 2. A government major, Vaughan was an active member in student government and her community. She earned her master's degree in international relations from Tufts U. and volunteered for the College as a class agent. Vaughan was predeceased by her husband, Walter G. Spitsburg. She is survived by her children.

Rosemary Dunne Kelly '52 of Phoenix, Ariz., died Sept. 28. A French major, Rosemary, or Posie, was an active member of the Sedona, Ariz., community. She was a dedicated member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, where she served as a bereavement group facilitator. Posie is survived by her husband, William Kelly, six children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Henry Carson.

Shirley Kline Wittmann '52 P'74 of Neko Beach, Fla., died Feb. 7. During her 20 years at the College, Shirley studied English. She served as president of the North Jersey Connecticut College Alumni Club, Glen Ridge Drug Awareness Committee and Friends of Matheny School. Shirley was a co-founder of a Girl Scout Troop in Newark, N.J. She volunteered for the College as class correspondent, class agent and class vice president. She is survived by her husband, Jack Wittmann, two daughters, including Susan H. Ott '74; two sons; and seven grandchildren.

Dorothy M. Shaw '52 of Quaker Hill, Conn., died Feb. 10. A history major, Dorothy earned her master’s degree in social work from the U. of Connecticut. She worked for the State of Connecticut in social service positions for many years, including serving as the regional director of the Department of Children and Youth Services. Dorothy was an avid volunteer, dedicating her time to organizations such as United Way and the Lyman Allyn Art Museum. She also served as a Reunion committee member. Dorothy was predeceased by her lifetime companion, a sister and two nephews.

Shirley Sly Kreitler '52 of West Chester, Pa., died Feb. 24. An economics major, Shirley volunteered for the College's admission office and the American Association of University Women. She worked at the Summit Trust Company and enjoyed summers at the lake and playing tennis. Shirley is survived by her husband, Paul C. Kreitler; brother; three daughters; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Beverly Weber Raynor '52 of Bedford, N.H., died July 2. A government major, Beverly served as a class agent and class president. A dedicated mother and enthusiastic Boston sports fan, Beverly actively worked with the League of Women Voters and her church. She was predeceased by her husband, Reginald, and is survived by her son, daughter, six grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Martha Logan Atkinson '53 of Norwich, Conn., died Nov. 10. A music major, Martha was a piano teacher for 40 years. Her passion for music led her to positions including choir director, music director, pianist, organist and choir accompanist. She was predeceased by her son and daughter-in-law. She is survived by her life partner, Deborah Lyon; children; a brother; and grandchildren.

Ruth Nissen Schmidt '56 of Pearl River, N.Y., died April 28. Elnor, a zoology major, was a founding member of Beth Am temple and an avid supporter of the Humane Society. She was predeceased by her husband, E. Philip Herman. She is survived by her sister, daughter, son and granddaughter.

Nancy Suntermeyer Heubach '56 of Palo Alto, Calif., died Dec. 30. A physics major, Nancy served the College as an alumni board director. She went on to work as a scientific computer programmer for the Stanford Research Institute, where she met her husband, Henry Later. Elnor rejoined the workforce as a copyeditor for the California Society of CPAs. An avid supporter of her community, Nancy enjoyed skiing, bicycling, traveling and reading. She is survived by her husband, daughter, granddaughters and brother.

Bernalle Curtis Millan '57 of Simsbury, Conn., died Nov. 29. A sociology major, Bernalle, or Bunny, traveled extensively throughout the world with her husband, Raymond "Tito" Millan. A devoted volunteer, Bunny initiated and chaired the first Festival of Times at the Eversen Museum of Art in Middletown, Conn. Bunny's hobbies included traveling, downhill and cross-country skiing, and creating collages. In addition to her husband, Bunny is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, a daughter, a sister-in-law, two grandchildren, an aunt, several nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins, including Judith Werner Edwards '61. She was predeceased by a brother.

Lynn Millen Simon '57 of Middlebury, Conn., died Feb. 13. Lynn was a member of the Temple B'Nai Israel of Southbury and participated in the Sisterhood of the Temple. Lynn was also a member of Hadassah and the Country Club of Waterbury. She is survived by her husband, Aaron Emanuel Simon, and three children.

Patricia Hermes '58 of Woodbury, Conn., died Jan. 9. A botany major, Patricia worked for Time Inc. for three decades. She served on the planning and zoning commission of Roxbury, Conn. Survivors include a sister, brother, nephew, niece, great-nephews; and extended family and friends.

Audrey Bateman Georges '58 P'83 of Chewy Chase, Md., passed away March 6. An English major, Audrey had a long-time interest in dancing, theater and public speaking. She worked for many years as an administrative laboratory manager and a public speech coach at a local high school. Audrey volunteered for the College as class agent and class president. She is survived by her daughter, two sons, including Christopher Georges '83; daughter-in-law, Sarah Goldstein '82; five grandchildren; and partner John S. Friedhoff.

Barbara Jenks Harris '58 died Sept. 13. No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Mary Dawes Armknecht '60 of Scituate, Mass., died Nov. 25. A zoology major, Mary earned a master's degree at Babson College. Owner of Mary Armknecht's Gardens, Mary enjoyed gardening and serving as a national horticulture judge for national horticultural societies. Mary volunteered extensively for the College, including serving as class president. She is survived by her husband; sister; two brothers; daughter; son; two grandchildren; 19 nieces and nephews; and two cousins, Elizabeth Foss '07 and Anne Elizabeth Alexander Lathrop '63.

Joanne Short Forman '60 of Providence, R.I., died March 25. A sociology major, Joanne earned her master's degree in education at Rhode Island College. Joanne was the founder of the annual Sisterhood Film Festival at Temple Beth El. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy Forman, and is survived by her two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Jeanne Hubbell Asher '61 of Guilford, Conn., died Feb. 19. A music major, Jeanne attended graduate school at Teachers College, Columbia.
She was one of the first teachers to head Start. Jeannine enjoyed interior decorating, antiques and writing. She volunteered at the Denen Public Library and tutored in New Haven. She is survived by her husband, Everett Gayle Asher; three children, five grandchildren; and two sisters. She was predeceased by her parents, including Ruth Searon Hubbell ’32 P’61.

Sally Foote Martin ’61 of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, died Sept. 25. A magna cum laude English major, Sally was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, student government association, Schwei’s a capella group and chief justice of the honor court. She served the College as a club leader, alumni admissions representative, club vice president and class agent. Sally was a high school English teacher who enjoyed writing, playing the piano, cooking and spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband, Allan K. Martin; two sons; one daughter; and six grandchildren.

Linda Bailey Lautner ’62 of Portola Valley, Calif., died July 14. A chemistry major, Linda earned her ACS certification from the College. She worked for the majority of her professional life as a medical technologist at the Veteran’s Administration of Palo Alto. An avid gardener, Linda was passionate about environmental conservation. Her other interests included baking, sewing and home decorating. Linda was predeceased by her parents, including Barbara Bent Bailey ’29. She is survived by her husband, Bill; son and daughter-in-law; sister and brother-in-law; and grandson.

Martha Willis Dale ’62 of Wayne, Pa., died Sept. 24. A sociology major, Martha was an administrator at Cabrini College. She also served as a board member of the Rordan A Better Chance program. Martha is survived by her husband, John Luther Dale, as well as her sons, stepsons and grandchildren.

Mary MacNaught Monahan ’63 and her husband, Richard, of Peterborough, N.H., died Jan. 27. A government major, Mary, known as Duff, earned her master’s degree in architecture from the U. of Maryland. She was an active member of the Peterborough community, serving on the Peterborough Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission. An accomplished architect, she worked to preserve local historical sites. Duff is survived by her brother, three children and four grandchildren.

Andrea Mallot Smart ’63 of Shelby Township, Mich., died Sept. 23, 2003.* No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Carol A. Barbera ’66 of Lowell, Mass., died Feb. 13. An economics major, Carol was a buyer for G. Her husband, head of human relations at Brandeis U. and a career center counselor at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was a lifelong member and advocate of St. Anne’s Episcopal Church. Carol is survived by her mother, sister, son, daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and nephew and family.

Sandra Welch Mitchell ’66 of Edina, Minn., died Jan. 11, 2011.* A history major, Sandra volunteered as a club treasurer and club secretary for the College. She is survived by her husband, John.

Sarah Donavan Goodrich ’67 of Bennington, Vt., died Dec. 18, 2010.* Sarah attended the U. of Vermont and earned her master’s degree from Boston U. She worked with remedial reading students at elementary schools throughout Vt. and Mass. and served as the Title One Coordinator for the North Adams Public School system. A passionate activist, Sarah co-founded the Goodrich Foundation, which funded health care initiatives, sustainable farming and educational opportunities in Afghanistan. Sarah was preceded in death by her son. She is survived by her husband, Donald W. Goodrich, two children and their spouses; three brothers, five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia Dunn ’58 of Brooklyn, N.Y., died April 8, 2011.* No further details were available at the time of this printing.

Joanna J. Berkman ’58 of Silver Spring, Md., died Jan. 6. A Phi Beta Kappa English major, Joanna earned her master’s degree from Johns Hopkins U. An avid writer, she published pieces in The Washington Post and San Francisco Chronicle. taught writing at Harvard U., reviewed movies for juried film festivals, and authored the Fodor’s travel guide, “Fun in Rio.” Joanna’s hobbies included dancing, speaking Portuguese and reading. She is survived by her sister, niece, nephew and numerous cousins.

Suzanne Rossire Mclaughlin ’58 of Boston, Wash., died Oct. 6. A botany major, Suzanne was an active volunteer at the Seattle community. A preschool instructor, she was passionate about teaching children music and art. She enjoyed ballet, theater and murder mysteries. She is survived by her husband, John F. Mclaughlin; two siblings; two children; two grandchildren; and many extended family members.

Janet V. Finkelstein ’68 died Nov. 25. An international relations major, Janet participated in the student newspaper and Koiné and was a community service volunteer. She worked as the senior advisor to the Minister of Defense in France.

Catherine Ramsey Kane ’69 of Bel Air, Md., died Feb. 12. An economics major, Catherine was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her master’s degree in urban studies at the U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a certificate of social work at the U. of Maryland at College Park. Catherine served the College as an alumni admissions representative. She worked as assistant director of the Baltimore County Department of Social Services and later held the position of management assistant to chief of operations in the Harford County Department of Public Works. She enjoyed traveling and skiing. Catherine is survived by her husband, John B. Kane, and sons.

Joan Taschner Doherty ’69 of Bradenton, Fla., died Oct. 19. A French major, Joan earned her master’s degree in Spanish and French from Iufts U. For over 30 years, Joan was a French teacher and a chair of the language department at Acton Boxborough Regional High School. She was a member of Eastern Massachusetts Foreign Language Administrators. Joan is survived by her husband, William T. Doherty, and several cousins.

Heidi Winter ’71 of Charlottesville, Va., died Dec. 18. An arn major, Heidi held various positions at the U. of Virginia Medical Center. She was passionate about astronomy, eventually holding a position with the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Heidi is survived by her father, three brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

Ellen E. McCarthy ’73 of Boston, Mass., died April 10, 2012.* Ellen was an English major at the College and volunteered for the College as a class agent. She is survived by her husband, Mark Mazza; four siblings, including Katherine McCarthy ’81; and two stepchildren.

James T. Briggs ’76 of Rochester, N.Y., died Nov. 25. A government major, James served the College as a class agent and alumni admissions representative. He worked for many years at Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, where he completed his career as president of the company. James enjoyed golfing, sailing and volunteering for organizations including the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Rochester Broadway Theater League. He is survived by his wife, Paula Drain Briggs ’76; two sons; a daughter; two sisters; parents; nieces and nephews; and many extended family members, including brother-in-law Peter F. Drain ’79.

Andrea Talbott-Butera ’80 of Franklin, Mass., died Feb. 8. Andrea, a child development major, worked as an elementary teacher and as an early educator. For more than 30 years, Andrea worked at various early education centers, most recently at the Dean College Children’s Center in Franklin. Andrea enjoyed gardening and dancing. She is survived by her husband, Stephen A. Butera, two sons; daughter and brother-in-law.

Mark S. Podolsky ’68 of Wellesley, Mass., died Sept. 23. Mark, a sociology major, founded Financial Services Associates. He served on the board of directors for the Massachusetts chapter of Financial Planning Association and was chairman of Wild Lens, Inc. Mark is survived by his wife, Candace Poole Podolsky ’79; two children; son-in-law; father; stepmother; and his four siblings.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard F. Schneller, of Palm Desert, Calif., died Feb. 5. A trustee emeritus of the College, Schneller was a dedicated philanthropist and a devoted supporter of higher education. He represented the state of Connecticut on the executive committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Schneller served as a trustee of the U. of Connecticut and was named an honorary life trustee of the Goodspeed Opera House. He served five terms in the Connecticut State Senate, serving in leadership roles on the Education and Urban Development committees. Schneller served on the board of trustees of the College for 10 years. He was predeceased by his first wife, Nancy Schneller. Schneller is survived by his wife, Mary Patricia Schneller; three daughters; three sons-in-law; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

*The College only recently learned of this death.

CC. Magazine requires an official notice of death to be listed in the magazine and online. Obituaries will be printed as space is available. To submit information to the College about alumni who have died, please contact alumni relations@conncoll.edu.
Alumni on campus

Our alumni are working in interesting jobs across the United States and around the globe. They return to campus often to share their advice and experiences with current students.

Annie Scott '84, trustee of the College and director of information technology at Middlesex Community College in Middletown, Conn., delivered the keynote address at the Connecticut College Black History Month Convocation Feb. 4. Three alumni from New York City discussed their careers in marketing and public relations Feb. 24. Moderated by Monica Raymunt '09, a writer in the Office of College Relations, the panel included Hanif Perry '05, senior associate at Prophet Brand Strategy; Silvie Snow-Thomas '05, senior staff member at Missy Farren & Associates, Ltd.; and Mimi Crume Sterling '09, executive director of public relations for Hearst Magazines.

Fritz Folts '82, trustee of the College and senior managing director at Windhaven Investment Management, delivered a keynote, "The Road to Wall Street: How to Navigate a Career in the World of Finance," Feb. 28. Four alumni also discussed their finance careers: Ethan Powell '04, vice president at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.; Peter Lelek '05, director at Black-Rock Financial Management; Lauren Luciano '03, recruiter at MFS Investment Management; and Aminata Ly '11, investment banking analyst at J.P. Morgan.

Lynn Cooley '76, the C. N. H. Long Professor of Genetics, professor of cell biology, and professor of molecular, cellular and developmental biology at Yale University, delivered a talk on Feb. 28 that addressed the complexities associated with the cellular production of reproductive cells among drosophilas, a genus of small flies.

Careers in the fields of human rights, empowerment and advocacy were discussed at a Feb. 28 panel presentation that included: Lauren Burke '06, supervising staff attorney at the New York Asian Women's Center, adjunct clinical professor at Brooklyn Law School and executive director and co-founder of Atlas: DIY; Jamie Rogers '04, co-owner of New York City's Pushcart Coffee and Cowboy Pizza, LLC; and Tiana Davis Hercules '04, program director of the City of Hartford.

Chris Hensman '03, foreign service officer in the U.S. Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan, was the guest speaker at the Asian Pacific Islander Convocation April 1. He discussed how his liberal arts education and experiences prepared him for a career in foreign policy.

Alumni Awards call for nominations

The Alumni Association congratulates legacy students of the Class of 2013

- Isobel Tanner (Anne Baade '81)
- Luke Carneal (Katharine Swan Carneal '82)
- Kimberly Chapman (Craig Chapman '77 and Nettie Kowalchuk Chapman '36)
- Amy Cheetham (Thomas Cheetham '74 and Joan Zaprzalka Cheetham '75)
- Aaron Feldman (Lisa Rome Feldman '82)
- Sarah Flecke (Kristine Siewers Flecke '78)
- Sarah Goldstein (Ada Maislen Goldstein '47)
- Shelby Grealley (Paul Grealley '79)
- Samantha Harvey (David Harvey '74)
- Jennifer Herbert (Margaret Herbert '84)
- Allison Hibbs (Elizabeth Christie Hibbs '82)
- Timothy Jarrett (Ellen Rambottom Jarrett '78 and Peter Jarrett '78)
- Joseph Krevolin (Andrew Krevolin '77)
- Pamela Lovejoy (Kathryn Carlin Lovejoy '85)
- Hannah Pishkin (Cynthia Harkavy Pishkin '56)
- Robert Landry (Janet Pinney Shea '50)
- Caitlin Sprague (Howard Sprague '76)
- Delaney Vartanian (Marcia Sullivan '76)
- Timothy Swain (William Swain '78 and Caroline Buttrick Swain '82)
- Alexander Vancil (Patricia Green Vancil '82 and Richard Vancil '82)
- Lauren Sheintop (Jacqueline Markun Weisenberg '57)
- Asa Welty (Rachel Perry Welty '84)
- Clayton Witter (Janet Young Witter '51)

THE COLLEGE and Alumni Association give several awards to recognize outstanding alumni achievements, and these awards are typically presented at alumni celebrating their reunion.

Agnes Berkeley Leary Award Recognizes outstanding service to the College through active participation in class/regional programming or board of directors activities (nominees must have graduated 15 years ago).

Alumni Tribute Award Honors continuous and extraordinary service to the College with the purpose and spirit of the Alumni Association.

Go Ask Award Awarded for enthusiastic and active participation in Alumni Association programs/activities and significant contributions to the College community.

Harriet Buescher Lawrence '34 Prize Recognizes leaders who strive to improve society or inspire others for good, either through service or changing the climate of human life materially, socially, ethically or spiritually.

Mach Arom '89 Award Honors service to the College and distinguished achievements in the recipient's professional field (nominees must have graduated within past 15 years, except current trustees and the Alumni Association board of directors).
Alumni events

Gene Gallagher, the Park Professor of Religious Studies, talks with alumni at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta, Ga., in March about the advantages of classroom interaction as compared to online learning.

Alumni gather at the home of Trustee Estella Johnson '75 in Hillsborough, N.C., in April to hear Associate Professor of Sociology Ronald Flores' talk about the holistic liberal arts experience. From left to right: Yvette Crews, Yolanda Scarlett P'16, prospective student Symone Crews and Alexandria Gomes Cooley '04.

Dana Curran Mortenson '97 talks with classmates Brendan Jones '97 and Jenny Greeman '97 about her career and the company she co-founded, World Savvy, at a gathering of alumni in New York City in April.

Why I volunteer

Philip Dolan '88

Philip Dolan '88 is the chief marketing officer at Navicure, Inc., a leading Internet-based medical claims clearinghouse in Georgia. Previous positions include posts at Merial, LLC, a leading global animal health company; Colgate-Palmolive; Heineken; and the Coca-Cola Company. He majored in English and economics.

Why do you volunteer?
Volunteer support enhances the College's reputation and increases the value of a Connecticut College degree. While giving financially is always appreciated, volunteering is something every one of us can do. It also keeps me connected to people who were very important to me during this period of my life.

What advice would you share with a volunteer?
Giving time and talent is something all alumni can contribute in a meaningful way. Taking the first step is the hardest part, but being involved keeps us connected to Connecticut College. If we treasure our four years at the school, volunteering allows each of us to extend that experience, keep in touch with special people — and ensure that future generations of students have the same opportunity.

How have you given back to your alma mater?
I have contributed both financially and through volunteer service. I have organized social events for alumni in New York City and in Atlanta where I now live. It’s a great way to reconnect with classmates, meet new people and demonstrate my support of the College. I was also a class representative for the Annual Fund and an admissions interviewer.

What brought you to Connecticut College?
The College’s excellent academic reputation and strong commitment to the liberal arts were key factors. I also loved the small size of the student body and campus and knew that I would establish lasting friendships with many people, which I have.

What aspect of your experience do you most value?
I learned to think critically and holistically about problems and challenge the status quo. In my experience, critical thinking and intellectual curiosity are the most important building blocks for effective leadership, innovation and positive change in the world. These attributes are qualities I seek in every person I interview for a job.

How important are the liberal arts today?
I volunteer because I believe wholeheartedly that the liberal arts are essential to addressing economic, social, political, religious and ethical challenges we face today. We need great thinkers and problem solvers, and liberal arts graduates excel in these areas.
The Class of 1963 parades down Cro Boulevard before Alumni Convocation.

MORE THAN 1,000 alumni, family and friends turned out for Reunion 2013. Alumni traveled from far and near to reconnect with old friends, revisit special places on campus and rediscover fond memories of their college days.

TO CATCH UP ON ALL THE WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS, GO TO: www.conncoll.edu/alumni/programs-events/reunion

Among other things, you can …

- Watch a video of the weekend’s highlights
- Download podcasts of several lectures and discussions
- See photos of your friends and classmates and new memories made
- Read firsthand comments and see photos posted by attendees on social media
A favorite Reunion tradition, the Downeast lobster bake, provided a great opportunity for casual conversation over a delicious meal on Tempel Green.

Fernando Espuelas '88 delivered the keynote address, “America: The New Rome.”

The spirited Class of 1988 celebrated its 25th Reunion.

Amy Gross ’63 gave the Sykes Society luncheon keynote address, “Waking Up: The Search of a Lifetime.”

The reception for Celebration VIII was well attended and provided a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and reminisce.

Jonathan Cobb accepts the College Medal from Trustee David Barber '88 on behalf of his mother, former Dean of the College Jewel Plummer Cobb. The Very Reverend Laurence LaPierre, a long-time college chaplain, was also awarded the College Medal during Alumni Convocation Saturday morning.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award
JEAN TIERNEY TAUB ’58
CHRISTY BURKE ’93

The Alumni Tribute Award
HILDEGARD MEILI VAN DEUSEN ’43
(posthumously)

The Goss Award
ANDRE LEE ’93

The Mach Arom ’89 Award
MENZI LUKHELE ’08

Harriet Buescher Lawrence ’34 Prize
ARTURO GUZMAN ’73
Student photographer Laura Cianciolo '16 captured this scene in front of Shain Library in late April.
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With more than $200 million raised — and still counting — the largest fundraising effort in the College’s history concludes June 30.

The entire Connecticut College community is invited to join the celebration of the Campaign for Connecticut College during Fall Weekend, Oct. 18-20.

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