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DISCOVERY

Six students travel six paths
to knowledge, experience, opportunity

Peter Agelasto '96 Gets Dylan Organized

Melissa Glenn and Students Decode Dementia

Colbians Lend a Helping Hand to the Deported

Kathryn Kosuda '02 Wants Vaccines Preserved



Sunny—and 483 Degrees

That was the number of members of the Class of 2015 who graduated May 24 under glorious sunny skies. The occasion was marked by an address by Robert Redford, and parting words from President David A. Greene, who urged them to “follow in the footsteps of alumni who have used their Colby education to live lives of impact and purpose.”



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I visited Colby alumni, parents, and friends in Europe this June (the toils of a college president ...). The Colby family is spread around the globe, and everywhere I go I find that the enthusiasm for Colby among those who know us best could not be higher.

Being abroad inspired me to reflect on Colby and the state of higher education in the world, helped along by news stories back in the States. While I was in London, the University of Washington and Tsinghua University of China announced a partnership, funded in part by \$40 million from Microsoft, to develop technology-related academic programs and an innovation hub. That same week, the Bloomberg Foundation announced a \$100-million donation to Cornell Tech, the fledgling partnership between Cornell University and Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, to develop an applied science campus in New York City.

These announcements followed a variety of global partnerships and initiatives launched by United States universities in recent years. These include NYU Abu Dhabi; Duke Kunshan University, a collaborative effort between Duke and Wuhan University in China; and Yale-NUS College, an effort by Yale and the National University of Singapore to bring a Western liberal arts approach to learning to Singapore. While at the University of Chicago I led efforts to establish major research and teaching centers in Beijing and New Delhi, and the university is now designing a new campus in Hong Kong.

There are many more examples—many still in formative stages, some showing significant signs of success, and others struggling or abandoned. It is a period of great experimentation, with institutions demonstrating a high tolerance for risk. The anticipated reward is the development of a fully global institution—one with global visibility and impact, a strong international footprint, and the power to recruit the most talented faculty, students, and staff from all corners of the world.

While American research universities have been charging ahead to develop the optimal global strategy, our liberal arts colleges have barely begun. It is not that we lack for international efforts. At Colby more than two thirds of our students study abroad, we offer a strong set of international internship and research experiences, Jan Plan provides a great opportunity for study-travel courses, we continue to support a foreign language requirement, and roughly 12 percent of the incoming class are non-U.S. citizens.

Colby, started more than 200 years ago as a small regional college, has of course developed into a leading national college. What would it mean for us to be the leading global liberal arts college? That is a question I think we should consider.

Should we be thinking about a more robust set of global partnerships with educational, research, and cultural institutions? Should we expect (require?) all students to have meaningful global experiences, which could include academic as well as work experiences? Are there areas of the world that we see as strategically important—areas where we would want to invest or develop partnerships—or are we better off embracing a more organic approach to program development? How should we think about the international composition of our community, and what would that suggest about recruitment programs and international outreach and marketing? Will there be enough value in having a global reputation in the years to come that it is worth investing now in this effort, understanding the inherent risks?

These are questions we have been asking on campus, and they have been stimulating a very productive conversation. I welcome your thoughts on them as well. My own view is that Colby's future has to be global and that the liberal arts college that can legitimately define itself as a leading international center of learning will have a compelling advantage, will attract the very best students, and will provide the richest set of opportunities for the next generation of global leaders. It seems to me just the right moment for Colby to truly step onto the international stage and to determine its own strategy for being the premier global liberal arts college.

I hope we can think more about these issues together in the coming months. Though liberal arts colleges are trailing universities in global experimentation, investment, and initiatives, there is still plenty of time to formulate and execute a strategy that would be true to and would further Colby's important mission of preparing students for lives of meaning and impact.

David A. Greene



Attention to Detail

Abukar Adan '17, right, gestures during a presentation at First CLAS, part of the Colby Liberal Arts Symposium, April 29. Adan presented on *Escape From Fantasylandia: An Illegal Alien's Survival Guide* by Enrique Chagoya, at the Colby College Museum of Art. The event, sponsored by the Spanish Department, promoted the work of pre-Hispanic, Hispanic, and U.S. Latino and Latina artists. At left is Chi Do '18, another presenter.

New Heights

Pole-vaulter Keltie Vance '17 soars over the bar during warm-ups. Vance set the Colby record at a meet at MIT with a leap of 11 feet, 8.5 inches. A government and global studies double major from Boise, Idaho, Vance has been All-NESCAC, All-New England, and ranked in the top 50 nationally since coming to Colby.

AUDACIOUS

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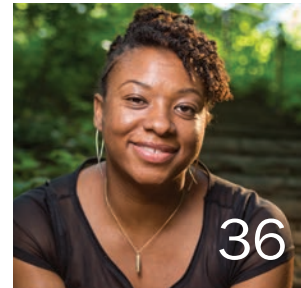
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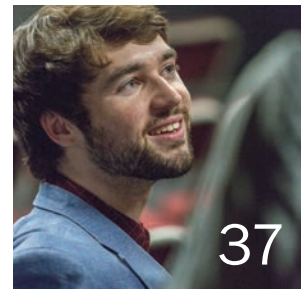
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“The
least we
can do
is return
the
favor.”

“All of us who went to Colby had doors of opportunity opened to us through our education, so let’s give that opportunity to others. Let’s make that a priority.”

—Suni ’99 and
Kristin Fairman Thakor ’99
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On the Cover:

Will Simmons '17J leans to scrutinize a queen
bumblebee (*Bombus impatiens*) in a field of ragged
robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*) near the Colby campus.
Simmons is studying the effect of pesticides on bees,
focusing on the insects' immune system. Story: Page 30.
(Photo by Heather Perry '93)

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Carol Majdalany Williams '75 had been in
Nepal for 10 days when the earthquake
struck. She kept teaching—and the
students kept coming.

Charles Bassett Teaching Award winner and
Islamic history expert Associate Professor
of History John Turner says he learns from
his students as well.

Kate Weiler '04 has tapped the new maple-
sap market with her company DRINKmaple.
The nutritious drink shows sap is for more
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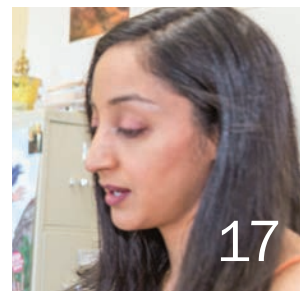
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FEEDBACK



No College Is an Island

Sitting far from Mayflower Hill, I admired President Greene's initiative as I read "Big Ideas for Waterville" in *Colby Magazine* (spring 2015). He voices a mission of mutual benefit through what can be a wide set of practicalities.

Today I share a public park with students from the University of California, Irvine, discussing with them the ibis bird's eating technique, enjoy talking monthly about geriatric issues with UCI Medical School students who visit my retirement community, and applaud the young UCI musicians who display their skills in fortnightly performances here.

As a Colby undergrad I loved skiing Dunham's slope off upper Main Street, walking to the Ticonic Falls to watch the ice breakup, hiking in spring from the old campus up to Mayflower Hill to see the view over the Kennebec and pick berries. In those days graduation was held in the Waterville Opera House. Five of my college chums lived in town; we bicycled to Belgrade Lakes, used the huge Kiwanis swimming pool during summer breaks from class, and paddled our canoes up the Messalonskee Stream. I worked jobs at Main Street enterprises.

My fond memory of my Colby years is as much from the non-academic rewards off campus; the ties of town and gown, the connections not realized, were a significant part of my maturing and college learning life.

After World War II, I spent one summer living in a Bowdoin frat house while taking three courses, urged by Dean Marriner to fill out credentials and be ready for my senior year at Colby. Later I studied at Columbia, living four blocks north of campus, absorbing the richness of city musical and theatrical life. Fast forward, and I lived with my family on Stanford's campus, isolated from Palo Alto, which seemed "over the tracks" to our children. Many students worked in the external world to help college costs. A son worked an off-campus practicum of technology learning; we aided biological science at Jasper Biological Preserve, helped teach ESL to the needy in town. And perhaps 90 percent of the faculty and staff and their children lived off campus, with consequent life experiences. Many unseen ties on and off campus, mutually beneficial.

And today I cheer the Colby Symphony Orchestra, which demonstrates the enriching rewards of town-gown. The interactions benefit in financial, psychic, and social ways, as well as the practical. A college is not an educational island. More power to President Greene!

David C. Weber '47
Irvine, Calif.

Honorary Degrees— Where Is the Political Balance?

Over the years I have grown increasingly uncomfortable with the philosophical direction of Colby specifically, and liberal arts institutions in general.

Colby no longer embraces and encourages tolerance and diversification of thought, particularly political thought.

Disagreement with far-left thinking and voicing is met with contempt, attack, libel, and expulsion for those who dare to digress. Disgraceful behavior and rejection toward conservative thinkers on the Colby campus have been clearly in evidence on several occasions.

The proclaimed purity of closed leftist thought has been demonstrated in many ways by the faculty and administration of the College. The choice of David Axelrod, a notorious far-left political operative and Democrat Party attack dog as honorary degree recipient, followed by commencement speaker Robert Redford, the personification of Hollywood intolerant leftist lunacy, is evidence enough. Absent of any meaningful balance these choices are deeply offensive to thousands of alumni.

Were the faculty and administration of Colby interested in diversification of open thought (I suspect they are not) they might avail themselves of a new book, *The Silencing*, by Kirsten Powers, a very credible and dedicated liberal journalist. This is an excellently researched documentation, which includes the current intolerant narrow-minded environment gripping many alleged institutions of higher learning.

I've not yet given up on Colby College; I still cherish the memory, but I'm getting close.

Rush Oster '61
Bradenton, Fla.

A Shout-out for Deep Space

The recent article "Extragalactic Explorers" (spring 2015 *Colby Magazine*) about the work of Professors McGrath and Kocevski has got to be one of the finest ever conceived in the history of the magazine. Absolutely fantastic.

Norman Macartney '61
Morehead City, N.C.

A Quadrangle Question

While sitting in my living room waiting for the wind here at Sugarloaf to subside somewhat, I was perusing the latest edition of *Colby Magazine*, which arrived a few days ago. I could not help but notice the caption accompanying the photo of the library inside the front cover: "... students hustle across the quad to lunch...." Is/was not the quad behind, rather than in front of, the library?

Before sending this email I took the liberty of sharing my inquiry with a number of 1960s vintage friends, all of whom (so far) have agreed with my (easily jumbled) recollection. None of us did, however, factor in the possibility that continental drift may well have a hand in this, in which case you can simply delete this missive (it being yet additional evidence of my having wayyyy too much time on my hands).

Peter Roy '68
Ellsworth, Maine

Editor's Note: The lawn in front of Miller Library is now known as the academic quadrangle. The area behind the library is the location of East Quad and West Quad, designating two separate dormitories. (The role of continental drift is a question for the Geology Department.)

Yes to the New Look

Great job on the new look and format. Read it cover to cover.

Peter Grover P'16
Acton, Mass.

Colby Conversation via Social Media

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On the Death of Peter Cronkite '15

Sheila Rothgart Browning P'10 on Facebook

I celebrate the Cronkite Family for not hiding the tragic cause of their son's devastating death. Only by being open ... will we fight the stigma of suicide. Losing a loved friend or family member in any manner is the worst kind of loneliness. The stigma attached to suicide increases the survivors' sense of isolation. We all need to open the conversation so that we can try to reach those of us in pain. My heart goes out to you, Peter's mother, father, siblings, and friends. I too am a survivor of a suicide.

Diane Hoey P'16 on Facebook

Thank you to the Cronkite Family and the Colby community for the transparency and communications around this tragedy. They allow for important conversations to take place. Sincere condolences to all who knew Peter.

Lisa Shear Shawn P'16 on Facebook

"In Peter's memory, let us make asking for help an act of great valor." Deeply moving and profound words.

Commencement: #Colby2015

@MarcquesX on Twitter

I would trade a lot of things in life to spend one more year with all of the fantastic senior friends I made this year. #Colby2015

@tionna_heyty on Twitter

It may be over, but something's about to begin. #Colby2015

Reunion: #Back2Colby

@PVSmith on Twitter

Freshman roomies, friends forever! Viva Class of '80. #Back2Colby

Colby Connections

Eileen Hopf '19 on Facebook: I was wearing my Colby shirt while walking around Paris, and this woman stopped me to say excitedly, 'Do you go to Colby?' I told her that I will be starting next year, and she told me that her daughter will be there, too. What a small world, and what incredible connections to Colby you can find, even in a completely new territory. This interaction made my day.

That prompted us to ask our Facebook audience, "What is the most unexpected place you've come across a Colby connection?"

Kristen Vaughn Olson '03: A woman actually pulled me over in my car while driving in Norfolk, VA, because she saw my Colby bumper sticker. She had graduated about 15 years before and wanted to make sure I had a job and a place to live.

Olivia Wright '19: Wore a Colby shirt stepping off the plane in Sri Lanka, a Colby alum ran up to me and introduced himself! Completely made my day!

Peter Adler P'07 P'15: I was at a dinner in Vermont with a high school friend (Class of 1960), his parents, and his parents' friends, in their 80's and 90's. Next to me was a fascinating Jewish lady who had written a book about her experiences in Nazi Germany. Toward the end of the dinner, I learned that her granddaughter was in my daughter's class at Colby, both about to graduate, and it turned out they were friends.



this caught our
attention

Solidarity

More than 500 members of the campus community gathered in April outside Cotter Union to show solidarity after anonymous racist comments appeared on the social media platform Yik Yak. The comments followed a student protest of violence against African Americans by police around the country. Speakers included President David A. Greene, shown here. "Those who raise their voices in support of social justice deserve our gratitude and our attention," Greene said. "Those who promote bigotry and targeted hatred have no place at Colby." Full story: colby.edu/news

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Jenny Chen '12 ("The Glenn Lab," P. 38) is an award-winning science journalist and multimedia producer. Her work has appeared in the *Atlantic*, *Reader's Digest*, *New York Magazine*, NPR, and elsewhere.



Lauren Pongan '09 ("How Soon We Forget," P. 19) is concluding her M.A. program in Southeast Asian studies at the University of Washington, with a focus on the Philippines. She traveled to the Philippines to conduct

interviews after typhoon Haiyan hit in November 2013, before writing this essay. She has been an occasional contributor to *Colby Magazine* since 2008.



Pat Sims ("All Things German," P. 43) is a freelance writer who lives in Maine and writes primarily about arts and cinema. She is also an editor for the Bard College-based literary journal *Conjunctions*

and *Lucky Peach* magazine. She received her master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.



We spend much time and energy here at *Colby Magazine* telling stories that we think reflect what the College is all about. But in my 16 years editing the magazine, I don't recall a feature that captures the not-so-secret formula of this place better than the collection of profiles that begins on page 30.

"Discovery" came from a very simple idea. Speak to a small cross-section of students about the ways they've been changed by Colby. The six whose stories appear here—Ariel Oppong '16, Will Simmons '17J, Mackenzie Kennedy '16, Marnay Avant '18, Shelby O'Neill '15, and Paige Shortsleeves '17—were selected from a much larger pool of equally compelling possible subjects recommended by faculty members.

I went into the project with thumbnail sketches. I came out blown away.

The six came to Colby from tiny towns and big cities and the suburbs in between, arriving on Mayflower Hill with inquiring and agile minds. Backing up their abilities with determination, they overcame obstacles, seized opportunities, and learned very quickly that their dedicated professors hold the keys to a sprawling intellectual kingdom, and those professors are dangling the keys in front of them.

These students, like countless others, strode through the beckoning doors and haven't looked back. They have much to accomplish, and it all waits in front of them.

Oppong wants to bring fairness to health care. Simmons wants to determine precisely how pesticides harm vital bees. Kennedy already sees the small and big picture of international aid. Avant has pledged to remove the obstacles that face those who, like her, were born without advantage. O'Neill sees organic farming as the natural extension of his politics and philosophy—and the liberal arts. Shortsleeves wants to plumb the mysteries of the brain—with a scalpel.

And these are no pipe dreams. Like many Colby students and graduates, these six are well on their way.


The few hours of conversation left a lasting imprint on me, and I hope the stories do the same for you. This, after all, is what we do and why we do it.

Gerry Boyle '78, P'06
Managing Editor

NUMBERS



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The number of days that passed after the April 23 earthquake before Carol Majdalany Williams '75 P'11 and friends reopened the primary school in devastated Koshidekha, Nepal. 

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The class rank of Megan Michie '15, a biology (cell and molecular biology/ biochemistry) and classics double major and a two-sport athlete. Michie, of Rhinebeck, N.Y., was a pitcher for the softball team and a defensive specialist for the volleyball team. She finished her softball career with 17 wins, a 3.15 earned run average, and 233 strikeouts. At the Colby Liberal Arts Symposium, Michie presented on the photochemical generation of cyclopropylidene, an organic molecule.

SHORT FORM



Comments at and about a rally held April 16 after anonymous posts on the social media app Yik Yak mocked a protest against recent police shootings of African-American men:

“I want to challenge you to be part of the ‘we’ that will not tolerate this.”

—Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Jill Gordon

“I never want to forget that the color of my skin, the size of my wallet, shapes the way I see and I experience the world.”

—President David A. Greene

“I think many of the students are surprised, refreshed, and rejuvenated by the fact that they discussed white privilege and called out white students here but not ... in a negative way. They were called out in a socially responsible kind of way and were told it was important to care about this.”

—Tionna Haynes '15

“That was rejuvenating and refreshing to be having that conversation. They said it’s been something we’ve been talking about all year long, but for us it’s been four years.”

—Joseph Whitfield '15

480

The number of Colby students registered with the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation by Gracie Baldwin '16. Baldwin, an intern with the foundation, ran registration drives in the student center, at pub night, at the Farnham Writers' Center, and for Hillel, and she met with clubs and sports teams, among other initiatives. Colby students she recruits are added to the list of potential bone marrow donors for patients dying of blood-related diseases, including leukemia and lymphoma.



Participants in the Young Curators Program at the Colby College Museum of Art sketch in the museum. Young Curators, the first such program in the history of the museum, offers local high school students immersion in museum practice through arts-centered learning and production. There is an exhibition of their work this summer in the Harriman Student Lounge on the second floor of the Alford-Lunder Family Pavilion.

Bidding Farewell to the Hill

Three professors with a combined 120 years of experience and influence at Colby have retired.

Peter B. Harris, Zacamy Professor of English

Peter Harris joined Colby's faculty in 1974 and taught creative writing and English on Mayflower Hill for more than four decades. His pioneering work with service learning in his English Composition courses inspired the Colby Cares About Kids program, which now has more than 475 Colby students mentoring schoolchildren in surrounding communities.

Thomas J. Morrione, Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology

Tom Morrione graduated from Colby in 1965, earned a master's at the University of New Hampshire and a Ph.D. at Brigham Young University, and returned to join Colby's Sociology Department in 1971. In recent years he taught Learning By Giving, in which students write and assess grants to give \$10,000 to local nonprofit organizations.

Ira Sadoff, Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Professor of Literature

Ira Sadoff joined the English Department at Colby in 1977. A poet, essayist, author, critic, and teacher, he has published eight collections of poetry including, most recently, *True Faith* (2012); a volume of criticism titled *History Matters: Contemporary Poetry on the Margins of American Culture* (2009); a novel, *Uncoupling* (1982); and a collection titled *The Ira Sadoff Reader* (1992) as well as short stories.




Boylan Tapped for Colby Advisor Role

Best-selling memoirist, Barnard professor and former Colby professor, and nationally known advocate for civil rights Jennifer Finney Boylan has been appointed special advisor to President David A. Greene. In this new role Boylan will organize a visiting-artist-in-


residence program, develop internship opportunities for Colby students, and consult on deepening the diversity conversation at Colby.

"Jenny Boylan's deep and important history at Colby and her leadership on issues central to the College's priorities make her ideal for this role," Greene said.

During her time at Colby Boylan has served as program director for creative writing and served as advisor to The Bridge, Colby's all-inclusive queer and ally student-run club. She is the national co-chair of the board of directors of GLAAD, the media advocacy group for LGBT people worldwide. 




"I take serious issue with the marketing trend that uses [women's] empowerment to sell products that have nothing to do with empowerment."

—Ruthie Hawley '15
in her senior honors thesis on ways advertisers distort empowerment of women. Story 

A Win for Socioeconomic Diversity at Colby

As part of its efforts to recruit and enroll exceptional students regardless of their ability to pay, the College has partnered with QuestBridge, an organization that aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and universities.

"Colby College and QuestBridge share the vision of a global society that embraces leaders from diverse backgrounds and perspectives," said President David A. Greene. "To achieve this goal we must invest in exceptionally talented students with the capacity to excel and ultimately lead in a broad array of fields." 

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Condon Medal


The original Condon Medal, awarded to John Woolman Brush, Class of 1920, was recently returned to the College by his daughter, Julie Brush Wheeler '56. Brush, a minister, was the first recipient of the award created and endowed by Randall J. Condon, Class of 1886 and a prominent educator. The medal is awarded each year to the member of the graduating class who classmates feel has exhibited "the finest qualities of constructive citizenship." This year's recipient was Justin Deckert '15.

A Record-Breaking Recruiting Year

Colby's largest-ever pool of applications yielded the Class of 2019, which is by many measures the strongest class ever. For example, the average aggregate SAT score for this fall's first-year students is 2040, 10 points higher than any previous class. Colby's admit rate declined to an unprecedented 22.5 percent (most selective year ever), and the geographic profile spans the globe, with 39 states and 38 countries from Albania to Zimbabwe represented by students committed to joining the Colby community. Eleven percent of students in the class are from Maine, 12 percent are international, and 20 percent are domestic students of color. More at colby.edu/news

2.45 Seconds

The time Alanna McDonough '16 cut from her previous personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Fortunately, she peaked May 23 at the NCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships at St. Lawrence University.

The time of 10:42.03 earned McDonough sixth place and All-America status. "To have your best race of the year when it matters most is extraordinarily difficult," said men's track and field head coach Jared Beers '01, who coaches steeplechase. **There were 15 Colby All-Americans this season. See colby.edu/athletics** 

Food for Thought

When the tables were cleared after commencement weekend, the numbers were impressive. About 4,900 meals were served and 3,470 pounds of food were composted, leaving a mere 200 pounds of waste and only 80 pounds of recyclables. That's a 93-percent diversion rate, surpassing the College's goal of 90 percent. The leftovers went to a local composting company that, in turn, supplies Colby with compost for campus lawns and gardens. 

The Mule It Over job-shadow program is off and running.

Alumni and parents have offered opportunities in 33 states and four countries.

Students can explore careers ranging from finance to farming, banking to brewing. Institutions opening doors included the U.S. Department of State, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Portland (Maine) Symphony Orchestra, among many others.

90
students
matched

336
volunteers

(257/79/10)
alumni/parents/both

How Soon We Forget The luxury of disaster amnesia

By Lauren Pongan '09


When super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms in recorded history, hit the Philippines in November 2013, the damage was catastrophic. An estimated 6,000 people died and 3.6 million were displaced or otherwise affected.

More than a year has passed, but I haven't forgotten. My father was born and raised in the Philippines, and I have family and friends there. My connection to the country and culture inspired me to apply to my current master's degree program in international studies, focused on the Philippines.

For me, the effects of the disaster weren't wholly abstract. Shortly after Typhoon Haiyan hit, I was privileged to travel to Leyte, Philippines, and do some relief work. My language skills and my community of friends from the region helped me to meet typhoon survivors and record their experiences in both words and photos.

So of course I remember. But no surprise that now, if I mention Typhoon Haiyan, people only hazily recollect it. People are, with good reason, highly focused on Nepal and its recent devastating earthquakes.

After that trip and attentively watching the Philippines attempt to rebuild, I've become increasingly interested in studying disaster. How does disaster amnesia function for the international community? Why does anyone only care about the Philippines when a typhoon hits, even though their situation surrounding poverty, corruption, and hunger is pretty dire the rest of the time too?

Lauren Pongan '09 asks questions, and provides thought-provoking answers. For the complete essay, go to [Colby Magazine online](#). 

Eying Past, Present, and Future

Peter Agelasto thinks like an archaeologist to help Bob Dylan and others preserve their legacies

By Gerry Boyle '78 Photography by Forrest MacCormack





The story is about Peter Agelasto '96 and his groundbreaking digital-archiving work for Bob Dylan and others. But Agelasto starts at the beginning, which is at Colby, where the banjo-picking Virginian designed an independent major in archaeology that led to a semester in Honduras, where he exhumed a clay flute from a Mayan tomb, cleaned it with dental picks, and put it to his lips. "I was the first person to play it in a thousand years," Agelasto said.

So what does the dusty ocarina have to do with Starchive, the media-archiving software that Agelasto and his team have developed that is now being used to provide digital access to hundreds of thousands of long-buried artifacts for Dylan? And what does a Colby independent major have to do with cutting-edge technology?

According to Agelasto, everything. "At the core of what makes the liberal arts really important to technology," he said, "is that there is this seed."

His company, Digital ReLab, founded in a barn in rural Roseland, Va., has spent a decade and a half developing its innovative digital platform, which is being discovered by renowned artists and musicians intent on preserving and purveying their digital legacy. Agelasto and company are working with the artist Urs Fischer on a massive digital archive and are in talks with R.E.M., Wynton Marsalis, the Dave Matthews Band, and Dolly Parton, among others. And that, he said, is just as the company is "beginning to be discovered." But the flute?

The Mayan flute was pivotal, Agelasto said, because it was followed by a month spent exhuming the tomb and collecting artifacts. "It went to a storage unit in Tegucigalpa," Agelasto recalled. "And I asked myself, 'What good is that?'"

He says the experience was bad karma, that clues to the past were discovered only to be entombed again. But, along with his Colby studies in anthropology and religion, it provided him with an archaeologist's tools—and an incentive to capture material culture from the present and future, not just the past. "I wanted to be part of the next link rather than just looking for the missing link," Agelasto said. "I knew something was out there."

That something is a looming and overwhelming problem—with an enormous potential payoff.

As Agelasto explained it, our culture has been and is being captured in millions upon millions of video and audio files, still images, original documents, analog recordings, film, and other artifacts. Technology is making the capture easier but has far outstripped our ability to organize, distill, and access the materials we collect. "We say that the 1960s changed culture," he said. "If we saw the ninety-five percent of the media that we didn't see from the 1960s—what is that going to do?"



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We've been searching for the right tool to organize the enormous amount of material generated by Bob Dylan over his career. Digital ReLab has transformed our creative and business opportunities and made collaboration simpler.”

—Matthew Lewis,
archivist at the Bob Dylan
Music Company

Agelasto, a bushy-haired guy with a moustache and flashing eyes, and Digital ReLab have created a digital archiving system that enables identification, dissection, and organization of digital documents as well as stuff sitting in boxes, stored on hard drives, stacked on shelves in basements and cabinets and closets. He describes the enterprise as “archaeomedia,” a term that connotes his determination to develop not just software, but a way for our culture to study and reflect upon itself.

“It’s playback that is forging culture,” he said. “... Playback is how we experience culture. And playback exists on metaphysical levels. It exists in our minds and in our dream world, but it also exists in our physical or material world, via the radio and the TV and the Internet.”

Agelasto is part web developer, part philosopher, part media guru. His TEDx talk referenced the Mayans, Buckminster Fuller, and Marshall McLuhan, among others. All are directly connected in his vision of past, present, and future. That he turns this vision into software is unusual but, to those who know him, not unexpected.

“He was a thinker,” said Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus Thomas Longstaff, Agelasto’s advisor for his independent archaeology major. “It wasn’t just the details. He always wanted to see the bigger picture.”

According to Longstaff, Agelasto’s tracing of his professional journey back to his Colby studies is no reach. At the time he was working with Agelasto, Longstaff was maintaining the database of an archaeological dig he was working on in Israel. He said he taught Agelasto two critical concepts: one, the need to have very precise records, and two, the difference between archaeological artifacts and antiquities. Antiquities are objects. Artifacts are objects in context. The same applies to a recording of a song, a photograph, a file of digital concert footage.

“When you’re archiving it, it’s not just saving a record of the song,” Longstaff said, “but a lot of the information about who listened to it, when it was listened to, the period in which it was popular—all these other details that are part of what makes it an historical record instead of just an interesting piece of material from the past. That is something he would have learned.”

Learn it he did.

The percolating had begun as Agelasto, visions of long-dead Mayans still resonating in his head, backpacked around India after graduation. A musician, he’d been recording with his Colby bandmates on a four-track

machine, but knew “an amazing shift and rift” was about to happen in the music industry—and it was digital media. But first a detour, one that would prove to be crucial to Agelasto’s future.

During his India tour, he stopped to visit his uncle, an academic teaching in China. The uncle introduced Agelasto to a student who was in a rock band. At a time when Chinese students were first beginning to go abroad, Agelasto invited the band to Virginia. Then he went back to Nelson County and, with his Colby and musician friends, built a recording studio.

“Before Kickstarter, I gave them hammers, screwdrivers, drills, Skilsaws,” he said. “We built a recording studio



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out of twenty-five percent postconsumer recycled waste. We’re taking down barns and scavenging for glass.” The resulting studio was called Monkeyclaus, and it was in full swing when, to Agelasto’s surprise, the Chinese punk band arrived.

They stayed with Agelasto for 352 days, when immigration officials finally refused to keep extending their visas—and Agelasto decided it was time to return the favor.

Working connections, he got the bands Sonic Youth and Beastie Boys to sign on for a China tour, but they were rejected by Chinese authorities because the musicians supported the Free Tibet movement, he said. Undeterred, Agelasto tapped a friend who knew one of Bob Dylan’s managers. Agelasto typed out a note on Monkeyclaus letterhead, explaining the so-called Chinese-American rock-and-roll cultural exchange program and adding, “We would love it if Bob Dylan wanted to go to China and play all these shows.”

“No one had played China at this point,” Agelasto said. “This is 2002.”

Miraculously, Bob Dylan’s people responded. They said, “You know, this is really interesting. And it’s a bit ridiculous. Is this for real?”



Sara and Peter Agelasto '96, at home in Virginia, also the home of Digital ReLab, developer of a software program used by musicians and artists.

It was, and negotiations continued. The week the contract was to be executed, the SARS epidemic erupted. The tour fell through, but the Dylan connection survived.

Agelasto went back to the recording studio and, having taught himself HTML, started building websites. For a decade he explored the technology around the Web, considering what digital files are made of. Working with his wife, Sara Agelasto, he developed an early-stage social media platform for her yoga instruction business. A digital download store followed, as did knowledge of Linux and Open Source content management platforms. "Because he understands the technology so well, he can see where it's going," Sara Agelasto said. "So he keeps pushing the edge on the technology and he keeps getting involved with developers who also are swept up by his charisma. ... Eventually they're able to code and develop this idea that he has."

Over time the goal became clear: to build a system where the organization of media began when it was created. Voila! Access to decades worth of stuff was made simple. "We realized that if we were going to make a successful digital media platform, we needed to remove any of the work," he said.

Starchive took a team of developers 80 months to build. One version, produced at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars, was scrapped and reworked. "We need really strong feats of engineering and we've got that in this platform," Agelasto said. But at the core was the vision of culture developed so many years before, he said. The seed had been planted on Mayflower Hill.

Ultimately the seed grew into a new way to save original material. "We sit an application layer on top of all audio-visual media, images, basically everything," Agelasto said. "If you just save into it, or if you record into it, or save a livestream, it'll auto-populate a database, it will insert itself into a searchable web browser, it will maintain

security, it will give you all sorts of metadata, and basically turn into something useful that you could leverage in big ways.”

In other words, masses of material are now instantly searchable and accessible and can be separated into discrete elements: audio, video, still photos, metadata. All of it can be accessed in its original form. And when an artist has decades of work, much of it of cultural and/or commercial value, streamlining that parsing process is a tremendous boon.

Enter Dylan’s people. In 2012 Agelasto and his six-member team felt they were ready for prime time. Agelasto’s friend Jim Fishel, a recording industry veteran and now a Digital ReLab vice president, introduced him to Jeff Rosen, Dylan’s manager in New York. The idea was pitched—to the organization surrounding perhaps the most iconic musical figure of our time. “Jeff says, ‘Let’s do this,’” Agelasto recalled. “We had zero résumé. We just had the light in our eyes. And the will to work.”

While a nondisclosure agreement prevents him from talking about just what archival material exists, he said there are many thousands of files, including a half-century of recordings, writings, photographs, video.

“He is a constant reinvention,” Angelasto said. “Within the archive—because it’s multimedia, audio, video, and images—you really get to see, almost frame by frame, the shape-shifting of someone who could change culture just by looking at it.”

Agelasto’s software is “the right tool to organize the enormous amount of material generated by Bob Dylan over his career,” Dylan’s archivist, Matthew Lewis, has said about Digital ReLab.

Since selling Starchive to Dylan’s company, Agelasto and others in the company have been in talks with the artists mentioned earlier, the New York Philharmonic, archive giant Universal Media, and others.

He’s also begun working with artists including the sculptor Urs Fischer, helping his studio maintain a catalog of images, with metadata to reflect a work’s provenance, among many other elements. “It’s a repository for all of it,” said Abby Heywood, archivist for the Fischer enterprise in Brooklyn, N.Y. “The imagery, the catalogs, accounting information, working spreadsheets of projects, exhibition history—it’s where we want to put everything.”

Instead of navigating multiple routes to different types of media, Heywood said she can now search for a single term “and pull up everything related to a particular art work or a particular gallery or a particular show. Or a medium. Or a date. Just having that flexibility.”

Sara Agelasto, who has known her husband since grade school, isn’t surprised by the breakthrough. “I think that we’ve been working so hard for so long, and the way Peter talks about the work he’s doing, the ideas that he has—he’s always known that he’s going to make it big somehow,” she said.

Fishel said interest has broadened from artists and musicians to political campaigns, advertising agencies, the legal profession—all of which can benefit from nearly instantaneous access to and distribution of images, audio, and other media through multiple channels. “There is nobody who we have set up a meeting with who hasn’t expressed total excitement at what they’re seeing,” said Fishel, who has worked



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with Time Life Inc., CBS Records, and the Recording Industry of America. Investors are taking notice, he said.

Agelasto acknowledges that he and his associates are on their way. “We’re pretty level-headed,” he said. “Sweatshirt, hoodie-wearing musician techies who are starting to get the ears of some pretty interesting folks.”

The seed planted in Colby archaeology studies has grown into a tree, with branches that may change the way we see ourselves and our culture. Agelasto predicted that, too.

“I’ve always felt that Colby was a launch pad for really creative people who were grounded enough in their own skin to go out and do the things that actually end up making a difference in the world,” he said. ©



Kate Bolick '95

Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own

Crown (2015)

There is no better person to engage in an exploration of marriage mores than Bolick who, in this memoir/cultural study, proves to be both delightful company and a probing inquisitor who questions our societal assumptions and the pressures they create.

Spinster, which earned rave reviews and a place on the *New York Times* bestseller list, uses Bolick's life as a single and unmarried (a label that begins to shadow her over time) woman whose experiences leave her

questioning what she wants from relationships and whether she wants relationships at all. To help answer the question she turns to literary figures whose lives offer both solace (occasionally sought) and ultimately wisdom. Essayist Maeve Brennan, poet Edna St. Vincent Millay, and novelist Edith Wharton, among others, prove to be models and counselors for Bolick, a contributing editor to the *Atlantic*. The Colby American Studies major adeptly mines their works and lives.

Ultimately she reclaims the word spinster "to offer it up as shorthand for holding onto that in which you are independent and self-sufficient, whether you're single or coupled." Bolick's realizations over time, perceptively and honestly recounted and examined here, provide a fascinating account of what it is like to be a woman in the 21st century—and the lessons the past offers, if only we make the effort to hear them.



Yuliya Komska '00
(History)

The Icon Curtain: The Cold War's Quiet Border

The University of Chicago Press (2015)

The Iron Curtain wasn't, not a curtain and not even a wall—not in the sense of a single unbroken demarcation of east and west. Instead, as Komska, an associate professor of German at Dartmouth, reveals, the Iron Curtain was made up of distinct landscapes, many in the grip of divergent and historical and cultural forces. The Icon Curtain refers to the so-called "prayer wall," a section of the western side of the border between east and west. On the east side, religious sites were removed; on the west, in a particular stretch of the forested border between Bavaria and Czechoslovakia, civilians constructed chapels, wrote poetry, built towers, and produced an "icon curtain" before the Iron Curtain could take shape.

Gerry Boyle '78

Once Burned

Islandport Press (2015)

First, the idyllic town of Sanctuary, Maine, makes a national magazine's list of "Hidden Treasures."

Second, an arsonist starts burning the town, one building at a time. So begins the 10th novel in Boyle's acclaimed mystery series starring transplanted *New York Times* reporter Jack McMorrow. In *Once Burned* McMorrow is both hunter and hunted as he is drawn into the darker side of Sanctuary, where the fires soon become homicides. It is Maine, a dangerous place indeed.

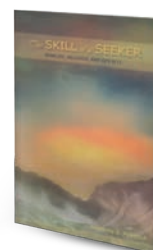


Marilyn R. Pukkila
(Colby Libraries)

The Skill of a Seeker: Rowling, Religion, and Gen 9/11

Polar Bear & Company (2015)

For young people who are less likely to practice formal religion than generations past, the horror of the World Trade Center attacks demands answers to fundamental questions. Stemming from Pukkila's Jan Plan course, Religious Responses to Harry Potter, the book examines the many ways the J.K. Rowling series could serve as a spiritual and moral guide.

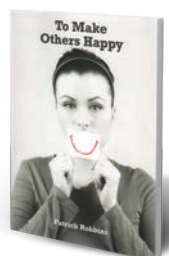


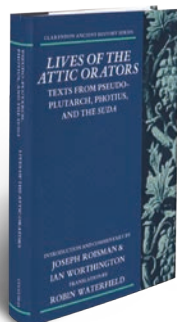
Patrick Robbins '93

To Make Others Happy

3 Wide Press (2015)

Novelist Robbins takes an archetypal situation—a fresh college graduate doing an internship with a New York book publisher—and turns it into an inspiring rite of passage. Intern Ned Alderman walks into the sway of "joy facilitator" Chase Becker, a consultant paid to make others happy. It's Alderman who realizes Becker lights up a room but leaves no happiness for himself. Robbins provides a cast of engaging characters whose enlightenment is the reader's as well.





Joseph Roisman
(Classics)

Lives of the Attic Orators: Texts from Pseudo-Plutarch, Photius, and the Suda

Oxford University Press (2015)

This addition to the Clarendon Ancient History Series (with introduction and commentary by Roisman and Ian Worthington and translation by Robin Waterfield) provides a complete translation of, and historical and historiographical commentary on, the lives of the 10 Attic orators. The works are assessed as important historical resources for the individual lives and careers of the orators whose works have survived. This study explores how these literary biographies were constructed, the information they provide, and their veracity. The volume also includes a detailed introduction that discusses the evolution of Greek oratory and rhetoric.



Véronique Plesch (Art)

The Imaginary: Word and Image **Brill | Rodopi (2015)**

Editor Plesch, with
Claus Clüver and

Matthijs Engelberts, has

collected an intriguing study of the imaginary, a critical concept that has been theorized in various ways and in this collection is explored as it manifests itself in encounters between the verbal and the visual. Illustration of texts, comic books based on paintings, books that deal with film or television—the collection explores new ground in an important and ongoing conversation.

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I want students to argue with the material and me. I'm always telling them they shouldn't just listen and take it in. They need to listen, dissect it, and respond.

It would be sad and boring for me to go into my History of Iran class and just tell them about the history of Iran. Instead, it's really about finding the right questions and asking the hard questions and dissecting the information to respond to these questions. Those are the skills that allow for students who are out in the world to confront ambiguity, confront propaganda, and to respond to it, disagree with it effectively.

The teaching, the immediacy of being in the classroom with the students, experiencing that light-bulb moment, that magical moment when people are starting to think differently and they see the world in a different way—that magical moment is really one of the things that drives me. I look forward to it every day.

It's surprising, it's invigorating, it's enlightening. It shapes my thinking as well. I see something differently and now I have a different perspective.

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Six Students, Six Stories, Six Transformations

They arrived as first-years with curiosity and ambition. With the knowledge and support of professors and others, they grew into: A budding geneticist. A premed student with an eye for public health. A small-town academic star excelling in a bigger arena. A sociology major analyzing the forces that shaped her own family. A philosopher/political scientist/farmer. A global studies major exploring global realities.

These kinds of transformations occur all the time on Mayflower Hill, during Jan Plan and study abroad, and after graduation.

EYES WIDE OPEN

FROM AFRICA TO APPALACHIA, ARIEL OPPONG IS ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTH CARE

The Jan Plan internship working in hospitals in Ghana sophomore year was supposed to be a sort of homecoming for medical school-bound Ariel Oppong '16.

Oppong's parents emigrated from Ghana to Ohio, and her childhood had been spent traveling to Africa to visit relatives. She bristled when people dismissed the country as "Third World," asking, "Have you *been* to Ghana?"

So Oppong was unpleasantly surprised when she saw that the hospital in Kumasi, while staffed with capable physicians, was shockingly lacking in resources like computers, even a generator. "I was like, 'I must be in the bad hospital. ...,'" she said. "I opened my eyes to something I didn't want to see."

Oppong has kept her eyes wide open ever since—and now has set her sights on public health.

A biology-neuroscience major, she started doing research at Colby the summer before her freshman year, when she worked in J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden's neuroscience lab as part of the Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences. She's continued her research in Tilden's lab—studying neurodegenerative diseases—as an independent study over four semesters and presented her work at the Maine Neuroscience Conference.

Oppong also has minors in chemistry and philosophy, the latter inspired by Critical Social Thought with Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Jill Gordon. Add to all

“Where is the advocacy? Where is the publicity? Where is the compassion? Where is the health care? And why is this continuing?”

—Ariel Oppong '16 on substandard health-care conditions in Appalachia

OVERY

“I don’t think transformation works in any one way,” said Lisa Arellano, associate professor of American studies and of women’s, gender, and sexuality studies and winner of the 2012 Charles Bassett Teaching Award. “The blessing is that these students, all in different ways, have the opportunity to have that experience.”

Here’s a sampling of the journeys that begin on Mayflower Hill.

of that her exploration of the disparate world of health care. “I feel like there are systematic ways we need to change policy and people’s mindsets so other people aren’t put in these positions.”

She spent summer 2014 at the Harvard School of Public Health researching non-genetic Alzheimer’s risk factors. That was followed by a semester working with Native American populations in California, through a program at Pomona College. Oppong was a community health liaison encouraging middle and high school students to pursue higher education, specifically in the STEM fields. She spent spring break in depressed coal-mining towns in Kentucky and Tennessee. “They’re not dying from chronic diseases,” Oppong said. “They’re dying because they’re not able to access medications.”

She’s decided to try to right that wrong, most likely through a joint medical and public health program. But first she was off to Jamaica to spend the summer doing HIV survey work. Her determination knows no geographic limits.

“One day, after I contribute to America,” Oppong said, “I would like to do something about health-care reform in Ghana.”

SMALL TOWN, BIG PLANS

PAIGE SHORTSLEEVES TAKES EVERY OPPORTUNITY—AND RUNS WITH IT

Paige Shortsleeves ’17 knows something about grasping opportunity.

In high school in small-town Hiram, Maine, she took the limited number of Advanced Placement courses and supplemented them online. “I wanted something more,” Shortsleeves said. “I took forensics, psychology. It was technically a study-hall period but”

Being from a really small town, I was very sheltered [and] didn’t know that all these possibilities existed.”

—Paige Shortsleeves ’17



She wanted to become a neurosurgeon. And what might have seemed a youthful fantasy didn't fall away, despite obstacles: her high school didn't have science laboratories.

Shortsleeves's potential was recognized when she was selected for the Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences, which gives advance on-campus training to students whose science preparation has lagged behind their abilities. She spent part of the summer before her first year working with faculty, including J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden, Dr. Frank and Theodora Miselis Professor of Chemistry Whitney King, and others. "The professors are fantastic," Shortsleeves said.

It was an invaluable experience, she said. "I was at the top of my [high school] class. I thought I was really well prepared, and then I came here. I was like, 'Oh, my gosh.'"

Buffeted by the first wave of exams, she picked herself up and went back to her books. With faculty giving her new tools and urging her on, she hasn't looked back.

Her first Jan Plan she became certified as an emergency medical technician. The summer after her first year Shortsleeves enrolled in a summer medical and dental education program at Duke University. In addition to chemistry, physics, and ethics courses, a job-shadow at Duke University Hospital showed her her first neurosurgery—insertion of metal rods in a patient's spine to correct scoliosis—up close. Her reaction: "This is awesome!"

Back at Colby, neurobiology with Tilden fanned Shortsleeves's longstanding interest in the brain. "I think it's fascinating," she said. "If one little thing goes wrong, a lot of things go wrong."

And Shortsleeves wants to fix those wrongs.

This summer Shortsleeves is working at Sweetser, a health-care organization that addresses emotional disturbances, mental illnesses, and behavioral disorders in children. That work will be followed by fall semester in Copenhagen, Denmark, at a program on brain anatomy of psychiatric disorders. The opportunities keep on coming.

"Being from a really small town, I was very sheltered [and] didn't know that all these possibilities existed," Shortsleeves said.

She does now.

THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEM

UNDETERRED BY CIRCUMSTANCES, MARNAY AVANT VOWS TO OVERTURN OBSTACLES FOR OTHERS

Even in grade school, Marnay Avant '18 knew something was wrong.

Avant's mother had taken her out of her inner-city primary school in St. Louis and enrolled her in a predominantly white county school in one of the city's suburbs. Avant flourished academically, but when she came home and hung out with her friends, she noticed the difference.

"It's a huge divide," she said. "What you learn and how you act and how you behave."

Avant realized that in troubled city schools her friends were falling behind, that her mother, a single parent with a high school



"I think of myself and how my identity as an African-American woman from the lower class, product of teenage parents, how I didn't internalize that label, how I stepped out of that."

—Marnay Avant '18, who is determined to lower obstacles for the disadvantaged

education, had to work tremendously hard to accomplish what others achieved more easily. And she also took a hard look at her own circumstances.

“My identity as a woman, my race, and my socioeconomic status all put me at a disadvantage,” Avant said.

Her vow: to redouble her efforts in school in order to someday help break the cycle of poverty and inequality she saw all around her. But it wasn’t until she arrived at Colby that she understood the causes of the root problems. “Interestingly,” she said, “my classes all linked together.”



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—Will Simmons ’17J
(Cover photo)



In women’s studies she learned about the structure of the black American family and the reasons for it. “I just thought of it as something that just happened,” Avant said. “I didn’t think about mass incarceration, slavery, and how different things like that played a role. It was really eye-opening.”

In government class she learned about voter turnout and how some groups are disenfranchised through district gerrymandering and other schemes. During Jan Plan she learned about the history of Washington, D.C., and the backlash that often followed racial progress.

Avant studied the social structures that create social problems, including unnavigable bureaucracies. A course in rhetoric and social change taught her to present her arguments effectively. And in sociology she learned about symbolic interactionism, where society places a label on a group, including African Americans, and then members of that group internalize and carry that label.

Now she’s determined to use her new knowledge to break down obstacles that hold others back. “I think the track that I’m on is what I was meant to do,” she said, “why I was brought on earth. Social change and making the world a better place for everyone.”

ABUZZ OVER BEES

WILL SIMMONS TURNS A CHANCE MEETING INTO CAREER-CHARTING RESEARCH

Will Simmons ’17J already had bees in hand—and in his bonnet. He needed a scientist to guide him.

This was the summer after his first year at Colby. Simmons, whose parents are entomologists, was working as a “lab grunt,” collecting bees at a Massachusetts botanical garden for a UMass population survey. A fellow asked what Simmons was doing. Simmons told him, and the man said, “Oh, cool. My son-in-law’s an entomologist. He works up at Colby College.”

The man’s son-in-law was Assistant Professor of Biology David Angelini, a geneticist who works with insects. Angelini, visiting with his family, met Simmons, and a relationship and an important research project were born.

“It was the largest chance meeting in my life,” Simmons said. “I wanted somebody who would take on a project with bees and, lo and behold, there’s Dave Angelini.”

Simmons’s idea was to study the cause of bumblebee colony collapse, a lesser known version of the malady that has decimated commercial honeybee populations in recent years. Emailing that summer and meeting frequently when they returned to campus, the pair refined the focus of the project.

The research looks at a widely used agricultural pesticide called imidacloprid. Considered nontoxic to humans, it’s proven highly toxic to bees—the most important crop-plant pollinator.



“It’s intellectual,
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interpersonal. A liberal
arts life at its best.”

—Shelby O’Neill ’15
on small-scale
organic farming,
which he planned to
pursue after Colby

for that ‘why’ and trying to feed the body of knowledge that way,” Simmons said.

He marvels at the opportunities he and other students have to both learn from and collaborate with faculty to do real and important research.

“I came to [David Angelini] with this question. He thought it was interesting. We worked together and synthesized something completely new. ... The willingness for professors to approach it that way—it’s something I wouldn’t have expected. Frankly, it’s been amazing. It’s given me this incredible opportunity that hopefully will carry me on for many years to come.”

ORGANIC STUDIES

FOR SHELBY O’NEILL, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY ARE FERTILE GROUND

In western New York State, where Shelby O’Neill ’15 is from, farmers plant hundreds of acres of corn and soybeans and hope that with favorable weather, government subsidies, and chemical pest control they’ll be able to turn a profit.

Growing up, O’Neill wasn’t drawn to farming at all. He is now—philosophically, politically, intellectually, intensely. The government major and philosophy minor has done three internships on small organic farms in Maine, including one this summer. “It was something that wasn’t even on my radar prior to coming to Colby,” O’Neill said.

So what happened? Heidegger happened. And Marx, Sartre, and de Beauvoir. O’Neill’s radar was fixed on academics, and he quickly immersed himself in sociology, political science, and philosophy. His voracious academic career was capped by a featured presentation of his honors thesis, overseen by William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government Sandy Maisel, before a packed Page Commons audience at the Colby Liberal Arts Symposium in April. O’Neill examined the socioeconomic factors that affect political participation, declaring, “Poverty within a society like the U.S., with strong individualistic cultural ethos, functions as a disciplinary power system that conditions poor people to internalize a sense of self-doubt. ... This self-doubt leads them to remove themselves from the political realm which they view fundamentally as the realm of a different class.”

And the farming? O’Neill discovered it in Maine, and found it went hand in hand with his studies.

In fact, he sees organic farming as a political task, an alternative to neo-liberal capitalism, which he says reduces us to the amount of capital we accumulate. “I see small-scale organic farming as a way to say, ‘Let’s try to break out of that system. Let’s start with how we deal with soil. Let’s start with how we value ourselves.’ That’s where we see the multidimensionality of farming—a way to rethink the way we see labor in this country, what it means to be a worker as opposed to what it means to be a human.”

Working in screened tents on the edge of campus, Simmons is administering a range of very small doses of the pesticide to bumblebee colonies, then measuring the effect on the bees’ production of antimicrobial peptides, crucial to the function of their immune systems. “If bees are stressed and the immune system doesn’t function, are they more likely to get infected by these pathogens?” Simmons is asking.

Getting the answers involves extracting RNA from the bees in Angelini’s lab and determining how much protein the bees are producing. Early results show increased antimicrobial peptides, possibly as the bees’ systems try to cope with the pesticide.

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He's connected with Colby alumni farming in Maine, plugged himself into the food-to-table movement. In the process he's found a way to live authentically, he says. And while he is also thinking of pursuing an academic career ("I care a lot about the stuff I study," he said), he says he isn't just taking time off before grad school. "I see a lot more fluidity than that." Farming, he said, "is a different type of education."

So a small-scale organic farm in Maine, he said, is both "a way of living the politics," and work he simply enjoys doing, that, before Colby, he never imagined he'd be doing. "It's this incredible multidimensional task," O'Neill said. "It's intellectual, it's manual, it's interpersonal. A liberal arts life at its best."

A GLOBAL CLASSROOM

MACKENZIE KENNEDY PUTS NEWLY ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST

Mackenzie Kennedy '16 knew she'd study international development in the classroom. She didn't know that, in short order, she'd be doing it far afield, too.

Last semester Kennedy was in Geneva, Switzerland, studying international humanitarian law relating to Kenya, to which she was introduced by William R. Cotter Distinguished Teaching Professor of Government Ken Rodman, an expert on the workings of the International Criminal Court. Assistant Professor of Government Laura Seay put her in touch with an international organization focused on conflict in one of Seay's areas of expertise, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The group is "working to reduce sexual and gender-based violence by engaging with the perpetrators of the acts and trying to understand what motivates people," Kennedy said.

A serious subject for an undergraduate? For Kennedy, it's another challenge.

The Atlanta resident takes academic challenges in stride. As research assistant to Rodman, she studied the workings of the International Criminal Court. As a member of the student committee for the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby, she made policy recommendations asking the U.S. Department of State to pressure the Burmese state to release political prisoners.

And she's been inspired by her studies with Seay, including a crucial course called Politics of Development. And then Colby gave her wings.

During the summer of 2013, Kennedy assisted the director of the House of Hope Kandaria, David Okong'o, in Kenya, in developing Katito Hope School for orphaned and vulnerable children.

The existing option for education was a school in a nearby town, with makeshift tin-roofed rooms and a dangerous walking route to and from Kandaria. Most of the children have lost both parents, magnifying the obstacles to education. "It's important that they have that classroom because that's where kids learn foundation skills, like the basics for learning how to read," Kennedy said.

When she returned to Colby that fall, she pursued and won a Davis Projects for Peace grant—\$10,000 to fund the start of the new school—complete with a playground.

"The idea is that [the playground] would spur creative thinking so kids could be kids and get over the hurdle of some of the bad things that have happened in the past," she said. The playground ultimately aims to increase enrollment in the school's early childhood development program.

After researching playgrounds in the developing world, she designed one herself, featuring a seesaw and swings, and came up with a construction method that repurposed old tires and recruited young workers from the community. "The kids had never had a playground before, so they were like, 'What do I do with this?' And I'm like, 'You can swing on it!'" Kennedy said.

They did. ©

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—Mackenzie Kennedy '16, who used a Projects for Peace grant to help open a school in Kenya



BiggerPicture

Mieko McKay works for the health of a continent

At one time Mieko McKay '01 planned to study medicine at Baylor University near her home in Amarillo, become a physician, and help people one patient at a time. Instead she opted to come east for college—and now her “patients” are spread over entire African countries.

McKay is senior program officer for Save the Children, overseeing women's and children's health programs in Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Tanzania, and working on Ebola management in Guinea. It's a tremendous responsibility and the latest stop in a journey that began with McKay's eye-opening discovery of anthropology at Colby.

That led to a year studying abroad in Durban, South Africa, which offered a course in epidemiology (“It was like being a health detective”), which led to two years in the Peace Corps doing women's health in Senegal, which led to a master's in public health from Johns Hopkins University, which led to a succession of positions working on health-care programs in South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Guinea, eastern Congo, and Mali. “If I hadn't gone to Colby I'd probably be a doctor in Texas right now,” said McKay.

She spoke from Bamako, Mali's capital, where she was directing Save the Children's community health-care programs. The West Africa Ebola outbreak had put Mali in the news, after

it surfaced in an eastern region called Kayes. McKay said she was concerned about Mali because in many ways it was not ready for the large-scale epidemic seen in neighboring Guinea and Liberia.

Previously McKay spent five years working on projects aimed at assisting women suffering from obstetric fistula, a persistent problem in East Africa, West Africa, and other developing areas. “It's not as abstract as family planning,” she said. “With a fistula program, you see the successes right away.”


McKay is used to working toward long-term change, too. In the Peace Corps in Senegal, she and colleagues organized a bicycle tour for girls. They would stop in small villages and speak about women's health and family planning. First McKay and her colleagues had to teach the girls how to ride bicycles, a skill that was typically reserved for boys and men. By the end of the tour, the girls were gaining confidence and speaking out about “the desire to be educated, the desire to decide when they would be married—and not necessarily at the age of twelve,” McKay said.

“Women's rights is the most striking aspect of the work that I do. The basic rights that I, as a woman in the U.S., take for granted are not widely available—in a lot of the world, not just Africa.” —Gerry Boyle '78

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—Mieko McKay '01

Photo by Forrest MacCormack



Actor Brendan Leonard explores the shared space of theater and dance

ArtForms

Brendan Leonard '16, facing camera, works with fellow students in the final dress rehearsal before his CLAS debut.

Brendan Leonard '16 had his first acting role in the fourth grade. He played Daddy Warbucks in the school play *Annie*. He got a lot of laughs, but not for the right reasons. "I came out and I was this little chubby kid with a bald cap on and my first line was just, 'Hello, everybody,'" he said. "The audience laughed because I looked funny."

Leonard didn't care why he got the laughs, though, because the response felt great. In fact, it was the start of what the theater and dance major hopes will be a career in theater. Last year he spent a semester at the Headlong Performance Institute in Philadelphia and interned at the Public Theater in New York, famous for staging Shakespeare in the Park and launching the musical *A Chorus Line*. Since completing his internship, Leonard has continued to work for the Public Theater (and its former literary manager Elizabeth Frankel '01), reading scripts and deciding whether they deserve further consideration or a pass.

Following that role as Daddy Warbucks, Leonard performed at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly, Mass., and competed in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival as a student at St. John's Preparatory School. He knew he wanted to make theater his career, but Colby changed his idea of what that meant.

"Colby is where I started to really think about theater as an art form and incorporate dance into it," he said, noting the significance of Colby having a joint Theater and Dance Department. Leonard found that his experience working on Colby productions that crossed categories presented new possibilities for exploration. *Crazy Lonely Yellow*, a dance piece that melded kinetics and dramatics, and the guidance of Assistant Professor of Theater and Dance Annie Kloppenberg, were key. "That work made me realize what can happen when those two worlds really come together."

This year Leonard has taken ideas from the classroom and from his internship and tested them out at Colby. He developed an experimental performance piece—staged at the Colby Liberal Arts Symposium April 30—by working with his cast on their earliest childhood memories and exploring possibilities to make something culturally meaningful. This summer he's in Dublin, Ireland, at the Gaiety School of Acting, immersing himself in the works of Irish playwrights including Samuel Beckett, George Bernard Shaw, and Sean O'Casey.

He says those experiences are about preparing for more than just a career—they're about exploring new ways to create art and to engage with the people and communities who experience it. "What I'm trying to do at Colby is just trust that I have the ability to come up with some new ideas for making performance," Leonard said. "If I put myself in the right place, the rest will hopefully follow." —Jacob McCarthy

THE GLENN LAB

Associate Professor Melissa Glenn's hub of neuroscience research turns students into colleagues

By Jenny Chen '12

White rats scabble in their cages; others swim in a large metal vat of water. Students in lab coats dole out food and carefully monitor the buzzing rat activity throughout.

This is the behavioral neuroscience lab of Associate Professor of Psychology Melissa Glenn, where she and her students conduct cutting-edge research on the dietary causes of schizophrenia and mood disorders. The lab in the Davis Science Center is the only facility in the country that looks at the DISC1 protein in rats, a protein linked to psychological disorders—including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and depression—and one of the few rat labs in the country that employs a brain lesion technique to look at the ways in which specific parts of the brain are affected by choline supplementation.

Glenn and her student researchers have been adding to the body of knowledge on the subject since she arrived at Colby in 2007, building the existing rat lab capacity at Colby from 20 to 200. She received a grant in 2010 from the National Institutes of Health to further her work in choline supplementation and schizophrenia.

Her interest in the topic began during her postdoctoral fellowship at Duke University, working with Christina Williams, a neuroendocrinologist studying the ways nutrients and hormones affect brain development. At the time, choline—a nutrient found in broccoli, shrimp, and eggs—was taking center stage in the field of neuroscience.

Prenatal choline intake had been shown to prevent age-related cognitive decline, to limit symptoms of Down syndrome and prenatal alcohol exposure, and possibly protect against neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia. Increased choline levels during fetal development had also been linked to optimal brain development in rats.

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—Associate Professor of Psychology Melissa Glenn

Working with Williams, Glenn explored the way prenatal choline supplementation actually increases the neuroplasticity of the brain by increasing the growth of new neurons in the hippocampal region. The hippocampal region is linked to memory, stress response, and mood disorders like schizophrenia. Studies showed that schizophrenia and depression patients often had less neuroplasticity in their brains. Since choline was linked to neuroplasticity, Glenn began to wonder whether choline supplementation might help schizophrenia patients. Soon after arriving at Colby she had help searching for the answer.

Glenn's students often become her research partners. She challenges them with graduate-level expectations—encouraging them to ask their own research questions, design their own experiments, and make presentations at conferences. “My goal is to get them to be really rigorous scientists by the time they graduate,” Glenn said.

Stephanie Desrochers '18, a Presidential Scholar and Colby Academic Research Assistant in Glenn's lab, said Glenn has taught her about the meticulousness required of a scientist. “She's taught us about detailing everything you do ... what works, making sure you record any errors. If the video monitoring doesn't start right when the rats start, we have to record that; if some food falls to the bottom of the [rat] cage, that's going to affect the experiment and we have to record that,” she said.



Many of Glenn's research projects are fueled by discussions with students. For instance, Glenn's current research on concussion effects on the brain (in partnership with the Maine Concussion Management Initiative) aligns with an interest of one of her former student researchers, Tory Gray '11. Before the work in Glenn's lab there was no good way to model concussions in rats, but Glenn and her students developed a completely new animal model to test for concussions in rats. Eventually, Glenn says, she wants to look at the ways in which repeated, and even seemingly minor, traumatic brain injury might increase risk for PTSD and other psychological disorders—and how prenatal choline might reduce that risk.

Glenn's relationships with her students don't end with graduation. In 2011 Glenn started a Facebook group called "Glenn Lab—Past and Present" to stay in touch with all the students who have either worked in her lab previously or are working there currently. She and alums of Glenn Lab also post job opportunities and resources for current students.

"Students are drawn to Melissa and her energy," said Professor of Psychology Ed Yeterian, chair of the department. "The lab is always full of activity. ... The amount of animal research in the department [since Glenn arrived] is unprecedented."

For Jennifer Corriveau '10, meeting Associate Professor of Psychology Melissa Glenn was a life-changer. Story 

STUDENTS



FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE BIGS

DAN MEYER'S ANALYTICAL SKILLS ARE IN DEMAND IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By Gerry Boyle '78

Last fall, like thousands of other wannabes across the country, Dan Meyer '16 wrote to all of the Major League Baseball teams asking about internship opportunities. The response wasn't what Meyer expected.

"A number of them said, 'I'm actually familiar with your work. You do some really cool stuff,'" he said. "That came as a shock to me."

It shouldn't have.

In April the soft-spoken economics and mathematics double major landed a coveted summer internship with the Seattle Mariners. If they like Meyer, he could end up with a full-time job. The kid who was cut from his high school baseball team is headed for the bigs.

It's no fluke. Meyer spent last summer doing research for Assistant Professor of Economics Samara Gunter. During the day he did statistical analysis of tax-filing methods and their effects. At night

he applied everything he learned—merging data files, the latest GIS mapping software (working with GIS and Quantitative Analysis Specialist Manuel Gimond), and sophisticated statistical analysis tools. "He would do this on my time and then he would do all the rest," Gunter said. For Meyer, all the rest is baseball.

About a year ago, Meyer decided to get serious about applying his analytical bent to America's game. Acting on the advice of

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**—Seattle Mariners quantitative analyst
Jesse Smith**

Leslie Brainerd Arey Professor of Biosciences Herb Wilson, who also teaches the course The Science of Baseball, and Boston Red Sox Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager Brian O’Halloran ’93, Meyer started contributing to blogs devoted to the sophisticated statistical baseball analysis known as sabermetrics. His posts on whether to use a top reliever with a three-run lead and on the effects of concussions on player performance (among others) got the attention of baseball’s front-office types.

“They’re not easy to write,” he said. “I’m not just going to the headlines and writing up my thoughts about them.”

That’s an understatement.

Consider a random paragraph from the concussion post: *When conducting a two-sample hypothesis test, the 2.3% difference between the first game back and the prior season performance is not significant with a p-value of 0.54. This means there is a more than 50% chance the difference is due to random variation. This shows us that players are striking out at roughly the same rate across groups, so my hypothesis that players strike out more when returning from a concussion is rejected. However the same splits for walk rate are more encouraging.*

This is the new science of baseball, and Meyer’s work on its cutting edge soon attracted the attention of the game’s top sabermetricians and landed him gigs on the blogs *Beyond the Box Score* and *Hardball Times*. (He credits his economics research

and philosophy courses that trained him to frame an argument, and a computer science project—creation of an application for visualizing and analyzing baseball pitches.) His work got him an invitation to a national sabermetrics conference in Phoenix in March, during spring training.

In Phoenix Meyer, using skills learned from presenting at the Colby Liberal Arts Symposium, spoke to a major-league audience about a study he’d done with a coauthor, Cornell senior Alex Smith, about geographic bias in the amateur baseball draft. Their analysis showed that players from big baseball states were undervalued in terms of future performance but players from less talent-heavy states were overvalued.

The following Monday Meyer had an email from Jesse Smith, the

Mariners’ top quantitative analyst. The next day Smith interviewed Meyer by phone. Smith later said he was told he should interview Meyer, whom he knew not by name, but by his work. “Once I was told I should interview him, I looked into his stuff,” he said. “I said, ‘Oh, yeah. I know this guy.’”

He called Meyer back the next day and, with the go-ahead from Mariners General Manager Jack Zduriencik, sealed the deal. “Generally, we don’t even seek out summer interns ... but our guy was so impressed by him, and we’re looking for just the combined skill set that he has,” Smith said. “It’s extremely competitive. People will work for free to work in baseball.”

They will and they do, often bringing doctorates in statistics and years in the workplace. Meyer brings his Colby education—and an unbridled passion for the game. Said the guy who grew up 1.3 miles from Fenway Park and once waited in line for 13 hours for World Series tickets, “I would be very happy to do this for the rest of my life.”

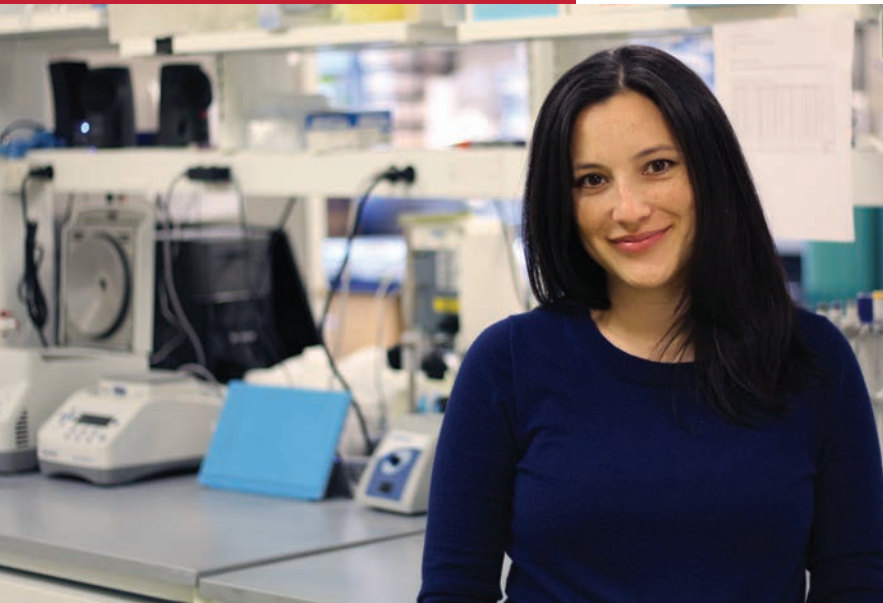


Dan Meyer ’16 and a graph that shows results of his statistical analysis of Major League Baseball, published in national baseball blogs. Above left, Meyer at Fenway Park.

KATHRYN KOSUDA, AND VAXESS,
MAY EXTEND THE GLOBAL
REACH OF VITAL VACCINES

LIFE SAVER

BY ANDREW CLARK



“

For vaccine distribution globally, there is a lack of good infrastructure.”

—Kathryn Kosuda '02

It's easy for Americans to take vaccines for granted. In developing countries, though, even when vaccines are available, heat and humidity threaten their efficacy for preventing debilitating diseases and death. If serum isn't refrigerated throughout the supply chain—which might include a ride in an ice chest strapped to a camel—a lifesaving inoculation can be rendered impotent.

It's a huge challenge, but Kathryn Kosuda '02 may have the solution.

A protégée of Professor of Chemistry Tom Shattuck, a Northwestern University Ph.D., and a Harvard postdoc, Kosuda is one of the founders of Cambridge, Mass.-based Vaxess Technologies and its vice president of research and development. She and three partners discovered a way to use a protein in silk to make vaccines both temperature stable and soluble. Vaxess has demonstrated that the protein, fibroin, can keep particles in vaccines from sticking together, thus preventing the damage caused by heat. The breakthrough can solve some of the challenges of bringing immunizations to people all over the world.

Begun as a project for a course aptly titled Commercializing Science, the company—founded by Kosuda and three of her Harvard colleagues—in just three years has begun to address the biggest problem with distributing vaccines in the developing world.

In addition to being in short supply in many places, perishable vaccines for diseases including polio, diphtheria, and measles must be handled with great care. They are shipped on refrigerated planes and trucks, and “packing these products in ice and loading them on the back of a donkey or a camel” is often required, Kosuda said last year, speaking on the PBS program *NOVA*.

If that cold chain is broken, the vaccines degrade and must be discarded. Children go without and risk contracting a potentially fatal disease. Many researchers have studied the problem, but Kosuda and her partners think they have the answer. “For vaccine distribution globally, there is a lack of good infrastructure,” Kosuda said. “This [solution] can lower global immunization costs. This can increase access to these products.”

Among those who think the breakthrough could have a huge impact on global health were the judges who awarded Vaxess \$1 million as one of four winners of Verizon's Powerful Answers Award. The award encourages entrepreneurs to provide innovative solutions in education, health care, sustainability, and transportation, and Vaxess won in the transportation category. “It was exciting for us,” Kosuda said. “There were innovators from all over the world.”

The path that led to Vaxess and the forefront of innovative global health solutions began squarely on Mayflower Hill, Kosuda said. Colby, she said, gave her a strong academic foundation and, with rugby teaching her about teamwork, her undergraduate experience laid the groundwork for everything she's pursued since. “Colby gave me the openness to pursue new areas which may be out of my comfort zone.”

Through Vaxess, Kosuda's pursuits could soon create comfort zones for countless others.

All Things German

For Arne Koch the classroom is just the beginning

“*Gott und die Welt*” or “God and the world.” That neatly sums up the range of subjects Arne Koch, Colby German Department chair and associate professor, can expect to talk about when students drop in on one of the department kaffeeklatsches. Discussions take place in German or some English/German hybrid and focus on anything from soccer and Nazis to the current Greek financial crisis.

For Koch, an energetic proselytizer of German culture, it’s crucial for students to understand that learning foreign languages doesn’t take place only in the classroom. “Ideally, it’s a 24/7 immersive experience,” he said.

That experience might include screenings of a film by German director Wim Wenders, time at the German language table at Foss dining hall, or even competition in singing contests between Colby’s language departments. Students looking for downtime can find it at one of Koch’s game evenings, held at his home, complete with Scrabble and desserts concocted by his wife, Hilary.

And Koch is just as engaging on social media. “I add to the proliferation of posts on Facebook,” he said. “It’s a way of reaching students when I don’t see them.” He’s even managed to keep alumni involved. An announcement that Kara Witherill ’15 had won a Fulbright drew a quick response from Susannah Hufstader ’12, a Fulbright winner herself: “The legacy goes on.”

Koch’s own scholarship, including study of cats in German culture, has led to seminars examining human/animal relations. “Cats are not as easily understood as dogs and are

constantly redefined over time—deified, sexualized, made innocent,” said Koch. His enthusiasm for German popular culture has led to articles about Turkish-German filmmaker Fatih Akin and Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke as well as one cowritten with Sei Harris ’10 about the German krautrock group Faust. Published in 2009 in *Popular Music and Society*, it grew out of a class Koch taught on literary and filmic representations of Berlin and Vienna.

Koch mines Germany’s cultural past with his humanities lab class Dark and Grimm Fairy Tales, based on the first edition of the Grimm brothers’ oeuvre. In these early stories, he explained with relish, “Eyes get picked out by birds, toes get cut off to fit into shoes, heels get scraped off.”

A project at Waterville’s Mount Merici Academy was an offshoot of the class. Koch’s students explored the fables with fourth graders, using marionettes and creating modern versions. Despite their darkness, Koch claimed, the tales are “all about order, which gives the kids comfort.”

Along with his other projects, the Colby-Bates German Virtual Library (villy.colby.edu) and the work he’s done on it are points of pride for Koch. The result is a database of more than 200 texts for teaching and learning German that includes a glossary to the texts and tagging and identification for linguistic relevance.

Just as important to Koch is the collaboration between faculty and students: “You can engage students from the beginning,” he said. “You have them from the moment they come as prospective students.”—Pat Sims

Associate Professor of German Arne Koch congratulates a student who received a department award last spring. Koch makes German a “24/7 immersive experience.” To view Center for the Arts and Humanities multimedia projects go to colby.edu/centerartshumanities/center-multimedia/



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— Associate Professor of German Arne Koch

Friends in Need

Deported Guatemalans find Colbians are waiting with surveys, job fairs, assistance

By Stephen Collins '74

Between high school and Colby, Emily Muller '17 took a gap year that included travel in Latin America. During a homestay in Guatemala's highlands, the father of her host family recounted his trips north to work in the United States without documents. He would walk through the Sonoran Desert at night, burying himself in the sand by day to avoid detection, breathing through a straw. "That was how he supported his family. He went back and forth a bunch of times, and it proved to be worth the risk," she marveled. And for Muller, worth exploration.

Now a global studies and anthropology double major, Muller has joined the Migrant Peacebuilding Project, an initiative launched by Colby students before she arrived on campus. This summer she plans to spend two weeks in Guatemala to continue research and to help find jobs for Guatemalans forcibly returned from the United States. She's working with project

founder Javier Monterroso Montenegro '15, a government major and economics minor from Guatemala, and Greg Morano '17, a Latin American studies and government double major.

Four members of the Class of 2015, then sophomores, started the project in 2013 with a Davis Projects for Peace grant. Little did they know then that a surge of Central American children arriving on the U.S.-Mexico border would grab national headlines.

They did know there was a crisis. Every year plane loads of Guatemalans are repatriated from the United States, where they had been living without proper documents—48,000 in 2014. They arrive at a military base in Boeing 737s, 135 passengers per flight. All are in handcuffs, some for violations as benign as a parking ticket or just not having documents, Monterroso Montenegro said. "It was shocking."

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Joseph Long '15 (left) and Javier Monterroso Montenegro '15 describe the Migrant Peacebuilding Project at a TEDxColbyCollege event in 2013. The project to assist Guatemalan nationals deported from the United States continues this summer.

Spanish. Others are seen as foreign, having acquired Mexican accents in hopes of a shorter trip if they are sent back by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Monterroso Montenegro said. Their employment and economic prospects are poor in Guatemala, and many immediately begin the perilous trek north to reenter the United States.

It's a situation that had never been studied when Monterroso Montenegro set out with Sam Chase '15, Joseph Long '15, and John Bengtson '15 two years ago. They went to Guatemala with a three-step program to aid forced returnees: conducting research on stigmas the returnees confront, working with Guatemalan corporations and institutions to establish a dialogue

actually starting an organization from the ground up," he said. "They themselves are coming up with solutions to really complex and difficult problems that both governments and NGOs have struggled mightily to address in the past."

Fallaw said Davis Projects for Peace "encourage students to think collaboratively and big, but they've gone beyond that." There are signs the program may provide a model that's sustainable into the future. The students reached out to NGOs and government policymakers in Washington, Fallaw said, "and they're getting good signals so far."

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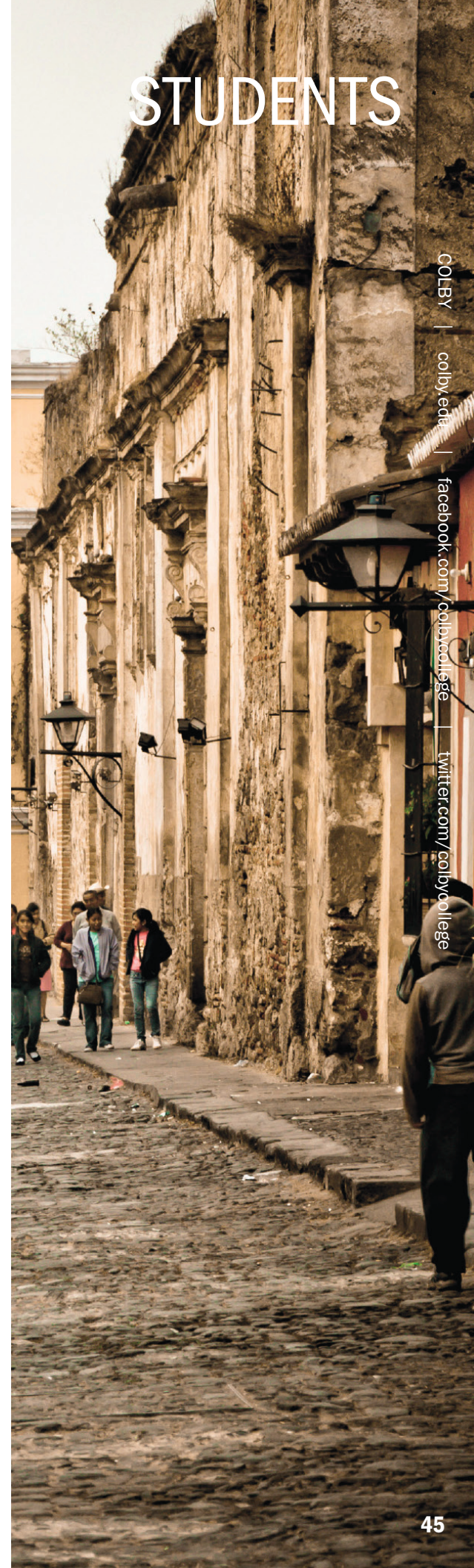
and policies, and finding jobs for as many returnees as possible.

Muller, Morano, and Monterroso Montenegro plan to spend two weeks in Guatemala this summer to continue the work. Muller and Morano have refined survey instruments to get better data in the second phase of what Monterroso Montenegro called "the first-ever study on stigmas of forced returnees." And following up on a successful 2013 job fair that found employment for about 40 people, the trio will focus on another job fair hoping for even bigger numbers.

Professor Ben Fallaw, chair of Latin American Studies, said he hasn't seen anything like the project in his 15 years at Colby. It allows the students to "try to address some serious problems facing Guatemala, not as part of an organization at an intern level, but

Morano persuaded Monterroso Montenegro to continue the Migrant Peacebuilding Project after seeing how immigration rose in national importance with President Obama's executive order last year and Vice President Joe Biden's Plan for Central America, released in January. Morano's interest stems in part from his work at El Centro Hispanoamericano in Plainfield, N.J., near his home, where he worked with Latino immigrants and taught citizenship classes.

The project, now a model of interdisciplinary inquiry, grew from a policy brief that Monterroso Montenegro wrote for an Economics of Migration Jan Plan taught by Caroline Theoharides '06. Said Theoharides, now an assistant professor at Amherst, "It was beyond my wildest dreams that he would actually implement it."



ALUMNI





Learning from the Road

Emily Colin teaches young people through cycling

Born in New York City, Emily Colin '10 has been at home in the great outdoors since her first toddler's steps in Central Park. Now she's spreading her love for road cycling and adventure through her nonprofit—PEDAL for Change—founded with a friend shortly after graduating in 2010.

PEDAL (People for Environment, Diversity, Action, and Learning) offers educational bike-touring trips in Ecuador for young Americans. Trips last from three days to one month, and along the way cyclists volunteer and learn about the country's culture, geography, and environment, as well as about sustainable practices. "I want to provide extraordinary, fascinating experiences for young people they otherwise wouldn't be able to have," she said.

Colin, who lives in Steamboat Springs, Colo., founded the organization with a friend, Rayna Weiss, after the pair took a year-long, post-graduation bike trip together from Ecuador to southern Chile and back up to northern Argentina. While pedaling through jungles and pumping up mountain passes they volunteered planting trees, making chocolate, doing post-earthquake construction, and creating a K-12 English-language curriculum. Meanwhile, they blogged and corresponded with American middle school students who used the cyclists' adventures as resources for their studies. After two years of planning, PEDAL took off with its first trip in 2012. Eleven more have followed.

PEDAL fulfills one of Colin's biggest goals, she said: "I want to benefit the lives of others." A former Junior Olympic alpine ski racer and U.S. Ski Team member, she also coaches youth ski teams and teaches high school geology, chemistry, and art.

Chemistry and geology were Colin's majors, and she completed an art minor. "Geology tells me what's around me," she said. "And I fell in love with chemistry because my instructors—Jeff Katz, Kevin Rice, and Das Thamattoor—were passionate about teaching and students learning. And Bevin Engman helped me connect my expression through art with how I felt about my surroundings."

The mission of her organization is to broaden our sense of community and to show that we have a responsibility to contribute to that larger world. PEDAL for Change participants work primarily with two indigenous communities in Ecuador, constructing housing, and encouraging sustainable living. In the process, Colin hopes to show American students that "their world in the United States is very small," she said, "and how important it is to broaden your world and become part of something bigger than yourself."



It's connecting people. That's what is the most rewarding."

—Emily Colin '10

Colin was raised with a strong sense of community and the idea that family is "much more than who you're related to by blood," she said. "It's also your friends, the kids you babysit, teachers." And members of indigenous Ecuadorian tribes.

Colin knows that broadening perspective means leaving one's comfort zone—and the rewards are immense. "I know how lucky I've been to have these incredible experiences. If I can give others the same opportunities, maybe they'll do that for someone else someday." —Claire Sykes

Facing page: Rayna Weiss and Emily Colin '10, right, cofounders of PEDAL for Change, in the first month of their journey through South America, cycling along the Ecuadorian coast. Top photo, clockwise from left: Johanna Mayerhofer, Colin, Weiss, and Kether Scharff-Gray in the high sierra of southern Peru.



Recognize her?

Colby did. Sameera Anwar '10 received the Blue Key Award for young alumni during Reunion Weekend for her outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the College. From class representative to internship sponsor to job-shadow host, opportunities to continue to show passion for and engage with the College are endless.

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CLASS NOTES

1930s

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Jean Wellington Terry '32 was pictured in last autumn's Sigma Kappa Triangle magazine. A member of the Williamsburg (Va.) alumni chapter, Jean, at 102, was pictured meeting the chapter's youngest member. The two women pledged 80 years apart—Jean pledged in 1928.

1940

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After retiring from the U.S. Army, John Lee '53 was a professional tour guide in Washington, D.C., specializing in military and school reunion groups. The Colby memorial at the Miller Library flagpole remembers two Colby alumni who gave their lives in the Korean War—**Charles William Graham** and John Ellery Thompson '51—but the Korean memorial in D.C. does not contain these names. Still, the memorial is beautiful, especially in spring and fall. John was a tour guide until 2014 but would still be delighted to show you the memorial now, gratis. Contact him at johnleearmy1@gmail.com.

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I had the pleasure of chatting with **Nan Grahn Christensen**, who lives in Pompano Beach, Fla., by phone early in the winter. She is healthy and busy but has lost her eyesight. She had an interesting career as a travel agent. She sounded cheerful and is pleased that her sons don't live too far away. * I survived the winter of '14-'15 here in Rockport. It was the snowiest season I have seen in a long time ... and COLD. I did get out snowshoeing several times. I have voluntarily given up night driving. Those haloes around the headlights blotted out

my ability to see the lines on the road, so I considered myself a hazard. I believe there are 25 or more members of the Class of 1944 still alive—please drop me a line for the next publication!

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Evie Helfant Malkin provided me with two letters—one that missed a deadline for the spring magazine and a current message—that I combined below. She wrote that she was at Colby for only two years but she remembers most her English class and the professor, whose name she does not recall. He may be a reason she is so fond of poetry. She was in Jamaica recently with part of her daughter's family and was also finishing an online European art course. * **Kay Weisman Jaffe** developed arthritis in her right hip that leaves her vulnerable to breaking a bone. Nevertheless, she and Mike were planning a 10-day April vacation in the Carolinas; she said that soon there would be more nice weather to enjoy in the Berkshires. * **Betty Dyer Brewster** wrote that all is well in Paradise (Naples, Fla.). She had a wonderful Easter with four generations of Dyer relatives including her 94-year-old brother, Dr. Richard R. Dyer '42, and grandnephew Matthew '04. She says this has been quite a year with trips planned to five of the New England states, Arizona, and Athens, Ga. Then she will return to Memphis, where she is enjoying retirement living. * This correspondent is enjoying the ambiance of Admiral's Cove in Jupiter, Fla. I have had many visitors. I play golf two times a week and keep busy tending to the house and personal business. My granddaughter Jessica McNulty '07 was married in Boston to George Sargent on April 11. There were many Colby graduates at the party ('48, '55, '56, '75, '07, and '11), and we posed for a Colby group photo during the festivities. I received a brief note from **Howell Clement**, my roommate in the summer of 1944. We

stay in touch via email. Earlier this winter I attended a Colby meeting in Boca Raton, Fla. I thought there was an excellent turnout and was pleased to meet and talk with President David Greene.

1949

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I have only a smidgen of news to pass on to you this time around. It's been two years since I sent out my last questionnaire, so perhaps it's time I did it again. Forewarned is forearmed! * **Haroldene "Deanie" Whitcomb Wolf** writes from Vero Beach, Fla., where she and Marshall enjoy their retirement community. It offers lots to keep them in shape—a nine-hole golf course, tennis, croquet, and bocce. They "have a daughter, two grandchildren, and a son who surprised us recently by calling from Las Vegas to say that he and his live-in girlfriend of 18 years had just gotten married. What a happy surprise!" * **Virginia "Jinny" Young Ellis** writes that they don't go far anymore, but they do see Bobby and **Mary-Lou Roberts Friberg** occasionally and Roland and **Mary Helen Wilson Miller** in the summer. * That's it for now. I hope to hear from more of you before my next deadline of Sept. 1!

1950

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This is the last news from the questionnaire I sent almost a year ago. I'll need fresh news for the fall magazine! * **Charlotte Shoul Backman** sends best wishes from Newbridge, a retirement home in Dedham, Mass. She walks the hills there with her "red wagon" (a walker) at least a mile every day—rain or shine. She has two children and four grandchildren—no great-grands yet. Last year she traveled to Israel for her grandson's wedding, and she's gone to Turkey and Greece. Every summer she travels to Tanglewood for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She keeps busy swimming, reading, playing bridge, and taking at least six college courses a year, offered at her community. She's a pen pal to two middle school children in Dedham, and she raises money for Boston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies. A very busy gal! * **Ellen Kenerson Gelotte** lives in Gilford, N.H., in the home that was the family's ski lodge for many years. Her husband, Bill '51, passed away recently, so Ellen moved to the Wesley Woods community in Gilford. She has three grandchildren in college: a

granddaughter who is a senior at Plymouth State and two freshman granddaughters—one at UNH and the other at Colby-Sawyer. Since Bill's death, Ellen has become chair of the board at Meadowbrook, New England's summer concert venue. She stays busy with her knitting and spinning (yarn) and plans to volunteer at the library. She winters in Arizona. * **Gloria Gordon Goldman** lives in her home in Framingham, Mass., where she has been for more than 50 years. Gloria was widowed several years ago but has a son and a daughter, three granddaughters, and two grandsons. She has retired twice but is no longer working. She travels, knits, plays a lot of bridge, belongs to a book club, and takes some college courses. Occasionally she tutors a child or an adult who needs language help. She has traveled frequently, most recently to Croatia, which she found "pretty interesting." She spends a month on Cape Cod during the summer and this year spent three marvelous days at the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home at Tanglewood in the Berkshires. * **Charlotte Cowan Sutherland** lives in two perfect places—Kissimmee, Fla., most of the year and Rockland, Maine, June through September. She and Fred '48 have a daughter, Jane, who attended Colby for two years before transferring to Wheaton College in Illinois. Charlotte and Fred are on their 67th year of marriage. They live in a retirement community in Kissimmee—Good Samaritan Village—where they are very involved. They spend time helping people in various ways, playing cards in the evening, and doing Bible study. They usually motor home to visit friends and to spend time in Maine but expect this year will be the last for the long drive to Maine. * **Charles Smith** has been a minister for many years. He and his wife were recently feted at a 60th-anniversary party given by their five children. They live in a two-family residence in Providence, R.I., and enjoy city living. He serves as chaplain for a Navy reunion group, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Society of Colonial Wars. Charles participates in occasional poetry workshops and a creative-writing group. * **Barbara Starr Wolf** lives part time in an estate condo in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and in her home in Argentina. She has two grandchildren—a granddaughter finishing her senior year at Bates and a grandson in his first year at Colorado School of Engineering. She "absolutely does not live in a retirement community." She does not believe in this type of segregated living; she prefers intergenerational, which she finds "more varied and vibrant." Her hobbies include reading, writing, some walking,

gym workouts, and gardening—in Argentina she grows more than 100 rose bushes. She also does some reading in Spanish or Portuguese to shut-ins. She's been on several cruises through the Chilean fjords and had trips planned to Tierra del Fuego (Argentina and Chile) to visit the Torres del Paine National Park. She's still involved with Colby's Alumni College.

1951

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Thanks to all the wonderful classmates from Colby's most famous class. Why are we famous? We're the transition class that moved from downtown Waterville to the Mayflower Hill campus. It was a difficult transition and we rode a lot of blue buses to reach the Hill and our classes. President Seelye Bixler was our leader, succeeding President Johnson. He later wrote a book titled *A Venture of Faith* that told the Colby moving story. We are the survivors of that class—what memories! We heard from

Dan Hall, a frequent writer, and a super classmate who has accomplished a lot in the world of academics and other adventures. Dan and his wife work with the Duxbury, Mass., community, the town, and their church. They plant seaside grass and are active with Habitat for Humanity. Keep up the great work, Dan, and our best to your family. We also heard from **Charlie Tobin**, our oldest class member. I believe he is now 90 years young. He will come to Cape Cod to manage his Old Forge Inn. He spent his winter at his Florida home—lucky Charlie! We wish him a happy birthday and much good health. **Richard Nemrow** lives in Brunswick and moved his business there. I hope he travels to Colby. How about our class reunion, Richard? Good luck to you and your family. I also heard from our talented playwright, **John Linscott**, who has produced a new play titled *Love and Lobsters*. Good luck with the opening. **Mickey Rosenberg Rolland** has contact with **Babs Hilson Abramowitz** but has not heard from **Helen Palen Roth**—is she still with us? **Joan Cammann McIntyre** is still living and enjoying life in Marblehead, Mass. **Lucy** and **Richard Bowen** have two great-grandchildren and are still living in Maine. They send their best regards to all. **Lorraine (Arcese) '54** and **George Wales** have moved to a downsized home in Granville, Ohio, close to Denison University, where they spend a lot of time. **Fred Boyle** had a curveball thrown at him a few months ago. After surgery to remove a lesion on a vocal cord, the biopsy showed first-stage cancer. As of early May he had eight radiation treatments left before the cancer will

be licked. "The journey continues!" After retiring from the U.S. Army, John Lee '53 was a professional tour guide in Washington, D.C., specializing in military and school reunion groups. The Colby memorial at the Miller Library flagpole remembers two Colby alumni who gave their lives in the Korean War—Charles William Graham '40 and **John Ellery Thompson**—but the Korean memorial in D.C. does not contain these names. Still, the memorial is beautiful, especially in spring and fall. John was a tour guide until 2014, but he would still be delighted to show you the memorial, gratis. Contact him at johnleearmy1@gmail.com. **Ted Shiro** is still in Naples, Fla., but we lost our pal **Bruce Carswell** this year. We are in the phase of too many losses now that we are reaching into the octogenarian years. Stay healthy! Jane and our four sons enjoy a lot of visits as they all live nearby and are active with our eight grandchildren. I hope to play golf as often as the weather will allow at Merion Golf Club and hope to reach 88 this July—like keys on the piano. All the best to the best class at Colby.

1952

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Bob Kline had some hesitation about attending Reunion 2015, but he contacted **Art White, Herb Nagle, Nancy MacDonald Cultrera, and John Douglass** and reported that all were in line to attend. Bob writes, "Arthur has been handling his wife's death in early March, and I feel now that he and I will get to Colby, with his goal to meet the new president." I contacted Art after hearing this sad news, and he responded with the following: "Cynthia spent a year and a half as secretary to the dean of women at Colby, so I believe people would remember her. Bob encouraged me to go to the reunion and I plan to do so. It will be my first reunion visit! Also **Lum Lebherz** plans to attend. I look forward to it." Things are quiet in Bath for Art, but he spent a week with his son in Florida recently. He was planning a family gathering in June to remember Cynthia. **Russ Wallace** and Anne traveled to Hawaii in February. They saw Anne's aging friend in Maui and went to Honolulu to see one of Russ's sons and family along with some California expats who enjoy the slower island pace. They had Valentine's dinner at Duke's Beach House (named after famous Olympian and father of modern surfing Duke Kahanamoku), where there is a display of surfboards and other mementos. "More significant," Russ writes, "was our visit to Cuba just about when Barack and Raul hit the news. Road Scholar is well established in the tour business down there, and the

50s and 60s NEWSMAKERS



Alison "Sunny" Coady '65

Alice Colby-Hall '53 published an edition and French translation of *Vita Sancti Willelmi*, a medieval text about the life of Saint William of Gellone, a cousin of Charlemagne who founded the abbey of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert in southern France. A professor emerita at Cornell, Colby-Hall continues to teach courses on medieval French literature and to direct research. On May 21 **Jonathan Choate '64** presented "A Visual Introduction to the Geometry of Nature" in Groton, Mass. A math teacher at Groton School for more than 40 years, he was elected to the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Massachusetts Hall of Fame in 2006. In March

the Boston Celtics honored **Alison "Sunny" Coady '65** through the team's Heroes Among Us program. Born with a disability, Coady had a successful IT career and has volunteered with the Easter Seals for more than 30 years. Coady was recently named a lifetime board member for the Easter Seals, making her the first person with a disability to hold that position.

two-week program was perfect for us. Home base for five days was a ship, and the balance was hotel and buses. Current events have been covered well in many U.S. publications, but as always, being there gives you a feeling for the people and the socioeconomic climate their totalitarian government has to offer. We are thankful for the timing of this opportunity. Recently, an officer from one of my military groups called to say that he had contacted **Walt Hayes** in Arizona. My friend was in ROTC at Brown when Walt was a professor of military science. He retired and is doing well. **Betty Brown Holmes** writes, "My husband and I are busy preparing for a house swap with friends who have a flat in London. It's a great arrangement that we've enjoyed for many years. We'll be especially happy to experience rain and wish we could bring some back to our parched lawn. Our two eldest granddaughters will graduate from Haverford and Barnard on the same date, so we had no option but to leave the country rather than attend one and not the other! Earlier in April, our daughter Pam visited Colby with a friend who has a daughter there. She admired the campus, especially the art museum, but was shocked when it snowed during her stay." In April **John McCoy's** wife, Dorothea, wrote, "John and I live permanently in Australia. John's health no longer allows us to travel—he has lost his sight and no longer uses the computer. He runs Fox News 24/7 and keeps up with the goings-on, even the Super Bowl, when his team won. His body has given in, but his mind is as sharp as ever." John earned a master's at Wharton and joined GE in 1954, retiring in 1989. His retirement was spent

traveling the world. Sadly, John passed away suddenly May 2 a few days shy of a visit from three of his children and one granddaughter. It was to be the first visit down under for all but Diane, who had been to Australia previously. Our condolences to Dorothea and her family. As I write, here in Vermont we're eagerly enjoying the coming of spring, after a particularly harsh winter in the Northeast. Best wishes to you all!

1953

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I welcomed spring after the most snow I have EVER witnessed in the Boston area in my whole life! In February **Alice Colby-Hall** sent a note about her latest publication in Montpellier, France—an edition and French translation of *Vita Sancti Willelmi*, about the life of Saint William of Gellone, founder of the abbey of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert and a first cousin of Charlemagne. Alice mentioned that her favorite senior-year courses were Gordon Smith's course on 20th-century French literature and Peter Re's course on harmony and musical composition. In April **Loretta Thompson Staples** had a three-day visit to Harbor Hospital in Baltimore—not due to illness but to join the Baltimore Longitudinal Study on Aging. This study has been going on since 1958 and provides standards for other scientific study. She says they will put her through physical and cognitive tests and hope she will be there three days each year until she dies. Regarding travel, next year she will visit Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands—a place she read about in grammar school in

Washburn, Maine. ✨ Goodness gracious, **John Lee** is now in the email world! I will look forward to his future notes NOT in his handwriting, which often needed translation! John was saddened to hear about the death of Ray Billington '54, a WWII Navy vet. John feels the Pacific war theater was a Marine/Navy-fought war. "Living under Japanese occupation for eight years, I am not exaggerating to declare that I owe my life to the U.S., and that means to people like Ray and **Pete Perry**. And it was a prominent U.S. Navy Colby vet who got me to Colby."

✨ **Rick Tyler** said he had a dull winter in Salt Lake as they had little snow there. He skied only 12 times, compared to the usual 30-40. He planned to leave for his Ogunquit, Maine, home June 2 and will go on a cruise to the British Isles in August. ✨ **George Pirie** from Hawaii says there's no snow there as he watches the sunrise over the ocean and the moonrise over Mauna Kea. He spends his time on bridge, swimming, and drink. I quote: "See doctors... Get fixed up... Live a good life... Expect to die in 10 years... Will let you know!" Aloha, George!

✨ **Virginia Falkenbury Aronson** survived the winter but was a bit housebound until Easter, when she could finally get into the fresh air and enjoy her dogwood trees. ✨ **Pete Salmon** says he and Shirley survived another Watertown, N.Y., winter. This year's reminded him of Colby winter of '52. They planned to attend their granddaughter's high school graduation in Joplin, Mo. He says retirement has been great; he loves to read the '53 news and said thank you for making it happen. I must add that I thank all of you for that "happening" every few months.

1954

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Greetings from Connecticut's northwest corner. ✨ **Lindon Christie** and his partner, Gloria, find that their good health is a gift they truly treasure, as it allows them to travel between their homes in Brooklin, Maine, and Rumford, Maine, and allowed Lindon to fly his Skyhawk in March, completing 48 years of safe flying. He hopes for a few more years of takeoffs and landings. ✨ **Christine Henderson Harper**, who left our class after sophomore year to attend business school in Boston, still has a soft spot in her heart for Colby and enjoys reading alumni news. She has visited the College a few times and keeps in touch with **Lois McCarty Carlson**, her first-year roommate. After business school, she moved to Montreal, where she worked and raised five sons. She is grateful for her two years of German with Herr Schmidt. Christine now lives in Toronto,

where two of her sons live. ✨ **Nancy Moyer Conover** is now a "bionic woman" with two new knees, two new hips (one of which was done three times), and a new shoulder. She will soon move to an apartment in Storrs, Conn., close to the UConn campus. She will be able to attend UConn women's home basketball games and be near her daughter, who teaches at the university. When not in rehab, she rides a stationary bike while reading. ✨ **Whitie Thurston**, still a full-time care provider, remembers fondly two of his Colby teachers who helped him through rough times: Dr. Koons "sort of adopted me for my last two years and guided me from a potential dropout to the dean's list my last semester, and Professor Stanley let me retake my first math exam in an empty room with no time limit. It was the break I needed to pave the way to an A in the course." ✨ Yours truly had a nice visit with Frank '53 and **Judy Jenkins Totman** on my way to a Thanksgiving weekend with my daughter Sara at Bates. Many thanks to those in the class who helped the College qualify for an additional \$100,000 during the recent drive.

1955

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Dear classmates, I was hoping for a good turnout at reunion. I know, we are old and creaky and our energy is waning, but this was the last one for us! ✨ **Johnny Dutton** wrote, "I can recall the blizzard of 1951, when guys were doing swan dives from the second floor of Averill Hall and it was a trek to Roberts for meals. Last January my youngest son, William, and I traveled to Southern California in his travel trailer for visits to two great aircraft museums. The March Field Air Museum has over 70 military aircraft plus some rare jets. A retired Air Force guide drove us around in a golf cart and described just about every airplane there. It was a businessman's holiday. We also toured the Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino, which has flying and static aircraft and should be a must for any aircraft enthusiast. I have two new pen pals—Ron Rasmussen '57 and Brian Stompe '56. I wish all of our classmates a wonderful time at the 60th reunion and kudos on making it thus far in life." ✨ **Betty Harris Smith** said, "I've been in Florida and met with seven Colby friends. It was lots of fun to have quality time with them. Harold and I hope to go to reunion." ✨ Ann Marie and **Vic Ladetto** enjoy their grandchildren: Isabelle, 2 1/2, and Margaret, 5, daughters of daughter Katherine and her husband, Maciej, and Allison, 16, and Reece, 14, children of son John and his

wife, Stephanie. John recently received the Dean's Excellence Award in Teaching from Brown University Medical School. ✨ **Jack Johnston** shared, "since retiring in 1996, Nitsie and I have traveled extensively from our Foxboro, Mass., home, visiting friends in Sedona, Phoenix, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Meyers Beach, San Diego, Seattle, and Vancouver Island. I had a chance to join the Saengerfest Men's Chorus based in Weston, Mass. I sang for 12 years, performing from Boston to Vancouver, even singing in Royal Albert Hall with 1,000 Welshmen! Jack King '54 was also a member, so Colby was always represented. We recently moved to a 55-and-over community in Pikesville, Md., to be nearer to our youngest daughter and escape the increasingly difficult winters in Foxboro. We think Maryland weather is wonderful, but we still look forward to our annual summer vacation in Boothbay Harbor." ✨ **Jane Whipple Coddington** spent March and April in South Carolina. "Lake Murray was lovely. It was a totally new country and nice change from Florida and the snow, which piled up around us this winter. Our 69th anniversary is coming up, and I have a bad foot (mostly arthritis), so will not be at reunion. Tell everyone I will miss being there and to have fun looking back at those GREAT YEARS!" ✨ **Nate Miller** sends greetings. He and Winnie planned to arrive in Maine in late June. "We still love our life and home in Sarasota and our three-plus months in Northeast Harbor with our son and daughter and families (which include five grandchildren!). We celebrated our 60th anniversary in Paris in April. WOW! Seems like only yesterday that I was back and forth between the ATO house and Mary Low Hall to woo Winnie! Hope it's a grand turnout for reunion. Very warmest regards to all from us both." ✨ **Sid Farr** wrote, "Ann Burnham Deering and I have been working with our gift team to support the Colby Fund. Thanks to all of you who have supported Colby. Plans have shaped up nicely for a fun reunion." He said they were looking forward to seeing everyone at the College in June. ✨ A report on reunion will come in the next issue.

1956

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Celeste Travers Roach wintered in Connecticut and visited daily with her husband, Bob, who is confined to a wheelchair in a nursing home. Friends, reading, and visits from her children keep her busy. ✨ **Dick Abedon** reports that seeing **Peter Lunder**, **Allan Landau**, **Don Kupersmith**, and **John** and **Joan Williams Marshall** is a bonus to the Palm Beach lifestyle!

✨ **Charlie Morrissey** was featured in the "50s Newsmakers" box in the last *Colby Magazine*. He would like to assemble in late November a '50s hockey players reunion for the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Alford arena. ✨ Last winter **Kathy McConaughy Zambello** enjoyed downhill skiing and snowshoeing on Damariscotta Lake. She planned to attend the Class of '55 reunion in June to meet up with old friends. ✨ **Robert Weiss** and his wife have lived in Charlotte, N.C., for five years. They're near their daughter and grandchildren and enjoy the great climate and unbelievable cultural activities. He wonders if there are Colbyites of our era living in his area. Does anyone have news of **Jerry Goldsmith**? ✨ Life is good for **Jane Collins** in St. Augustine, Fla.: weather, architecture, cultural environment, and above all, the people. She is in three singing groups: St. Augustine Community Chorus, Cathedral-Basilica Choir, and St. Augustine Singers. The Singers sang in Carnegie Hall in July and have been invited back in January 2016. Although she lives in a golf community, her golfing has not improved! ✨ **Brian Stompe** has taken on an additional Little Brother, the friend of his first Little Brother; Brian does activities with both boys together as well as individually, including boating to a beach, rope swinging at Tomales Bay and playing basketball (H-O-R-S-E). He planted his vegetable garden and was waiting for calmer weather for salmon fishing. ✨ **Harry and Lyn Brooks Wey** live in Hingham, Mass., a charming town on the water, and their lives revolve around boats. They have three daughters (Mass., Mich., and Calif.) and seven grandchildren. They spend summer vacations on Southport Island, Maine, where they see **Barbara Nardozi Saxon** and for years the **Sortors**. They lunched with the **Kinsmans** and **Andersons** in Dataw Island in the fall, and in March they attended a Colby reunion in Naples hosted by Karen Beganny '63 and Skeeter Megathlin '59; the **Pughs** were also among the attendees. ✨ **Karl Honsberger** and his wife are blessed with good health and contentment and were awaiting the birth of their first great-grandchild. They had dinner in Hilton Head with Naomi and **Andy Anderson**, **Warren** and **Babs Kinsman**, Sherry and **Don Rice**, and Jeanne and Dick Campbell '58. ✨ **Judy Bramhall Getchell** has three children and three grandchildren. She retired from the chancel choir of her Episcopal church in Madison, Conn., but still sings in two choral groups. She's sung in cathedrals in England, Ireland, France, Croatia, Turkey, and Italy; singing in St. Mark's in Venice was a great thrill. She and her husband have taken many trips to Europe and will celebrate their 59th anniversary aboard a cruise to Scandinavia. They

spend part of their summers at their family camp on Messalonskee Lake. Through the years Judy has seen Colby roommate **Cindy Aiello Hurley** in Falmouth, Mass. * **Frank Huntress** is a "DH" (substitute) for area churches and has a goddaughter in England he hopes to have baptized in the side chapel of Our Lady of Pew in Westminster Abbey. * **Janet Nordgren Meryweather** headed north in May after five months in Florida and looked forward to family activities involving her grandchildren. She planned to reopen her summer camp in Spencer, Mass. * **Sherry and Don Rice** winter in Okatie, S.C., and summer in Lake Sunapee, N.H. They're happy that there are other Colbyites in the area: Jeanne and Dick Campbell '58, Dick '62 and Joan Dignam Schmaltz '63, the **Kinsmans**, and the **Andersons**.

1957

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Hi, everyone! This is the year that most of us—are you ready?—turn 80! Is the trauma too much? For the response this time was meager. All you hale and hearty New Englanders, don't tell us you are still digging out from under six feet of snow! * In January Nancy and **John Conkling** headed to Sunday River in Bethel, Maine, to begin a winter of one of their favorite activities, skiing. Early March found them headed to Utah with the Seventy Plus Ski Club. They had caught up with **Buddy Bates** in late fall and report that he is doing great. This is early May as we write this, and due to a late spring snowstorm, Conk and Nancy might just be back on the slopes of Sunday River to make their final runs before the ski area closes May 11! * Dick and "**Perk**" **Perkins Canton** finally came up for air after they experienced a very quick sale of their summer home on Long Lake in Naples, Maine. Moving so much "stuff," so fast, sure promotes sore muscles and puts a damper on a sunny Maine summer. Perk assures me that they will be renting in the Bridgton area from now on and that they will enjoy their usual summer rendezvous and many laughs. In the spring the Cantons enjoyed an interesting week's trip to Cuba, a "culturally" approved trip via Tauck. * After a busy year of travel abroad, Arlette and **Mac Haring** plan to shed the frustrations of international flights and concentrate on domestic travel instead. In October 2013 they enjoyed an eight-day Rhone River trip, followed the next summer by the Portland, Maine, to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, ferry trip and bicycling for 10 days in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. October found them in Australia and New Zealand traveling in a small group with Overseas Adventure

Travel. * **Diane Schnauffer Zullinger** wrote in her Christmas note that she had spent a day with **Carol Fisher** last May at "FISH's" retirement community in Frederick, Md. It is their annual visit and always loads of fun for both. * In closing, we want to express our sincere condolences to **Sally Dixon Hartin**, whose husband, Ed, passed away last winter. Ed was Sally's constant companion throughout her long battle with Parkinson's. * To all who have reached the new world of the 80s ... enjoy!

1958

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Paul Svendsen lives in Bangor and, like **Marty Burger**, is still in the insurance business. He and his wife of 49 years have visited 32 countries and nine Caribbean islands. In September they'll be going down the Danube. * **Janice Klem Benicek** lives in a retirement community in Shrewsbury, Mass., and takes painting and other classes at Assumption College. After knee and hip replacement and shoulder repair, Jan is in good health, sees her daughters and grandchildren often, and was looking forward to an inland waterway cruise from Charleston to Jacksonville. She keeps in touch with **Sara Stewart Johnson**, **Debbie Williams Pinkerton**, and **Peggie Beebe Ramsay**. * **Ron Moran** read the latest *Colby Magazine* and was very impressed with what the students, faculty, and administration have done to make Colby one of the premier liberal arts colleges in the country. Ron was fortunate to have one of his 14 books put in the hopper for a Pulitzer, "but it stayed there, dormant." (Congratulations on having it nominated!) He will forever be thankful "for the very rigorous and demanding instruction" he experienced from 1954 to 1958 at the College. * Our condolences to **Larry LaPointe**, who lost his wife of 59 years in April. "She will be greatly missed by her four children, 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren." * **Fred "Ben" Reinmund** and wife Julie moved from New Jersey to a golf community in Florida after his retirement from banking in 1992. Their son Scott is director of tennis at the Ocean Club, and Mike is with a bank in Orlando. They have two grandsons; one recently finished Marine boot camp and has been assigned to Oahu, Hawaii, and the other is a college student in Orlando. * **Marian Woodsome Wood** lives in Shelburne Falls, Mass., and reports her native town "has become revitalized, artsy, and beautiful ... and well worth visiting." Since our last reunion she has undergone back surgery and had both knees replaced, but she managed two trips to Germany to see family and a super

weekend with **Jane Daib Reisman** and some Tri-Delt friends in Ohio. She looks forward to another reunion in 2018. * Inveterate traveler **Judy Brown Dickson** headed home to Alaska after a lengthy Road Scholar World Academy trip that ended with a visit with her son and his wife in Cambridge, UK. * In March **David Adams** and Pam enjoyed a Colby party in Naples, Fla., hosted by Don '59 and Karen Beganny Megathlin '63; other attendees included **Doug Davidson** and wife Barbara Borchers Davidson, Keet '59 and Beverly Johnson Arnett '60, and Chris Rand Whitman '59. * **John Edes** was recently on a panel for Johnson and Wales University to evaluate their financial major and made several helpful observations and suggestions. * Class President **Brad Sherman** still lives in Newbury, N.H., is a substitute teacher at the high school, operates his hot dog cart on Lake Sunapee, and is a trustee of the Newbury Public Library. He has been thinking about reunion plans for 2018. Several correspondents asked that our class be kept together for another reunion year, and our contacts in Alumni Relations agreed. Brad imagines the extension of the Amtrak Downeaster tracks closer to Waterville, "with perhaps a couple of coaches reserved for alums," and a project to restore mayflowers to the Hill. "We'd probably have to leave the digging to someone else." Brad promises a class letter soon to solicit our reactions and suggestions.

1959

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I was saddened to learn of the death of **Paul Reichert**. Paul was one of my most loyal contributors. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Elaine Healey Reichert '62, and his family. * In January **Ed Goldberg** returned from two weeks in Vietnam. He says it is a wonderful country with many hidden jewels. He planned to return to Montana, where he would teach skiing to children with special needs. * **Al Wilbur** and Eileen Sangmeister spent three weeks in Sicily last summer. They rented a villa in Taormina and did their sightseeing in Palermo, Messina, Syracuse, Neapolis, Agrigento, Catania, and the volcanoes on the islands of Lipari and Stromboli. The archaeology is spectacular. The Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Normans occupied Sicily—and of course the Germans, whose stay was limited during WWII. * All is fine and healthy with **Frank Seebode**. He sees **Tom Skolfield** and **Barry Sisk** each summer on Cape Cod. He loves to read about New England winters from California. * **Reed Thompson** is in fair shape ("considering

the shape he's in"). One thing his age has provoked him to do is reread the chapter on the "Golden Years." He might have added a few footnotes. Hopefully Solange and he will make their annual pilgrimage to the Big Apple in October. Christmas in NYC, while beautiful, has become too cold for Reed's 78-year-old body. Seems like yesterday he'd walk outside the fraternity house into single-digit temperatures with a sweater and a small jacket and revel in the wonderful weather. After more than 45 years in San Diego, he wears a down jacket and wraps himself in a blanket if the temperature dips below 60. He knows—they're spoiled! Reed reports that there were two well-attended memorials for Lucky Christov '60 in San Diego and Los Angeles. Earlier Lucky had some heart problems, which eventually caught up with him. Reed pretty much kept in weekly contact with him for the last 10 years. * Tom and **Colleen Cruise Reynolds** moved to New Hampshire to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They are glad they made the move. They play a lot of golf, Colleen does some PR for a nonprofit, and Tom teaches skiing at Mt. Sunapee. * **Jim and Sally Phelan McIntosh** are doing reasonably well as the aging process creeps up on them. After the miserable winter, Sally was eagerly looking forward to gardening. Jim is going on sabbatical for fall 2015, returning to teach his last semester in spring 2016. He will have 50 years in at Lehigh while the institution celebrates its sesquicentennial, making Jim a part of one-third of its history. * Your correspondent recently broke her elbow, and typing this news column is one of the first computer tasks I have been able to do. You don't realize how much you do with two hands until you don't have the use of one. Please write. I love to hear from you.

1960

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Kate Custer Lord is in good health other than age-appropriate aches and pains. She loves gardening and is finding new ways to cope with the California drought. Kate is walking the Bay Trail with a friend, and they're nearing the end after almost three years of weekly hikes. Several years she visited her roommates, **Penny Chapman Turner** and **Liz Chamberlain Huss**. * **Donald Freedman** teaches skiing to Mexican families in Vail. He and his wife mostly go on biking and hiking trips. He mentioned that he did not know what his Colby friends would find interesting in his life. * **John Vollmer**, his wife, Diana, and four of her siblings planned to drive three RVs from the factory in Indiana to Anchorage, leaving

May 11. It was going to be an adventure that would include a visit to Denali National Park. On June 2 they planned to fly to Portland, arriving in Waterville June 4. ✨ **Peg Jack Johnston** says her life consists of travel, Rotary, local grandkids, exercise, theater, lectures, book clubs, politics, and news. She visited four countries on an African safari and went to India to help immunize children in Nuh, India, for polio. As you can tell, she loves being retired! ✨ **John Bailey** passed a milestone early this year, having lived more than half his life in Louisiana. John will always consider himself a New Englander, but he loves being a Louisianian too. He works part time as a visitor services representative at the Louisiana Welcome Centers on the Interstate. Sadly, he is a widower—his wife of nearly 25 years, Gail, died in early 2013. ✨ Art '59 and **Louise Robb Goldschmidt** live in a Quaker-run retirement community in State College, Pa. She takes many noncredit courses offered by their local lifelong learning program. She swims regularly at the YMCA, travels with Art wherever he wants to go, and attends lots of plays, concerts, movies, and lectures. ✨ **Peter Van Alyea** and his wife, Marian, live on their vineyard in Sonoma County and sell wine grapes to local wineries and to a winery owned by his son. Peter continues to work nearly full time but is slowly turning over the reins to his daughter, who is the company president. After a fascinating week in Cuba, they saw **Waring** and **Audrey Blackburn** in Florida. ✨ Last August **Eunice Buckholtz Spooner** took a two-week cruise of the Baltic in a troublesome wheelchair. She was elected to the school board and works for an organization that is addressing low wages for caregivers, lack of public transportation, and cuts in funding for Head Start. May was to include her grandson's graduation from Proctor and the high school graduation of one of her exchange students. ✨ **Judy Allen Ferretti** and her husband had wonderful trips to Argentina and Chile, enjoying the gracious hospitality of the residents. The only disappointment was being robbed in Chile. They have been living with "an open air design" due to the ice dams and water leaks they experienced in February. Walls and parts of ceilings have been removed by the destruction crew, and they are waiting for the construction crew to appear! ✨ **Brian Blanchard** says his life is boring. Maybe he will have some news for us in the next magazine! ✨ In April **Chet Lewis** and his wife, Fran, celebrated her mother's 100th birthday in R.I. ✨ **Richard Lucier** spent four weeks in Boca Grande, Fla. and will be heading to England in June. He will spend a week in Ireland to play golf with some former business colleagues. ✨ **Peter Henderson** lives in Auburn, Ala., always

hoping that Auburn will beat Alabama. Fundraising for K-12 private academies is his retirement job. He has traveled throughout the South, raising funds to help hundreds of academies get back on their feet. Peter and Jane host two annual events for their family—barbecues, waterskiing, swimming, hammocksleeping, hiking, canoe treks, and of course, terrific desserts.

1961

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Bob and **Jeanette Benn Anderson** spent the longest time ever on their annual visit to Marco Island, Fla.—a record nine weeks! Jeanette always enjoys a wonderful family life when home in Houlton, Maine, with summers at the East Grand Lake cottage in Orient, Maine. ✨ **Mary Sawyer Bartlett** reports, "In Sarasota, Fla., enjoyed another Colby luncheon, along with **Helen Johnson Knox**. A small group this year. The chemistry professor [Kevin Rice '96] gave an interesting talk about cancer prevention and control research. Colby is a very different learning environment from what I remember. Speaking of memory, or lack thereof, courses in senior year were in education, economics, and statistics of income. Mostly I remember the great anxiety of facing comprehensives. There was a whole lot riding on those results!" ✨ **Margie Chamberlain Davis** survived the winter of 2015; the Patriots winning the Super Bowl was a highlight. She joined aqua-aerobics classes in a Rhode Island fitness club heated pool, attending several times a week and loving it: "Beats walking in zero-degree temperatures." She was looking forward to summer and Red Sox baseball, and she sends "best wishes to all our class!" ✨ **Jean Kennedy Harley** writes, "I only went one year to Colby. After a marriage and life in Germany, I graduated from Boston University. I spent my working life buying food and supplies at the University of New Hampshire. I married again and loved New Hampshire. My husband, who died several years ago, also worked at UNH. When he died, I set up a scholarship in his name. I now live at a grass-strip airport in Berkley, Mass. We have a fly-in once a year in September, and the public is invited. It is a public-use airport named Myricks, with the designation 1M8." ✨ **Terry Lee** still sings! He escaped the wild winter weather in New England by spending March in Venice, Fla., where he enjoyed wonderful weather and good food. "Since I'm becoming 'a craft beer on draft' enthusiast, I found amber or brown ales Barking Squirrel made by a small brewery in Ontario, Canada, and Southern Pecan made by Lazy Magnolia,

a brewery in Kiln, Miss. Hope to be back on campus in June for alumni reunion weekend. Class of 1960 asked the Colby Eight to sing at their 55th-anniversary dinner, and we'll have an ensemble from 1957 to 1965." ✨ **Bebe Clark Mutz** writes, "My life has changed since I retired from cataloging books at the DAR. I plan to sell the Potomac, Md., residence and move to my beach home in Bethany, Del. I stay in touch with **Peggy Bartlett Gray**, **Nancy Tozier Knox**, **Carol "Chickie" Davidson Jack**, and **Judy Dupras Stanford** '62, all alive and well." Bebe reports both sons and both daughters are employed on the East Coast. ✨ **Wendy Ihlstrom Nielsen** comments, "In September and October Bob and I drove from South Dakota to Arizona, touring many national parks. We loved the amazing variety of wonderful scenery and people!" If any classmates are in Old Lyme, Conn., Wendy is a docent at the Florence Griswold Museum, a home of American Impressionism. ✨ **Dean and Sandy Nolet Quinlan** cruised with Celebrity to the Caribbean after three months in Florida as "a lovely way to avoid New England mud season." For their 10th anniversary, they "chose a bucket-list journey, a trip to Peru and Bolivia. We visited major cities, remote towns, and fascinating Inca ruins. Machu Picchu is truly awesome!" ✨ **Ed Ruscitti** says, "Paula and I recently traveled to Argentina, Bermuda, New York City, San Francisco, and Sint Maarten. Obviously life is good! I'm still practicing chiropractic one day a week, but at some point will think about completely retiring. A few years ago I did retire, but that lasted only three weeks before I joined a multi-professional staff at a Hyannis, Mass., health-care facility. Hoping to see everyone next year at our 55th!"

1962

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Greetings, Class of '62! Lots of news ... ✨ **Jan Griffith** is still teaching law at Suffolk University Law School, most recently a course on Boston Olympics 2024; her students researched steps the city must take to succeed in the next bidding stage. Last year she traveled to Shijiazhuang, China, where she gave a keynote address on entrepreneurship in higher education. ✨ **Janan Babb Vaughn** moved back to Camden, Maine, 11 years ago and runs a "free bed and breakfast for family and friends." She serves on the boards of the Camden Garden Club and Vesper Hill Children's Chapel. ✨ After teaching high school English and working in a school sports program, **Bruce Kingdon** is retired. "Now

I read, walk the dog, occasionally travel to Oregon and Pennsylvania to visit family." ✨ **Bink Smith** says, "Yep, I'm alive and kicking here in Steamboat Springs, Colo." He retired from Nike and works for his daughter's Pilates/fitness studio. ✨ **Harry and Judy Hoagland Bristol** were anticipating a river cruise down the Elbe in Germany, their 22nd trip on Grand Circle cruise line. ✨ **Roey Carbino** continues to meet regularly with the Wisconsin foster parent association. She will travel to Sydney, Australia, in November to speak about kinship family careers. This winter Roey, **Marge Brown York**, and **Jean Gaffney Furuyama** got together for a "good lunch chat." ✨ **Jay French** and brother Peter '63 held a reunion of 48 family members on Cape Cod last July. He joined his Deke fraternity brothers for the annual Colby football game in October and has plans for trips to Branson, Mo., and Turks and Caicos. ✨ **Brenda Wroblewski Gottschalk** traveled to South Africa in November, visiting Cape Town and wine country and going on safari. She was due to leave for India and Nepal in mid-April. ✨ **Pat Farnham Russell** attended a get-together of Colby alumni in Bangor with **Pam Taylor**, Cass Cousins Wright '65 and **Joe Wright**, and Ann and **Jim Acheson**. ✨ **Dick Schmaltz** says he does seek the class notes and then does "a second pass for what I really want to read." ✨ From **Ceylon Barclay**: "We spent two weeks in March in the 7,000-year-old country of Malta, seeing Roman and Greek ruins." He plans to spend a week in Maine this fall, getting together with **KDRs Ed Cragin**, **Bruce Marshall**, **Graham Barkham**, and **Bruce MacPherson**, among others. ✨ **Ann Tracy** was "so tickled" to find herself quoted in the last issue that the next time we invite her to do so, she will "doubtless rise to it like a trout to a lure." ✨ **Dick "Mitty" Mittleman** is semi-retired from his law practice. He spends the winter in Fort Lauderdale, playing golf and riding his bicycle. He has five grandchildren, three of whom are in college (Duke, Dartmouth, and Elon). ✨ **Everett "Rett" Zabriskie** calls himself "one of those outliers" who left Colby for Earlham halfway through and confesses he has not had any long-term connections with our class. Well, now you have, Rett, and we're glad! ✨ **Tony Mainero** and wife Cathy live in Panama after retiring and passing leadership of his executive search business to his son-in-law. They love the country and its people. In January they will travel back to the States to see their four children and eight grandchildren and to celebrate their 50th anniversary in the Florida Keys. ✨ And now, with thanks for all the news and apologies for heavy-handed editing, see you at our 55th!

1963

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After a long, hard Maine winter we looked forward to a spectacular summer and having many of our classmates "from away" visit us. * **Tim Dakin** and wife Irene moved to Monroe, Ohio, to be closer to family. Tim teaches an advanced placement course in American government, which gives him the satisfaction of teaching his own granddaughter, who calls him "Dr. Pop." * "Doing just what has become usual," **Sandra Moulton Burrig** studies Italian south of Rome. "Class every day, historic sites and gorgeous family style meals." She visits Montreal twice a year to see her daughter and friends. She welcomes visits from fellow Peace Corps members and Colby classmates. Sandra's first grandson was born this March in London. * **Pen Williamson** "attained full-fledged membership in the 'Bionic Club,' with two total knee replacements last fall." He "had his first downhill ski day at Saddleback April 12 and felt great!"

* John and **Marsha Palmer Reynolds** are in a bell-ringing group in the Kennebunkport area and enjoyed playing in several holiday concerts. In March they cruised the Panama Canal and explored Costa Rican rainforests. * **Mackenzie "Mac" Smith** and wife Jeannine spent the winter in Naples, Fla. Mac, now completely retired from the insurance business, is pleased that the sale worked out well for everyone. Congratulations to Mac and Jeannine on their 50th wedding anniversary this May. * **Karen Forslund**

Falb has a new grandson, Aaron. Daughter Hilary and husband have returned to Haifa, Israel. Karen will attend Hilary's graduation from Berkeley when she receives a Ph.D. in history. "I had a very nice call from a Colby junior. This student had a great spirit—loved her years there with success in sports and majoring in computer science and minoring in art. I felt energized by her call and that many things have not changed at Colby!" Karen recently saw **Jeannette Fannin Regetz** and **Lucille** and **Lillian Waugh**.

* **Judy Thompson Chandler** staved off cabin fever with her great circle of retiree friends and colleagues, playing indoor golf and pickleball, taking drawing classes, attending the theater and concerts, and playing mahjong. She also manages the website for her church and will tour Hawaii in the fall. * Another escapee from winter weather, **Joanna Buxton Gormley** flew to Barbados for two weeks. She was also in Florida fundraising for Operation Shoebox, an organization sending gift bags to troops overseas. * Dick '62 and **Joan Dignam Schmaltz** took the family on a Caribbean cruise snorkeling, ziplining, and kayaking to celebrate their 50th anniversary. In South

Carolina they had a dinner party where seven out of eight had gone to Colby! Attendees included **Bonnie Brown Potter** and Bill Chapin '59, **Paul and Susan Schaeff Pineo**, and **Trilla Putnam Minkel**. * **Herb Gottfried** said he had a lasting relationship with President Strider and would not have had an academic career without him. * Tom and **Frances Jones Vitaglione** have been involved with Malawi Children's Village, an orphan-care project, for 15 years. Frances volunteers, teaching classes at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. One of her sons and family moved nearby, much to their joy. * Barbara (Howard) '65 and **Dan Traister** have a fourth grandchild and visited Berlin and Hamburg recently. Dan curated a show at the University of Pennsylvania called *Covered with Vines: The Many Talents of Ludwig Bemelmans*, scheduled to open this fall. * Bill '62 and **Barbara "Barb" Haines Chase** kayaked in the Everglades with Road Scholar, met interesting people, and learned a lot about the history of the Everglades and the building of the Tamiami Trail. * After 20 years, **Al Carville** still teaches skiing at Sugarloaf. Al often sees **Skip Stinson** and Al Rogan '59. Al and Linda cruised the Caribbean visiting Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, etc., and they sail the Virgin Islands in winter. He sees **Rod Pierce** at an Irish pub in winter and sailing the Maine coast in summer.

1964

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Our informally appointed class historian and former class correspondent **Sara Shaw Rhoades** is moving for the first time in 27 years—but not far, just down the street in Kittery, Maine. It's her first move that the Navy didn't pack her up and send her off, and while she is "approaching panic at this moment in time," she is also "looking forward to this big change!" In response to a mention of the cold, snowy weather in Maine, Sara revealed that she "loved this real true winter!" * **Sally Berry Glenn** enjoyed a visit to her home in California from **Judy Milner Coche**. They toured the Point Lobos area near Carmel. "The weather was fabulous, and although too short a visit, we were able to reconnect our lives after so many years. Judy is as wonderful as ever and always full of energy and information." Sally is looking forward to seeing many Colby friends on a visit to Maine next September and loves chatting with classmates via email. Still painting, Sally is in the online gallery Art Collector Maine. She reports, "Life is busy and good. I send my best to you all!" * **Martha Schatt Abbott-Shim** will travel to Colorado in May to celebrate the birth of her second grandson. Congratulations, Marty!

* **Suzy Noyes Mague** and her husband, Joel, will be in Switzerland and Austria this summer with Road Scholar tours and are particularly looking forward to three days in Vienna, a major item on their bucket list. * On the Easter Vigil 2015, **Steve Schoeman** was baptized at a local Roman Catholic church. "I very much look forward to my new spiritual life!" Steve wrote. * **Dick York** was sorry he couldn't make it to our 50th reunion last year, but he is still trying to recover from strokes the past few years.

* **Linda Spear Elwell** enjoyed a winter adventure, a 10-day trip to the Caribbean on Princess Cruises. They had wonderful weather, fabulous food, and terrific tours, making it a fantastic time. They were planning a spring tour: a seven-day Mississippi River cruise with Linda's sister and her husband, starting in Memphis and ending in New Orleans. In July they will host their children and five grandsons for a month at their beach house in Wells, Maine. Linda is proud of a grandson, a sophomore at Florida Air Academy who was accepted at Harvard's summerschool. Linda is a voracious reader and highly recommends Ken Follet's *Edge of Eternity*. * Last August **Skip Thayer** and his wife went up to Lake Megog in Quebec, just over the Vermont border, to visit Dr. **Al Smith**. Al and his wife live on the lake, where the view is absolutely beautiful. Skip remembers Al as the second person, after his roommate, with whom he interacted in 1960 during our first week of freshman registration. Skip also remembers his junior advisor, Dick Schmaltz '62, and says, "If you are reading this, Dick, hello to you and your lovely wife." * Our classmates will be saddened by the news of the passing of **Bob Mangion** on April 2. We send our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Johanna.

1965

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DID WE PARTY ON? Well, you will have to wait a bit for the "rest of the story," as I'm composing this column April 25 and you are reading it after our little reunion gabfest. As this is written we have more than 60 classmates, plus spouses, registered to attend. * We always knew Colby was a highly regarded college. Now *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine has ranked Colby number 29 in "Best College Values 2015." Princeton was ranked first, Bowdoin 13th, and Bates 35th. The rankings were a blend of "quality" and "financial" measures. * John '63 and **Nancy Godley Wilson** spent a "very snowy first winter in Maine." They moved to Deer Isle, where they've had a summer home for years. Snow shoveling activities occurred between respite trips, including visiting grandkids in Annapolis

at Christmas and two weeks with friends in Palm Desert, Calif., prior to John's hip replacement surgery in April. * Jean '66 and **Neil Clipsham** have also been visiting grandchildren. Last year they took their granddaughters to Hawaii and this year the "wild, wild West (Durango, Grand Canyon—yee haw). We want them to know there is something besides Disney to see."

* Dale and **Dave Hatch** continue to enjoy retirement in Venice, Fla. Enough of Dave's Lynnfield, Mass., high school class lives in the area to allow a mini-reunion in Naples last winter. Dale and Dave are involved with the condo association board and bicycle every day. Dave is also a volunteer for the local GOP. * **Sunny Coady** was honored for her work with Easter Seals by the Boston Celtics' Heroes Among Us program. Sunny was escorted to center court during a Celtics-Clippers game in March, and the crowd responded with a well-deserved standing ovation. The Easter Seals honored Sunny with a lifetime board membership. She is a former chair of the society and only the fifth person to be given this honor. Born with spina bifida, she is the only honoree to have a disability. * Our class president, **Harold Kowal**, spent the past several months coordinating planning for our 50th reunion. In between meetings with various reunion committees and zillions of phone calls/emails, he and Ruth found time to spend three weeks in the Caribbean. One night in the Cooper Island Beach Club BVI they discovered a three-generation family at the next table. They soon discovered that there was a Colby connection. The daughters (gen two) were Colby Classes of '91 and '92, just like Harold's daughter Elizabeth '92. The classmates had first met as summer campers in New Hampshire. As you read this after reunion, Harold and Ruth will be on "part two" of a European adventure they started last summer in Switzerland and Austria. Ruth is the planner, and Harold is in charge of reservations. They will also entertain summer guests at their cabin in Maine. "Can't wait to get sailing again." * Your class correspondent does not have any grandchildren to visit, so he joined his brother and his grandchildren for Christmas in Kill Devil Hills, N.C. Then more beach time in Jamaica in January and St. Lucia in March. I will have just returned from a month in Malaysia as I headed north to reunion.

* Reunions don't plan themselves. Thanks to all of you who spent time suggesting, planning, changing, revising, and double checking things. Kudos and thanks to Sue Conant Cook '75, P'11 in the alumni office for her expertise and leadership. Can't wait to see how it all turned out. Hail, Colby, Hail.

1966

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Congratulations to **Peter Densen**, M.D.—professor of internal medicine, infectious diseases, at University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine—for winning the 2014 Distinguished Mentor Award honoring faculty for mentoring individuals who have gone on to have their own distinguished careers. Among his many accomplishments, Peter is best known for his dedicated leadership and contributions to medical education. He is indebted to his own Colby mentors. He and his wife, **Ellie Eichmann Densen**, have two sons and four granddaughters. * **Mac Donaldson** finally retired from Manchester Marine and is enjoying overseas travel with wife Nancy. * **David Benevy** visited **Larry Angelo** of Philadelphia and **Kay Tower Carter** of Hampden, Maine. He so liked Kay's paintings he bought two of them. David buys and renovates old houses and enjoys overseas travel with his third wife, Laura. * **Sue Turner** in Charleston, S.C., had visits from **Martha "Couie" DeCou Dick** and **Anne Ladd Carlson**. Sue always looks forward to summer in Maine. * Following the loss of her husband, **Noyan Arsan**, **Jan Holt Arsan** traveled to Istanbul—where she and Noyan spent many years—to visit family and friends. * **Barry Kligerman** and **Geoff Quadland** sent first-ever responses to my pleas for news—hooray! Retired now, Barry thoroughly enjoyed his long dentistry career and is writing a trilogy, crossing all genres and hopefully appealing to all ages. He enjoyed a Tau Delta reunion two years ago in Maine. He has a wonderful wife, four sons, and one grandson, and in looking back at 49 years says it's been a great journey. * Instead of downsizing, **Geoff Quadland** and his wife, Deb, upsized when buying a home in Scotland, Ontario, last fall because they finally found the great house they'd always been looking for, including office space plus a shop for Geoff's antique letterpress print shop, model railroad, wooden crank telephones, and other tinkering projects. Geoff operated a printing press in the art building basement at Colby and has been in the printing industry all his working life. The Quadlands own six bearded collies, occasionally breed them, and had a best-in-breed winner at the NYC Westminster dog show in February. * In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary in March, **Doug** and **Beth Adams Keene** had a fabulous trip to Spain and Portugal, with a second celebration with family in Maine planned for this summer. "Might as well work it for all it's worth after five decades, and we're both grateful we made it! Next goal—Colby 50th reunion," writes Beth. Congratulations,

Beth and Doug. * "I shall work the veterinary emergency practice until I can't. Nights are tough but provide the most challenging cases," writes **Ed Mowry**. The March arrival of a grandson makes Ed the grandfather of three grandchildren under age 2. * **George Cain's** Tau Delta Phi Berkshires reunions was quite the event, attracting frat brothers including, in George's words, '66ers **Jon** (no longer a redhead) **Eiseman**, **Stuart** (no longer a 6'4" basketball player) **Wantman**, **Ed** (still a rugby player) **Burrell**, and **Bob** (what do you mean Jan Plan is due in January?) **Adams**, along with brothers from other classes. George describes these reunions as the annual "Let's get together while we still remember our own names and let's be college kids once again" gatherings. * **Stu Wantman** has been hard at work on a worthy Colby project to help current students while honoring the memory of a '66 classmate. He sent the following update: "**Sue Mahoney Michael**, **Diane Van Wyck**, **Joanne Rydel Ackman**, and **Jon Hill** have joined **Rick Zimmermann**, **Terry Eagle**, **Debbie Anglim Higgins**, **Fran Finizio**, **Gary Knight**, and **Stu Wantman** on the advisory committee for the 'Finish for Mike' mentoring program honoring **Robert 'Mike' Ransom**, who died in Vietnam." Thank you, Stu. Stay tuned for more about this work in progress.

1967

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If you are changing planes at an international airport and think you caught a glimpse of **Jim Helmer**, you likely did. Jim has the traveling bug and in the recent past has been in Norway, France, and Tanzania. * Closer to home **Mike Picher** was rummaging around in his garage and found a lost treasure. Mike uncovered the very lacrosse stick that he used to score Colby's first goal in an intercollegiate game—against Bowdoin no less! * **Caroline Kresky** is stepping up her career by opening a law firm, **Ichter Kresky**. She is in the heart of Atlanta, where she walks to work, and her firm employs 10 lawyers. * **Kurt Swenson** is celebrating the completion of his summer house in Rye, N.H. Kurt still lives most of the year in Hopington, N.H., where he has been for 38 years. While Kurt has no plans to leave the chilly climes of New England, he did spend his 70th birthday with his family in a rented villa in the Caribbean. He is loyal to New Hampshire but allows himself a winter getaway. * Several years ago **Leanne Davidson Kaslow** moved from Birmingham, Ala., to Washington, D.C., where her husband, **Dick**, works for the VA. Leanne has children in Colorado and Connecticut, and she is looking forward

to her son's wedding in Colorado. She has three grandchildren and enjoys her book club and singing in an a cappella group. If you are in Washington this spring you might see Leanne's singing group perform at the Kennedy Center. After that she's headed to Argentina and Chile.

1968

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Glenna White Crawford kept watching the news as more and more snow hit the Northeast last winter. "Unbelievable!" She really felt for her family and friends in the Boston area. Of course, she was nice and warm in Palm Springs, Calif., ("ha, ha") where it was sunny every day. Ah, paradise! * **Don** and **Pat Davis Murphy** spent their fourth winter (January-April) in Carmel, Calif., on the Monterey peninsula. This year, with more than 12 feet of snow in Bar Harbor, they escaped just in time (end of December). California is experiencing a drought, so they think Maine should send "thawed snow" (AKA water) west and California should send Maine salt from the desalination process. Their family includes their daughter, **Lori**; her husband, **Bram Lutton '95**; **Lori** and **Bram's** daughter, **Lucy**, 7; son **Michael Murphy '95**; his wife, **Heather Engman '97**; and **Michael** and **Heather's** daughter, **Vivianne**, 5. **Don** and **Pat** are grooming the grandchildren for Colby educations! She noted that the close relationships students form with their mentors at Colby is a significant reason why the College has had such an influence on their family. Professor **Arthur Champlin** (chair of the Biology Department, now deceased) was the one who recruited their son, **Michael**. His wife, **Betsy** (now **Betsy Champlin Roberts**), lives near **Don** and **Pat** on Mount Desert Island, and they stay in touch. **Pat** had a close relationship with her mentor, Professor **Dennison Bancroft** (chair, Physics) from her college years until his death in his 80s. **Pat's** sister, the late **Pricilla Davis '72**, also went to Colby. **Pat** is still working as a molecular geneticist with a specialty of hereditary cancer. She works for **GeneDx**, well-known in the genetic-testing field. * **John Lee '53** sent some information regarding **David Barnes**, one of four Colby alumni who gave their lives in Vietnam during the 1968 Tet Offensive. He provided their names and their location on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.: **James Hunter Shotwell '62** - Panel 67W, Line 4; **Robert Ransom Jr. '66** - Panel 58E, Line 5; **Leslie Dickinson Jr. '67** - Panel 37E, Line 5; **David Barnes** - Panel 52E, Line 33. **Lee** retired from the U.S. Army and was a professional tour guide in D.C. from 1994 to 2014, specializing in

military reunions. He has offered to show any classmates the name locations, gratis. He lives in Alexandria, Va., and can be contacted at johnleearmy1@gmail.com. * It is not too early to be thinking about our 50th reunion, which will be in 2018. Our 50th-reunion planning committee requests that classmates send their current email addresses so they will be able to contact you. Please send your current email address to me at classnews1968@colby.edu, and I will forward it to **Steve Ford**, our class president, who is chairing the committee. * Keep your news coming—especially if you haven't written for a while. If you send news with your updated email, I'll publish your news in the next issue, fall 2015.

1969

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Ines Ruelius Altomose and her husband traveled to New Zealand and Australia for five weeks, cruising around both islands of NZ and stopping in Tasmania, Melbourne, and Sydney, where they climbed the harbor bridge, toured the opera house, and saw a performance of *Madame Butterfly*. "A highlight was the LGBT Mardi Gras parade!" They visited a friend from high school and her Aussie husband in Adelaide and wine country, ending their trip in Melbourne. * **Alan Levin** welcomed the arrival of his first grandchild, a boy, in January. Congratulations, Alan! * **Gary Austin** wrote from Milan, where he and **Judy** were finishing a five-week European trip including a coastal cruise to Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, and Bosnia-Herzegovina; a two-week river cruise in the Bordeaux region of France; and a four-day sojourn at Lake Como. * **Chris Christensen** was looking forward to cruising Lake Winnepesaukee on *Angel's Share*, which just received new brightwork and canvas. **Chris** is back with the New Hampshire House of Representatives, chairing the Resources Committee and the Oil Fund Disbursement Board. He and **Lynn** remain active with Meals on Wheels, Rotary, and town committees. **Chris** joined the board of directors of the Boston Flower Exchange, a wholesale flower operation founded more than 100 years ago as a place for growers to market their flowers. Both his father and grandfather were growers and served on the board. * **Mickey Jako** met with some top theologians to discuss religion (**Hugh Ross**, **William Lane Craig**, **Peter Kreeft**) and expects to have something on YouTube by mid-summer. "They are fascinating discussions, if you're interested in this sort of thing." * **Judy Lee Moeckel** and husband **Jeff** still live in Killingworth, Conn., with their beloved dogs, **Millie** and

Gibson. Judy remains active in the Church of the Epiphany in Durham; as a volunteer with St. Luke's Community Services, assisting older people with transportation; and as a volunteer chaplain at Middlesex Hospital. Music is still very important to Judy. She is active in the New England Chamber Choir, overseeing the Trebles, NECC's children's component. She sings at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in Higganum and teaches voice and piano at the Richard Donohue Studio of music. "A big kick was rejoining the Hartford Chorale last summer to sing in Paris and Chartres. The not-so-big kick (literally) was coming home and immediately having a knee replacement!"

★ **Sandy Hoe** visited Amman, Jordan, where he provided training on public procurement to the general director, division of government contracts, of the Republic of Iraq, her staff, and members of other Iraqi ministries. The session, arranged by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), and the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP), was designed to help senior representatives of the Iraqi government understand government procurement from a Western perspective. Iraq has attracted interest from Asian companies in its procurements, but not from many Western entities. They believe that a better understanding of Western procurement systems will help correct this. Sandy also spoke at a second CLDP program in Amman to Iraqi and Afghan lawyers preparing to participate in an international moot arbitration competition. This is the second international program in which Sandy has participated, his first being in Liberia in 2009 drafting a new procurement code and regulations for the government of Liberia.

★ **Moses Silverman** was on Mayflower Hill in April, moderating a panel discussion on law school and the practice of law, and hoping to inspire students to pursue the profession. Moses made a number of trips to Colby over the last dozen years, first as an overseer and more recently as a trustee. He says, "It's exciting to see David Greene's vision for the school and the enthusiasm with which the College has embraced him." He continues to practice law full time and looks forward to continuing for a few more years.

1970

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Jeff Parness still teaches and publishes as a professor emeritus at the Northern Illinois College of Law. His son is a robotics engineer at the NASA facility in Pasadena, Calif., and his daughter, Rachel, is also in SoCal, where she is in market research for films

and TV. ★ When **Jonathan Weems** started taking care of a 90-acre arboretum at West Virginia University in 1977, he thought he had found the perfect temporary job while he determined what to do with the rest of his life. After 38 years at the arboretum, he has decided to retire this year. He and his wife will split their time between their lakefront primary residence near Morgantown and a vacation home in the mountains of West Virginia. ★ **Marty Kolonel** "semi-retired" to Tucson and become an Arizona resident. However, he will still be commuting to Colorado once a month for his business and will not be able to attend reunion. ★ **Beth Ryerson Stinson** and her husband live in North Grafton, Mass. Beth loves her part-time work in HR/benefits in eastern Massachusetts, where she provides short-term project support. She enjoys the variety of companies, the all-age work forces, and keeping up with technology. She and her husband like traveling—this year to Puerto Rico in January and the Outer Banks with family in May. They walk a lot, and she plays golf. ★ **Norma Rivero de Biermeyer** was to become a grandma by the end of June. She is concerned about the self-destructive path of her homeland (Venezuela) and fears they will lose everything and need to escape the country. ★ Deb Stephenson '68 and **Phil Wysor** both continue to work full time, although every time he reads about another classmate retiring, he thinks about it more and more. They're still active, skiing at Sugarloaf almost every weekend and taking an annual ski trip out West. ★ **Charles "Skip" Wood** says life is good on the South Shore, Duxbury, Mass. He does lots of landscaping around their new home and lots of sports—skiing at Sunday River and golf all over Massachusetts. ★ Heard from **Steve** and **Laura Struckhoff Cline**. Steve continues his work for the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. (Laura retired two years ago.) Steve hopes to work another three years until he reaches 70 and then reassess. He regularly emails **Ben Kravitz** and **Marty Kolonel**. Last fall he and Laura had dinner in Chicago with **Ken** and **Brenda Hess Jordan**, who plan to move back to Portland, Maine, this summer. ★ After recently retiring, **Paula Crowley Kaveney** and her husband headed off on the trip of a lifetime, sailing to England on the *Queen Victoria* and returning on the *Queen Mary 2*. They'll spend several weeks in the UK—the first stop will be a visit with Jackie Getchell Qualmann '71 and family. ★ **Judy Smith Lucarelli** is a retired school superintendent who worked mostly in Maine. After retiring in 2011, she spent two years working with the tribal human services departments doing policy and planning work. Then she returned to the superintendency one day

a week in Otis, and she has served as a transition superintendent for small towns that have voted to withdraw from their large school district. She is also an adjunct faculty member in the ed leadership graduate programs at Thomas College and UMaine. So retirement is just a figure of speech.

★ **Mark Zaccaria**, after a well-regarded but unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate from Rhode Island, has begun to revive his consulting practice, expanding its scope to include political consultation. Mark and his wife, Ruth, will head to Texas in September for a reunion of his U.S.A.F. pilot training class. He just finished the manuscript of a novel loosely based on his Air Force service. ★ In retirement **Judi Kelly** and **Charles "Chip" Lord** enjoy traveling and doing things they didn't have time for before. Judi retired two years ago from Atkins Library at UNC Charlotte, where she had worked as ordering/receiving supervisor for seven years. Chip retired early from DuPont as a national sales manager and volunteered for various organizations while Judi was still working. They both enjoy gardening and keep in touch with **Dave** and **Linda Loring Shea**, **Peter** and **Linda Marsh Foss**, and **Bruce** and **Gail Cuatto Kilgour**.

1971

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It is good news that so many of you write in for each column. The bad news is that some of you have to wait until the next issue to have your news published. Thanks for your patience. ★ From Florida, **Ken Didsbury** is looking forward to his son's September wedding in New Hampshire. Ken is in his 44th year of teaching and is assistant head of academics. He spends his free time working in his wood shop. He's seen **Richard Shippee**, **Susan Farwell** and **John Philson**, Anne Pomroy '70, **Joyce Dahlgren Lourie**, Donna Webber and **Tony Burkart**, and **Bill** and **Carolyn Additon Anthony**. ★ **Barbara Koertge Meldrum** writes that although she had a stint as a seamstress (making mountaineering clothing), she has always been a healer. She's been an R.N. using therapeutic touch, developed by the NYU School of Nursing; a school nurse; an LCSW; and a spiritual therapist. She is a Shamanic practitioner, healing with words and channeling spirits from her ancient Saami teachers. She sings in an a cappella group in Northfield, Mass., paints, writes poetry, and was an editor for the *Journal of Progressive Human Services: Radical Thought and Practice*. Philosophy was the right major for her! ★ **Jim Hawkins** is retired from teaching. He misses the kids; his dog, however, thinks it's great. He ran

two marathons in 2014 and plans to do the 2015 Ironman at Lake Placid, his first since he was hit by a car five years ago. ★ Once again from afar, **Jacques Hermant** writes of his travels to Austria and Cambodia to teach. ★ **Rich Abramson** and his wife moved to an old schoolhouse in Portland, Maine, as he winds down his tenure as interim president of Good Will-Hinckley. He's looking forward to collaboration with Colby's President David Greene on the Good Will campus. ★ **Steve Fleischman** responded to "my" email, saying, "Don't think anyone has ever called me Stephen; don't remember much about Colby; don't remember you." And I responded that I didn't remember him either, and it made us both laugh. ★ Not having seen her old friend **John "Field" Reichardt** since we graduated, **Martha Smith Mickles** had a delightful reunion with him and his partner, and they picked up right where they left off. ★ **Linda Wallace**, our class president, remembers a Jan Plan on game theory, which led into computer science, which led to the founding of her company, which she sold to IBM. She and her husband have been to Turkey, and she had a joyful reunion with **Mary Ann Heffernon**, **Irene Fenlason**, **Bonnie Russell**, **Mary Sullivan Tomlinson**, **Jerome "Jerry" Layman**, and **Larie Trippet**. ★ Pivoting from the knitting world into the sewing world, **Jill Lord Eaton** is working on a new book using her design silhouette and colorways. Everything is reversible, quick to sew, and fun to wear. Her son is number one in his law school class in NYC. Her husband is an avid fly-fisherman. ★ **Bill Hladky**'s son is graduating from college this spring—and Bill is proud! ★ Still volunteering with the veterans group from which he retired, **Rob Wilson** celebrated "Eastover"—Easter and Passover. ★ **Eric Joerg** lives in Georgia and is retired. He's seen numerous Colby friends passing through the South. ★ Another voice from the South, **Chip Altholz**, and his wife got some R&R in South Padre Island, Texas. He discovered that **Dave Baldwin** is responsible for the music on the series *NCIS*! ★ By the time you see this, I will have been to Belgium, NYC, Connecticut, New Brunswick, North Carolina, New Hampshire, and England. It's time for YOU to think about coming to our 45th reunion June 2-5, 2016! Who would like to become the new class correspondent?

1972

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Susan Colantuono has a TED talk online (ted.com and search for Susan). She enjoys her career as CEO of Leading Women and traveling the globe to help close the

leadership gender gap. She and her team deliver programs in Dubai, Paris, Milan, Bonn, Sao Paulo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Chennai, the United States (of course), and other locales. **Anne O'Hanian Szostak** is on her advisory board and is an invaluable resource. Susan spent three weeks over Christmas with her son at her home in Rincon, Puerto Rico. **Erl** and **Janet Veasey McLetchie** became residents of Venice, Fla., and hope to take several road trips. They wanted to do Alaska this summer, but with a new granddaughter (the first McLetchie female in a long time) due in May, their plans changed. They opted for the Grand Canyon, a visit to see their son Andy in Golden, Colo., for their grandson's sixth birthday, and a stop in Vegas to visit a sister-in-law. They plan to visit wine country and San Francisco in the fall. **Since 1976 Ann Bonner Vidor** has lived in Atlanta, a location way too far away from the ocean for someone who grew up in Maine and Massachusetts. She and her husband will both retire from Emory University in 2015, when their new house in Ponte Vedra, Fla., is finished. Their son, Alexander, 26, graduated from Emory and works in Wilmington, N.C., while taking courses for his M.B.A. Their adopted daughter, Margaret, is a freshman at Stetson University. While cleaning closets in preparation for moving, Ann spent time going through old photos from her Colby years—favorites are those from her junior year in Caen, France. She has wonderful memories of Colby friendships, experiences, and travels. **April Nelson McKay** retired in April! "Woo hoo!" She looks forward to having more fun and less stress. She's planning a trip to New England and Florida in late spring and to London and Scandinavia this summer. She had the pleasure of seeing **Chris** and **Deb Trescott Pinkham** at her home in Venice, Calif., last winter. "Hard to believe that we have known each other for 47 years! Time flies. But Colby connections run deep, don't they? Life is good." **Lee** and **Anne Howard Cotton** enjoy retired life on Kiawah Island, S.C. Golf is lots of fun, but so is exploring the historical charms of Charleston as well as its fantastic restaurants. By May it is too hot for them, so they migrate to their home in Harpswell, Maine, where they play a little more golf and enjoy their family members who congregate there—four kids and four grandchildren who will join them for Anne's birthday in July. **Will Perricelli** reports that although his life has not included a perfect career path, he has been an admitted attorney in the state of New York and federal courts. He invites classmates to connect with him on LinkedIn. He was moved by an article in the Fall 2012 *Colby Magazine* by **Bill Hol-**

land's daughter, for it evoked the power of the '60s. He sends regards to all, especially **Tracey Danyluic Brennan**. **Elizabeth "Tabby" Nitze Clark** married **Jim Winchester** after graduation—they were married 16 years. Their oldest child, Kelley, and her husband, Matt, (both from Colby Class of 1997) married in 2002 on Kiawah Island, S.C. Their son, James, is also married and has provided them with two grandsons, 8 and 10. Tabby has been remarried for 27 years. She worked at Pfizer in Connecticut in the clinical department, and her present husband worked in research and development at Pfizer, but they've retired and live on Kiawah Island. **Joan and Bill Alford** had a great trip through Southeast Asia with daughter Kenden, her husband, Charles, and granddaughter Yaël. Highlights included Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi (including the Hanoi Hilton), boating the Mekong and Ou rivers in Laos, and a stay at Kenden's home in Battambang, Cambodia, where they celebrated Yaël's fifth birthday. They enjoyed the education they received visiting two of the world's communist countries, Vietnam and Laos.

1973

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Lisa Kehler Bubar wins the prize for first message received! She excitedly reports that she attended her first tea party, given by **Deb Mael Mandino**, who put together a classic tea party/wedding shower for her daughter Michelle. Lisa had great fun sharing this joyful event with forever friends **Chris Mattern Way** and yours truly. Lisa and James Bubar '71 will host their annual dinner for the Chopper Confab soon, featuring gourmet food and great company. **Joe Mattos** elaborated on this aforementioned Chopper Confab, to be attended by the usual faces as well as less frequent attendees including **Dick Beverage** and **Bob O'Neil**. These forever friends seem to convene frequently, as Joe also reported on their annual card-playing and antiquing weekend at **Duncan Leith's** house in York, Maine. Present at that gathering were **Brian Cone**, **John Krasnavage**, **Dave Lane**, **Ron Lupton '71**, **Bob Landsvik**, **Phil Ricci**, **Alex Wilson**, and **Lloyd Benson**. Based on Joe's report of the antics that occurred, years do not change the way they have fun. **Coach Dick McGee's** memorial service at Colby was well attended by several football players from the Classes of 1967-1980. **Joe Mattos** reports that it was a nice tribute to Coach McGee, who was an honored guest of our class for our 40th reunion. **Jon Miller** practices transactional law, and he and his wife "have a passion for nature,

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Stephen Cummings '77

Stephen Cummings '77 became the first American president and CEO of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) Union Bank, N.A., in April. Cummings's historic appointment was a significant departure from MUFG's tradition of selecting Japanese executives to serve as CEOs in the American market. He is based in New York. **In February Patti Stoll '77** published an article titled "Got Dense Breasts? This Question Could Save Your Life" on Cognoscenti, a website of Boston's NPR affiliate WBUR. Sharing her breast cancer story, Stoll informs women about the potential increased risk of cancer in dense breasts and the reduced likelihood of detecting that cancer through mammograms alone. She is associate director of the Neurosciences Institute at Brigham and Women's Hospital. **Alicia Rodriguez '78** published her second book, *Manage Your Life Before Life Manages You: More Joy and Less Stress in 365 Days*, in March. She runs retreats for women and is building a retreat center on the coast of Ecuador.

for life above and below the waves." He is putting together a photo book about marine biology that he works on while traveling to the Serengeti and diving in the Indian Ocean; he'll work on it during an upcoming trip to Fiji too. Last year he finished a photo book that took five years, *My Journey in 1970 to Maharishi's India*, now available on Kindle, Nook, and iTunes. **Anne Huff Jordan** was looking forward to the wedding of her nephew Tom Huff '08 at the Boston Public Library this spring. She was also going to see her 16-month-old granddaughter, Jordan, who was to be in Boston for the wedding. Anne saw old childhood/Colby friend Ann Miller '71 at one of her concerts last year. **Morrie Herman's** three sons are thriving in their respective adult lives. **Dean Eaton** and his wife recently enjoyed a visit in Port Charlotte with Amy (Brewer) '71 and **Gary Fitts**. Dean also saw **Bruce** and **Ellen Cummings** when they returned to Keene to Bruce's dad's funeral. Dean has no plans to retire from Your Kitchen Store, which is 24 years old this summer. The best news of this season is that Dean's wife, Carol, is doing well following a kidney transplant last fall. They're both feeling very hopeful now after most of their 29 years together has been spent coping with her chronic illness. **Alan Hill** is entering his third year working for the Savannah Sand Gnats, a class-A Minor League Baseball affiliate of the New York Mets. This is the first time he's made minimum wage since 1969, and he has never had so much fun at a job. Alan has been in Savannah for 16 years and gets to show off Savannah through his work as a host for an event planner. Alan says the only drawback is being so far away from Colby friends. **Jean Straehl Moss** is busier than ever in her 18th year

running Olde Ipswich Tours. Jean LOVES her job and encourages everyone to check out her website: ipswich tours.com. Included in the staff working for Jean are Colby forever friends **Penny Wolf Burns** and **Janet Gillies Foley**. Jean recently bought her mother's home near Siesta Key in Florida and looks forward to spending winters there. Are any other classmates in that area? Jean has plans to expand Olde Ipswich Tours and create a Sarasota branch, and she may spend some time each year in Europe. Jean and Jon's daughter Nicole graduated from the College of the Atlantic, and they have a new grandson. Life is good.

1974

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Have you gotten my last three emails, begging for news for this column? If not, then Colby probably doesn't have your correct email address. Send it to the alumni office, and I'll be in touch. Also, remember that the *Colby Magazine* online version has additional news from our class. **Planning** to retire next spring, **Robin Hamill-Ruth** says medicine isn't what it used to be, so she "stepped out of my comfort zone and did a weeklong abstract art quilt workshop last fall. Loved it, so can't wait to be able to create all day (hence the retirement). My baby, now 18, is traveling around the world ... trekking in New Zealand, then off to Bali to volunteer in a school. I'm wondering why it didn't occur to me to do the same thing so many years ago." (There's more from Robin in *Colby Magazine* online.) **Andrew Lipton** and his partner, Katherine Leiner, divide their time between New York City and Durango, Colo. Andrew's law practice

involves occupational disease cases, but his passions are photography, hiking, and kayaking. One son is an investment banker in Ohio, and the other is a marine biologist in Boulder. ✱ While practicing dentistry for 34 years in Arlington, Va., **Jim Lazour** and wife Laura have enjoyed theater, outdoorsports, Capitols' games, and yoga in the D.C. area. He also competes locally and nationally in senior golf competitions and coached youth basketball for 25 years, "using many of the techniques learned from playing for Coach Whitmore at Colby. I got to see Coach at his seafood restaurant in Scarborough, Maine," while on vacation. ✱ **Ray Mazurek** has been teaching English and American studies for more than 30 years at the Berks campus of Penn State University in the Reading, Pa., suburbs, where he lives with his wife, Kathy. Their daughter just finished a London semester with Arcadia University (formerly Beaver College). Ray has "run three marathons, and am now addicted to the more age-appropriate sport of golf. I have enjoyed excellent health, which I attribute to my strict diet of beer, coffee, and chocolate." ✱ **Brett Bayley** and Deborah Wilson '73 have lived in San Diego since 1988. "Deborah retired after a 25-year teaching career, and I after a checkered past." They are happily pursuing avocations—piano, fiddle, hiking, camping, and road trips—and recently visited Joshua Tree National Park. They became grandparents with the birth of Bryce William Bayley on March 4 in Los Alamitos, Calif. "A dear lad and we're so glad they're nearby for visits." ✱ Last summer **Shelley Bieringer Rau** enjoyed a fabulous trip to Alaska, Seattle, and Portland, Ore., during which they kayaked, helicoptered, and saw glaciers and whales. She lives in a log home on a small lake in Turner, Maine, and has two adult children and a 2-year-old grandson who will soon have a baby brother. Shelley recently transitioned from private practice in the medical side of occupational therapy to a part-time OT position in local schools. Her husband is a psychologist. They keep in touch with lots of Colby friends at an annual croquet party. ✱ Grandmother **Bonnie Nielson** loves being able to focus completely on Riley, 3 1/2, during the hours she sees him each week. She keeps busy teaching middle school, coaching the math league and Lego Robotics team, and being active in choir and bell choir. Her daughter is completing a second master's degree in music therapy at Drexel University. ✱ **Mark Standen's** law practice in Yarmouth, Maine, focuses on estate planning, trust administration, and charitable giving. He teaches related subjects at University of Maine Law School, in addition to offering seminars to Colby faculty and staff. His son Jed '09 works as a

paralegal in Mark's office. Mark and his wife, Liz (Tufts) '77, are executive directors of a charitable foundation that operates Camp Kawanee for Boys in Weld, Maine, where outdoor enjoyment is encouraged through canoeing, hiking, and sailing.

1975

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A few days after our 40th-reunion weekend **Carol Majdalany Williams** was scheduled to return home from Nepal. Her plan had been to teach English in a remote village for seven weeks and then go trekking with friends in the Himalayas. Hopefully the recent earthquake in the region did not alter her plans and she will have many adventures to share with us. ✱ **David Bright** was named girls' swim coach of the year in March after leading the Brunswick Dragons to the Class A title, their first since 2001. Dave has coached in Maine since 1977, starting with his alma mater. Besides coaching at Bates College and Lewiston High School, Dave coached at Brunswick High School 1985-88 as well as for the past five years. ✱ **Edwin Walczak** still works for an investment management business for a Swiss bank located in New York City and regularly attends the annual meeting of Berkshire Hathaway in Omaha to hear the latest from Warren Buffett. Ed skied Vail in March despite the poor conditions and had a brief vacation in Cartagena last year. Another European marketing trip to Madrid, Milan, and Paris was scheduled for May. ✱ **Karen Chadbourne** recently earned an M.S. in clinical mental health counseling and also certification as a breathwork practitioner. She is formulating a retirement career plan with this new education, which will hopefully include plenty of free time for fun and travel. Sounds like a great plan for all of us! ✱ With the timing being as it is, this column was written before our reunion and is being read by you after the fact. So our 40th reunion is now just a memory, a wonderful memory of renewed friendships and good times spent together more than 40 years ago as well as over our recent Reunion Weekend. Our next class column should be filled with lots of news and updates. Stay tuned!

1976

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Hi, everyone! I hope you're having an enjoyable and, above all, healthy summer. ✱ **Martha and Rab Bell** celebrated younger daughter Maddy's wedding last October, with their older daughter's husband officiating. Martha has been promoted to senior

director at the College Board and now works one block from the Freedom Tower in Lower Manhattan. Rab continues to travel and speak a lot, along with running his small but very lively association management team (Intelligent Communities Group). ✱ **Wendy Swallow** and husband Charlie Shepard divide their year, with half in Reno, Nev., where they ski when there's enough snow. Big news for their East Coast time: They're selling their longtime house in Washington, D.C., where they had their careers and raised their four boys, and will be moving to Orleans on Cape Cod. Wendy is thrilled to return to New England. She wrote, "I've missed it since the day I graduated in front of Miller Library!" ✱ **Paul Kueffner** wrote that his second kayak was almost finished and would be ready for this summer's Colby kayaking outing. His wife, Sue, had new children's picture books come out in February and March, with more in the pipeline. Their daughter Emily got married recently and honeymooned in Bali, and their other daughter, Allison, crunches numbers and forecasts for an NYC fashion house. ✱ In the last column I wrote about **Frank Callanan** and his ongoing health challenges. Sadly, as many of you learned via an e-blast this spring, we lost Frank in early March. **Scott McDermott** wrote that he and **Rob Kahelin** were blessed to spend an afternoon with Frank in his final days. Frank, still sharp and reflective, expressed his love and thanks to many of you—he said he felt very fortunate to have lived and loved with you. Scott and other classmates were planning to attend a memorial service for Frank scheduled for early June in Camden, Maine. (By the way, if you didn't receive the e-blast, it's because Colby doesn't have a current email address for you.) ✱ **Paul Boghossian** was scheduled to host a talk at reunion this June. He and Karen Heck '74 (past Waterville mayor) planned to take participants for a walk down memory lane to see what's changed in Waterville. Some of the old haunts are still there, but there are a lot of new developments too. Of course, one of the catalysts for excitement in Waterville was Paul's \$30-million renovation of the beloved Hathaway mill. Maybe we can convince Paul to offer a similar tour next year at our own 40th reunion June 2-5. Which you now have circled on your calendar. Which you will be attending. Because you'll have fun. Because you'll see old, dear friends and perhaps make new ones. And because you'll get to see ... well ... me! ✱ That wraps up this column. Don't forget to donate to the 2015-16 Colby Fund (it's our reunion year; let's set some records). Reach out to one another. And I'm serious—circle that calendar. I'm counting on seeing you next June on Mayflower Hill.

1977

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Alix Levintow Howell celebrated her 60th birthday, thinking back on how her wonderful years at Colby set the stage for her graduate studies in immunology and a 32-year research career at Dartmouth Medical School and the VA Medical Center in Vermont. While getting research grants has become harder in recent years, she still hopes to continue basic science research in HIV. In January Alix visited Colby during a snowstorm to cheer on her daughter's hockey team (the Trinity College Bantams). She visited Colby's expanded art museum "and marveled at how Colby has grown since the mid-'70s. It was a beautiful campus then, and it's even more beautiful today." ✱ **Janet Josselyn** has a blog on the *Huffington Post*: "I basically write whatever I want, and they publish what they like. A dream job!" She recently visited Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: "Different religion, different culture, different mores. Loved it." ✱ **Richard Conant** recently completed two of his post-retirement projects: "I finished climbing the Appalachian Mountain Club's 100 highest peaks in New England with a hike up Mt. Washington with two of my sons last August, and I completed skiing all 89 alpine ski areas in New England with a visit to mighty Mt. Eustis in Littleton, N.H., in February." ✱ **Susan Ferrari Dwyer** continues writing and performing music in Los Angeles, both solo and with her band, the Strands. They will be in London in June, playing in some local clubs: "Hope it goes well! My daughter, Julia, is joining me."

1978

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Thanks so much to all of you for the great book picks—I have dug into several and am especially enjoying some of Jim Harrison's work. By the time you read this, all the snow will be melted ... maybe. ✱ This issue's news is all books and snow! **Steve Jacobs** did more alpine skiing this year than ever before and spent a week at Salt Lake City with his son Nate, sampling the surrounding ski resorts. He also sent along some new book recommendations, including *And the Dark, Sacred Night* by Julia Glass—the reviews online made me add Glass to my author list immediately—and Rick Riordan's young-adult Percy Jackson series. I've recently picked up Riordan's Heroes of Olympus series, interesting for its exploration of Greek and Roman mythology. Oh, and in his spare time Steve has been beating me nonstop in online Scrabble,

recently racking up a score of more than 500. * **Bob LeFeber** says there was barely enough snow in Oregon for any skiing this winter, but his son Sam, a sophomore at Colby, had an epic ski season. Bob did spend his winter weekends working high school ski races up at Mt. Hood. * **Ian Ogilvie** recommends *10% Happier* by Dan Harris '93. Ian says, "He takes a stab at life's persistent questions and, I thought, did a credible job of addressing them. No answers, but only the foolish have those."

* **Lisa Klein Boldt** had a fun time visiting Steamboat in February to ski with her son, Ian, a 2014 graduate who [in true Colby tradition] spent the winter working as a ski instructor and restaurant expeditor. She recommends *Neverhome*, a Civil War novel by Laird Hunt about a young wife who goes off to fight in the war. * I had a wonderful visit with **Alix Land** in Portland, Ore., after a business trip there over the winter, and we agreed that neither of us has changed. * Not only does the Class of 1978 read, but we also write: **Cynthia Burns Martin's** *Vinalhaven Island's Maritime Industries*, an illustrated history, was scheduled for release in May. **Alicia Rodriguez** runs retreats for women and is building a retreat center, Oasis, on the coast of Ecuador, which she considers her second home. Alicia recently published her second book, *Manage Your Life Before Life Manages You: More Joy and Less Stress in 365 Days*. Finally, as we were going to press, I got word that I had won a copy of **Gerry Boyle's** newest Jack McMorrow novel, *Once Burned*, through a contest run by his publisher, Islandport Press, on Facebook. Looking forward to it! Keep those emails coming!

1979

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Springtime in the Rockies—sunny and 70 one day, snowing the next. * **Bruce Brown** and his family just came back from sea kayaking off the Channel Islands near Santa Barbara, Calif. The cool part was going in and out of the sea caves and watching elephant seal and whales. * In March Liz (Yanagihara) '80 and **Barry Horwitz** visited their daughter, Ali, in Berlin, where she is taking a semester abroad while working on her master's in architecture at Northeastern University in Boston. They celebrated a wedding last October in New York when their son, Mike, married his longtime girlfriend, Frances. Mike runs the Legal Sea Foods at Terminal B at Logan Airport, so say hi. Liz is enjoying her new double bass that she had crafted recently. Barry continues his consulting work and teaches courses in strategy and entrepreneurship at BU and

Emerson College. * After 14 semesters of teaching copyediting at Champlain College, **Katherine Quimby Johnson** is taking the fall semester off to focus on writing projects. Well earned, Kathy! * **Elizabeth Armstrong** writes that life is good. She translated and wrote an introduction for *The Crimson Thread of Abandon Stories*, available from the University of Hawaii Press, and continues to teach at Bucknell University. She also does some experimental online teaching. In June Elizabeth is off to Japan to make movies about Japanese "cultural factoids."

* Two years ago **Brian Hoffmann** returned to McDermott Will & Emery as a corporate partner after a 14-year absence. Most of that time was spent as head of U.S. M&A for the New York office of a large UK-headquartered law firm. Brian lives in Stamford, Conn., with his wife, two dogs, two chinchillas, and a python (yes, a python—it has its own room). His son, Dylan, is a junior and daughter Caleigh a freshman at the George School, a boarding school in Pennsylvania. Spring break proved to be traumatic when Dylan brought a girlfriend home for a visit and got his driver's license. For the last nine years Brian has served on the board of Student Sponsor Partners, an organization that takes at-risk eighth graders and provides them with a mentor and a private school education. * My news is that my oldest, Kayleigh Thornton, was to graduate in May from UCCS with her master's in special education. She has teaching at Eagleside Elementary, in the K-5 autism classroom, as a first-year teacher. So very proud of her! My youngest, Meredith, is off to work in the Poconos again this summer as a camp counselor at Indianhead Camp.

1980

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After 18 years, **Michael Fanger** is still hard at work at Eastern Funding LLC NYC. His daughter, Rachel, graduated from Muhlenberg and is living in New York and working at AO, and his son, Jonathan, is a sophomore at Colgate. The Fangers were planning trips to Israel, Scotland, and Cape Cod this year. * **Jackie Low Chee** has been working for more than six years as a QuickBooks and accounting consultant in the Boston area and is actively expanding her business. Her daughter just finished her junior year at Colby, and her son is a freshman at Bentley. * **Brenda Bowen**, who has written more than 40 children's books under the pen name Margaret McNamara, is making her adult debut this summer with *Enchanted August*. The Viking Press release is the story of four jaded New Yorkers who rediscover themselves when they spend a

month together in a cottage on a Maine island. There are many familiar Maine references throughout the novel and even a shout-out to the Colby Museum of Art. Brenda has generously pledged \$19.80 to the Colby Fund for every book sold in the Colby Bookstore while supplies last! * **Liz Yanagihara Horwitz's** son, Michael, was married in October to a woman he met in college 10 years ago. Liz's husband, Barry '79, is working as an independent consultant and teaching part time at Emerson and BU. Barry and Liz recently visited their daughter, Ali, who was studying in Berlin through Northeastern's graduate program in architecture. * **Paul Rennert** runs both a biotech consulting firm and an oncology drug development company. When not working, he's running around Massachusetts with his 10-year-old daughter, Johanna, who has a whirlwind social and sports schedule. Between swimming and gymnastics practices, he manages to spend time in the woods on his old Trek mountain bike or surfcasting on the shore in Truro, where the Rennerts have a summer place.

* **Warren Rosenthal** was promoted to conservation manager at the Lake George Land Conservancy, which continues to be his dream job. His wife, Lynne, is switching careers and will complete her degree in occupational therapy this year. Warren's youngest son will be a junior at SUNY Cortland this fall studying to be a high school history/social studies teacher. * This is my last column before reunion this June and I'm hoping at that time to turn over my pen to another of our classmates. It's been a great 10-year stint, and I'm proud to say that our class has still never missed a column in the alumni magazine. That's a great testament to the ties that bind and to the strength of the connections we forged at Colby 35 years ago!

1981

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Save the dates: June 2-5, 2016, our 35th reunion! * Mark Bloom and a partner started a company called Ray Access (rayaccess.com). Based in Asheville, N.C., they provide clear, consistent online writing services for businesses, including website content and blog posts. * Wanted: New class officers! Class President **Beth Pniewski Wilson** is calling for volunteers, who will begin their invaluable work at next year's class reunion. Open posts include president, vice president, and class correspondent—after 10 years, I will be passing on my cyber pen. Serving as a class officer is a wonderful privilege I wholeheartedly recommend! Please contact Beth directly

at bethwilson508@gmail.com for details and to express your interest. Thank you!

1982

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Hello, classmates! The news is light in this issue, but I am hoping that just means lots of news for the next. Thanks to those who wrote in! * **Deb Nader Hartshorn** enjoyed summer 2014 in Vermont by hiking, growing too many tomatoes, and sailing on a race crew in Lake Champlain. In August Deb brought her only child to Bates College for her freshman year; Deb was very happy for her, yet quite nostalgic at the same time. Big transition for both of them! * In December centralmaine.com reported that **Nancy Briggs Marshall** was to receive the Kennebec Chamber's President's Award. Nancy received the award for her continuing success in growing Nancy Marshall Communications from its inception in 1991 to today. * **Karen Zuffante Pabon** is director of the Slater International Center at Wellesley College. She writes, "I advise and counsel international students and scholars and provide intercultural training for the Wellesley community. Usually I work with international students coming to the U.S., but this year I have been fortunate enough to do some traveling myself. I was able to check off one item from my bucket list by traveling to South Africa for work and then being able to do a tour and a safari on my own. Then I was lucky enough to participate in an amazing Wellesley College winter session course to Tanzania with our Swahili professor and 20 Wellesley students. I even learned a bit of Swahili. I visited my daughter Elisa in Barcelona, Spain, while she was studying abroad, which brought back so many memories from my own study-abroad experience in Spain many years ago."

1983

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To my darlings **Fenn Duncan** and **Susie Macrae**: You're headlining the next update, so start penning your bios now. To the rest of the class, I'm happy to report that Fenn and Susie are alive, but updates were cagey, so both are either in witness protection programs or just plain curmudgeonly. :-p * After playing telephone tag and losing, **Sally Lovegren Merchant** and I caught up the old-fashioned way, by USPS! Having survived the brutal winter with her incisive wit and keen fashion sense, Sal writes from Mt. Desert, where she is a special ed teacher in the primary school. Her two adult sons

give her the perspective from both coasts, Jordan on the West, where he is an aviation systems specialist in the Navy, and Jake on the East, where he's a plumbing and heating technician, living close to mom.

★ Thank you, **Mary Godbout Thompson**, for the 30-year download! Following a few years in Boston, Mary moved to Saco, Maine, for "the way life should be" with her artist/professor husband of 20-plus years. After doing time in the legal field, Mary is an elementary school librarian in the local school district. As so many of you have written, Maine is lousy with Colby grads, and Mary works with and runs into many Colby alums in and around Saco. The elder of their two children, daughter Indiana, just completed her first year on the Hill, and Mary loves her now-regular treks to Colby, which always include the art museum. ★ Early in the new year and out of the deep snow drifts of Boston, **Deb Bombaci Pappas** wrote, brimming with pride at the New England Patriots' Super Bowl win and then at getting to meet Patriot Malcolm Butler, who was visiting Boston Children's Hospital patients and families. Deb is senior marketing executive at BCH, a job she clearly loves. Deb's son, Matt, is a high school junior football player whose team won the state division title this year. They were gearing up for the college tour thing starting at the South Beach Food and Wine Fest, because after this past winter in Boston, I would totally be thinking of college in Florida. Go, Matt!

★ **John Munsey** lives just north of Albany with his wife, Patty, where he is a principal and managing scientist of environmental services at C.T. Male. He proudly reports the impending July marriage in Flemington, N.J., of their son, John the Dentist, to Dr. Eileen Saunders, also a dentist, specializing in pediatrics; the two met at Tufts Medical School, and John practices in Hanover, N.H. John and Patty have a daughter, Kara, who just moved to Jackson Hole, Wyo., from Cali in search of better snow conditions.

★ Last summer **Heidi Larson** and **Craig Bystrynski** hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, a four-day hike over two 13,000-foot mountain passes. Later in the year they landed in Austin, Texas, for Christmas and a family wedding. Craig is still employed by School Family Media, where he's VP of content and marketing, and Heidi works in the Education Development Center (EDC), where colleagues include two other Colby grads. (Anyone else starting to think we leave campus with some special magnetic capability that attracts other Colby folk to our personal orbits? No? 'Kay DEN!) Heidi sees classmates **Deb Fanton** and **Rick Manley** and ... ★ Yay! Deb wrote me, too! Rick is a lawyer specializing in public finance. His firm, Edwards Wildman, just

completed its merger with Locke Lorde (I wanted to write "LockeD and Loaded, but didn't), a large international law firm. Deb is still a partner of RDK Inc. and is also in the process of launching a beta version of Retail Exchange, a software platform geared to the retail industry. They have two Mules in the family: George '13 was accepted at Georgetown law school for the fall, and Todd '17 was accepted at Semester at Sea for his junior year at Colby. Daughter Robyn, a grad of Hobart and William Smith, just got a job at Beacon services as an assistant behavior analyst helping autistic children. Rick and Deb recently celebrated birthdays with Jake Filoon '83 and his wife, Gretchen, and Rob Leary '83 and his wife, Trish. ★ As for me, I'm breaking out the shoulder pads and looking forward to seeing a few NY Mules at an '80s cocktail party in May organized by the Class of '86. More on that, next column!

1984

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Class of '84, thanks to those who reached out, as now there's a bit of news to report this issue. ★ **Caroline Gluek's** youngest son, Gus, graduated from Colby this year. Caroline and her husband, Hub, will be biking in Holland this summer to celebrate their 30th anniversary. ★ **Brewster Burns** has been living in Hebron, Maine, since 1994 and has been chair of the English department at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School for 17 years. ★ **Nathan Emerson** and his wife, Lindsay, are expecting a daughter, Sheba, in September. ★ **Sheryl Battit** and

her wife, Lee Ford, live in Gloucester, where Sheryl enjoys golf in the summer and curling in the winter. ★ **Jeremy Springhorn** recently retired from his first career to start as a partner at Flagship Ventures in Cambridge, Mass. **John Gagne** is still his dentist. ★ **Stephen Repka** lives in Hartford, Conn., and owns several employee benefit companies. ★ **Cecil Holstein** is still residing in Germany, where he is founder and president of Hexelspringen A.G. ★ **Lisa Wormwood** recently visited Boyd McHugh '86 and his wife, Astrid, as well as Jill Bond '86. ★ **Cathy Walsh** enjoyed reconnecting with **Tim McCrystal**, **Jeff Bistrong**, and Michael Marra '86 at the March mid-'80s mixer in Boston. ★ **Craig Alie** recently started a new position at Shareholder Services. ★ I frequently run into **Sean McNamara**, who is a vice president of product planning for Infiniti, USA. ★ That's it for now.

1985

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Greetings and happy summer, classmates! I didn't receive too many emails this time around; I'm hoping everyone was saving their news to deliver in person at reunion! ★ **Cindy Jeck Davis** reports that in the 30 years since she left Colby, she received a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Columbia, had a career as a research scientist in New York and Germany, and has now embarked on her second career as a science teacher for students with language-based learning difficulties. Cindy is also thrilled to report that her son fell in love with Colby's campus and the coaches when he visited last year,

and he now plays football for the Mules as a member of the Class of 2018. ★ **Rob Hazard** still lives in Kingston, R.I., and works for Universal Wilde—a marketing, direct-mail, printing, and fulfillment firm with four facilities/divisions in Massachusetts. He has been with the firm since 2000, although the company has had a few name changes. His wife of 11 years, Stephanie, works locally, and they have a condo that overlooks Wickford Harbor on Narragansett Bay. Rob stays in touch with **Andy** and **Barbara Wilkes Sheehan** and hopes to catch up with them at our reunion in June. ★ **Mike Muir** was named Learning Through Technology (LTT) director at the Maine Department of Education in late January. The LTT team supports programs to increase access to quality digital learning opportunities in the state. Mike directs their best-known project—the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI), which has put devices into the hands of tens of thousands of Maine students and educators since 2001. Maine is the only state with a statewide one-to-one learning with technology initiative. ★ **Rodney Krause** is "living the dream in St. Louis and hoping classmates **Wayne Eddy**, **Tom Valinote**, **Kevin Bruen**, **Mike Sanderson**, and **Tom Cushman** come out to the Midwest for another weekend of whimsy" ★ **Tom Colt** and his wife, Megan, spent their spring break in Cartenega, Colombia, a city he compares to New Orleans but right on the Caribbean. "Good music, food, beaches, etc. The U.S. dollar is going a long way these days!" And as an addendum to Tom's news ... I'm very pleased to report that he will be the new class correspondent, beginning with the next column. Tom has been a faithful contributor over the years and I know he will do a fantastic job keeping everyone connected. Thanks so much, Tom! ★ By the time this is published, our reunion will only be a memory. If previous reunions are any indication, I can say with confidence that I had a great time and it was great to see everyone! Thanks to all for supporting the column over the last five years.

1986

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So, what's new with you? It's been a while since we had a birth announcement from our class, which has to mean one thing—time to start announcing grandkids! Yup—and as far as I know, this is the first one for the Class of '86. On Feb. 28 **Eve Ermer** became a grandmother. She and husband Scott Russell '83 are pleased to announce the birth of Forrest Joseph, son of their son, Erik, and his wife, Johanna. Any other

80s NEWSMAKERS



Christine Petersen '85

Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) named **Kelley Osgood Platt '80** general manager of Western Star Truck Sales effective April 1. With DTNA since 1989, Platt most recently served as president and CEO of Thomas Built Buses. ♦ At its annual celebration in March, the Milton (Mass.) Foundation for Education honored **John Sylvan '80** as a Milton High School graduate inspiring art and innovation for his work inventing Keurig. Sylvan is currently working on his startup, Zonbak, with a mission to create a new approach to solar power. ♦ In January **Mike Muir '85** was selected as Learning Through Technology (LTT) team director at the Maine Department of Education. Muir's responsibilities include overseeing LTT's best-known project, the Maine Learning Technology Initiative, which has put laptops into the hands of tens of thousands of Maine students and educators since 2001. ♦ In January **Christine Petersen '85** was appointed chief consumer officer and chief marketing officer at Treato, the leading source of patient-written health experiences culled from social media. Petersen previously served as president of TripAdvisor for Business.

grandkids? * Some of us still have kids in elementary school, though by the time you read this our boy will be starting middle school and will also probably be taller than his mother. He's 11, and his feet are already bigger than mine. Keeping us young ... * Another one staying young is **John Rafferty**, who ran the Houston Tough Mudder in November 2014 with a couple high school chums from Connecticut. He expected to find tons of other middle-aged folks trying to prove themselves ... but not so—mostly the 30-and-under crowd. John and pals skipped the last obstacle (electric shock!) and dubbed themselves “sorta tough.” John and wife Geri, daughter Molly, 11, and son JD, 8, live in the Woodlands, Texas (suburban Houston), where John works at home three weeks a month and commutes to his company's Seattle headquarters one week per month. John recently enjoyed a couple rounds of golf with **John Kelemen**, who was in Houston for a heart surgery conference. They hadn't seen each other in a decade but picked up as if no time had passed. Dr. Kelemen is now a Milwaukee resident.

* **Geoff Alexander** and wife Lindsay are still in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and head to Sugarloaf every winter weekend. They love seeing the current Colby ski team members and plenty of alums. Geoff's three boys “are eclipsing us in many ways. Eldest Will is finishing his junior year in the UMaine engineering program and is a much better math student that I ever was.” Middle son Curtis is a junior at Deerfield Academy, and the youngest, Garrett, felt the draw of a Deerfield education and will start as a freshman there in the fall. As Geoff and Lindsay get ready to celebrate their 25th anniversary this summer, they also feel a certain sadness that the days of chaotic schedules, constant noise, and sloppy bedrooms are coming to an end. * **Kathy Braverman Andrews** has lived in Atlanta for 28 years. She's been in banking ever since earning her M.B.A. at Emory. Kathy and her husband are celebrating their 20th anniversary this summer and have three kids—Danny, 18, Kenny, 16, and Erin, 10. Kathy caught up with Colby roommate **Melissa Rustia Groshek** and her husband, **Paul Groshek**, last summer on a trip to New England. * **Bob Cobuzzi's** wife, Anne, sent a note that Bob has a new role with his company—president of Endo Ventures, the headquarters for Endo International. He moved to Dublin in March, and Anne and son Marc, 15, will join him in July. Their college-age daughters will stay in the United States. Bob and Ann are excited about their new place in Dublin very close to the city center. Bob can walk to work after years of a long drive each day. Being half Irish he is fitting right in and finds a new pub

each night for dinner. If any Colby friends find themselves in Dublin, please get in touch—Bob and Anne would love to see you. * In early January **Leslie Greenslet Perry** was featured on a 3D-printing panel hosted by MakerBot at CES (Consumer Electronics Show—biggest conference in the world) in Las Vegas. Leslie represented education, as she has been working to integrate 3D printing into the curriculum at the Whitby School. MakerBot even made a movie: vimeo.com/114999493. * Kids, grandkids, pets, hobbies, work? We want to know it all. Send me your news.

1987

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The more I am away from my fellow classmates, the more I want to see them. Which is the opposite of how I feel about my dentist, so it must be a good thing. In point of fact, at the March '80s cocktail party in Boston people could feel a genuine bond with alums they had never even met. On the other hand, to the two strangers I inappropriately hugged who had just popped in for a drink, my apologies to you and your lawyer. * Onto news from three esteemed classmates: **Ted Grevelis** writes, “In addition to my ‘real’ job running the upper Midwest for Incredible Technologies [that name sure beats Crappy Technologies] selling slot machines, I continue to manage thoroughbred-racing partnerships with last year's group of horses, winning seven races and over \$70,000 in purse money for the partners. This year, groups have two horses in training, as well as a yearling we bred ourselves. [And exactly how old is a yearling?] Last month, my much better half, Heather Frisbie [no relation to the popular toy from Wham-o!], and I launched an online magazine, the *Midwest Paddock Report*, mwpaddockreport.com, covering horse racing in the Midwest. Heather is an outstanding equine photographer. [She also photographs horses.] I'm using my three years experience with the *Daily Racing Form* to generate interest content for racing enthusiasts in the region and across the country. The early returns are good, and things will really start to heat up when racing returns to Iowa and Minnesota in the next month. The kids are growing up and making me feel old—like the rest of us—one in college with a life plan and another in high school playing varsity baseball as a freshman.” * **Willa Cobb** says, “My husband, Fred Mercer, sons Ethan, 14, and Declan, 10, moved with our two housecats across the country from Maine to Anacortes, Wash., in November of 2013. We are buying a home, which has the perks of a tree house

for the youngest, an outside workshop for my art, and a large music studio space for all the boys. The weather here in the PNW is amazingly mild, and I feel guilty about missing the last two winters ... sort of. The area is absolutely stunning, and we are adapting to being so far from friends and family.” [You're never far in spirit, Willa!] * **Ed Kennelly** is finishing up a sabbatical year in the department of biological sciences at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on a Fulbright Fellowship, researching modern traditional Chinese medicine. He is one of 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals selected for the prestigious honor. To quote the Lehman College press: “Dr. Kennelly has been performing fieldwork, in vitro activity testing, and chemical analysis in an effort to better understand how selected modern TCM formulas may exert their effects. [Dr. Kennelly? That sounds so cool. From now on, call me doctor, too.] Dr. Kennelly's research focuses on the biological activity of certain compounds found in plants: phytochemicals. [C'mon, Ed, that word sounds totally made up.] He is specifically interested in phytochemicals with biological activity that may help to prevent or treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cancer. In addition, Dr. Kennelly serves as the Executive Officer of the CUNY Graduate Center's Program in Biochemistry. He teaches and mentors students in the CUNY Ph.D. Subprogram in Plant Sciences and Biochemistry at the Graduate Center. His lab maintains close collaborations with Columbia University, the New York Botanical Garden, and Minzu University in Beijing.” [I maintain close collaborations with the plumbing expert from Home Depot and anyone willing to lend me money. Which is to say nobody.] * Remember, look out for the people who seem out of sorts, unhappy, or just not themselves. If it's you, reach out! To quote Dionne Warwick, pre-Psychic Network: “That's what friends are for.” Myself included.

1988

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Scott Bunker's 24-year-old daughter is officially out of the house and relocated to D.C. with hopes to work for an international nonprofit and use her multilingual skills. Son Rob, 21, was in from Hungary recently. He is enjoying college and hoping to be in the States his junior year. Rob was successful at finally encouraging his Budapest campus to start recycling. Scott and wife Katie recently celebrated their 10th anniversary as well as the anniversary of one year of working together, peacefully. They had

a few tough times in the beginning, and he is not sure that working with your spouse is for everyone, but at this point it is going extremely well. Scott and Katie and daughter Lily, 7, had an amazing trip to Hawaii last February. He saw **Tim Wissemann** in Portland recently and they reminisced about Colby stories, many seeming to star **Rob Koff**. * **Ellen Meigs** had a great visit with **Elena Stamoulis** in Rhode Island. They also enjoyed catching up and reminiscing about old times. Ellen also had a reunion at Foxwoods Casino celebrating a milestone birthday for Patty Rush '87. Joining in the decadent weekend were Lisa Kilmer Steven '87, **Heidi Kampersal Petrosino**, Kimberly Bernard Bodnar '90, and Debbie Leonard Edmonds '90. Ellen also enjoyed spending time with her mom, Deborah (Smith) Meigs '51, and her dad in New Hampshire. * **Bran Claytor** was invited to be chair of the product development committee for the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. Claytor and Barry Noone formed Noone Plastic Surgery Institute in Bryn Mawr, Pa. The practice is broad-based plastic surgery, with a specialty in aesthetic plastic surgery and breast reconstruction. Bran hopes to put together a gathering of Philadelphia-area alums. Most classmates and their emails are found in the alumni directory at alumni.colby.edu. * **Doug** and **Deanna Cook McDonald** checked in from Northampton, Mass. They are thrilled that daughter Ella will be a freshman at Colby this fall. Daughter Maisie will be starting high school. Deanna, an editor at *Family Fun* magazine for 20 years, now enjoys the other side of the desk as a full-time writer. Deanna loves working at home after years of office life. She is a children's book author (two books coming out in 2015). Doug is a storm water manager for the city of Northampton. Take a look at Deanna's website at deannafcook.com. * **Jeff Farley** writes from Kirkland, Wash., that he has been married to the love of his life, Mary LaPointe Farley '89, for 24 years, 17 of those spent in Kirkland. They have three children. Nick, 23, works for Fidelity in Boston. Tess finished her sophomore year at Colby as an English/government major, just like her mom. She is a member of Colby's swim and dive team and is headed to the University of Edinburgh in the fall. Meg is a junior in high school and focused on her college search back East. Mary has done an amazing job driving impact in the community and the kids' school while being the rock for the family. Jeff spent 10 years after Colby working for Digital Equipment Corporation alongside **Bill Ralph** and **Rich Crook**. He then

joined Microsoft in a number of senior financial leadership roles, including CFO of Microsoft Canada and CFO of the WW public sector business. He recently left Microsoft and now leads the WW sales operations for VMware's cloud business. VMware is 80 percent owned by EMC in Massachusetts, where they hope to end up when Meg heads to college. Jeff loves connecting with Wendy (Kennedy) '90 and **Bill Ralph** and **Jon and Judy MacDonald Webel**. He also had a great time catching up with **Deedra Beal** and **Geoff Dapice** in the Street in Miller Library last parents' weekend. He hopes to catch up with **Susie Allison Remer** and family now that he spends significant time in Palo Alto. * Thanks all for writing. Allison, Tim, and Ann, you will headline the next edition.

1989

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I don't know if my rather maudlin request for class news put everyone off, but I got very little in the way of news from folks this time around. I trust that all of you have made a donation to our Class of 1989 Memorial Scholarship Fund by the time you're reading this. * **Robin Trend Mayhew** was the only person who wrote in, telling me of her life in Connecticut. Her oldest finished her freshman year at Loyola Marymount in LA, her middle son is playing varsity lacrosse, "which seems to be the only thing he loves other than Xbox," and her baby is a freshman in high school. We are the "sandwich generation," as Robin put it, dealing with parenting teens and caring for aging parents. When did we become adults is what I want to know! * **Gerry Hadden** didn't write me, but he did post on FB that his documentary on Haiti's first-ever national ambulance service won a Gold World Medal at the New York Festival's TV and film competition. Congrats, Gerry. * I continued my Colby Reunion World Tour by visiting **Jeff Berger** in LA in March. I even took him a Colby '89 T-shirt. * And that, believe it or not, is it for the news this time around. Please send me something for the next issue!

1990

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Greetings, classmates! I was starting to doubt it would ever let go, but winter

(and the snow) finally went, and now with summer arrives our next class news column. * **Dave Vincent** was set to graduate May 15 from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, where he has been pursuing his M.B.A. full time under the G.I. Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program for the past two years. He recently returned from Mumbai, India, where as part of Georgetown's Global Residency he advised Mahindra & Mahindra on a business venture. He also reinstated his law license in the District of Columbia, where he will pursue career opportunities after graduation. He looks forward to Reunion 2016! (Reminder: It's only about ten months away. Mark your calendars for June 2-5!) * **Kristin Herbster** says her own goings-on aren't much to report: they had a beautiful spring-like winter and followed that with a summer-like spring. Her only Colby-related news is that she got to catch up (after more than 10 years) with the extraordinary **Amy Shaw** when she visited Boston last November and again more recently in San Francisco. * **Shannon Johnson Ames** is now co-owner of Cocoa Sante LC, a small specialty food company manufacturing high-quality instant hot chocolate in flavors inspired by cocoa's global history. Along with the excitement that accompanies running your own company, she is enjoying life with husband **Ben** and is also president of the board of trustees at the Waldorf School of Lexington, where kids Teddy and Isabel (9 and 11) attend. * **Doug Fenn** lives in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he teaches high school and skis as much as possible. He also runs an outdoor adventure company each summer in Sunbeam, Idaho (White Otter Outdoor Adventures). Out there, he's known as the Mayor of Sunbeam. They guide raft trips, run a kayak school, and outfit boaters/rafters on the Middlefork and Main Salmon rivers, in the heart of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Life is very good! He does miss the Maine coast. He and his wife, Nancy, have three kids, ages 8, 11, and 14. Needless to say, they have plenty to keep them busy. Doug is still in touch with **Sandy Colhoun**, **Kurt Whited**, and **Jeff Fort**. They've been skiing together each winter since we graduated many years ago. * **Sue Gouws Korn** writes, "I cofounded Vouch Financial (vouch.com) a little over a year ago. I am proud to count among our ranks Colby grad Simon Levy '09. I am CFO and head up operations for the company. We are the first social network for credit. We think your friends and family are a better judge of your credit-worthiness than the credit bureaus. When

friends and family vouch for you, you can get a better loan. It's been such fun to build this business, and having someone on the team who graduated 18 years after me from Colby has been really amazing. I don't know if that 'makes the list' as an update, but we sure are passionate about making a difference." * As for your class correspondent, I've heard from a couple of classmates that they haven't been receiving the magazine, or that emails have been sent to incorrect addresses. If you have any corrections to make, send them (and any news you may have) to me, and I will get them to the wonderful folks in the alumni office. Many thanks, and as always, keep in touch!

1992

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Lenn Ferrer has some A+ news: "My wife, Jennifer Roy '93, and I are extremely happy to report that our daughter Abigail will be a member of the Colby Class of 2019." Congratulations! * To celebrate the May wedding of **Katie Martin**, a group of Katie's friends including **Kelly Evans Arevian**, **Christy O'Rourke Habetz**, **Rachel Klein-Ash**, and Megan Sweeney Turner '95 flew to Cancun, Mexico, for a long weekend in February. In addition to lots of laughing with longtime friends, tasty fruity drinks, and ample amounts of lying around, somehow Katie also managed to sign a P&S on a home she and her fiancé, Dave, bought in Wellesley, Mass. * **Rachel Klein-Ash** writes, "I've been a college counselor at Milton Academy (Mass.) for 19 years, living in the same dorm for 17 of those! But, then again, I suppose there's something to be said for consistency." * **Katie Martin** writes, "I'm getting married to Dave Grissino in York Harbor, Maine. **Rachel Klein-Ash** and **Kelly Evans Arevian** are in the wedding party, and there will be a few Colby friends in attendance including **Anne Bowie**, **Christy O'Rourke Habetz**, **Laura Dwyer**, **Nicole Dauteuil Begin**, **Stephanie Goff Governali** '94, and **Meg Sweeney Turner** '95." Congratulations! * **Glen Porter** is also spending some time in the great state of the Way Life Should Be. He writes, "My husband, Laurence, and I have taken over ownership of the Trellis House bed and breakfast in Ogunquit, Maine. Check us out at trellishouse.com." * Artist **Jim Condron** will attend the prestigious Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Amherst, Va., for a month-long residency this summer. He will focus on his work in a community setting with 25 other artists from the United States and around the world. His work

will be featured in a group show at Silas Marder Gallery in Bridgehampton, N.Y., and he will also have a solo show of new work at Stevenson University in Maryland.

* **Lisa Black** checked in from the West Coast: "I live in Seattle with my children, Chancellor, 7, and Charlotte, 5. I continue to serve as the creative director for SHAK-TI Vinyasa Yoga studios, the two studios I founded in 2003. I teach daily yoga classes, run workshops, retreats, and teacher trainings, and present at benefit events and national conferences. In May I met up with **Tabby Biddle**, **Whitney Adams Ward**, **Dakota Glenn Smith**, and **Helen Hopkins Kellogg** in Los Angeles for a mini-reunion weekend. All are well!" * And finally, **David Cody** and **Thorn Luth** both wrote to say they had nothing to report. * Happy summer, everyone!

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After living in San Francisco for 20 years (since graduation!), **Johan Dowdy** and **Signe Burns** moved to the Berkeley Hills in 2013. Johan is the IT manager for Twitter. Feel free to follow him @johandowdy. In their spare time, Johan and Signe like to practice aikido and yoga and to go on fun adventures with their son, Sydney, 6. * In 2013 **Charles Beeler** started a new venture firm, Rally Ventures, based in Northern California. Rally Ventures invests in early-stage enterprise technology companies around the country. Charles says, "Not seeing enough Colby people out in Silicon Valley, but family and work are mostly to blame for that. Get to Boston on rare occasions and bump into **Scott Reed**, among others. Continue to stay in close contact with **Chris Gieszl**, **Matt Scott-Hansen**, and **Mike Dreeben**, among others." * Also on the West Coast is **Lorenzo Montezemolo**. Lorenzo makes his home in the San Francisco Bay Area with his dog, Abby. *Amateur Photographer* magazine featured an article about Lorenzo and his landscape photography on its cover. There's a digital edition available via iTunes, Google Play, and other platforms: amateurphotographer.co.uk/digital-editions. Lorenzo is planning photography trips to Norway, New Zealand, and Italy over the next 18 months. * Since earning a business degree at Cornell, **Benjamin Hammer-schlag** has been working with wine. His company, Epicurean Wines, imports wine from Australia and New Zealand and distributes in 47 states. Benjamin also owns Woop Woop, a label widely available for a reasonable price. When not growing

90s NEWSMAKERS



Kate Westhaver '98

Jeff Palmer '95 joined international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in April. Based in San Francisco, Palmer is part of the firm's litigation practice, focusing on complex commercial business litigation, securities litigation, corporate compliance, and white-collar criminal defense.

◆ At its annual celebration in March, the Milton (Mass.) Foundation for Education honored **Kate Westhaver '98** as a Milton High School graduate inspiring art and innovation for her work as a poet. She has received accolades including the University of Oregon's Miriam McFall Starlin

Poetry Prize and the PEN Northwest Margery Davis Boyden Wilderness Writing Residency. A published poet, Westhaver is working on a book manuscript. ◆ In March **Dylan Commeret '99** was appointed vice president of philanthropy for the North Carolina Symphony. He previously served as associate director of development for major gifts for the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, Ill., North America's oldest music festival and the summer home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

and completing her bucket list of races including the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon and the infamous Dipsea Race. She sees Ross '95 and **Stacey Warner Piper** and their two boys, who are in San Francisco, and **Adriana Sulak Bombard**, who lives in Colorado but comes back to the Bay area to visit and work often. ◆ **Zach** and **Kim Kessler Rubin** and their twins just moved from New York to Maine. "I love the idea—Maine, the Way Life Should Be!" ◆ **Mike King** lives outside Newburyport, Mass., with his wife, Jennifer, and their two boys, John, 9, and Travis, 6. Mike is mathematics department chair at the Governor's Academy. Beth Reutlinger Falconer '91 lives next door—her husband teaches Spanish, and Steve Suomi '97 teaches English at the Governor's Academy as well. "Small world," says Mike. "I have the nephew of Warren Claytor '92 in my geometry class." He sees **AI** and **Kristin Spiller Moody** every once in a while, as they are right up the road at the Brooks School. Mike's looking forward to playing men's league lacrosse this summer with **Jon Scammon**, and he has been in touch with **Jessie Newman**, who relocated back to the Boston area. Even his freshman-year roommate, **Ken Marden**, returned to the Boston area with his wife and daughter after a stint living in California. "If any of our classmates are up on the North Shore, stop on by!"

1995

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Kaatje Van der Hoeven Kraft recently received her doctorate in science education and, after 15 years as a tenured professor at Mesa Community College in Arizona, she and her husband moved to Bellingham, Wash., where she accepted a tenure-track position at Whatcom Community College. "A big decision, but we're thrilled to be in the Pacific Northwest," Kaatje wrote. At the Geological Society of America conference in Vancouver, B.C., she met up with **Lee Paprocki**, who has lived in Vancouver for almost five years. Lee has a son, John, 4, and she works as a hydrogeologist and project manager at WorleyParsons, an engineering company. She works 30 hours a week so she can spend time with her son. "Being a parent has certainly changed my life a lot," wrote Lee. At the conference Kaatje and Lee ran into Colby geology professors Bruce Rueger and Bob Nelson. "A perfect example of the small world of Colby!" wrote Kaatje. ◆ **Matt Muszala** and his wife, Carolyn, recently had lunch with **John Stanley** and his wife, Lindsay, in Darien,

Conn. They enjoyed watching their daughters, Bensley Muszala and Callyn Stanley, both about 18 months, play together. Matt had dinner with Megan Campbell Officer '94 and her husband, Graham, at their home in Greenwich, Conn. ◆ **Lisa DeHahn Jade** enrolled in the doctoral program for school psychology at the University of Southern Maine. She lives in Portland, Maine, and is a skater for Maine Roller Derby. She recently got together with **Sandy Bugbee**, who is also in graduate school. "I'm looking forward to seeing people at reunion," Lisa said. ◆ **Daniel Polk** is the director of global citizenship at the Hamlin School in San Francisco. He helped raise more than \$7,000 to combat homelessness in San Francisco via the social media platform HandUp. His work for the homeless was covered in an article in the *San Francisco Examiner* Nov. 25, 2014.

1996

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This issue of class notes is brought to you by the Colby woodsmen's team, reminding you that their wood is for sale, not free. ◆ Let's get to it: **Amy Ostermueller Wyatt** moved back to Maine (Gorham) from Cincinnati during the summer of 2013. She teaches English at Gorham High School, and **Colby** is a pediatric pulmonologist in Portland. Their boys, Elijah, 10, and Bruce, 13, keep them very busy. ◆ **Bernadette Graham Hudson** recently caught up with Woody '97 and **Anne Robinson Pollack** in St. Petersburg, Fla. Woody was kind enough to officiate her sister's wedding! ◆ **Ed Bourque** is doing a short-term consultancy project at the World Bank this spring/summer and was headed to Tanzania in May. ◆ **Tina Garand Branson** recently celebrated 15 years of wedded bliss and is living in Washington State. She works as a PA in an ob/gyn clinic and stays busy with daughter Emma, 14, and son Luke, 9. ◆ **Caroline Ketcham** is associate professor and department chair of exercise science at Elon University in North Carolina. As codirector of Elon BrainCARE, she does research related to concussions. Her associated research is related to movement planning and control in autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, and sensory processing difficulties. She has two boys, Elliot, 9, and Liam, 7, and just turned 40. ◆ Before I forget: Nineteen years ago we graduated from Colby. We each stepped across the bunting-draped temporary staging in front of Miller Library and, with our credentials having been certified by the Colby registrar, received

grapes and making wine at his vineyard in Australia, Benjamin writes short stories. ◆ **Meredith Bradt** joined the board of the Dutch United World College's national committee, specifically advising on student recruitment strategy. ◆ **Ginny Fowles Ward** still works at Bowdoin after nearly 15 years and lives in Bath with her husband and two dogs. Back in February, Ginny ran into **Sarah Weiland Holland** in a market in Lewiston, Maine. Sarah and Ginny met up in Brunswick for Negronis a few weeks later. Sarah is a plastic surgeon with Coastal Plastic Surgery in Topsham and lives in Falmouth with her family. Ginny has also met up with **Nichole Anderson Kelly** and **Laura Schuler Hagedorn** a few times in the Brunswick area, and she keeps up with her Colby roommate, **Jen Roy Ferrer**, whose daughter will be a freshman at Colby in the fall. Ginny says, "I'm looking forward to playing the role of Maine mommy while she's on the Hill." ◆ **John Cully** lives in southern Vermont with wife Philippa and daughter Miranda, 14. He says, "Took my daughter to Colby last fall on the way to a canoe trip on the West Branch of the Penobscot—the same route as my COOT trip! Hoping to get her thinking Colby sooner than later—Big G's was a big selling point. :)" John handles U.S. marketing for a Brazilian technology company. He planned to see **David Beatus** and family over Memorial Day weekend, and he was looking forward to spending a month in Italy this summer. ◆ **Doug Morriane** and his family remain expats in Dubai and plan to stay for at least the next year. Doug and wife Laura's daughter, Valentina, just turned 1. Doug reports, "She's

happy, and so are we. I'm playing lots of golf and working as a freelancer." Doug extends an invite to any Colby grads passing through Dubai. He would be happy to show them the city and the UAE in general. ◆ I'm still based in Hong Kong with my husband, Tom, and our boys, Jed, 14, Ty, 12, and Luke, 9. I second Doug's invitation to any globetrotting classmates. If you are coming through Hong Kong, drop me an email so I can show you around!

1994

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Megan Harris Boucher still lives and works in Aspen, Colo., with her family. She's with the district attorney's office in Aspen, and her husband, Ken, is a personal chef. Their daughter, Emma, finished fifth grade and hopes to be an author or Broadway star! Stepson Kyle is about to start his senior year at Rollins College. She says it's so hard to believe. "Weren't we JUST graduating?" Twenty years go by SO fast. They are also planning a trip to Austria and France in September. ◆ **Matt Gaines**, his wife, and two daughters (4 and 1 1/2) moved from NYC to Seattle. He's practicing physical therapy at the University of Washington. He saw Eric Johnson '93 in San Francisco and Matt Sullivan '93 and Paul Kim '94 in Portland, Ore. ◆ Jeff '93 and **Connie Huffin Zlot** enjoy their three boys in the San Francisco Bay Area. She's enjoying being home with them, volunteering at their schools, and being president of the school foundation. She's also training

disarmingly small vellum diplomas, our names elegantly embossed above some important Latin inscription, which to this day I have yet to translate. We listened to Charles Osgood prattle on about who knows what, our parents cheered and cried, and we tried as hard as we could not to trip and fall on our way up to the dais. I remember that collectively we vaguely smelled like socks, hardly the entry into the “real world” that I or my parents had imagined. Anyhow, what I am trying to say is that next June we celebrate our 20th reunion. I hope you will plan accordingly and join the festivities on Mayflower Hill. And if you do “plan accordingly,” that would include making a gift to the College. Frankly, if you’ve read this far it means that Colby meant something to you—so please make a gift to support the College. I will thank you in person next June. ✨ Honk if you love babies: Former woodsmen’s team captain **Andrew Milgram** and his wife, Melanie, welcomed a second daughter, Hannah Frances, Aug. 12, 2014. Hannah joins big brother Abraham and big sister Madeline. ✨ As always, please remember Three Mile Island!

1997

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Steve Kidd had a busy 2014! He got married, bought a house, got a dog, started a new job as head of drama for the Moses Brown School, and welcomed a baby boy, James, born Sept. 10. When he emailed, he was also acting in a play at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, R.I. ✨ **Julie Lovell Dunlap** is working toward a family nurse practitioner degree from the University of Maryland and will complete her degree in May 2016. She works part time and is mother to two boys, Aiden and Tyler (9 and 6). She and her husband were planning a trip to Turks and Caicos for the 20-year reunion of her semester abroad at the School for Field Studies in the marine resources program. ✨ **Chad Higgins** and his wife, Alex, moved to Maine in 2012 after living in Boston for six years. They bought and renovated a house in Yarmouth and will live there with their girls, Molly, 3, and Abby, 2, as well as a third baby expected in August. Chad has taught a Jan Plan course for the past two years, and he enjoys hanging out with **Lucas Penney**, who has also been teaching a Jan Plan course. Chad also serves on Colby’s Alumni Council. In March Chad traveled to Indianapolis with other Colby basketball alumni for their annual Final Four trip with Coach Whitmore. Traveling with him

was **David McLaughlin**, who is associate head basketball coach at Northeastern University. While there, he saw **Dan Roehl**, who was in Indianapolis with father Pete and son Luke to cheer on the Wisconsin Badgers. ✨ **Jennifer Adams** lives in Denver with her husband and twin 5-year-old boys. She works as an internal medicine/HIV physician at Denver Health and teaches at the University of Colorado medical school. She recently vacationed with **Lisa Tinanoff** and family in Ixtapa, Mexico, and she saw **Rico Del Sesto** when he visited Denver for a conference. ✨ **Yawa Duse-Anthony** opened her Sister Afi online store (sisterafi.com), where she sells handmade knitted toys and clothing for children. She keeps in touch with **Vanessa Newell Coutu** and Anne Miller Crumlish ’98. ✨ **Rebecca Durham Whithead** has been accepted into the University of Montana’s M.F.A. program in poetry. She will keep her career as a botanist, but she is thrilled to continue her journey writing and exploring poetry. ✨ **Matt Burgener** took a new job as president of Cheaper Than Dirt (America’s Ultimate Shooting Sports Discounter) in Fort Worth, Texas. ✨ **Wendy Morris Levine** lives in Marin County, Calif., and is director of development at Mark Day School. She is neighbors with **Liz Fagan Gottlieb**. Wendy has two kids—son Wyatt, 8, and daughter Meredith, 6—who love kung fu, Legos, and bike riding. In December 2014 Wendy and husband Marc took a child-free trip to China! ✨ **Dréa Barbalunga Wood** “just added another child to the brood in March. Little Mia joins Isabella, 5, and Finlay, 2.” ✨ **Jen Mason Drolet** enjoyed a surprise birthday visit from **Kate Charbonnier** and **Josh Oeltjen** in February. They also met up with **JJ Eklund McGawn** for an impromptu lunch. Jen saw **Molly Bracken Dunne** in NYC in mid-March. Their families enjoyed dinner and a post-half-marathon brunch. ✨ **Kara Marchant Hooper** enjoyed celebrating her 40th birthday in February with visits from **Tanya Semels Brylinsky**, **Jen Atwood Lesky**, **Austen Briggs Crossley**, **Ellie Peters Bergquist**, and Sarah Eustis ’96. They had beautiful weather, lots of hikes, great meals, and good company. ✨ **Steve Papagiotas** works for the CDC and was assigned to the Emergency Operations Center for the Ebola outbreak in West Africa last fall. In October he married Denise Beauvais in Atlanta. They had many Colby friends in attendance, including best men **Chris Sullivan** and **Welling LaGrone** and groomsmen **Adam Elboim** and **Tom DeCoff**.

1998

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Tricia Claussen Foster and her two kids live in Massachusetts, where Tricia consults for an environmental firm part time, is PTO president, and was organizing a 5K walk/run in support of the Ashby, Mass., police department. Tricia recently saw **Elizabeth Shanley Casal** in Weymouth, Mass. She also sees **Eric** and **Kari Christensen Anderson** and **Greg Alpert**. ✨ **Alex Howard** is in Cambridge, Mass., where his family has relocated for eight months so his wife can pursue a fellowship at Harvard Law School and MGH. He was hoping to see **Eric Adams** and Ethan Pope ’98. Alex has been contributing to techPresident, TechRepublic, Wired, and e-pluribusunum.org, among others, and was able to travel to Brazil, Argentina, and India. In May he was going to start a new gig as the *Huffington Post*’s first senior editor for technology and society. ✨ **Michael Gallant** worked in Senator Susan Collins’s D.C. office for a few years after graduation. He now works at an asset management firm in New York and lives in Ridgewood, N.J., with his wife and sons, Dylan and Lucas, 5 and 3. ✨ In January **Vanessa Hernandez Elmore** welcomed her second child, Roman Paul, who joined older sister Samantha Rose, 3 1/2. Vanessa remains involved with antique and contemporary Native American and Western arts in Santa Fe, N.M. She started her own art appraisal business, Elmore Art Appraisals, and continues to act as a contract art consultant. Her kids have enjoyed their Elska album, which is the brainchild and alter ego of friend **Shelley Wollert**. Vanessa highly recommends the album to all families! ✨ Chris ’03 and **Alyssa Hughes Makarewich** live in Salt Lake City with their two sons, Graham, 2, and Henry, 4. Alyssa continues to practice as a veterinarian, and Chris is in his third year of residency at the University of Utah in orthopedic surgery. ✨ **Raja** and **Liz Hooper Bala** are training to participate in trampoline competitions this summer. ✨ **Emily Reith** is finished with teaching high school chemistry. She returned to school and was to graduate in May with a D.V.M. from Colorado State University. She planned to work in a private practice in Colorado. ✨ **Anne Miller Crumlish**, her husband, Tom, and daughter Emile look forward to welcoming a baby in September. In the meantime, they’re practicing by raising lots of plants in their wonderful vegetable garden. ✨ **Kevin Wong** lives in Hong Kong and has a son, 1 1/2. Kevin runs a man-

ufacturing company in Asia and recently joined Kellogg’s EMBA program in Hong Kong. ✨ Thank you for all the information, and have an enjoyable summer!

1999

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Emily Hoberg Roy moved from Milton, Mass., to Amherst, N.H., in the fall with her husband and daughter Charlotte, 4. Emily works as an epic senior training specialist at the Elliot Health System in Manchester. ✨ **Ben Grasso** and his wife, Jenn, welcomed their first child, Cordelia Rose, last November. For the past six years Ben has been teaching high school English and history at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine. Jenn works in development at Bowdoin. They live in South Portland and keep busy running, skiing, and climbing. ✨ **Chris** and **Robyn Osborn Pashby** welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Alexa Reese, March 6. They were so excited to have **Courtney Archambault Richambault** visit when Alexa was only three weeks old! ✨ **Shana Dumont Garr** relocated from Raleigh, N.C., to Greater Boston in December 2014. She became director of Kingston Gallery in Boston in February, teaches art history part time at Montserrat College of Art, and enjoys living in her new fixer-upper home with her family in Acton. ✨ **Braxton Williams** and his wife, Shannon Woods, welcomed a baby girl, Leigh Forrest Williams, April 1. Leigh joins older brother Harrison, 1 1/2. Everyone is healthy and super happy. ✨ Keep the news coming!

2000

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James ’99 and **Jenny O’Donnell Spidle** welcomed baby boy number three in January. Big brothers Charlie, 4, and Max, 2, love playing with baby Jack. James and Jenny were looking forward to seeing old friends at reunion in June. ✨ **Beth Haeusler Warren** is GM of the Madison Valley Ranch, a luxury fly-fishing lodge in Ennis, Mont., and is honored to share that the ranch was named the prestigious 2015 Orvis-Endorsed Fly-Fishing Lodge of the Year! When she’s not out giving fly-fishing lessons on the two-acre stocked pond, she’s hosting dinner and devouring the gourmet meals the executive chef (also her husband) creates and guests rave about, or she’s out running the trails along the river behind the ranch. If you ever need an excuse to go fishing, she’s got plenty for you. She hopes you’ll give her a ring if you

want to go on a fly-fishing trip or just join her for a beer when you are in southwest Montana. * **Ben Mackay** completed his first acquisition on his own under Long Trail Holdings and is looking for one or two more companies to round out the portfolio. He's still living in a log cabin in Jackson, Wyo. If you're in town, look him up!

2001

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It was great to hear from first-time contributor **Doug Johnson**. Doug and his wife, Yuka, recently welcomed a baby boy, Maxwell Johnson. Doug is a fireman for San Francisco Fire Department and still lives in the Bay Area. * **Emily Mahlman** battled rainy, windy conditions but finished the 2015 Boston Marathon. It was quite an accomplishment, but to add to that success she also raised a lot of money for Children's Advocacy Center (suffolkcac.org). For more details visit her blog, thegreatwideopen.net. Congrats, Emily! * I also want to congratulate Matt and **Mindy Mraz Barber**, who welcomed Elizabeth Reed Barber April 2. Nearly three weeks early, Elizabeth quickly asserted herself as a member of the Barber family (all 8 pounds and 5 ounces of her!) and is a very loved and cherished addition. * **Kate Isley** had a baby girl in July 2014, Oona Mae Isley-Vaughn. More recently Kate and her husband bought a house and moved to the suburbs in Winchester. They'll surely miss Somerville, but they're excited for Oona to have a yard. * Amy and **Rob Webb** were expecting their second son May 11. Rob is continuing to sell lift tickets on the Internet with **Matt Cohen** and **Evan Reece**. If you bought tickets on Sugarloaf's website this winter you were using Liftopia technology. * **Eric Lantzman** and his family moved from Alaska to Pittsburgh in May to bring his girls to the homeland. Eric is starting a department of family planning at Allegheny Health Network and swapping skis and fat bikes for road bikes and kayaks. * After seven years in Maine, **Devin Beliveau** and his family moved to Orange County, Calif., last summer so their kids could spend some quality time with their other grandparents too. Devin is still teaching high school history—now at the Academy public charter high school in Santa Ana. They were excited to find **Ben Farrell** and his family out here too—also recent Maine-to-SoCal transplants! * **Lauren Schaad** joined a boutique firm identifying unique executive talent for mission-driven organizations, a welcome change from the corporate search world.

Travel blogging continues, with plans to visit Colombia and Ecuador this year. * In keeping with the travel theme, **Megan Blackburn** is living in Johannesburg, South Africa, and has a blog, sharingatable.net, which includes photos from some of her amazing adventures.

2002

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Jacoby Ballard was featured in *Yoga Journal* in May and will be teaching at the journal's conference in Estes Park in September. Jacoby began practicing and teaching yoga at Colby and went on to found his own studio in Brooklyn, Third Root Community Health Center, in 2008. Get in touch or connect with him at jacobyballard.com. * Mark and **Liz Brandt Bozek** welcomed their daughter, Sarah Whitney Bozek, last January. She joined big brother Michael, who turned 2 in December. Liz will return to teaching third grade in Concord, N.H., in September and in the meantime enjoys spending time at home. * Paul and **Alison Culpen Schwabe** welcomed their first child, Trent Daniel Schwabe, at the end of January. They continue to love living in Denver. * Spencer and **Whitney Alford Mallozzi** welcomed their second child, Edward Thatcher Mallozzi, in March. * **Mike** and **Jaime Langione Endreny** welcomed their second child, a baby girl, Livia Rae Endreny, in April. * Charlie and **Abby Kussel Hopper** were thrilled to welcome their little girl, Lila, in May 2014. They're having a blast with her, and mom is hoping she is a future Mule. * In mid-April **Michael Ames** joined fellow Mules in Lexington, Ky., to celebrate **Grant Swisher** and his imminent nuptials. The group of bourbon tasters and thoroughbred wagers included Daren Swisher '06, **Chatham Baker**, **Paul Basmajian**, **Shawn Burnell**, **Gabe Duncan-Roitman**, **David Friedman**, **Chris Prendergast**, **John Shea**, Zach Shull '03, and **Sean Skulley**. Also in mid-April, Ames reported on the confusions and cover-ups in the Bowe Bergdahl case for a cover story in *Newsweek*. Through interviews with active and former military, the article revealed for the first time that long after Army officials knew Bergdahl was being held in Pakistan, they continued to send infantrymen on months of dangerous "search" missions that cost several soldiers' lives in Afghanistan. * Danielle O'Steen '03 and **Michael Pincus** welcomed their son, Samuel, in February. They continue to live in Washington, D.C., where Mike is an energy lawyer at Van Ness Feldman and Danielle is a Ph.D. candidate in art history at the University of Maryland, College Park. * As many of you know,

Jeff Williams passed away in April after a brave struggle with bone cancer. Jeff was diagnosed in October 2014 with a rare bone cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma. Soon thereafter, a portion of his leg was amputated to stop the progression of the disease. He underwent an aggressive treatment plan but was informed in February that the cancer was terminal and he had less than a year to live. Jeff passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Jeff is survived by his wife, Stacie Galiger Williams '01, and their three young daughters.

2003

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Let's jump right in! **Alexis Frobin** lives in Cambridge, Mass., and is working toward her master's in acupuncture and oriental medicine at the New England School of Acupuncture. She started her intern year in May in Boston and is looking for fellow Mules to treat in her student clinic! * **John Brighenti** married a lovely Australian named Yvonne last summer. The wedding was in Tuscany, and **Dan Parise** was in attendance. After several years in sub-Saharan Africa, John and Yvonne left Ghana and settled in Brisbane last June. They welcome any travelers to Australia! * Chris and **Laura Brown Kittredge** live in NYC with their daughter, Avery, 2 1/2. Laura is assistant director of corporate funding for the Museum of Modern Art. * After taking time off to be with her daughter, Adele, **Karli Jaffe Efron** returned to work as the director of Jewish Family Services in Portland, Maine. She's also perfected the skill of moving a sleeping toddler from car seat to bed without destroying a perfectly good nap. (Please share your tricks, Karli!) Adele loves spending time with her little buddy, and future prom date, Teddy (**Zack Brown** and **Leah Robertson**'s son). * After 10 years living in D.C.—the last seven of which were working for Barack Obama, initially on his campaign in 2007-08 and then at the White House as an assistant press secretary—**Clark Stevens** relocated to Colorado last June. After five fantastic months spending a lot of time outdoors, he joined Airbnb in late November as global head of strategic safety initiatives, splitting his time between company headquarters in San Francisco and his new home in Colorado. Clark and his fiancée are planning a September wedding. * **Alex Browne** married Kerri Keselowsky, M.D. (Notre Dame '08) in North Topsail Beach, N.C., in April. **Michael Reilly**, **Eddie Piasecki**, **Chris Makarewich**, and Robby MacBain '04 were groomsmen, and **Laura Morrison Piasecki** and Alyssa Hughes Makarewich '98 attended. It was a perfect

Topsail day, and they all had a blast. Alex will graduate from his internal medicine residency at Mount Sinai in NYC in June and will start a gastroenterology fellowship at Brown in Providence, R.I., in July. * **Sean** and **Amanda McKown O'Grady** moved from San Francisco to Sun Valley, Idaho, where they're enjoying the mountains and were awaiting the arrival of baby number two in June. * **Chris Reigeluth** got engaged to Ashley Emerson-Gilbert and is moving to New Haven for a position at the Yale Child Study Center. * **Carrie Morin Peaslee** is expecting her second child Sept. 7! * There are lots of baby Mules to report: **Danielle O'Steen** and Michael Pincus '02 welcomed their son, Samuel, in February. They still live in D.C., where Mike is an energy lawyer at Van Ness Feldman and Danielle is a Ph.D. candidate in art history at the University of Maryland, College Park. * Jim and **Michelle Keady Hadley** welcomed their second child, Madelyn Elizabeth. Both Madelyn and big bro Patrick are doing great. * **Andrew** and **Lauren Bliss St. Martin** welcomed daughter Piper Jan. 26, during the first New England blizzard of the year! Luckily Andrew and Lauren were safely at the hospital 12 hours before the storm started. * Dan and **Christine O'Donnell Hagan** also had a new arrival in January—daughter Liza on Jan. 8. She joins big brother Parker. Christine and family are still in Burlington, Vt. * **Patrick Koch** added to his growing family with his third child, Colby George, on April Fool's Day. Big sister McKenna is ecstatic, and big brother Ronan is still figuring out who the new intruder is. Patrick is blessed to report that everybody is healthy and happy. * **Peter Brush** and his wife, Jacqui, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Peter Whiting Brush III, born March 11. * **Sean Flood** and his wife, Amanda, moved into their new home in Danbury, Conn., in April and brought someone extra special with them: their first child, Francis Xavier Flood. He was born March 14 and couldn't be more perfect.

2004

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Anne Olmsted married Lori Kirk March 27 in Cohasset, Mass. **Amy Bennett** and Ryan '02 and **Vicki Hayes Wepler** helped the newlyweds dance the night away. * **Tim Smith**, CEO of Full Circle Fund in San Francisco, recently launched makethepledge.org to help startups incorporate giving back in their companies' DNA and structure. * **Peter Rice** still lives in Falls Church, Va., with his wife, Betsy, and their three kids, Sam, 6, Marina, 4, and Liza, 2. The company he joined after earning

his master's, alarm.com, has grown from 20 people to more than 400, and it was recently featured at the end of the Apple keynote showing the app working on the Apple Watch. The company has hired several Colby grads over the years, and they have fun sharing memories of their time in Waterville. ★ **Kim Strader O'Leary** was promoted to communications supervisor at the University of Vermont Medical Center. Life is good in Vermont with her husband, Dave, and two children, Daniel, 8, and Charlotte, 4. ★ **Brian and Jenn Withnell Hawthorne** welcomed identical twin boys, Alex and Nate, March 3. That brings the total to three boys. She is happy that she has a girl dog. ★ **Annika Svore Wicklund** welcomed her second daughter, Averie Svore Wicklund, March 6. She's still in Seattle and all is busy and well. ★ **Meredith Collins** finished her residency in plastic surgery in New York City last year and was planning to complete her fellowship at MD Anderson in June. She and her husband, Perry, are relocating to West Palm Beach, where he is a private wealth advisor for Goldman Sachs and she is opening a private plastic surgery practice. They'll miss Houston but are ready for sunny Florida! ★ **Jason and Jenny Kalman Beal** look forward to welcoming their third daughter. Big sisters Mackenzie, 5, and Brigitte, 3, are excited to meet their little sister too. Jason and Jenny both enjoy their work as federal employees. Jason is at the State Department, and Jenny is at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. ★ **Marshall White** was recently elected president of his family's construction business, White Builders. He and his wife celebrated nine years of marriage in Turks and Caicos and added a puppy, Ash, to their family, which includes daughter Sadie, 8, son Arlo, 4, and daughter Scout, 18 months. ★ **Amina McIntyre** received the 2015 Emerging Artist Award from the City of Atlanta's Office of Cultural Affairs. She is also the beneficiary of a 2015-16 Working Title Playwrights' Ethel Woolson Lab. ★ I was able to hang out with a bunch of Colby friends at **Derek Taff's** engagement party. It was great to see Derek, **Chris Blier**, **Matthew Harrington**, and even Janice Kassman!

2005

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Kerri Furlong married James Broadbent March 21 in Exeter, N.H. James is a 2005 graduate of the University of New Hampshire. The couple had an intimate ceremony and then celebrated in Portsmouth, where they met and lived prior to the wedding. They recently settled into a new home in Brentwood, N.H. ★ **Adelin Cai** left her job

at Twitter in February to head up the policy team at Pinterest, where she works and carools with fellow Colby alum Charlie Hale '06. She also finished her training to become a yoga instructor in June. ★ **Todd and Nora Gouge Moore** welcomed a daughter, Fiona Anne Moore, Feb. 8. Todd is an in-house attorney for Saks Fifth Avenue, and Nora is an attending psychologist at Montefiore Medical Center, working in the substance abuse treatment program. ★ **Christina Pluta** graduated from the Tuck School of Business in June, joining the ranks of many other Colby alums who have become Tuckies. ★ **Lisa Reinhalter Burner** is an assistant professor of Spanish at Sewanee: The University of the South, a small liberal arts school in the mountains of Tennessee. Lisa completed her Ph.D. in Latin American literatures and cultures at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign this spring. Her husband, **Justin Burner**, will finish his master's in the teaching of mathematics at the University of Illinois this year. ★ **Jeff and Melissa Plante Dubois** relocated to the St. Cloud, Minn., area—an hour west of Minneapolis—where Jeff accepted a tenure-track position as a professor of Japanese language and literature at a small liberal arts college. They also welcomed daughter Maren Reese DuBois in February. Their son, Penn, is 3 and is a proud and loving big brother. ★ **Mac Lynch** was featured in the April 2015 edition of *Forbes* magazine as a Pennsylvania financial leader. Mac is a vice president at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC in Pittsburgh, where he works as a financial advisor focusing on individuals and small business owners. His wife, Mary, is a teacher at Shady Side Academy. You can read the full *Forbes* article at: forbescustom.com/marketplace/the-lynch-team-of-janney-montgomery-scott-llc. ★ **Noah and Sarah Goodrich Hoffman** welcomed Maxwell Robert Hoffman April 5. They were looking forward to introducing baby Maxwell to the outdoor dining scene in Philadelphia this summer. ★ Have a great summer. I look forward to hearing your updates in the fall.

2006

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Emilia Tjernström is finishing her Ph.D. in development economics at the University of California, Davis, and will be joining the University of Wisconsin, Madison, as an assistant professor in the fall. Colby's Economics Department invited Emilia up for a talk this past fall, and she writes that the campus was as beautiful as ever! ★ **Dan Giuliani** lives in Seattle and runs Volt Athletics, a fitness technology company bringing elite-

level strength training to high schools and colleges nationwide. Through Volt's innovative online platform, any athlete anywhere can gain affordable access to premier sport performance training methods. Since Volt launched in 2013, nearly 600 teams and 20,000 athletes have benefited from the training. Dan also teaches sport performance in the University of Washington's Intercollegiate Athletic Leadership master's program and serves as a mentor in UW's Foster School of Business. ★ **Sarah Kelly** is working on a Ph.D. in geography at the University of Arizona. She just received a Fulbright Fellowship to Chile for her dissertation research, "Lessons in Governance: Exploring Southern Chile's Changing Hydropower Landscape." ★ **Tim Monahan** was working in San Francisco at Mission Motors as an embedded software engineer for a variety of projects. His most notable of those (that he is free to talk about) was his work with the Mugen Shinden race motorcycle at the Isle of Man. The race received a lot of attention, and even Jay Leno mentioned it in his review of the Harley Davidson electric motorcycle. Tim recently left San Francisco to take a job in Milwaukee as a staff technical engineer at Harley Davidson. ★ **Kit Hickey** cofounded and heads up Ministry of Supply, which has been featured in the *New York Times*, in *Elle* magazine, and on *The Today Show*. ★ **Greyson Brooks** continues to work as a residential case manager at Housing Works, Inc., where he assists homeless, HIV-positive New Yorkers and case manages and coordinates services for LGBT asylum seekers and asylees in New York City. Additionally, Grey heads a nonprofit coalition of New York service providers that work with queer asylum seekers and help new Americans settle into the Big Apple. Grey was recently elected to serve as the national coordinator for LGBT Freedom and Asylum Network (LGBT-FAN), a national grassroots coalition that seeks to assist queer immigrants escape persecution in their home countries. ★ Our 10-year reunion is exactly one year away, so mark your calendars now for June 2-7, 2016! I hope to see many of you up in Waterville next June. Happy summer!

2007

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Katie Maland and **Dan Schupack** are moving back to Katie's home state, Minnesota, to complete their residencies at the Mayo Clinic. ★ **Ross Kaplan** reports, "I broke out the worm and had an awesome

time at **Adam Roslyn's** wedding to Stephanie Silverman, with **Jon Bandi**, **Trevor Hanly**, and **Krissey Fucillo Hanly '06**." ★ **Thomas Hulse** will return to Colby this fall as a visiting assistant professor in the Math Department. ★ **Katie Renwick** finished graduate school and moved to Bozeman for a postdoc at Montana State University. ★ **Christian '08** and **Leslie Peterson Crannell** are moving to Portland, Ore., this summer. Christian will start his surgical residency at OHSU, and Leslie hopes to continue teaching third grade. They would love to meet other Colby alums in the Portland area. ★ **Mike Deheeger**, **Horacio Diaz Adda**, **Emilia Tjernström '06**, and **Jayadev Vadakkanmarveetil** spent a weekend together on Orcas Island off the coast of Seattle. Jayadev reports, "Over many beers, we reminisced about the Colby Digest of Civil Discourse, retold stories of favorite professors and friends, and discovered how bad Mike is at Balderdash." ★ **Adam Robbins** has been in London since November and is working with the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds. ★ **Sara Morgan** was to graduate from San Jose State University with an M.S.W. degree in May. She planned to get married in June to Zoheb Hooda. Colby friends expected to attend were **Julia Lawson**, **Mikaela Bolduc**, **Nina Hoang**, and **Ryan Graumann** (and possibly **Kip Kiprop** and **Nikki Wong dos Santos**). Sara's father, John Morgan '68, and his classmates Phil Merrill '68 and Bob Hughes '68 were also to be in attendance. ★ **Will and Mindy Favreau Woerter** welcomed their first child, daughter Clara, Jan. 6. Clara is looking forward to her first visit to Mayflower Hill! ★ **Carolina Sicard Willette** visited New England in April and met up with **Mary-Catherine Saraiva Amadu** and **Whitney Miller '09**. ★ **Caitlin Gallagher** received her M.B.A. from the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado and was inducted to the Beta Gamma Sigma society. She is returning to full-time work at the digital marketing agency she founded in 2011. Caitlin, **Dylan Harrison-Atlas**, **Lindsay Tedeschi**, **Anders Wood**, and **Jessica Seymour Wood '06** finished their fourth ski season sharing a condo in Summit County, Colo., and causing trouble at the various Vail Resorts with **Leigh Audin**. ★ **Stephanie Finn** moved to Cape Town, South Africa, to work as chief operating officer of Common Sense, a travel marketing company.

2008

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It's been a great few months for our classmates. Like many of you, I graduated in May, with my M.B.A. from Boston

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Amina McIntyre '04

Elizabeth Frankel '01 was appointed director of new work at Alley Theatre in Houston, effective in June. Her responsibilities include creating an annual new play festival, commissioning plays, and working with writers through the production process. She previously served as literary manager at New York's Public Theater. ♦ **Cindy Rosenbaum '01** was named Montgomery County (Va.) Public Schools' 2015-16 Teacher of the Year. A fourth-grade teacher, Rosenbaum has been an educator for 14 years, the past eight at Kipps Elementary School in Blacksburg, Va. ♦ On April 17 the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs presented Emerging Artist Awards to four Atlanta-area artists including **Amina McIntyre '04**. Managing director of Karibu Performing Arts and a member of Working Title Playwrights, McIntyre is working on a play about what is known in the homeless community as "the tramp trail." ♦ In April **Lijah Barasz '06** talked to the *Hartford Courant* about her work as one of seven main writers for ABC's hit show *Pretty Little Liars*. She and her colleagues are working on season six.

College—although it was a wonderful day, I couldn't help but think back to our own beautiful commencement on Mayflower Hill just a few short years ago! ♦ In May **Dori Smith** graduated with her doctorate in vocal performance and ethnomusicology. Dori will marry Olley Scholer in November, and **Jennifer Mizen Malpass** and Mimi Smith '13 will be in her bridal party. ♦ **David Sternesky** married husband Mat dos Santos in March. In April they relocated from San Francisco to Portland, Ore., for Mat to begin his new job as legal director of the ACLU of Oregon. David is operating their house and techno record label, Friends With Benefits Records, as well as producing new music and playing DJ gigs across the country. ♦ **Patrick Collins** is managing a growth phase (doubling in size) of Coast Brothers. They were awarded a large hospital contract, and implementation was to begin June 1. Patrick hopes to spend a few days in Germany for Oktoberfest. ♦ **Kristine Robin** and **Sam Kennedy-Smith** look forward to moving to Austin, Texas, where Kristine will start a Ph.D. program in microbiology at the University of Texas. ♦ **Adam Geringer-Dunn** left his career in music about 10 months ago to open a restaurant and seafood market called Greenpoint Fish & Lobster Co. in Brooklyn, N.Y. Adam is chef and co-owner and is hoping to open additional locations in the next few years. He has gotten a lot of press coverage, so check it out online! ♦ **Christian Crannell** graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in May, along with Adam Paine '10. Christian will be moving with his wife, Leslie Peterson Crannell '07, from Burlington, Vt., to Port-

land, Ore., where he will begin his general surgery residency at Oregon Health and Science University. ♦ **Kathleen Nicholson** graduated from Lesley University in May with her M.A. in counseling psychology. In July she and her wife, Emily Hamlin, will move to Costa Rica, where Kathleen accepted a job at the Country Day School in Escazú. Kathleen will teach high school science and also do school counseling. They will miss their neighbors of three years, **Tanya Rosbash** and Alex Halls '09, and their weekly Settlers of Catan battles. ♦ Thanks for all of the great updates!

2009

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Lauren Pongan is finishing her M.A. in Southeast Asian studies at the University of Washington. While working at her student job in the UW library's special collections, she met **Jen MacDowell** for the first time. Jen works in the same office and is getting her M.A. in museology. ♦ **Jen Caruso** is an account director in sports marketing at Octagon. She spent last summer in Brazil working at the 2014 FIFA World Cup. She's engaged to James Farris, a lawyer. ♦ **Harry Goldstein** is the general manager of business in Singapore at Amcor. He had a blast hanging with Jae Hyun Paik '11 in Seoul recently. ♦ **Nikolai Barnwell** lives in Kenya, where he has a new startup that aims to fill the content gap in sub-Saharan Africa through a network of local news sites, with content produced by users. ♦ **Patrick Boland** is now communications director for

the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Democratic staff, in addition to his role as senior advisor and communications director for Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.). ♦ **Martha Ortinau** is principal gifts officer at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill. She's engaged to be married outside of Chicago on Halloween. This fall she'll also be **Althea Wong-Achorn's** maid of honor. ♦ **Sam Hoff** graduated from Boston College Law School in May. ♦ **Henry Powell** lives in Portland, Maine, and is working on his master's in occupational therapy at the University of New England. He moved in with Reva Eiferman '10J, and they are sharing many delicious meals, walks, and bike rides together. He recently celebrated with **Lewis Seton**, **Josh Sadownik**, Matt Smith '11, Sean Sullivan '11, Julie Kafka '12, Jen Beatty '12, and others during an Ultimate Frisbee reunion. ♦ **Suzanne Merkelson** graduated from UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy with a master's in public policy. She started working as the public affairs manager at SolarCity, the country's largest solar installer, and loves life in the beautiful Bay Area, where she gets to see **Byron Meinert**, **Shirmila Cooray**, **Seth Chanin**, **Sam Given-Dennis**, **Nick Baranowski**, **Sejal Patel**, and Jamila Keba '11. ♦ **Scott Zeller** went to Indianapolis to cheer on his grad school, Duke University, at the Final Four. **Dan Heinrich** started studying at the NYU Stern School of Business in January. Dan and Scott plan to visit **Danny Wasserman** in Seattle this summer. Danny works for a startup called Koru. ♦ After his time in the Peace Corps in Ecuador and later running a chain of boutique hotels in coastal Colombia, **Jake Schwarz** is returning stateside to start an M.B.A. program at the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management. His focus will be on emerging markets, specifically the industrial and manufacturing potential of Latin America. ♦ **Ozzy Ramirez** is dean of students at a school in Brooklyn, N.Y., that is part of a network of schools called the Ascend Schools. ♦ **Cynthia Anderson-Bauer** graduated from Harvard Divinity School with her M.Div. She's working as a hospital chaplain. ♦ **Nicole Veilleux** is studying Ayurvedic medicine with Dr. Vasant Lad in New Mexico. She trained as a doula and is looking to specialize in women's health and wellness, with a focus on lifestyle, nutrition, and herbs. ♦ **Kris Miranda** is halfway through coursework in the M.F.A. screenwriting program at DePaul University. ♦ **Brooke Barron** and Sam Lemonick married Aug. 30, 2014, at the Appalachian Mountain Club's Cardigan Mountain Lodge in Bristol, N.H. Sam is a Carleton alum, though his mom (Mary Tuttle '76) went to Colby. They were surrounded

by Colby Mules, including bridesmaids **Julia Coffin**, **Liza Hester**, and **Suzanne Merkelson** and best man Doug Turnbull '07. Also attending were Sarah Ayres Turnbull '06 and Suzanna Turnbull, future Class of 2035.

2010

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Jenn Corriveau won the University of Connecticut's Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. She was going to defend her dissertation in May and receive her Ph.D. in behavioral neuroscience. In July she will move to Boston to begin a postdoctoral fellowship in developmental neuropsychobiology at Northeastern University. ♦ **Liz Millikin** moved to Boulder, Colo., in November to work at Verde Brand Communications. She's on the digital marketing team, working for awesome outdoor brands from backcountry skiing to clothing to water bottles. She moved at the drop of a hat—just two weeks between when she accepted and when she had to be in town for her first day. It's been the best impulse decision of her life! ♦ **Elise Randall Hill** married Drew Hill '09 in March. Some '10ers in attendance: **Alec Oot**, **Michael Schwartz**, **Michelle "Michie" Graff**, **Katie Unsworth**, **Zack Ezor**, and **Kelsey Gibbs**. ♦ **Charles Klassen** finished a master's in biomedical engineering at Johns Hopkins last fall and moved to Boston in February (perfectly timed with all the snow) to work for a startup doing regenerative medicine and tissue engineering. ♦ **Ross Nehrt** and **Leigh Bullion** moved to Portland, Maine, and are loving their new digs. They've seen a handful of Colby grads, including Henry Powell '09, Reva Eiferman '09, **Kelsey Gibbs**, and Matt Silverman '12. Stop by if you're in the neighborhood! ♦ **Hasan Bhatti** started a master's at American University in January. He's studying international peace and conflict resolution with a concentration in program management and international development. ♦ **Katie Littleton** lives in Philadelphia and works as a nurse in the neonatal ICU at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She's also pursuing a nurse practitioner degree at UPenn. She was very much looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion in June! ♦ The latest news in **Chelsea Stillman's** life is that she was going to defend her dissertation in May (finally!). Then she planned to move from D.C. to Pittsburgh to begin a postdoctoral fellowship at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. ♦ In May **Kristen Psaty** was going to graduate from Santa Clara University School of Law with a concentration in technology and

intellectual property law. She wasn't able to make reunion due to the California bar exam; she was sad to miss everyone. * **Jevan Jammal** and Will Kinder '09 ran into each other while both getting sworn into the Massachusetts bar last November! * **Caity Murphy** traded skiing for trail running and climbing as the snow melted in Wyoming. She was devastated to miss reunion, thanks to being in nursing school two time zones away.

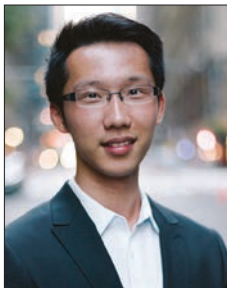
2011

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Laura Miller is pursuing her M.B.A. at the Rotman School of Business in Ontario, Canada. Before matriculating this fall, she is traveling to Iceland and taking a road trip across the country to visit Colby friends. * Recently engaged, **Amy Eklund** is finishing her third year of dental school along with Lane Mahoney '09. The two recently traveled to a remote village in Chile to perform dental work. * **Nick Cunkelman**, **Judy Merzbach**, and Elizabeth Powell '10 crushed the Burlington, Vt., marathon this spring. * **Craig Bunker** relocated to New York, where he lives with lacrosse teammates Jon McIvor '12 and Nick Hunnewell '12. * After graduating from Harvard Law School in May, **Toni Tsvetanova** will take the bar exam and travel throughout Europe before beginning work with Jones Day in New York. * **Cali Livingstone** moved to Nairobi, Kenya, to complete a master certificate in social innovation management. She is also an apprentice for Honey Care, working to improve the Kenyan honey value chain for smallholder farmers. * Many Colby grads will attend **Fran Nixon's** Maine wedding, including **Sai Chavali**, **Jake Marty**, **Rachel Baron**, **John Perkins**, **Lauren Thornton**, **Judy Merzbach**, **Hannah Lafleur**, and **Leah Turino**. The same group will attend **Jake Marty** and **Rachel Baron's** wedding this fall along with **Nick Cunkelman**, **Ben Cunkelman**, Elizabeth Powell '10, Anders Nordblom '10, and Ben Mawhinney '10. * **Robyn Wardell** works as the alumni manager for FoodCorps, a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders connecting kids to healthy food in school. She enjoys adventuring in the Pacific Northwest with Colby alums. * **Lia Engelsted** completed the first year of her master's degree in industrial organizational psychology at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. * Currently deployed on the USNS *Comfort* for a six-month humanitarian mission to Central and South America and the Caribbean, **Amy Dunlap Welkie** is busy with the Navy. She looks forward to returning to Annapolis at the end of September. * **Aqsa Mahmood**

10s NEWSMAKERS



Victor Chen '12

Amelia Swinton '10 received a Fulbright to teach in Mexico for the coming year. She worked for Seattle nonprofit Solid Ground, teaching gardening and nutrition in a bilingual elementary school, until resigning recently to complete student-teaching for a master's program at Antioch University. She hopes to continue working with Mexican-American students in the United States in the future. ♦ In February Guangzhou, China, native **Victor Chen '12** was featured in CollegeXpress's stories of multicultural students who bring a unique perspective and diversity of thought and experiences to American schools. Chen is an analyst for international investment corporation BlackRock, and he volunteers for the National Association of Asian American Professionals. In the fall he will begin an M.B.A. program at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, with a Posse Foundation leadership scholarship. ♦ **Uzoma Orchingwa '14** was selected as one of 40 U.S. students to receive a prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge this fall. At Cambridge he will work on his M.Phil. in criminology, with a focus on mass incarceration, prison culture, and restorative justice.

was promoted to AVP in treasury sales at J.P. Morgan. This spring she took a road trip from New York to D.C. and Virginia with her daughter, Vaneesa, 3 1/2, and husband Usman. * **Adan Hussain** graduated with his M.A. in higher education and student affairs this spring from the Ohio State University. * After teaching Latin in Moriarty, N.M., for the past three years, **Clinton Kinkade** accepted an offer to begin work on his Ph.D. in classical studies at Duke University this fall. * **Brendan Shea** and Lisa Trabold were married in Columbus, Ohio, June 9, 2012, with many Colbians in attendance. The two welcomed their first child, Roselyn Marie, in 2013, and their second, Avila Rose, in 2014. Brendan works as a financial advisor and plans to run for state representative in 2016.

2012

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Chelsea Sonksen and **Petey Randall** are still soaking up the California sunshine. Chelsea recently left her corporate job to start her own event business, Nourish Events LA. Keep your eyes peeled for her upcoming Kickstarter. Petey will finish his coursework for his Ph.D. this summer and will be jetting around the country to DJ weddings on both coasts. * After three years working at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., **Anne Burton** will start a Ph.D. program in economics at Cornell University in the fall. * **Peter Smithy** works in environmental consulting in Cambridge, Mass. He plans to pursue a graduate program in the coming year. *

Evan O'Neill has started a new job in the business development department at Fiksu, where he works directly with companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google. He is hoping to move to San Francisco next year to spend more time with his two sisters and niece and with his parents, who recently moved to Oregon. * **Mike Reilly** lives with **Sanjay Bahl** in the West Village of NYC. Mike works at Goldman Sachs. * **Nathan Katsiaficas** works as an assistant geoscientist at the Portland, Maine, office of Tetra Tech. * While he has enjoyed his time in Boston over the past year, the city does not have nearly enough nomads/mountains for **Arya Moallem's** taste. In June he will head to northern India to study Tibetan language for the summer, and then to Taiwan to study Chinese for the 2015-16 academic year. * **Rebecca González-Kreisberg** spends most of her free time these days running. Having just completed her second half marathon, she will begin training for the Nov. 1 NYC Marathon after returning from a trip to Israel. * **Kellie Fisher** graduated from Boston College Law School in the spring and will work as an attorney for a Boston firm in their bankruptcy and corporate restructuring practice group.

2013

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Great to hear from so many of you—we'll start off with lots of grad school news! **Diana Sunder** will pursue her master's in English at Boston College, and **Allison Hess** will pursue a master's in natural resources and

environmental education at the University of Idaho. **Claire Dunn** will begin working toward her Ph.D. in political science at UNC-Chapel Hill. In Philly, **Olisa Okoh** will begin the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing's neonatal nurse practitioner program. I, too, will be at Penn while pursuing a one-year master's in higher education with the goal of eventually serving as a college administrator (hopefully at a school like Colby!). * **Laura Crowley** has been living in Brookline, Mass., while completing a research assistantship at a Harvard Medical School lab. She will be moving to New York City to start a Ph.D. program in genetics and development at Columbia. "I recently had a scientific paper accepted by the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*," Laura adds. **Alex Rasmussen** (Laura's boyfriend!) is also in school and will transfer from UC Santa Barbara to Yale to finish up his pure math Ph.D. program. * **Kareem Kalil** will move to Denver to "help open City Year's first-ever school, called Compass Academy, as the founding math teacher!" Kareem is "excited to connect with **Cassady Roberts** and other Mules in the mountains." * **Chelsea Tyler** has been promoted to a business development role at FlipKey, Inc., and lives in Cambridge, Mass., with Phil Cody '14. The two took a trip to Paris in May. * **Daria Jones** "started working as a production coordinator at Trailer Park Inc., the world's leading entertainment marketing agency in the heart of Hollywood." * Farther west, **Mark Nelson** continues to teach high school math while living on the north shore of Oahu in Hawaii. * **Nate Krump** writes, "I'm a research assistant in the lab of David Bodine '76 at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md." * **Dhokela Yzeiraj** says, "I'm working as a teacher's assistant at the Merriconeag Waldorf School in Freeport and undergoing a Buddhist residency while designing their vegetable gardens and teaching women in addiction recovery how to grow and preserve food." * **Abbott Matthews** is still in Brazil through her Fulbright program. She says, "I'm working more closely this year on projects with the U.S. Embassy and cultural education programs in the country. I will be in Brazil until mid-December, after which I am going to be off to my next adventure, whatever and wherever it may be!" * **Julian Giarraputo** has traveled to Southeast Asia and Turkey and is now doing leather and wood work for a furniture designer in addition to some fashion consulting and freelance writing. * Always wonderful to hear from all of you—stay in touch, and have a wonderful summer!

2014

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Grace Reville is midway through her service as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines. She lives in a fishing community and works to improve the marine ecosystem and the livelihood of the fisherfolk. * **Erin Fitzsimmons, Jack Gobillot, and Gian-Antonio Perani** are working together in New York City to create a web series called *Good Grief*. The series was to premiere online in May at goodgriefftv.com. Be sure to tune in! * **Tom Nagler** is working as an English teaching fellow in the San Diego area and is continuing to further his knowledge of New Mexican cuisine. * **Arthur "Arty" Warner** moved to Seattle, where he will start a new job. * In June I will travel to New York City from California to visit **John Madeira**, Ryan Fischer '12, Brian Gilligan '12, Kayleigh Monahan '13, and Charlotte Veazie '12.



Reunion Weekend, June 4-7, 2015

Four days of festivities on Mayflower Hill included, top, President David A. Greene speaking to the Class of 2014; above right, Sue James Geremia '85, Cici Bevin Gordon '85, and Swing Robertson '85 presenting a check for \$12,245,959 from their class; above left, Jimmy Reynolds '90 and JoJo Pitts McAlary '44 enjoying a photo op; below, the parade of classes on Mayflower Hill Drive, with musicians leading the way.



OBITUARIES

Ann Duoba Lawrence '34, Feb. 13, 2015, in Brockton, Mass., at 103. She was born and raised in the Lithuanian Village in Brockton and resided all over the country while her husband was a psychologist with the Veterans Administration. Predeceased by her husband of 56 years, James, and her sister Marcella "Marcia" Duoba '37, she is survived by a cousin and three godsons.

Madeline E. Nelson '35, Feb. 20, 2015, in Middletown, Conn., at 101. A resident of Middletown for more than 60 years, she worked at Hamilton Standard, a division of UTC, for 33 years, retiring as a purchasing and budget supervisor in 1977. She is survived by a niece, a nephew, and several close friends.

Ruth Wheeler Wood '35, Feb. 24, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 100. She earned a B.S. at Columbia University's School of Library Service and held library positions at Iowa State, Dartmouth, and the Maine State Library. After more than 40 years in Augusta, Maine, she returned to Waterville, where she was active in the First Congregational Church and Oakland Area Historical Society. Predeceased by her brother, Alfred H. Wheeler '37, she is survived by a son, a daughter, six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mary Utecht Smith '37, May 26, 2015, in Norwich, Vt., at 99. She was a longtime teacher in Richmond, Maine, and a member of the Dresden Richmond United Methodist Church, where she volunteered. She and her husband were honored with Richmond's Sandy Hoyt Outstanding Citizen Award. An avid walker, she enjoyed spending time at Reid State Park, and she was known for her cooking, especially her homemade doughnuts. Predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Oscar, she had one daughter, two sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ottellie Greely Ward '38, Oct. 8, 2009, in Littleton, Mass., at 94. She was involved in community activities and enjoyed dining out and playing bridge. Predeceased by husband John Ward '35 and two daughters, she is survived by a daughter, a son, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Philip M. Grant '40, April 6, 2015, in Gardnerville, Nev., at 95. He served four years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 26 years with the Department of Defense and Civil Service Commission. After retiring in 1973, he lived on a small farm raising cattle and nuts. He married and had a son and three grandchildren.

Barbara Mitchell Hugonnet '40, April 28, 2010, in Kensington, Md., at 91. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest, and sister Eleanor Mitchell Mezzullo '42. She had two sons.

Norma E. Leppanen '40, Sept. 27, 2004, in Bethesda, Md., at 86. She earned an M.A.L.S. at Wesleyan and an M.L.S. at Simmons College. She was a high school teacher and a librarian.

Mindella Silverman Schultz '40, Aug. 30, 2013, in Brookline, Mass., at 94. She earned a master's in history at Carnegie Institute of Technology and had a career as a curriculum specialist and research associate. Predeceased by her husband, Mortimer, and sister Edythe Silverman Field '36, she is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Arthur T. Thompson '40, May 9, 2015, in Danvers, Mass., at 96. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and earned a bachelor's in engineering from Penn State and graduate degrees from Harvard and the University of Chicago. He received three honorary doctorates, including one from Colby, where he served as a trustee. His career included stints as associate dean of

engineering at Penn State; professor of engineering, dean of engineering, and associate vice president at BU; and provost at Wentworth Institute of Technology. He received the Education Award of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Outstanding Civilian Medal of the U.S. Army. Predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Virginia, he is survived by two daughters, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

Virginia Ryan '41, April 8, 2015, in Manchester, Conn., at 96. She lived almost her entire life in the Charter Oak Street neighborhood in Manchester. She had a career as a social worker, retiring as a supervisor with the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services after 43 years of service. An avid tennis player and local live theater and movie buff, she was a lifelong member of the South United Methodist Church. She is survived by many close friends and neighbors.

Ronald H. Wallace '41, April 16, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 97. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve during WWII. Devoting his career to providing health care for veterans, he held management positions in VA hospitals throughout the Northeast and retired in 1981 as center director for Togus VA Healthcare System. He was a member of organizations including the Maine Society of Mayflower Descendants and the American Legion. Predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Jean, he is survived by his second wife, Elaine, two daughters including Debra Wallace '79, five grandchildren including Sara Burbine '09, and a great-granddaughter.

Frances Brewer Barker '42, March 24, 2015, in Bangor, Maine, at 95. A Waterville native, she taught in the Winslow school system, earned a master's in library science, and then worked as the Winslow High School librarian until retirement. Predeceased by her husband,

Burleigh, sister Mary Brewer Norton '45, and brother-in-law and longtime companion Charles Norton, she is survived by her sister Hazel Brewer Warren '45, a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

John G. Fifield '42, June 14, 2014, in Southern Pines, N.C., at 94. He served 29 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as captain in 1991. He was commander of the U.S.S. *Yorktown* in 1968 when it retrieved the *Apollo 8* capsule after it circled the moon. Predeceased by his grandmother Effie Dascombe Adams, Class of 1891, he is survived by his wife, Frances, a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Diane Ferris Fjeldheim '43, May 25, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 95. A lifelong Waterville resident, she earned a master's in education at the University of Maine and was an English teacher at Winslow Junior High School for 30 years. She enjoyed gardening, baking bread, and knitting, and she had a flair for fashion. Predeceased by her husband, Wesley, she is survived by two sons including Terry Fjeldheim '77, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Marilyn L. Bryant '45, Aug. 29, 2014, in Laconia, N.H., at 90. For 26 years she was administrative assistant to the dean and then director of fiscal affairs at Boston University School of Nursing, and in 1984 she received BU's Distinguished Service Award. A 32-year resident of Boston, she was active in the Old South Church and became one of its first female deacons. After retiring in 1985 she moved to Lakeport, N.H. She loved cats, reading, knitting, gardening, classical music, and opera. She is survived by a sister, four nieces, two nephews, six grandnieces, and six grandnephews.

Joan St. James '45, March 24, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio, at 91. She earned a master's in business

administration at NYU. A 38-year employee of American Electric Power, she rose to assistant vice president of security owner relations and was the company's first woman officer. She was president of the Supervisors and Administrators Association of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs in the '60s. She is survived by a sister and many nieces and nephews.

Anne Lawrence Bondy '46, May 19, 2015, in Gainesville, Fla., at 90. A longtime resident of Mamaroneck, N.Y., she was a dedicated volunteer for her church, local schools, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Southern Westchester County, where she was a 20-year board member, including a stint as president. A Colby enthusiast, she served on the Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1987. Predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Eugene, she is survived by two daughters including Priscilla Bondy Dube '77, a son, and seven grandchildren.

Margaret "Peg" Moody Blakely '47, Nov. 24, 2014, in Walpole, Mass., at 88. A longtime Walpole resident, she enjoyed volunteering, cooking, gardening, quilting, and knitting. Predeceased by her husband, Chester "Chet," she is survived by a son.

Virginia Jacob Bradford '47, Aug. 31, 2013, in Sandy Spring, Md., at 87. Her husband of 65 years, George Bradford '48, died Jan. 12, 2015. She is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and her sister, Dorothy Jacob Brownell '50.

George P. Bradford '48, Jan. 12, 2015, in Sandy Spring, Md., at 91. Predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Virginia Jacob Bradford '47, he is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and sister-in-law Dorothy Jacob Brownell '50.

Donna Elliott Harriman '48, April 8, 2015, in Fairhaven, Mass., at 88. She was an office manager for the State Department of Employment Security in Massachusetts for more than 20 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of

St. Andrew Episcopal Church, where she served as treasurer of the women's group for several years. A knitter and crafter, she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Predeceased by a son, Peter B. Harriman '73, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lynwood P. Harriman '49, a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandsons.

Donald G. Leach '49, March 25, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 91. He served in the Army Air Corps in Europe during WWII. He met his wife, Joan Gridley Leach '52, at Colby when they acted in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. They settled in Waterville, where he worked for Keyes Fibre for 35 years. After retirement, they moved to Bailey Island and operated a bed and breakfast. They enjoyed traveling in the United States and Europe. Predeceased by his wife of 41 years, he is survived by three daughters including Beryl Leach '81, a son, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Robert N. Donahue '50, April 2, 2015, in Blacksburg, Va., at 92. He served as a corpsman in WWII. A creative man who loved painting and gardening, he earned an M.F.A. from Adelphi College and taught art on Long Island for more than 30 years. He enjoyed duck hunting, fly-fishing, crabbing, clamming, and golf. He loved Maine and spent many summers on its lakes and coast. Predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Oral, a daughter, and a son, he is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Allen Gardner Pease '50, May 31, 2015, in Hollis, Maine, at 89. During WWII he served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific, including on Iwo Jima. A longtime professor at several Maine colleges, he also spent a combined 14 years as chief of staff to Maine Governor Kenneth Curtis and as director of the Maine State Planning Office. An accomplished gardener, he also enjoyed sports, playing half-court basketball into his late 80s. For more than 20 years he was a member of Hollis and York County Democratic committees and

served as Hollis town ballot clerk. Predeceased by his wife, Violet, he is survived by two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren.

Robert H. Brotherlin '51, March 3, 2015, in Sarasota, Fla., at 86. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and received National Defense, Korean, and United Nations service medals. He had a 30-year career as a manufacturer's representative in Litchfield, Ill., before moving to Sarasota in 1986. A member of the Colby Willows Society and a Nature Conservancy sponsor, he enjoyed golf and hiking. He is survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Richard F. Cyr '51, March 27, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 89. He served in the U.S. Navy and for 34 years worked at Keyes Fibre in Waterville, retiring as manager of engineering administration in 1989. Civic-minded, he served as president of the local chamber of commerce, campaign chair of the United Way of Mid-Maine, a member of the Waterville Zoning Board, and a volunteer literacy teacher and income tax counselor. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helene, a son, four daughters, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Benjamin Pearson '51, Feb. 9, 2015, in Falmouth, Maine, at 88. He served on a Navy destroyer during WWII and was president of the Byfield (Mass.) Snuff Co. A lieutenant with the Byfield Fire Department for more than 40 years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, and golfing. He and his wife spent 12 years of their retirement in Brays Island, S.C., before moving to Falmouth, Maine, to be near family. Predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Jean, he is survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Helen Palen Roth '51, March 18, 2015, in West Hartford, Conn., at 85. A 50-year Connecticut resident, she was a philanthropist and volunteer, including reading to the blind, tutoring, leading Cub Scouts, and driving cancer patients to appointments. She was a UConn women's basketball fan

and an avid swimmer, tennis player, and bowler. Predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Robert M. Roth '51, she is survived by two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Peter C. Valli '51, March 1, 2015, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 88. He served in the Navy during WWII and earned his J.D. at BU. He was a special agent with the FBI prior to his career with Borg-Warner, where he held leadership positions including president of Borg-Warner Industrial Products and CEO of BWIP International. He was an active volunteer and was inducted into the World Trade Center Association Hall of Fame. In retirement he enjoyed navigating voyages through the Panama Canal. Predeceased by a daughter, he is survived by his wife, Chris, two daughters, a son, and seven granddaughters.

Harry R. Wiley '51, April 20, 2015, in Scarborough, Maine, at 85. He served in the Korean War and worked in management for New England Telephone Company. He was an active church member and held offices in several civic organizations including the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. A vigorous defender of the Second Amendment, he enjoyed fishing, golfing, and traveling. Predeceased by his first wife, Trudy, he is survived by his second wife, Mary-Lou, a daughter, a son, two stepdaughters, and several grandchildren.

John F. McCoy '52, May 2, 2015, in New South Wales, Australia, at 84. He earned an M.B.A. at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, and joined GE in 1954, retiring in 1989. He spent his retirement traveling the world. Predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Vaughan McCoy '52, he is survived by his second wife, Dorothea, children including Diane McCoy Bither '77, and grandchildren.

Moir A. Rennie '52, April 6, 2015, in Venice, Fla., at 87. He served in the U.S. Navy and had a career as a research biologist at Sterling Winthrop Institute. A gifted

singer, he sang in the Colby Eight, several choirs, and barbershop quartets including the Lemon Bay Chord Company. He volunteered at Englewood Community Hospital and Lemon Bay Park. An avid hiker and member of the ADK 46ers, he also enjoyed cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, camping, and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jessie, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Barbara Wentworth Wilson '52, April 3, 2015, in Peterborough, N.H., at 85. She received a Fulbright scholarship to the University of Manchester in England, where she was trained in deaf education. She returned to the United States and taught at Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass. After marrying in 1961, she moved to Peterborough and later Sharon, N.H., where she was an active school volunteer. Elegant, meticulous, and resilient, she was an avid reader, gardener, and knitter and a stickler for grammar. Predeceased by her husband, John, she is survived by a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, and a stepgranddaughter.

Barbara Hartsgrrove Davis '53, Oct. 26, 2014, in Fayette, Mo., at 84. She traveled the world with her husband when he worked with United Press International. After settling in Fayette, she was active in civic affairs, serving on the Fayette City Council, Fayette Heritage Association, Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging, and P.A.W.S. She was instrumental in incorporating the Fayette Senior Center and served on its board for 30 years. She enjoyed cooking, reading, and playing games. Predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Humphrey, and her son, she is survived by a nephew and two nieces.

Lorraine "Larry" Walker Powley '54, Feb. 21, 2015, in Cape Coral, Fla., at 82. She earned her master's in elementary education at Tufts and taught in several states. Known for her kind and loving nature, she enjoyed music and singing. She is survived by her husband of nearly 59 years, Mark E. Powley

III '54, a daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Eleanor Turner Swanson '54, March 18, 2015, in West Bath, Maine, at 82. She was the first woman on the Brunswick (Maine) Marine Resource Committee, initiated and for many years ran an elementary-school recycling program, and served on the Brunswick Town Council. She designed a stained glass window at her church in memory of her daughter. She enjoyed bridge and tending her heather garden, and she and her husband went on five Elderhostel bike tours in Europe in their 60s. Predeceased by a daughter, she is survived by her husband, Ronald Swanson '55, two daughters including Holly Swanson '86, two sons including Ralph Swanson '80, brother Warren Turner '56, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Octavia Smith Cobb '55, Feb. 14, 2015, in Sagle, Idaho, at 82. She earned a master's in nursing at Yale, where she met her husband, Fields. They lived in California for 30 years and had three children.

Jaghab "Jack" Easa Jr. '55, Jan. 27, 2014, in Westbury, N.Y., at 81. He had a career as an attorney. Predeceased by a daughter, he is survived by his wife, Jane, five daughters, and 12 grandchildren.

Janie Bull Shaver '55, Feb. 2, 2015, in Branford, Conn., at 81. Passionate about learning, she earned a master's in biology at Lankenau School of Medical Technology and degrees in art, art education, and education foundations at Southern Connecticut State University. She was working on a bachelor's in history. A medical technician, she had a second career teaching adult education, which she considered her true calling. She is survived by three daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Dean A. Berry '56, April 20, 2015, in Gig Harbor, Wash., at 82. After earning his M.B.A. from Fairleigh-Dickinson University, he served five years in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Occidental Chemical Co. for 32 years, retiring in 1995.

He enjoyed anything mechanical, tinkering in his workshop, and following Seattle sports teams and the New York Rangers. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary, brother Richard Berry '58, three sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Carolyn Beck Ramsay '56, Feb. 5, 2015, in Brooklyn, N.Y., at 80. She married in 1962, settled in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and had a son.

Gerald L. "Jerry" Silverstein '56, March 15, 2015, in Needham, Mass., at 80. He was a sales executive and president of Shawmut Packaging. A 46-year Needham resident, he enjoyed skiing, water skiing, sailing, cross-country cycling, and hiking. In retirement he volunteered. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gertrude, three sons including David Silverstein '80, sister Carol Silverstein Baker '48, and six grandchildren.

Margaret "Peg" Barnes Dyer '60, Feb. 9, 2015, in Brentwood, Tenn., at 76. She worked as a caseworker and a tax preparer, retiring from H&R Block. She was predeceased by her grandfather Charles P. Barnes, Class of 1892, grandmother Annie Richardson Barnes, Class of 1894, father John A. Barnes '24, brother Charles Barnes '54, and sister Barbara Barnes Brown '56. She is survived by her husband, Calvin, and four children.

Richard J. Holbrook '60, April 20, 2015, in Fruita, Colo., at 76. He had a successful career as an aerospace engineer in Los Angeles, retiring to Colorado in 1993. He was known for his strength in adversity and his wit. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marco, two daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Dennis G. Towle '60, Feb. 26, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 76. He earned his bachelor's at Farmington State Teachers College and was an educator in Augusta for 35 years, retiring in 1998. A prolific volunteer, he was former president of the Augusta Teachers Association, Augusta East Little League, and Capitol Area

Recreation Association, and former chair of the Maine State Basketball Association. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan, two sons, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Robert A. Nigro '61, April 22, 2015, in South Portland, Maine, at 76. He worked in public accounting, was a bursar at St. Francis College, and retired from Union Telephone in 2004. An excellent athlete, he played in adult hockey and golf leagues and was a cofounder of and a coach for South Portland Youth Hockey. He enjoyed family vacations at the Samoset Resort, golfing, fishing, hunting, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandy, three sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

John E. Hilton '62, May 9, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 74. He earned a master's from the University of Maine and studied at the Protestant Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich. He enjoyed a 25-year career in education as a teacher and administrator and later had a second career as an agent for Northwestern Mutual. A devout Christian, he was compassionate and dedicated in both his personal and professional life. Predeceased by his mother, Abbie Boynton Hilton '32, he is survived by his wife of nearly 48 years, Karen, three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

David C. Larsen '63, March 2, 2015, in Abington, Pa., at 74. He received a Fulbright to teach English literature in Greece and was executive director of the Fulbright Foundation in Greece, director of the Center for International Education at the University of Tennessee, vice president at Arcadia University, and executive director of Arcadia's Center for Education Abroad. He received myriad accolades including the Education Abroad Leadership Award. An avid runner, he was known for his generosity and wit. Predeceased by his mother, Rebecca Chester Wyman '33, he is survived by his wife, Wani, two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Robert B. Mangion '64, April 2, 2015, in Kittery Point, Maine, at 72. He had a career in banking, working for 20 years at Bank of Boston. He retired to Kittery Point in 1998 and enjoyed traveling, volunteering, and writing poetry inspired by his travels and love of Maine. A devoted Red Sox fan, he was selfless and had an extraordinary sense of humor. Predeceased by his first wife, Gabrielle, and a son, he is survived by his wife, Johanna, five children including stepson Philip Chase '92, and 11 grandchildren.

Richard B. Church '65, April 12, 2012, in Ocala, Fla., at 68. He earned a degree in pharmaceuticals at Rutgers and served two tours of duty in the Navy. After retiring from his career as a pharmacist in Florida, he moved to Ocala and was active with the VFW and the Eagles. He is survived by his companion, Deborah Upham, and a son.

Conrad R. Krack '65, Dec. 10, 2014, in Maryville, Tenn., at 70. He was active in his church choir and volunteered with the Blount County Sheriff's Office senior outreach program. He is survived by a daughter.

Sheila Webster Mooney '65, March 10, 2015, in Lincoln, R.I., at 71. She earned her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Rhode Island, pursuing a career in marketing and public relations. She retired from Boston law firm Choate, Hall & Stewart in 1989. In retirement she rekindled her interest in painting, photography, and writing, and she published a book about her journey with multiple chronic illnesses. She enjoyed gardening and was an advocate of the developmentally disabled. She is survived by her husband, David, a daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Noyan Arsan '66, Jan. 20, 2015, in Marietta, Ga., at 72. He earned a master's at Robert College and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He was a professor of management science at Boğazici University in Istanbul, Turkey. Later, he became a professor of accounting and finance at West Georgia College School of Business. He is survived by his wife, Janice Holt Arsan '66.

Valarie Robinson Astwood '67, April 13, 2015, in Columbia, S.C., at 69. She used her creative talents to pursue careers in radio, photography, and a gift-basket business. She enjoyed gardening, collecting, harvesting pecans, rescuing cats, and listening to NPR. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Philip M. Astwood '67, a daughter, a son, and two granddaughters.

Carl H. Laws '68, Feb. 2, 2010, in Placencia, Belize, at 64. He earned his bachelor's at Rhode Island School of Design. A longtime Maine resident, he had many careers including working on the Saco River Corridor Commission, distributing tennis court surfacing, and operating a printing franchise. He helped found the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society and for 26 years served as an AA sponsor and mentor. He loved music, history, sailing, reading, and politics. He is survived by his beloved three former spouses, four stepchildren, and four grandchildren.

Geraldine A. "Gerry" Randall '68, Jan. 25, 2015, in Farmville, Va., at 68. She earned a master's from the University of Virginia and taught English at several colleges and universities. She served in the library at Hampden-Sydney College from 1987 until her retirement in 2013. She loved working with students, faculty, and staff, and she had a penchant for cats. She is survived by her brother, James.

Mary A. Fischer '69, Feb. 9, 2015, in Falmouth, Mass., at 66. She earned her bachelor's at Windham College and worked in Boston as an astrologer before returning to her native Martha's Vineyard, where she held several jobs including baker, cook, and home health aide. A foodie and Red Sox fan, she read the *Boston Globe* daily, loved cats, and found peace from her struggles with bipolar at a nursing home in Falmouth, Mass. She is survived by two sisters and a brother and their families.

Judith Blumenfeld Puck '71, May 20, 2015, in Shelburne, Vt., at 65. After leaving Colby to marry her high school sweetheart, she earned

her degree at UVM. A longtime Shelburne resident, she coordinated and played in the town's volleyball league for more than 20 years and both worked for and volunteered at the Shelburne Community School. She loved animals, nature, spending time outdoors, and playing the piano, and she was known for her joie de vivre. She is survived by her husband, Hans, a daughter, and a son.

Peter B. Harriman '73, May 15, 2010, in Plant City, Fla., at 58. He is survived by his father, Lynwood P. Harriman '49. His mother, Donna Elliott Harriman '48, passed away April 8, 2015.

Francis X. Callanan '76, March 7, 2015, in Camden, Maine, at 60. An educator in Massachusetts and Maine, he taught Spanish, French, math, science, and computer science. He was director of information technology in Camden schools and founded a software-design company, Data Pro North East, in 2003. An avid skier, sailor, kayaker, traveler, and gardener, he served on the board of the Merryspring Foundation in Camden. He is survived by his wife, Susan Morrissey '71, two sons, a stepdaughter, a stepson, and two grandchildren.

Evianne Muller Cowing '78, Jan. 29, 2011, in New York, N.Y., at 55. She had a career as an economist, banker, and realtor, becoming a vice president at Chase Bank in New York. She is survived by her husband, Charles Cowing '77, and a son.

Scott C. Blair '85, June 22, 2013, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, at 49. He earned an M.B.A. at Cornell and became a CPA in 1990. He had a career in public accounting and finance, working for companies including Fidelity, Deloitte & Touche, and GCIM, a V.I. subsidiary of Golub Capital. A St. Croix resident since 2000, he enjoyed taking his dogs to the beach, cooking, scuba diving, and traveling with Colby friends. He is survived by his wife, Linda Flora Blair '85, and his dog, Roger.

Ann McAllister Collins '88, March 13, 2015, in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 49. She earned a master's in early childhood education from Worcester State University. A 26-year resident of Shrewsbury, she taught at Floral Street School for more than 14 years and was active in the First Congregational Church. She loved singing, taught piano, and was a Girl Scout troop leader. She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Peter, two sons, and a daughter.

Jeffrey B. Williams '02, April 22, 2015, in Alexandria, Va., at 35. He earned a master's from Duke and worked for the Department of Justice. Generous, genuine, and curious, he was devoted to his family and friends. He passed away following a brief but courageous battle with a rare cancer. He is survived by his wife, Stacie Galiger Williams '01, and three young daughters.

Peter R. Cronkite '15, April 26, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 22. He grew up in New York City, graduating from St. Bernard's School and Horace Mann School. At Colby he was a writing tutor, sports editor of the *Echo*, and co-captain of the rugby team. A classics major, he spent a summer studying in Greece and another on an archaeological dig in Italy. He received posthumously the John B. Foster Memorial Prize in Classical Civilization and distinction in the classical civilization major. In summer 2014 he worked for his beloved New York Mets, and during the 2012 Olympics he worked for *Sports Illustrated*. He is survived by his parents and brother.

Jeffrey A. Coombs, 41, associate director of security, May 29, 2015, in Waterville. A visible presence on campus and one who worked closely with students and was a support to many in the Colby community, Coombs had joined Colby's Department of Security in 2000. Initially a dispatcher, he became a security officer and was promoted to assistant director and, in 2013, to associate director. He also was a reserve officer in the Oakland Police Department.

Tilar Mazzeo, Associate Professor of English

I am in the final mad dash-to-the-finish on a draft of my next book, *Irena's Children* (forthcoming from Gallery/Simon & Schuster, autumn 2016). It is the story of Holocaust-era heroine Irena Sendler, who helped 2,500 Jewish children flee the Warsaw ghetto. Some of those children live today in the United States, especially in New York City, where I am talking with survivors, running down sources at the New York Public Library, and, in the after-hours, getting a chance to catch up with some of the recent Colby graduates who are taking the publishing world by storm.

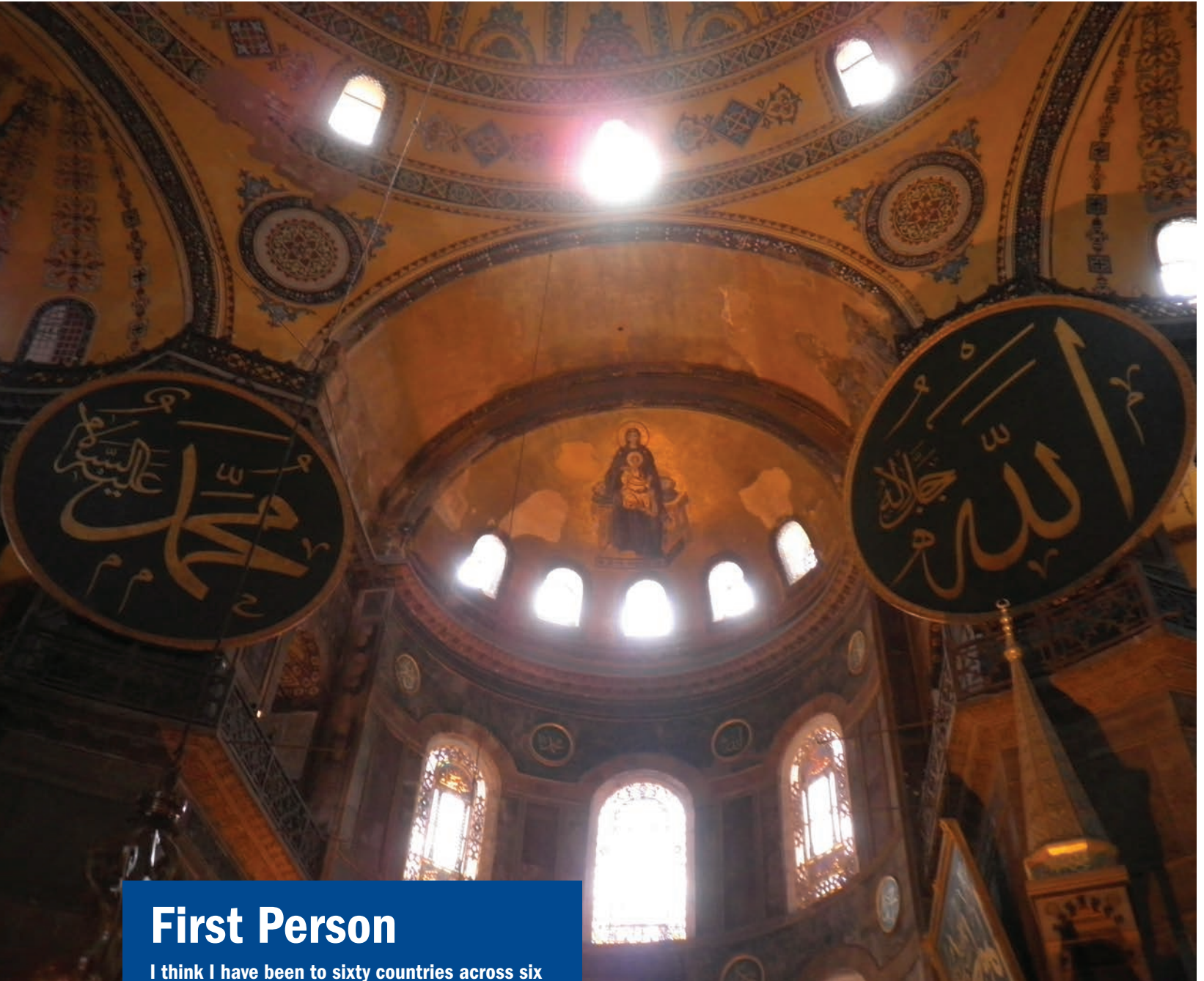
What I'm Reading

John Vaillant's *The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed*. I picked this book up in an airport in British Columbia, and it made me cry on the airplane. It's about the settlement of Vancouver Island, the environmental destruction of the West, and one man's decision to cut down the world's only golden spruce, a 300-year-old "magical" tree, sacred to the native Haida Gwaii.

Andrea Camilleri, *Angelica's Smile*. I am a die-hard mystery buff, and I got hooked on his bone-dry wit about eight books ago.

Jonas Turkow, *Ala Golomb-Grynberg*. So you have to read this one either in Spanish or Yiddish (I went with Spanish). It's the story of a Jewish nurse whose life rivals that of Irena Sendler.

Victoria Moreno-Arribas and Carmen Polo, *Wine Chemistry and Biochemistry*. I am one course away from completing the winemaking program at University of California, Davis, and this is one of the textbooks. Just so you know that English professors feel your pain in organic chemistry. Argggh ... aldehydes, phenols, esters!



First Person

I think I have been to sixty countries across six continents so far (I stopped keeping track when I got to forty-something), but of all the thousands of pictures that I have taken, I love this the most. I took it in the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul in Turkey, and I love coexistence of Christianity and Islam in the same building. For my job working with governments around the world for the World Bank, understanding who you are and accepting others for who they are, is extremely critical in meeting our development financing goals.

—Pedzi Makumbe '02



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