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WE OPENED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR WITH A CELEBRATION, recognizing the tremendous effort of our campus community and its collective resolve to come through this pandemic stronger than before.

Several measures attest to our strength: enrollment is up for the second year in a row and is the best it has been in five years; students and faculty anxious to return to in-person classroom learning are able to do so; the students in the new first-year class have begun their college experience on campus, meeting one another face to face rather than over Zoom.

They are joined this fall by seven new faculty members and a pep band, a timely addition to this celebratory moment. Two majors (marine science and neuroscience) have launched. Our newest varsity sport – track and field – begins competition this fall in the Coast-to-Coast Conference. Yes, there is a lot happening!

As construction progresses on the Performing Arts Building and Learning Commons, the College works to prepare for a new major in performing arts. Meanwhile, the faculty in educational studies delivered a new minor in special education, a year ahead of the completion of their new academic facility.

St. Mary's College of Maryland received nearly 3,100 first-year and transfer applications for the class that has just arrived – a record number even more impressive given the necessity of virtual open houses and limited options to visit campus. We have GREAT MOMENTUM, thanks to our focused efforts and collective determination, and for this reason, I am optimistic for the year ahead.

This summer, I approved a land acknowledgment pledge that recognizes the shared space we inhabit with those who toiled here before us. This pledge will be on display at specific points across campus, determined in collaboration with the Piscataway indigenous people and others in the community, and will be part of our shared experience at the College. The goal of the land acknowledgment pledge is to respect and honor the contributions of Indigenous Peoples and enslaved people of African descent, as well as to support and learn from all diverse communities in order to build a more equitable future.

I hope to welcome many of you to campus at events, games and open houses this fall.



TUAJUANDA C. JORDAN, PHD
President, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Editor's Note

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE? It's a timeless question and the need to answer it has sparked individuals to action over and over again.

The faculty members who have joined forces in the new marine science major understand the importance of offering coursework and field study that connects to the students' desire to make a difference in the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The faculty also understand that hands-on learning as well as the practical skill of learning to think like a scientist are both vital to current students' confidence and success.

Nancy Dodge, whose gift of the liberal arts is featured on page 16, has enriched the academic experience of many SMCM students. Those studying archaeology with Associate Professor Liza Gijanto have been, for a decade now, fortunate to survey land at the Dodge's Cremona Farm. And over the past 20 years, Nancy and Norton Dodge offered students interested in art, art history and museum studies the opportunity to work with their collection of dissident art from the former Soviet Union. For Nancy, one thing is sure: "The better educated we are, the better able we are to contribute meaningfully to society."

Alumni, whose own experiences at St. Mary's College influenced their advice to new students on page 12, encourage those just beginning their SMCM journey to try new things, take risks, welcome new experiences. It's important, as the alumni with the benefit of hindsight know, because in doing so, new students begin to discover what's most important to them, what they're passionate about and how they'll each make their own difference in the world.

LEE CAPRISTO, *editor*

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY NEWS



Welcome & Best Wishes

The College welcomes the following new tenure-track faculty: Anandi Ehman (psychology), Elizabeth Enright (psychology), Elizabeth Hamman (biology), Daniel Tobiansky (neuroscience/biology), Lorena Torres-Martinez (biology), Dan Savelle (economics), Chris Heckman (librarian). Thank you and best wishes to retiring faculty **Katarina von Kellenbach** (religious studies, 30 years of service), **Anne LeBlans** (ILC-German, 34 years of service).



The College also welcomes Vice President for Student Affairs **Jerri Howland, PhD**. A Baltimore, Maryland native, Howland has more than 20 years' experience in higher education. With Howland's arrival, the College's Center for Career and Professional Development was realigned under

Student Affairs, with **Molly Matthews**, a former trustee and foundation director of the College, named interim executive director. Matthews is an entrepreneur and businesswoman who founded Matthews Media Group.



*The campus and the larger community cheered the return of live music with big crowds for both the Mulberry Music Festival and the River Concert Series with the Chesapeake Orchestra and music director Jeffrey Silberschlag. **Carly Harvey '07** (above) served as mistress of ceremonies at the Mulberry Music Festival: The Blues, held June 18 and featuring the Josh Riley Band, the Kelly Bell Band and headlined by The Nighthawks. Currently dubbed D.C.'s Queen of the Blues, Harvey is a 2021 Wammie Award-winner for Best Blues Artist.*



FIRST ANNUAL



SUMMER WORKSHOPS



The Southern Maryland Folklife Center presented the first annual Southern Maryland Folklife Summer Workshops at St. Mary's College in June. During the three-day event, workshops were offered celebrating and supporting community-based living cultural traditions of Southern Maryland. The summer workshops are the backbone of the newly formed Southern Maryland Folklife Center, which is part of the Maryland State Arts Council's (MSAC) Folklife Network. This summer's event was funded by the MSAC's "Maryland Traditions" program.

The Princeton Review recommends St. Mary's College as one of the 200 institutions selected for its 2021 "Best Value Colleges" listing. According to The Princeton Review, all colleges and universities on the list share three

exceptional features: tellar academics, affordable cost and strong career prospects for graduates.



Best of Show!

For its work on the Dedication of the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland, Institutional Advancement won a "Grand Award" in the national APEX Awards as well as a "Best of Show" in the 36th Annual Education Advertising Awards.

St. Mary's College has partnered with Verto Education, to offer a study-abroad program that combines the classroom experience with expeditions, hands-on projects, and service-learning for first-year students. Prospective first-year students to St. Mary's College who participate in this "gap year without the gap" would begin their studies overseas, earn academic credits, and graduate on time without having to complete another admission process.

BOARD & FOUNDATION BOARD NEWS

At its May 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees honored outgoing board chair Arthur "Lex" Birney with emeritus status after 14 years of service to the College. Birney served as chair and co-chair of the Student Affairs committee, co-chair of the Buildings and Ground committee, as well as a member of those committees. The Board elected new officers: Susan Dyer (chair), Paula Collins (vice-chair), **Nicolas Abrams '99** (secretary) and **John Wobensmith '93** (treasurer). This was also the final board meeting as a voting member for Harry Weitzel. Weitzel was appointed in 2020 to serve one year to fill a vacant seat. Weitzel has been championing the College serving both on the Board and the Foundation Board since 1988.

Two new trustees were welcomed in June: **Melanie L. Hilley '92** and **Jesse Price '92**. Both will serve six-year terms of service. Hilley has spent the majority of her professional life as a litigation and compliance attorney, culminating as a principal/owner of PricewaterhouseCoopers US, a "Big Four" accounting firm and member of a global network of trust and consulting firms. In 1995, Hilley received

her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law and an MBA from the University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business. Her volunteer and charity work includes support of humane societies and pro bono legal counsel. Price is a lifelong strategist, advocate and coalition builder with decades of experience connecting people and public policy. He currently serves in the U.S. Public Policy division of TikTok, and previously served for more than a decade as senior director at Eli Lilly and Company, where he represented Lilly and its interests before Congress, the Executive Branch and federal regulatory agencies. He serves on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation corporate advisory council and on the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute board of directors. Price is also chairman emeritus of the Greater Washington Urban League board of directors.



Melanie Hilley



Jesse Price

PRESIDENT'S NEWS



Happy for the return of live music to the Mulberry Music Festival, President Tuajuanda Jordan welcomed a large crowd on June 18 to the main stage on Townhouse Green.

President Tuajuanda C. Jordan

was featured twice in Authority Magazine. The first was a series titled “Lessons from Inspirational Women in STEM and Tech.” For the feature, President Jordan was interviewed on the subject of sexism in the STEM fields and the real barriers women face in their roles as scientists. The second in-depth interview included answers to why it is important for businesses to have a diverse executive team and how this can have an effect on culture. She also discussed things industry can do to help address the root of the diversity issues in executive leadership.

Dr. Jordan discussed her journey to academic leadership in an edition of AWIS Magazine, the Association for Women in Science’s publication written for and by

women in STEM and allies. The article, “Breaking the Color Barrier and Glass Ceiling in Academia,” focuses on the paths to success of three Black women academic leaders and celebrates their respective accomplishments.

President Jordan was interviewed by the Baltimore Sun for the story titled “Women Aren’t Making Progress in Landing Maryland’s Top-Paying Jobs,” focusing on the top paid workers in Maryland. President Jordan was quoted as saying, “Holding state office, you have to be representative of the people you represent,” she said. “Women make up more than half the population. The more voices you have around the table that are different, the more likely you are to have solutions that benefit many people.”

Dr. Jordan participated in a panel discussion for Education Day on May 13, along with presidents from University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland and College of Southern Maryland, superintendents from the tri-county public schools, and representation from St. Mary’s Ryken High School. The group gathered to discuss the transition from high school to higher education in Southern Maryland and lessons learned from a year of virtual learning during the pandemic. The event was coordinated by **Thomas Brewer ’05**, manager of environmental health, safety, and sustainability programs at St. Mary’s College.

President Jordan was co-leader of a session titled “A Campus Free Expression Roadmap: Free Expression, Diversity, and Inclusion” during the Bipartisan Policy Center’s Executive Leadership on Campus Free Expression symposium on June 18. The symposium was hosted virtually by the Bipartisan Policy Center, the Office of the President of St. John’s College Annapolis, and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions.

President Jordan was guest speaker during Mercy High School’s Sutton Scholars Leadership Week in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 29. During the program, run by the Episcopal Church under the Guidance of Archbishop Sutton, Jordan had the opportunity to meet with students and share her career path and what tools students will need to be the best leaders they can be.

Dr. Jordan was the keynote speaker during the Marine Corps Aviation Association John Glenn Squadron STEM scholarship awards ceremony on June 30 at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum in Lexington Park, Maryland. The squadron raises money for STEM scholarships for Southern Maryland high school students through various fundraising events. Since 2007, the squadron has provided almost \$550,000 in STEM scholarships, and in 2021 will be awarding \$49,000 to 12 students with an average award value of \$4,190.

FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENT NEWS

During **Provost Mike Wick's** sabbatical for this academic year, **Katherine Gantz**, associate dean of faculty and professor of French, and **Jeffrey Byrd**, professor of biology, will assume his duties. Byrd will serve as interim vice president for Academic Affairs, managing responsibilities such as the program prioritization initiatives. Gantz will serve as the interim dean of faculty, handling most of the day-to-day academic activities and other areas such as tenure and promotion, post-tenure reviews and the academic budget. Gantz and Chief Diversity Officer **Kelsey Bush '94** contributed to the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges' (COPLAC) recent Scott Beard Leadership Circle, a two-day virtual professional development workshop for early- to mid-career academic affairs administrators. Gantz served as a co-organizer and facilitator of the series of intensive, problem-based workshops, and co-led a session on best practices in mentoring. Bush co-led a discussion on invisible administrative barriers to justice, diversity, equity and inclusion.

Professor of History **Christine Adams**, who was an Andrew W. Mellon fellow at the Newberry Library as well as a fellow of the American Council on Learned Societies (ACLS) this past academic year, has a new release in the peer-reviewed online journal *Age of Revolutions*. The paper, co-authored with scholar and sister Tracy Adams, is titled "The Rise and Fall of the French Royal Mistress," and was published on June 7, 2021.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Emily Brownlee** was awarded a \$21,840 grant from the National Science Foundation for her project titled: "Collaborative Research FSML: PhytoChop: An Estuarine Phytoplankton Observatory." The two-year award began August 1, and will help fund Brownlee's collaborative research with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES-Horn Point Laboratory).

Jennifer Cognard-Black, professor of English and 2020 recipient of the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, has a new release on Audible.com. Her lecture series, "Books That Cook: Food and Fiction," is an Audible Original, produced by The Great Courses, with whom Cognard-Black has published two previous lecture series ("Becoming a Great Essayist" and "Great American Short Stories: A Guide for Readers and Writers"). Cognard-Black's Audible lectures are based on the popular seminar she teaches at SMCM, also called "Books that Cook," and feature some of the literary selections from her co-edited collection, "Books that Cook: The Making of a Literary Meal" (NYU Press), which includes poems by SMCM faculty **Karen Leona Anderson** and **Michael Glaser** as well as creative work by **Caitlin Newcomer '05** and **Cheryl Quimba '05**. Cognard-Black is one of four St. Mary's College of Maryland faculty who have made their academic expertise available through The Great Courses.

Michael Dunn, assistant vice president of equity and inclusion / Title IX coordinator, and **Helen Ann Lawless**, assistant director of Title IX compliance and training, from St. Mary's College of Maryland's Office of Title IX Compliance and Training finalized a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The new initiative aims to conduct evaluation research on 'Hot Spot Mapping' as an environmental change strategy for sexual violence prevention on college and university campuses.

Associate Professor of Philosophy **Barrett Emerick** coedited an issue of the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* on the theme of academic freedom and free speech. Emerick also published an article in the issue called "The Limits of the Rights to Free Thought and Expression."

The American Physical Society has selected **Josh Grossman**, professor of physics, to chair its Committee on Education in 2021. Grossman has served on the committee since the start of 2019. The American Physical Society Committee on Education promotes and supports the education of physics students at all levels from within the physics community and also outside the physics community.



Julia King

Julia King, professor of anthropology, has been awarded a prestigious residential fellowship at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, D.C. King will research the experiences of Indigenous communities in the Rappahannock River valley in eastern Virginia between 1500 and 1900, linking these experiences to the river valley's Native landscape.

Emek Köse, associate professor of mathematics, has been elected chair of the Applied Mathematics Education Committee of SIAM, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, one of the largest and most influential organizations for applied mathematics in the world.

Online extra Current students and faculty share what they're most excited about for the return to in-person living and learning. www.smcm.edu/mulberrytree

FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENT NEWS

Professor of Mathematics **David Kung** is a 2021 recipient of the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards from the Mathematical Association of America. The Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards honor college or university professors who have been widely recognized as extraordinarily successful and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have had influence beyond their own institutions.



Carrie Patterson

Professor of Art **Carrie Patterson** and Assistant Professor of Photography **Tristan Cai** are 2021 recipients of the Independent Arts Awards presented by the Maryland State Arts Council. Patterson received a regional grant of \$2,000 to recognize promise, and Cai received an award of \$10,000 to recognize notable artistic achievement. Patterson's art was chosen for an independent artists' exhibition at Thurgood Marshall International Airport.

St. Mary's Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) is an eight-week summer experience that provides students opportunities to engage deeply in independent research, laboratory, and creative work across disciplines, under the guidance and with the expertise of faculty mentors. Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Troy Townsend** and Assistant Professor of Spanish **Argelia González Hurtado** served as co-directors for this summer's program. SURF is made possible by generous support from the Office of the Provost and other internal funding at St. Mary's College in addition to Dominion Energy Inc. A portion of the funds goes toward a stipend for the students, as well as room and board for the eight weeks. The students, with their topics of research and mentors, were as follows:

Isaac Ekobo: "Black Humor: Race in French Television Comedy;" mentor: George MacLeod, assistant professor of French.

April Fraser: "Changing Hearts and Minds: Representation of Central American Immigrants in the Media;" mentor: Argelia González Hurtado, assistant professor of Spanish.

Will Capon: "Assessing the Efficacy of Peaceful Protest in Hong Kong;" mentor: Charles Musgrove, professor of history.

Emma Slyker: "Nature: Taking a Strong Hold on the Feelings of Humanity;" mentor: Barrett Emerick, associate professor of philosophy.

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Ja'Dell Webster: "Researching Past and Modern Day Segregation in Education;" mentor: Janna Thompson, assistant professor of educational studies.

Caleb Shankle: "Contextualizing Racial Justice Education in the United States;" mentor: Charles Holden, professor of history.

Jacinda Thomas: "Bias in Mental Health Based Legal Defenses;" mentor: Chris Heckman, instructor.

Merel Verhoeven: "An Exploration of the Effects of Methylphenidate on Anxiety-like Behavior in Adolescent Rodents;" mentor: Gina Fernandez, assistant professor of psychology

Bella Moutoux: "The Role of Gender in Perceptions of Ghosting Acceptability;" mentor: Gili Freedman, assistant professor of psychology

Eli Hill: "Metropolis Scrolling;" mentor: Carrie Patterson, professor of art.

A Natural Fit

BY LEE CAPRISTO, EDITOR





The marine science major has launched! It is the state’s first undergraduate program in marine science, a fact that seems surprising given that Maryland has 3,190 miles of shoreline according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The new program’s steering committee, led by Chemistry Professor Randy Larsen, has optimized the curriculum for the newest STEM major to take advantage of our waterfront location on the St. Mary’s River.

Larsen credits the College’s long-time relationship with the St. Mary’s River Watershed Association as an important factor in the marine science program. “The association plays an important role in protecting our shared river and has worked to establish an oyster sanctuary just off the campus shoreline. This living laboratory will be a great resource for marine science students.”

“Students are excited to get out on the water,” says **Cassie Gurbisz**, assistant professor of environmental studies. “A lot of our students are from Maryland and have grown up on the Chesapeake Bay. They want to learn more about the Bay so they are better equipped to work towards restoring it.”

Gurbisz teaches across disciplines, mentoring students who are conducting research in environmental studies as well as marine science. “A lot of my research in coastal ecology is centered on questions that have environmental applications,” she says. “For example, my Maryland Sea Grant-funded project is focused on how oyster aquaculture affects submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). Current environmental policy

prohibits oyster aquaculture where SAV is growing under the assumption that aquaculture harms SAV. But we don’t actually know if that’s the case. This project will help natural resource managers determine whether they should modify current regulations. Although the research fits squarely into the natural science disciplines, it has policy implications. This applied approach helps students see the big picture — when, for example, they are in the weeds sorting through tedious sediment samples — they know that the data they generate has a concrete, practical purpose.”

Gurbisz, who is one of 17 faculty awarded a junior faculty professorship this past spring, plans to use the professional development funding from that award to purchase aquatic research equipment, including sensors that can be deployed underwater to measure parameters like oxygen, light, and current velocities. “Not only will these new ‘toys’ help advance my own research,” she says, “but students will have access to state-of-the-art gear for their own research projects.”



Emily Brownlee is an aquatic biologist who spends a lot of time in waders. Early in the semester, she can be found handing out waders to her students to ready them for a hike to the St. Mary's River inlet adjacent to the Hilda C. Landers Library. Buckets and seine net deploy and then the contents are examined and identified. It's hands-on and experiential learning from the start. For Brownlee, this is by design. "Hands-on learning in the simplest sense shows students how fun and active science can be. So ultimately, my favorite part of teaching this way is watching students develop a deeper curiosity for their natural environment and in return seeing their passion for their studies flourish."

Brownlee, like Gurbisz, is a junior faculty fellowship awardee with professional development funding. Brownlee's funds will help to provide new equipment for her lab that students can use. It will also allow her to explore new directions in her research on plankton. While some of her research is on organisms in the St. Mary's River, other work is with researchers at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Horn Point Laboratory on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth Hamman is the newest member of the marine science faculty. She has an important role in the early phases of the marine science major, helping students to learn statistical methods and mathematical modeling. She brings lots of enthusiasm to the task. "There's a very real math anxiety that a lot of students begin college with," she explains. "I fell in love with math during college after not enjoying it much in high school, and I'm excited to help SMCM students overcome their hesitations and embrace quantitative methods."

Hamman is looking forward to field work with her students in the Ecology of Coastal Systems this fall. "We'll survey the local marshes to document the spatial variation in marsh plants, snails and potentially parasites," she says. "I'm hoping this will be the first in a long-term dataset describing spatial and temporal variation that classes will contribute to year after year."

Associate Professor of Chemistry **Geoff Bowers** is excited to teach a new geochemistry course that is part of the marine science major. This new course will be informed by his research on molecular-level structure, dynamics and chemistry at mineral-water interfaces.



Trustee Emeritus Lex Birney made a gift of \$100,000 that is helping to refurbish the College's 25' Seahawk, a boat that has provided a platform for experiential learning. The transformation to a research vessel will continue to assist the biology and environmental studies programs and will play a vital role in the new marine science major. The College is fundraising to purchase a larger research vessel that can take out an entire class for hands-on learning. The purchase of a smaller skiff for accessing shallow areas of the river and Bay is also in the plans.



LEADing the Way Taking a proactive approach to Learning through Experiential and Applied Discovery (LEAD), the College's chemistry and biochemistry faculty have introduced into their teaching a course that focuses on professional skills through the lens of STEM professions. Marine science students will be able to take the course.

Kelly Neiles, associate professor of chemistry and also a junior faculty professorship awardee, co-authored the curriculum which has been published as a chapter in the peer-reviewed American Chemistry Symposium Series. "We believe that the first step to becoming a career professional is becoming a professional student," she says. "Essentially, we not only discuss career skills (networking, job applications) but also help students develop the habits that will help them be successful at SMCM and later in their careers (study strategies, working in teams, building academic relationships)."

For **Jeff Byrd**, professor of biology, the new major provides the opportunity to teach a focused marine microbiology course. "A standard microbiology course has a wide range of topics expected to be covered," he says. "This new [aquatic microbiology] course allows the marine science students to see how microorganisms directly impact the field."

Susan Langley, adjunct professor of anthropology, is instrumental in the underwater work of the marine science program using SCUBA as well as electronic underwater remotely operated survey and testing equipment. "St. Mary's College of Maryland has an excellent SCUBA program," she notes. "Students can obtain basic open water and advanced open water certifications." Langley says there are many, many archaeological sites to be studied. "One critical area of research is the effects of climate change on heritage resources and their environmental contexts. The Malloes Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary on the Potomac River contains more than 100 heritage resources, many of which are wooden steamships from WWI. It serves as a living laboratory and encourages research projects."

Shanen Sherer, assistant professor of biochemistry, rounds out the marine science faculty. Her research efforts address DNA-protein interactions that impact the health of living organisms. "Biochemistry is an interdisciplinary field of study that focuses on the structure and function of biological molecules that sustain all life on earth," she explains. "Numerous environmental factors can cause toxic effects in these biological processes for humans as well as marine life. A better understanding of the biochemistry behind biological processes can help inform new environmental and health regulations."

As the marine science program's coordinator with a vested interest in its longevity, Larsen has also facilitated articulation agreements with nearby College of Southern Maryland and Wor-Wic Community College on Maryland's Eastern Shore. "There are many reasons students elect to begin their college education in a community college setting. SMCM is here to help them complete their bachelor's degree," he says. "These articulation agreements create a framework for community college students to follow so that they will be able to finish their B.S. in marine science with an additional four semesters at SMCM. While these are the first marine science articulation agreements, I expect many more."



ALUMNI ADVICE

*for Students
Living on
Campus*

Compiled and introduced
by **Jeanette Warren '20**,
assistant director of
alumni relations

As St. Mary's College of Maryland fully reopens the residential campus after a year disrupted by COVID-19 and Zoom classrooms, many students find themselves preparing for another major transition: living away from home. Along with the Class of 2025, many sophomores who completed hybrid or remote learning last year are living on campus for the first time this fall. With all the changes experienced since the beginning of the pandemic, moving into a college residence may seem more intimidating than ever.

To ease the transition into campus life, seven decades of alumni banded together on social media to share their wisdom with first-time residential students, from insider campus knowledge to timeless tips on friendship, wellness and academic success. The response for alumni advice was overwhelmingly supportive, with over 100 submissions coming in across Facebook and Instagram. From the Junior College Class of 1964 to the recent graduates of 2021, alumni remind students that while living on campus may be new and intimidating, St. Mary's College soon transforms from unknown territory into a lifelong home.

AMY BUTLER ARCHIBALD '04

Get out of your room and join things. Go to the events. There are so many opportunities out there, and it is a great way to meet new friends.



CINDY BROYLES '79

Try a class or student club or activity that is way outside your normal.



THAISE BROWER '12

If you sign up for an 8 a.m. class, go ahead and try out for the rowing team! It's a great way of making sure that you actually wake up in time for your classes!

LAUREN STRANGE '05

Prioritize spending time on the river. Don't get to your senior year without having learned rowing, sailing, or kayaking (or swimming/floating). You will miss it when you graduate!

SAM COOMES '18

With so many great things to do and new people to meet it is easy to forget that you're going to school. Be sure to create a list of all the different assignments when you receive your syllabi and schedule study time to start them well ahead of the due date. This way you have plenty of time to take your essay to the Writing and Speaking Center or to ask the professor for clarification.

JEAN SCUDDER ZIMMERMAN '64JC

Be the first to say hello, befriend the quiet one, offer a helping hand, never be a bully and always be kind.

CRISSI GAMACHE '00

Get out and join anything and everything until you find your place and people. Don't wait for your people and place to find you.

JEFFREY GIBSON '12 MAT '13

Remember that professors are human and relationships with them can lead to opportunities.



JESSICA KONECKE '16

MAKE SURE TO:

Have a bonfire at Church Point

Find the hidden grave

Share your best memories at the Garden of Remembrance

Try and reach the top of the Freedom of Conscience Statue

Get ponded in St. John's Pond

Play some Frisbee golf at the Bell Tower

Toss a pair of shoes into the Shoe Tree to celebrate a "first"

KATHLEEN POTEAT HASSON '89

Stay put on campus even when your heart says you want to go home. Share those feelings with someone else; chances are they feel the same way and vulnerability creates lifelong bonds. By the way, my husband and I have been married 32 years – we met on day 4 on campus, fell in love and got married right after graduation.



IVAN HERNANDEZ '17

Listen to your body! ... It's easy to forget about your health when you're having fun – and I hope you have lots of fun at SMCM – but your health is your wealth. This includes both physical and mental health.

KEELY HOUK '17

I think the beautiful thing about SMCM is that it is a place where you can become who you want to be and who you were always meant to be. The professors, staff and friends you meet will stay with you forever and will be the people that push you to be a better version of yourself.



TENA JACKSON '92

There are so many opportunities to explore talents you weren't even aware of. Audition for a show, submit a piece to the newspaper, take out a boat, practice your tennis table tenacity! The world is your oyster!

LISA MCQUIGHAN JORDAN '05

If someone asks to borrow your bike on May 1, you say NO!

JOE MERINGOLO '11

Break out of your circle and be friendly with everyone! You never know who will be in your major or be a part of a shared experience later on at SMCM! Keep study abroad on your radar screen early to see how you can fit it into your college experience.

HALEY WESS '20

Try new things, talk to everyone, go to class, respect your peers and professors.



LAUREN GORMAN NORTHRUP '93

Hang out outside and play Frisbee with other people. It's a great way to break the ice.

EMILY MYRON '10

Take a minute and enjoy the sunset!

BENJAMIN PEACE '03

Figuring out who you are as a person, what you value in yourself and others, establishing your moral compass, discovering what drives you and how to turn that part of you on when it isn't easy is far more important than what job or industry you will be in when you leave.

LINDSEY STEVENSON '21

Get an on-campus job! It's good spending money and a great way to meet people!

LESLIE FIELDS '03

One day the words "when I went sailing after philosophy class..." will come out of your mouth, and you will realize how very special this school is, and how lucky you were to have an education surrounded by such beauty. Take advantage of the horizon.

JULIE PERRONE YALE '89

Go visit your professors during office hours! Stop by and introduce yourself, ask them why they chose St. Mary's College, what they like best about the school and what's the one thing they hope you take away from their class. Make sure to visit fellow alum and current professor, Amy Henderson! She will appreciate what it's like to be a freshman at St. Mary's College!



JOE WHILDEN '06

Ten years from now you will talk more about your nights spent at Church Point than you will about nights spent in the library.



ADAM WISNESKI '09

It's okay to not have a clue what you want to major in from day 1 and it's okay to change your major if you find a different path.

JEANETTE WARREN '20

Do something you never imagined yourself doing – you may become someone you never imagined yourself being.

MONICA CAVANAUGH WEDDLE '06

When you're just hanging out in your dorm room, keep your door open. Especially in the beginning, this is a great way to meet your neighbors and have an easy way to invite or be invited to anything from lunch at the Great Room to movie nights to parties.

Check out the other 80+ submissions on Facebook and Instagram @smcm.alumni.

Nancy Ruyle Dodge

ON THE GIFT OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

By Lee Capristo, editor

She came to Cremona Farm in 1975 with friends from Washington, D.C. to pick grapes for making wine. The farm, she was told, was owned by a crazy bachelor. At the time, Nancy Ruyle lived in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of the nation's capital and sold *Encyclopaedia Britannica* reference books to libraries and schools. She enjoyed the day of picking grapes and made



several more trips with her friends, meeting Cremona's owner — Norton Dodge — in the process. Often, the grape pickers ended their day together at the Drift Inn, a nearby crab house. On one such evening, Norton asked Nancy if she'd like to ride there with him. She did, and in the car, Norton said, "Would you consider going out with me?" She said yes and their courtship began.



Nancy Dodge at her piano with her favorite Evgeny Rukhin painting.

Nancy and Norton Dodge were married on New Year's Day 1980 in Portland, Oregon. She was in her early 40s, he in his early 50s. She had made a career with Encyclopaedia Britannica and was the company's first female to be responsible for a sales region. A trained organist and accomplished pianist, she had graduated from DePauw University in Indiana with a history major, then earned a second major and a master's degree in organ performance from Northwestern University. Norton had been an economics professor at the University of Maryland College Park since the early 1960s and had purchased Cremona Farm in 1966. In 1968, Norton had accepted an invitation from St. Mary's College President May Russell and Governor Spiro Agnew to serve as a St. Mary's College trustee. He was the board's youngest member at the time and was part of the vote to select Renwick Jackson to replace May Russell as the College's president. In 1980, it was Jackson who officiated at a second wedding ceremony for the Dodes at Cremona Farm. That same year, Norton resigned his post on the board and left University of Maryland College Park in order to join the faculty of St. Mary's College, where he taught economics until his retirement in 1988.

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hold names of Norton and Nancy Dodge, telling the story of how Norton spirited thousands of pieces of dissident art out of the Soviet Union on numerous trips over a 15-year period. In 1979, Norton and Nancy loaned to St. Mary's College 400 pieces from the collection to line the halls of the newly built Montgomery Hall (see more on that in "From the Archives," p. 28).

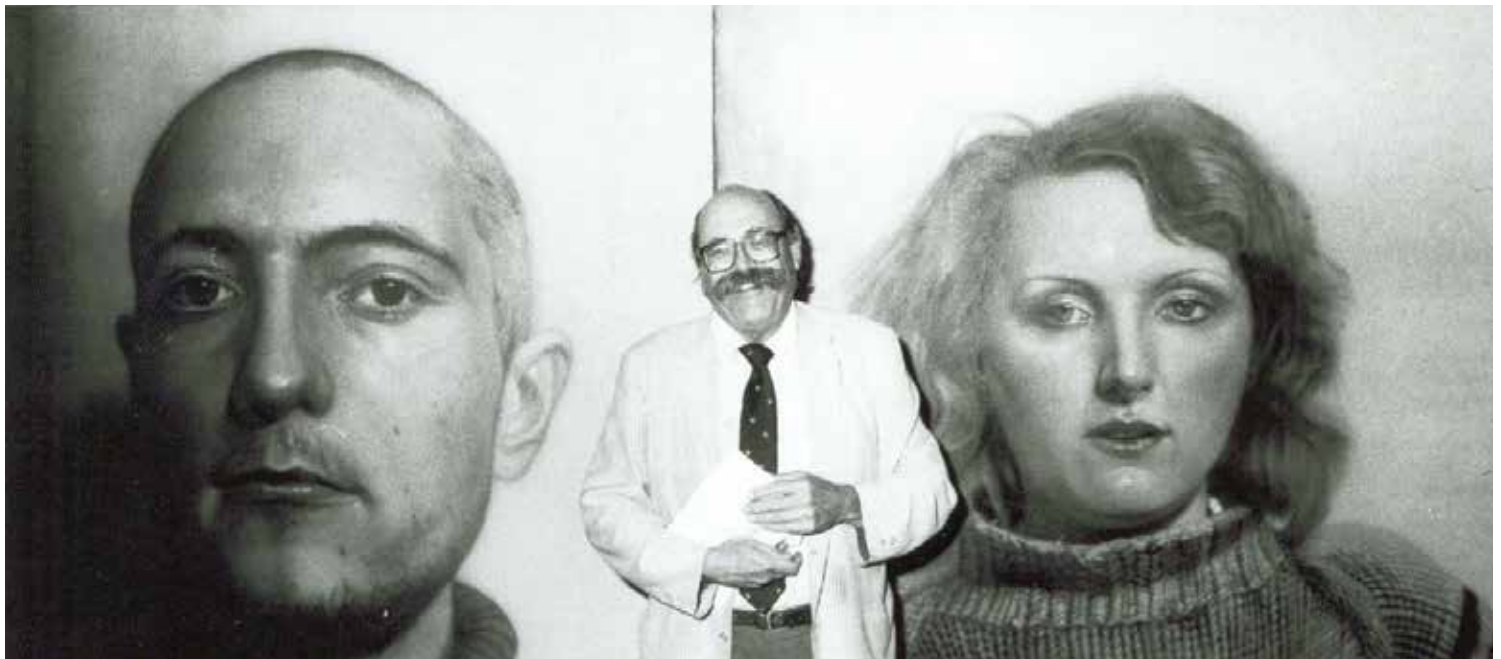
In 1991, after interviewing numerous prospective university museums, Norton and Nancy donated 4,000 of the works of Soviet dissident art to the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"Our primary concern was that the collection be maintained in toto and not disbursed and that it would be in a university where students and faculty could study the collection," she explains. "The university needed to have a museum where curators could plan and mount exhibits and there also had to be a commitment on the part of the university to have or create storage space for the collection." The search included Harvard, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Minnesota and others. But it was Dennis Cate, the director of the Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, who was most interested in obtaining the collection "He visited Cremona to discuss the possibility with Norton and me," she recalls.



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BELOW: Norton Dodge with Sergei Sherstiuk's "Oleg" and "Lola" (1983, oil on canvas), displayed at St. Mary's College in 1988 and again in 1991.



Nancy Dodge continues to share Cremona with St. Mary's College anthropologists, artists, archaeologists and archivists, providing opportunities for research and hands-on learning.

RIGHT: SMCM students unearthed a cannonball during archaeological survey work at Cremona Farm this summer.

BELOW: As an art history student, Matt Bachtell '00 curated an exhibition of some of the Soviet dissident art in Boyden Gallery at SMCM in 2000. Bachtell interned at Cremona photographing, cataloging and preparing this art for transport to the Zimmerli Museum at Rutgers University.



"We were impressed by Dennis's sincerity and experience, and were persuaded by his genuine enthusiasm for acquiring the collection for Rutgers." Cate then met with Rutgers' president to convince him of the value to the university of obtaining such a collection, and the deal was done.

In 2018, Nancy donated the rest of the collection, 17,300 pieces, to the museum, with an estimated value of more than \$34 million. It is the single largest gift in Rutgers' history.

It's obvious in the telling of it that Nancy and Norton enjoyed their time together at Cremona. She brought music to the 1819 Federal-style house, playing daily a Steinway piano in the living room; he brought art. They supported each other in those areas. "Norton used to clap after I had been practicing in the evening," she remembers. "I do miss that!" Nancy still practices every day, claiming, "I could not go to bed without practicing!"

"Norton and I had lively conversations about the preservation of Cremona," Nancy recalls.

"On one of those occasions he took me to Cremona Creek where we looked across to land that was then owned and about to be sold by [Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative]. He asked whether I thought we should buy the land, which would have become a housing development had we not purchased it. We did buy it, adding another 300 acres to Cremona for our farmers and wildlife to use." Norton and Nancy put Cremona in a Maryland Environmental Trust and established a Conservation Reserve Environmental Program buffer along Cremona's waterfront. "Every little bit counts," she says of their efforts to preserve the 1,274 combined acres as farmland and nature preserve.

Truly, it's work to manage Cremona, and she has done it without Norton since his death in 2011. "It would seem overwhelming, but the help I have makes it possible," she says. She continues to share Cremona with St. Mary's College anthropologists, artists, archaeologists and archivists, providing opportunities for re-

search and hands-on learning. A regular there is **Liza Gijanto**, associate professor of anthropology, who has conducted an archaeology field school at Cremona with students every summer since 2012. In June 2021, Gijanto and her students unearthed a cannonball at one of the Cremona survey plots. "Having Cremona be used by students is very important to me," says Nancy, who also has hosted several student interns over the years who helped to inventory and catalog the artworks that are now part of the Zimmerli Collection.

In 2020, Nancy established the Norton T. and Nancy R. Dodge Scholarship for students at SMCM: "Norton contributed generously to St. Mary's College, establishing the Dodge Awards for faculty, and I felt that it was important for me to contribute also," she says. "Without a fine education, especially in the liberal arts, one is handicapped socially and intellectually, it seems to me. The better educated we are, the better able we are to contribute meaningfully to society."

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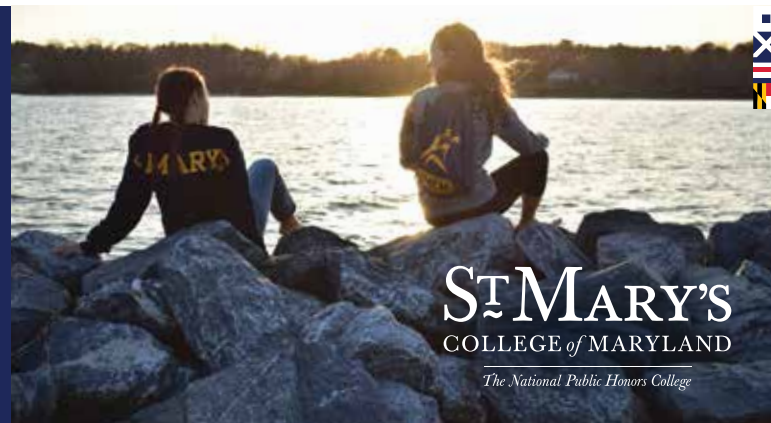
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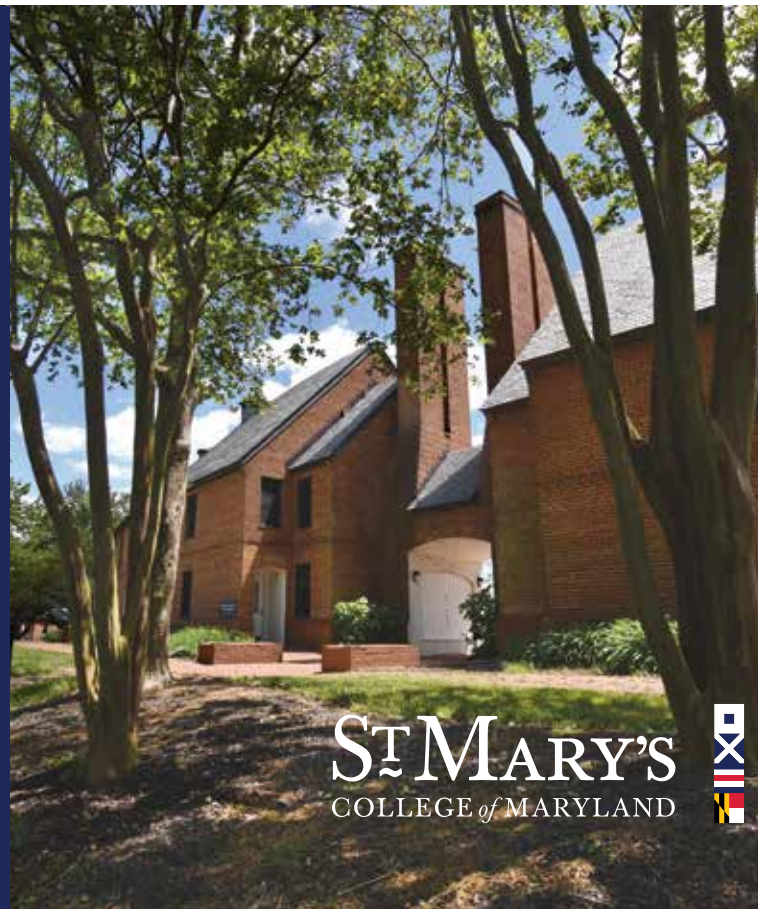
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CLASS NOTES

1950s

Karen Yochim '58 has two new Cajun crime novels available on Kindle, "A Louisiana Cold Case Murder" and "The Mysterious Tarot Deck." The plots feature a woman distracted from writing her Tarot book as she investigates the murder of her home's previous owner. Yochim has independently published numerous books, many of which are included with a Kindle Unlimited Membership.

1970s

Leslie (Les) Potter '70 [1] has published over 100 books, chapters and articles in the field of education. He received his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of South Carolina and has worked in education for 51 years. Potter is the former director of the American International School West in Cairo, Egypt, and currently serves as the school's assistant to the superintendent. His current projects include developing a new K-12 school and college in Sudan.



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MARTIN MACDONALD

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1980s

Curtis Jackson '83 [2] has agreed to purchase Software Consulting Services (SCS) after serving as vice president and general manager of the company. SCS is headquartered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and focuses on the development of innovative software solutions for publishers and publishing groups. This transition of ownership is scheduled to close within the next month.

Richard Miller '87 has been appointed as associate vice president for institutional research and effectiveness at Tusculum University in Greeneville, Tennessee. He received his master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago in 1989.

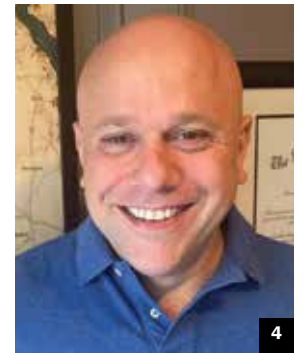
1990s

Sarah Aaserude '92 and Todd Waddell '90 [3] celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 17, 2021. They met at St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1988 and married in 1996. They live with their two children, Caleb and Ethan, outside Portland in Milwaukie, Oregon.

John Bell '95 [4] has joined Wells Fargo as a managing director of the bank's global institutional client group. Bell is responsible for overall senior relationship connectivity, development and sponsorship of select asset managers across the corporate and investment bank. Prior to his new role, Bell spent 15 years at Bank of America where he held leadership posi-



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tions in the prime brokerage division. Most recently he was the executive responsible for leading Merrill's venture services business. At BofA he was a founding member of the LGBT+ executive leadership council, enterprise co-chair for the intergenerational employee network and led various diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Bell grew up in Havre de Grace, Maryland, and has served on the St. Mary's College of Maryland Board of Trustees since 2017.

Sara Jenkins Fleming '95 [5] published her first non-fiction book, "Fitness without Fear," in April 2021. Over the past two decades, Fleming has put her knowledge as a research scientist into her coaching practice of both high-level athletes and everyday people. In this book, she demystifies what fitness is really all about and why we don't need to kill ourselves in the gym to get healthy. "Fitness without Fear" is available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Fleming lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband, three teenagers, one dog and two rabbits.

Jennifer Yeo Dotson '96 [6] recently celebrated the publication of her second full-length poetry collection, "Late Night Talk Show Fantasy & Other Poems" (Kelsay Books, 2020). She was a finalist for the 2021 Mary J. Blinn Poetry Prize by After Hours Journal with her poem, "Reasons I Don't Analyze My Dreams." She is the executive assistant to the City of Highland Park Mayor and is the creative engine behind Highland Park Poetry. Dotson is currently assembling her third poetry manuscript and lives in Highland Park, Illinois.



LINDSAY AILMAN

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MARTHA ABELSON PHOTOGRAPHY

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Karyn Kahler Shackelford '99 was named executive director of Baltimore Community Rowing (BCR) in May 2021. She previously served as director of youth rowing, where she had direct oversight of “Reach High Baltimore,” a BCR outreach initiative connecting students of color from Baltimore City Public Schools with high-level training and racing opportunities. In her new position, she manages all adult and youth rowing programs and hopes to expand BCR into a regional resource for competitive athletes of all ages.

2000s

Dana Allen-Greil '00 was promoted to vice president of marketing at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, California. She received an M.A. in museum studies from George Washington University and teaches graduate courses in the museum studies programs at Johns Hopkins University and Tufts University.

Farrah Hall '03 joined the 2021 U.S. Olympic Sailing Team in Tokyo to compete in the RS:X women’s board sailing event. This is her second appearance in the Olympics, having competed in the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Ramtin Arablouei '05 was a 2021 Pulitzer Prize finalist in audio reporting for his NPR podcast, “Throughline.” Nominated works featured “courageous on-the-ground reporting on the assassination of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani and its implications around the globe” (Pulitzer). Arablouei’s nominated episode, “Soleimani’s Iran,” was originally published on January 23, 2020.

Hanna Gribble '05 [7] released the sixth installment of her urban fantasy/alternate history series in July 2021 under the pen name J.L. Gribble. “Steel Justice” is part of the continuing Steel Empires series, published by Dog Star Books. She lives in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Paul Shinkman '06 [8] was awarded a Dateline Award, recognizing excellence in journalism, by the Society of Professional Journalists for his series in early 2020 about the Trump Administration’s decision to kill Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani. Shinkman is a national security correspondent for U.S. News & World Report. He lives in Brunswick, Maine, with wife Sarah and son Fritz.

Deanna Holford '09 has worked for Westat, a social research company located in Rockville, Maryland, for over eight years, most recently as a research operations associate. This spring, she earned her master’s degree in Information Technology with a specialization in Database Systems Technology from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Holford lives in Rockville, Maryland, with **Brian Wyler '06**, who works as a data analyst for the American Chemical Society.

April Ryan '09 MAT '10 [9] was named the 2021 Teacher of the Year for St. Mary’s County Public Schools for her work as an art teacher at George Washington Carver Elementary School. She previously worked as an education facilitator and instructional technologist in the College’s Department of Educational Studies. Ryan served as the guest speaker at the hooding ceremonies of the College’s Master of Arts in Teaching 2020 and 2021 cohorts.

Kerri L. Smith '09 [10] was recognized by The Daily Record as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women of 2021, which recognizes high-achieving Maryland women who are making an impact through their leadership, community service and mentoring. Smith is an attorney with Silverman | Thompson | Slutkin | White in Baltimore, Maryland. She recently became chair-elect of the Young Lawyers’ Section of the Maryland State Bar Association for the 2021-2022 bar year.

Katie Siguenza Sushinsky '09 MAT '10 [11] was named the 2021 Teacher of the Year at Spring Ridge Middle School. She is an instructional resource teacher for St. Mary's County Public Schools.

2010s

Katherine Burgess '10 [12] completed a J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she served as a member of the Jessup International Moot Court Team and worked as a student attorney with the Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic. She was also published as staff editor of the University of Baltimore Law Forum. Burgess will serve as a judicial law clerk in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and plans to pursue a career in litigation.

Matt Baden '11 [13] joined the staff of First Home Mortgage in Dunkirk, Maryland, in July 2020. Changing gears from his previous career as an operating room registered nurse, Baden is now a licensed mortgage loan officer serving D.C., Maryland, Virginia and Florida.

Bethany Townsend Ogbenna '12 contributed to the article, "Discrimination and Sleep among Asians and Pacific Islanders Adults," which was published in April 2021 by Oxford University on behalf of the Sleep Research Society. Bethany is currently finishing her PhD at the University of Maryland - College Park's School of Public Health.

Etahjayne Harris '13 [14] was recognized by the National Black Lawyers as one of Virginia's Top 40 Lawyers Under 40. The National Black Lawyers is comprised of African American attorneys who have demonstrated excellence in their careers. Harris is an attorney at McGuire Woods, where she represents clients in civil litigations involving product liability matters, in addition to managing a pro bono practice for immigration litigation and housing law. She currently serves as a member of the Downtown Richmond YMCA Board of Management and on the board of directors for Drive-to-Work, a nonprofit organization that helps previously incarcerated individuals regain their driving privileges. She previously interned with the chief staff attorney of the Supreme Court of Virginia and represented Richmond residents in family law matters. Harris graduated from the University of Richmond Law School, where she earned a CALI "Excellence for the Future" Award in core commercial law concepts and served as treasurer of the Black Law Students Association, member of the Trial Advocacy Board and alumni relations editor of the Journal of Law and Technology.

Valerie Gregorio '19 was appointed to the role of purchasing agent for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She graduated with an MBA from the University of Maryland - Global Campus and currently lives in California, Maryland.



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JEN FRANKLIN

MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Elizabeth (Liz) Lewis Boyle '07 and **Kevin Boyle '07** [1] were married on May 8, 2021 in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Maid of honor was **Rachel Markey '07**; best man was **Kevin Parks '07**. Other alumni in attendance were **Noel Samoraj '05**, **Julian Brunner '07**, **Josh Herber '07**, **Landon Southerly '07**, **Dustin Reichard '07**, **Spencer Bykowsky '07**, **Chris Kauffman '07**, **Luke Whalen '08**, **Kulveen Virdee Whalen '08**, **Jacob Smith '08**, **Kelley Hernandez '08**, **Holly Fabbri '12**, and **Carlo Olivi '13**. The couple honeymooned with a road trip through Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. They reside in Tall Timbers, Maryland.



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Sara Rubinstein Schreiberstein '08 and **Michael Schreiberstein** [2] were married on November 14, 2020 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. **Charlie Powers '08** was the “Bridal Bestie,” joining via Zoom from Berlin, Germany. **Caitlin Fisher Vredenburg '08**, **MAT '09** was in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Rodanthe, North Carolina, and resides in Columbia, Maryland.



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Lindsay Beattie O'Connor '10 and Mike O'Connor [3] were married on June 15, 2019 in Williamsport, Maryland. **Caitlin Shankle '09** was a bridesmaid; **Ross Mark '08** was a groomsman. Wedding guests included over 20 alumni. The couple resides in Fairfax, Virginia.

Rachel Beck '12 and Daniel Koster [4] were married on June 21, 2020, with the celebration occurring on May 29, 2021 in Scientists Cliffs, Maryland. **Echo Presgraves '12** was a bridesmaid. Alumni in attendance were **Jeannie Howe '82**, **Teddy Bisrat '11**, **Roz Kreizenbeck '11**, **Mary Sparacino '12**, **Lauren Jacoby '12**, and **Chris Robinson '12**. The couple resides in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sharon Miyagawa-Carroll '14 and **John Carroll '14** [5] were married on March 19, 2021 in Leonardtown, Maryland. The couple currently resides in Great Mills, Maryland.

Margaret Holzman Arbolino '15 and Nicholas Arbolino [6] were married on April 3, 2021 in Florida. **Margaret Schmidt '14** was a bridesmaid. **Matthew Tettelbach '15** was in attendance. The couple resides in Palmetto, Florida.



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Angie Sutherland Bricker '15 and **Eric Bricker '15** [7] were married on May 1, 2021 at Gramercy Mansion in Baltimore, Maryland. The best man was **Andrew Murti '15**. The couple resides in Chicago, Illinois.

Ashton Engdahl '15 and **Duncan Howard '15** [8] were married on May 4, 2021 in Annapolis, Maryland. The couple resides in Richmond, Virginia, where Ashton is completing her Anesthesiology Residency and Duncan works as an ICU nurse.

Holly Gonzalez Paesch '15 and **Matthew Paesch '15** [9] were married on October 10, 2020, with the celebration occurring on July 3, 2021 at Annemarie Gardens in Lusby, Maryland.

Edith Torres '16 was a bridesmaid. Alumni in attendance were **Tori Wilds '14**, **Ana Vilela '15**, **Nadine Postolache '16**, **Anjana Venkatesan '16**, and **Menna Girma '16**. The couple resides in Orlando, Florida.

Lindsay Wooleyhand '19 and **Kyler Crank '19** [10] were married on May 22, 2021 at Woodlawn Farm in Ridge, Maryland. The maid of honor was **Caitlyn Gerwitz '19**. Bridesmaids included **Cassy Youshaw '19**, **Kallan Dirmeyer '19** and **Kelsey Joyce '19**. **Scott Sutton '19** was a groomsman. The couple honeymooned in Charleston, South Carolina, and are planning a trip to Italy next year. They reside in Lexington Park, Maryland.



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BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Jennifer Sands McMonagle '95 and husband **Tim [1]** finalized the adoption of a son, **Zion James**, on April 30, 2021. Six-year-old Zion joins older siblings **Colleen (21)**, **Abby (17)**, and **Eric (8)**. The family resides in Troutdale, Oregon.

Laura Walker Greeley '08 and husband **Christopher [2]** welcomed a son, **Walker John**, on March 22, 2021. The family resides in Baltimore, Maryland.

Rebecca Tuttle Chapman '09 and husband **Tom [3]** welcomed a daughter, **Eleanor Maeve**, on March 8, 2021. The family resides in San Leandro, California, along with their two-year-old daughter, **Madeleine**.

Geoffrey Cuneo '10 and **Hannah Martin-Cuneo '10** welcomed a son, **Wells Geoffrey**, on May 1, 2021. Geoffrey currently serves as treasurer of the Alumni Council. The family resides in Arnold, Maryland.

Sara Kidd Shanklin '11 and **Chris Shanklin '10 [4]** welcomed a daughter, **Hollis Celeste**, on May 3, 2021. The family resides in Baltimore County, Maryland, along with their two-year-old son, **Eli**. Sara is a member of the Alumni Council.

Stefanie Wells Wisner '11, MAT '12 [5] and husband **Brian** welcomed a son, **Jason Garrick**, on February 22, 2021. The family resides in Albany, Ohio.

Hallie Colegrove McCarthy '12 and **Brendan McCarthy '11 [6]** welcomed a daughter, **Esther Hortensia**, on February 25, 2021. Godparents are **Alexandra Payton Turek '12** and **Kevin Turek '10**. The family resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Michael Victory '12 and **Jenny Kolb Victory '14** welcomed a son, **Sullivan James**, on April 27, 2021. The family resides in Brevard, North Carolina.

Elaina Straub Baden '14 and **Matthew Baden '11 [7]** welcomed a daughter, **Parker Lee**, on September 18, 2020. The family resides in West River, Maryland.

Katie Dreyer Marquette '14 and **Chris Marquette '14 [8]** welcomed a daughter, **Josephine Barbara**, on March 24, 2021. The family resides in Sparks Glencoe, Maryland.



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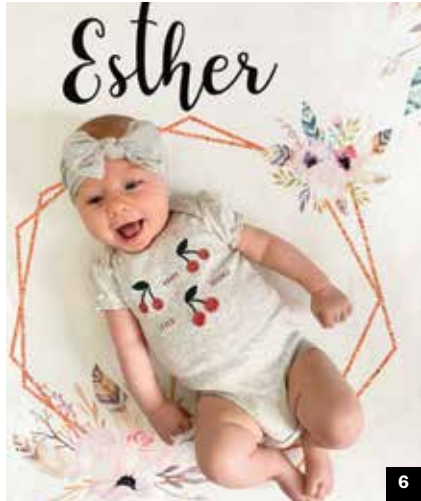


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IN MEMORIAM

Sue Atlee Gray Gorton '39HS, '41JC died on April 10, 2021, at the age of 98. Sue studied art at Syracuse University in addition to engineering courses offered through a World War II wartime fellowship. After receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts and certificate in engineering, she joined Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as an assistant engineer. She lived in Bolton, Connecticut, with her husband for over 40 years in a house they designed together. She was a founding member of Bolton's St. George's Episcopal Church, where she painted watercolor renderings

of the interior of the church's first building. She also served on the church's vestry, sang in the choir, was superintendent of the church school and president of the Episcopal Church Women, among many other contributions. Sue is survived by many loving family members, including daughter **Holly Gorton** and son-in-law **Bill Williams**, professor emeriti at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Dolores "De" Ruth Parks Lewis '48HS, '50JC died on December 14, 2020, at the age of 89. Lewis worked at the Patuxent Naval Air Station for 25 years until her retirement in 1986. She was also an artist, cook and

Christmas enthusiast and organized many family gatherings. She visited many sites around St. Mary's County in search of the ideal crabbing spot. Lewis is survived by five children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, William S. Lewis Jr.

Richard "Rich" Alan Brewer '79 died on April 26, 2021, at the age of 68. He became the driver and special assistant to President Jordan in 2017 after previous employment with Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and the Goddard Space Flight Center. He played baseball for the College in the

early 70s and continued to excel in sports after graduation, playing for the two-time Young Men's Championship Raley's softball team and earning Most Valuable Player in 1977. Brewer was an avid ringleader of the 70s alumni group and could often be found behind the camera, documenting his former classmates at many alumni events. He was instrumental in planning the annual Mulberry Music Festival, and the 2021 installment was dedicated in his honor. He is survived by many loving family members, including his two children, Kaylyn and Dylan Brewer.

Bart James Meier '86 died suddenly on March 21, 2021, in Winchester, Virginia. He was the owner of Made to Meier Standards, a custom carpentry and woodworking company, and also worked for Foreman Builders as a draftsman. Prior to moving to Winchester, he co-owned a contracting company with his father, William J. Meier Sr., which specialized in custom cabinetry, design-build projects and landscaping. He was very active with his wife, Dawn, in helping rehabilitate and relocate rescue animals. Meier is survived by many loving family members, including sister and fellow alumna **Kelly Meier '87**.

KENNEDY CENTER SOUTH

By **Kent Randell**, *College Archivist and Aldom-Plansoen Distinguished Professor*

St. Mary's College's Montgomery Hall had rather auspicious beginnings, owing to the scholarly and philanthropic contributions of Norton and Nancy Dodge. In 1979, the College's new arts building was home to the largest collection of Soviet dissident art ever shown in the United States. Over 400 paintings, graphic art pieces and ceramics were displayed in the Boyden Gallery, the halls and even the classrooms of Montgomery Hall. The works of 95 artists, hailing from the Soviet Union, Estonia and Armenia were displayed. Montgomery Hall earned the nickname of "Kennedy Center South." The art was on loan from the Dodges' Cremona Foundation, named after their home in St. Mary's County.

At a time when Cold War fears of nuclear war and anti-Russian propaganda proliferated the United States, the College held a "Perspectives on Soviet Russian Culture" symposium that spanned two weekends in November of 1979. Soviet art, literature (including a poetry reading from Vera Dunham) and drama all made an appearance in Southern Maryland. Norton Dodge was also one of the featured scholars with a talk titled "New Perspectives in Soviet Art."

In 1981, the College hosted a second symposium in Montgomery Hall. "The World of Islam; Tradition and Change" again was led by Norton Dodge, this time with assistance from his SMCM faculty colleagues James J. Kenny and Henry Rosemont Jr., and support from the Maryland Humanities Council and the Cremona Foundation.

In 1988, the Boyden Gallery displayed the works of Aleksei Sundukov, Simon Faibisovich, and Mikhail Romadin in "Post-Soviet Realism: A Post Soviet Reality," all from the Dodge collection. In fact, Charles Fick of the Cremona Foundation counts 12 gallery shows between 1977 and 2000 which featured art from the Dodge collection, including works from Estonia in 1985 and Evgeny Rukhin in 1989.

The College archive holds many paper files related to these exhibitions. They sometimes include correspondence with the artists. The archive also has collections concerning the symposia.

The Cremona Foundation is still active and its legacy has continued to thrive after the 2011 death of Norton Dodge. His impressive life work, which spans art, academia and philanthropy, is being restored, arranged and described on site at Cremona Farm with financial support from the Cremona Foundation. The College archive staff have provided consultation on the project, while a former student of the SMCM's "Introduction to Archives" course was able to utilize skills learned from the course while working as one of the archival processors.

Occasionally, selected items from the Dodge collection which specifically relate to the College are transferred to the College archive. This symbiotic relationship has proven beneficial to both parties, as supplemental materials related to Norton Dodge's many endeavors have been added to the College's collection, while the Cremona Foundation has arranged and described thousands of documents, all of which are housed according to archival preservation best practices.



ABOVE: In 1979, a brand new Montgomery Hall was dressed for its opening with more than 400 pieces of Soviet dissident art on loan from the Norton and Nancy Dodge Cremona Foundation.

Calendar of Events

Metropolis Scrolling with Eli Hill '21

August 30 - November 20
Boyden Gallery, Montgomery Hall

Center for the Study of Democracy Hosts Constitution Day Lecture with Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-Md.)

September 17 @ 3 p.m.
Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall

Admission Open House

September 18 @ 10 a.m.

Media Literacy, Civic Engagement & Democracy Project

"The Social Dilemma" film screening and discussion
September 21 @ 8 p.m.
Cole Cinema, Campus Center

Psychology Lecture Series with Nikola Overall

September 22 @ 4:45 p.m.
Virtual Event: registration required

Hawktoberfest & Family Weekend

September 24-25

Media Literacy, Civic Engagement & Democracy Project

Virtual Lecture with Renee DiResta, Stanford Internet Observatory
October 14 @ 7 p.m.
Cole Cinema, Campus Center

Admission Open House

October 16 @ 10 a.m.

VOICES Reading Series with Eva Freedman

October 21 @ 8:15 p.m.
Daugherty-Palmer Commons

VOICES Reading Series with Quintin Collins

November 4 @ 8:15 pm.
Daugherty-Palmer Commons

Center for the Study of Democracy Hosts the Bradlee Lecture in Journalism with Yamiche Alcindor

November 8

Presidential Lecture Series Presents Anna Deavere Smith

November 10 @ 7 p.m.
Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall

Admission Open House

November 13 @ 10 a.m.

Media Literacy, Civic Engagement & Democracy Project

Media Literacy Community Conversation
November 17 @ 4:30 p.m.
Glendening Annex

VOICES Reading Series with Paul Griner

December 2 @ 8:15 p.m.
Daugherty-Palmer Commons

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration

January 17 @ 8 a.m.
J. Frank Raley Great Room, Campus Center

VOICES Reading Series with Samantha Liming

February 10 @ 8:15 p.m.
Daugherty-Palmer Commons

Nurturing the Compassionate Community: An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton

March 1 @ 7 p.m.
Daugherty-Palmer Commons

Awards Convocation

April 15

VOICES Reading Series with Allison Grace Myers & Jason Myers

April 21 @ 8:15 p.m.
Daugherty-Palmer Commons

Commencement

May 14

For registration and information on these and other upcoming events, visit www.smcm.edu and click on EVENTS. Note that events are subject to change.

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Join us for Hawktoberfest & Family Weekend

September 24-25

Enjoy outdoor activities such as the Petruccelli 5K, athletic events, river cruises, the Great Bamboo Boat Race, a crab feast and much more.

Details and registration: www.smcm.edu/events/hawktoberfest

