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Muhlenberg is pleased to introduce Diane Pierce-Williams
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lady and President of the College on July 1, 2015.

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Let's give a warm Muhlenberg welcome to....

I met John Williams in New York, just a couple of days before his formal election as Muhlenberg's 12th president and my successor. It took about two minutes for me to realize that I liked him – a lot. After another three hours of conversation, I was thoroughly convinced that he is the right man at the right time to take Muhlenberg to the next level.

This is great for the College, of course, but I can't tell you how wonderful it is for me personally. Just imagine how conflicted I would feel about retirement if I thought our beloved College was being handed over to someone I thought couldn't do the job! But John is not only a genuinely kind, engaging and thoughtful man – he is also smart in ways that will stand Muhlenberg in very good stead in the coming years. So my final essay in *Muhlenberg* magazine is not about my reminiscences or about me. It's about him – and the great things I believe are in store for this place.

First and foremost, John understands and values the unique and important role of small liberal arts colleges. I've seen a number of institutions bring in a "non-traditional candidate" from the business world who didn't "get it." John's not one of these. An Amherst alumnus, he's stayed involved with his alma mater at the highest level of engagement over the past 30 years – serving as a trustee. But with a law degree and an M.B.A. from Harvard, he also knows how the game is played in the Ivies – and he can bring that perspective to bear when it will be helpful for us to up Muhlenberg's game.

John's law and business degrees are not just window dressing. There has probably never been a time when legal acumen was more important in higher education, as government compliance requirements metastasize, and the regulatory rules seem to change every week. While he isn't a practicing lawyer, he has been



admitted to the bar in both New York and Massachusetts, which should prove useful. I can't believe how much time I have spent talking with attorneys over the past 12 years, and how often I have thought that my own legal training (obtained by binge-watching "Law & Order") could be a lot stronger.

The economic volatility of the higher education marketplace makes John's M.B.A. an important advantage as we face the demographic and financial tempests that continue to roil our world in the aftermath of the recent recession. A great college is, of course, much more than a financially robust college – but financial stability is the foundation that's essential if academic distinction is to flourish. Muhlenberg will have had 60 consecutive years of balanced budgets when I retire. It's good to know that our next president understands the importance of the bottom line and is adept at making sure the business side of the house is in order.

John's worked as a consultant – in both

business and higher education. This will enable him to ask the right questions of Muhlenberg's stakeholders, size up situations quickly and incisively and build consensus for the important decisions that must be made if the College is to seize its opportunities and leverage its strengths.

John is an entrepreneur. In our conversations he has demonstrated a quick and sure instinct for strategic opportunities, essential tools, potential connections and the need to involve the right people at the right time. Never has it been more important for a college to be nimble as we navigate the rapids of change.

John has a deep familiarity with technology – its potential and its limitations. He's comfortable with it and sophisticated about its applications. He understands how it can support and extend Muhlenberg's culture and mission without undermining the intimacy of our close-knit community.

I could go on, but I think you get the picture. It's going to be fun watching what John Williams does for Muhlenberg College in the years to come.

In closing, though, let me repeat a mantra you've heard me express many times over the past 12 years. No president can do this job alone. Supporting Muhlenberg is not a spectator sport. I have been so fortunate in the generosity, engagement and wisdom of the College's alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends over the past dozen years. I hope you will extend the same kind of warmth and welcome to John. Together, you will do great things.

Peyton R. Helm
President, Muhlenberg College

Faculty promotions announced

The College is pleased to announce the following faculty members have been granted tenure and promoted to the title of associate professor by the Board of Trustees.



Dr. Amy Corbin, media & communication and film studies, specializes in the representation of race and cultural difference in film and is specifically interested in how racial and

cultural issues are symbolized by places and geographical relationships like travel. She has published essays on the intersection of femininity and whiteness in Southern films of the 1980s, the multiple locations in Sherman Alexie's film "The Business of Fancydancing," the hybrid aesthetics of Charles Burnett's "My Brother's Wedding" and the theory of film spectatorship as virtual travel. She is currently working on a book manuscript entitled "Cinematic Geographies and Multicultural Spectatorship in America," which demonstrates the way that iconic American places – Indian Country, the inner city, the south and the suburbs – were used to express a growing interest in multiculturalism during the post-civil rights era. Corbin's courses include Introduction to Film Analysis, Film History: 1950-Present, Melodrama, Travel and Cultural Encounters in Film and a first-year seminar on Martin Scorsese.



Dr. Daniel Doviak, philosophy, joined the Muhlenberg community in the fall of 2009 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts,

Amherst. Before his appointment at Muhlenberg College, Doviak taught courses in normative and applied ethics at the University

of Massachusetts, Mount Holyoke College and Western New England College. At Muhlenberg, Doviak regularly teaches courses in Ethical Theory, Epistemology, Business Ethics and Environmental Philosophy. His current research interests include virtue ethics, moral pluralism and the relationship between risk and distributive justice. Doviak's scholarly works include "Virtue, Satisfaction and Welfare Enhancement," published in *Utilitas*, and "A New Form of Agent-Based Virtue Ethics," which appeared in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. Doviak's most recent project, "A Measure of Justice," develops a risk-adjusted, formal model of desert-based justice and was presented at the 2013 OZSW Dutch Research School of Philosophy Conference held at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands.



Dr. Marcia Morgan, philosophy, specializes in the intersection of ethics and aesthetics, theories of subjectivity and postsecularism, with a focus on 19th and 20th century

Continental philosophy, Kierkegaard and existentialism, critical theory and feminist theory. Morgan has published two books, one as editor and co-author with Agnes Heller on "The Concept of the Beautiful," and one as sole author of a monograph on "Kierkegaard and Critical Theory." She recently published journal articles in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* and *Thesis Eleven*. She has published an essay on Kierkegaard's "Papageno," two encyclopedia articles (on "Spirit" and "Otherness") and three book reviews in the multi-volume series, "Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception, and Resources: A Publication of the Soren Kierkegaard Research Centre." She has published book chapters in "Schleiermacher und Kierkegaard: Subjectivitaet und Wahrheit,"

"Kierkegaard in Lisbon: Contemporary Readings" and "The Aesthetic Ground of Critical Theory." She is currently working on a monograph on Kierkegaard, feminism and phenomenology; and book chapters on "Vulnerability and Ethics" for Habermas Now and on "Kierkegaard, Habermas, and the Obsolescence of Political Theology" for Kierkegaard and Political Theology. Morgan is currently editing and contributing an introduction to two books: a monograph by Agnes Heller on "The Philosophy of Dreams" and a collection of essays titled "Thinking the Plural: Richard J. Bernstein's Contributions to American Philosophy," with a foreword by Ed Casey and an epilogue by Richard J. Bernstein.



Dr. Eduardo Olid, languages, literatures & cultures, has taught courses at Muhlenberg in Spanish language, literature and culture since 2009, striving to form a creative, engag-

ing and open-minded environment so that students can develop as critical thinkers through experiences within and beyond the classroom. His research focuses primarily on early modern Iberian literature, theater, performance, cultural studies and history. Olid's immediate priority is to edit and publish his manuscript "Del teatro a la novela: El ritual del disfraz en las Novelas ejemplares de Cervantes" (From Theatre to Novel: The Ritual of Disguise in the Novelas ejemplares by Cervantes). His second book project will focus on the presence of Elizabeth I Tudor in early modern Spanish literature, elaborating on an article recently published in the journal *Cervantes*. A parallel research project he is now initiating has to do with his interest in the history of political science. The work will explore the influence of Niccolò Machiavelli's political thought on early modern Spanish literature.

'Berg hosts Eboo Patel

Eboo Patel, member of President Barack Obama's inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships and president of the Interfaith Youth Core, gave a talk, "Civil Discourse: Promoting Social Change through Interfaith Action" on March 11 in Muhlenberg College's Miller Forum, Moyer Hall. Patel's visit was co-sponsored by the Center for Ethics, the Chaplain's office and the Institute for Jewish Christian Understanding.

Named by "U.S. News & World Report" as one of America's Best Leaders of 2009, Patel is the author of "Acts of Faith" and "Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice and the Promise of America." He is also a regular contributor to *The Washington Post*, National Public Radio and CNN. He holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes scholar.

This event was part of the year-long Center for Ethics series, *Civility and Disobedience*. Each year, the Center for Ethics sponsors an intensive series designed to encourage discussion and reflection on a timely, pertinent topic. Center for Ethics programs are free and open to all members of the Muhlenberg campus and the local community.



'Berg featured in new Princeton Review Book "Colleges That Pay You Back: 2015 Edition"

Muhlenberg College is one of the nation's best colleges for students seeking great academics, outstanding career preparation and generous financial aid – according to The Princeton Review.

The College is one of 200 schools that the education services company profiles in its just published book, "Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Best Value Colleges and What It Takes to Get In - 2015 Edition."

The Princeton Review developed a unique "Return-on-Education" (ROE) rating to winnow its list of the 200 colleges for this new book. ROE measures 40 weighted data points – everything from academics, cost, financial aid and student debt to statistics on graduation rates, alumni salaries and job satisfaction. The Company based its ROE rating on data collected in 2013-14 from its



surveys of administrators and students at 650 colleges, plus surveys conducted by PayScale.com through April 2014 of alumni of the same schools.

"We salute and highly recommend Muhlenberg College and all of our Colleges That Pay You Back schools. They stand out for their excellent academics, impressive career preparation services and affordability to students with need – via comparatively low sticker prices, generous financial aid or both," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's Senior VP/Publisher and lead

author of the book. "Plus their students graduate with great career prospects."

In the book's profile of Muhlenberg, The Princeton Review editors praise the school for its generous financial aid packages, its internship manual and student research and scholarship program. Muhlenberg students surveyed described the College as "an excellent place to go if you're serious about academics, and you want to try a lot of things throughout your undergraduate career." The "Career Information" section of the profile lists a high Return-on-Education (ROE) rating score of 86 percent for Muhlenberg. The profile also reports PayScale.com figures on median salaries of Muhlenberg's alumni, showing the median starting salary as \$44,800 and median mid-career salary as \$88,800.



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From the Desk of Natalie Kulp Hand '78, P'07, Executive Director, Alumni Relations and Advancement Services

The Alumni Relations staff and members of Reunion Committees are busy planning for this year's Alumni Weekend to make certain that everyone has the time of their life. And yet all the planning and hard work is not what will make the weekend successful – YOU ARE!

If you haven't marked your calendar and made plans to attend, why not? To save you the effort of coming up with excuses, I did some research on why people don't come to reunions. Compiled here (in some cases copied verbatim) is my rebuttal – a list of the Top 10 Reasons to plug Muhlenberg College in your GPS and find your way back to campus this September for Alumni Weekend.

- 1** You've got nothing to prove. Even if your life didn't follow the road map you had planned, you know deep down your path has been uniquely yours.
- 2** The chance to recapture that spark of optimism and sense of possibility that you haven't felt in decades. There is something life-affirming about reconnecting with people who knew you "when". No one can relive that big game, embarrassing moment, ridiculously hard exam like the friends who were there with you when it happened.
- 3** You could make new friends. People change. A lot. You might enjoy getting to know someone with whom you had nothing in common when you were students.
- 4** You might run into an old flame. If he or she is balding and paunchy, you'll snuff out that flicker for good. If you're single, you might not be single much longer. I know of several happy marriages that began at reunions.
- 5** To Party Like It's 19??! When careers and kids come along, opportunities to let your hair down can be few and far between. Your reunion will give you

the chance to party the night away rocking out to songs you haven't heard in years.

6 Because wall posts aren't real conversations. You can't hear the infectious laugh of the classmate who sat behind you in geometry, see an ex-boyfriend's smiling blue eyes or hug your former teammate on Facebook.

7 It's always nice to go home. Maybe you don't feel a connection anymore– but going to a place that was home is good for your heart and soul. Take the time to walk down academic row, visit the bookstore and buy a new sweatshirt, or eat at the GQ.

8 No one cares about anything but seeing you. They don't care if you still fit in your cheerleader's uniform anymore. In fact, no one even remembers if you were a cheerleader. Call it old age, diminishing memories or too much wine. Come and leave your insecurities at home.

9 Invest in your social network. Think of it as free life insurance. Remember these people have known you since you first left home and they might just be there later if you, God forbid, lose your house or break your hip.

10 The "I didn't like anyone then," "I still talk to everyone I want to talk to," and "everything there is to know about anyone is on Facebook" excuses are predictable and ordinary. You are neither. So, come back and see those people who knew you when you were a party animal, an amazing dancer, a bookworm or a star athlete. Laugh, reminisce, sympathize, be curious. Come with an open heart and you won't be disappointed.

Please remember that you make Alumni Weekend a success. See you then!

P.S. Oh, and the excuse that "it's not my reunion" – it doesn't work. Alumni Weekend includes HOMECOMING!

Portland, Maine



New York



Chicago



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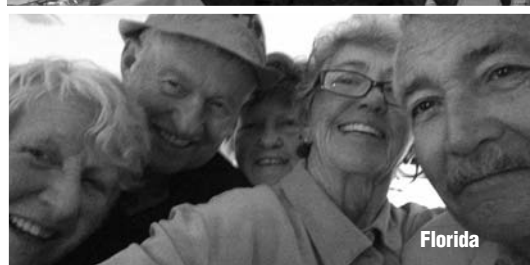
Florida



Nevada



New Jersey



Florida



Boston

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There once was a school
we called home.
But to Orlando we did roam.
To the 'Berg we drink
You helped us all think
Thanks for the mem-ries
and Haas dome!

*Charlotte Sachetti Chapman '08,
Celebration, Fla.*

So, to see a table full of new faces -
or faces that I've met here in
Pittsburgh - shows how special
Muhlenberg is and how much 'Berg
alumni want to feel connected to
one another.

Emily Morse '10, Pittsburgh, Pa.

It's really amazing to see how
Muhlenberg is represented all over
the world.

Maggie Hughes '14, Caen, France

We had a wonderful time.
Our average age in attendance
was 71.4, so I think we are in the
running for the most "mature"
THAW gathering in the world!

John Trainer '65, Jacksonville, Fla.

Sometimes the most meaningful
toast is just a moment with a
classmate. One you've been married
to for 38 years. Using our glasses
from the Muhlenberg College Class
of 1976 Senior Ball.

Mike Pocalyko '76, Reston, Va.



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Scholarship Luncheon Celebrates the Muhlenberg Experience

By Shelly Cohen '15



Amie DeFeo '16, recipient of
The Mingma Norbu Sherpa Memorial Scholarship

Without financial aid, Amie DeFeo '16 would not have been able to attend Muhlenberg. And without college, this year's recipient of **The Mingma Norbu Sherpa Memorial Scholarship** would not have been able to participate in a Muhlenberg Integrated Learning Abroad (MILA) course that changed her life.

"The decision to enroll in that class resulted in the best experience of my life to this day," said DeFeo, who traveled to Costa Rica for two weeks with a group under the tutelage of Professor Richard Niesenbaum, director of Muhlenberg's sustainability studies program.

DeFeo's speech was the highlight of the Scholarship Luncheon held Jan. 31 in Seegers Union. The annual event honors individuals and organizations that support scholarships and have made a commitment to improving the lives of 'Berg students. This year alone, 22 new scholarships were created and seven additional financial commitments were made to previously established scholarships.

"We celebrate the generosity of those who have provided scholarship opportunities and

introduce donors to students who are benefitting from their financial support and vice-versa," said President Randy Helm during his remarks.

That sentiment was echoed by DeFeo, who is studying environmental science and early childhood education. "We will forever remember our unique experiences at Muhlenberg and have you to thank for making our time on this campus possible," said DeFeo.

The keynote speech was given by Board of Trustee member and scholarship donor Douglas Peebles '87, who for the past 27 years has been chief investment officer in the fixed income division of AllianceBernstein. Peebles and his wife Elaine (Luglio) '87 recently established The Peebles Family Scholarship as part of The Muhlenberg Match Scholarship Challenge (www.muhlenbergconnect.com/muhlenbergmatch)

That program has set aside \$10 million to match 1:1 any newly-established endowed scholarships from \$25,000 to \$250,000. To date, donors have committed more than \$4.8 million in gifts and pledges.

The Loyalty Society

The Loyalty Society recognizes the commitment of donors whose annual gifts for at least five or more consecutive years serve as the cornerstone of Muhlenberg's continued growth as a liberal arts institution for the 21st Century.

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Challenge	Gift Commitments	Match Funds Utilized
Scholarship Match	\$4,992,857	\$4,242,857
Enrichment Match	\$1,430,021	\$680,021
Total (both)	\$6,422,878	\$4,922,878

As of April 28, 2015



From left: Patty & Al Yerger '63, Jim Yerger '77 and Naomi Schneck Yerger '79

THE YERGER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Great chemistry from the start

By Shelly Cohen '15

Al Yerger '63 was the first of his family to attend Muhlenberg. But, thankfully, not the last.

What began in 1959, the year of Al's matriculation, has resulted in the establishment of **The Yerger Family Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry**. Al, wife Patty, brother Jim '77 and Jim's wife, Naomi Schneck Yerger '79, all had a part in establishing this gift to the physical sciences, which was made in conjunction with the Muhlenberg Match Scholarship Challenge.

"This program has allowed us to make what I think is a substantial effect on the future of Muhlenberg," Al said. "If the Board decides to set aside a good chunk of endowment and match it dollar-to-dollar, I applaud it."

Al, the leadoff hitter in this Yerger family affair, graduated in 1963 with a degree in chemistry. But he was more than a science student. He captained the cross-country team, played baritone horn in the band and was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Science was his real passion, though. He describes a summer spent doing research with the late Dr. Russell Smart, a renowned 'Berg chemistry professor, as a pivotal one. Al later earned his doctorate in chemistry from Penn State and spent almost 40 years with the National Institutes of Health, from which he recently retired.

Patty is not a Muhlenberg grad, but she holds a master's in biology from Cal State Long Beach.

Like his brother, Jim '77 was a chemistry major and remembers with fondness his classes with Dr. Donald Shive P'02 and a research experience with Dr. Dave Stehly in environmental science. He met Naomi Schneck during their overlapping years at Muhlenberg and found someone with 'Berg in her blood. Naomi's father graduated from Muhlenberg in the 1930s, an older brother and older sister earned their degrees during the 1960s, and her twin sister was also on campus from 1975 through her graduation in 1979.

Naomi was a psychology major at Muhlenberg and has a master's degree in counseling from the University of Maryland, but she dipped her toe into science, having worked for many years at Merck Frosst, promoting literacy and careers in science.

Though science was the impetus behind the Yerger scholarship, the family also promotes the idea of a liberal arts education.

"Muhlenberg fostered a well-rounded education and family college experience and allowed you to get to know a variety of people," said Naomi. "It taught me how to think and to apply that everywhere I went."

"My broad experience at Muhlenberg made a huge difference in not allowing tunnel vision," said Jim.

And Al, who started it all, sums it up this way: "My education here made me aware of things outside of science. It made me feel good about the fact that you can have wide interests."

No Script? No Direction? No Problem.

*'Berg Choir learns on the fly
in memorable New York appearance*

From the darkest heart of man can spring works of great light. So discovered the Muhlenberg Choir on Valentine's Day when it performed in a play called "The Events" at the renowned New York Theatre Workshop on East Fourth Street.

The play is modeled on a real-life 2011 tragedy that occurred in Norway—the slaughter of 92 innocents by a right-wing gunman. "The Events," co-written by David Greig (a Scot) and Ramin Gray (an Englishman of Iranian descent), deals with the healing process of a community choir after several members are killed in a shooting attack by a disturbed and xenophobic young man. No violence is shown on stage, but the piece is predictably heavy on emotion.

The leadup to the performance was anything but conventional. The Muhlenberg Choir (joined for this project by several seasoned singers including alumni Ron Clever '80, P'07, P'16, and Sean Morrow '91, associate director of alumni relations; Wescoe student Duane Loeper; Ken Butler, executive assistant to the president; Muhlenberg spouse Paul Hille; and community member Gene Hamilton) started learning the music in January, but neither the conductor nor the singers were given the text (libretto) of the play, nor instructions about any other stage business.

A week before the performance, the choir traveled to New York for rehearsal with a diverse mix of choirs that were performing in other performances that same week. But they returned to campus still in the dark about their actual role on stage. When the choir members arrived at The Theatre Workshop two hours before curtain, they at last received folders that included instructions for stage movement, choral chanting and spoken lines. Imagine receiving your lines two hours before your Off-Broadway debut.

Plus, the instructions weren't exactly straightforward. Sarah Mitchler '17 (a music and theatre double major from Santa Cruz, Calif.) was assigned a monologue describing the social habits of chimpanzees and bonobos. With only a bit more advance notice, Rosalie McAvoy '18 (undeclared major, Sharon, Mass.) was asked to underscore an actor's speech by humming a lullaby.



Herewith several of the participants share their memories of the project, which was initiated by Dr. Beth Schachter, chair of Muhlenberg's department of theatre and dance, and underwritten by special funds from the offices of the president and provost.

"Imagine us, Muhlenberg College Choir, getting a chance to perform in the NYC theatre where "Rent" made its debut. How cool is that? **The excitement in the room when we found out was tangible.**"

— Holly Morgan '18, theatre and English double major, Washington, D.C.



"The first time we were working on [the final] song, I almost broke down crying in the middle of choir. I have been in choirs for four years, and the **whole concept of a choir being a place where anybody could just go, be with friends, be sociable and have a family of people to lean on was something that was very dear to my heart.** Imagining losing members of that family is devastating."

— Maddux Pearson '18, history and music major, West Chester, Pa.

"It was sort of confusing because **all the pieces had wildly different names and wildly different musical textures** from what I could tell. I was like, 'What exactly are we doing with all these completely disparate pieces?'"

— Julia Tyson '18, theatre major, East Hampton, N.Y.

"The fictional choir depicted in The Events is a multiracial community ensemble where singers of all ages, skill levels, nationalities and sexualities are welcome. This aspect of the group is what makes it the target of violence. **It was wonderful to sing in a massed choir with groups of such different stripes,** celebrating our differences and raising our voices together: We're all here!"

— Michael Schnack, full-time lecturer in music, director of choral activities



Lauren Boyle Dexter '09 and Leanna Tallamy '15

Alumni Giving

*By Mike Falk
Sports Information Director*

There's nothing unusual about former college athletes giving back to the teams they were a part of as undergraduates, but Lauren Boyle Dexter '09 made a truly unique "donation" to the Muhlenberg women's basketball team.

She sent the Mules another star player.

Dexter was one of the most accomplished players in Muhlenberg women's basketball history, and her fabulous career earned an induction into the Muhlenberg College Athletic Hall of Fame last month. After graduating, she helped her husband, Chris Dexter, coach the basketball team at High Point Regional High School in Sussex, N.J.

The 2011 High Point team went 27-1 and won the tri-county title, and its best player, Leanna Tallamy '15, was named West Jersey player of the year. Tallamy went on to attend Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., and had a very successful freshman year on the court. She averaged 19.0 points and 10.6 rebounds per game and was selected Commonwealth Coast Conference rookie of the year.

But something wasn't right for Tallamy, who grew up on a farm with a large, tight-knit family.

"I wanted to go to school closer to home so that my family would be able to support me at more of my games," she said.

Tallamy contacted her former coach, Dexter, who in turn contacted her former college coach, Ron Rohn.

Rohn, who has an outstanding record of 281-100 in 14 seasons at Muhlenberg, agreed to show Tallamy around campus one Sunday in the summer of 2012. "I thought I was doing Lauren a favor," he said. "As it turned out, she was doing me a favor."

It took a little while for the favor to pay dividends. Rohn's Mule teams have traditionally been very guard-oriented, and the system was not the best fit for Tallamy, a physical, aggressive post player. Rohn had never seen Tallamy play until the first practice of the 2012-13 season, and her first season at Muhlenberg consisted of mostly sporadic play.

That all changed at the start of the following season. Tallamy recorded double-doubles in both games of the Scotty Wood Tournament to walk away with MVP honors, and then things took off from there. Flourishing in a

new system, Tallamy averaged 17.0 points and 8.2 rebounds as a junior, scoring in double figures in all but three games, to earn first-team All-Centennial Conference honors.

Her senior year was even better. Tallamy's averages soared to 18.8 points and 11.1 rebounds, and again she was selected to the All-Centennial first team, this time unanimously. Following the season, she received honorable mention on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America team, becoming the fourth Muhlenberg player so honored.

One of the other three? Lauren Boyle.

As a senior, Tallamy scored in double figures in every game but two (including the last 24 of the season) and rebounded in double figures 20 times. Her 20 double-doubles tied for the fourth-most in Division III. The Lehigh Valley small college player of the year, Tallamy broke school records for field goals (191), free throws (156) and rebounds (322) in a season. Her 538 points were just eight shy of the school record.

The true icing on the cake, however, came on the last day of February when Tallamy and her teammates won the Centennial Conference championship. She was named MVP of the tournament after recording 16 points and 11 rebounds in a semifinal win against Johns Hopkins and 20 points and nine rebounds in the final, a thrilling 68-64 defeat of top-seed McDaniel.

The title was the league-record eighth for the Mules and a fitting prize for Tallamy. While her Muhlenberg classmates got to experience a championship as freshmen in 2012, Tallamy was at Gordon that year.

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Four individuals and one team were inducted into the Muhlenberg College Athletic Hall of Fame in April. Taking their place among the College's greats were **Lauren Boyle Dexter '09**, **Danielle Rafaelle Seiler '06**, **David Chorney '09**, **John DeLuca '09** and the **2008-09 women's basketball team**.

Boyle is one of the top women's basketball players in College history. One of four players in Centennial Conference (CC) history with 1,500 points, 400 rebounds and 250 assists in a career, she earned All-CC first-team honors in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and received All-America honorable mention in 2008 and 2009. Boyle was first or second on the Mules in scoring each of her four years, and on Muhlenberg's all-time lists, she ranks third in points (1,505) and field goals, sixth in assists and seventh in free throws.

Seiler is the only female in school history to compete in the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships three times, qualifying in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 2004, 2005 and 2006. During her career, she won eight Centennial Conference gold medals: in the 400 hurdles four straight years from 2003 to 2006 and in the 400 meters indoors in 2005 and 2006 and outdoors in 2004 and 2005.

Chorney was the first five-time NCAA qualifier in Muhlenberg history, competing at the national meet in cross country in 2006, 2007 and 2008, indoor track in 2009 and outdoor track in 2009. He earned All-America honors as member of distance medley relay team that finished fourth at 2009 NCAA Indoor Championships. A three-time All-Mideast Region honoree in cross country, Chorney helped the cross country team earn an NCAA bid in 2006, and at the time of his graduation, he held 10 school records on the track.

DeLuca was a two-sport star in football and lacrosse. As a running back, he was named third-team All-American, second-team Academic All-American and CC offensive player of the year in 2008. The team's leading rusher all four years, he holds school records for rushing yards in a season (1,634), rushing TDs in a game (4) and carries in a season (339) and career (895). In lacrosse, DeLuca was a three-year starter as a defenseman. He received All-America honorable mention and All-CC first-team honors in 2008 and 2009.

The 2008-09 women's basketball team put together a "perfect season," becoming the first team in CC history to go 20-0 in the CC regular season and postseason. The Mules finished with 26-4 record and won the CC championship, going on to reach the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament for first time. They ended the year ranked 14th in Division III – the highest final ranking in program history.



The 2008-09 women's basketball team at this spring's Athletic Hall of Fame reception



John Williams brings intriguingly diverse talents to the presidency

A Well-Lettered Leader

by Peter Field

Like all of the candidates in serious contention to be named Muhlenberg's 12th president, John Williams' resume arrived be-decked with letters.

It's just his letters were a bit different from most.

First off, there were *J.D. and M.B.A.*, signifying degrees in law and business, credentials that are atypical, but by no means unheard-of, among college presidents. Yet even there, Williams' letters were different: he earned his advanced degrees concurrently — while at Harvard. Then there was *C.E.O.*, not once, but repeatedly, attesting to the companies he had led (and sometimes helped co-found) over the past 19 years, including the Webby Award-winning Biztravel.com at the turn of the millennium. A bit more obscurely there were *A.T.P., A.S.E.L., A.M.E.L.*, denoting the top flight ratings (for single and multi-engine aircraft) he had achieved in over 2,200 hours of flying airplanes. There was even *Jr.* — his full name is John I. Williams, Jr. — attesting to his unique upbringing

as the child of a German-American, Lutheran mother and an African-American father, adopted at one month by African-American parents who raised him in suburban Westbury, N.Y. and, says Williams if you ask, “always spurred me on to strive to achieve my full potential.”

A man who is at once meticulous and thorough but never excessive, Williams declined to add to his resume the letters C3 to A4, the musical range of his second tenor voice. Singing has been a lifelong passion, from a solo role in Benjamin Britten’s *Noye’s Fludde* as a youthful chorister in his Episcopal Church choir, to his decision to attend Amherst, sometimes called the “Singing College,” to world travels he has undertaken as part of Mastersingers USA. In 2003, the Mastersingers chorus of 100 male voices – including Williams’ – won the prestigious International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales.

And yet, as unusual and intriguing as these all may have been, when the Presidential Search Committee turned its attention to considering John Williams, there was one letter in particular that truly stood out. “It was his cover letter – it was 11 pages long!” exclaims Sheryl LeBlanc Guss ’81, who represented alumni on the committee. Notwithstanding its unusual length, William’s letter to the committee demonstrated the characteristic that, time and again throughout his career, has helped mold his success – keen and penetrating insight. “He *knew* us,” is how Guss describes first reading the letter. “It was obvious that he’d thought long and hard about Muhlenberg.”

Mathematics Professor Linda McGuire, one of three faculty members on the committee, agrees. “When I have been asked to describe John, I land on the word *insightful*,” she says. “He independently and accurately identified where we want to improve. He is very much a big picture thinker.”

Strategic thinking is strongly in evidence whenever you engage Williams in conversation, but especially so when the topic moves to higher education, which has been a passion of his since the 1970s and his days as a visible student leader on the Amherst campus. He brings a long history of involvement with higher education to his role as president; first elected to the Amherst College Board of Trustees in 1984, he has served continuously since, eventually earning an appointment as a Life Trustee in 1996. In that time, he has been active in three different capital campaigns, including Amherst’s most recent, which raised more than \$500 million. He also spent time as a partner in the higher education practice of The Bridgespan Group, a strategy consulting firm that assists non-profits, and

“He is very much a big picture thinker.”

– Dr. Linda McGuire, professor of mathematics

managed the consulting practice at Eduventures, an education-related information services company.

Get him started talking and what you quickly encounter is Williams’ almost evangelical zeal for society’s need to focus more on the liberal arts. “This is a matter of skating to where the puck is going to be,” is how he describes it, quoting hockey great Wayne Gretzky. “We are moving from the knowledge economy to the creative economy. Unquestionably, it’s the liberal arts that best prepare you for a multi-dimensional life and career.”

It was, in no small part, Williams’ own multi-dimensional life and career that earned the search committee’s extra attention. Recalls McGuire on initial inspection: “At first, as we were reading vitae, it wasn’t clear to me why this position would be of interest to him – he was not of the faculty. I wasn’t really sure of his rationale and desire. I needed to be convinced.” But to all, the evidence was inescapable: this guy was *different*. Which is exactly what the search committee set out to find. Believing new times are best served by new ideas and new approaches, the search for Muhlenberg’s 12th president was a deliberately wide-ranging process. “We talked about casting a very broad net,” is how committee member and Chairman of Muhlenberg’s Board of Trustees Rich Crist ’77, P’05, P’09, described their deliberations. “We wanted to consider both traditional and nontraditional candidates. What we wanted was the best candidate for this time in Muhlenberg’s history.”

In Williams’ case if seeing on paper was intriguing, meeting in person was convincing. Says McGuire, “When I met John, the first impression I had was of a strong presence in the room, and yet he was incredibly friendly and approachable. His level of preparation was especially impressive. Clearly he was a quick study. He was really ready for us. He knew more about Muhlenberg coming into that room than many of the people who already work here.”

Perhaps what she and other committee members felt was the candidate’s growing conviction that it was a match meant to be. In all his careful preparation, Williams became increasingly enamored of Muhlenberg. “The more I learned, the more excited I got,” he recalls. “It starts with the community – all the elements are intensely supportive of one another. There’s this

“John is a quintessential liberal arts person with the diversity of interests and talents. He will take us into the future in a way that I think will be impressive and exciting.”

– Rich Crist '77, P'05, P'09, chair of the Board of Trustees



incredible affection and commitment to the college that's really striking. People are committed to the college and to one another. The faculty here is remarkably hard-working, supportive of student success and willing to work with the administration to help the college move forward. There's a collaborative work ethic in support of the institution. And the staff will go through a brick wall to make things happen."

A large part of what Williams sees as Muhlenberg's unique advantages lie in what, over the course of a 30-year career in the business world, he observed to be a mostly uncelebrated reality: alumni of liberal arts colleges number disproportionately among the nation's and the world's leaders. "Liberal arts graduates have an almost infinite distribution of paths that we can take in life," he says. "This is reflected in the curricular choices our Muhlenberg students are making today. They are all about '*be more, do more*' – they refuse to be boxed in to contemplating just one career or restricted to just one pursuit in their studies."

So where does that lead? As it happens, the businessman's part of Williams' brain has a ready example: "Remember that no less a technology maven than Steven Jobs had a liberal arts orientation. Even though he dropped out of Reed College due to a lack of funds, Jobs invoked a liberal arts sensitivity in the way he managed Apple, marrying creativity and design and a profound aesthetic sense. In fact, if Jobs hadn't taken a calligraphy class, millions of people might have had a far different experience using personal computers and mobile devices. His success wasn't simply having good engineers; he understood what makes people *feel comfortable* using technology. Apple is a shining example of the victory of the liberal arts. It's a company that has taken a much more humanistic approach to its products."

Unquestionably what Muhlenberg and other elite liberal arts colleges need at this juncture is a way of demonstrating their unique value to a society grown increasingly focused on the bottom line payoff of a college degree. "The value of attending a particular liberal arts college is very hard for people to assess independently," notes Williams, who has more than a little personal experience in this regard. "While none of my three kids attended Muhlenberg, their combined college experience reflects our curricular offerings. Miguel, 31, obtained his B.A. in biology from Goucher College and now works in Boston's biotech industry. Ashley, 27, got a B.F.A. in musical theater from the University of Michigan and is performing in her third Broadway show. Arianna, 21, is graduating this May from Washington University in St.

A Profile of Diane Pierce-Williams

*By Christine Lake
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of Public Relations*



For Muhlenberg, a new President means welcoming a new family. Diane Pierce-Williams, John Williams' spouse of 28 years, says she can't wait to join the community. An attorney who currently serves as interim director of the library at Milton Academy, a K-12 independent school near Boston, Pierce-Williams is naturally disposed toward academic settings. "I come from a long line of educators, and most of my own working life has been spent in schools, so I expect to feel quite at home at Muhlenberg," she explains. Having watched students progress from primary through secondary school at Milton Academy, Pierce-Williams says she is constantly inspired "by the fearlessness and passion they can display as they grow into themselves." That ability to change is an inspiration for an accomplished woman who expected to work in law. "I never dreamed of being a librarian-archivist, yet I have been exquisitely well-matched for the profession," she says. "I feel so lucky to have been able to reinvent myself and experience different careers."

Those careers include experience in higher education as a professor at Loyola University New Orleans' College of Law and as a former trustee of both Hampshire College and Goucher College. Pierce-Williams welcomes the opportunity to put down roots in Allentown, "doing whatever I can to promote and care for the Muhlenberg community. It may be that this is the job for which I've been preparing all along." As part of that preparation, she has made a few quick visits to Muhlenberg's campus, where she has been struck by the warm and gracious welcome of the community and taken an immediate shine to the campus' classic architecture mixed with newer style buildings such as the Baker Center for the Arts and Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance. Perhaps unsurprisingly, she was especially impressed with the Trexler Library. And the red doors? "Of course, they make an indelible impression," she says.

Pierce-Williams looks forward to working in a volunteer capacity in the city of Allentown. "Wherever I have lived, I have always joined community organizations that promote education, parenting, and the arts. I am quite happy performing tasks that are not very glamorous as I learn about the group and get to know people. Sometimes my primary challenge is to just pace myself."

An avid traveler, Pierce-Williams confides a special interest in human-built wonders ranging from the Hoover Dam to the Great Wall of China and the pyramids of Mexico, and she lists a Panama Canal transit and a visit to Cambodia's Angkor Wat as high on her bucket-list trips. She brings a natural zest for new places and new faces that should serve her well in the move from Massachusetts. "Pennsylvania will be the fifth state in which I obtain a driver's license. Each place where I have lived as an adult has had interesting people to meet and wonderful things to see and experience," she says. "I am very much looking forward to exploring a new place."

Louis and is majoring in psychology, neuroscience and philosophy."

In searching for Muhlenberg's 12th president, there was a real desire to find a candidate who could speak to this issue both passionately and from personal experience. "The past 12 years of Randy's leadership have been exceptional and we have done a fantastic job moving the college ahead," says Crist of departing President Randy Helm. "We've made strides in bricks and mortar and in curricula as well. This is a strong foundation. We set out to find the kind of person who is best suited to build on it. John is a quintessential liberal arts person with a diversity of interests and talents. He will take us into the future in a

way that I think will be impressive and exciting."

A well-lettered leader, a man of many interests and multiple talents, Williams will bring unique capabilities to lead Muhlenberg beginning July 1. "Very early on in our conversations with John it became apparent where his passions lie. He's so eloquent in speaking about his own liberal arts education. He's a true believer in what we do," says McGuire. "Muhlenberg is already a special place. I think John has the ability to harness exciting energies and translate that into a clear identity that we tell to the world. His gift will be as a storyteller of the Muhlenberg experience."

THE WILLIAMS JOURNEY



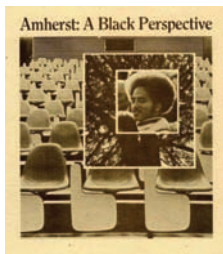
1967

Williams attends high school at the Kent School in Connecticut; he plays junior varsity basketball and baseball but his real successes come in the classroom and with the choral group, the Kentones.



1971

Williams graduates from Kent and chooses Amherst, partly because of its strong choral tradition. At Amherst he is also active in student politics and serves as a resident advisor.



1975

Williams meets Diane Pierce, a fellow Harvard law student. They are married in 1986.



1979

In a joint program, Williams earns a law degree and an M.B.A. from Harvard.



1983

Moved by an entrepreneurial spirit and "the desire to be a general manager and not just a recommender," Williams co-launches Softbridge Microsystems.

John Williams is adopted as a 1-month-old-child by John and Ruth Williams, in the New York City suburb of Westbury.

1954



1975



Williams graduates Amherst College magna cum laude with a degree in economics.

1978



Williams is recruited by Mitt Romney for Bain & Company, a strategic consulting company. He is Bain's first employee of color.

1984

Amherst asks Williams to join a presidential search team and, a year later, to become a Trustee.





1983

Williams realizes a lifelong dream of flying when he earns his pilot's license.

1996



Williams is named a Life Trustee at Amherst.

- Getting in on the ground floor of the Internet, Williams leaves AMEX to become CEO of Biztravel.com. Under his leadership, the startup wins the Webby.

2000-2014



Williams is involved with various entrepreneurial ventures with particular emphasis on strategic planning for higher education. That work includes serving as partner at The Bridgespan Group, a nonprofit advisor for mission-driven organizations and philanthropists.

2014



Muhlenberg names Williams its 12th president.



1988

American Express decides that it can't leave home without John Williams. He comes aboard and stays for eight years.

1988-1996

As vice president of strategic planning, then head of the platinum card business and finally boss of the company's Consumer Travel Network, Williams not only commands a force of 2,000 but gets to travel the world.



2010



Harvard innovation lab

Williams goes Crimson again, returning to Harvard as an Expert-in-Residence in the University's Innovation Lab.

Ex-Mule hoop star finds losing can be

A WINNING EXPERIENCE

Hargrove Happy Playing Role of Globetrotter Foil

By Ron Czajkowski '71

Once a winner at Muhlenberg, Kevin Hargrove '14 now gets paid to lose, and he couldn't be happier.

After graduating last May, the journey from being the Mule's all-time men's basketball leader in game, season and career blocked shots took an unexpected bounce over the summer. Hargrove, a 6'10," 230-pound center from Queens, N.Y., plays for the Washington Generals, the perennial, predictable foil for the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters.

The Generals, who play the Globetrotters in venues as far ranging as Sioux City, Iowa, and Stuttgart, Germany, have won only three games since 1953. But that infamous record hasn't prevented Hargrove from enjoying a once in a lifetime opportunity for a career on the world stage.

"I had hoped coming out of school that I could continue playing basketball, and Coach Scott McClary '94 gave me his full support and helped me make the contacts along the way," says Hargrove. "I dreamed of playing professional basketball, and this was a great opportunity, so there was no hesitation in seizing it. My family was extremely supportive when I decided to try out for the Generals, my father especially saying, 'You're only young once.'" As McClary tells it, the owner of the Generals reached out to him to start a rigorous audition for Kevin that involved interviews, extensive film review and finally an invitation to tryout camp.

"Kevin was already working out hoping to play in Europe so he was ready," says McClary. "I thought he would be a great asset for the Generals because he is 6'10" and looks the part as a formidable opponent. However, the most important quality is that I knew Kevin could play in this situation and really 'get it.' He understands his place and understands the 'show' part of the Globetrotters. And from having him in my youth camps, I can attest that Kevin is very comfortable entertaining people and being on the short-end of a joke."

The week-long tryout camp was rigorous and included two-a-day sessions that brought players together from all over the country. "There were a lot of players looking for spots, and all of them were skilled in their own way," says Hargrove. "Each player had a predominant role on his former college team, and most of them were their school's best player at the time."

"I tried to talk to a lot of the veterans there to get a feel for what exactly the team was looking for. I learned quickly that along with being able to play well, paying close attention to detail



and being enthusiastic about the game were keys to being successful.”

And successful Kevin was. After making the team, he was joined by players from colleges the likes of SUNY Farmingdale, Virginia Wesleyan and Idaho State in their nightly test of basketball skill and theatrics against Globetrotter favorites such as “Moose” Weekes, “Handles” Franklin and “Big Easy” Lofton.

Is there a script? Do you practice the routines in advance? Do you have a predictable role to play in each game? Does that role change? Hargrove can’t answer in detail since that would give away the magic that’s part of the Globetrotters allure. But he is forthcoming about how he fits into the scheme.

“Every game I go out and try to give it my all and contribute to the team’s success,” says Hargrove. “Knowing that defense is my main strength on the court, I always try to be that anchor that I was at Muhlenberg. I was brought in to defend and rebound on both ends. Each one of us brings something different to the table, and together we’ve been able to put together a great team on the court.”

Each game sees competitive basketball being played for most of the first half, with the Globetrotters theatrics and antics dominating the rest of the game. Ultimately, the Globetrotters win and the Generals lose, most often by a close score.

Since the Generals’ last win against the Globetrotters in 1971, the team has lost more than 11,000 games in a row and become a national punchline. Even Krusty the Clown from “The Simpsons” quipped that he had bet a large sum of money on the Generals to win since he thought “they were due.”

Hargrove concedes that the sellout crowds are in attendance to see the Globetrotters, but the Generals always get a few fans “who love to root for the underdog, and that makes it even more fun.” And yes, a Washington Generals fan club really does exist.

Not short on creativity, the Globetrotters

publicity team is constantly at work generating advance press before the Globetrotters and Generals barnstorm into a city. Recently before a series of games in Philadelphia, a crowd of active military cheered as “Buckets” Blake sank a trick shot from the Battleship New Jersey into a hoop on a tugboat moving along the Delaware River.

And the routines on the court - the no-look shots from half court, a Generals player’s shorts being pulled down as he goes up for a rebound, the “Sweet Georgia Brown” keep-away routine, or a bucket of confetti being thrown at a defender or into the crowd - are all a part of the fun, even though the Generals are almost always the target of the jokes.

“It’s easy to have a good sense of humor when you’re around a bunch of good people who you consider your friends,” says Hargrove. “The game will get a lot of laughs every night, and sometimes someone will get singled out. But everyone at one point or another will, and that’s what makes the show so entertaining.”

Being on the road so much can get tiring, but the constant change of scenery and exploring different cities and cultures also has its benefits. “We do have time to explore the cities where we stay for more than a couple days,” says Hargrove. “My favorite so far has been Vancouver. The scenery out there was almost unreal.”

Back in Allentown, McClary sees Hargrove’s experiences with the Globetrotters as a door opener to possibilities beyond the lessons learned from basketball.

“This is a great experience in itself, so I hope Kevin enjoys it and takes advantage of it,” says McClary. “I know that he is really excited about the new relationships and the many places that basketball will be taking him. My only advice is to live in the now, stay in shape and be ready for any opportunity that comes your way. Maybe this exposure brings him a connection that will change his life in something well beyond basketball.”

HARGROVE STATS

989 career points

777 career rebounds

.567 career shooting percentage

244 career blocked shots (school record); also records for blocked shots in a game (10, twice) and season (76)

All-Centennial Conference first team in 2013

All-Centennial Conference second team in 2014

TRIPLE-DOUBLE (12 points, 13 rebounds, 10 blocks) vs. McDaniel in 2013

Team record of **64-41** during career

Played on 2012 Centennial Conference runner-up



Hargrove is uncertain about his future post-Generals; a tryout with a European professional team is a possibility. But for now he is under contract while the miles, the experiences and yes, those losses, keep accumulating.

“Whatever happens next, playing professional basketball and seeing kids and families smile everywhere we go is great,” Hargrove says. “I try to play every game with as much effort and enthusiasm as I have, and remember that in the end, what the Globetrotters and the Generals do is not about the score, it’s about the laughter.”

Ron Czajkowski '71 earned a master’s degree in journalism from Syracuse University in 1975. Now semi-retired, he crafted a 40-year career in weekly and daily newspapering, public relations and most notably, teaching. He resides in Somerville, N.J.



I preach about the transformative power of a liberal arts education all the time. Sometimes I preach to the unconverted. Often I preach to the choir. Last fall I decided maybe it was time to let the choir preach to me – and the rest of us. Thus was born “**The Liberal Arts Changed My Life**” contest – and the results were terrific. So many stories of so many lives transformed - over a hundred of them. And now it’s time to share them with you. Whether you’re in the choir, in the back pew or still standing outside the door trying to decide whether to join the congregation, I hope you enjoy these stories as much as I have.

– President Randy Helm

**GRAND
PRIZE**

LINDA ABBEY, Class of 1976

“When I started my medical career, I realized Muhlenberg science courses had prepared me very well for medical school and residency. As I look back on over 30 years of practice, I appreciate more and more the rest of my liberal arts education. We in medicine are privileged to be invited into the most intimate events of peoples’ lives: the euphoria of a baby’s birth, the tragedy of a child’s death. Most days are busy with happenings not so momentous but still extraordinarily humanly diverse. When I am searching for meaningful words, I am likely to recall Shakespeare, Sophocles, or maybe Camus or Cervantes: creators of characters who express in unforgettable words what it means to be humans in relationship. Through the dramatic harmonies of musical genius or the expertly blended strokes of the master artists, those of us who see life’s intensities have a common thread.”

OTHER WINNERS:

★ **DANIEL BRENNAN, Class of 2011**

“In 2007, I was graduating high school with the clear goal of attending Muhlenberg, getting my degree in psychology and then going onto medical school for psychiatry. Flash forward four years: now 2011, I graduated ‘Berg with that degree, but was heading to The Juilliard School to participate in the Juilliard Professional Internship Program in the Drama Division. Three years later, I am now on staff at the Atlantic Theater Company, one of NYC’s leading theater companies. This shift in career, mindset, life goals and pure enjoyment was all due to the atmosphere that Muhlenberg and liberal arts nurtures.”

★ **MARK CANTORA, Class of 2006**

“I recently saw a video of an infant receiving cochlear implants. The look on his face when he first experienced his mother’s voice was the closest personification of a ‘miracle,’ as I’ve ever seen. After I saw that movie, I realized that this short slice of life video is a perfect encapsulation of how the liberal arts improved my life. Muhlenberg liberal arts opened up my ability to experience the world in all its interconnected harmony from a perspective that would otherwise have been as unfathomable as the concept of sound to that young boy before his hearing aids.”

The Liberal Arts Changed My Life

JESSICA HITTINGER CHICKA, Class of 2005

"I didn't know you could do that. That's often the line I hear when I explain my vocation in religious ecological ethics. At Muhlenberg, I majored in both environmental science and religion. Never anticipating that these two would come together, I was surprised when I discovered how religious perspectives can influence individuals and groups toward environmental action. A liberal arts education afforded me opportunities to critically engage seemingly divergent areas of study in a well-rounded, multi-disciplinary way. As a current Ph.D. student, chaplain and teacher, I encourage others to see the possibilities in these types of critical engagement every day."

JACQUELINE INDELICATO, Class of 1994

"My education helped me 'Be the change I wanted to see in the world.' While studying in Florence, I was shocked by how antiquated the world's understanding of gender was. Medical textbooks showed inaccurate depictions of the female anatomy. If the actual anatomy is incorrect, how can one understand how to cure/care for it? This disconnect was prevalent in many of my classes. How can my gender's story accounting for every other person be missing from the academic landscape? Helped by Professor Haas, I became the first-ever gender studies graduate. The encouragement to question and create something not there before is still the common spark present in my professional career today. Whether pioneering a new retail format for Sony or discovering ways for global marketing agencies to drive innovation faster, liberal arts ignited my talents, helped me see the gaps and bridges and to change it 'for the better.'"

ANDREW KENT, Class of 2001

"My liberal arts education provided a foundation for career success outside of my biology and English majors. As a 2001 graduate, I pursued science journalism. With few job opportunities available, I began interning at the U.S. Congress on September 10. The following day, the 9/11 terrorist attacks transformed American foreign policy. My B.S. and non-major international relations coursework gave me skills and context to provide advice to senior decision-makers. This became a full time job and led to a career in international humanitarian assistance, an M.P.H. degree, and positions in Liberia, Sri Lanka, Haiti and the United Nations in New York."

RONALD MILLER, Class of 1969

"My major in the humanities at Muhlenberg taught me that the search for truth (especially religious truth) is about learning and not about pronouncements by the learned. So, every time I preach, my liberal education enables me to engage in a candid discussion about truth with those who come to worship. Preaching prepared sermons suggests that a truth might be delivered by me rather than sought for and discovered by all of us who gather for worship. Without a liberal education, my ability to seek truth in worship, through preaching, would be either significantly impaired or absolutely impossible."

DYLAN MOULTON, Class of 2005

"I arrived at Muhlenberg in 2001 an ambitious – albeit aimless – son of high school graduates. I identified myself as inquisitive, skeptical, a wrestler and reader limited by the context afforded by four generations in the same, small town. Muhlenberg provided peers with world experiences and professors who demanded more (a better draft, a second major). The liberal arts structure demanded personal growth beyond the borders of experiences before matriculation. Fenced curiosity became English and political science majors that guided me toward Manhattan and a career in publishing, envisioning the business models that will support the next generation of lifelong learners."

GASPARE PIZZO, Class of 2004

"I do not believe in fate or destiny, but my life experiences, including my four years at Muhlenberg, provide compelling evidence that such forces exist. I am the first-and-only born son of Italian immigrants, which meant I had the privilege of being named after my grandfather and the expectation to become the first male in my family to graduate from college. I chose Muhlenberg because of its highly regarded pre-med program, but majored in economics after reading studies claiming econ majors perform better on the M.C.A.T. I graduated in 2004 having completed the pre-med program, a double major in economics and international studies, and other interesting courses such as War and Justice and Ancient Roman History. Five years later, following a stint on Wall Street and graduate school, I landed my dream job that allows me to use the science, economics, finance and critical thinking education I received at Muhlenberg. I was hired as an intelligence analyst by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis focusing on threat finance. During a briefing to a senior policymaker, I was asked the origin of my name. I replied that my family is Italian, but my first name is Persian meaning 'The Treasury Bearer' and my last name is Sicilian meaning 'protection money.' I realized at that moment the ironic coincidence between my name and career; however, it was the multidisciplinary liberal arts education from Muhlenberg that prepared me and led me to this career, as well as the intellectual curiosity to research the meaning of my name."

ANGELINA YOUNG SAVAGE, Class of 2004

"A dancer. That is what I have always been. So, I went to college to dance... and I did, a lot! I took classes in science, communications, language and math; I was a leader, ran a company and assisted the director of a department. Because of my liberal arts education, I left Muhlenberg armed with the tools to do anything. Fast forward 10 years, and I am the president of a PR firm and have been dancing professionally since college. Thanks to my liberal arts education, I was able to find my passions and combine them into my dream job!"

1963

Dr. Fred E. Hossler published "Ultrastructure Atlas of Human Tissue." He is professor emeritus in the department of biomedical sciences at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University.

1964

Ed Bonekemper's fifth Civil War book is "Lincoln and Grant: The Westerners Who Won the Civil War." It was originally self-published but now (March 2015) is being formally published by Regnery Publishing. It describes the precedent-setting partnership between the president and his general-in-chief that won the Civil War while preserving civilian control of the military in the U.S. Thousands of copies will be placed in Costco, Sam's and other shopper clubs – in addition to bookstores, Amazon.com, etc. Meanwhile Ed is finishing his sixth CW book, "The Myth of the Lost Cause: False Remembrance of the Civil War."

Ron Smyser wrote a new book, "Family Business: Practical Leadership Succession Planning," that demystifies and simplifies one of the most important challenges facing family businesses founders. He has also written a number of business management articles and has appeared on Money Matters TV to discuss issues facing small businesses. Ron's initial career spanned 22 years with DuPont Co., where he fostered innovative leadership in technical, marketing, manufacturing and human resources functions. Subsequently, he led family owned, privately held businesses in the semiconductor, factory automation, security and automatic toll collection

industries. Over the last 20 years, Ron's company, Spinnaker Leadership Associates, Inc. (www.spinnakerleadership.com) has assisted startups to global private and publicly traded businesses with insightful leadership and management counsel based on proven, practical business principles.

1970

James H. "Jim" Cistone is the sixth recipient of the Ph.D. in aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University awarded during the Fall 2014 Commencement on December 15. His dissertation is entitled, "Analysis of Airport Surface Deviations using the Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS)." He currently provides contract research support to the FAA and NASA in the development of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen).

Matthew Sorrentino has been named chairman of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. after previously serving as vice-chairman of the firm and managing partner of the firm's Pennsylvania office.

1972

KeriLyn Burrows writes, "After two decades as an analytical chemist in product development at Ben Venue Laboratories in Ohio, I've returned to the Lehigh Valley – actually, back home to Catasauqua. I'm excited to be resuming my academic career, teaching four freshman/nursing chem lab sections at Moravian and renewing my ties with 'Berg."

1985

Jan Jurden was appointed and approved as the President Judge of

the Delaware Superior Court. The court is 183 years old and she is the first woman President Judge.

1987

On September 30, 2014, in San Diego, Calif., **Dr. Suzanne "Seppy" Seplow**, vice chancellor for student affairs at UCLA, presented "iSolutions: Building Community and Changing Lives" to 135 attendees at ASUG, the annual users conference of Adirondack Solutions, Inc. a housing/residence life software company owned by **Randi Schweriner**.

Linda Joan (Ely) Wieder graduated at the 18th winter commencement of the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, on December 12, 2014, as a doctor of education in education leadership. She is the daughter of Suzanne and **Wally Ely '58**. Linda is assistant principal at Easton High School, Easton, Md. She resides in St. Michaels, Md., with her husband, Charles, and sons, Timothy and Michael.

1988

Caroline (Yost) Dunleavy graduated from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in May 2014 with a master of arts in religion (M.A.R.). Her degree concentration was church history, and the title of her thesis was, "Looking at Louis Comfort Tiffany through a Spiritual Lens." She presented her research at the 2014 American Glass Guild Conference in Bryn Athyn, Pa.

Carla (Smith) Moyer has been promoted to the head of Middle School in Concord, N.C., where she has been a teacher and dean for 15 years. She is the niece of

Darryl Smith, who taught classes at Muhlenberg after his retirement from public school teaching.

1993

Emilie Conroy's successful Stone Bench Press is advancing the causes of independent publishing and green publishing. "The future of publishing is no longer in the hands of a few editors concerned more about profit than quality," she writes. "Today there's room for many more voices, and I see Stone Bench as providing the publishing professional experience for writers new to the business side." Recently, Emilie contributed three books to the independent press movement – a Halloween anthology, a book on the more horrifying aspects of Tudor England and a handbook on goddess spirituality. On the subject of green publishing, Emilie points out that all submissions and communications are done through e-mail, the web server for Stone Bench Press is powered by wind, and e-books are saving trees. Anyone interested in more information should contact Emilie at ejconroy@sbapress.com.

1994

Heather (Stamm) Fidler writes, "I have graduated from Wright State University's College of Educational and Human Services on December 14, 2014, with a master's in educational leadership with a concentration in teacher leader: curriculum and instruction. My academic work granted me admission to Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key International Honor Societies. I am currently an English language arts teacher and team leader at the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, the largest online public school in the state of Ohio."

1997

Stradley Ronon announced that **Brian Cocca** has been elected to the firm's partnership. Based in the firm's Malvern, Pa., office, Cocca focuses his practice on intellectual property issues, with a concentration on drafting and prosecuting patent applications in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical fields. His experience includes counseling biotechnology and pharmaceutical clients in all aspects of product development,



Brian Cocca '97

patent procurement and portfolio development strategies, risk management strategies, patent invalidity and non-infringement assessments, as well as research agreements and licensing strategies. Cocca's areas of technical expertise include immunology, cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, formulation chemistry, diagnostic assays and medical devices.

2000

Jennie Love operates her own business, Love 'n Fresh Flowers, an organic flower farm and floral design studio in Philadelphia.



Jennie Love '00

Recently, Jennie has received national recognition for her efforts in the local flower movement, including features in *The New York Times* and *Martha Stewart Weddings*. She has had the good fortune of growing and designing wedding flowers for several 'Berg alumni and even one professor this past year!

Nick '01 and Larissa (Poveromo) Noto welcomed the birth of their third son, Logan George, on February 18 at 11:19 a.m. Logan weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz.

Carolyn (Nurnberg) and Scott Spungin welcomed their son Benjamin Ryan on November 14, 2014. He joins big sister Lindsay Jana.



Logan Noto

2001

Matthew B. Ginsburg was promoted to partner at the Philadelphia office of Dechert LLP. Ginsburg focuses his practice on commercial real estate finance and investment with concentrations in the origination, acquisition, syndication and disposition of mortgage loans, mezzanine financings and subordinate debt and joint venture and preferred equity investments. In addition, he has experience in post-closing modifications, restructurings and workouts of complex distressed-debt structures.



Matthew Ginsburg '01

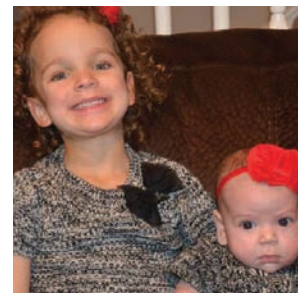
2002

Joy Chen writes, "We are happy to welcome Charles Thomas Tilton to our little family. He was born September 8, 2014, at 8 lbs., 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches tall."

David '98 and Alyssa (Rabenold) Ellowitch are thrilled to announce the arrival of Meredith Shelly Ellowitch. She was born on



Charles Tilton



Harper and Meredith Ellowitch

September 30, 2014, and has been a wonderful new addition to the family. Big sister Harper loves her new role and is teaching baby Meredith a lot of fun tricks!

Michael Mazzaro has published "The Denivan Exile," book two of The Saga of Terminus Mundus.

2003

Edward J. Easterly has been named member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus. He has been an associate attorney in the firm's Pennsylvania office since 2007.

Tracie (Rosenbaum) Serebrennikov and her husband, Eugene, are thrilled to welcome their daughter, Lilah June Serebrennikov, who was born on December 20, 2014 in Portland, Oregon.



Edward J. Easterly '03



Lilah June Serebrennikov

2004

Dr. Stephen DeMeo and Dr. Lindsay (Bramson) Majoram give best wishes to the Muhlenberg family from the Duke University Medical Center, where Lindsay is a postdoctoral scholar in the department of cell biology, and Steve is completing a fellowship in neonatology at Duke Children's Hospital.

Jessica (Freund) Wolff writes, "John Wolff and I are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter, Elizabeth Alexandra. Elizabeth was born on October 8, 2014, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was

18.5 inches long." In career news, Jessica passed the C.P.A. exam in June 2014 and was licensed on September 8, 2014 in the state of New Jersey.

2005

Stephanie (Rosenau) and Martyn Swift were married on October 26, 2014, in Baltimore, Md. Stephanie is a senior associate at ACHARAI, a leadership development institute, and Martyn is a senior IT consultant. The couple moved from Baltimore to London, England in December 2014.

2006

Jason Finkelstein and his wife, Christina, welcomed their daughter Ellie on February 14, 2015.

Noah Herman and **Ashley Kerns** were married on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at the Walnut Street Theatre (where they both work) in Philadelphia, Pa. The reception

followed at the Independence Seaport Museum, along the Delaware River Waterfront.

2007

Greg '05 and Heather (Lenz) Adams are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Bianca Anuhea Adams. She was born on September 21, 2014, weighing 7 lbs., 14 oz. and measuring 21.5 inches long.

Dr. Carey Heller, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Bethesda, Md., recently published

a new book, "A Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Time Management and Organizational Skills for Students of All Ages: A brief guide for children and teens with easy to implement strategies for success."

Laura Klenceski married Mike Gargalowicz. Alumni in attendance



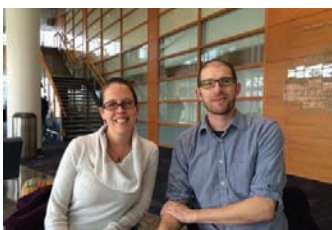
Deb Kipp P'04, '06, development and alumni relations at Muhlenberg, and Sheryl Caswell '06 visit in Buford, Ga., where Sheryl is the regional medical specialist, south for Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.



Ellie Finkelstein



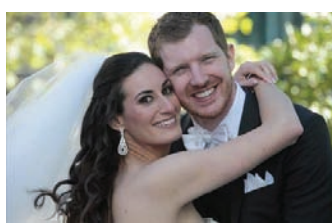
Bianca Anuhea Adams



Dr. Lindsay (Bramson) Majoram '04 and Dr. Stephen DeMeo '04



Elizabeth Alexandra Wolff



Stephanie (Rosenau) '05 and Martyn Swift



Noah Herman '07 and Ashley Kerns



Alumni present at the wedding of Laura Klencheski '07 and Mike Gargalowicz

included LisaAnn Polt, Jessica (Hand) Bryan, Jonathan Hartman, Stephanie Longworth, Anthony Acquafredda, Jessica Salese, Michael Montone, Patricia Norek and Allie Covell.

Jessica Reuther and P.J. Mulhern were happily married on November 22, 2014, at St. Rose

Church in Belmar, N.J. Reverend Dr. John Krivak, Roman Catholic Muhlenberg College Chaplain, presided over the wedding mass. Jessica and P.J. met at June Advising before their freshman year at Muhlenberg College. Their friends and family joined them after the mass at Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, N.J.

for the reception. The bridal party included the following alumni: Kristen Gialo, Emily (Sutton) Marquet, Emily Wright and Alex Corgan '08. Other alumni in attendance included: Allison (Davis) Ramil, Amanda (Downes) Corgan '08 and Megan (Blessing) Van Voorhis. The couple currently resides in



Ezra Feld

Columbia, Md.

2008

Ashley and **Eric Feld** are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Ezra Benjamin Feld, on October 14, 2014, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, N.C. He weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Jacy Good and **Steve Johnson** were married by former Muhlenberg Chaplain Peter Bredlau in Egner Memorial Chapel on October 12, 2013, and celebrated their union in the Wood Dining Commons, surrounded by many Mule friends, faculty and staff from across campus.

Barbie Macholz and **Matt Grimaldi** were married on July 12, 2014. Alumni present include: **Steve Johnson** and **Jacy Good**, **Stuart** and **Janis (Coughlin) Chanin**, **Lauren (Rutt)** and **Peter Bennett**, **Becca Schneider '06**, **David Wrigley**, **Thomas Kelleher**, **Tricia Conti**, **William Schmidt**, **Krista Mitchell**, **Joshua Mosberg**, **Michelle (Yost) Shoultes**, **Danny Ryan '09** and **Brigitte Choura '09**



Alumni present at the wedding of Jessica Reuther '07 and P.J. Mulhern '07



Jacy Good '08 and Steve Johnson '08



Alumni at the wedding of Charlotte Sachetti '08 and Matthew Chapman



Alumni present at the wedding of Barbie Macholz '08 and Matt Grimaldi '08



Alumni present at the wedding of Krista Mitchell '08 and Vipin Khare

and Evan Loewenstein.

Krista Mitchell and Vipin Khare were married on December 12, 2014. Alumni present include Barbie (Macholz) and Matt Grimaldi, Michelle (Yost) Shoultes, Tricia Conti, Gwen Royer '09, Lisa Harrison and Matt Horn, Jane Gomes and Amy Chrzanowski.

Charlotte R. Sachetti married Matthew R. Chapman on February 17, 2013. The snowy outdoor ceremony was held at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane farm in Edwards, Ontario Canada. Alumni in attendance were Kim David '07, Jonathan Evans, Erica Hunt and

Stephanie Lauren '07. Charlotte and Matthew currently reside in Orlando, Fla., where Charlotte is a production manager for Walt Disney World Creative Entertainment supporting Disney Cruise Line and Matthew is a technical director for Walt Disney World Creative Entertainment supporting Asia Projects.

2009

Michelle Consiglio and Steve Halupka were married on August 9, 2014 at the Tuxedo Country Club in N.Y. Many alumni were in attendance.

Alumni present at the November 8, 2014 wedding of Sarah Goldberg and Scott Ellis '08 were: Susan Boris Goldberg '86, Richard Goldberg '84, Ann Goodman '88, Amy Iverson '06, Emily Morse '10, Kathy Pocherstnik '10, Alexandra Lizzi '13, Ellen DiStefano '12, Seth Kaye, Mat Levin '08, Brian Bigelow '08, Amanda Bigelow, David Wrigley '08, Alex Corgan '08, Amanda Downes Corgan

'08, Chris Jordan '08, Brian Wernick, Justin Matulay '08, Ashley Farkas Pattwell '08, Sean Pattwell '08, Christina Vergos Bruno, Erin Herman and Nicole Rokoszak.

Christina "Tina" Vergos married Joe Bruno on December 31, 2014. Many alumni were in attendance.

2010

Callie Stewart and Ross Sprague

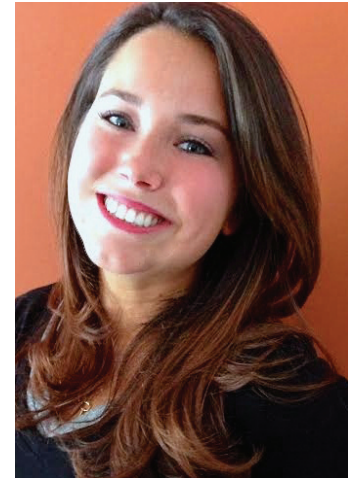


Alumni present at the wedding of Michelle Consiglio '09 and Steve Halupka '09

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Alumni at the wedding of Sarah Goldberg '09 and Scott Ellis '08



Bianca Johnson '11

were married on August 23, 2014. Alumni in attendance were: Michael Miller, Jason Kirschenbaum '11, Yoni Farber, William Hackett '12, Heather Mill, Emily Morse, Matthew Fishman, Abby Gilmore '12, Erin Futrovsky, Johanna Block '12, Ariel Unger, Brian Gaudet '11, Bobby Tawil,

Luke Csovekak, Philip Weisgold '11, Ben Leffel '10, Kenny Lafferty, Mark Krzywicki '09, Greg Zaccheo '09, Sam Sayre, Ricky Ritacco and Matthew Blank.

2011

Bianca Johnson has traded in her two-year career in Manhattan as a

public relations executive to pursue a career in education. She attended University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education (GSE), graduating magna cum laude in May 2014 with a master of science in education. She is currently teaching kindergarten at Upland Country Day School in

Kennett Square.

2012

Gary Puzzella was named the department chairperson for the career and technical education department at Croom High School in Prince Georges County School District, Maryland.



Alumni at the wedding of Tina Vergos '09 and Joe Bruno



Alumni at the wedding of Callie Stewart '10 and Ross Sprague '10



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1936

Louis Varricchio died on January 26, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sarah (Bigatel) Varricchio; daughters Andrea Varricchio of Wilmington, Del., and Celeste Varricchio and husband Robert Greenwald of Glen Ridge, N.J.; son Louis III and wife Marilyn of Middlebury, Vt.; brother Philip T. Varricchio of Allentown, Pa.; granddaughter Alexandra DiVito of Wilmington, Del.; and many nieces and nephews.

1938

Robert J. Snyder died on January 7, 2015. He was the husband of the late Pearl M. (Fisher) Snyder who died October 2008. He is the last of his family, but is survived by his friend Diane Rubino of Northampton, Pa.

1941

George E. Boyer died on January 18, 2015. He was husband of the late Mary (Hiltwine) Boyer. He is survived by his sons, G. Raymond Boyer and his wife Janice of Fort Washington, Pa., and Jeffrey W. Boyer and his wife Cindy of Granbury, Texas; three grandsons, Christopher, Shaun and his wife Melanie, and Alex Boyer. He is also survived by one great-granddaughter, Evie Boyer.

1944

James Crampsey died on October 9, 2014. He married Mary Louise Kulp in 1947 and enjoyed 65 years together before her passing in 2012. He is survived by his three children, Jim Crampsey, Patricia Fram and husband David, Daniel Crampsey and wife Karen; nine grandchildren, David Williams, Jonathan Williams, Michael Williams, Sarah Williams, Eric Crampsey, Keelan Crampsey, Megan Wickre, Emily Crampsey, Daniel Crampsey; sister, Mary Crampsey, and five great-grandchildren.

George Dever "Satch" Selfridge died on October 19, 2014. He was preceded by his wife Ruth Motisher Selfridge, his brother William, and his sisters Katherine Shafer, Elizabeth Carter and Edith Huston. He is survived by three daughters, Pamela Ruane

(William) of Randolph, N.J.; Kimberly Schaffer (Mason) of O'Fallon, Mo.; Cheryl Townsley (John) of Conroe, Texas; granddaughters, Chelby Townsley and Cramer Townsley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1948

Joseph A. Hartman died on December 16, 2014. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Loretta (Fink) Hartman, who passed away in March. He is survived by three children, Mary Stone (Charles), Joe Hartman, Jr. (Kathy) and Anne Wilson, (Michael); grandchildren, Andrew, Anne Claire, Alana, Isabella and Lillie; brother, Edward A. Hartman, Jr. (Margaret) of Farmington, N.M.

1950

Warren A. Keller died October 15, 2014. He was the widower of June B. (Brelsford) Keller. Survivors: daughter, Sallie K. wife of Peter Smith of Alburtis, Pa.; son, David A. Keller of Bethlehem, Pa. and companion, Patty Kennedy of Allentown, Pa.; granddaughter, Avery E. Smith of Allentown; sister-in-law, Carole Brelsford of Allentown; nieces, Jill Henry (Chris), Cathy Golden (Tim) and Jennifer Oswald (Mike) as well as great nieces and nephews.

Robert M. "Bob" Scheipe Sr. died August 22, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frannie Ann, almost eight months earlier. He is survived by two children, Barbara Scheipe Reyes, wife of Andres Reyes, Naples, Fla., and Bob Scheipe Jr., husband of Cathy Horan Scheipe, Orwigsburg, Fla.; two grandsons, Jesse and Corey Scheipe, Orwigsburg; a stepgranddaughter, Yaneisys Reyes; step-great-grandchildren, Daniel Valledares and Alana Rios, both of Naples; a brother, Walter G. Scheipe; sisters, Eleanor S. Gould and Margaret Scheipe; nieces and nephews.

1951

Paul Otto Doering, died on January 1, 2015. Survivors include his spouse of 60 years, Dorcas; his two sons, Eric and wife Jerri Modrall of Colorado and Thomas (Tad) and wife Mary of Texas, as well as two grandchildren, Sarah Doering of Austin, Texas and Andrew Doering,

currently studying in Sweden. He was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers, Ralph, Edgar and John and his sister, Margaret.

1952

Robert L. Leopold died on August 16, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adela.

1953

Robert "Bob" E.H. Miller died on October 10, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Kristine Miller, of Anderson, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeri and Joe Smith, of Greenfield, Ind.; a sister, Miriam (Floyd) Brown, of Hughesville, Pa.; two grandchildren, Charley and Jaye Smith; two aunts and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Brenda Diane Miller.

1955

Gerald A. "Gerry" Busch died on October 3, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Selena M. (Benn) Busch; sons, Thomas and wife, Heather, David and wife, Mary; and step-son, Jonathan Bartholomew; daughter, Terri L. Rooney and husband, Jeffrey; grandchildren, Nicholas and Jessica Rooney, Taylor, Paige, Lindsay and Jonathan Busch; great-grandchildren, Savanna and Grayson Rooney; brothers, Leonard and wife, Fern, Richard and wife, Joyce, and Donald and wife, Georgene.

Dr. Michael DelTufo died on October 29, 2014. He was a loving brother and brother-in-law to Rose Pignatore, Jerry Ringi, Jeanette Orsini, Leslie DelTufo, Grace Napolitano and Joe Napolitano. He is also survived by his 22 nieces and nephews.

Edward Bridges Kraft died on February 10, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Janet Hocheder Kraft; daughters, Cheryl Kraft Jackowski and her husband Charles "Chuck" Jackowski Jr., and Denise Kraft Casey and her husband Alan Michael Casey Jr.; brother, Paul Luther Kraft; sister-in-law of Dorothy Kraft; grandchildren, Ashley M., Kaitlin N. and Nicholas C. Jackowski, and Jordan M. and Sydney E. Casey; several nieces and nephews.

IN MEMORIAM

1956

The **Rev. Dr. Joseph Stephen Donchez** died on October 3, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda (Atiyeh) Donchez, and his sister Dorothy Shively of Wooster, Ohio. He is also survived by sons Jeffrey and Lauren (King) Donchez of Edmonds, Washington, Stephen Donchez of Millville, N.J., Christian and Marie Donchez of Chadds Ford, Pa., and Aurelio and Jane (Donchez) Alfaro of Bear, Del. Also surviving Rev. Donchez are numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Roy S. Jaindl died on December 26, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Nancy J. (Zimmerman) Jaindl; daughter, Sue LaPenta, wife of Chris; sons, Roy S., Rob Jaindl II, husband of Linda and Rick S. Jaindl, husband of C.J.; and ten grandchildren.

1957

Norman L. Gerhart died on November 5, 2014.

Alfred K. Hettinger, Esq. died on January 3, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Joanne M. (Schreiner) Hettinger; son, Charles A. Hettinger of Allentown; daughter, Laurel Gail Fedak of Middletown, Pa.; grandchildren, Gabriel and Isiah Hettinger, Andrea Miller and Sean Fedak; and eight great-grandchildren.

1959

Richard A. King died on December 12, 2013.

Richard J. Recker died on September 29, 2014. He was the son of the late Paul and Mary (Schwartz) Recker. Survivors: wife, Anna Lukitsch Recker; children, Terri (wife of Walter) Bilenki of Schnecksville, Pa., Paul Recker (husband of Amaris) of Bath, Pa., John Recker of Allentown, Pa., and Annie Recker of Durham, N.C.; brother William of Allentown; and grandchildren Anthony, Erika, Lauren, Lukas, Alondra, Sebastian and Samantha. He was predeceased by his sisters; Mary Nagy and Suzanne Recker.

1962

Jack C. Krause died on December 21, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Rexine R. (Rex) Krause; children, David W., husband of Joan M.

(Frantz) Krause, Kathleen K. (Krause), wife of Lawrence W. Scott III, and Philip A., husband of Charity L. (Meals) Krause; sisters, Frances (Krause) Fiester, Carol Ann (Krause) Bomboy and Connie Krause; brother, Roy Krause; five grandchildren, Sarah A. Krause, Eric M. Krause, Alisha M. Scott, Kayla B. Scott and Arya J. Krause. He was predeceased by a sister, Betty (Krause) McKernan; and brothers, Robert Krause and Richard Krause.

1963

Bruce Alberston died on November 23, 2014.

The **Rev. Edward C. Schmidt** died on September 22, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patricia; his son, Marc (and his wife, Michelle); grandchildren, Tyler, Sherry, Selena and Marc; and sisters, Dorothy Shields and Karen Schmidt.

1965

David Lester Gaugler died on September 9, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sandra; a daughter, Krista L. Gaugler of Chicago, Ill.; son, David E. "Ted" and wife Jennifer L. Gaugler of Chesapeake, Va.; and two grandchildren, Connor and McKenna. He is also survived by sister Arlene M. Keller of Pottstown, Pa., brother Leidy L. Gaugler and wife Barbara of Pottstown, Pa., and his 1967 Chevelle Malibu.

1966

Alma Stoler Perlis died on Monday, January 19, 2015. She is survived by her sister, Lenore Werner of Queens, N.Y.; four nieces; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Lance; and sisters, Hedda Pritzker and Edith Abrams.

1967

Jayetta W. (Halleman) Fordham died on September 24, 2014, at her home following a period of declining health. She is survived by her husband and three children, Rose Michaud of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kim Maestas of Cumberland, and Ryan Fordham of Leominster, Mass.; six grandchildren, Bethany, Sam, Zach, Ben, Chloe and Mason; two great-grandchildren,

Lily and Sophie; one brother, Jeffrey Halleman and his wife Nancy; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Bernard J. Murtaugh died December 30, 2014. He is survived by his brother, John Murtaugh.

1968

Brent L. Peters died on January 13, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Debra (Cunningham) Peters; son, Stephen; daughters, Amanda Wisell and Alana, wife of Toby Douglas; sister, Eileen, wife of Ron George; grandson, Keiran Wisell; granddaughter, Chloe Peters; an uncle; cousins; and a niece and nephew.

1973

Peggy Hunter-Sildve died on October 10, 2015. She is survived by her loving husband, Mark Sildve; her children, Tyler and Ashton; and her brother, Tucker Hunter.

1974

Gigi Jane Viggiani died on October 10, 2014. She is survived by her loving husband of 33 years, William Viggiani. She leaves behind her adoring children: daughter, Heather Viggiani; her step-son Joseph Viggiani, his wife Teresa and their son Robert; and her step-daughter Hope Viggiani.

1981

James J. Vaiana died on October 12, 2015 in his home. Surviving are an aunt, Mary Maradeo of Nesquehoning; and many cousins.

1986

Patricia J. Nase died on December 6, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Kurt A. Nase; mother, Jean; brother, Kenneth; niece, Candice and nephew, Jason. She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph.

1987

Edward J. Schrey died on December 29, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia R. (Rau) Schrey; mother, Norma; son, Michael E.; daughters Brielle and Amanda M., wife of Louis Belletieri; grandchildren Cassie and Lia; sisters, Toni, wife of Richard Fillman, and Judy wife of Bud Walbert; and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

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“This has been everything I’ve ever wanted since I first started playing basketball,” Tallamy said after the championship.

It wasn’t quite over yet. Along with the championship came an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, and the Mules were sent to Geneseo, N.Y., to take on nationally ranked Cabrini in the first round. Again led by Tallamy, who recorded game highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds, Muhlenberg advanced to the second round with a 60-57 win.

The improbable run by a team that was struggling at 3-5 early in the season finally came to an end with a 69-54 loss to Geneseo State one game shy of the “Sweet 16.” Tallamy had 17 points and 14 rebounds in the game and averaged 18.5 points and 11.8 rebounds in the Mules’ four postseason contests.

The loss also brought to an end an improbable career. In just three seasons at Muhlenberg, including one in which she played sparingly, Tallamy scored 1,090 points, good for seventh on the program’s all-time list (just four spots behind Lauren Boyle).

Not bad for someone who wasn’t recruited by the Mules and began her collegiate career more than 300 miles away from Allentown.

When Lauren Boyle was a freshman on the



Leanna Tallamy '15

senior-laden 2006 Mule squad that began the program’s current run of six championships in 10 years, one of her teammates said of her: “As seniors, [Lauren] is sort of a gift that has been given to us.” That gift has kept on giving, making an impact on the court and in the life of Tallamy.

“Coming to Muhlenberg has been one of



Lauren Boyle Dexter '09

the best decisions of my life,” she said. “These last three years have been some of the best moments of my life. I have been able to play and compete in the sport that I love with some of the best teammates a girl could ask for; teammates who turned out to be some of my best friends. I wouldn’t trade my experience here for anything.”

IN MEMORIAM

1989

Ruth E. Asbury died on January 26, 2015. She is survived by her cousins, Barbara Asbury Fisher, her husband, John, of State College, Pa. and their three children, Laurie Hundertmark and her husband, Brian, John B. Fisher and his wife, Kathryn and Kenneth Fisher and his wife, Elizabeth; Constance Marilyn Spencer and her husband, Robert, of Upland, Calif. and their two children, Keane Spencer and his wife, Cecile and Keith Spencer and his wife, Carla.

1997

Matthew D. Harjes, died on September 26, 2014. He was the son of Donald L. and Margaret “Peg” Kaempfer Harjes. Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two sons, Luke Matthew Harjes and Kaempfer Lewis Harjes, both of Hopewell, N.J., and a sister, Meg Mulry of Basking Ridge, N.J.

2012

James Pinaire III died on December 7, 2014. He is survived by his parents, Joan and James Pinaire Jr.; sisters, Megan and Kaitlin; grandparents, Genevieve and Walter Taverna and Bonnie and James Pinaire Sr., and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and students.

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Reunion Chair and Class Fund Chair volunteers serve as liaisons between the College and their class. If you would like to get more involved, are interested in helping plan your upcoming reunion or have relocated and are looking for other Muhlenberg alumni in the region – let us know. Please be in touch with your respective class liaison(s) (names and email addresses are below) and share with them your accomplishments, successes and other important life moments. We'll be sure to include your updates as part of Class Notes in the next edition of the magazine.

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Four Gifts

The following are remarks delivered by Henry David Abraham upon receiving an honorary degree from Muhlenberg College at Commencement 2014

I can understand why I've been asked to limit my talk today to five minutes. The last time I was invited to tell the story of my life, I put a college president to sleep, and that happened in the first five minutes – though, personally, I think it was after a heavy meal. On the off chance it was me, I'll restrict myself to talking not about my life, but about my life at Muhlenberg, since I graduated from 'Berg shortly after the first Ice Age. I don't want to talk about stuff like the bad-old-good-old days, but instead focus on what the College gave me. I call them the four gifts. First, of course, the Lutheran Church gave me a scholarship that got me out of the ghetto and gave me a place to learn that was safe. Then it gave me an education at the hands of a truly wonderful faculty, people whose names and ideas are with me today. I saw that some of the names are on your buildings. But Muhlenberg has had many more great teachers than buildings.

Muhlenberg was the perfect place for a kid from West Philadelphia with ADHD because it came with a liberal arts philosophy. You could take anything, and they would let you! In fact, they encouraged you to take everything, or at least something of everything. You like physics? Cool. Try a course on the Bible. Time's up! Pencils down! Now how about medieval history? Got the Holy Roman Empire down? Great. So how about calculus? Sign me up! And oh yes, there's this guy Stenger who teaches Shakespeare who will change your life. And he did.

The second gift that Muhlenberg gave me was friends of a lifetime. How could anything so rich ever be measured adequately?

The third gift was the music of Johan Sebastian Bach. You could not come to the Muhlenberg Chapel and miss the Bach experience. Bach has continued to enrich my musical life on nearly every day, although if the Kapellmeister ever heard my violin playing his music, he might suggest that I take up another instrument, preferably one that he hadn't written for.

The last gift that comes to mind, and I don't wish to wax sentimental in my dotage, was the model of Martin Luther as a symbol of conscience. It was his "Here I stand, I can do no other" that led to the Protestant Reformation. It was also a lasting lesson to me that conscience should drive life choices. It was an important driver in the work of me and my colleagues to prevent nuclear war. It was that simple declaration of resolve that fortified us as we quixotically took on the Pentagon, the Soviets and other governments around the world about the issue of nuclear annihilation. My colleagues and I were engaged in science in the service of conscience. And Martin Luther was the icon of conscience that animated me.

I didn't know any of these things would come about when I first hitchhiked from Philadelphia to Muhlenberg. But they did, and I am grateful.

Henry David Abraham, M.D. is a lecturer in psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine. He was the co-recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. He was valedictorian of the Class of 1963.



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