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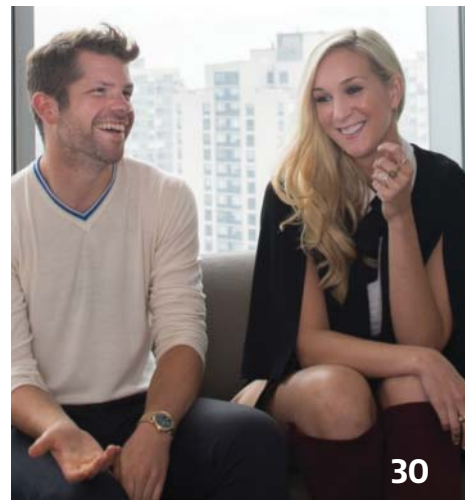
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Back to the Future

Hardly a moment goes by without someone questioning the relevance of a liberal arts education. As it turns out, this is not such a new question. When Muhlenberg College was founded in the mid-19th century, many wondered how the study of philosophy, religion or literature could be useful in a golden age of discovery, one in which railroads, electricity, the telegraph and the mechanization of farming, textiles and transportation were transforming America—and the world.

While many college graduates in those days entered the clergy, a great many also went on to pursue a wide variety of occupations needed by a nation transformed and stressed by civil war, industrialization and the Westward Expansion. They helped a changing society answer questions regarding not only what to do, but also how and why to do it.

Our founding president, Frederick A. Muhlenberg, remarked in his inaugural address, "It is quite beyond the reach of our powers to know in advance what will be the future occupation of the individual we are educating, and hence we may do him great injustice by withholding from him the very class of studies for which he will have the greatest need. Even if we had a prophet to tell us the future employment of every individual, we are disposed to assert that we would be more likely to hit the mark by giving a general culture to all than a special education to each."

Muhlenberg felt that each student's abilities ought to be, "cultivated without any special regard to his future avocation of life. Each man has his perceptive, his reflective, his esthetic faculties and powers; and these should all be educated."

Fast forward to today when, unfortunately, our society is taxed by regional wars, global terrorism and economic disruption. The existence of global supply chains and the Internet has all but eliminated the trade barriers that once protected local workers from competition from lower-wage labor located virtually anywhere on Earth. We now operate within the Creative Economy, where the winners are ultimately those who innovate and develop the best ideas.

In the Creative Economy, ideas are the coin of the realm. Most of today's college graduates will have between 6 to 10 jobs over the course of their careers, many of which will be in industries that didn't even exist when they graduated. STEM training will be

critical to many of our graduates, but we believe in doing much, much more.

Then, as now, we find that there is no better preparation for the challenge of our rapidly-changing world than a liberal arts education. At Muhlenberg, we have taken this a step further. Together, we continue the work of our founding president—and his successors—with complete devotion to the College's founding ideals. "We do not regard an education as complete that aims only at improving the intellect," President Muhlenberg argues. Yes, our College demands much more. As directed by President Muhlenberg, ours is an education which "contemplates the education of [one's] conscience and the cultivation of [one's] heart."

Yes, ours is a special culture. Our Muhlenberg community encourages both a commitment to excellence and a generous dose of modesty. Our faculty and staff's dedication to going Above and Beyond to ensure student success is truly heartwarming. At the same time, we are rigorous in what we ask of our students, as we should be; and the majority of our students seek to rise above and beyond what is expected in their earnest desire to do more and be more in service to each other and to our world.

This is the nature of Muhlenberg College: to give more than what is asked, to see beyond oneself, to serve our family, our community and our society. At Muhlenberg, we shall forever educate more than one's intellect, we shall contemplate the education of one's conscience and cultivate the education of one's heart.

Our world may be changing with ever-greater speed, but it is clear to me, and to so many in our great Muhlenberg family, that a Muhlenberg College education is as wise an investment today—for our students and our society—as it was in 1867. Indeed, the value of an education which merges the right and left brain, the analytical with the creative and the practical with the contemplative, has never been higher, nor more necessary to our students—and our world.

John I. Williams, Jr.
 President, Muhlenberg College

'Berg featured in "The Princeton Review's Guide to 353 Green Colleges: 2015 Edition"



Muhlenberg College is one of the most environmentally responsible colleges according to The Princeton Review's 2015 edition of its free book, The Princeton Review Guide to 353 Green Colleges. The College has also been recognized in The Princeton Review's Colleges that Pay You Back, as well as on their The Best 379 Colleges list.

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this sixth annual edition of its "green guide" based on data from the company's 2014 survey of hundreds of four-year colleges concerning the schools' commitments to the environment and sustainability.

"Being green" is important at Muhlenberg. At the center of the College's greening efforts is its academic program in sustainability studies, where students from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds come together to explore innovative ways to solve environmental problems. Included in the program are numerous experiential opportunities either locally or abroad in Bangladesh, China and Costa Rica. Outside of the classroom, students and faculty work directly with plant operations staff, the office of campus sustainability and dining services and are directly involved in day-to-day campus greening efforts, such as conducting energy audits on campus and constructing a green roof with a monitoring system for assessing its performance.

Outside of the academic program, student groups have successfully worked with the College to reduce commercial bottled water use by supplying students with reusable bottles and through the installation of water-bottle filling stations throughout campus. The College also offers sustainability living and learning experiences where students have designed and installed a solar hot water system for their own house, have grown their own organic food and have created and maintained a permaculture garden.



College Hosts Active Minds' Send Silence Packing Exhibit

Active Minds' Send Silence Packing® – a nationally recognized public education exhibit of 1,100 backpacks, representing the number of students who die by suicide every year – was on display on the College's front lawn on April 16. The event was sponsored by: Active Minds, the counseling center, disability services, the division of student affairs, residential services and student activities.

Send Silence Packing aims to shed light on college student suicide and promote a healthy dialogue around mental health. To give a face to the lives lost, personal stories and testimonies written by families and friends accompany the backpacks. Passersby are invited to walk among the backpacks and read the stories of those who have died. In addition, representatives from Active Minds hand out literature on mental health, suicide prevention and where to seek help.

"Having the display of 1,100 backpacks on campus shows the campus population that mental health is a big issue that should be addressed," said Emily Brundage '16, president of Muhlenberg's chapter of Active Minds. "We need to come together to talk about these issues. Hopefully, people will be able to walk away, aware of the resources available and how to use them. Mental health carries such a stigma, and we need to get rid of that barrier."

Active Minds was established in 2003 by Alison Malmon – then a junior at the University of Pennsylvania – after tragically losing her (only) brother, 22-year-old Brian Malmon, to suicide.

"For over 10 years, Active Minds has worked tirelessly to raise awareness about mental health and combat the stigma surrounding it, but our work is never over," said Malmon, now the executive director of Active Minds, Inc. "I'm particularly proud of Send Silence Packing, a powerful visual that really shows how serious an issue this is on our college campuses."

The spring 2015 tour of Send Silence Packing traveled to 11 additional locations throughout the Northeast. This program was unveiled on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in 2008, with a keynote speech by The Honorable Patrick Kennedy. Since then, more than 300,000 people in 85 cities throughout the country have experienced Send Silence Packing.

James Peck Named Associate Dean for Diversity Initiatives

James Peck, professor of theatre arts and affiliate faculty in the Africana studies program, serves as the College's first dean for diversity initiatives.

This appointment is one among many important recommendations of the Diversity Strategic Planning Committee. The associate dean for diversity studies will be responsible for recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty, strengthening the depth and complexity of teaching and learning about diversity, working collaboratively with the office of multicultural life and engaging with national diversity programs such as the Consortium for Faculty Diversity and Intergroup Dialog.

Peck chaired the department of theatre and dance from 2006–2013. As chair,

he initiated and oversaw a substantial diversification of the theatre curriculum. He served as co-chair of the Multicultural Center Advisory Board from 2011–2014 and is a co-founder of its Meeting Points series. With Dr. Kim Gallon, formerly of the history department, he created a MILA (Muhlenberg Integrated Learning Abroad) course about the history and performance culture of the West African nation of Ghana, the College's first MILA to that continent. He served on the Curriculum Committee from 2009–2012, where he contributed to the development of the College's new Human Diversity and Global Engagement requirement. He is currently serving as faculty director of the Mellon Foundation grant, "Achieving



Muhlenberg's Civic and Global Mission."

Peck received the Lindback Teaching Award in 2013, the Williams Award in 2005 and the First Year Advising Award in 2004.

He holds an M.F.A. in theatre (directing) from the University of California at San Diego and a Ph.D. in performance studies from New York University.

Wescoe School's Healthcare Program Ranked #1 Program delivers in-depth application to the specific challenges of the health services industry

The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College's bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in healthcare management has been ranked the number one program of its kind by Healthcare Administration Degree Programs.

Gregg Scully, assistant dean of the Wescoe School and coordinator of the healthcare program, said, "We've been quietly proud of our healthcare management program since its inception nine years ago, and our confidence that we're delivering on our promise to provide a unique and high-quality learning experience has been consistently affirmed by feedback from our students and their employers. That said, it is certainly heartening to have our efforts recognized by an independent organization assessing our program from its own objective vantage point."



According to Healthcare Administration Degree Programs, "For this ranking, we looked for selective small schools (undergrad population of 3000 students or less) that offer a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration, healthcare management or a related field. We examined the institution types, accreditation, affiliations, awards and rankings. We looked at the faculty strength and ratio, as well as the admission rate, retention rate and average net price of the college. Based on these guidelines, we determined the 15 best small colleges for a bachelor's in healthcare administration."

The Wescoe School strives to provide lifelong learners the opportunity to continue and enhance their education and to do so in ways that recognize their experience, maturity, motivation, life circumstances and capacity for independent scholarship.

Allan Chen Named Chief Information Officer



Muhlenberg has announced that Allan Chen has been named Chief Information Officer. He was previously the Chief Information Officer at Menlo College in Atherton, Calif.

From 2007–2012, Chen served as the assistant dean of law technology and academic computing at Santa Clara University School of Law. Chen began his career at Stanford University, where he held various positions in both academic computing and student computing from 2000–2007. Chen’s duties at Muhlenberg began on August 1.

“Allan has a proven track record as a technology leader at educational institutions in Silicon Valley,” said President John I. Williams, Jr., who chaired the search committee. “At Muhlenberg, he will play an essential role in shaping the strategic vision for how technology can support Muhlenberg’s creative culture to connect students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents to learning, service and career opportunities throughout the world. I am delighted Allan is joining our leadership team at this exciting time in the history of the College.”

As Muhlenberg’s first-ever CIO, Chen reports directly to the president. In this role, Chen leads the College’s efforts to streamline and advance the academic, social and creative experience and impact of Muhlenberg’s community both on and off campus. Chen is charged with planning, directing and managing Muhlenberg’s information and technology resources, including: academic and administrative computing, user training and support, instructional design services, media services, network and data security, video and telephone services in support of teaching, learning, communicating and managing.

“I’m truly impressed with Muhlenberg’s creative, collaborative culture – and the potential to leverage my experience to help students, faculty and alumni to make an even greater impact on our world by setting a new standard for a technology – enabled campus,” said Chen.

Chen received a B.A. from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University’s Leavey School of Business.

Living Writers Series Returns

Living Writers, established in 1994, is a course last held in 2013 that brings nationally and world-renowned writers to campus. The enrolled students read the authors’ works and then interact with the authors directly as they visit campus for a day. The writers come to class, have lunch with students and then give a public reading of their work in the evening.

This year’s visiting writers are Patricia Smith, Stephen Kuusisto, Maggie Shipstead, Aracelis Girmay, Neil Gaiman and Phil Klay.

Patricia Smith is the author of six poetry collections. More so, with four National Poetry Slam individual champions, Smith is considered one of the world’s best spoken-word performers. She visited Muhlenberg on Monday, September 14.

Stephen Kuusisto, author of two memoirs and two collections of poetry, came to campus on Monday, September 28. Blind since birth, Kuusisto speaks widely on diversity, disability education and public policy. He directs the Renee Crown University Honors Program at Syracuse University.

Maggie Shipstead is the author of two novels. Her first novel

won the L.A. Times Book Prize for First Fiction and the Dylan Thomas Prize. She visited Muhlenberg on Monday, October 19.

Aracelis Girmay, the author of three poetry collections, came to campus on Monday, November 2. She was born and raised in Southern, Calif., but describes herself as a woman with roots in Puerto Rico, Eritrea and African America.

Neil Gaiman is the best-selling author of fiction for adults and children, and visited Monday, November 16. He is best known for his children’s book, “Coraline,” which was made into a movie, his Newberry Award winning, “The Graveyard Book,” and the New York Times best-sellers, “Anansi Boys” and “The Ocean at the End of the Lane.”

Phil Klay’s first published book, a short story collection entitled “Redeployment,” won the 2015 National Book Award. The short stories take place in Iraq and describe the experiences of the soldiers there. Klay is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Iraq’s Anbar Province from January 2007 to February 2008 as a Public Affairs Officer. He will come to campus on Monday, November 30.

’Berg Establishes the Helm Study Abroad Fund

The Muhlenberg College Board of Trustees gave outgoing President Randy Helm a surprise at its spring 2015 meeting – trustees, parents, alumni and members of the senior staff announced the establishment of the Helm Study Abroad Fund. This endowed fund will support students with financial need who want to study abroad, either for full-time semester experiences or as part of Muhlenberg Integrated Learning Abroad (MILA) courses. Pledges to the fund have already exceeded \$280,000, and the fundraising only started in January with outreach to Trustees, Observers, Parents Council and Alumni Board members and President’s Staff. The campaign will now continue in a larger, more public fashion.

“While not surprising, the outpouring of support in creating the Helm Study Abroad Fund has been overwhelming,” said Rebekkah Brown ’99, vice president for advancement. “To see these constituents, who are so closely connected to the College, give so generously in support of Randy and his presidency is a testament to the progress the College has made during his tenure. Donors were also incredibly supportive of and passionate about the purpose of the Fund – ensuring that there are resources available for students to be able to study abroad during their academic career, no matter their financial circumstance.”

In addition to his presidential responsibilities, Helm served as a professor of history. Among other courses, he taught “Homeric Epic and Greek history,” part of the MILA program, which offers a short-term study abroad component. After a semester of study together, Helm led his students on a 10-day trip to Greece that included site visits and field work.

“I know from my own undergraduate education – when I did archaeological fieldwork in Israel – and from the experiences of Muhlenberg students, that study abroad is one of the most powerful and transformative learning experiences there is,” said Helm. “I am tremendously moved and, really, quite overjoyed to learn that so many people have supported this effort, and that so many students will be able to study abroad in the future.”

After 12 years as president, Helm retired on June 30. Under his leadership, the College’s endowment grew from \$70 million to \$250 million, and he led to completion a \$110 million capital campaign, The Talents Entrusted to Our Care. The College developed two strategic plans, completed a new Life Sports Center



and New Science Building, expanded and renovated Seegers Union, built new residence halls, expanded its Hillel House and retrofitted existing buildings as new facilities for the performing arts, multicultural life, global education and social sciences. ’Berg has continued to set records for admissions applications while raising the academic profile of the student body. The College has made great strides in diversity over the past decade: for four straight years, the incoming freshman class has included more than 10 percent multicultural students. The College has added 10 tenure-track faculty positions and created programs in film studies, Africana studies, Jewish studies, public health, finance and other areas.

Faculty Promoted

The following faculty members were promoted to full professor at the April meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Marten Edwards, Biology · **Mohsin Hashim**, Political Science · **Michael Huber**, Mathematics · **Beth Schachter**, Theatre
Lora Taub-Pervizpour, Media & Communications · **Kevin Tuttle**, studio artist, was promoted to senior lecturer

Tapping Into the Power of Alumni Connections

Dear fellow alumni,

According to Barbara Streisand, “People who need people are the luckiest people in the world.”

A landmark paper by psychologists Roy Baumeister and Mark Leary concluded people have a basic psychological need to feel connected to others. They argued that caring, affectionate bonds from close relationships are a major part of the human experience. However you look at it – through the eyes of an artist or a scientist – the truth is – people need people.

Recently, as my granddaughter, Ada (who is almost three), and I were getting ready for a walk, she asked for my help in putting on her sneakers. “You know how to do that yourself,” I reminded her. “Yes,” she explained, “but sometimes people need people anyway, even if they know how to do things by themselves.”

As members of Muhlenberg’s alumni community, the great thing is that you don’t have to do everything by yourself. You are part of a powerful network from which you can benefit and to whom you are responsible.

As an alumnus/alumna of Muhlenberg, you are part of a worldwide community with over 26,000 graduates living in all 50 states and 35 countries, providing a diverse network of ideas and contacts. Take advantage of the power of those connections.

As alumni of Muhlenberg, you are responsible for a new generation of students who are walking the same hallways, sitting in the same lecture halls, sleeping in the same (but most likely improved) dorm rooms, and preparing for life just as you did years ago. Help strengthen the network by engaging with these students.

We share a common alma mater – we started our life’s journey on the same campus. But it is our differences, our unique gifts, our individual paths that contribute to a remarkable community. Gandhi tells us that “A thousand candles can be lighted from the flame of one candle and the life of the candle will not be shortened.” In the same way, thousands of lives were launched from Muhlenberg. But the sheer light from those thousand candles – the sheer power that comes from those thousands of Muhlenberg alumni lives – is something to behold!

Natalie Hand '78, P'07

Executive Director, Alumni Affairs and Advancement Services

Save the date

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
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TOAST HEARD AROUND THE WORLD
JANUARY 14, 2016

ALUMNI TRAVEL
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
Alaska Cruise
June 19-26, 2016
Provence, France
October 18-26, 2016

Class of 2016
REALITY MG
January 16, 2016

Scholarship Luncheon
January 23, 2016

Volunteer Summit
April 9, 2016

For additional information on any of these events, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 1-800-464-2374 or check online at MuhlenbergConnect.com.

News of Note

Alumni Board Executive Committee

PRESIDENT, Stephen Hart '76

VICE PRESIDENT, Greg Adams '05

SECRETARY, Carol Ekizian Papazian '79

TREASURER, Jeff Berdahl '85

2016 MEETING DATES

Feb. 6, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 9, 2016 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

All meetings of the Alumni Board are open, and all alumni are welcome.

Class Notes

Your classmates would love to know what you are up to. Did you get married, engaged, have a baby, get together with Muhlenberg friends and classmates, celebrate a milestone birthday or anniversary, get promoted, move, retire or have news to share? Please submit information to the Office of Alumni Affairs in writing at 2400 Chew St., Allentown, Pa 18104, by email to bergalum@muhlenberg.edu or by posting on muhlenbergconnect.com.

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SPOTLIGHT ON PHILANTHROPY

From the HMMS Co-Chairs: BECOME A MEMBER

As co-chairs of the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society (HMMS), Muhlenberg’s leadership giving society, here’s why we support the College at the leadership level. Without HMMS members, the Muhlenberg experience as we know it today would not exist. You would not recognize the Muhlenberg campus. Our outstanding faculty would be compromised. There would be fewer opportunities for student enrichment and fewer students to take advantage of what remains. Even the campus itself would undergo a radical transformation.

Members of this group make a gift of \$1,500 or more per year. Within the society itself, there are levels of leadership, as the chart on this page illustrates. This generous group of donors helps Muhlenberg complete its mission of providing an outstanding liberal arts education to some of the best and brightest students. Last year, 89 percent of students received financial aid, and the cost of full tuition only covered 85 percent of a Muhlenberg education.

The annual \$1,500 gift can be split into recurring quarterly or monthly payments, making HMMS membership attainable for everyone. You may be entitled to a matching gift from your employer, which counts toward HMMS membership.

Becoming a member of the Young Alumni HMMS is not out of

reach. HMMS extends an invitation to young alumni, who can join with a gift of \$100, multiplied by the number of years since graduation. Each year following, the amount required to sustain membership increases by \$100. We encourage young alumni to get involved now and make a lifetime commitment to Muhlenberg.

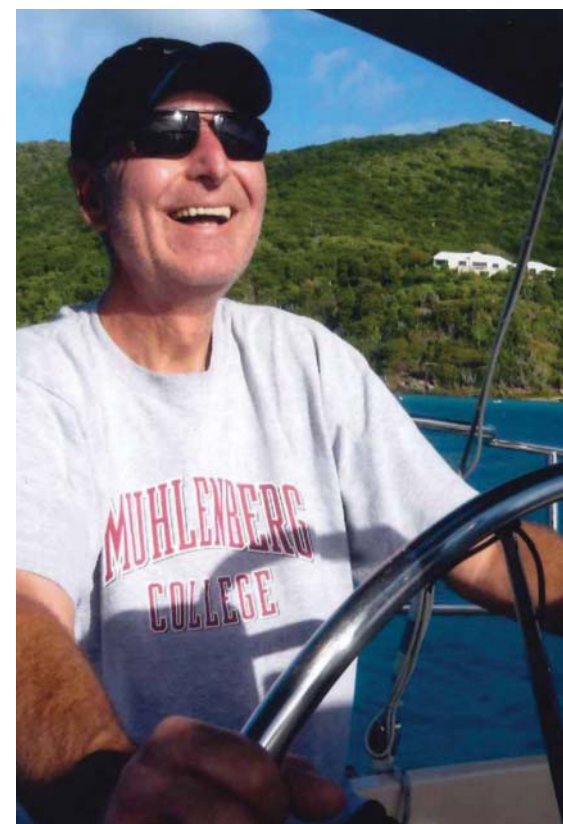
HMMS membership impacts everyone differently. Besides the knowledge that your philanthropic efforts are making an impact, HMMS members receive invitations to special events with the President, faculty lectures and other presentations. To enhance your current relationship with Muhlenberg, please consider becoming an HMMS member.

Please visit muhlenbergconnect.com/hmms for more information, or email us at steve@congruencewines.com.

Steven M. Eisenhower '77 and Susan C. Ettelman Eisenhower '77, Co-Chairs, HMMS

HMMS giving levels:

The Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Circle	\$1,500 to \$2,499
The Professor’s Circle	\$2,500 to \$4,999
The Dean’s Circle	\$5,000 to \$9,999
The Trustee’s Circle	\$10,000 to \$14,999
The President’s Circle	\$15,000 to \$24,999
The Chairman’s Circle	\$25,000 and above



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: **JOE JORDA '53**

Muhlenberg was an entirely different place nearly seven decades ago when Joe Jorda graduated. There were only 850 students and all of them were men. But Jorda still found the College a vibrant and challenging place. “Going from high school to Muhlenberg was a sobering and maturing experience,” he says. “The College did a lot for me in terms of discipline and maturity and gave me some great memories along the way.”

But Jorda has more than given back. He is a member of both the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society, a society in which alumni, parents and friends make exceptional gifts on an annual basis, and the *Circle of 1848*, which recognizes people who have included philanthropic support of Muhlenberg College as part of their estate planning. Jorda is also a class fund chair, a position in which he raises funds on behalf of the Class of 1953.

“I’ve been fundraising for the last 20 to 25 years by getting the class to give as much as they can,” says Jorda. “It gets more challenging as we get older, but it’s still important.”

For those efforts, the Northern Jersey native earns the “Donor Spotlight.”

“What Muhlenberg did for me was get me to a level where I could be successful in business once I got out,” says Jorda. “I had a good career in insurance, and was lucky enough to retire at age 60. Those four years at Muhlenberg gave me the platform that enabled me to succeed in business and approach obstacles one faces in life.”

MUHLENBERG MATCH UPDATE

Challenge	Gift Commitments	Match Funds Utilized
Scholarship Match	\$5,547,857	\$4,772,857
Enrichment Match	\$1,633,021	\$883,021
Total YTD	\$7,180,878	\$5,655,878

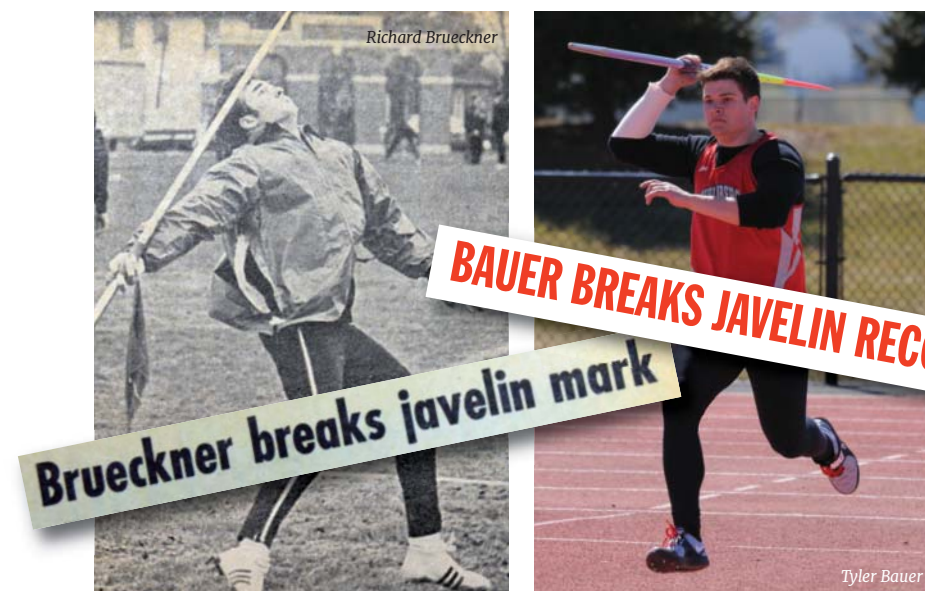
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MEET THE PRESIDENT

Over the coming months, Muhlenberg College President John I. Williams, Jr. will travel across the country to meet Muhlenberg alumni, parents and friends and to share his vision for the College. Want to join the College’s 12th President in writing the next inspired chapter in Muhlenberg’s history? Visit MuhlenbergConnect.com/meetthepresidentevents for future event details and MuhlenbergConnect.com/meetthepresidentgallery for photos of past events.



Records are Made to Be Broken



Tyler Bauer '15 didn’t get to be a *summa cum laude* graduate of Muhlenberg by being unaware. So when asked if he knew about the man whose long-standing school record in the javelin he broke, the three-time Academic All-American was ready.

“Well, this wing we’re sitting in is named for him,” Bauer said gesturing to the Life Sports Center. “He’s one of the biggest benefactors to the school and the athletic department.”

In 1969, at the IC4A track and field meet at Rutgers, **Richard Brueckner '71, P'04, P'10**, already the school record-holder in the javelin, uncorked a throw of 217 feet, 5 inches. That stood as the top throw by a Mule until March 2015, when Bauer’s heave touched down at 225-2.

One of the contributing factors to Brueckner’s longevity atop the leaderboard was a change in the rules. Brueckner threw an “old-style” javelin, one that had its weight in the center and was designed to soar atop the air currents.

Since 1985, college athletes have been throwing a javelin that has its weight more towards the nose. The spear encounters resistance from the air and lands to the ground faster and, generally, closer to the thrower.

Up until 1985, nine Muhlenberg throwers had thrown the javelin 185 feet or further. That mark was not reached with the new javelin until 2002.

Bauer established himself as a contender to break the school record early in his career, winning the Centennial Conference gold medal as a freshman. In the first meet of his sophomore season, he broke the “new javelin” school record of 196-7, and a week later he joined Brueckner as the only Mules to surpass 200 feet.

Entering his senior year with a best of 214-5, Bauer took the old record off the books with his first throw of the season in a meet at Lafayette. His mark (which also broke the 19-year-old Centennial Conference record of 218-3) was the 10th-best in Division III history and stood up as the longest throw in Division III in 2015.

“[Brueckner’s] mark and the conference record were about the same, so that was a dual goal for me,” Bauer said. “Both were things that I wanted.”

“I knew Tyler was bearing down on it,” said Brueckner, who currently resides in Bedminster, N.J., with his wife Laurie. “I expected it would happen, so congrats to him.”

“It was a long time ago and a good throw for those days, but it wasn’t the type of thing that was made to endure forever,” he added. “It was made to be broken.”

Bauer echoed those sentiments – kind of. “It feels like a dream looking back at it, and I hope someone else can experience it,” he said, before adding with a laugh: “But I also like my name at the top of the list! If someone breaks the conference record, I hope it’s from my school.”

Aside from the javelin record, the first and last letters of their names and the facts that both placed at the IC4A meet as sophomores (Brueckner seventh in 1969, Bauer eighth in 2013) and set their records during years of Muhlenberg presidential transition, the two are linked by misfortune in their athletic careers.

At the same meet at which he broke the record, Brueckner suffered a back injury that prevented him from throwing as a junior. He did come back to compete as a senior and threw over 200 feet, but did not approach the record that earned him a trip to the 1969 NCAA College Division Championships, where he placed seventh.

Bauer competed in the NCAA Championships as a sophomore and junior, earning All-America honors both times by placing fifth and sixth, respectively. But he was unable to make a third trip to nationals as a senior due to an arm injury. His last throw earned him a silver medal at the Centennial Conference Championships.

Unhappy endings? Hardly. Muhlenberg’s athletic mission is to “inspire the values that serve as the foundation for a productive and successful life,”

and Brueckner is an embodiment of that goal. He recently retired as CEO of Pershing LLC and is currently Chief of Staff of BNY Mellon, and has held a variety of senior management positions in administration, finance, marketing and operations.



BRUECKNER

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Women's Lacrosse



Stephanie Umbach



Courtney Tapkas O'Brien

While **Stephanie Umbach '15** was breaking her school records in women's lacrosse, **Courtney Tapkas O'Brien '06** was busy with a milestone of her own.

On March 30, 2015, O'Brien gave birth to Reagan, her first child. Within the first two weeks of Reagan's life,

Umbach had broken O'Brien's records for goals and points in a career.

"I definitely knew that she was having a lot of great success, so I knew there was

potential for that to

happen," said O'Brien of Umbach.

"Congratulations to her.

"I had a good little run there for a while, but you kind of hope that it does get

broken. I hope that means the program is growing and we're getting great players. It just builds it up for Muhlenberg lacrosse."

Like many first-time parents, O'Brien has trouble remembering what life was like before her daughter was born, so here's a refresher: She led all Division III freshmen with 73 goals in 2003 and finished her career with 218 goals, far beyond the previous school record of 158.

O'Brien was the first member of the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team to earn All-Centennial Conference honors all four years and helped the Mules set a school record with 10 wins in her senior season of 2006. She graduated holding the school records for points in a career (262) and season (84), goals in a career, season (73) and game (nine) and hat tricks in a career (37) and season (12).

Umbach now can claim all those records, as well as several others, after a senior

campaign in which she led Division III in goals scored (86) and led Muhlenberg to its first home playoff game ever. The second four-year All-CC selection in program history, she finished with 319 points and 259 goals.

No matter where she stands on the all-time lists, playing lacrosse at Muhlenberg will always be near the top of the list of experiences for O'Brien, who lives in Cedar Knolls, N.J., and is a regional elementary manager for Lakeshore Learning Materials.

"Every once in a while, I still see my teammates," she said. "The other day I saw [fellow 2006 graduate] Charlotte Adams. Here we were with our babies, looking back and talking about our time at Muhlenberg. We haven't picked up a stick in a while, but we both said how much we missed it.

"Muhlenberg holds a special place in my heart. I wouldn't trade my time there for anything."



Steve Faella



Brad Collins



Nick Kennedy

The Oakland A's of the late 1980s and early 1990s had the Bash Brothers of Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire. The Muhlenberg baseball team of the late '90s had the "Plunked Brothers," **Brad Collins '98** and **Steve Faella '98**.

The duo had a knack for getting hit by pitch – 31 times apiece, to be exact, obliterating the school record that stood at 12 when they came to Muhlenberg. After 17 years, the mark finally fell this spring when **Nick Kennedy '15** finished his career with 33 times hit by pitch.

"That's the whole essence of the sport – somebody sets a mark, and maybe it takes year, 10 years or 100 years, but somebody's going to break it," said Faella, a regional supervisor for the Mid-Atlantic and Canada for Business Wire in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

"It's a record and that's what they're there for – to be broken," added Collins, senior manager of inventory and accounting for Destination Maternity in Moorestown, N.J. "Now we're number two. Not everyone enjoys being hit by pitch, so there's an art to it."

It's an art that Faella developed prior to becoming a Mule. "In high school, I hit leadoff and my job was to get on base," he said. "So I would crowd the plate, and if the ball came close, I would let it hit me. That's an extra baserunner."

The Muhlenberg teams of that era had several

players with similar approaches, including Tom Costanzo '96 (13 HBP) and Tim Mantz '97 (17 HBP), but Collins and Faella, who were roommates for three years, took it to a whole new level.

"The more I started getting hit, it became a competition with Brad," said Faella. "That became our little thing. To this day, we still talk and joke about it."

Updates on social media and from former teammate Dylan Sapir '01 let Collins and Faella know that their record was in jeopardy. On March 26, when Kennedy tied the record, Collins posted "Uh oh Steve Faella. Our record looks like it will be broken" on the Muhlenberg Athletic Facebook page. Faella wrote back with: "Had to end at some point... Good to see a new member to [the] club though!"

That new member, Kennedy, was a two-year captain and career .316 hitter. A double major in accounting and finance, he developed the Social IQ Experiment, which helps students to hone interpersonal skills, and received a Future Alumni Leader Award from the Muhlenberg Alumni Association.

"It reminds you how old you've gotten," joked Collins of having the record broken. "A lot has changed since we played. I went back three years ago and played in an alumni game and couldn't believe the size of the athletes nowadays."

Another of Faella's records was brought back to prominence in 2015 when sophomore John Icaza belted three home runs in a game against Dickinson. That tied the mark set by Faella against Kenyon in

1997 and gave him further opportunity to relive some of his fond memories of playing baseball at Muhlenberg.

"It made me go back and look at some of the records," he said. "You remember some of the moments and you think, yeah, I was pretty good!"

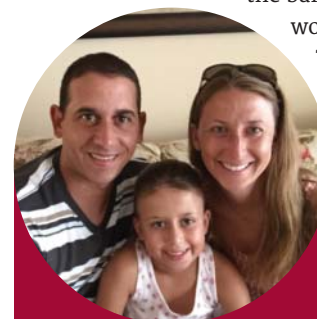
Among the many other records broken during the 2014-15 school year are two of special note:

Maliqé Killing '15 broke the 44-year-old men's basketball all-time scoring record. **Bob McClure '71** scored 1,788 points during his career, and remarkably only one player came within 150 points of it despite years of success for the Muhlenberg program and the advent of the shot clock and three-point line. Killing ended his career with an even 1,900 points.

In her freshman season, **Gwen Remaley '18** broke the school record in the shot put both indoors and outdoors, joining a family member in Muhlenberg athletic lore. Gwen's great-uncle, **Jim Remaley**, was a member of the quartet that won the College Class mile relay at the 1942 Penn Relays.



COLLINS



FAELLA

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Brueckner served on the Muhlenberg College Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2014 and was chair from 2005 to 2013, presiding over a period of impressive growth and progress at his alma mater, featuring construction of new residence halls, a new science building, additions to Seegers Union and improvements to the Life Sports Center, including – yes – the Brueckner Family Wing and the Brueckner Cardio Center.

Bauer is just starting out but he accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments at Muhlenberg. Only the second three-time Academic All-American in College history, he received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and was honored as Muhlenberg's Greek Leader of the Year, awarded to a student in the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding leadership within both the College Community and the Greek system.

"I certainly hope that other people saw the example that I put forth," said Bauer, who graduated with a double major in biology and music and enrolled at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia with plans to become an orthopedic surgeon. "I was a hard worker in athletics and in the classroom.

"He is an example of someone who did things the right way," said Bauer of Brueckner. "I hope down the line I'll be a similar product of the Muhlenberg experience."



Muhlenberg College Alumni Achievement Awards

Since 1952, the Alumni Board has selected nearly 400 outstanding men and women to receive Alumni Achievement Awards. This year those awards were presented at "An Evening of Distinction" on September 18. This premiere event recognized the philanthropic support of HMMS and Circle of 1848 members while celebrating the accomplishments of our Alumni Achievement Award recipients.



Jeffrey D. Koehler '79

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Philanthropy to Muhlenberg is a way of life for Jeffrey D. Koehler '79. This dedication is a family affair. Since graduation in 1924, Dr. Truman L. Koehler, Sr. '24, Truman L. Koehler, Jr. '52 and Jeff have contributed every year to the College. Koehler has selflessly worked with the Office of Advancement in oversight of several scholarships created by the Koehler family. He most recently created the four-year Koehler Scholarship, awarded to a student studying natural or life sciences. Koehler also gives of another valuable commodity – his time. During two terms as a member of the Board of Observers, he served on numerous visiting committees, which provided valuable insights on information technology and campus safety. Koehler also served two terms on the Alumni Board and since graduation, has served as a student ambassador and regional alumni leader. His work at Muhlenberg has had a positive impact on countless lives.



John Ladley '70, P'01

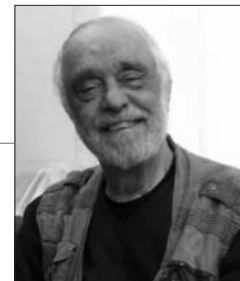
SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

The Latin phrase “acta non verba” (deeds not words) sums up John “Jack” Ladley’s '70, P'01 ongoing commitment to Muhlenberg. He became a member of the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society in 1994, *Circle of 1848* in 2005, and two years later was inducted as an inaugural member of the Lifetime Giving Society. The following year Ladley and his wife Diane Schmidt Ladley '70, P'01, established The Ladley Scholarship in Mathematics. He has served on the Alumni Board and Parents Council. Since 2008, Jack has served on the Board of Trustees, chairing the development, alumni and public affairs committee. For many years the Ladleys have hosted alumni events in Bucks County, and in Naples, Fla., and have also welcomed incoming freshmen at various gatherings. In addition, Ladley has served on the Alumni Board of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.

Simon Gribben '61

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT IN ART

Simon Gribben '61 is an award-winning filmmaker who has covered such diverse topics as sports broadcasting, spiritualism and cancer survival. He has created, produced and edited films for many major networks and was nominated for two Emmy awards as a sportswriter. Gribben received his first Emmy for his work producing, directing and co-writing a one-hour special, “The Game Behind the Game,” which shows how the CBS-TV network broadcasts a football game. He earned his second Emmy for another one-hour special, “Detroit’s New Americans,” a look at immigrants in the American heartland. Gribben also won a Golden Eagle award from CINE (the Council on International Non-theatrical Events), which honors and champions the creators of exceptional media content. In addition to filmmaking, in 1976, Gribben was ordained a Sufi reverend. He is also a published poet.



Shelly Gable Nayak '90

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT IN PSYCHOLOGY

Shelly Gable Nayak '90 has chosen the career of teaching, researching, speaking and writing about positive emotions and processes and the role they play in supporting healthy relationship development. Currently a full professor for UC Santa Barbara and a fellow in the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Nayak is a prolific scholar. She regularly presents research at professional psychology conferences, and in 2007 she returned to Muhlenberg as the keynote speaker for the annual Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges' Undergraduate Psychology conference. In addition to many other awards and honors, in 2006 she received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers – the highest honor the federal government gives to exceptional researchers in the early stages of their careers.



Edward Bollard, Jr. '79

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT IN MEDICINE

Dr. Edward “Ted” Bollard, Jr. '79 is currently the associate dean for graduate medical education and professor of medicine at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. His focus on mentoring and guiding students knows no bounds – it is more difficult to note what he hasn't done than what he has done. In addition to being listed in The Best Doctors in America, Bollard has received an award or honor almost every year since 1992 during his time as a medical student, resident and professional. Bollard's dedicated and selfless character carries over into his personal life as well, in which he has served various communities as the medical director for a free clinic serving the homeless, a charity fundraiser and for the past six years, a member of the Muhlenberg College Alumni Board.



Lauren C. Anderson '79

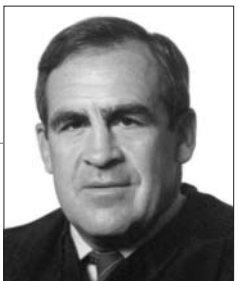
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

A former FBI executive and now an internationally recognized consultant, Lauren C. Anderson '79 has utilized her expertise in high-risk domestic and international situations, global conflict and terrorist incidents, diplomacy and business throughout the world. Recently selected to serve on the United States Comptroller General's Advisory Board, Anderson was also the first FBI agent executive selected for a sabbatical program with the International Women's Forum, which included global strategic leadership studies and practical applications at the Harvard Business School and the University of Cambridge Judge Business School. She is also a global ambassador with Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international not-for-profit organization. Additionally, Anderson serves on the Board of Directors of the Women's Forum of New York, and is committed to investing in women leaders around the world to help address economic disparities through global mentoring.

Thomas Horne '65

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT IN LAW

Thomas Horne '65 was a judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Virginia for 32 years. He has heard cases ranging from land disputes, to murders, to the first “spam” case in the country. In 2009, Horne received the Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award, presented annually by the Judicial Council of Virginia. The award is given to one who, over an extended career, has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the administration of the courts while exhibiting the traits of integrity, courtesy, impartiality, wisdom and humility. In addition to being the former president of the Loudoun County Bar Association, Horne helped establish the free Thomas D. Horne Leadership in the Law Program – otherwise known as Law Camp – to provide high school students with a unique opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge about the legal system. In 2014 Horne joined The McCammon Group, a leading provider of mediation, arbitration judge pro tempore and special master services in the mid-Atlantic region.



Timothy Walbert '89

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Timothy Walbert '89 has made it a lifelong goal to support inventive and groundbreaking approaches to the alleviation of chronic pain and rare diseases. He has nearly 25 years of executive, general management, marketing and sales experience in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. In 2008, Walbert accepted his current position as chairman, president and chief executive officer of Horizon Pharma, plc, a global biopharmaceutical company dedicated to improving patients' lives by developing medicines that address unmet medical needs. Under his leadership the company has grown to one approaching \$6 billion in market capitalization. Walbert currently holds positions on the boards of seven organizations dedicated to innovative medical solutions. Personally, Walbert and his family support several foundations that improve the lives of others in the community.



THE 12TH INAUGURAL

A celebration of Muhlenberg College and its people

John I. Williams, Jr. was officially welcomed as Muhlenberg's 12th president on October 25, 2015. Presided over by Board of Trustees Chair Richard Crist, Jr. '77, P'05, P'09, the installation ceremony was full of pomp and circumstance, and featured greetings from public officials and VIPs bringing well-wishes from across the country.

“At Muhlenberg, ‘service’ is not something we do because it looks good on a resume. Service is not something we do solely because ‘it makes us feel good.’ No, at Muhlenberg, the call to serve is at the center of our ethos.”

– President John I. Williams, Jr.



The centerpiece of the presidential installation ceremony was an address by President Williams, which followed an introduction by Elon Law Professor George Robert Johnson, Jr. and Williams' official investiture by Crist. In his speech, Williams connected Muhlenberg's rich history with his vision for the future of the College.

Going above and beyond

“Throughout our history, the Muhlenberg experience has always been more than an opportunity to learn and grow. It is a call to action—to go Above and Beyond—and extend the power of our spirit and desire to achieve good.”

Williams continued, “And now, going forward from this time and place, our challenge is to preserve the essential elements of their legacy that have endured and combined to make our College great. At the same time, we must reinvent residential liberal arts education for a new generation of students, who will go on to leadership roles within a rapidly changing, increasingly diverse and interconnected world.”

Praise for Muhlenberg's liberal arts model

“Our liberal arts students are preparing for leadership roles within the new Creative Economy, where a fusing of left and right brains, the rational and the creative, the mind and the soul, are essential to success,” Williams said.

Adding, “For this new generation of leaders, the most important skills are integrative and creative thinking,

spanning multiple domains of knowledge and frameworks, including the arts, humanities, social sciences and the natural sciences, all coupled with the ability to formulate cogent arguments and to communicate clearly and powerfully. These are the very skills our students are learning here today at Muhlenberg. By blending art and science, today's Muhlenberg students are forging the new talents that will provide the superstructure for the future.”

A vision for the future

The College will “remain committed to our special blend of the liberal arts and selected pre-professional programs” while pursuing new initiatives and partnerships that will help students achieve powerful outcomes. Two such partnerships that have already been explored, Williams noted, including an agreement with the University of Groningen in the Netherlands that will allow students to pursue exchanges and masters programs, and an agreement with Harvard Law School via HarvardX for students to have the opportunity, using the latest digital learning techniques, to take a course in copyright law from one of the world's leading legal scholars.

Williams also said that the College is exploring opportunities to strengthen the already successful pre-med program and the Career Center, and is committed to establishing an alumni and parent mentoring program for students and enhancing diversity on campus, among other initiatives.

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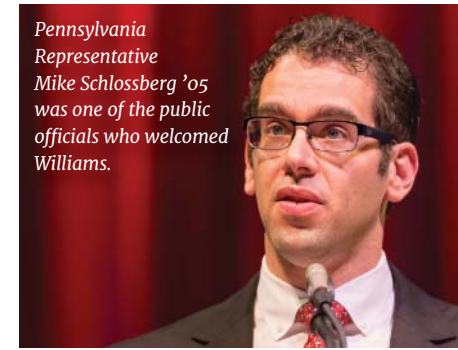
U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent speaks with Pennsylvania Representative Mike Schlossberg '05.



Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski greets Williams.



Board Chair Richard Crist, Jr. '77, P'05, P'09 holds the Presidential Medallion during Williams' official investiture ceremony.



Pennsylvania Representative Mike Schlossberg '05 was one of the public officials who welcomed Williams.



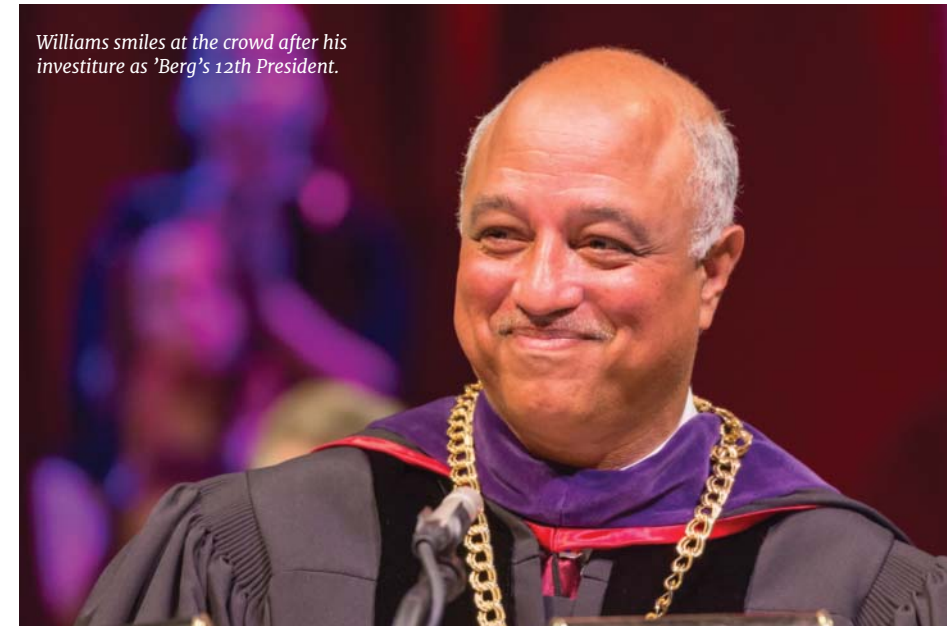
Faculty process before the installation ceremony.



Williams stands with Amherst classmates, friends and colleagues.



John and Diane Williams pose for a photo.



Williams smiles at the crowd after his investiture as 'Berg's 12th President.



Williams and Dr. Ray Singer '80 pose for a photo.

“At the same time that we connect with and build upon the strengths of our past, we look ahead and dare to dream of a bold future, one in which Muhlenberg College thrives within a new, more competitive, more innovative landscape for higher education; a future in which our students will graduate even better equipped for a faster-paced, more diverse and dynamic world; one in which we unite as a global network to open doors for one another.”

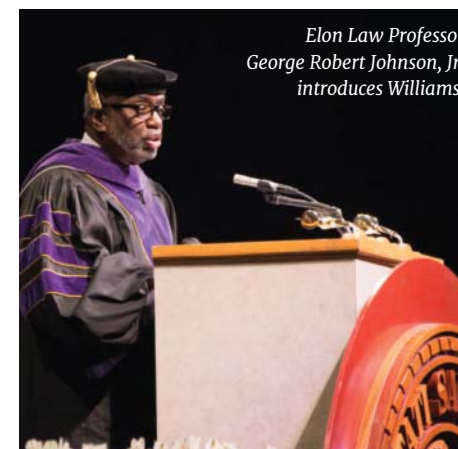
– President John I. Williams, Jr.



Williams enjoys the inaugural luncheon.



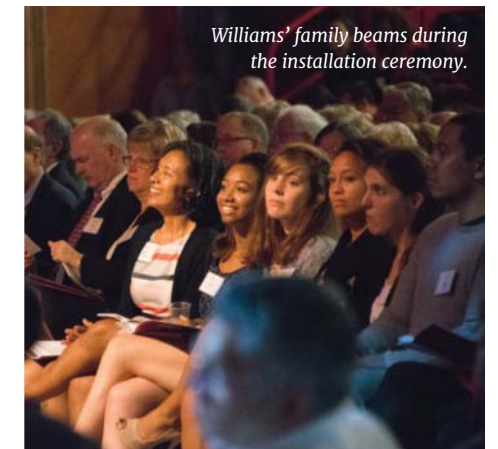
The Muhlenberg College Choir provided a stunning backdrop and passionate music.



Elon Law Professor George Robert Johnson, Jr. introduces Williams.



Blake Marles '74, P'02 and Marilyn Macknik Marles '75, P'02 greet Williams.



Williams' family beams during the installation ceremony.

Fireworks light up the sky over Trexler Library.



The October 25 installation ceremony was just one event during a weekend of Inauguration-related festivities.

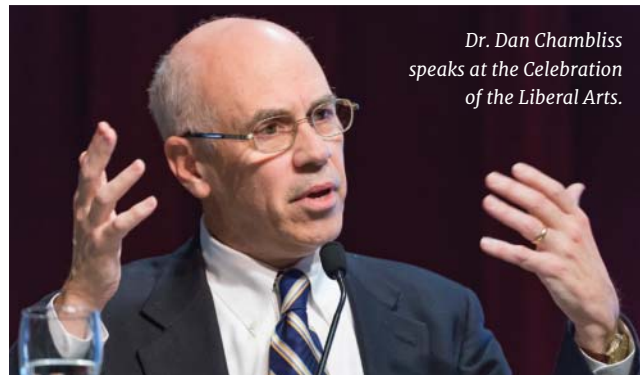
Friday's Celebration of the Liberal Arts began with an address by Dr. Dan Chambliss, the Eugene M. Tobin Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Hamilton College and co-author of "How College Works." A panel of Muhlenberg faculty members – Eileen McEwan, languages, literatures, and cultures; Michele Deegan, political science; Jim Peck, theatre and dance; and Bruce Wightman, biology – discussed Dr. Chambliss' address as it relates to a Muhlenberg education. The faculty panel was followed by a panel of alumni – Ms. Dawn Kramlich '09, Mr. Dennis M. Williams, Jr. '97, Dr. Kenneth J. Veit '72 and Ms. Donna Schultz Van Fleet '68 – who shared their own liberal arts experiences.

On Saturday, community was embraced and student work lauded. The day kicked off with a community Fall Festival on the College Green, featuring performances, carnival games, a moon bounce, college tours and more.

A Celebration of Student Research, Art and Scholarship was held in the afternoon, and included Muhlenberg students from across the curriculum presenting their research and scholarship in an interdisciplinary poster and video showcase and art exhibition. On Saturday evening, a Celebration of Student Performance featured theatre, music and dance students. A fireworks display capped off the day.



Williams strolls down Academic Row with his family.



Dr. Dan Chambliss speaks at the Celebration of the Liberal Arts.



John and Diane Williams look on as Rejoice! Gospel Choir performs during the Sunday service in Egner Chapel.



An alumni panel speaks at the Celebration of the Liberal Arts: Dawn Kramlich '09, Dennis M. Williams, Jr. '97, Kenneth J. Veit '72 and Donna Schultz Van Fleet '68. (L to R)



A faculty panel speaks at the Celebration of the Liberal Arts: Eileen McEwan, Michele Deegan, Jim Peck and Bruce Wightman. (L to R)



The cast of "Chicago" performs during the Celebration of Student Performance.



Biochemistry major Matthew Sticco '16 describes his project at the Celebration of Student Research, Art and Scholarship.



Students volunteer at the community Fall Festival.

“The liberal arts enrich your life in ways that go far beyond career success. In many ways, a liberal arts education makes a life worth living.”

–President John I. Williams, Jr.

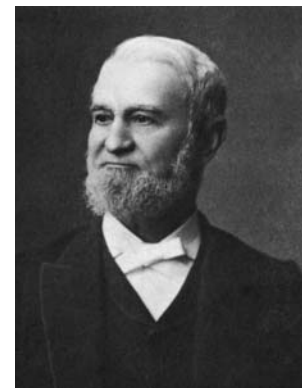
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**Frederick Augustus
Muhlenberg**
1867-1876

The great-grandson of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the College's namesake and a founder of the Lutheran Church in America, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg envisioned a college where rigorous academics would be combined with "the education of [the] conscience and the cultivation of [the] heart" to produce dedicated leaders of good character. Muhlenberg studied at Pennsylvania College (now Gettysburg

College), Jefferson College (now Washington and Jefferson College) and Princeton Theological Seminary; taught at Jefferson, Pennsylvania College and the University of Pennsylvania; and served as president at Thiel College. Knowing that "many a parent in the humbler walks of life" endeavored to "give [their] children an education, which will be more valuable to them than gold, and fit them to stand unabashed in the presence of kings," he aimed to offer a quality education to more than the children of the well-off. A lifelong educator, Muhlenberg was also committed to the ideal that a broad and rigorous classical education—with an intensive focus on the study of Latin, Greek and mathematics—served as the best foundation for further inquiry and professional life.



J.P. Benjamin Sadtler
1877-1885

J. P. Benjamin Sadtler received his undergraduate and seminary education at Pennsylvania College. A Lutheran minister, he aimed to preserve the religious and cultural traditions of the Lutheran Church and its ties to Germany during his tenure at Muhlenberg. He promoted a generalized education for those enrolled at the College, while upholding the standards of a classical education.

The Allentown Seminary moves to Trout Hall, and is rechristened Muhlenberg College, in honor of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg.

1867



Theodore Lorenzo Seip
1886-1903

Theodore Lorenzo Seip was a multi-talented and dynamic president, being a minister, teacher, scholar and administrator. Receiving his education at Pennsylvania College and the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, he was a hero of the Civil War, serving with General Sherman in his "march to the sea." Seip led Muhlenberg through several early changes, notably the movement of the campus from Trout Hall to its current location at the west end of Allentown. His aim in relocating the College was to provide better facilities to aid in learning and draw higher enrollments. S.E. Ochsenford, Class of 1876, in Muhlenberg College: A Quarter-Centennial Memorial Volume wrote of Seip that he "stood by the institution at times when its friends were few and its prospects were by no means encouraging."



John A. W. Haas
1904-1936

As the longest serving president of Muhlenberg College, John A. W. Haas desired to make great changes upon his inauguration. Haas received his education at the University of Pennsylvania, Mt. Airy Theological Seminary and the University of Leipzig. He instituted the College's first athletics program and hired its first athletics director. Haas also contributed to the early growth of pre-professional courses in pre-law and pre-medicine. Haas was responsible for major enlargements to the campus during his tenure, including the construction of Egner Memorial Chapel and the library building which now bears his name, Haas College Center.



Levering Tyson
1937-1951

Levering Tyson led Muhlenberg College through the Great Depression and World War II. He received a bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College and a master's from Columbia University, where he remained for nearly two decades as alumni secretary and associate director of the university's extension division. Tyson was the College's first lay president, having come to the College not from the clergy but a successful career in radio broadcasting. It was because of his reputation as an excellent businessman that the trustees sought him out to lead the college through the economic peril it faced. Under Tyson's leadership, the College proved resilient in those trying times: enrollment grew during his tenure, as did faculty and course offerings. During World War II, he was instrumental in bringing the Navy's V-12 and V-5 programs to campus. Tyson implemented a social sciences department and expanded the natural sciences curriculum. During the early years of his presidency, Muhlenberg established its reputation as having one of the best premedical programs in the country.

The United States and Spain go to war.

1889

Muhlenberg College moves to its current location on the west end of Allentown.

1905

The Wescoe School of Continuing Education is founded.

1910

The United States enters WWI.

1917

Construction is completed on the Library Building, now known as the Haas College Center. The stock market crashes, precipitating the Great Depression.

1929

Gideon F. Egner Memorial Chapel is built.

1930

"Doc" Shankweiler, Professor of Biology, establishes the Pre-Medical Society.

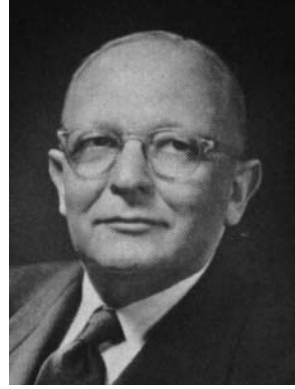
1931

The United States enters WWII.

1941

WWII ends.

1945



J. Conrad Seegers
1953-1961

Under the leadership of J. Conrad Seegers, Muhlenberg entered the post-war era on a strong footing. The first alumnus to become president, he graduated from Muhlenberg in 1913, going on to receive a master's from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to his return to Muhlenberg, he taught at Allentown Preparatory School, Lenoir College and Temple University. Under his tenure, Muhlenberg College became a co-educational institution, finally admitting women as regular students of the College in 1957. During Seegers' time as president, enrollment nearly doubled. Seegers led several successful fundraisers, which resulted in an elimination of debt, increased salaries for faculty and staff and greater financial aid for students. Seegers presided over campus improvements such as a new physical education center, new dormitories and a student center, which would later be named in his honor.



Erling N. Jensen
1961-1969

Erling N. Jensen's presidency marked a starting point for the College's rise to national academic distinction. Jensen received his bachelor's degree from Drake University, a master's from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in physics from Iowa State University. He taught science at Grand View College, and physics at Iowa State University, to which he returned after Muhlenberg. Jensen's goal as president was to achieve "excellence in all areas." Phi Beta Kappa, the most distinguished academic honor society in the nation, established a chapter on campus during his tenure. An important layman, Jensen worked to strengthen the College's connection to the Lutheran Church, as well as its academic program, de-emphasizing rigidity and instituting honors programs.

With the gulf of Tonkin Resolution, the United States escalates its involvement in Vietnam.

1964



John H. Morey
1969 - 1984

Throughout his time as president, John H. Morey made several important improvements to Muhlenberg College. He received his undergraduate education at Wooster College, and a master's and doctorate in English from Cornell University. Before arriving at Muhlenberg, he held assistant professorships in English at Ohio Wesleyan University and Colby College, and was President of Fitchburg State College in Maryland. In the early days of his Muhlenberg presidency, he strengthened relations with the greater Allentown community, encouraging outreach among faculty and staff and was instrumental in establishing a consortium between six local private colleges. Morey enriched student life, expanding intercollegiate athletics and protecting students' rights to invite speakers and entertainers to campus, no matter how controversial. He oversaw major curriculum reform, emphasizing interdisciplinary studies.

American military involvement in Vietnam ends.

Architect Philip Johnson designs the new Center for the Arts.

Victor's Lament by Mark Di Suvero is installed.

1973

1976

1979



Jonathan C. Messerli
1984-1992

Jonathan C. Messerli accomplished much in his eight-year presidency at Muhlenberg College. Born in Albany, Oregon, he earned a bachelor's degree from Concordia Teachers College, a master's from Washington University, St. Louis and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Prior to assuming office at Muhlenberg, he held professorships at the University of Washington and the Teachers College at Columbia, was dean of education at Hofstra University and Fordham University and was president of Susquehanna University. As president, Messerli sought to prepare the College to enter the 21st century, saying in his inaugural address that "Our agenda for the remainder of this century is to achieve a new level of quality rather than merely manage for survival." To this end Messerli made use of long-range strategic planning and comprehensive marketing, both of which strengthened student recruitment and led to higher enrollment rates, before these practices were widely used in higher education. Messerli's time at Muhlenberg saw the construction of Trexler Library, the renovation of some of the College's oldest buildings and the successful completion of Muhlenberg's first \$1 million annual fund campaign. "He was a scholarly president with unbounded enthusiasm," said former interim president Jim Steffy.

The first Apple Macintosh computer is released.

The Trexler Library opens.

The Soviet Union disintegrates, ending the Cold War.

1984

1988

1991



Arthur R. Taylor
1992 - 2002

Arthur R. Taylor served Muhlenberg for ten years, and in that time, he led the College to almost triple its endowment and almost halve its debt. A graduate of Brown University, he was active in the business world at the beginning of his career, serving as president of CBS from 1972 to 1976. He entered academia as the Dean of Fordham University's Graduate School of Business Administration. Under Taylor's leadership, the College's national reputation for its caring community and student excellence grew. Although other colleges sought him as president, he chose Muhlenberg for its warmth and humanity, saying that it was an "historic and noble place where I can know you and you can know me" and that it was "...where I could be the most constructive, where I could be the most helpful and where we could have the most human contact." During his time as president, the College became regarded as one of the finest small liberal arts colleges in the country, noted specifically for its selectivity and acceptance rates. Taylor presided over the construction of the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance and the Forrest G. Moyer M.D. '35 Hall.

Grand Opening of the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance

The Institute of Public Opinion is founded at Muhlenberg. September 11 terrorist attacks. Global War on Terror begins

2000

2001



Peyton R. Helm
2003 - 2015

Peyton R. Helm worked throughout his twelve-year tenure to improve the College in a diverse range of ways. Graduating from Yale University with a B.A. in archaeology, he received his doctorate in ancient history from the University of Pennsylvania and served in an administrative capacity at the latter, as well as at Colby College. In considering the presidency, Helm was attracted to Muhlenberg's combination of practicality and academic rigor, saying that "though Muhlenberg was most definitely a liberal arts institution, there was a pragmatism about it...You could take time to think here but you could also get a major in business administration. It was a place where things got done." As president, Helm was true to this spirit: Muhlenberg saw extensive campus renovations under his leadership, including a New Science Building, a new Life Sports Center and renovations to residence halls and to Seegers Union. Helm increased the College's endowment from \$70 million to \$200 million. During Helm's years as president, Muhlenberg strengthened sustainability practices, expanded faculty positions and broadened student internship and research opportunities. Helm focused on strengthening the shared governance of the College, ensuring that faculty, staff and students have a part in shaping Muhlenberg's present and future.

New Science Building completed

2007

Muhlenberg



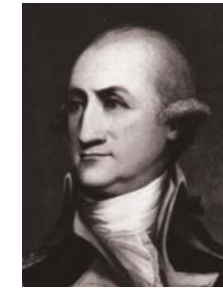
Above All, a Family

By Susan Falciani, Special Collections and Archives Librarian, Trexler Library

Beginning with Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the College's namesake and founder of the Lutheran Church in America, the Muhlenberg family counts among America's great families. From botany, architecture and education to the battlefield, the ministry and the halls of Congress, members of the Muhlenberg dynasty have held positions of influence in the most positive ways. As a family, the Muhlenbergs exemplify the College's ethos of going Above and Beyond in service to our society – and the world.

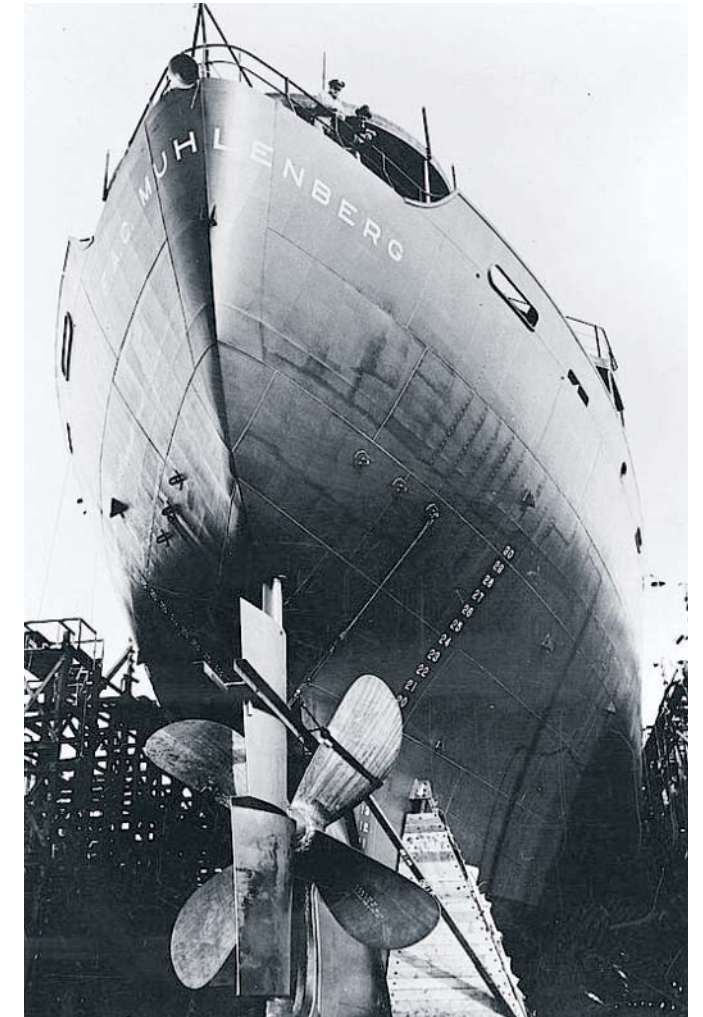
General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg

A Time to Fight



After an illustrious Revolutionary War career that encompassed engagements at Charleston, Monmouth, Brandywine and Yorktown, Major General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg (1746–1807), Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's eldest son, was elected along with his brother Frederick

to serve in the first Congress representing Pennsylvania. A painting of "General Pete" standing at his pulpit as he famously threw off his ministerial robes and revealed a military uniform was hung aboard the USS Muhlenberg Victory in 1945. Muhlenberg declared early in the American Revolution: "There is a time for all things, a time to preach and a time to pray, and both those times have passed away...there is also a time to fight and that time is now!" This patriotic ethos was echoed on campus during World War II, and Muhlenberg College was honored for its contributions to the war effort, having hosted V-12 and V-5 Navy training programs, with a Victory ship bearing its name.

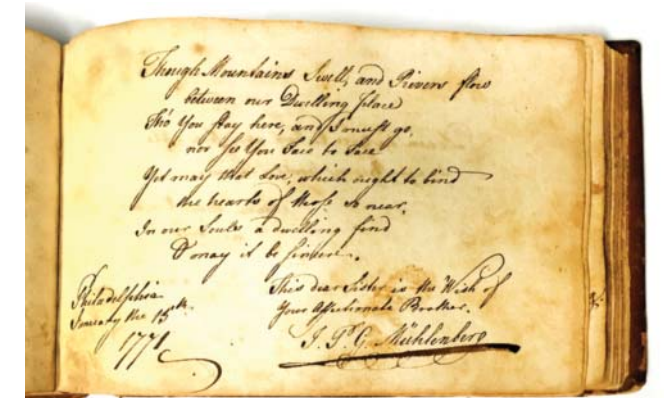


Eve Elizabeth "Betsey" Muhlenberg

A Daughter of the Revolution

Eve Elizabeth "Betsey" Muhlenberg (1748–1808) was Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's eldest daughter. She married one of her father's Lutheran associates, the Rev. C. Emmanuel Schulze, in 1766. Her son, John Andrew Melchior Schulze, served as governor of Pennsylvania from 1823–1829.

In 1960, Muhlenberg College acquired Eve's autograph book, a volume filled with poems, quotations and well-wishes from friends and family. The album contains notes and poems signed by her three brothers, Peter, Frederick and Gotthilf, as well as her father, Henry Melchior.



Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg

A Principled Stand



Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg (1750–1801) was the third child of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. A Lutheran minister in New York City in the early 1770s, Frederick witnessed and eventually supported the growing anti-Crown sentiment that preceded the American Revolution. Though there is evidence that his initial response to the coming strife might have been that a minister should not engage in a political conflict, circumstances convinced him otherwise, and by 1779 he was elected to fill a seat in the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. After ratification of the Constitution in 1787, Frederick was elected the first Speaker of the House of Representatives, a body which included his brother, General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg.

As Speaker of the House, Muhlenberg and Vice President John Adams signed the first proposed amendments to the

new Constitution—a document later known as the Bill of Rights—on September 28, 1789. While Muhlenberg served four terms as a U.S. Representative, his most fateful vote occurred on May 2, 1794 with the ratification of the Jay Treaty. While settling some outstanding differences with Great Britain, the treaty sparked a furor of anti-British sentiment in the United States, and the vote to ratify was split evenly. Frederick, as chairman of the committee reviewing the treaty, was forced to cast the deciding vote in favor of ratification, against the wishes of his own party. Two days after the vote, Frederick was attacked and stabbed by his brother-in-law, Bernard Schaeffer, in a politically-fueled frenzy, outside Congress Hall in Philadelphia. Though Frederick survived his wounds, his congressional career did not survive the Jay Treaty vote, and he was defeated in 1796.

Gotthilf Heinrich Ernst Muhlenberg

The American Linnaeus



The name “Muhlenberg” also resonates in scientific circles, thanks to Gotthilf Heinrich Ernst Muhlenberg (1753–1815), Henry Melchior’s youngest son. In addition to his pastoral duties, “Henry” was a distinguished botanist and naturalist dubbed “the American

Linnaeus” by his contemporaries. He is responsible for naming nearly one hundred species of plants, as well as the bog turtle, *Clemmys muhlenbergii*.

He had great aspirations for what could develop in American botany: in a paper delivered to the American Philosophical Society in 1791, he expresses “[I wish] that some of my learned countrymen would join in botanical researches, and send in their Floras, for perusal or publication...so that by gathering the Floras of the different States, we may have a general Flora of the United-States, drawn from good and certain observations.”



The First Lady Comes to Muhlenberg

In 1942, Muhlenberg College participated in the bicentennial celebration of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg’s arrival in Pennsylvania in 1742. The United States Congress declared a Joint Resolution recognizing the anniversary, and the Bicentennial Commission included President Franklin Roosevelt and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

The Bicentennial festivities spanned the week of May 24th to June 1st, 1942, and included the unveiling of the statue of Major General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg that stands before Haas Campus Center today. The pageant “For God and Country,” depicting the Muhlenberg family’s story, was performed daily. On May 26th, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited the College, receiving an honorary doctorate and addressing a patriotic rally.

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Strengthening Our Identity, Honoring Our Namesake

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE FOR ITS NEW IDENTITY

Muhlenberg College has always felt that quiet humility was preferable to boasting. While modesty remains central to our DNA, with changing demographics and shifts in the economy, our competition has grown stronger.

For our students and alumni, it has never been more important for our name and good works to be “out there,” demonstrating to the world the excellence of Muhlenberg and people it educates.

To do this well, we need to unify our identity and make it more representative of our devotion to community, collegiality, curiosity, creativity and character.

During the spring semester of 2015, President Helm, and then incoming President John Williams, initiated a comprehensive review to evaluate the best ways to share the Muhlenberg story with the world.

This highly inclusive process began with an immersion into the life and works of the College and its people, including in-person interviews, informal conversations, and discussion groups, with hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents. The team reviewed the College’s previous research, including student and alumni surveys, admissions data and annual reports and conducted a series of intensive online surveys, reaching several thousand members of the Muhlenberg community in the process.

Together, we sought to distill the essence of Muhlenberg—how its identity was projected over the more than 150 years of service.

While alumni, students, faculty, staff and parents told us it was essential to project a strong, consistent, unified and distinguishable Muhlenberg identity and image, as we delved

deeply into the College’s history, its founding and its archives, including logos, colors and memorabilia covering nearly three centuries of Muhlenberg family history, we discovered that there was no one look or consistent color that was identifiable as “Muhlenberg College.”

Two unifying elements remained beloved across time: the extraordinary accomplishments, energy and ethos of the Muhlenberg family—and the commitment of faculty, staff, students and alumni to go “Above and Beyond” in the support of others, regardless of field, interest or cause.

Indeed, Muhlenberg College was founded on the idea that education is more than a foundation for learning. Together, our community is committed to an ethos of reaching ever higher; guiding and driving students of extraordinary promise to reach above and beyond their preconceived talents, skills and objectives to achieve prominence and effect change in whatever professions, interests, and causes they choose to pursue.

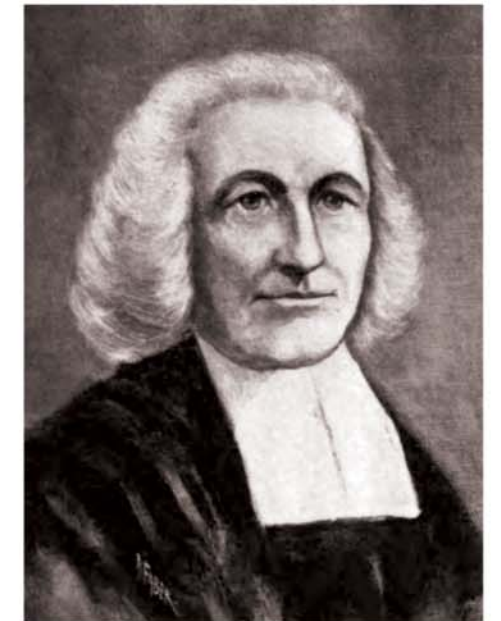
We found that the Muhlenberg experience is more than an opportunity to learn and grow. It is a call to action—to go Above and Beyond—and extend the power of our spirit and desire to achieve good—throughout the community we serve.

Our new visual system is emblematic of this ethos. In using the centuries-old signature of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg as our identifier, we pay tribute to his character and achievements—and the extraordinary accomplishments of his family.

The Signature is a reminder of honor bestowed upon us. “Above and Beyond. For today, tomorrow and the generations that follow.” As long as we strive to reach ever higher, we become the heirs to the goodness and the greatness of the Muhlenberg name.



Muhlenberg

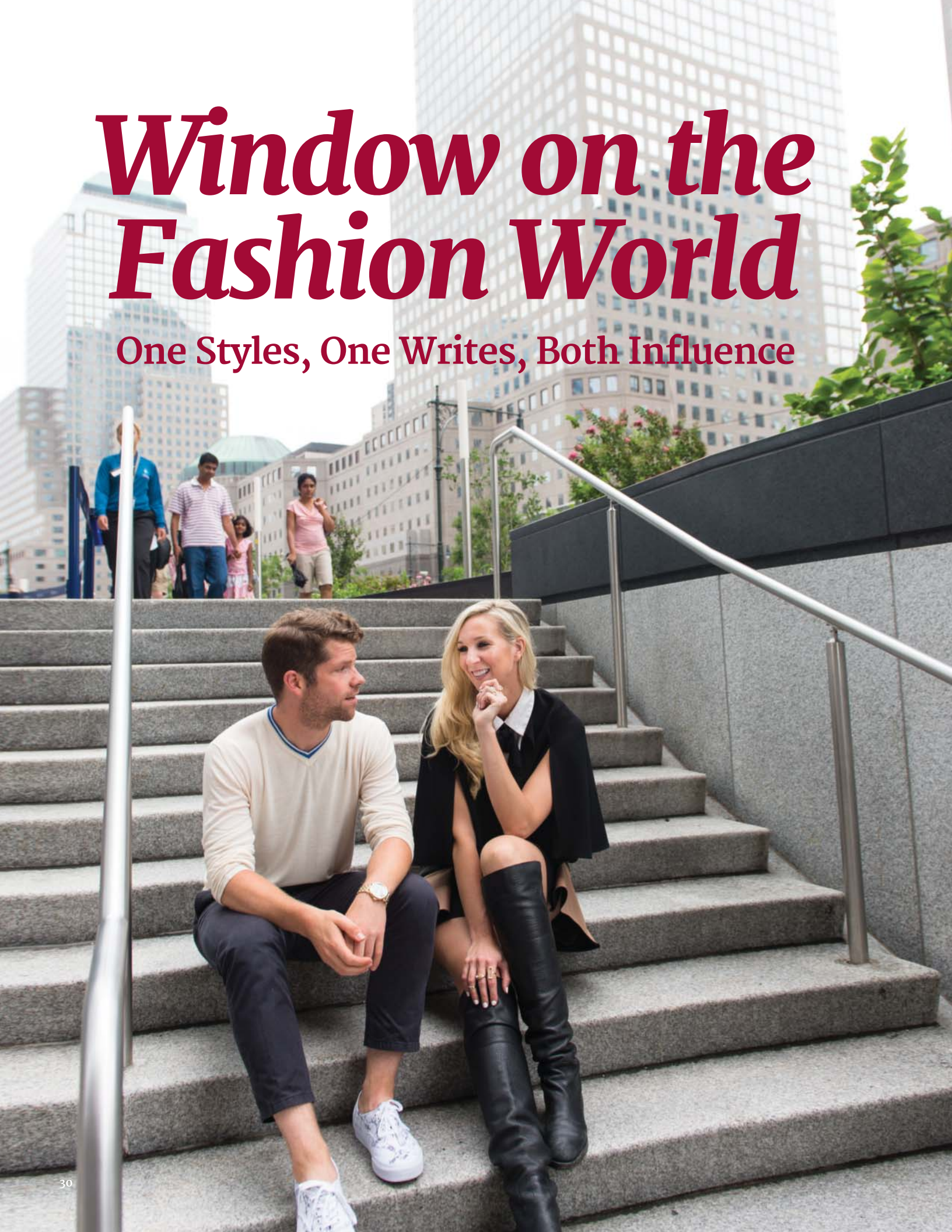


H. M. Muhlenberg

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, College namesake
A founder of the Lutheran Church in America, H.M. Muhlenberg was committed to the ideal of seeing beyond one’s self in improving our world.

Window on the Fashion World

One Styles, One Writes, Both Influence



By Jack McCallum '71,
Guest Editor

Erin McSherry walks onto the set of a children's fashion shoot in midtown Manhattan and three of the young models stare up – and up and up – smiling in anticipation of what she's going to say. McSherry, a 2009 graduate who is Muhlenberg's all-time women's basketball leader in blocked shots, stands 6'1," but in her wide-brim fedora hat and knee-high suede boots with high-rise heels, she's about the size of a Division III men's center. Yes, in a room filled with the little darlings who are being photographed, production people, parents and executives from French Toast, the children's clothing company, McSherry is clearly the Alpha Presence.

She frets and fusses with her charges, re-combing hair, tucking in a blouse, applying a strategic safety pin, much as a mother would do before sending her kids to school, which is what the ad is all about. "This is a nice break from celebrity and fashion shoots," says McSherry, 28, as she signs an autograph at lunch break. "I really like the kids."

The following week McSherry traveled to London with her biggest celebrity client, 50 Cent, organizing his wardrobe and supervising the quick-change choreography – the rapper switches outfits in 30 seconds – that takes place during his live performances. (No kids allowed at that one.) On another day she could've been found working with the cast of "Modern Family," designing the look that Sofia Vergara, Ed O'Neil and Ty Burrell would be wearing on billboard ads, or styling acclaimed actress Marcia Gay Harden for her appearance on the Emmys.

She's here, she's there, she's suddenly everywhere. In the four years after going out on her own, McSherry has become a much sought-after designer/fashion consultant. Her company, Erin McSherry LLC, now employs three assistants and four interns, positions she occupied herself as she doggedly climbed the fashion ladder.

Not bad for a Jersey Girl who came to a school that didn't offer a single course in fashion.



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Six miles south, John Jannuzzi, Class of 2007, escorts a guest past racks of clothes that hang in the hallway in the One World Trade Center offices of Gentleman’s Quarterly, the bible of men’s fashion. No fedora or heeled boots for Jannuzzi, 29, who’s going – as he usually goes – casual, right down to the baseball hat on his head “that I usually don’t wear,” he demurs. From the Conde Nast offices he can look down on the Statue of Liberty and what used to be the Twin Towers, a view for which thousands of tourists are pulling out the plastic.

“John, we need to talk,” says a co-worker, sounding in semi-crisis mode.

Jannuzzi shrugs and gets ready to hear it. It was one of a dozen mini-crisis that day for Jannuzzi, who is senior digital editor for GQ.com, a position that requires dozens of editorial decisions, quick, skillful writing and, most of all, an awareness of what creates buzz and grabs eyeballs. And that’s just in one hour.

Not bad for a Connecticut Kid who started out as an economics major, pivoted into art and is now a major player in a discipline

that didn’t even exist a decade ago.

If you can make it here, you can make it – you know the rest – and these young ’Berg grads are clearly making it in the fashion world, the one a visual stylist, the other a stylist with words and ideas. If you were to create a Career Options for the Liberal Arts Graduate ad, you could put McNuzzi front and center. They are making it because (A.) they attended a college that didn’t put them in a box, close the lid and say, This Is What You Are, and (B.) every time they got knocked down, as Chumbawamba told us, they got back up again.



McSherry came to Muhlenberg largely because she liked the animated style of basketball coach Ron Rohn. But she was also intrigued by the fact that a student could create her own minor by combining disciplines. McSherry was heavy into fashion by that time, and, as she swatted away shots as a four-year player (her 164 blocks are well ahead of Leeann Lanza’s 116), she combined

costume design with a theatre course and the history of fashion with a history course. She even had an internship during her junior year that had her dashing into Manhattan two times a week during basketball season. “We made some allowances for practices,” says Rohn, “and I really think Erin played some of her best ball during that stretch.”

As McSherry sees it, the fact that Muhlenberg does not appear in anyone’s Most Fashionable List worked to her advantage. “Fashion was my thing,” says McSherry. “It was wonderful to have something special to me and incorporate it into my college experience.” Even when “Threads,” a fashion club she and two other students started, failed to catch hold, McSherry was not deterred. She knew what she wanted. “Obviously she was the go-to person for all our fashion decisions, what warmup goes with what jersey, that kind of thing,” says Rohn. “She told me she’ll come back one day and design new uniforms for us. I’m not sure I can get her now.”

But despite that college internship, McSherry, after graduating with a major in marketing, went 0-for-94. The latter number is how many magazines, designers, buyers and department stores McSherry applied to, the former is how many responses she got. So she took a job at Bob’s, which sounds like a hamburger stand but is in fact a chain of retail furniture stores. “I did visual merchandising, which means planning how stores are laid out, things like that,” she says. “It wasn’t exactly my dream job.”

But her passion for fashion never waned. She kept working at it, took an internship with one designer, then one with the Latino version of “America’s Next Top Model,” lived at home, squirreled away her money, worked at every job as if opportunity were right around the corner ... which it was. Eventually she started landing her own jobs through referrals and used whatever contacts she could to land clients, 50 Cent being the big one. “The key,” she says, “is always following through and getting the job done.” Suddenly, she had her own business, lots of clients and zero free time.

“I can’t tell you the last day off I had,” says McSherry. “I work all the time. But I couldn’t be happier. This is what I wanted to do. This is what I dreamed of.”



Jannuzzi’s vision wasn’t as clear as McSherry’s when he came to ’Berg. “I took one macroeconomics course and – nothing against the professor – but I thought, ‘That’s not me,’” says Jannuzzi, a graduate of Farmington High School. He had always been a young man of wide interests, at one point thinking about a career as an architect, another time as a graphic designer. He eventually decided upon a joint major in media/communication and studio art with a focus on printmaking.

A future rendezvous with high fashion didn’t seem in the cards, as one of his Muhlenberg mentors observes. “Hard to believe that

this young man who kept crumpled clothes under his desk every day now blogs for GQ,” says Mike Bruckner, the College’s vice president of public relations for whom Jannuzzi interned.

After graduation Jannuzzi had only one solid plan – move to New York City. Somehow, someday. His existence was right out of the *Starving Artist Playbook*. He interned at a job he didn’t love (“at an accessories licensing company in a far-flung corner of the retail fashion business”) and waited tables and hosted in an industry he didn’t love (albeit at Tom Colicchio’s high-end Craft Restaurant). All the while Jannuzzi took classes at the New School and had another near full-time job scouring ads, networking and keeping his eyes and ears open for something that stirred his soul. “I’ll be honest,” he says. “There were a lot of nights when I thought, ‘Can I make it here?’”

But Jannuzzi had a secret weapon, though he didn’t look at it like that at the time – social media. His anonymous and caustic blog about the restaurant industry (Maître Blog) had many devoted followers, and Jannuzzi took to Twitter instantly, finding in its 140-character limit all the space he needed to be topical, intriguing and more than a little sarcastic.

“I caught that wave when it was cresting,” says Jannuzzi, who tweets to his 35,000-plus followers at @johnjannuzzi. “From the get-go I was very upfront and direct with what I said because I assumed no one was listening.” Slowly but surely he built a following and from that he would get listed here and there as a “person to follow.” In 2013 he even made Time’s list of Best Twitter Feeds. But even after the Conde Nast people took notice of Jannuzzi’s editorial and writing skills, nothing came easy – the interview process that landed him his current gig lasted almost a year.

For now, the job fits a man of his expansive interests perfectly. “John was always Mr. Creative,” says Bruckner. “He had a flair, whether it was posters or brochures or websites. We just tried to help him channel his enthusiasm and creativity.” Over a recent 48-hour period, Jannuzzi blogged about home office upgrades, oversized shirts, Taylor Swift, grocery-store cookies, Paris fashion week and sunburn remedies. Anything and everything is his charge; just make sure people will read it.

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And now his network has expanded by at least one – he and McSherry didn’t know each other at college, but they met and bonded during a photo shoot in Lower Manhattan. They have a lot to talk about, not the least of which is how they constructed their parallel rising careers, proving that hard work and tenacity can be, well, quite fashionable.

BRIDGING A 30 YEAR GAP

An Abrupt Decision to Leave... A Great Decision to Return

By Lindsey (Aspinall) Getz '04



Lars Trodson was just three credits shy of graduating with a degree in English when he abruptly left Muhlenberg in the early 1980s. He had enjoyed his three-plus years at 'Berg, but he was chasing, as he sees it now, some "romantic notion" of writing and freedom that didn't require a sheepskin. To say his parents were disappointed in his decision to leave, he says, is an understatement.

And while he did succeed in the career he had wanted since he was a young boy, as a newspaperman, playwright and filmmaker, Trodson eventually discovered that something was missing. He found he wanted to close the circle and get that Muhlenberg degree he had left unclaimed so close to the finish line.

"I absolutely reached a point where I wished I had finished, but I was too uncomfortable to face it," says Trodson, who was interviewed by phone from his home in Rhode Island. "I figured I would do it in a few years time. But 'a few years' snowballed into thirty, and the sense of incompleteness weighed on me."

Finally, in 2011, he decided to act on what he called his "foolish mistake" to leave. He had taken time off to write a novel and knew that he should seize the moment. So he

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As I walked around, I found that every nook and cranny had its own memory – and those memories came flooding back.
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reached back in time to the place he had left behind. With the assistance of Jane Hudak, Dean of The Wescoe School, Trodson found courses at the University of New Hampshire that would transfer and fulfill the specific credit requirements that he needed to earn his degree in English.

And so in May, 2012, the Kid Who Left Early became the Man Who Came Back, returning to pick up his cap and gown (he was asked if he was getting it for his son) and proudly marching in the commencement procession.

"Without Jane's help, fulfilling this dream would not have been possible for me," Trodson says. "She was a guiding angel during the whole process."

After his sudden departure from Muhlenberg, Trodson did succeed in jump-starting his career, diving into newspaper work in his native Rhode Island. Over the course of more than three decades, he held editorial, columnist and film reviewing posts at various publications, won regional filmmaking and state and regional press association awards, wrote books and was co-founder of film and pop culture blog "The Roundtable." Today, he is also editor of The Block Island Times, headquartered in Block Island, R.I.

"It's been a very full and creative life that I've crafted for myself," Trodson says. But it needed the completeness of the

degree, and the memory of graduation weekend will stay with him. He says the moment he stepped back on campus, he felt he had returned home. While a lot had changed—the renovated and expanded Seegers Union stood out to him – much of the place felt familiar.

"It was still the campus I knew and loved during my time here," says Trodson. "As I walked around, I found that every nook and cranny had its own memory – and those memories came flooding back."

He stopped by the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, where he had been a brother three decades earlier. "There were some brothers outside, and I told them my story," Trodson says. "They congratulated me and were

genuinely interested—a reaction I found everywhere I went." He continues to be gratified, he says, for how his story has been received throughout the Muhlenberg community.

While Trodson will always feel a bond with the Class of 2012 that embraced him, he is now officially a member of the Class of 1981, to whom he was connected with the help of class chair Joan Triano.

"The feeling of completeness—and a sense of relief—are two of the best things to come out of this experience," Trodson says. "When I was back on campus for Homecoming, there was my name—with the Class of '81. I feel as though I've finally reclaimed my school."





Phi Kappa Tau brothers participate in the 35th annual Strohmathon.

1949

Franklin (Frank) Sherman received an award from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago at its commencement last May for lifetime achievement in theological education and interfaith relations. Included in the citation was his service as founding director of Muhlenberg's Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, as well as his recently published two-volume work, "Bridges: Documents of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue." Frank lives in Schnecksville, Pa. with his wife Lorie.

1956

Last May **Bob (Wags) Wagner** traversed the country from his home in Calif. to attend a high school reunion where he met up with Muhlenberg classmate **Bruce Francois**. Bruce keeps busy these days with a retirement job as "travel host" at the Welcome Center at exit 53 of I-84. Look him up if you are in the area. • **Dick Miller** traveled to Winchester, England, in early August where he was part of a 60-voice choir which served as the choir-in-residence for one week at

the 1000-year-old Winchester Cathedral. Dick also continues to serve as the chapel organist at the Lutheran Community in Telford where he's been a resident since 2007.



Heather Anderson, granddaughter of Bill Anderson '57

1957

Bill Anderson visited his son and daughter-in-law, **David '87** and Solange Anderson and their daughter, Heather, age 6, at their home in Switzerland.

1967

David L. Bennett, Esq. was recently re-elected as Chairman of the Board of UMass Memorial Health Care.

1970

Thomas Miller, Ed.D., vice president of student affairs at the University of South Florida, has been awarded NASPA's Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member for his work as

associate professor in the College Student Affairs program in the College of Education. • Thirty-nine Phi Kappa Tau brothers returned to campus for the 35th annual Strohmathon on Saturday, May 30, at the soccer fields at Muhlenberg College. According to **Bruce Reitz**, "The 'old guys' had a tough day in the field and lost 13-9 to the 'young guys.' But we plan to do it all over again next year."

1972

Larry Glazerman is the medical director at Planned Parenthood of Delaware, responsible for three clinics in the state. He lives in Newtown Square, Pa., with Joan, his wife of 41 years. His granddaughter Hannah is 4 years old, and he has two more grandchildren on the way, in July and October.

1973

Steve Hammond and his wife Jackie Jackson had an enjoyable evening in April when they attended a performance by **Dan Simpson '74** at Goucher College in Baltimore. It was an evening of music and poetry entitled



Rev. Dr. Donald C. Wetzel '73, Richard R. Edgcomb, Stephen J. Hart '76, David Wall '76 and Peter Kopperman '76 at the wedding of Stephen and Richard.

"Bumps in the Road" about the life of Dan and his twin brother Dave as they progressed from a school for the blind, to public schools, to college, to graduate school and on to their respective careers. Dan played the piano, sang, read some of his poems and was joined by his long-time companion Ona Gritz, who read one of her poems. Dan also gave the audience a tape recorded preview of Dave's soon-to-be staged auto-biographical play.

1975

Marilyn (Macknik) Marles writes, "Recently I was honored along with fellow 'Berg alumna **Gretchen (Henninger) Krasley '68** with the 2015 Service Award from The Hillside School. The award recognizes service to



Marilyn (Macknik) Marles '75 and Gretchen (Henninger) Krasley '68

The Hillside School in support of its mission to 'maximize the potential of children with learning disabilities.' We both serve on the Board - I am President and she is VP. Gretchen also is a volunteer extraordinaire at the school."

1976

On June 13, 2015, **Stephen J. Hart** married his long-time partner Richard R. Edgcomb. The ceremony took place at the Egner Memorial Chapel, with **Rev. Dr. Donald C. Wetzel '73** officiating. A reception in Moyer Hall followed the ceremony. • **Peter Auster** was chosen out of over 6500 dentists to receive the prestigious Evy Award. It is national recognition by The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry for excellence in his field. He is one of only six recipients to be honored. He also leads an annual trip to Jamaica to run a free dental clinic, along with a lot of other civic involvement.

1979

Dr. Leonard Zon received an honorary degree of medicine from the University of Murcia, Spain. • **Brian Alnutt** has received a standard appointment (tenure) and a promotion to associate professor of history at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pa. • **Donna Bausch**, law librarian at Norfolk Law Library in Norfolk Va., was honored this summer with the American Association of Law Libraries' (AALL) 2015 Volunteer Service Award. "I was truly honored to be named an AALL Volunteer Service Award recipient," Bausch said in a news release. "AALL has provided invaluable networking and volunteer opportunities, which have led to priceless professional contacts and lifelong friendships. It has been my privilege to give something back to the profession that has made such a rewarding and interesting career possible."

1980

Keith Cacciatore has retired from the practice of law due to multiple sclerosis. He misses the practice of law and his friends tremendously. He asks his friends to contact him on Facebook or by phone at (484)894-4400.

1981

Tim Austin married Fernanda Andrade in Florida on June 20, 2015.

1984

Kevin Wolbach and **Kim (Dillon) Wolbach '87** write that Kevin is in his third year as assistant dean of Misher College of Arts and Sciences at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. This past year he was promoted to senior lecturer. Kim is at home with the couple's two girls, Sarah (15) and Abigail (10). They recently celebrated their 20th wedding

anniversary, having been married in Egner Chapel. “We have benefitted greatly from our Muhlenberg education and try to support the current students as best we can,” writes the couple.

1989

James and Ingrid (Fisher) Green recently opened their own business in the Allentown area. Caring Transitions, founded in 2006, is the first national franchising concept specializing in senior relocation and transition services. With 150 locations throughout the United States all owned and operated by Certified Relocation and Transition Specialists, Caring Transitions provides clients with supportive moves, auctions, rightsizing and transitions. This includes expert advice plus a well-executed transition plan beginning with the initial sorting of personal belongings through packing, shipping and selling of items to the final clearing and cleaning of the property.

1993

James “Jay” Walton writes, “In May of 2014, I received my masters of divinity from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif. In January 2015, I was ordained as an Episcopal



Sara Bednar Kern '98, Becky Hartshorn Allen '98, Julie Braunstein Ehrlich '98, Kimberly Cohen Marino '98, Laura Varrone Ladley '98, Jennifer Staarman Alansky '98 and Robyn Spivak Dinallo '98



Hannah Cook '14, Liz Casey Searl '99 and Miranda Milligan '10

priest by the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and am currently serving as the assistant rector at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Maple Glen, Pa.”

1998

Laura Varrone Ladley, who met up on campus with classmates **Sara Bednar Kern, Becky Hartshorn Allen, Julie Braunstein Ehrlich, Kimberly Cohen Marino, Jennifer Staarman Alansky and Robyn Spivak Dinallo** writes, “What originally was intended to be a quick tour and visit to the GQ for bagel bombs turned into a five hour excursion down memory lane! Plant Ops graciously let us use one of their golf carts for one of us with a broken foot and it was a blast!” • **Harvey Pine** was granted tenure and

promoted to associate professor of environmental studies at Colby–Sawyer College. Pine is an expert in climate change, geology and aquatics. He engages his students in active learning, from observing the formations of the White Mountains National Forest to researching the diverse marine species of Martha’s Vineyard. Pine’s service in the Peace Corps in rural Zambia informs his role as adviser to Colby–Sawyer’s African Student Association. A resident of Andover, N.H., Pine joined the faculty in 2008 and received the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2014. • **Mark C. Urban’s** article on climate change and biological diversity, “Accelerating extinction risk from climate change,” was published in the very prestigious journal, *Science*. The article was picked up by *The New York Times* in an article by Carl Zimmer, entitled “A Roll of the Dice” in the May 5, 2015 edition. After graduating from Muhlenberg, Urban received a Ph.D. from the Yale University School of Forestry and

Environmental Studies. Along the way he received a National Science Foundation predoctoral fellowship. He is currently an assistant professor at University of Connecticut in the department of ecology and evolutionary biology.

1999

Liz Casey Searl co-founded Peconic Community School on the East End of Long Island, where she works with two other Muhlenberg alumnae: **Miranda**



Zev Miguel Castellano

Milligan '10, early childhood teacher, and **Hannah Cook '14**, art specialist and early childhood assistant teacher.

• **Eli (Katz) Castellano** and her husband, Justin, joyfully welcomed their first child, Zev Miguel, into the world on June 6, 2015. Their family lives in Chicago, Ill.

2000

Matthew and Beth (Danton) Allar are proud and excited to introduce Nolan Albin to the Muhlenberg Community. He was born on October 21, 2014. • **Sharon (Saferstein) Brophy** writes, “On October 12, 2014, I married my high school sweetheart, Jim, after reconnecting over two years prior. We were married in a



Nolan Albin Allar



Sharon (Saferstein) and Jim Brophy

small backyard ceremony surrounded by close friends and immediate family. I was escorted down the aisle by my two children, Xavier and Gabrielle. Jim and I were previously engaged my sophomore year at Muhlenberg, so I guess it is safe to say I came full circle. We moved into a single family home in Marlton, N.J. I’m happy to say that I am finally married to my best friend and my first love from 22 years ago.”



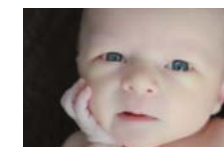
Jonathan G. Kreider

2004

Jonathan G. Kreider has been selected to the 2015 North Carolina Rising Stars list. Each year, no

more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. • Pennsylvania State Representative **Mike Schlossberg** announced that his first book, *Tweets and Consequences: 60 Social Media Disasters and How You Can Avoid a Career-Ending Mistake*, has been published.

An electronic copy is available for purchase via Kindle, and a print copy is available for purchase on Amazon or directly from the author. The book was published by Strategic Media Books in South Carolina.



Emmett James Callow

2005

Greg '04 and Meghan (Horner) Callow are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Emmett James. He arrived on January 13, 2015, at 3:02 a.m., weighing 7 lbs, 1 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. • Harry and **Michelle (Hein) Reese** were married last spring surrounded by fellow 'Berg alumni **Kyle Speck, Jessica Hittinger Chicka, Jacinda Caras Ojeda**



Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Diana (Bleakley) '05 and Kenneth Kearns '05 included Chelsea Gomez Starkowski '05, Allison Cohen Young '05, Kim Russo Maynard '06, Kristen Dilks Lapiki '06, Amy Lanning Walsh '05.

and **Jason Ojeda**. • **Diana Bleakley and Kenneth Kearns** married May 2, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pa. at the Waterworks Restaurant. The couple resides in New York City where Kenneth is an orthopedic surgeon and Diana works in admissions at United Nations International School.



Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Michelle Hein '05 and Harry Reese

2006

Kristin (Burkhart) Sites and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, a son, Henry James, on Sept. 30, 2014. All three are doing well and living in Fayetteville, Pa.



Henry James Sites



Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Justin Gerstley '07 and Ashley Feinstein were (L-R): Jeff Chalal, Dan Lagstein '07, Gillian Greenbaum '07, Gerstley, Feinstein, Jenn Kuhn '07, Jason Bonder '07, Ben Jackson '07 and Sarah (Smith) Damassa '07.



Alumni present at the wedding of Samantha Unger '10 and Andrew Horrow '10 were, from left to right: Jenna Van Waalwijk '10, Mark Miller '10, Jane Iaconetti '10, Patrick Fligge '10, Jillian Bevacqua '11, Heather Mill '10, Julia Korzeniewski '10, Douglas Buccu '12, Brian Goldberg '08, Samantha (Busa) Goldberg '11, Lacy Hall '11, Jessica Kasza '11, Jed Reiff '10, Unger, Kiren Goyal '10, Horrow, Christina O'Grady '10, Christine (de Benedictis) Metzger '10, Jenna Piccininni '10, Lauren Walsh '10, Melissa (Waldman) Molongo '10, Nikki Montambault '10, Tara Cohn '10, Theresa Statkiewicz '10, Nicolette Strobing '15, Thomas Sylvester '10, Stephanie (Bywaters) Sylvester '10.

2007

AXO sisters **Cait Hoyt, Blair Shiffman, Katie Reimann, Melissa Newman, Ashlen Kakolewski, Rachel Frint, Casey Goldstein, Heather Shulman** and **Sarah Efronson** took a trip to Sonoma, Calif., to celebrate their 30th birthdays. • **Justin Gerstley** and Ashley

Feinstein were happily married on February 15, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs Florida. The wedding was officiated by fellow alumni **Jason Bonder** in a gorgeous outdoor ceremony celebrated with family and friends. Justin is a C.F.A. and received his M.B.A. at N.Y.U. Stern School of Business, and Ashley is



AXO sisters celebrate in Sonoma, California



Rebecca Goldberg '09 and her husband Jonathan Arias.



Alumni present at the rehearsal dinner before the wedding of Joe Caporoso '09 included James Corbett '09, Bobby Weir '09, Mike "Tiny" Nolan '09, Ryan Keeley '10, Eric Santagato '09, Joe Caporoso '09, Ed DeRisi '09, Justin Schneider '09, Erik Snyder '09.



Addelyn Margaret Dyer, daughter of Joseph '10 and Cecilia DeSouza Dyer '10



Alumni present at the wedding of Chris and Samantha (Brannick) Boyd '10. Included Mike Gehrman '10, Kimberly (Hacker) Gehrman '10, Kendra Joseph '10, Patrick Thornton '10, Jim Ackerman '10, Joe Dyer '10, Cecilia (de Souza) Dyer '10, Anna Jaller '10, Mark Krzywicki '09, Laura Cunningham '10, Quila Israelson '10, Vicki Hochman '10, Michelle Murphy '10, Diana Canzoneri '10, Catherine Souza '10, John Dyer '07, Ivan Asplundh '10, Adison Weseloh '10, Nick Jones '10, Eric Miller '10, Sam Hayden '10, Elizabeth Chavez '10, Johan Steiner '10, Marc Brookland '12; Rebecca Favocci '12.



Alumni present at the wedding of Mike and Kim (Hacker) Gehrman were Joseph F. Hacker III '75, Karl Bourdeau '75, John Hacker '77, Kasey (Hacker) DeSantis '10, Eric Miller '10, Cecelia (DeSouza) Dyer '10, Rick Wedemeyer '81, Lisa Wedemeyer '81, Samantha (Brannick) Boyd '10, Chris Boyd '10, Jennifer Lynch '10, Joseph Dyer '10, Adison Weseloh '10, Nick Jones '10, Patrick Thornton '10, Jim Ackerman '10, John Dyer '07, Ryan Ganley '12, John Steiner '10, Liz Chavez '10, Sam Hayden '10, and Catherine Souza '10.

a personal finance consultant and founder of Knowing Your Worth. The couple lives and works in N.Y.C. • **Kristen Amore** married Joseph Abraham in Connecticut on June 27, 2015. Kristen teaches high school chemistry at a prep school. Joe is an attorney and 2005 grad from rival Dickinson.

2009

Rebecca Goldberg wed Jonathan Arias on May 24, 2015 in Boston, Mass.

2010

Samantha Unger and **Andrew Horrow**

were married on August 16, 2014 in Bayville, Long Island, N.Y. • **Kim Hacker** and **Mike Gehrman** were married December 27, 2014. • **Samantha Brannick** and **Chris Boyd** were married on April 24, 2015 in Bay Head, N.J. • **Cara Murphy** recently accepted an associate attorney position with Sandelands Eyet LLP in Bedminster, N.J.

2011

Kassandra Kist and **Michael Johnson** were married at Muhlenberg College on Saturday, May 30, 2015. • **Amanda Palmer** is the new director of development for nursing and child life at CHOP.



Alumni present at the wedding of Kassandra Kist '11 and Michael Johnson '11 were, (bottom to the top, left to right) Emily Olson '11, Laura McGregor '11, James Benefico '11, Brian Mintz '11, Jennie Sutton '11, Melissa Martin '11, Michael Katz '11, Drew Brantner '11, Johnson, Kist, Robert Brand '12 and Dana Shuldiner '11



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1939

Anthony F. Trufolo Sr. died on March 1, 2015. He is survived by his children, Patricia A. Warrick, Sandra Bucossi, Anthony F. Trufolo Jr. and daughter-in law, Dr. Mary Birmingham. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Lauren M. Warrick Bowdoin and her husband Scottie, Brett J. Warrick, Brian A. Bucossi, Christian A. Bucossi, Anthony F. Trufolo III and Sarah R. Trufolo.

1941

Dr. Richard Karl Lehne Sr. passed away on April 24, 2015. He was the husband of Mary Kelly. He is survived by his sons, Richard Jr. and his wife, Susan; Bill; Fredric and his wife, Ginger; daughter, Lisa; his seven grandchildren; and his sisters, Iris Watts and Ivy Lusskin and their families.

1942

Bertram Levinstone died on February 6, 2015. He was predeceased by his son, Edward. He is survived by his son Daniel, four grandsons and his dear friend Miriam Miller.

1944

Paul Roscoe Bleiler passed away on May 29, 2015. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Katharine Oleta Fletcher Bleiler. He is survived by his longtime companion and friend, Pat Rose, and her children and grandchildren; daughter, Susan Bleiler, her husband John Kuder and their two sons Tim and Brian; daughter, Nancy Saylor and her two daughters Anna (Eric) and Mary; daughter, Amy Babst, her husband Frederick Babst and their two sons Francois and Valentin; son, David Bleiler, his wife Kelly Bleiler and their three children Cody (Carly), James and John.

1945

William Henry Evans passed away on June 16, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Ellen Evans; children Marilyn Sprague (Richard) and Nancy Belezos (Christopher); and grandchildren, William Ross Sprague (Callie), Kelly Bell (Andrew), Emily Sprague, Calliope Belezos, Cyrus Belezos and Paige Belezos.

Donald R. Gross, MD died June 13, 2015. He was the husband of the late Joan Arden "Jodie" (Fitzkee) Gross. He is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Lischick and her husband, Edward; two sons, Donald R. Gross, Jr. and his wife, Frances and William H. Gross and his wife, Kimberly; and six grandchildren.

1946

George R. Hood, Sr. died June 14, 2015. He was the husband of the late Thelma M. (Ritzman) Hood. Survivors include son, George, Jr. and wife, Linda; daughters, Bonnie Witmer and husband Herbert, Carol and Robyn.

1948

Richard "Dick" M. Menne passed away on April 16, 2015. He was the husband of Marie E. (Butz) Menne. They celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last July. Survivors include his wife, Marie; son, Barry and his wife Mary; sister-in-law, Joyce Butz; cousins, Harold and Joan Johnson; nieces and a nephew.

Daniel Snyder died on March 23, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine "Jo," on April 6, 2014. Surviving are two daughters, Judy and her husband, Carl Dellose and Jan Elicio.

1949

George Pappas passed away on April 24, 2015. Before retiring George worked

as a Salesman for Marshall Sales. George served our country proudly during World War II. After completion of his service he attended Muhlenberg College where he started the College's first radio station and was noted by Rolling Stone magazine for his accomplishment. Survivors include his mate, Dolores Moul. George was godfather of Sam Phillips and dear friend of Ed Phillips. He is also survived by several members of The Rodgers family and Theoharris family.

Walter P. Yost died on March 19, 2015. He was the husband of the late Dorothy Yost. Survivors: daughter, Susan Case and husband, James; son, Douglas and wife Robin; son-in-law, Robert Densen; five grandchildren, Arielle Landau, Ian Case, Ashley Case, Daniel and Samuel Densen; one great grandson, Jack Landau, who was born on his 93rd birthday. A daughter, Barbara Densen predeceased him.

1950

Charles F. Bird passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. He is remembered as a Navy captain, officer and gentleman, friend and husband of his wife, Rose.

William "Bill" Demme Gulick passed away on December 19, 2014. He is survived by his wife Ruth; stepson Brian Hlidek and wife Beck; daughter Pamela Gulick-Grodman; two sons, Jay and wife Maureen, and Bruce and wife Maria; their mother Jean T. Gulick; and nine grandchildren.

Aristides P. Harris died on May 28, 2015. He was the husband of Barbara Schreiber Harris since 1998, and the husband of R. Charlotte Treichler Harris from 1953 until her passing in 1993. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son, Peter D. Harris and his wife Susan; daughter, Judith A. Harris and her companion, Dr. Jack Mydlo; stepsons, William A. Kline, Scott H.

Kline and his wife Shirley, Dr. Jeffrey S. Kline and his wife Dr. Carma Heitzmann; stepson-in-law, Carmen Pascucci; and 6 stepgrandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Ann Elaine Baker, and his stepdaughter, Paula Pascucci.

Kenneth Thomas Moyer, Sr. passed away on May 18, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mae (Hacker) Moyer; son, Kenneth Thomas Moyer, Jr.; daughter, Barbara Anne Middleton; and grandson, Nathaniel Gordon Moyer.

1951

Walter R. Leiss passed away on May 24, 2015. He was the husband of Joanne M. (Snyder) Leiss, who passed away on April 7, 2015. He is survived by daughters, Debbie and husband Dave, Karen Leiss Spinner and partner Jim Coyle, Linda and husband Jeff Anderson; grandchildren, Melissa Ferry and Christopher Ferry. He was preceded in death by siblings Robert, Madeline and Miriam.

Stephen Rituper, Jr. died June 3, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Natalie (Weber) Rituper, two sons, Noel J. and David D. Rituper, and sister, Helen. Survivors include son, Stephen M. Rituper (Debra), and grandchildren, Carrie, Stephen, Emily, Mark and Dru.

William H. Rutter died March 25, 2015. He was the husband of Gladys R. (Dietrich) Rutter to whom he was married 64 years last April. In addition to his wife, survivors include sons, William C. Rutter and his wife, Phyllis and Thomas J. Rutter and his wife, Amy; brother, Richard R. Merkel and his wife, Marie; grandchildren, Andrew W. Rutter, Jocelyn E. Danieluk, Michael R. Rutter, J. Tyler Rutter; great grandchildren, Colton T. and Madison M. Danieluk, Thomas H. and James K. Rutter.

Albert C. "Bud" Vaughn Jr. passed away on June 5, 2015. He was the husband of Phyllis (Palmer) Vaughn of 54 years. Bud is survived by his wife, Phyllis; four children, Palmer Vaughn and his wife Toni, Jeffrey Vaughn, Audrey, wife of David Long, and Holly Vaughn; and two grandchildren.

1952

George W. Elder passed away on February 15, 2014. George was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War and worked for the City College of New York in Manhattan for 26 years, retiring in 1990 as the manager of the computer center. He was the husband of the late Barbara Jean (Hawkins) Elder; father of Scott, John, Janet and Bonnie; and grandfather of William and Sierra.

Dr. Brooke D. Fulford died on February 9, 2015. He was predeceased by his wife, Nancy (Campbell) Fulford. Survivors: daughter, Elizabeth Anne Fulford, and her husband, Gregory F. Scholtz; son, Russell T. Fulford, and his wife, Tracey; and four grandchildren.

1953

Richard W. "Dick" Cowen died on February 24, 2015. He was the husband of Constance (Cunningham) Cowen since 1957. Surviving are his wife, Connie; daughter, Colleen and her husband, Robert Abriel and their children, Charlie and Nicholas Abriel and Marisa Courtney; daughter, District Judge Karen Devine and her daughter, Ashley Devine-Dean; son, Craig and his wife Maria (Horn) and their children, Jay, Maria-Michelle, Andrew and Jeremiah; son, Kevin and his fiancée Beth (Paly); and son, Corey and his wife Shelley (Swoyer) and their children, Morgan, Meghan and Mitchell; and six great-grandchildren, Fiona, Finnegan and Fenton Courtney and Bryana Devine, Evan and Emma Dean.

Rodney K. Schlauch, Sr. died May 31, 2015. He was the husband of Diane B. (Green) Graver Schlauch to whom he was married 30 years and the late Mary Lou (Urffer) Schlauch. Survivors include his wife, Diane; sons, Rodney K. Schlauch, Jr. and Lori and Frederick R. Schlauch and Cindy; grandchildren, Katherine, Rebecca and Matthew; great granddaughter, Adrianna; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Richard G. Schlauch and Rowland G. Schlauch, Jr.

1954

Donald K. Seislove died November 30, 2014. He was the husband of Clara E. (Rawles) Seislove and father of Eric V. He was the grandfather of Kyle G. and Allyson M. and great grandfather of Adam and Austin.

1955

Dr. Francis P. Donatelli, Jr. died May 4, 2015. He was the husband of Patricia E. (Egge) Donatelli with whom he shared 58 years of marriage. Survivors include his wife; four children, Adrienne Donatelli, Licia Mosher and her husband Glenn, Carla F. Bennett and her husband John, and Christopher Donatelli and his wife Norma; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Alan C. Waters passed away April 2, 2015. Alan is survived by his wife of 52 years, Virginia H. Waters, and their daughter Eleanor Waters. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law Laura Waters, his grandson Jacob and his brother James Waters. Alan was predeceased by his son Timothy.

1956

Bella Vido passed away May 12, 2015. He was the husband of Lois A. (Stroup) Vido. They were married 60 years. Survivors include his wife; daughters LuAnn and husband Albert Domenico,

Kathryn Green; son Joseph and wife Francine; nine grandchildren; sisters Josephine Mann, Amelia Boyer, Julie and husband Joe Evans; brothers Willard and Leonard; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters Frieda and Rose.

1957

Donald FioRito passed away on May 27, 2015. For almost 57 years, he was the husband of Janice L. (Bower) FioRito. Survivors include his wife; children, Faye North (Sam), Linda Weaver (Linford) and Larry FioRito (Ruth); siblings, Benny, Thomas (Nancy) and James Fiorito, and Rochelle Lull (Paul); and grandchildren, Lauren, Carina and Savannah. He was preceded in death by a brother, Edward, and a sister, Frances Fiorito.

1958

Edward R. Newhard passed away on March 3, 2014. He was the husband of Eleanor "Ellie" Newhard, son-in-law of Mary Nestark and close friend of John O'Reilly.

Barry W. Sirota passed away April 25, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Judith E. Ball Esq.; two daughters, Beth Chavis with her husband Stiles and Jody Williams with her husband Bruce; his brother, Alvin; and two grandchildren, Jake and Lia.

Dr. Edward M. Torbey died on March 25, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Grace M. (German) Torbey; children, Sherri L. Torbey, Michele Torbey Serniak and her husband, Joseph, Dr. Gary E. Torbey of Massen; sister, Patricia Greene; and grandchildren, Arienne and Gavin.

1959

Harry James Beidleman died on February 17, 2015. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth 'Betty' Jane Kidd

Beidleman. Surviving are his son, Harry James Beidleman, III (and wife, Yvonne); daughters, Lenora E. Aquilani (and husband, James Jr.) and Audrey Grabarkiewicz; grandchildren, James Aquilani, III, Pamela Aquilani, Chelsea Grabarkiewicz, Abbey Grabarkiewicz, and Allie Grabarkiewicz; great-grandchildren, Hannah E. Bieler and Sarah R. Bieler; and brother, Sam Beidleman (and wife, Connie).

The Rev. Larry V. Schell died May 26, 2015.

Donald Chamberlain Westin passed away on April 24, 2015. He was the husband of Joan (Maketa) Westin, with whom he shared over 58 years of marriage. In addition to his wife, survivors include daughter, Sharon and grandsons Zakery Westin Linsenmann and Dylan Westin Linsenmann; sisters, Lorraine Curatola, Carole Miller and her husband Dr. Joseph Miller.

John D. Wragge died on February 12, 2015.

Janis Gunars Ziedonis died on January 31, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Zenta; his son and daughter-in-law, Igor and Nancy Ziedonis; sons, Dorian and John Ziedonis; daughter, Dr. Jennifer Ziedonis Hinojosa and son-in-law, J.R. Hinojosa, along with grandchildren, Christopher, Caroline, Alex, and Emma; sisters, Ludmilla Stote and Ilga Johnson; and a brother Rev. Arvids Ziedonis, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other much beloved family.

1960

Dr. Serges J. Salivonchik, Sr. died on March 12, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Fay (Miller) Salivonchik; a son, Dr. Serge Salivonchik, Jr. and his wife, Lori (Lipski); daughter, Dr. Tanya and her husband, Dr. Kevin Labosky; brother, John Salivonchik and his wife, Sarah; nephew, John Salivonchik; grandchildren, Steven, Jason Gregory

and William Salivonchik, and Andrew, Matthew and Natalie Labosky.

1961

Richard "Dick" Denton Purdy died May 10, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marie Estelle Schmidt Purdy; his son and daughter in law, Gregory Richard Purdy and Amy C. Purdy; his daughter, Donna Marie Purdy; his son, Garret Todd Purdy; his grandsons, Nicholas Gregory Purdy and Devin Richard Wade; his brother and sister in law, John W. Purdy and Norma Purdy; his sister in law, Lorraine Purdy; his nieces, Karen Glassick, Kim Haverkost, and Laura Purdy; and his nephew, Jack Purdy.

Conrad (Bill) Weiser died suddenly on April 1, 2015. He was a psychologist and founder of Systems Therapy and Consultation Services in Allentown, where he practiced for more than 35 years. Survivors include Barbara and her son Eric, Eric's wife, Barbara, and their children, Zack and Zoe; his daughter Christine, her husband Rob Giglio, and their son Dexter; his son Mark Weiser and his wife, Amy Punt; his brother Harvey (Skip) Weiser and his wife Susan; and his former wife, Carol Weiser Oberholtzer.

1962

Robert N. "Bob" Skinner died on February 23, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Darlene J. (Lagler); son, Michael A.; daughter, Melissa R. DeLong; sisters-in-law, Minnie Lagler and Jeanette Lagler; brother-in-law, Jerald Lagler (and his wife, Joanne); and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Jeffrey A. Skinner and brothers-in-law, Franklin and Lewis Lagler.

1963

John D. Solliday passed away June 3, 2015. Survivors include daughter

Joanne Solliday; son Paul Solliday and wife Norma; grandson Luke; sister Shirley; brother Charles William (Bill), husband of Doris; and sister-in-law Anne Solliday.

1964

Carolyn L. Hittinger died on February 12, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Theodore W. Hittinger; son, Kirk J. Hittinger; siblings: Andrew J. Hittinger (and wife Linda J.), Priscilla P. (and her husband, Everett) Oren; three grandchildren, William P. and Andrew B. Hittinger and Alberto Clark. She was predeceased by a son, Kyle C. Hittinger, and a brother, Robert R. Hittinger.

Arlin N. Seasholtz passed away May 12, 2015. Survivors include father, Elwood Seasholtz; wife, Dalene (Martin) Seasholtz; children, Dr. Mary Beth (Jon Ziemann) Seasholtz, Katherine (Jamie) Nyce, Greta (Frank) Salmons; sisters, Roseann Olsommer, Donna Seasholtz and Pamela (Larry) Burke; and seven grandchildren.

1965

Donald R. Blair died April 13, 2015. His wife of 48 years, Prudence C. (Smith) Blair died in 2014. He leaves a son, Douglas L. Blair and his wife Christine of Athol; a daughter, Mary Brady; four grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Blair; and a sister, Judith Statler.

1967

Robert E. McCarthy Jr. died June 6, 2015. Surviving are a son, Robert E. McCarthy and his companion Courtney Connor; two daughters, Lisa Ruddy and Eileen McCarthy; and four grandchildren.

1970

Douglas A. Dempsey, 65, passed away March 6, 2014. Surviving are his wife, Diane (Roberts) Dempsey; two

daughters, Catherine Dempsey and Elizabeth Dempsey; one son, William Dempsey; two step-daughters, Tiffany Todd and Emily (Matt) Jones; and three grandchildren.

1973

Editor's note: In the spring 2015 issue, we mistakenly listed **Peggy Hunter-Sildve's** date of death as October 10, 2015. She actually passed away on that date in 2014. We offer our sincere and heartfelt apologies for the error.

1974

Dr. Russell P. Herwig died on January 28, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and sister, Doris Garland. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister, Joyce Herwig.

1976

Chris A. Radcliffe passed away on May 25, 2015. He was the husband of Diane L. (Deysher) Schantzenbach. Survivors include his wife; children, Stacey Seislove and her children, Brooke and T.J., Eric Schantzenbach and his wife, Christina, and their children, Haley and Zachary; brothers, Charles W. Radcliffe and his wife, Gretchen, and Michael D. Radcliffe and his companion, Rhonda Heck.

1978

James L. Morrison, Jr. passed away June 16, 2015. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Morrison and his brother, Randolph Morrison.

1979

James B. "Jim" Johnson died on March 26, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Terri (Freeman) Johnson; children, Troy and Brett Johnson; mother, Elizabeth Johnson; brother, Dale Johnson; sister, Kimberly Weber; seven loving nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Stephen Miller died on March 2, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Joni; two children, Dana and Christie; parents, Bob and Colleen Miller; and brother and sister, Dave Miller and Beth Miller.

1993

Rebecca Lynn Carter died on March 9, 2015. Survivors include her parents; her step mother, Constance Carter; two brothers, John A. Carter and Andrew Carter; three sisters, Amanda Bowersox, Kristin Carter and Deborah Carter; and six nieces, Ashley, Olivia, Jean, Brooke, Erin and Shelby.

1998

Lisa M. Grandinetti, M.D. died on February 27, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Jason M. Swoger, M.D.; daughter, Stella Swoger; parents, Peter and Maria Grandinetti; sister, Gina G. Woodworth (and husband, Jeffrey); and nephew, Peter R. Woodworth.

2005

Frank R. Sciarello died May 1, 2015.

We want to hear from you!

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46 Years. Six College Presidents. One Great Career.

With apologies to President Williams: After Presidents Jensen, Morey, Messerli, Taylor, Steffy and Helm, I could not bear helping to break in a new president. So with some trepidation and even fear of the unknown, I retired from a family I still love. When I made Muhlenberg my home in 1969, three academic buildings, Trumbower, Haas and Ettinger, were bracketed by the chapel and Seegers Union. Members of the Biology Department shared a single office area on the top floor of what is now Trumbower Hall; the theater where director Andy Erskine bemoaned the lack of a thrust stage was in Trumbower 130 – sloped opposite from what we see now – with a balcony on the second floor. Charles Mortimer had just published his seminal text book bringing us international fame. John Shankweiler had retired but returned to help place students in medical school. Administrators including President Jensen, Deans Secor, Dierolf and Nugent, had offices on the first floor of Ettinger with faculty offices and classrooms on the top floors. The domed Haas library anchored the center of the College. Excellent science students, as good as those from my schooling at Penn State and MIT, were attracted to the College and benefitted from our liberal arts curriculum. I accepted the job because I knew nothing about small liberal arts schools and thought the challenge would make it a good place to start my career.

Part of my journey involved wondering what is so important about the Muhlenberg liberal arts education. It could not have been the departmental majors which seemed rather traditional: art, biology, chemistry, language, economics, English, mathematics, music, philosophy, religion and sociology. Likewise, it could not have been the required curriculum meant to provide that general knowledge key to the liberal arts in that it was a check list very much like my experience at Penn State. A piece of the puzzle seemed to lie within College supported majors and programs that broke out of the departmental molds: humanities, natural science, East Asian studies, Russian studies and social science. Faculty also offered special team-taught interdisciplinary courses such as Structure of Matter, History of Science and History of Ideas Seminar. Faculty were working together with students synthesizing ideas.

During freshman orientation, Ed Baldrige (history) proposed another idea: “We should give them their diplomas now so that we could spend four years teaching them.” If students could break away from content where they are trapped by exams, grades and vocational skills, they would become self-motivated learners building their own educational paradigm. Beginning a language, studying art, learning chemistry and working in any field requires us to teach content so that students can grow and make the material their own. Most students who took my general chemistry course will never calculate a pH, but they will have learned to use higher level reasoning to solve difficult problems. Likewise, those in beginning French may not end up reading Camus, but they will have gained an appreciation of another culture. Here at Muhlenberg, we work so that students can build on content instead of being trapped by it. Al Colarusso (art) put it another way: “I teach them to paint my way so that they can move on and paint their way.” So teaching with goals beyond content is part of this liberal arts tradition.

All of this speaks to the real Muhlenberg tradition where we are able to work



Don Shive, at the beginning and end of his career



closely with other faculty in other fields to share our commitment to a broad liberal arts education. This is a philosophy of teaching rather than an exacting approach with defined content. It focuses on building character and helping students increase their intellectual capacity.

I must admit that I am worried that outside pressures are pushing all colleges toward a dangerous uniformity that is defined by content. This concern is magnified by some of the statistics used to compare schools, coupled with the fact that some students, faculty and administrators look at other schools as being academically superior, and respond by suggesting that we adapt to these outside models. As is, we are an excellent college. We need to grow by supporting all efforts that challenge students at higher and higher cognitive levels—from athletics to sororities, biology to dance, languages to economics and politics to religion— in all fields. We cannot force people into a special mold; instead, we must support what they do best. This work across disciplines defines the liberal arts experience that is uniquely ours.

Dr. Don Shive taught chemistry at Muhlenberg from 1969–2015.

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