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"Wisdom comes with winters," said Oscar Wilde, and I wish he had been right. After the number of winters I've had – and the meteorological horrors of the most recent winter – I would be a genius by now.

But sadly, I'm not. Knowledge I've accumulated, to be sure. Lots of it. My long-term memory is stuffed to near capacity with information that, if my brain were an attic, I would dispose of at a yard sale. It no longer matters, for example, that the language school now standing at the corner of Stilz and Frankfort Avenue was once occupied by Oralea's Bakery, nor that their sugar cookies were the best to ever come from an oven. Ditto for the best places to buy Matchbox cars and trucks in Louisville, Kentucky circa 1961, or the exact place and time I first heard the Beatles sing "Can't Buy Me Love." All this information is harmless, I suppose, but not exactly useful.

I've found, however, that other so-called knowledge I accumulated in an earlier "simpler" time, is best disposed of quickly. The world has changed – in many ways for the better – and the sooner I ditch many of the assumptions I grew up with the happier I seem to be.

The symbolism of wardrobe choices was the first to get thrown overboard. After all, I came of age during the '60s. I didn't much care to be stereotyped on the length of my hair or the cut of my bellbottoms. Why should I assume anything about today's students if they dress like Goths, have pierced noses or tattoos or wear hoodies. I've found that asking students' about what's written on their t-shirts has provided me with a free education about the latest music groups, catchphrases and humor. And I've gotten to know some really great young men and women I might have missed if I'd been judging them on their outward appearance.

I try not to draw conclusions from dialects either – not since a professor in grad school

once told me he thought because I talked slowly (my Kentucky accent was more noticeable then) that I must think slowly too. I'm still somewhat judgmental about grammar and word usage, but then after all, as a friend of mine once said, "nobody's human."

I've long since discovered that I shouldn't assume shared cultural knowledge with my students. Twenty years ago I was shocked to learn that most undergraduates had never seen "The Godfather." This semester I was equally shocked to learn that none of the students in my Homeric Epic class have seen the movie "Troy." I am still trying to figure out their fascination with vampires and zombies. I'm sure there is some deep metacultural significance to this obsession, but I'll be damned if I know exactly what it is.

Let's also consider the concept of family. Thirty years ago, when I started my career in fundraising, reading the daily gift logs was relatively simple. If a couple made a donation it was usually Mr. and Mrs. Smith, or maybe Dr. and Mrs. Smith. Nowadays, I make no such

assumptions. Couples today might be listed as Mr. and Dr. Smith, Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones, Ms. Smith-Jones and Ms. Jones-Smith, and many other combinations. While this new state of affairs may complicate life for the data entry clerks who maintain the development staff's address lists, I find it very liberating not to assume anything anymore about people's personal lives. I can start our acquaintance with a blank slate, and let them fill it in for me – or not – as they choose. Of course I don't claim to be utterly free of prejudice and preconceptions about people – none of us is – but the more assumptions I abandon, the more rich and interesting life becomes.

It doesn't really surprise me that I have come to appreciate this "assume nothing" approach – and not just because it saves me from embarrassing gaffes. I've never liked being stereotyped myself. I've never wanted to be typical, predictable or clichéd, and it pushes my buttons when people assume they know what I will think, say, or do because of my gender, race, clothing or title. An ultra-conservative friend, now dead and gone, used habitually to assume that I was an ultra-liberal just because I was an academic. Some of our more politically correct faculty and students assume I embody the status quo and the forces of repression simply because I am President of the College. Annoying? Absolutely. But I guess it goes with the job.

At the end of next year I will be moving on to a new phase of life – a phase I choose to think of as a refreshingly blank slate. I'm not assuming anything – except that it will be full of surprises.

Peyton R. Helm
President, Muhlenberg College

President Helm Announces Retirement

President Peyton R. (Randy) Helm has announced his decision to retire June 30, 2015. The announcement came at the end of the College's Board of Trustees board meeting this winter.

Commenting on the announcement, Muhlenberg College's Chair of the Board of Trustees Richard C. Crist Jr. '77, P'05, P'09 stated that "Randy Helm has provided outstanding leadership to Muhlenberg for more than a decade. The College has a strong foundation and tremendous momentum thanks to his efforts. The opportunity to build on the success of the past 10 years should be very attractive to an excellent pool of accomplished leaders." A national search for a successor will begin this spring.

Helm took office July 1, 2003. With the exception of DeSales University President the Reverend Bernard O'Connor, he is the longest serving president in the Lehigh Valley.

Under Helm's leadership, the College's endowment grew from \$70 million to \$200 million. He also led to completion a \$110 million comprehensive campaign, *The Talents Entrusted to Our Care*.

During Helm's tenure, 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. A renovation and addition to 110-year old historic East Hall will be completed next summer. In addition, the College has greatly reduced energy consumption, increased recycling and strengthened sustainability programs.

Over the past decade, the College 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 students of color, including 15 percent this past year.

On the academic front, the College began implementing a new curriculum in 2013. Muhlenberg added 10 new faculty positions over the last decade. It also launched majors in film studies and Jewish studies, minors in Africana studies and public health and greatly expanded study abroad opportunities, internships and student research opportunities.

Student Life has also flourished. After a task force developed clearer standards for Greek organizations early in Helm's administration, the College's fraternities and sororities strengthened their academic performance and public service achievements. For seven consecutive semesters, Greek students have had a higher average GPA than independents at the College.



One of Helm's earliest initiatives focused on developing a partnership with the 19th Street-area merchants. These early efforts evolved into the West End Theatre District organization that has improved the streetscape and made other improvements. The College partnered with the Civic Theatre last year to introduce digital projection and other improvements, while encouraging more campus programming at the theatre and in the neighborhood.

A particular focus of Helm's effort has been strengthening shared governance at Muhlenberg, ensuring that faculty, staff and students work collegially with the Board of Trustees on institutional planning and policy development. At the beginning of his tenure, he worked with faculty and trustees to create the College's Board of Observers – an elected group of distinguished alumni and others who provide ongoing assessment of the College's academic and administrative programs.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Helm served as a professor of history and taught courses in Homeric Epic and Greek history. In December, the College published a collection of his speeches and essays: *Launched on the Wine Dark Sea: A Decade of Advice to Undergraduates and Reflections on the Liberal Arts*.

"This has been a deeply satisfying and joyous period of my life," says Helm. "The last decade has been a wonderful time to be at Muhlenberg College. Pat and I have made many wonderful friendships which we will continue to treasure. I am extremely proud of our senior management team, the faculty, staff, students, alumni and trustees. I am grateful for the privilege of having served such a dynamic institution. There is still much to accomplish, and I look forward to working with faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and trustees to make the most of this time. I also want to do everything in my power to assist with a smooth and celebratory transition."

Prior to Muhlenberg, Helm served as vice president for college relations and professor of classical studies at Colby College. He is a graduate of Yale University and received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Helm's wife, Patricia Burton Helm, is a member of the music faculty at the College.

Global Chef Serves up Authentic Indian Cuisine

Though 'Berg was covered in snow and the College was closed February 13 and 14, a visit from Global Chef Navin Khadilkar certainly spiced things up. Travelling from Mumbai City, Maharashtra, India, Khadilkar is a member of the Sodexo Global Chef program who visited the Lehigh Valley during his tour of the mid-Atlantic region.

Khadilkar worked directly with Muhlenberg's culinary team to prepare genuine Indian breakfast, lunch and dinner menus in the Wood Dining Commons.

"Muhlenberg tries to create a home for students," says Robin Riley-Casey, Muhlenberg's Director of Multicultural Life. "Home is often associated with family, friends and familiar home-cooked meals. The arrival of Chef Khadilkar brought home to our students who are studying abroad at Muhlenberg. The Chef prepared delectable dishes that, for Americans, may be considered specialty foods. However, for our international students these specialty dishes are often their meal mainstays. So while we all enjoyed great food from around the world, prepared by Khadilkar,



our international students savored a taste of home."

During his more than 23 years of culinary experience, Khadilkar catered to 250 Indian delegates at the 2010 Tour de France and was honored to be the Chef-in-Charge for the 50th birthday party for Mr. Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited, India's second most valuable company.

"I work as an Indian Cuisine Chef, and I like to share my knowledge and skills with others," says Khadilkar. "It is my passion towards the culinary trade by training and grooming budding chefs to achieve excellence in their chosen professions. I am excited to do

the same with the team in the U.S."

The Wood Dining Commons is located in the Seegers Union Building on Muhlenberg's campus. It is open to the public and offers an all-you-care-to-eat dining experience with eight individual platforms including fully integrated kosher meat and dairy kitchens. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served Monday – Friday along with brunch and dinner on the weekends.

Lora Taub-Pervizpour Named Associate Dean for Digital Learning

Lora Taub-Pervizpour, associate professor and chair of Muhlenberg College's media and communication department, has recently been appointed the College's associate dean for digital learning.

In this position, Taub-Pervizpour will be responsible for engaging with faculty, staff and students on numerous digital and technology-based projects. In addition to collaborating with faculty and administrators who work with digital technologies for teaching, curriculum development and research purposes, she will also communicate with faculty, staff and students about developments within the digital teaching and learning sector of higher education.

"Lora's excellence in the classroom, on campus and in the community make her an ideal

leader for this rapidly emerging area of Muhlenberg's academic program," says Provost John Ramsay.

In addition to teaching several technology-based courses for the media and communication department (including Documentary Research, Documentary Fieldwork, New Information Technologies, and a cluster course, New Media Literacies) Taub-Pervizpour has also conducted long-term ethnographic research on the socio-cultural impacts of digital media in the lives of children and youth.

Furthermore, Taub-Pervizpour works with HYPE, a youth leadership program that allows Allentown teens to collaborate with Muhlenberg students on digital media and documentary production.

In addition to her current responsibilities,



Taub-Pervizpour will represent the College at national conferences such as NITLE and EDUCAUSE, while also creating opportunities for Muhlenberg College to collaborate with the faculty and staff of LVAIC or other consortia.

'Berg Named #1 for Veterans

Muhlenberg College has been named the nation's best liberal arts college for veterans by U.S. News and World Report. The new rankings provide data and information on schools that offer benefits and services, including tuition and housing assistance, to veterans and active service members.

The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College (www.muhlenberg.edu/wescoe) offers specific veterans education benefits and has been named a Military Friendly School each year since 2010 by GI Jobs Magazine. Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, Muhlenberg College has partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in offering scholarships to veterans that cover the difference between the cost of tuition and the amount provided by the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

In total, there were 234 ranked schools across all 10 U.S. News ranking categories.

"The USN&WR College rankings are of dubious value for helping undergraduates find the best school for themselves – precisely because students' needs, interests and preferences vary so tremendously. It seems valid, however, to evaluate colleges on specific criteria that are directly related to the experience of students with specific needs. The USN&WR methodology for 'Best Colleges for Veterans' seems rooted in such criteria, and I am delighted that Muhlenberg has been ranked first among the nation's liberal arts colleges in providing support to our veterans," says Muhlenberg College President Randy Helm.

For more information about the Wescoe's veteran's education benefits, visit <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/wescoe/prospectivestudents/veteran.html>.



Ed Baldrige : A Professor Who Touched Lives

The College mourns the loss of Dr. Edwin R. Baldrige Jr. He was a long-time history professor of the College, who received multiple teaching awards and was given an Alumni Achievement Award for service to the College by a non-alumnus. He passed away on Friday, January 10, 2014.

"A college is lucky to have a professor like Ed Baldrige once in its history," says President Randy Helm. "We were privileged to share this time with him. Ed was a gentleman, a scholar, a mentor and a friend. I will miss him."

An alumnus of Dartmouth, Baldrige earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees from Lehigh University, focusing on American history. He joined the faculty as an instructor in 1957 after serving two years in the U.S. Army in Germany.

While at Muhlenberg, he helped to organize the first June advising program in 1964, serving as the sole advisor in the incoming class that summer. He was a founder and charter member of the Faculty Club, acting as its president from 1966-1982.

In 1970, Baldrige received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, and in 1988, he was designated Muhlenberg's first Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg Distinguished Service Professor. He served on numerous committees and served as chair of the history department and dean for faculty.

Baldrige taught at Muhlenberg until 1997 and continued to be a strong supporter of the College until his death. He touched the lives of thousands of alumni, faculty and staff.

"Muhlenberg College has lost one of its giants," says Mike Bruckner, vice president for public relations. "A great man, with a wonderful sense of humor, he touched so many lives during his many decades with the school. His tours of Gettysburg are memorable. My prayers and thoughts are with Georgia, Ed III and the rest of the Baldrige family."

Baldrige is survived by: his wife, Georgia (Wright) Baldrige; sons Edwin R. Baldrige III and his wife Lydia Panas, Thomas T. Baldrige and his wife Susan, and Christopher W. Baldrige and his partner, David Skerpon; grandchildren Jordan and his wife Kay, Holland, Lukas, Elias, Anastassia and Liam; and great-grandchildren Keegan and Ellie.

Board of Trustees Approves Faculty Promotions

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

Ms. Holly Cate, theatre and dance, holds a B.A. from Harvard University and an M.F.A. from Brandeis University. She is an award-winning actor who has appeared on Broadway in *An Ideal Husband*, directed by Sir Peter Hall, and regionally in *Blithe Spirit* (Portland Stage), *An Ideal Husband* (Pioneer), *All My Sons* (American Stage), and *Arms and the Man* (Asolo), in addition to numerous New York theatre credits. Cate is a Stanislavski-based acting technique teacher with an emphasis on the role of the body in the actor's process. She is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, the Actors' Equity Association and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

Dr. Adam Clark, physics, has a B.A. from the New College of Florida, an M.A. from the University of Texas, Austin, and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington. His

research interests include string theory and particle theory. He uses string theory to explore the interactions that bind quarks together to form neutrons and protons. Clark is also interested in whether quantum can violate Einstein's theory of relativity in a self-consistent manner.

Dr. Cathy Marie Ouellette, history, joined the Muhlenberg community in 2008. She earned her B.A. in Hispanic studies and anthropology, an M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, an M.A. from Emory University and a Ph.D. from Emory University. She is the director of the Latin American and Caribbean studies program, and she is affiliated with numerous Muhlenberg programs, including environmental studies, sustainability studies, African-American studies, women's studies, public health and Jewish studies.

Dr. Tad Robinson, philosophy, came to Muhlenberg in 2007. He holds a B.A. from Luther College, an M.A. from Northern Illinois University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

His current research interests focus on the natural philosophy and metaphysics of Descartes and Spinoza. He has presented papers at the meetings of numerous professional associations, including the American Philosophical Association, the Central States Philosophical Association, the Midwest Philosophy Conference and the North American Spinoza Society. At Muhlenberg, Robinson regularly teaches courses on critical thinking, the philosophy of religion, metaphysics and modern philosophy.

Dr. Jordanna Sprayberry, biology and neuroscience, earned a B.S. in zoology from the University of Rhode Island, received a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Washington and completed postdoctoral studies at both the University of Washington and the University of Arizona. Sprayberry's research uses insect models to investigate how the processing of sensory information drives behavior. Her research also explores the potential relationships between sensory processing and insect-plant interactions.

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2014 MUHLENBERG COLLEGE GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 12, 2014
Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa.
Double Shotgun Format



Rabbi Melissa B. Simon Named Hillel Director

Rabbi Melissa B. Simon has been named the new Jewish Chaplain/Hillel director at Muhlenberg College. Currently the director of lifelong learning at Congregation Shir Tikvah in Minneapolis, Minn., she will begin her duties at Muhlenberg on July 14, 2014.

In her new role, Simon will serve as part of the College's interfaith ministry team, providing religious and community-building opportunities to Jewish students through the College's Hillel. She will be the head of the Hillel staff, implementing their mission of building and sustaining a vibrant, meaningful and pluralistic Jewish campus community. Working closely with students, faculty and staff,

the College Chaplain and other religious life colleagues, and with the local Jewish community, Simon will provide strategic vision, leadership and managerial oversight for Hillel, ensuring that the organization is an energetic enterprise and a focal point for Jewish life on campus.

"Rabbi Simon will bring tremendous energy to the role of Jewish Chaplain/Hillel director at Muhlenberg. She is eager to serve our diverse Jewish community, and she will be a strong addition to our interfaith religious life team," says Rev. Callista Isabelle, College Chaplain. "She quickly impressed those who met her during the search process with her passion for Judaism and her desire to work with young

adults and others in the community."

During her tenure at Shir Tikvah, Simon was engaged in rabbinic duties, including counseling, pastoral care, conversions, sermons and leading religious services. She helped to transform the congregation's adult and youth education programs, and developed a more coherent social justice program.

Simon earned her B.A. in women's studies from Mount Holyoke College in 2004. She was ordained in 2010 at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, where she also earned an M.A. in religious education in 2008 and an M.A. in Hebrew literature. While at HUC-JIR, she was named a Mandel Fellow, studying visionary leadership and Jewish education. In 2013, Simon was one of 20 rabbis selected in North America for the prestigious Rabbis Without Borders fellowship with The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL). The fellowship is awarded to nurture those rabbis that CLAL believe will be the next generation of spiritual innovators.

She has served as a rabbinic leader for Jewish Community Action, a board member for the Minnesota Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and a faith organizer for Minnesotans United for All Families.

Jewish life at Muhlenberg is active and vibrant. The College's Hillel program was the first small liberal arts college in the country to achieve Hillel Foundation status. Currently, Muhlenberg has more than 700 Jewish students – 31.8% of the student body – and is one of the most active Hillel affiliates in the country. Muhlenberg also has been nationally recognized for its kosher dining program, which is fully integrated with the College's meal plan.

The College Hillel House was on Liberty Street until 2000, when it moved to its current location at 2238 Chew Street. In 2011, the house underwent major renovations, including a major addition that tripled the size of the house. The new site includes a 300-seat space for Shabbat Dinners, prayer space, classroom space, offices and student lounge areas.

'Berg Receives \$1,000,000 Commitment for Endowed Chair in Neuroscience

Dr. Jeremy Teissere studies the pharmacology of anxiety-reducing drugs



A family, which chooses to remain anonymous, has committed \$1 million to Muhlenberg College. Along with \$250,000 from a previously announced matching fund challenge, the gift will establish The Stanley Road Chair in Neuroscience.

Dr. Jeremy Alden Teissere, associate professor of biology and neuroscience and director of the neuroscience program, has been selected as the inaugural Stanley Road Professor of Neuroscience. Teissere graduated from Willamette University with a B.A. in English and received his Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Wisconsin. Both his graduate work as well as his postdoctoral study at Emory University were supported by fellowships from the National Institute of Mental Health. Teissere's research has long centered on resolving the biochemical basis of anxiety. He has a particular interest in understanding the structure and function of the specific neurotransmitter receptors that are targeted by anxiety-reducing drugs, such as benzodiazepines, barbiturates and, most recently, plant extracts, such as kava kava and passionflower.

"Our hope for this endowment is that it enhances the College's mission in retaining and attracting talented professors in neuroscience who have a passion for both teaching and research at the undergraduate level," say the donors.

Teissere was hired in 2003 to catalyze the development of the College's popular neuroscience major, the sixth largest and fastest growing major at Muhlenberg, and currently one of the highest enrolled neuroscience programs among liberal arts colleges in the United States. Since arriving at the College, he has built research collaborations with 35 students in his lab, resulting in five undergraduate honors theses and several presentations at regional and national meetings.

He has also spearheaded the creation of the neuroscience major curriculum, including four required core courses in neuroscience that introduce students to the enormous interdisciplinary breadth of the field, from neurotransmitters to consciousness. Teissere is a previous recipient of the Paul C. Empie Memorial Award for distinguished teaching

and service.

"Endowed chairs are one of the highest honors a college or university can bestow on a faculty member," adds Muhlenberg College President Randy Helm. "We are tremendously grateful to the donors who made this marvelous gift so that we can recognize Professor Teissere's academic leadership and extraordinary teaching ability."

Launched in September, the College's \$11 million matching fund challenge has also attracted more than \$2.5 million in new gifts and pledges.

The Stanley Road Chair is the fifth named professorship at Muhlenberg College. The others include:

- The Sarkis Acopian Professor of Ornithology and Conservation Biology
- The Truman L. Koehler '24 Endowed Chair of Mathematics
- The William D. '49 and Virginia D. Miers Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies and Business
- The Rita and Joseph Scheller Endowed Chair for the RJ Fellows Program





Best-Selling Author Jennifer Finney Boylan Kicks Off Queer Week

Muhlenberg College kicked off its Queer Week programming with “A Life in Two Genders: An Evening with Jennifer Finney Boylan” on March 24.

This event was sponsored by Muhlenberg Students for Queer Advocacy (SQAd), the office of multicultural life and the office of the President.

Boylan is a widely praised author and a professor at Colby College, where she has taught in the English department for 25 years. She is an activist for LGBT people in general, and trans men and women in particular, through her writing as well as through her involvement as a director of GLAAD. She supports the expansion of our scientific understanding of gender through her service on the Board of Trustees of the Kinsey Institute. She advocates for storytellers of all stripes, in part through her support of the PEN American Center, and, above all, through her work with her students at Colby College.

She is the author of 13 books – three novels, a collection of short stories, three memoirs and six young adult books, four of them written under a pseudonym.



Harmony in Harlem

The Muhlenberg Chamber Singers traveled to Harlem to perform a close harmony jazz repertoire at the United Community Methodist Church. The group performed songs from the Great American Songbook, specifically the collaborations between African-American and Jewish musicians in Harlem during the 1930s. Their performance was sponsored by the National Jazz Museum in Harlem.

The ensemble featured 36 vocalists, was accompanied by five musicians (trumpet, acoustic bass, piano, guitar and drums) and conducted by Michael Schnack, director of choral activities and voice area coordinator at Muhlenberg College.

Special guests included the Muhlenberg Gospel Choir and the Michael Sarian Quintet, with music composed by Michael Sarian, an '08 Muhlenberg grad now studying jazz trumpet at NYU.



Summer Business Institute Launches

Muhlenberg College will launch the pilot program of a new initiative, the Summer Business Institute – Liberal Arts at Work, from June 15 – 28, 2014. Held on campus and taught by faculty in the department of accounting, business and economics, this innovative program is designed for Muhlenberg students and young alumni from the classes of 2013-2016 who would like a jump start to their career planning by learning the basics of business and the essentials of management practice while preparing for entry-level jobs after college.

Accepted students will receive: career coaching; resume reviews; communication tools and tactics; training in business management and leadership; and will attend presentations – and enjoy networking opportunities and corporate site visits – with executives, many of whom are also alumni. They will leave with a mastery of business resume-writing and a sound understanding of self-promotion, invaluable tools when setting oneself apart from other candidates.

This pilot program will be offered tuition-free this summer only. Upon acceptance, students will pay \$699, which covers the cost of housing, meals, books and local travel.

For more information, please visit www.muhlenberg.edu/summerbusinessinstitute.

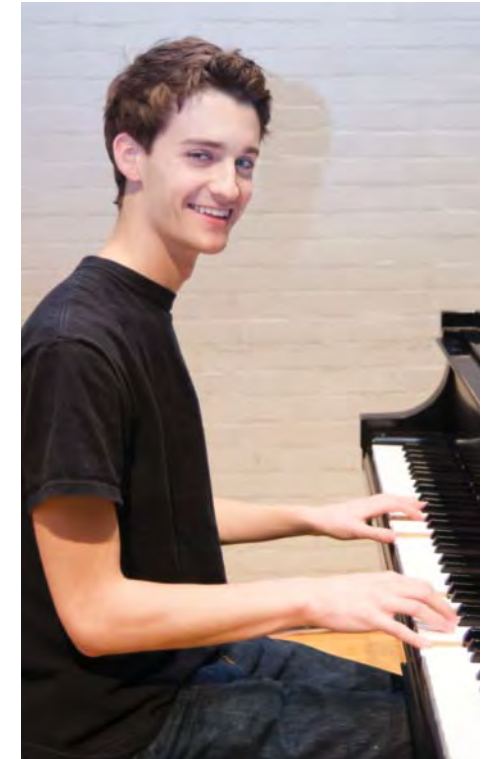
Do They Look Familiar? Two Mules Make TV Debuts

Was Muhlenberg on your mind more than normal this past winter? That might be because Mules were infiltrating your television sets. Bryson Kemp '16 appeared on the Oscars on Sunday, March 2 on ABC; Felisa Wiley '16 is a contestant on “The Face,” which premiered March 5 on the Oxygen network.



Kemp, a music major who aspires to write film scores, was one of six college students selected as a winner of “Team Oscar.” He and the other students handed statuettes to celebrity presenters during the live telecast. In addition, they visited the Academy’s Margaret Herrick Library to see its renowned collections, went on studio tours and had meet and greets with filmmakers at Oscar Week events. Each winner also received a camera with which to document their experience and the behind-the-scenes stories were posted on Oscar.com.

Wiley, a media and communication and film studies double major, has been modeling since the age of 15, and is competing to become “The Face” of a national advertising campaign and to win a year-long modeling contract. At press time, she was still in the running.



IT'S ABOUT OUR FRIENDS...OUR PROFESSORS...
OUR CAMPUS...OUR EXPERIENCE...**ALL** THE THINGS
WE LOVE **ABOUT** 'BERG. BUT THE REASON WE
COME HOME EACH YEAR IS SIMPLE: IT'S ALL
ABOUT **OUR MEMORIES.**

Muhlenberg Homecoming 2014
September 12-13, 2014

Top 25 Ways to Volunteer for Muhlenberg College...

1 **Join Muhlenberg's online community.** Stay connected to fellow classmates with ease when you log onto MuhlenbergConnect. Access a searchable alumni directory, review upcoming events on campus and in your region, submit entries to an online version of class notes, update contact information, register for events and make a gift to the College. Join now at www.MuhlenbergConnect.com.



2 **Get involved** in the Muhlenberg club in your area by volunteering to be part of the leadership team to plan and coordinate events, or simply attend something of interest happening with other Muhlenberg alumni in your own backyard.



3 **Read the Muhlenberg magazine** from cover to cover – and don't forget to submit class notes when something special has happened in your life that you want to share with classmates.

4 **Serve in a leadership capacity** as a member of the Alumni Board which is the representative leadership body of the Muhlenberg College Alumni Association. Or, if you graduated within the last 10 years, consider joining the Young Alumni Council. (www.MuhlenbergConnect.com/youngalumni)

5 **Reconnect with your class.** The special bond between you and your classmates that began in college grows stronger over time. Help plan your reunion with our staff and ensure that the year leading up to your celebration is memorable. Serve as the Reunion Chair or as a member of the Reunion committee. Make certain that your reunion is the best it can be by volunteering your time.

6 **Come back to campus and take the official College tour.** While you are here be sure to stop in at the Alumni Relations office to let us know you are here and relax for a bit in the Alumni Lounge.



7 **Attend Reunion & Homecoming Weekend.** Come with your family or come alone, but come and experience a weekend that will remind you how much fun you had when you were a student. (Save the Date: September 12-14, 2014!)

8 **Hire a Muhlenberg student** for a summer internship position or for a permanent position at your company. Even if you are not in a position to hire, be sure to share open positions with the Career Center so these can be advertised to students and fellow alumni.

9 **Make an impact on the future of Muhlenberg College with a gift to The Muhlenberg Fund.** Gifts to The Muhlenberg Fund provide critical resources for every aspect in the life of the College. Every gift makes a difference – no matter the size – and your gift, together with the gifts of thousands of other alumni, plays a significant role in the success of Muhlenberg's students and faculty. Remember also to include Muhlenberg in your will and estate plan. Visit www.muhlenberg.edu/makeagift.

10 **Participate in Muhlenberg THAW** (Toast Heard Around the World) by organizing or joining a group in your area for this event, which serves to bring together Muhlenberg alumni in every corner of the globe at the same time on the same day in January to toast their alma mater.



11 **Cheer on the Mules.** Show your pride throughout the year by supporting Muhlenberg student-athletes from the stands on campus or by attending a game in your area.

12 **Establish a scholarship** (you can even name it!) and make a Muhlenberg College education possible for a deserving young person. For a limited time, the College will match your scholarship gift. Visit www.muhlenbergconnect.com/muhlenbergmatch.

13 **Remember to let us know when you have a change of contact information** – a new phone number, employer, address or email – so we can keep in touch with you. Encourage your alumni friends to keep their records up-to-date as well and help us find those "lost" alumni.



14 **Contact a former professor or favorite staff member** to thank him or her for teaching and mentoring. For many of us it was the influence of a single person on campus who encouraged us to follow our dreams and shaped us into the professionals we are today.

15 **Be a Move-In Day volunteer** greeting new students and families. Participate in first-year orientation by being a part of the alumni/student procession and candle-lighting service. Serve as a presenter or attend networking receptions with seniors during Reality MC. Attend Baccalaureate and Commencement.

16 **Serve as your Class Fund Chair** and oversee fundraising for your class. Write outreach letters to classmates each year and thank them for their financial support of the College.



17 **Attend the annual Volunteer Summit,** held every year in June, to learn how to become more involved and meet other Muhlenberg alumni who are volunteering their time and talents to their alma mater. Take part in the discussions where staff elicit suggestions for new ideas and feedback on past events.

18 **Engage in the spiritual life** of Muhlenberg College by participating in the variety of religious services, programs and opportunities for interfaith dialogue taking place on campus.

19 **Let us know – when you find out – of the accomplishments of classmates and friends** from Muhlenberg so we can be certain to congratulate them. Nominate those who are deserving for Alumni Achievement Awards.



20 **"Like" the Muhlenberg College Alumni Facebook page** and include your comments. **Follow us on twitter@muhlenbergalum.**

21 **Help recruit the next generation of Muhlenberg students.** Talk to high school students about attending the College, and encourage them to visit campus. Make sure that your local high school guidance counselors promote Muhlenberg to prospective students.

22 **Share your professional expertise** by becoming a MuhlNet Volunteer, and assisting our career services team. Participate in the College's Shadow Program and Career Fair. Visit www.muhlenbergconnect.com/muhlNet



23 **Keep in touch with alumni and students** who share a common major or activity. In collaboration with the Alumni Relations office, participate in planning and implementation of affinity gatherings including but not limited to Greeks, athletes and specific professions.



24 **Involve Muhlenberg** where you work. Display your Muhlenberg diploma in your office. Find out who else is a Muhlenberg alumnus/a and get together for lunch and conversation. Determine whether your employer has a matching gift program.

25 **Pick up the phone and call the Office of Alumni Relations to share your ideas.** Our purpose is to connect the more than 25,000 Muhlenberg College alumni to the life of the College – and to each other. Your active engagement helps make Muhlenberg College a richer place for both alumni and today's students. Call **Natalie Hand '78, P'07, Director of Alumni Relations, at 484-664-3304.**



#MULE MENTUM

By Hannah Oros '14

Thank you to the Muhlenberg alumni, students, parents, faculty, friends and staff who participated in #MuleMentum on 11/12/13 and gave back to the Muhlenberg community to ensure a future filled with more opportunities for our students. By 4:17 p.m. the 910 donor goal was surpassed, and by midnight, and #MuleMentum reached 1,430 donors (including gifts made by cash, check or credit card.) The average gift was \$140.46, and the total amount raised was \$212,616.98.

The donor goal was set at 910 to represent the lead – up to the date of MuleMentum – 11/12/13. Donors were encouraged to give to financial aid or The Muhlenberg Fund. Contributing to financial aid enables students to attend Muhlenberg by removing monetary barriers. To quote a donor, “I wouldn’t be a Mule without financial aid. Time to pay it forward.”

The Muhlenberg Fund supports the campus environment as a whole, from student organizations to faculty and staff salaries and academic departments. A gift of \$100 to the Muhlenberg Fund could mean three additional music stands for the wind ensemble, basketballs for the women’s team or a dozen dogfish sharks for anatomy courses. The Muhlenberg Fund supports the Muhlenberg everyone knows and loves – from athletics to cultivating close classroom environments that enhance learning. Another donor said, “Muhlenberg has served our family well;

there are three of us who are alumni! And now, we give back, so that others may benefit from the Muhlenberg experience.”

#MuleMentum made the experience of donating fun and engaging through its emphasis on social media interaction. People were encouraged to write about why they contributed on Twitter and Facebook. Muhlenberg alum Heather Mill '10 tweeted “I made a gift to @Muhlenberg today because it has shaped my life in so many ways #MuleMentum.”

#MuleMentum was primarily about social media, but its impact was also felt on campus, where, in Seegers Union, students, faculty and staff encouraged each other to participate by making a gift.

The focus of #MuleMentum was not a specific dollar goal but rather participation. Each person who made a gift was equally important in #MuleMentum’s ultimate success.

Kristen Levy '09 said, “Muhlenberg will always be the home of many of our sweet memories – from meeting on the first day of orientation, to meeting our best friends, to our wedding day in the Egner Chapel last summer!” #MuleMentum was a realization of how proud everyone involved was to give back and be a part of a larger Muhlenberg family. High spirits and Muhlenberg pride made #MuleMentum a success.

“Muhlenberg has served our family well; there are three of us who are alumni! And now, we give back, so that others may benefit from the Muhlenberg experience!”

– Susan Musicant Shikora '81, P'12

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Truman L. Koehler, Jr. '52, P'79 and Jeffrey D. Koehler '79

By Romina Weikel, Senior Associate Director of Communication and Donor Relations

Muhlenberg College is pleased to announce that Truman L. Koehler '52, P'79 and Jeffrey D. Koehler '79 have established The Koehler Scholarship. This continues a long tradition of Koehler family support to Muhlenberg.

It all began in 1927 when Truman, Sr., graduate of the Class of 1924, began teaching at the College. He was an inspired professor of mathematics for 45 years, serving as head of the department for 14 years. “It was only logical that his legacy be honored through a professorship, and the Truman L. Koehler, Sr. '24 Professorship in Mathematics was formed by my father with an initial gift of \$25,000 on December 20, 1985,” says Truman, Jr. Family and friends also contributed to the fund over the years, and Dr. William Dunham was appointed the first professorship in 1988.

Truman, Sr. instilled in his son and grandson how important it was to recognize Muhlenberg’s tremendous impact on their family and the importance of giving back, and that message was certainly heard. Truman, Jr. served on the Board of Trustees for 15 years and is a member of the Lifetime Giving Society, a group comprised of Muhlenberg’s most devoted and generous donors. Jeff is a member of the Board of Observers and the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society, Muhlenberg’s leadership donor society. Jeff says, “Muhlenberg has given us so much, and it’s important to us be active and engaged alumni.”

Over the years, the Koehler family has supported Muhlenberg in many ways. Three generations of alumni have made gifts to the College each year since graduation, for a combined total of 160 years of consecutive giving! These gifts have resulted in the creation of several endowed funds. The Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarship was funded through a provision in Truman, Sr.’s will because of his dedication to the Lutheran Church. “This scholarship provides financial aid to members of the Reading parish whose children are accepted to Muhlenberg College, which was so important to my grandfather,” Jeff says. The Miriam E. Koehler Excellence in Mathematics Award, named in memory of Truman, Sr.’s wife Miriam, provides an annual monetary prize to an outstanding freshman or sophomore mathematics major and is awarded each year at Honors Convocation.

The Novartis (Sandoz) Endowed Science Scholars Program was established in 1995 in honor of Truman, Jr.’s service to the company as former group vice president and board member. “This award, presented each year at Honors Convocation, provides a grant for graduate degree study in the sciences and has helped dozens of students in their career efforts,” says Truman, Jr. Finally, The Miriam E. Koehler Scholarship Fund, first awarded in 1990, assists a student who exemplifies the characteristics of the American Association of University Women. Upon

further review, Truman, Jr. and Jeff discussed how they could make a more significant impact with their gifts, and they decided to add to The Miriam E. Koehler Scholarship Fund and rename it The Koehler Scholarship, which will provide even more aid to a Muhlenberg student with financial need majoring in the natural or life sciences. This is the last year The Miriam E. Koehler Scholarship Fund was awarded. Next year, a student will be named the recipient of The Koehler Scholarship.

Though they had been planning to set up a new scholarship for quite some time, the Muhlenberg Match Scholarship Challenge made the timing just right. “We were thinking about doing this anyway, but the matching offer made us decide to lock in while the funds still exist. It was important to us that this scholarship is to be available to a student



for the four years he or she spends at Muhlenberg, and our expectation is that this student will someday pay it forward,” says Truman, Jr.

“This experience has been very rewarding. For us, it’s about the quality of the students at Muhlenberg. They are outstanding and so grateful for our support,” says Jeff. It is true, indeed, that many Muhlenberg students have benefited from the Koehler family’s generosity over the years. Sarah Levitin '14, recipient of The Miriam E. Koehler Scholarship Fund, states, “I cannot express how thankful I am and what this scholarship means for my higher education and future career. As a first generation American, education is important to my family. Without the Koehler family, I would not have this opportunity to learn and grow as a young adult in such a wonderful and nurturing atmosphere.”

To find out how you can join the Koehlers and other generous donors who have committed to the Muhlenberg Match Scholarship Challenge, please visit www.muhlenbergconnect.com/muhlenbergmatch.

Reality Doesn't Have to Bite



Genevieve Daly '14

We Give Grads Some Answers

By Bill Keller,
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Director of College
Communications



"So, what are your plans after graduation?"

For many seniors, that question elicits reactions similar to Pre-Final-Exam-Paranoia: nausea, anxiety, excessive sweating, accelerated heart rate and Cryonic Cortex Syndrome, more commonly known as Frozen Brain. That is entirely understandable at a time when the value of higher education – specifically the value of a liberal arts education – is being questioned. Because beneath every ace you earned in organic chemistry and whatever passionate multi-lingual discussions you had about romantic poetry, lies this hard question:

How will all that information help me get a job?

Fortunately for students at Muhlenberg, the College is invested in preparing not just seniors but students in every class for that next step, life outside of "the bubble." The College's Career Center works tirelessly (and with several other offices on campus) to give students the tools to succeed. From help with networking, to resume clinics and mock interviews, to the Shadow Program (where current students are paired with alumni and spend a day at work with them) and much more, the staff works to help ensure that students are well-equipped with the skills to land – and flourish in – a job or post-graduate educational experience.

"Now knowing exactly where I'll be next year is a little scary, but I'm not too worried," says Genevieve Daly '14, a double major in neuroscience and history who has also taken a number of classes in the public health program. "I feel that I've been very well supported by Muhlenberg." Daly is determined to be a physician assistant, and, at press time, was waiting to hear back from several graduate programs.

Daly first worked with the Career Center as a first-year student, when she shadowed an alumnus at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. The experience was so valuable that she decided to shadow a different physician assistant again in her junior year. "Both were

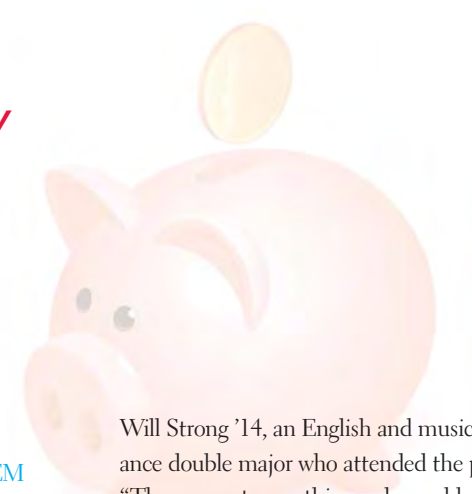
great experiences that solidified that I was on the right track with my career goals," she says. "There was a strict application process for the Shadow Program, but the Career Center was helpful throughout it. I wouldn't have known how to create a resume on my own, but the Career Center helped me to do it, and I've been updating and adapting it ever since."

To further build upon their work to ensure the preparedness of students, Muhlenberg created the Senior Year Experience (SYE). Currently located within the Career Center, managed by Jenna Azar, who also serves as the learning assistant program manager within the Academic Resource Center, SYE strives to enhance the academic environment by supporting seniors throughout the transition from their campus community to the world of work, additional formal education and citizenship. This culminating experience offers reflective spaces and learning opportunities to advance every student's personal growth and professional development.

While there are many facets to SYE, Reality MC, a three-day event on campus held just prior to the start of spring semester where seniors are asked to explore and investigate the transition skills they'll need after graduation, is a program that participating students have said is invaluable.

This year, seniors attended events ranging from workshops on strengthening your career, polishing interview skills and negotiating with employers, to managing finances, understanding their rights as a tenant, preparing for life in a large city, and ultimately, pursuing a meaningful career by following their hearts. Alumni lead many of the sessions and participated in a networking event on Saturday evening in downtown Allentown.

"A lot of the seminars [at Reality MC] helped me to realize that these skills and the things that we need to acquire to survive out there are not really that far beyond our reach," said



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ACADEMIC CAREER."

– Alana Albus,
Director of the Career Center

Will Strong '14, an English and music performance double major who attended the program. "They are not something unknowable or something unattainable, and I think that we are all skilled, smart people...We've made it here because we all have skills and our own unique resources and our own unique things we bring to the table to make our lives the best lives possible. So when we go out in to the 'real world', we kind of need to dispel the anxiety and fear and understand that we really are more equipped than we think we are."

"This is a fun learning experience at a good time for our seniors. They're just fresh from a semester break at home and hopefully getting a chance to relax and rejuvenate," says Alana Albus, director of Muhlenberg's Career Center. "It gives them a good start, a positive outlook. It helps them get themselves off the



Andrew Cook '15 and Kyle David '05



In November of 2013, Aaron Bossard, an economics and finance double major from the Class of 2015, met Stefan Miller, who graduated from Muhlenberg in 1999, a connection made through **MuhlNet** – the Muhlenberg Alumni/Student Career Initiative.

This led to a series of conversations, which in turn led to an upcoming summer internship with Old City Investment Partners, where Miller is Managing Director.

“Mr. Miller was one of two Muhlenberg alumni in the financial services industry I reached out to,” says Bossard. “Both have had admirable careers and each provided me with suggestions on the right approach to get into finance. I stay in contact with both of them, and because of them, I’ve developed clarity about what I’d like to do after graduation.”

It works both ways. “I’m happy to have a fellow Mule at my side,” said Miller, who previously spent eight years at Goldman Sachs. “It was a strong first impression that Aaron made on me that got him this opportunity.”

In all likelihood, that first impression would not have been made without **MuhlNet**, a unique cooperative program between Alumni Relations and the Career Center that gives students and alumni unprecedented access to one another.

How? In different ways. Through career panels, receptions and face-to-face meetings. Or it can be virtual, a connection made by email or phone. In most cases, the exchange starts with students visiting the Career Center, learning about themselves, and gaining an understanding of how their interests and academics align.

The next step usually involves working with Patrick Fligge '10, the Associate Director of Alumni/Student Connections. Fligge coordinates the connections by interviewing students about their career plans and what it might take to land their dream job, and reaching out to the alumni who have agreed to serve.

“The networking service is not limited to job offer potential,” says Bossard, “and it really gives students the chance to foster relationships with alumni who care about their future.”

The job search does not necessarily begin or end while a student at Muhlenberg. Alumni are encouraged to seek out networking through **MuhlNet**, no matter where they are in their career. For example, after moving to Philadelphia, Emma Sanders '08, was looking to gain an understanding of her new city and career possibilities. MuhlNet helped her gain insight and confidence that she would find work to fit her passion.

“I’ve benefited from the concrete tips and invaluable wisdom of alumni,” says Sanders, who is a translator with Karen Randolph, Inc. “These conversations left me informed, inspired, and gratified to know that individuals in the midst of successful careers are willing to take the time to help those finding their way.”

Those interested in learning more, visit www.MuhlenbergConnect.com/ MuhlNet or contact Patrick Fligge at pfligge@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3668.



Tasmi Siddiqua '14, Ariel Mankin '14, Mira Biller '14 and Alicia Lane '14

starting blocks to move into their last semester of their undergraduate academic career.”

The Senior Year Experience manager and the Career Center invites a committee of Muhlenberg seniors to work alongside the Career Center staff to determine programming for the weekend and serve as a key part of the coordinating team for this event. They work through the fall semester to identify the workshops and opportunities that would best serve the needs of their peers, and they extend invitations to alumni and community members to speak to students on a variety of topics.

“And through that process, every step of the way, we’re connecting students to alumni, friends of the College and professionals in this community who can help them either through internships or other opportunities to continue to develop those skills as they prepare to step into professional lives or a graduate program,” says Albus.

Students were challenged to become active participants in many of the sessions, including a cooking challenge on Friday evening that required several different stages of preparation for both the decor and the cuisine itself.



Richard Reed '14 and CJ Graetzer '14

“There are valuable skills that are available to them by just engaging in the process of cooking a meal and by preparing a sequence of dishes – many of them have not had the opportunity to do that,” says Azar. “It says, ‘This can be exciting; this can be fun. Nothing about your future is scary. You’re well prepared, and we will be here to support you.’”

“I actually feel somewhat relaxed this semester,” says Daly, which she admits might not be the norm. “I have a plan, and I’ve adjusted along the way to make sure I’m doing the right thing for the end goal. Muhlenberg has been so helpful. My academics have given me the raw information that I need to succeed, and I’m eager to take what I’ve learned in the classroom and apply it elsewhere. I’m glad that I had

such varied coursework; taking different subjects makes you see things differently. My studies in history definitely affect my studies in neuroscience, and vice versa – and combining humanities and science makes each feel more relevant.

“My internship and shadow experiences have shown me what it’s like to live as a professional, and how to translate the knowledge I’ve gained as a student into a life as an adult. Of course I’ll still have an adjustment after graduation from Muhlenberg – and after graduating from physician assistant school. It’ll be a balancing act, but I’m feeling good about my transition.”

In early 2013, a group of 20 Muhlenberg College graduates gathered in the basement of an alumnus’ apartment. The hope of these performing arts alumni was to create an informal networking group for those in the New York entertainment industry. What emerged in that initial meeting was a wealth of information, ideas, motivation and inspiration. Each artist in attendance brought a unique set of resources and skills to the group. Connections were established, opportunities for jobs and sublets were shared, and recommendations of vocal coaches and agents were made. The excitement was infectious.

Since that first meeting the group has grown to a network of over 400 members and adopted the name **The Fishbowl Collective**. (The “fishbowl” is the nickname given to the glass architecture enclosing part of the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance. The large carpeted area inside the glass has housed

countless hours of rehearsals, meetings and classes and is uniquely Muhlenberg.) The Collective has also established a mission “...to create, connect and build a safe and positive environment in which members can share their visions and take artistic risks.” The growing group has been doing just that.

The Fishbowl Collective has recreated the support Muhlenberg offered these alumni as students. “If nothing else,” says Becky Nitka, a 2009 graduate, “the Collective has helped me realize that there are other people in the same boat as me.” With a common language and base of experiences, the members have a community to grow, motivate and inspire one another to pursue their artistic dreams. “I’m grateful to the Collective for providing events, spaces, challenges, deadlines, the chance to reconnect with fellow alumni,” says Jerzy Jung '04 “and reminders to get outside the comfort zone.”

In addition to holding meetings and creating a message board on their Facebook group, the Collective provides educational workshops and performance opportunities for alumni. Workshop topics range from sharpening auditioning skills with a casting director to creating individual five-year life plans. Several productions have been mounted including two Insta-Concerts for works in progress and a concert performance of *My Hero*, a production featuring music of indie rock band, Almost Six Six. Members have made trips to campus to



by Heather Lavin '08,
Associate Director, Alumni Relations

sit on career panels, perform, audition students and offer practical resources for the transition to professional life.

“When we sat in the basement of an apartment building talking about the possibilities of a collected effort, we could have never imagined what we would build in just one year,” says Courtney Romano Hanson '06. “We took the feelings of hope, excitement and anticipation and resourced them into art-making: InstaConcerts, self-produced shows, bridging the gap between NYC and Muhlenberg, cabarets, Alumni events, the list goes on...”

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Dan Cary '08

A Delicate BALANCE

The balance of academics and athletics that Tyler Cathey '02 experienced as a Muhlenberg student has led him to the Florida Attorney General's office



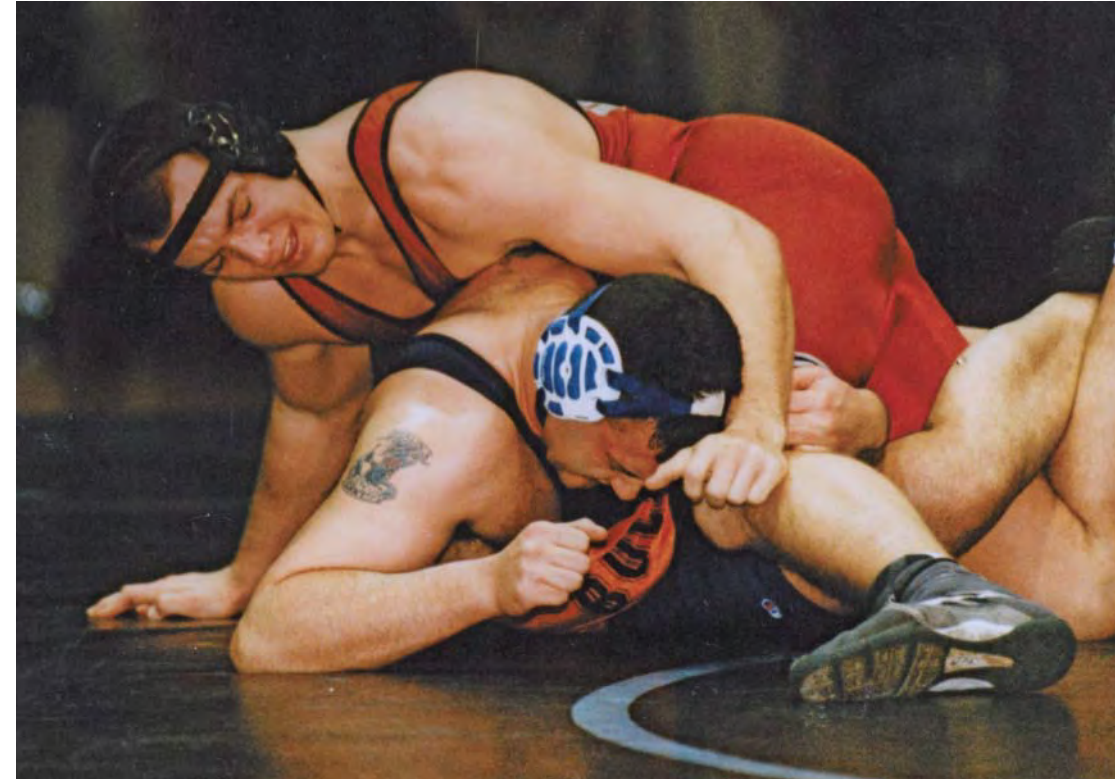
by Mike Falk
Director of
Sports Information

For someone who jokes that he has no idea what he wants to do when he grows up, Tyler Cathey is doing quite well for himself.

The 2002 Muhlenberg graduate, a four-time Centennial Conference champion and national qualifier in wrestling and an all-conference defensive lineman for the first Mule football team to compete in the NCAA Tournament, was named Chief Deputy to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi in early January.

"I'm having a blast," Cathey said recently during his weekly four-hour commute from Tampa, where he lives with his wife Callie and four young children, to his office in Tallahassee. "I get in the office at 8 a.m. and work until midnight every day, reading, learning and getting the scope of it. It's the easiest 16-hour day, 90-hour work week I've ever done."

Putting in the time to learn his craft was something Cathey had to do as a Muhlenberg athlete. He didn't start playing football or wrestling until he was in high school, which put him at an initial disadvantage to



teammates and opponents who had picked up the sports much earlier.

"It wasn't until I got to college that I really started to learn the sports," said Cathey.

He proved a quick study. Cathey won the CC wrestling championship at heavyweight as a freshman in 1999 and defended his crown for the next three years, becoming the third wrestler in CC history to win four titles. In 2002, he received the Chris Clifford Award for the most career tournament points and came within one win of earning All-America honors at the NCAA Championships. His final career record was 66-14.

In football, Cathey's athletic ability earned him playing time as a defensive end by the end of his freshman season. After missing the entire 2000 season with an injury, he came back stronger than ever, earning All-CC second-team honors in 2001.

The following season, as a fifth-year senior, Cathey recorded 32 tackles, including nine for loss and five sacks, to earn a spot on the All-CC first team for a Muhlenberg team that went 9-1 in the regular season, tying for the

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CC championship and earning the program's first NCAA Tournament berth. The Mules defeated Mass.-Dartmouth, 56-6, in the first round to set a school record with 10 wins on the season. The run finally came to an end with a 21-10 home loss to John Carroll in the second round.

Cathey was the first athlete in College history to participate in five NCAA Division III championship events.

"I think about it a lot," says Cathey of his time as a Mule. "[Football head coach] Mike

Donnelly kept saying that you'll never have an opportunity like this again, and he was so right. It sounds cliché, but they really were some of the best years."

More good years have followed. After graduating in December 2002, Cathey taught for a year-and-a-half in Jacksonville before entering the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. He graduated in December 2007 and joined Holland & Knight, a big international firm, the following year, practicing general civil litigation. He stayed



there until moving on to Englander Fisher, a smaller firm that allowed him to get closer to his clients, in 2012.

In 2010, Cathey took a four-month leave of absence from Holland & Knight to serve as special counsel on Bondi's campaign team for the general election, providing strategic legal, policy and political guidance. That experience sowed the seeds for his recent appointment.

"I never intended to work in their office," he says. "I just did it because it was an interesting opportunity."

Opportunity came calling last December when the 34-year-old Cathey got the unexpected offer to join Bondi's staff.

"It was an easy decision for me to accept. My dad was a fighter pilot in the Navy for 29 years and set a very strong example of public service," Cathey explained. "I've definitely got an interest in following him. I'm never going to be a fighter pilot, although that would be cool, but if I could apply whatever my skill set is and spend time in public service, I've always known that I'd be interested in doing that."

Cathey wasn't exactly a stranger to public service, although it was always secondary to his career in the private sector. In addition to his work on the campaign, he served on the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the Middle District of Florida (appointed by Senator Marco Rubio) in 2011. He is a past chair of Connect Florida, a statewide, young professional leadership development program, and while in law school he "basically played hooky" to serve as a Gubernatorial Fellow in Governor Jeb Bush's Office of General Counsel.

The position in the Attorney General's office combines Cathey's legal expertise with his desire for public service.

"We handle a lot of stuff," he says. "I'm basically the chief of staff, and all the different aspects funnel up to me. It's a 455-attorney law firm with 1,400 employees, a \$200 million budget and 13 offices around the state.

"The legal side is very technical," he adds. "The other side is leadership, operations, management. It's very similar to what my father did. My parents live two miles down the road from me, and now we get to sit down and talk shop. That's been a fun, unique aspect of this work."

And just as his current position parallels what his father did, his post-collegiate life mirrors his experiences at Muhlenberg.

"One of the things that is so valuable about a Division III school is

that whole balance. You have to balance two big loads with academics and athletics, and it builds a complete person," said Cathey. "First and foremost is academics, and that parallels my professional career. And I've always had several outside interests that I've been engaged in, and that's the parallel to football and wrestling.

"You learn tremendous life lessons in sports. I've derived a lot of personal and professional value out of extracurricular activities, and it's prepared me very well. You call it a student-athlete in college. There's no comparable term for my career, but that's what I'm doing."

Cathey maintains strong friendships with several of his former Mule teammates and catches up with his former coach when Donnelly visits Florida twice a year. The bonds created by teammates during the course of their shared experiences and the associated emotions continue to leave a strong impression on Cathey.

"In no other association or endeavor, maybe other than the military, do you see grown men cry, with joy or sadness, as you do in sports," reflects Cathey. "That always struck me as being powerful. The last time I was struck with that emotion was after that John Carroll game, when I realized it was over. I don't think that will ever happen to me again."

His athletic career wasn't quite over. Cathey picked up rugby in law school, and in 2010 he captained the Tampa Krewe to the USA Rugby Division II national championship with a win against a team from, ironically, Doylestown, Pa.

Cathey has since given up rugby to devote more time to his growing family and growing work responsibilities. He plans to stay in the Attorney General's office for a few years, then move back to Tampa full-time. After that, it's anyone's guess, although Cathey won't rule out his own political career.

"I've considered it," he admits. "I'm interested in good policy, and I want the state to do well, so in that regard, there is an interest. It's a tough call. Ultimately I'll probably go back to the private sector and try to stay engaged – something that allows me to keep my foot in the door."

Chances are, he'll kick down that door somewhere down the road. Cathey treats long-term planning with the same attitude that he used to treat opposing wrestlers and running backs, but the simple application of what made him successful as a Muhlenberg athlete is at the core of what has made him a successful attorney.

"If you work hard, you can string together a good career," he says.

SPORTS SHORTS



Winter 2013-14 Wrapup

Both Muhlenberg basketball teams went 16-10 and qualified for the Centennial Conference playoffs, continuing the school's unprecedented run of hardwood success.

The 2013-14 season was the 16th in the 21-year history of the Centennial Conference in which both Mule teams earned spots in the league playoffs. That is the most in league history by a fairly wide margin:

Muhlenberg	16
Johns Hopkins	11
Franklin & Marshall	8
Gettysburg	7
McDaniel	3
Ursinus	1
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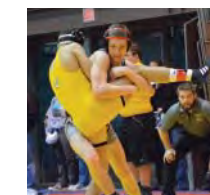
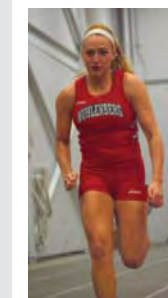
The women were led by All-CC first-team forward Leanna Tallamy '15, who averaged 17.0 points per game (7.5 more than anyone else on the team) and shattered the school records for free throws made and attempted in a season. The Scotty Wood Tournament became the first player in program history to lead the team in scoring in 10 straight games.

Pacing the men was junior Malique Killing, who broke his own school record for points scored in a season (542). The second-team All-CC pick became the first player in team history to score 30 points in three consecutive games and averaged 21.7 for the season. Closing out their careers as the all-time leaders in

blocked shots and three-pointers were Kevin Hargrove and Austin Curry, respectively.

In indoor track & field, the women finished fourth and the men sixth at the CC Championships. Junior Cody Geyer, in his first year with the team, earned the highest medal with a silver in the 60-meter dash. Senior Stephanie Carnevale won a pair of bronzes (in the 60 meters and 60-meter hurdles) for the women.

Freshman Jaryd Flank showed promise for the future the rebuilding wrestling team, going 15-12 at 125. He appeared in the D3wrestle.com national rankings after winning a competitive bracket in a tournament at Ursinus.



photos from top: Austin Curry '14, Leanna Tallamy '15, Stephanie Carnevale '14, Jaryd Flank '17



FEATURE STORY

Richard Ben-Veniste '64: In the Eye of Washington Storms (Watergate, Whitewater, 9/11)

By Jack McCallum '71,
Guest Editor

A decade before Richard Ben-Veniste '64 became nationally known as a Watergate prosecutor, the then-Muhlenberg senior scored a smashing victory in his first court case. The history/political science major had been summoned to an Allentown magistrate after he had “liberated” (using a spare key) his beat-up Plymouth from a local service station that, in his opinion, had ripped him off on a towing charge.

“It looked bad,” says Ben-Veniste, recalling the memory during a recent lunch in Washington, D.C. “When I came in, the Justice of the Peace was talking to the service station owner. And he had one of the guy’s calendars hanging on the wall behind him. I was just some snotty Muhlenberg kid.”

Fortunately, Ben-Veniste had mentioned the upcoming court date to an adjunct professor from an Allentown firm with whom he was taking a pre-law seminar. Ben-Veniste doesn’t remember the attorney’s name, but he does remember the electric effect the gentleman had on the proceedings.

“I wanted to see how my protégé is doing on his first case,” the attorney told the JP,” remembers Ben-Veniste. “And he says, ‘Well, we were just working this out’ and ‘Clearly, it’s a mistake on the part of the garage.’”

Ben-Veniste smiles at the memory. “It was there,” he says, as if in courtroom summation, “that I learned the importance of local counsel.”

Ben-Veniste, who will be returning to campus for his 50th reunion in May, has spent a career being something quite more than local counsel. At 24, still hardly more than some snotty Muhlenberg kid, he was a hard-nosed federal prosecutor under the legendary Robert Morgenthau in New York. At 31, he was throwing hardball questions at President Nixon’s aides, Robert Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, in the investigation of the Watergate cover-up. Ten years after that, he was one of the defense lawyers in the ABSCAM case.

Just about 10 years after that, he was the chief counsel for the Democrats on the Whitewater case. And adhering to his once-every-decade-monumental-event participation calendar, he was a relentless interrogator (just ask then-Secretary of

State Condoleezza Rice) on the 9/11 Commission, in which role he later questioned, in private and in the Oval Office, President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. Ben-Veniste, who was no fan of the President’s policies but found him disarmingly likeable, remembers one exchange in particular.

“President Bush said to me, ‘Richard, you ask me this and ask me that and ask me this over and over again, but let me ask you something: Do you ever make a mistake?’” says Ben-Veniste.

“And I told him, ‘Mister President, like you, I have two daughters.’”

Ben-Veniste, born and raised in Queens and educated at the celebrated Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, faced two options after his graduation.

“I could either stay at home or go to Muhlenberg because my father’s brother, Uncle Ralph, lived in Allentown,” remem-

bers Ben-Veniste, working his way through an afternoon burger at a restaurant near his office on K Street. “My father [Isaac] looked at me as a juvenile delinquent and thought I needed adult supervision. His observation, by the way, was totally inaccurate.

“So I came to Muhlenberg. And I saw Uncle Ralph exactly twice, once when I got there and once when I graduated.”

The matriculation proved to be, in his words, “fortuitous.” He was a member of the Phi Epsilon fraternity, competed in track and developed what turned out to be a razor-sharp mind in his classes. His mentor was Dr. Charles Bednar, the head of the poli-sci department, but he was also inspired by history professors Dr. Victor Johnson, Dr. Katherine Van Eerde and Dr. John Reed, as well as Dr. Kenneth Webb (for Spanish), Dr. Harold Stenger (for Shakespeare) and Dr. Hagen Staack (for religion).

“I had the opportunity to interact with professors who were there to teach,” says Ben-Veniste. “There wasn’t a pre-law track at

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Muhlenberg but so what? What I learned over the years is that there is no obligation for a lawyer to take pre-law. You can take any subject and become a lawyer. I am a beneficiary of the classic liberal arts education they offered at Muhlenberg. I couldn't be happier about the experience I had there. Plus, I gained an appreciation for church music. That wouldn't have otherwise happened to a nice Jewish boy from New York City."

From Muhlenberg, it was on to Columbia Law School, to Montague's office, and, ultimately, to Washington where he became an eyewitness to much of the significant political/cultural history of the last 40 years. The walls of his office at Mayer Brown, the large Washington firm where he works, bear testament to his starring role. There he is with Elie Wiesel, the legendary political activist/writer/Holocaust survivor. There he is at the Camp David bowling alley with Bill and Hillary (yes, first-name basis) and Jesse Jackson. There he is as a character in a "Hulk Hogan" comic strip, and there he is in a photo from his cameo in "Flash Gordon," which was produced by one of his clients, Dino De Laurentiis.

You can also see Ben-Veniste from time to time on the news channels or read his byline in the *Washington Post*, where he opines on issues contemporary and historical. His last *Post* column, for example, concerned what he considered to be pundit George Will's "revisionist history" about one aspect of Watergate – the "Saturday Night Massacre" that led

to the firing of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, and, in fact, the elevation of Ben-Veniste to a starring role in the Watergate drama.

As one might expect, he is not overly enchanted with the stalemated political climate in our nation's capital.

"Watergate, obviously, was serious," says Ben-Veniste. "But the discourse is much different now. In the old days people stayed in town to socialize across party lines. They worked out compromises, they talked to each other. But the current acrimony, the lack of civility, the lack of willingness to work for the common good...it's been really hard on people.

"That's why our work on the 9/11 Commission was such a surprise. We were able to come together across party lines and come to conclusions. The recipe we used is something that could – and should – be applied to the discourse in this country."

But his 50th at Muhlenberg will not be, he says, a soliloquy about the ills of Washington. "I am looking forward to having a good time and seeing old friends," he says. "I've been back to campus a few times but this will be special."

And if anyone from the Class of '64 is experiencing weekend trouble with a local magistrate, well, he knows where he can find a good lawyer. "I won't get involved in anything illegal," says Ben-Veniste, "unless, of course, I'm tempted."



Nancy and Jay Krevsky '55

1955

Jay Krevsky and his wife Nancy have been chosen to be the recipients of the 22nd Annual Arts Awards for distinguished service to the arts in Central Pennsylvania. The black-tie event is scheduled to be held at Harrisburg's Whitaker Center on Sunday evening, June 1, 2014. Jay writes, "Nancy and I have performed in central Pennsylvania theatres in over 130 shows between us, Nancy in leading lady roles, and I in musical comedy, but never face to face on stage. Last July the two of us played lovers in Joe DiPietro's 'The Last Romance.' I had to wait until I turned 80 to play her lover!"

1959

Bill Higgins has been elected to the Fondafultonville High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

1965

Julie (Morton) Moore writes, "I attended law school at age 50 and practiced tax law for approximately 15 years. I retired from working as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of

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New Jersey, Attorney General's Office, Treasury Section. I live with my husband, Gerald, a retired university professor, in central New Jersey. I am in touch with Judy (Riley) Rounds '64, Kathy (Faust) Sciacchitano '64 and Jeanne Maraz '64."

1968

Morgan "Scott" Phenix writes, "Retirement from Lord Fairfax Community College administration in 2012 gave me time to organize and publish the many life's reflections gathered over several creative nonfiction classes I was able to approve while Dean at the college. *A Life Worth Living - A Story Worth Telling*, published in November, is also an invitation for others to do the same. I think it no coincidence that so many of the personal intros at our 45th reunion dinner included remarks on what has been most critical, and durable, over a lifetime. Certainly not the least, our experiences at Muhlenberg."

1972

The November wedding in Alexandria, Va., of Tom Dunkel and Jessica Lefevre was also a mini reunion with 12 of his Phi Kappa Tau fraternity brothers. Pictured from left to right are: Bob Major, Bill Dunkel '67, Jeff Gilbert '70, Bruce Reitz '70, Marc Gellman '74,



Alumni present the wedding on Tom Dunkel '72 and Jessica Lefevre

Hoss Ehrgood '73 holding a vintage PKT paddle, Robin MacMullen, Walt Roetting, Randy Bush '74, Tom Crockett, Rod MacKenzie '70 and Don Atkiss.

1974

John and Betsy (Caplan) MacCarthy spent time on January 19 at the 100th anniversary of the Armory Show, at the New York

Historical Society with Jeff '77 and Candace (DeSouza) Dobro '79.

1980

Karen Meyer Campbell has been appointed to California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Office for Access and Functional Needs.

1987

Oliver Baer had an album of poetry set to music come out in August 2013. *Gathering Souls by a Conclave of Baer* is an eclectic reinterpretation of poems from his book, *Baer Soul*. For an idea of the range of music involved, go to <http://aconclaveofbaer.bandcamp.com>

1991

Debbie (Silver) and Doug Peterson became first time authors last year with each of their publications based on their lifelong passions. Debbie, a health and nutrition counselor, co-wrote *Nourish, a Community Supported Cookbook* which offers healthy, whole-foods recipes. Doug, a dentist, and passionate spear fishing free diver, wrote *Spearfishing: How to Get Started*. Both are available on Amazon.

1993

Reverend Emilie Conroy officiated at her first legal same sex marriage ceremony in Trenton, N.J., on November 9. The affair drew a crowd from both the friends and family of the wedded pair as well as supporters from around the area. This was by no means the first same sex union ceremony Conroy has performed, but it is the first to be recognized by law. • Kim (Garulfi) Shepard writes, "2014 has been a busy year already with a move from North Carolina to Delaware and a new job as 'off-centered quality supervisor' at Dogfish Head Brewery (owned by Muhlenberg alum Sam Calagione '92). I will be supervising their quality department as well as heading up the microbiology efforts at the brewery. So far, I am loving the work, the people, the Dogfish culture and the free case of beer with every paycheck doesn't hurt. If you're ever at the Delaware shore, stop by the brewery for a tour and tasting of their amazing craft brews!"

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Andrew Henry Ginter

1998

Benjamin Ginter and his wife Marni are happy to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Henry on January 8, 2014.

2000

Ashley Kistler, assistant professor of anthropology at Rollins College, was recently awarded Florida Camous Compact's Engaged Scholarship Research Award.

2002

Jen (McKee) was married to Chris Hall on December 31, 2012, in Lake Placid, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were: Lauren (Greber) Shanahan '87, Matt '93 and Melissa (Abramson) Falk '92, Brian '00 and

Val (Uras) Condron '01, Jessica (Drennan) Carriero '01, Melissa (Leahy) McDonough '02, Kristy Reinert '02 and Debbie Klinger P'07.

2004

Kristen (Boe) Flores writes, "I am happy to announce that Dominic Flores and I got married on September 28, 2013, in St. Louis, Mo., where we currently live. Dominic and I met the summer of 2012 while volunteering with a tutoring program (I am now the coordinator for this program). Many of the Nepali, Burmese, African and American children we had served together participated in our wedding ceremony. Muhlenberg alumnae Krystle Marcis and Beth Murphy made the trek to



Kristen (Boe) '04 and Dominic Flores



Alumni present at the wedding of Chris Hall and Jen McKee '02



Rita Elizabeth Miller

the Midwest to see us get married. Some other 'Berg friends joined us for an East Coast reception on December 28." • Rita (Shafer) Miller and Adam Miller are overjoyed to announce the birth of their first child, Rita Elizabeth. Rita was born on September 15, 2013 at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. She weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz and was 21 inches at birth. • Andrew D. Stammel is a practicing attorney in Oneonta, N.Y., and has owned his law practice since 2011. He married David C. Brower on August 3, 2013. Andrew was also elected to the Oneonta Town Board in November 2013.

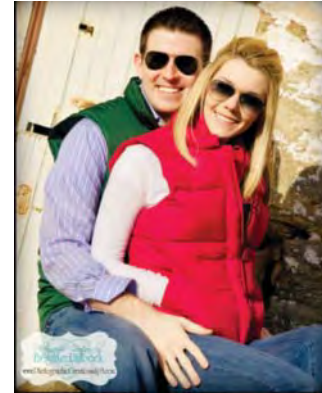


Alumni present at the wedding of Sabrina Krum '06 and Richard Sanzo

2006

Dr. Sabrina Krum and Lieutenant Richard Sanzo were married on September 28, 2013, in Philadelphia, Pa. The couple currently resides in Long Island, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were Amy and Brian Ellis, Elizabeth Marrero, Stephanie Krieger '07, Steven Fischer, Stacy Seltzer and Alexis (Krum) and Eric Blankenship '01.

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Geoff '07 and Lari (Luckenbill) '06 Zinberg

2007

Jessica (Stabb) Mathieson married Marcus Mathieson on October 19, 2013 in Media, Pa. The couple writes, "We are so glad we met each other at Muhlenberg!" • On October 13, 2012, Dr. Geoff Zinberg and Lari (Luckenbill) Zinberg '06 were married in Rehoboth Beach, Del., at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club. Alumni in attendance were: Roger Luckenbill '60, Amanda Heiberger '12, Jordan Sorokin '06, Phil Kimble '05,

Drew Stocker '06, Dr. Brian Campfield '06, Neil Freedman '06, Mike Menna '06, John Opuda '06, Jared Goldstein, Dr. Laurie (Waldron) Campfield '06, Scott Sutton '06, Heather Lafferty '08 and Chris Catania '06.

2008

Elizabeth Stillman and Cole Morrison were married on October 5, 2013 in New York City. The couple currently resides in Manhattan. Alumni in attendance were Scott Overland '06, Katie Overland, Stephanie Krieger



Alumni present at the wedding of Elizabeth Stillman '08 and Cole Morrison



Alumni present at the wedding of Dan '10 and Kaitlyn (O'Malley) Fisher '10

'07, Gregory Adams '05, Heather Adams '07, Alec Ganci, Emily Lisco, Elizabeth Marrero '06, Christina Melchionne Mieso, Lindsay Ganci and Elizabeth Pendley.

2009

Jeff Levy and Kristen Marchese were married on August 2, 2013 in the Egner Chapel. Mules in attendance were Gina (LoMonaco) Simon, Justin Laplante (best man), Charlie Ritzo, Kelly Butler '10, Eli Kallen, Amy Stettler, and Jeff's parents Nancy (Harmount) & Dennis Levy '75.



Alumni present at the wedding of Jeff Levy '09 and Kristen Marchese '09



Alumni present at the wedding of Melissa Waldman '10 and Valery Molongo

2010

Dan and Kaitlyn (O'Malley) Fisher were married on August 31, 2013, in Chadds Ford, Pa. Many Muhlenberg alumni were there to celebrate with the happy couple. The couple currently resides in Conshohocken, Pa., with their dog Nestle. • **Melissa (Waldman) Molongo** and Valery Molongo celebrated their marriage in Rochester, N.Y., on September 7, 2013. They met in February 2009 at the University of Cape Town while Melissa was studying abroad with CIEE. After continuing a long distance relationship while Melissa completed her studies at Muhlenberg, they eventually spent two years teaching and learning in South Korea

where they were officially married September 28, 2012. Valery was finally able to travel to America in June 2013. Mules from all over were thrilled to finally come together to celebrate their beautiful love story. Congrats Mel and Val!

2011

In May of 2013, **Megan O' Leary** received a master's degree from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in City and Regional Planning, specializing in urban design and environmental planning. She graduated as a Governor's Executive Fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University.

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1936

Dr. Charles P. Goldsmith passed away December 18, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn E. (Reinbold) Goldsmith, and his son, Thompson P. Goldsmith. He is survived by his daughter, Mary G. Westhuis and her husband, Arrien; his son, James C. Goldsmith; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

1943

Frank E. Newman died on May 6, 2013. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Harold Newman; his mother, Ruth Engle Newman; and his twin sister, Janey Benedetti. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Jean Pollock Newman; his daughters, Lynn Milo, Diane Cullen and Robin Newman; his granddaughter, Heather Milo; one great-grandchild and two nieces. • **Joseph E. McKeone** died on December 20, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 54 years, Helen H. McKeone, and is survived by his children, Helen Rita, Barry McKeone, Sheila Parsons and Angela Parker; and his grandchildren, Christopher and Katrina Parsons. • **William W. Deissler Jr.** died on October 18, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his sister, Grace King; his two nieces; and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lillian Aldrich.

1944

Carl A. Simpson died on January 16, 2014. He was the husband of the late Marguerite L. Maggie (Kleintop) Simpson. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Stephen G. Simpson and his wife, Dr. Padma Raghavan, and Dr. Peter C. Simpson and his wife, Penny S. Mills; his daughter, Jan L. Simpson; and his grandchildren, Andrew Simpson and his wife, Kylan, Charlotte Simpson, Jesse Simpson and Jacob Simpson.

1945

John J. Gabellini, Jr. passed away on December 12, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine (Rosenberger) Gabellini, and his sisters, Norma Fink and Ida Gorek. He is survived by his sons, Christopher Gabellini, and Michael Gabellini and his wife, Nancy; his daughter, Kimberly Gabellini; and his granddaughters, Giuliana and Chiara.

1947

John P. Lesko died on Sunday, January 19, 2014. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Hilda (Nikischer) Lesko; his brother, Samuel Lesko, and two sisters, Shirley Baldwin and Anna Thomas. He is survived by two sons: Richard J. Lesko and wife Jill B. Lesko, and Bruce W. Lesko and wife Beth W. Lesko; daughter Barbara L. Sheehan and husband Anthony J. Sheehan; and granddaughters: Jennifer, Julie, Lauren, Megan and Sara. • **Hirst M. Trexler, Jr.** passed away on Monday, February 10, 2014. He was the husband of the late Norah T. (Duffy) Trexler. He is survived by his daughter, Catherine, wife of Daniel Heintzelman; son, Keith and wife Nancy Trexler.

1949

Robert F. Blanck died on Thursday, January 16, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Steel. He is survived by his daughter, Meredith S. Marando-Blanck, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson. • **Captain Alwyn L. Eisenhauer** died September 6, 2013. He is survived by his wife, the Rev. Patricia Eisenhauer. • **Rev. Aaron W. Fox** died on Friday February 14, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marietta M. (Schuler) Fox; his son Kevin A. and his wife Melody; his daughter Cynthia M. Reck; his grandchildren Joseph and Jennifer, Nicole, Lauren and Craig, Stephen and Christine.

• **Walter V. Ruth** died on October 9, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife, Paula (Lombardo) Ruth; his daughter, Susan Ruth Dacheux and her husband, Phillip; and his grandchildren, Craig V. Dacheux and Nicholas S. Dacheux. • **James Hershel "Jim" Saling** died on August 26, 2010. He was married to Concetta Marie Gentilcore for 63 years. • **Dr. Robert Michael Griffin** died on November 13, 2013. He was married to Norma Jean Monde Griffin for 34 years until her death in 1987. Together, they had six children: Catherine Griffin; Patricia Griffin; Robert Griffin Jr.; Mark Griffin; Anne Griffin; and William Griffin. He found love a second time with Patricia Stark Griffin, and opened his heart to her children, John Stark, Lynn Reynolds and David Stark. He is survived by his children, his grandchildren, brothers-in-law, several nieces and nephews and one aunt.

1950

Dr. Donald E. Beineman passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years Catherine (Bock) and a daughter Jane. Dr. Beineman is survived by a son, Jeffrey; a daughter, Jill Franceschini; and grandsons, Tyler and Andrew; a sister and numerous nieces and nephews. • **Edward W. Schlechter, Jr.** died on November 13, 2013. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gale (Snyder) Schlechter; his daughter, Sally S. Johnson; his son, Edward W. Schlechter III; his granddaughters, Elizabeth A. Cunningham, Brittney Schlechter and Kelsey Schlechter; his brother, John F. Schlechter; and his nephews, John, Scott and Andrew Schlechter. • **Vernon A. Miller** died on October 7, 2013. He was the husband of Rose M. (Billy) Miller and the late Alice A. (Naugle) Miller. He is survived by his wife, Rose; his daughters, Vicki A., wife of Francis Gehman III, and Debra A., wife of Jack McDermott; and his sister, Darlene I., wife of Gary Wells. • **Dr. William W. Oswald, Jr.** died on December 11, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nancy H. (Nagle) Oswald; his children, Thomas D. Oswald and his wife Linda, James C. Oswald and his wife Sharon, and Kay E. Oswald; and his grandchildren, Jaron, Tegan, Peter, Danica, Matthew and Dalton; and his great-granddaughters, Mikayla and Skyler.

1951

Albert Balliet passed away on January 25, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; daughter Alicia Shiflet; and five grandsons, Christopher and Eric Wilson, William and Zachary Shiflet and Michael Anderson; two brothers; two sisters; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda. • **Robert K. France** died on December 21, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jane; daughter, Karen; son, Robert; daughter-in-law, Laura; grandsons, Robert and Benjamin; and brother, William. • **John J. Mangini** passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. He is survived by his children, Lisa P. Mangini, Pamela M. Schaefer and partner, Cheryl Myers, John Jay Mangini Jr. and partner, Paula Egan, Linda M. Padula, Priscilla Mangini Confrey and husband Matthew B. Confrey.

1952

Dr. Guy E. Fessler, Jr. (Ned) passed away on January 10, 2014. He is survived by his wife Virginia (Phillips) Liddle-Fessler; his son Guy E. Fessler III; his stepson, Robert J. Liddle and his wife, Karen; and his cousin, George W. Morgan and his wife, Abby. Dr. Fessler was predeceased by his daughter, Karen E. Fessler. • **Richard R. Readinger** died on December 18, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Grace E. (Stott) Readinger; his son Richard R. and his wife Linda Readinger; his son Timothy J. and his wife Nancy Readinger; his grandson, Kyle E. Readinger; his brother, Neil, and his wife Shirley Readinger; and his sister, Sallyann Mohr. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Readinger.

1953

Gerald T. Jerry Hertz died on Sunday, January 26, 2014. He is survived by his sons, Jeffrey S. Hertz and wife, Joyce, Ronald G. Hertz; daughter, Laura S. Hertz; and family friend and wonderful caregiver, Annie M. Wayne. • **Rev. John J. Ziegler, Jr.** died on December 9, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gloria (Semmel); his children, Cynthia Gibson, Alyssa Kopenhafer and John III; his grandchildren, Jesse and Quinlan Gibson, Nathan, Lexie, Hannah and Aubrey Kopenhafer, and Katherine Ziegler; and his brothers, Donald and Barry. He was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Benner.

1954

Dr. Robert E. Butz died on February 17, 2013. He is survived by his loyal walking buddy, Boomer; wife, Char; two daughters, Tami and Denise; Denise's husband, Kevin; four grandchildren, Angela, Ryan, Hannah and Kalissa; one great grandson, Kaden; Char's sister, Cheron and husband, Dave; their children, Vanessa and Andy; and a multitude of friends and other relatives. • **Dr. Richard C. Jentsch**, died on August 11, 2013. He was the spouse of Donald; son of Dorothea and Werner; brother of Theodore and David; beloved uncle of Deborah Jentsch, Karen Hurtado, Lisa and Steve O'Brien, Lynda and Bart Grooms, and Nancy and Phil Enzweiler; and beloved brother-in-law of Elizabeth and Hilda.

IN MEMORIAM

1955

Richard L. “Fuzzy” Fetherolf died on Monday, February 3, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 53 years, Mildred E. Millie (Mittl) Fetherolf. He is survived by his daughters: Linda J. Kulp and her husband Ronald, Jeni A. Frechette and husband Jeff; sons: Richard L. Jr. and his wife Janet, Brian G., Mark E., grandchildren: Richard, Rachel and her husband Sean, Savannah, Beau and Tyler; niece Nancy. He was predeceased by sisters Jeanne Rahn and Betty Lou Posh.

1956

The Rev. **Walter O. Reimet, Jr.** died December 22, 2013. He was the husband of the late Virginia H. (Hines) Reimet. He is survived by his daughters, Pamela Reimet McGuire, and her husband, Joseph, Karen Reimet and Elizabeth Reimet and her husband, Bennett Siegel. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Meghan, Abby, Dan, Andy, Marlee and Eric; as well as his brother, Richard Reimet, and his wife, Elaine.

1957

Stanley W. Smith died on December 1, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Dorothy S. (Kline) Smith; his children, Kit L. Smith, Mark C. Smith, Roderick D. Smith, Holly M. Olenwine and Rhonda J. Santilli; his brother, Willard Smith; his sister, Eleanor Kovalchick; and his grandchildren, Cody, Katrina, Marissa, Jared and Max.

1958

The Rev. **Charles A. Adami, Jr.** died October 19, 2013. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristine L. Adami. He is survived by his wife, Karen L. MacKinney Adami; his son, Charles G. Adami, and his wife, Suzanne Kozischek; his daughter, Charis E. (Adami), and her husband Kevin Egan; eight grandchildren, Stephen, Matthew, Andrew, Benjamin, Philip, Keith, Shannon and Sayf al-Rahman; and three great-grandchildren, Mattison, Masen and Victor.

• **Edward J. Sedora** died on December 3, 2013. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret A. (Unangst). He is survived by his daughters, Linda L. Sedora and Lisa Singer; his brothers-in-law, George W. Unangst, David C. Unangst,

Lester C. Unangst and Wayne S. Unangst; and his sisters-in-law, Arlene Yenolevich and Linda Sipe.

1960

Glenn Edward Davis died on November 8, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Linda K. Davis; two daughters, Tracie Susan (Davis) Dehart and husband Russell, and Ashley Anne Davis; and two grandchildren, Baylee Marcée Dehart and Jaidyn Renée Dehart, and his dog, Bentley Unger Davis.

1961

Kent Lamont Johnson is survived by his loving wife, Dolores; daughter, Kendis Stout; son, Craig L. Johnson; granddaughters, Amanda Johnson and Cheyanne Bitler; and great grandson, Kayden Johnson.

1966

Phyllis James died on Saturday, January 11, 2014. She is survived by her aunt Mary Cluelow; sister and brother, Patricia Manley and John Breitling Sr.; daughter Tamara Becker, son Christian Becker, and husband John James.

1969

William (Bill) Warren Courtright, Jr. died on December 6, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his sister, Connie Rockman; 11 nieces and nephews; and many grand nieces and nephews.

1970

Virginia J. Forde died on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013. Predeceased by her parents, Joseph R. and Alice Schmidt Forde, Ms. Forde is survived by her sister, Joyce Forde-Muller; her niece, Brianna Muller, and many cousins and friends.

1972

Virginia R. Harrigan died on November 17, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Ken; her sons, Greg and Kyle; her daughters-in-law, Angela and Blair; her grandsons, Conor and Ian; her brother, Bruce Rowe, and his wife, Sheral; and many nieces and nephews.

1974

Robert Comer died September 26, 2013. He

was predeceased by his parents Dr. Nathan L. Comer and Rita Comer. He is survived by his siblings, Dr. Susan Kitei, Dr. Debra Comer, Marc Comer; and five nephews and one niece.

1976

Davette Lynn Behrens died on November 29, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Carl; her son, Douglas; her daughter, Diana; her mother-in-law, Harriet; and her sister-in-law, Susan. She also leaves behind her brother, Don; sister-in-law, Carole; nephew, Alexander; and nieces, Amelia and Adele. • **Robert L. Malchodi** died on May 29, 1990.

1979

Brian L. Rasco passed away on June 23, 2011.

1980

Eileen C. Brigaitis died on January 5, 2014. She is survived by her children, Michael, Matthew, and Marybeth; her daughter-in-law Jennifer and brother Jim.

1986

Patricia A. Frankenfield died November 20, 2013. She was the wife of the late Robert H. Frankenfield.

1992

Dina M. (Genovese) Wittner died on January 1, 2014. Dina was the wife of Jeffrey S. Wittner, together for 23 years; mother of Ethan, Lindsay and Meredith, all at home.

1994

Scott “ Scoot” Harris Shapleigh died on August 7, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Aurora Shapleigh; his two daughters, Leah and Sophie; his sister, Tara Clowers; his parents, Robert Shapleigh Jr. and Rochelle Simon; and his grandparents, Robert Shapleigh, Sr. and Esther Jaffe.

2008

Daniel J. McClung died in a New York City fire on January 5, 2014. He is survived by his friends and family, including his brother, Tim '12.

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

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THE LAST WORD

When I was little, I used to love the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I always had an answer.

True, it changed from year to year: sometimes, I'd say a journalist, at other times, an author or a filmmaker – it was usually some configuration of a storyteller. However, no matter how greatly the occupation changed, I always felt confident that at that moment, I knew exactly what I wanted to do.

Fast forward to senior year of college. Now, when people ask me the same question, I can't give them a definite answer.

And for right now, I'm okay with that.

The truth is, my liberal arts education at Muhlenberg has not conditioned me for one singular job, but rather, has prepared me for many. And if I'm not sure what it is I want to do right now, it's not because I don't have options, but because I'm not ready to settle on one and limit the rest of my opportunities.

I still haven't lost my childhood affinity for storytelling. But, over the past four years, I've realized that that isn't limited to one or two specific jobs. It's everywhere. Through my Muhlenberg activities, I've been able to experiment with some of these different outlets:

I've interviewed local business owners for school projects, documenting and helping to share their personal stories. I've written and directed plays through the Muhlenberg Theatre Association, collaborating with actors and audience members to strengthen my works' interpretation. Through internships in public relations and advertising, I've experimented with an ever-evolving myriad of technological resources, learning how to promote messages in an increasingly digitalized world.

On the other hand, through my work as a Muhlenberg tour guide, I'm reminded that quality communication can be as simple as forming a real, person-to-person connection.

Whether it's through mixed media or an in-person conversation, the importance of storytelling lies in its abilities to share experi-

ences, to create and communicate ideas. These are skills that translate into every profession, whether that entails presenting a complicated campaign in front of your boss, or simply speaking with prospective students while guiding them around campus.

Of course, storytelling also serves as a way to form connections with new people. While at 'Berg, I spent two summers living and interning in New York and Boston, and one semester studying abroad in London. At the time, each of these cities was brand new to me, offering unforeseen challenges and adventures.

Wherever I went, I met people from all around the world, who – for whatever reason – were so willing and eager to share their own stories. Perhaps we opened up so quickly because there was only a short period of time for us to be together, and we knew that soon we'd each go off on our own again, in a completely different direction.

But in those quick moments shared over pints at London pubs or while poring over maps at European hostels, we got to know one another, shared experiences, were often influenced by what we heard, and hopefully, discovered a thing or two about a new way of viewing the world. We became modern day storytellers and listeners, learning from new perspectives.

And, I guess, that's what my four years at 'Berg were about, too. I met new people, tried new experiences, expressed – but also, tested – my preconceived ideals, and broadened my personal understanding of the world by learning through others'. In a quick four years, I've met professors who have become mentors and friends who have become family. Each of them has influenced me in some way or another, and along the way, helped me to discover who I am as an individual.

Yes, while at 'Berg, I've engaged in a wide range of liberal arts classes, participated in clubs and activities, and developed leadership, creative and analytical skills that could possibly (and fingers crossed) translate into jobs. But, if I've learned one thing from my time here, it's that I want to focus less on what I want to be



by Sarah Bennett '14

when I grow up, and more on who.

'Berg has taught me that I'm not someone who's solely dedicated to mastering one job or skill, but someone who has passions and interests, who's confident to take on leadership positions, who knows how to speak up and share her own ideas, but who can also appreciate the value in learning from someone with a different viewpoint.

So, it's true. I'm still not sure what I want to do when I grow up. But, I do have a better idea of who I want to be. That's what you get from a liberal arts education: the ability to develop as a full person, and the knowledge that even after graduation, you never stop growing.

I'd be lying if I said I weren't a little nervous for the future, but luckily, I'm far more excited. Right now, we're all in the process of creating and living our own stories. And if it's open-ended, I think we should revel in it.

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