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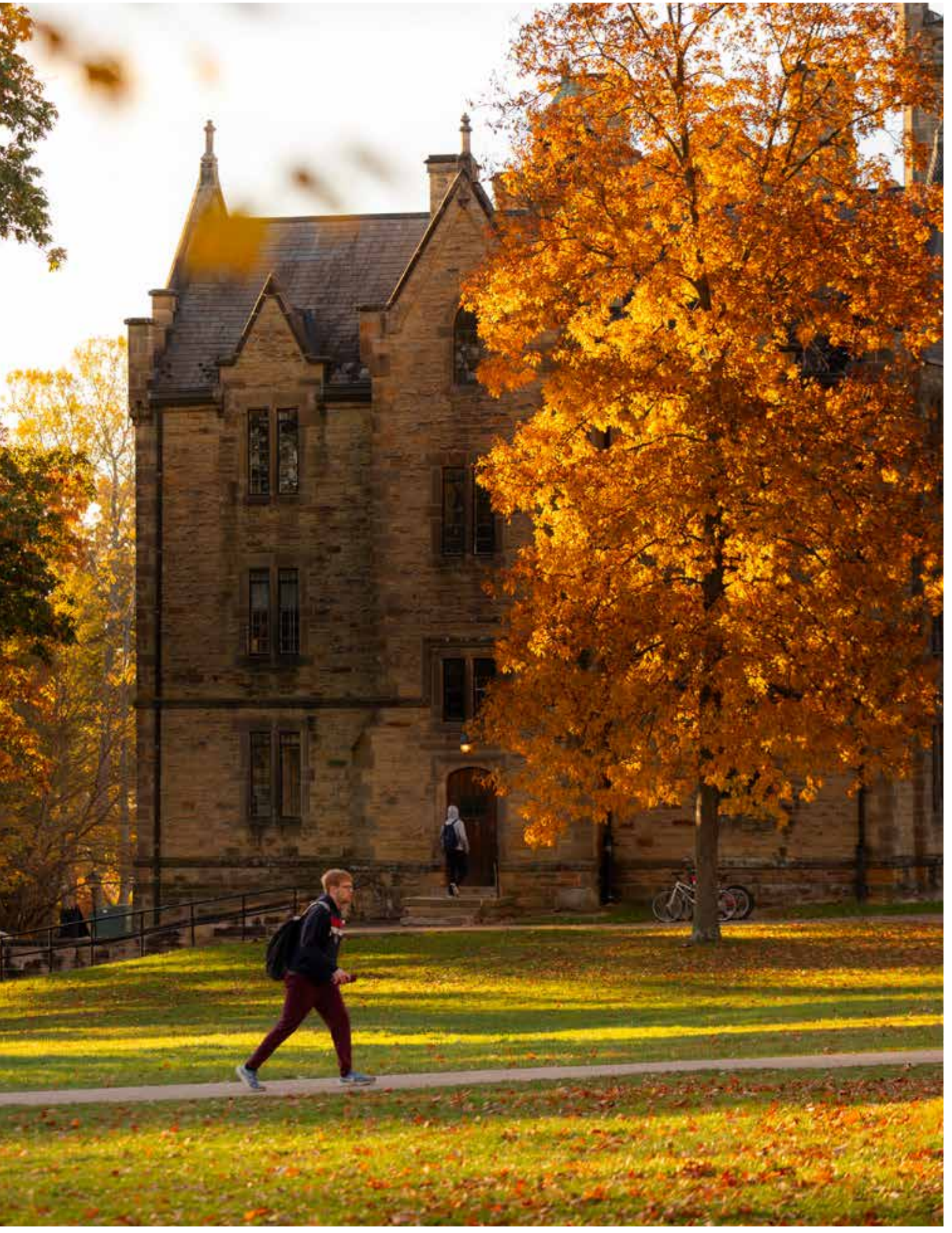
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Photo by Chris Sorensen.



NICK HOELLER





CORRESPONDENCE

Letters

The Right Side of History

Thanks and kudos to Ron Bliss ’68 for his outstanding “Survive a Revolution” article in the Spring/Summer 2026 magazine. As a former Air Force JAG, I worked very closely with the truly special agents of the AFOSI. The work was very fulfilling and always on the “right side of history,” as Ron posits. And the agents were the most professional group of investigators and law enforcers I’ve ever worked with. They deserved a hit TV show just as much as NCIS; but, unfortunately, the Navy had battleships and submarines in addition to fighter jets. Well done Ron, and I hope you get to return for a visit.

— **Charles Matthewson ’70**
Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

Remembering Bill McCulloh

Professor of Classics Bill McCulloh H’99 was one of the first people I met at the College, when I was interviewing. He was erudite in an unpretentious way that made being erudite seem the best thing in the world.

My first year, he gave the Founders’ Day address. It started from the Greek particles “men” and “de” — “on the one hand” and “on the other hand” — and went on to reflect on the village of Achladeri on Lesbos, and Turkish-Greek relations, and Kenyon’s Middle Path, and John Crowe Ransom, and various other things. He had that kind of curiosity.

I only took one class with him, “Intermediate Greek.” We read Herodotus, mostly. He had an unerring ability to find the passage that had given me the most trouble and ask me to translate it aloud. Once I sputtered in exasperation about the way he would do that. He laughed with delight, and I realized that after a couple of decades teaching undergrads he knew where the springes lay.

Later, when I worked at the College, I had occasion to talk with him from time to time. A colleague and I agreed that besides being perhaps the most accomplished member of the faculty, he was the kindest. He valued a cup of tea, a lap-swimming session, a walk in the country, seeing the first crocuses emerging in spring. He was simply a gentle, thoughtful, smart, genuine person.

— **Chris Hammett ’88**

Our Error

On page 3 of the Spring/Summer 2026 magazine, there’s a poem that mentions Professor Roelofs. Although I wasn’t an English major, Professor Roelofs was my favorite professor and played a central role in my college experience. A wonderful man. His book “The Major Poets: English and American,” second edition, which we used in freshman English class, is one of my prized possessions I keep at my desk. He played such a pivotal role that I named my middle son after him — Gerrit. It’s because of this, in part, that I call out the misspelling of his name in the magazine — it’s Gerrit Hubbard Roelofs — not Garrit.

— **Johann “John/Odie” Odermann ’87**

An otherwise fine tribute to Gerrit Roelofs in the Correspondence section was marred by his name twice spelled Garrit instead of Gerrit. Professor Roelofs was the reason I became an

English major (probably to the horror of the department), and his wife Janet was a fantastic hostess to dance weekend guests who were lucky enough to stay there for a few nights.

The magazine is a treasure, and I greatly appreciate the range and depth of your choice of articles. To this Gerrit Roelofs admirer, you can imagine how the misspelling stood out.

— **Bob Legg '65**

(*Editors' note: We regret the transcription error and thank our readers for pointing it out and sharing their memories of Prof. Gerrit Roelofs — who, in his time, was a frequent contributor of essays to this magazine.*)

A Vote of Support

It's one of the finest magazines of its kind in the country. Don't even consider putting it on the chopping block in order to save money. I look forward to every issue and this has been true since the day I graduated in 1963. It keeps me in touch with the College and the dwindling number of my classmates who are still alive. Kenyon was a great experience. — **David Newhall '63**

Calling All Fulbrights

I have always been impressed by the number of seniors who receive Fulbrights. It made me wonder if the College has records of alums who received Fulbrights after graduation.

I received three Fulbrights: twice to Nepal in 1972-73, and the fall of 1980. I was the first Fulbright librarian in China, 1984-85, in Wuhan. Traveled all over China with a week in Lhasa, Tibet.

These Fulbrights were amazing experiences for me. Also my daughter, Michele Palmer Fracasso '81, finished eighth grade in an international school in Kathmandu while I was in my first Fulbright there.

I would like to learn of other past Kenyon Fulbrighters who received such grants years after their graduations. — **Robert Palmer '59 P'81**

(*Editors' note: If you'd like to share your Fulbright experiences as Robert Palmer suggests, send them to editor@kenyon.edu.*)

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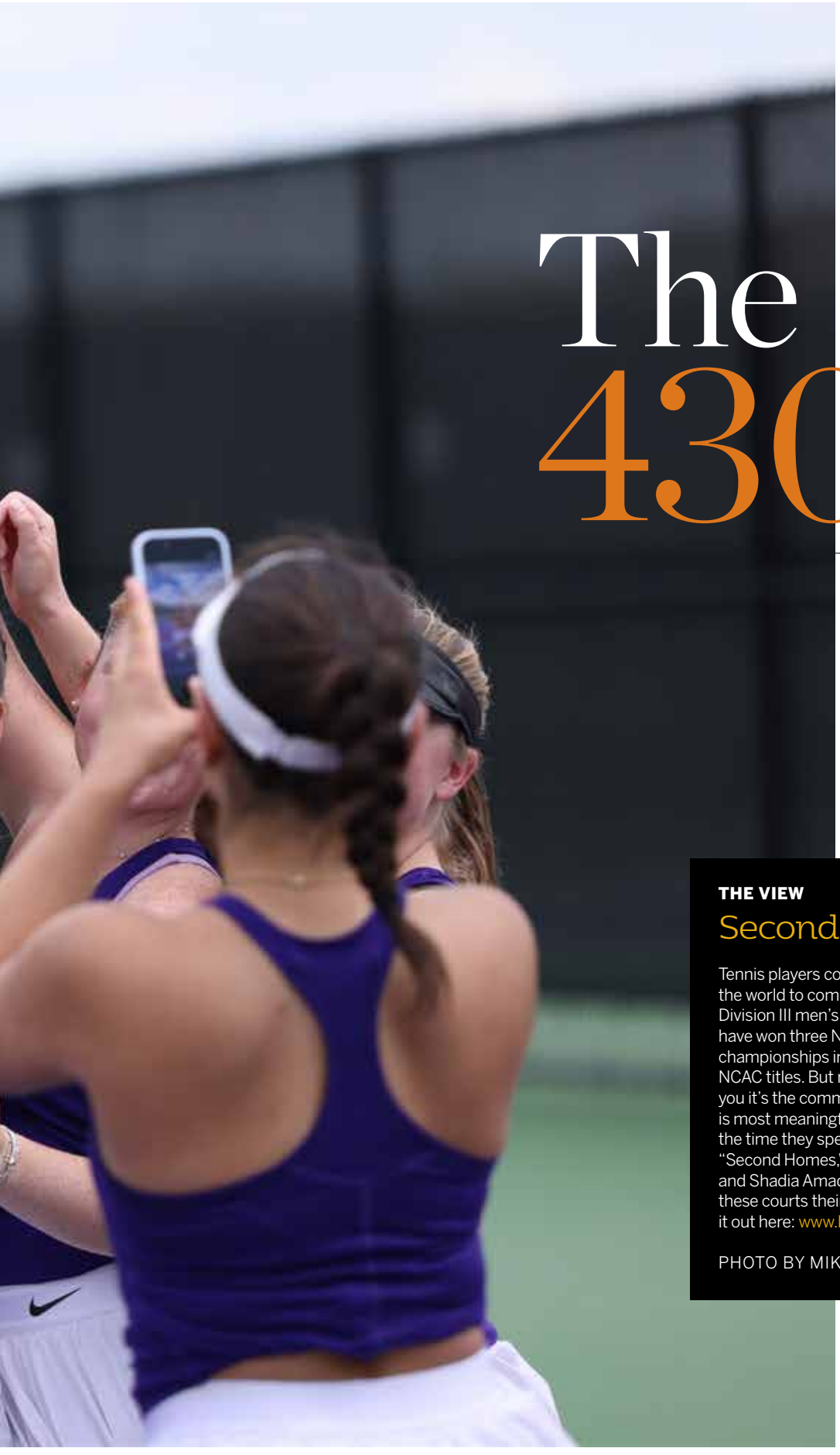
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The women's tennis team celebrating its fourth-straight North Coast Athletic Conference regular-season title and NCAC Tournament crown in May 2026.

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THE VIEW

Second Homes

Tennis players come from all over the country and the world to compete as part of Kenyon's NCAA Division III men's and women's teams, which have won three NCAA team titles, four individual championships in singles and doubles play, and 22 NCAC titles. But more than the wins, players will tell you it's the community they find on the court that is most meaningful: the coaches, their teammates, the time they spend together. In a new video series, "Second Homes," Paulo Pocasangre Kreling '26 and Shadia Amado Aguad '26 share why they call these courts their second home at Kenyon. Check it out here: www.kenyon.edu/second-homes.

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Trustee Teaching Award Winners

On Honors Day every year, the College recognizes and rewards two members of the Kenyon faculty for exemplary teaching informed by creative scholarship. The Senior Award is given to a tenured-level faculty member who has been teaching at Kenyon for at least 10 years, and the Junior Award is for either a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who is in their first 10 years at Kenyon. Get to know the 2025-26 winners.



Brad Hostetler

Associate Professor of Art History
JUNIOR AWARD WINNER

A member of the Kenyon faculty since 2017, Hostetler specializes in the art and material culture of late antiquity and Byzantium, teaching courses on the art and architecture of the ancient and medieval Mediterranean.

How did you land in your field?
I knew I wanted to commit my life to the study of medieval art when I first visited the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome during a summer trip after graduation. This 12th-century basilica was built on top of a fourth-century church, which itself was built on a Roman house with a mithraeum (a pagan temple). I was the only person there when I first descended the stairs to explore these layers. It was a magical experience, and I wanted to learn more.

What is your teaching philosophy?
Objects are the best teachers. Give students something tangible to study, and they will embark on their own journey of research and discovery.

Do you have a Kenyon moment that particularly stands out to you?
In fall 2024, I led the Kenyon-Rome study abroad program. While Rome is a very busy city, most of our site visits included churches and museums that were off the beaten path for the big tour groups. I remember one visit in particular, the museum at the Palazzo Massimo — we were essentially the only people there. We all sat on the floor of a gallery, sketching Roman sculptures and writing formal analyses, while the museum guards sat in the corner letting us do our thing. It was such a privilege to have that time together with the students and the art in that space.

What is something you have learned from your students?
A heightened appreciation for fearless intellectual curiosity.

How did it feel to hear your name called during Honors Day?
I remain shocked and grateful. I have celebrated



GRAHAM STOKES

the many exceptional Kenyon teachers at past Honors Day events. I never expected my name to be included among them.

How do you hope your students remember you?
I would like to be remembered for my classes. I want students to carry with them the ability to make informed connections between the cultures that we study and the world in which they live.

What else would you like people to know?
One of Kenyon's lesser-known treasures is art history's Blick-Harris Study Collection, consisting of teaching objects donated by faculty and alumni. Used by multiple departments, it allows for focused hands-on research, writing and learning.

Siobhan Fennessy

Professor Emerita of Biology and Environmental Studies
SENIOR AWARD WINNER

Fennessy, who taught at Kenyon from 1998 until her retirement this year, has been widely recognized for her research on wetland ecosystems and restoration.

How did you land in your field?
When I began looking at graduate programs in plant ecology, I crossed paths with Bill Mitsch, a leading wetland ecologist, who offered me a fellowship and a spot in his lab. Wetland ecology turned out to be a perfect fit. They're wonderfully complex ecosystems where plants, water, soils, wildlife and people all come together.

What is your teaching philosophy?
I'm genuinely excited about what I'm teaching, and that energy can be catching. I want students to see connections and to think in systems, rather than putting ideas into separate disciplinary boxes.

Do you have a Kenyon moment that particularly stands out to you?
I love taking students into local streams, wetlands, farms and the BFEC. I especially love seeing students' amazement when we do things like sample fish in the Kokosing and they see the incredible diversity living just beneath the surface. It had been there all along, just hidden from view.

What is something you have learned from your students?
Patience and continued optimism. They remind me that even with big, daunting problems, there are meaningful things we can do right where we are.

How did it feel to hear your name called during Honors Day?
I almost missed it! I had broken my foot, and after teaching for three hours that morning, I was sore and tired and was trying to decide if I should go. Luckily, the Honors Day crew tracked me down and suggested I might want to make my way over to Rosse Hall. I was completely surprised, and very touched. This recognition meant a lot.

How do you hope your students remember you?
I'd like them to remember my passion for the natural world and how we benefit from systems thinking. Whatever issue we care about is part of something larger, and we can't understand it in isolation.

What else would you like people to know?
After 28 years, I'm retiring! It is bittersweet because I have loved working at Kenyon with our amazing students. I'm still in touch with many of them; they are now friends and colleagues. The pace of life will be a bit slower, but I still have projects I'm working to finish up, including with student collaborators.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The David D. Benedict Album

The 10 young men in the David D. Benedict Album are stylish, posing in coats and bowties, some sporting neatly groomed beards. John Hamilton even wears a stove-pipe hat. Each man, every one a member of the graduating Class of 1856, gets his own page, with a photograph, signature and biographical details.

Given to the Kenyon library in 1876 by Benedict — the oldest class member, and the first one pictured in the album alphabetically — the photo album is a treasured artifact in the College's archival collection. The student portraits are tintypes, a photographic process patented in 1856 by Kenyon science professor Hamilton Smith and alumnus Peter Neff.

"In 1856, this was a new technology," says Elizabeth Williams-Clymer, director of special collections and archives. "They have, essentially, a photographic yearbook of their class."

Being a popular artifact for more than a century took its toll on the album. Pages were tattered, and sections had come loose. At some point, black tape was added to the spine, with "D.D. Benedict Album" written on it in white. A book in such fragile shape could easily be hidden away from public view, but doing so would violate the spirit of Kenyon's archives.

"That's the difference between a museum and a library," says Williams-Clymer. "You get to interact with the materials at a library, and it's not behind a glass case."

Eve Kausch, outreach librarian for special collections and archives, is committed to getting materials like this one into students' hands. "There's a lot to learn about how these materials were constructed," says Kausch, who works with faculty to integrate artifacts like this into their courses. "We look at not just the contents of the book, but also how the book was constructed, who used the book, what people wrote in the book."

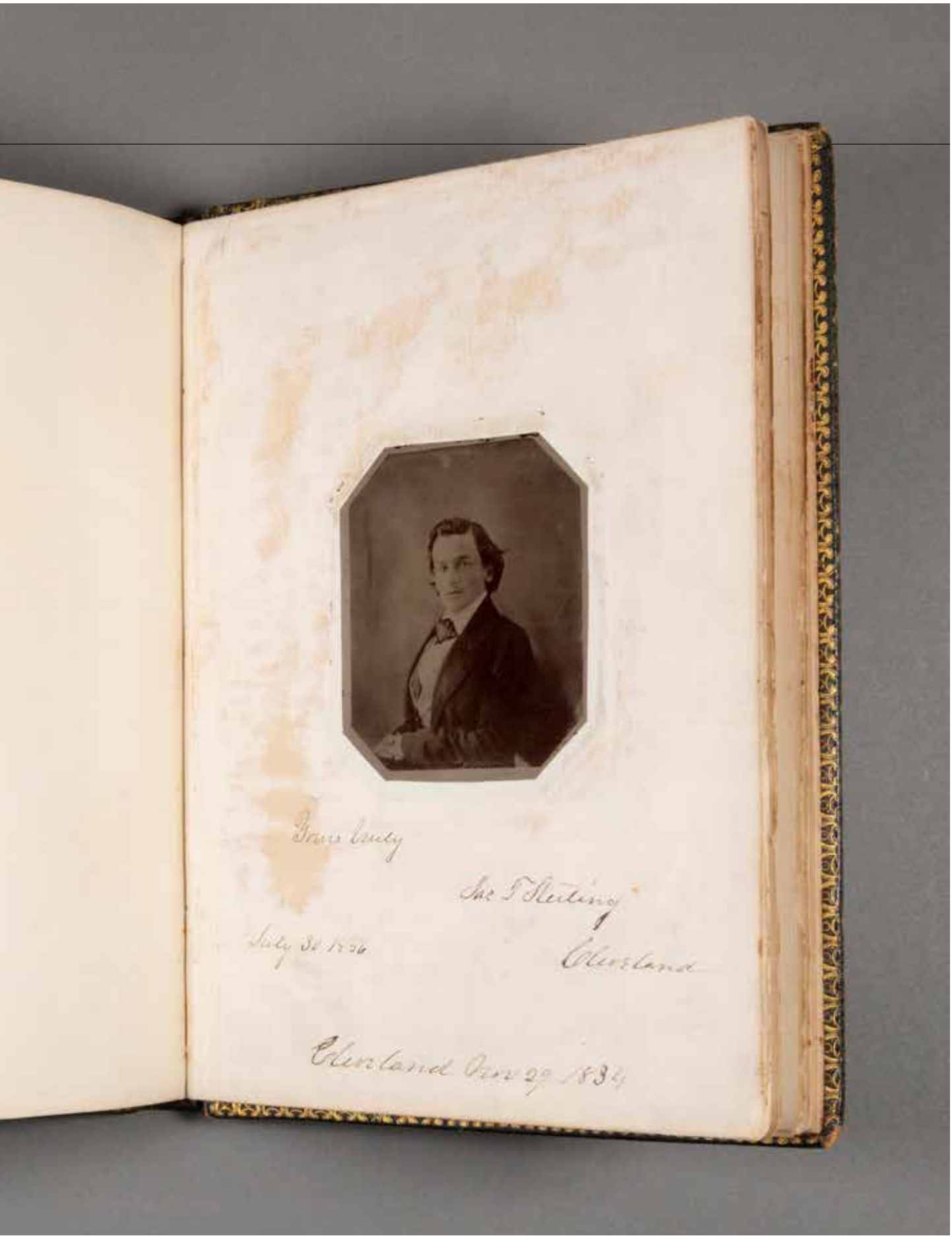
In order to keep the album intact for future generations, Williams-Clymer engaged Yungjin Shin, an Athens, Ohio-based conservator, to put it back together. Conservation, Williams-Clymer notes, requires expertise and specialized equipment. "A conservator can safely clean materials, flatten crumpled pages, repair and reinforce ripped paper, reback damaged bindings, sew in loose pages, remove old adhesive and so much more."

Funded through a $5,000 conservation grant from the State Library of Ohio, this project included the repair of the Benedict album along with three other 19th-century photo albums and Kenyon's first matriculation book. With spines reattached and pages flattened, these books are once again available for new generations of Kenyon students to experience.

— ADAM GILSON



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YUNGJIN SHIN



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Election Laboratory

"Campaigns and Elections"

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 2:10-3:30 P.M., ODEN HALL 300
TAUGHT BY ZACHARY MCGEE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Any time national elections roll around in November, the stakes are high — both at the polls and in Zachary McGee's classroom. That's because part of his "Campaigns and Elections" class involves trying to predict the winners of close races across the country.

Each student tracks a different toss-up campaign: How much money have the candidates raised? What does their advertising look like? What did they say in the press? Students each make a presentation to the class, and then, well before any network news "Decision Desk" gets going, they place their bets — literally (but virtually, using fake currency on a free, open-source prediction platform). "I wanted to make it feel as real as possible because the stakes of elections are real," said McGee, an assistant professor of political science who joined Kenyon in 2023.

The excitement of trying to get it all right — of trying to understand a system that's become increasingly complex and unpredictable — comes to McGee honestly. "I was that student in college who, on their own accord, was trying to predict the outcomes of individual elections at the national level," he said. "So that part of election obsession has been in my DNA for a long time."

The class, offered every two years, covers a lot of ground as it examines the influence American citizens have on their government through political parties and elections, right up to the present day. That includes Election Day. Students are required to help the Knox County

KATELYN RATAJCZAK

RECOMMENDED READING

"The Hollow Parties: The Many Pasts and Disordered Present of American Party Politics," by Daniel Schlozman and Sam Rosenfeld

"Battleground: Electoral College Strategies, Execution, and Impact in the Modern Era," by Daron R. Shaw, Scott L. Althaus and Costas Panagopoulos

"Insecure Majorities: Congress and the Perpetual Campaign," by Frances E. Lee

"Privatized Democracy: The Role of Election Services Vendors in the United States" in American Politics Research, by Nadine Gibson

Board of Elections by helping to set up voting centers or whatever else might be needed.

So while the class digests plenty of insightful, scholarly writings about how the system is supposed to work — and how it's occasionally veered off course over the past 250 years — McGee thinks this hands-on example of community-engaged learning is particularly important. "They get to see behind the scenes, help set up polling stations," he said. "That, I think, builds confidence in democracy in a way that nothing else can."

The class can be a tough one to teach these days. After all, the public's faith in election results has been questioned in recent years in ways that haven't happened since Reconstruction. But "Campaigns and Elections" is also one of McGee's favorites. "I feel really strongly that the only way to participate effectively is to know the rules of the game, and that's kind of how I see my role," he said.

There's a lot to talk about: campaign finance, election technology, voting rights legislation and more. And students are eager to discuss it all, often bringing up news ripped from the headlines. "I'm really pleased by how often students bring current events in," McGee said. "It suggests that they really are trying to make sense of this time in our history, and I feel lucky to be the person to help them make sense of it."

— RYAN E. SMITH

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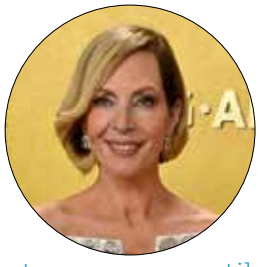
"I think about poems as a kind of physics. I teach this to my students as well, that instead of thinking of a poem as 'bad' or 'good,' I invite them to consider a poem as 'strong' or 'weak' and that they are like physical forces in the world."

— **Tariq Thompson '21**, winner of the 2026 Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship, on the "O, Word?" podcast, March 30, 2026



"People are just so afraid of failure. And they think of the wrong thing as failing. Like building a company is a thousand failures and then a couple successes. And I think what people don't realize is that you have to fail constantly in order to succeed at bigger things."

— **Winston Weinberg '17**, CEO and co-founder of Harvey AI, on "The Knowledge Project" podcast, May 13, 2026



"I did not start my career until I was 38, 40, West Wing. I mean, it's amazing. It's great because I felt like, the generation before me, everyone was like, you know, women's careers end at 30. I am living proof that my career has only gotten better as I've gotten older."

— **Allison Janney '82 H'00**, actress, on the CNN interview series "Coming Up," Aug. 18, 2026. Janney was awarded an Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series Emmy on Sept. 14 for her role in "The Diplomat."

Scenes From a Kenyon Summer



BY ADAM GILSON | PHOTOGRAPHS BY REBECCA KIGER

JUST AFTER A LATE-JUNE SUNRISE, Champ Blose '29 and Charlie Menzel '28 set out on the Brown Family Environmental Center's Prairie Trail, the grass still wet from the night. They train two cameras on a bluebird box, run a few calibrations, step back and wait. Two birds, a male and a female, fly in and out, taking care of their nestlings as the researchers watch and the cameras record.

This field research is part of their summer science project in Associate Professor of Biology Natalie Wright's ornithology lab. The two researchers will use these videos to analyze bird movements and gain insights into the differences in body structure between the sexes. This work gives them valuable experience asking scientific questions and seeking answers, growing their professional abilities outside the classroom.

Blose and Menzel are two of the more than 160 Kenyon students spending summer 2026 in Gambier. Most of these — 116 students — are summer scholars, working under close faculty guidance. These highly coveted eight-to-10-week research positions in STEM fields, humanities, law and other disciplines are fully funded, many through donor-created endowed funds. Additionally, interns, admissions tour guides and teaching assistants in Kenyon's growing constellation of pre-college programs for rising high school juniors and seniors round out the ranks of students using the summer campus as a setting for hands-on learning.

"After four or five weeks, that's when the magic starts to happen."

— **Sheryl Hemkin**, associate provost and professor of chemistry



Charlie Menzel '28 gets ready to record birds in flight shortly after sunrise at the Brown Family Environmental Center.

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"Summer research programs are an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in their work," says Associate Provost and Professor of Chemistry Sheryl Hemkin. "Students have the opportunity to do research throughout the year, but the amount of time they can devote to it is pretty small. Over the summer, they can focus totally on the research."

As a chemistry professor, Hemkin has guided summer researchers and watched them grow. "After four or five weeks, that's when the magic starts to happen," she says. "That's where they're seeing how everything starts to lay in together and can really start to intellectually engage with the project and help drive it forward."

Living and working with rhythms of daily life that differ from the school year, these summer students find a unique opportunity in a familiar place to explore more about not just their academic fields, but their personal career trajectories.

Tucker White '27, a history major, is making connections across the centuries and sharing them with the wider community. Working inside a small demonstration plot in Mount Vernon's Ariel-Foundation Park, just a few miles from campus, White tends to native species of corn, squash and beans — the "three sisters" of indigenous American agriculture.



Genetic Exploration. Cascade Scholar Chanda Maambo '28 worked with Professor of Biology Karen Hicks on her summer project, "Using Genetics to Study Seasonal Responses in moss P. patens." The Cascade Science Scholars program is designed for first-year and second-year students in the natural sciences who have no previous research experience.





A Legal Summer: Chau Anh Nguyen '27 (left) and Yemaya Gaspard '28, two of the 14 students on campus in the John W. Adams Summer Scholars Program in Socio-Legal Studies, discuss their work at a writing workshop. These scholars began their summer with a trip to San Francisco, where they toured and met with a judge at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit and attended the Law and Society Association conference. The program was established in 2008 by the Foundation for Law, Justice, and Society in honor of the father of Michael W. Adams '93 P'21, with an endowed fund covering related costs.

Community Demonstrations. History major Tucker White '27 tends to his demonstration plot in Mount Vernon's Ariel-Foundation Park, where he grew corn, squash and beans according to indigenous practices. Throughout the summer, he shared insights into these practices in a series of public talks in the park. His work, part of the Community-Engaged Summer Research Program, was supported in part by a "Sense of Place" grant from the Mellon Foundation.



Pie Champions. After spending three weeks in rigorous college-level classes, the high school students participating in the Camp 4 program wind down with a talent show and pie-eating competition in Gund Commons.

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Writing Around. Groups of high school students are a common sight in summer, with pen and paper in hand, writing on the lawns, on benches, and in various buildings. They're participants in the Kenyon Review's Young Writers Residential Workshop, two-week programs held in June and July. This summer, 237 young writers participated across the two programs, learning the craft from published writers. Additionally, 16 Kenyon students worked as residential advisors to support the program. "They are the hardest-working team I've ever led," says Jamie Lyn Smith '96, the director of youth programming and fellowships for the Kenyon Review.





Favorite Spots and New Friends. Vivian Faur '28, on campus for her third summer, shoots pool with her brother, James Faur '30, in Gund Commons Game Room. James discovered some favorite spots on campus the previous summer, when he spent three weeks at Kenyon participating in the Camp 4 program with about 75 other students. "We all got along really quickly," he says. "We would all hang out in the lounge, go to Gund Commons, play pool." He entered the KEEP-STEM program this year expecting once again to form fast relationships. "Within the first day, I already had a nice friend group, and we've been doing stuff ever since then."

"This is based on a text by a Hidatsa woman called Buffalo Bird Woman in the late 1800s," says White, who is working under the guidance of Associate Professor of History Patrick Bottiger. "She describes her farming practices, and this is modeled off that."

The plants grow in full view of the public, a polyculture of crops grown without herbicides and fertilizers. White regularly visits this site, checking the plants' health and watering them with buckets of water he carries from a nearby quarry-turned-lake. He will give several talks to local residents, sharing these indigenous agricultural practices once prevalent throughout Ohio.

Miles Ford '29 is also learning from the land — quite literally, as he gathers and analyzes soil samples. "Repeatedly stabbing Mother Earth," he says with a laugh, kneeling as he tops off a container. "Just sticking a knife in the ground." This summer, Ford is working as a Kenyon Farm Fellow, a position created by a donor-supported endowed fund.

Working under the guidance of Lauren Schmitt, the Dorothy and Thomas Jegla Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Ford is researching the effects of microplastics on soil health. While the analysis takes place in the lab, Ford spends much of his time outdoors at the Kenyon Farm along Zion Road, about a half mile east of campus.

On the other side of the Hill, Cameron McCaleb '28 is working as one of three BFEC summer interns, tending to the center's gardens, prairies and hiking trails. McCaleb enjoys the physical work in its own right, but she gets something more out of it.

As an environmental studies major, her academic interests include studying mammal movements through the landscape. "I get to spend more time outside and actually understand the land that I'm doing research on," she says. "I enjoy getting to work on the land and understanding how much work goes into maintaining this place."

"The skipping stones are the most perfect thing you've ever seen," says James Faur '30. "Perfectly circular, just completely flat. You can skip them 20 times, easily." On these early summer mornings, he starts his day with a 5 a.m. jog on the Kokosing Gap Trail, stopping to swim and skip stones in the Kokosing River.

Even before he's officially started as a Kenyon student, Faur is spending his second summer on campus. As a Camp 4 scholar in 2025, he was part of a cohort of about 75 rising high school juniors and seniors taking part in a rigorous three-week program of college-level classes.

The Camp 4 program, along with other summer pre-college programs — Kenyon Review Young Writers, and week-long programs debuting this year in artificial intelligence, art writing and nature writing — introduces high school students to the rigors of college while also enticing them to apply to Kenyon.

Faur is one of those students who enrolled at Kenyon after this introductory experience. He's now on campus early in the six-week KEEP-

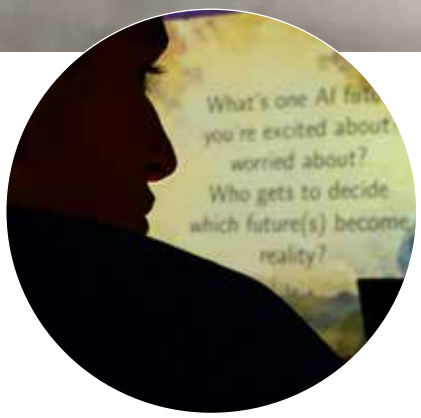


Soil Sampling. Kenyon Farm Fellow Miles Ford '29 (right) and faculty mentor Lauren Schmitt take soil samples that will be analyzed to gauge overall soil health. Ford's work is funded by the Diane Elam '80 and Nancy Donohue Endowment for Kenyon Farm Fellows.





Scientific Lunch. Summer students and faculty regularly come together for lunch in the summer — sometimes with food served from the grill, and sometimes with the freshest ice cream imaginable. Director of Laboratories Gordon Loveland '89 P'17,'19,'22 (left) leads physics summer scholars, including Ian Switzer '28 (center) and Jael Cohn '28, in a lunchtime ice cream-making session, using fresh cream and liquid nitrogen.



Big Questions. Students participating in a new week-long pre-college program in artificial intelligence considered the technology's implications, guided by Kenyon computing faculty.



STEM program, attending classes with a select group of his fellow incoming first-year students.

Faur is following in the footsteps of his older sister, Vivian Faur '28, a physics major. On campus for her third summer, Vivian took part in the KEEP-STEM program in 2024, remained on campus as a Summer Science Scholar the next year, and returned this summer as a teaching assistant for the KEEP program. Working with incoming students, she is sharing vital research skills that she, herself, learned as a KEEP-STEM scholar.

"I would have drowned my first year if it wasn't for KEEP-STEM," she says. "I didn't know how to keep a lab notebook. I didn't know how to read an academic paper. This program teaches you that, very quickly."

As a 2025 Summer Science Scholar, Vivian used those skills while researching early-universe particle physics in Professor of Physics Tom Giblin's theoretical and computational physics lab. She presented her work that same summer at the Undergraduate Cosmology Workshop at MIT's Center for Theoretical Physics — an opportunity that she would not have experienced without her summer research. "Because I was able to focus on my research for so long, I was able to get a deeper dive," she says. "I was able to fit two semesters of work into the summer. It's that intense."

Their days are intense, but students find plenty of free time on their long summer evenings. They partake in outdoor yoga at the BFEC

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— **Vivian Faur '28**



With the World Cup heating up, students and faculty met on the soccer fields for impromptu community soccer matches.

(twice a week) and volleyball outside Norton Hall (Wednesdays). Community soccer (Tuesdays and Thursdays) hosts anybody who wants to play. And in a summer of World Cup fever, those matches followed spirited watch parties in Hayes Hall. In true Kenyon fashion, these soccer-related events were organized by students — the watch parties by Khanh Mai '28 and the matches by Abdullah Sajid Ismail '28. Both were researchers working with Professor of Mathematics Noah Aydin P'21,'25, who also donned cleats on the soccer field.

Some students venture farther afield. Ford, the farm fellow, cycles the Kokosing Gap Trail from Mount Vernon to Danville. "I thought it would be boring, but I'm having a great time," he says. "It's got me exploring things more."

And, with no summer meal plans, most students cook for themselves and others. Naomi Damelin '29, a summer intern at the Kenyon Farm, often cooks for friends in her New Apartment. "My mom sent me this golden curry," she says. "I cooked it, and everyone who ate it thought it was a blessing from the heavens."

These opportunities are every bit a part of the summer experience, as students learn and grow in new ways. In just a few short weeks, students will complete their summer work and get ready to experience a familiar, full campus. They will share their research through papers and poster sessions, and in conversations in and out of class. And they will see themselves and their futures in a new light, fueled by a summer of personal and professional discovery. K

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Meet Kenyon's New Crop of Stage Stars

BY MOLLY VOGEL '00 | PHOTO BY CHRIS SORENSEN



IT BEGINS WITH ARISTOTLE. As any drama major who took "Introduction to the Theater" could tell you, he believed that a play should have a beginning, middle and end, with actions that follow a logical sequence. In the entry-level course better known as "Baby Drama," students internalize this structure, and other elements of his "Poetics," through playwriting, acting, directing and study, until the final denouement of graduation, when they leave to pursue careers in theater that really have no set structure at all.

Kenyon has a long, proud drama history. Of course, actor Paul Newman '49 H'61 must be mentioned, along with Allison Janney '82 H'00, Josh Radnor '96 H'24 and teacher-to-the-stars Ted Walch '63. Shakespeare was right: what's past really is prologue. Today, many new drama alumni appear in Playbills.

Knud Adams '09 was nominated for a Tony Award for directing. Will Dagger '10 starred on Broadway (alongside George Clooney). "All Nighter" by Natalie Margolin '14 ran off-Broadway for 12 weeks. Will Arbery '11 was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for playwriting. Beth Hyland '13 won the Kennedy Center's Mark Twain Award for Comic Playwriting (twice). Japhet Balaban '09 and Christopher James Stevens '17 appeared in "Leopoldstadt" together on Broadway. Adam Petherbridge '08 starred in more than 1,200 performances of "The Play that Goes Wrong" on-tour and off-Broadway.

At Kenyon, these drama and film majors developed broad theater skills and connections that keep them (mostly) employed in theater. (Many alumni are forging careers on screens as well — Jonathan Tazewell '84 P'15, the Thomas S. Turgeon Professor of Drama and Film, helped introduce the film major in 2011 — but for this story, the play's the thing.)

Wendy MacLeod '81 P'15,'17 taught drama at Kenyon for over three decades before her retirement as the James E. Michael Playwright-in-Residence this year. Kenyon students, she says, learn to become generalists in a department that demystifies the artistic process and demonstrates that there is a craft that can be learned. "It teaches playmakers to ask questions of a given text, whether you're acting in it, directing it, designing it or writing it.

"Too many people think that characters having a conversation is the same thing as a play. It is not. Too many people think that acting is about illustrating emotion when it is about eliciting emotion. A conservatory risks narrowing your focus, whereas a liberal arts education widens it."



Japhet Balaban '09 lies down on a platform 8 feet in the air during "Glass. Kill. What If If Only. Imp." The collection of four short one-act plays by legendary playwright Caryl Churchill was staged at the Public Theater in New York in 2025.

The Actors

Julia Greer '15, who starred in two sold-out runs of the one-woman show "Big Feelings" by Ryan Drake '14 this year at the Cell Theatre in New York, can attest to this idea. She likes to tell a story about how "Baby Drama" equipped her to overcome literal Disney villains. In 2016, she was producing her very first play, "Power of Punctuation," by and starring Natalie Margolin, in a tiny rented theater on 45th Street. One day she arrived to find a note that some Disney folks had redone all the set lighting as part of an earlier light lab. "We had a show in an hour, and I was like, 'I know how to refocus lights, I can get up on a ladder'," Greer says.

Japhet Balaban wrapped a month-long run in "Eureka Day" this June at the Huntington Theatre in Boston. "The thing about Kenyon that I appreciate so much was that it made me do everything in addition to acting," he says.

"Taking a lighting design class was really incredible. I found I had to go elsewhere to get a voice lesson, or something that wasn't Aristotle," — he's half-joking — "but what Kenyon gave me was a big sense of how the script works and how everything works together."

In a steady theater career that nevertheless is inherently inconsistent, Balaban also credits Kenyon with preparing him to approach every job as a learning experience. This helps him continue to hone his craft and, also, not go totally bonkers when he can't know what's coming next. "What's exciting is that I'm still learning and still figuring it out," he says, sounding genuinely excited.

"What I love about theater is that we're all building it together. I love the rehearsal room, and I love discovering and playing and learning how to fail, and having fun failing, and getting comfortable being bad and finding out how to be more truthful."

And then, the performance. "Sometimes, there's a moment where you can hear the AC turn on because everyone's so quiet."

Last year, Balaban took part in a workshop with Will Dagger, two Kenyon people just playing around again in the theater. "There was a lot of 'let's just do it'-kind-of energy at Kenyon," Dagger recalls, saying it was vital preparation for making it in New York.

Here we must pause for George Clooney, Dagger's recent costar in "Good Night and Good Luck," which ran for 99 performances last year, including previews, and made gobs of money and headlines. "At that time, I was like, 'I don't think this is actually happening, right?'" Dagger says.

"There's just a way that he moves through the world that is totally different. And when you're flying in a V with him, it's a surreal feeling," he says, recalling that the idea and plan to air the production live for one night on CNN seemingly



came together in five hours after a couple of Clooney phone calls.

This, of course, is not typical. Because practically nobody has Clooney pull, many Kenyon people, including Dagger, have formed their own theater companies to create their own sandboxes, often working with Kenyon people, as Greer also did with Emma Miller '15 (see sidebar).

The Playwrights

The first production Greer and Miller mounted through their company, The Hearth, was "For Annie" by Beth Hyland. "When people in theater find out you went to Kenyon, they say, 'There's so many of you guys, what was happening there?'" Hyland says.

She blames Aristotle.

"I refer to it, like, very lovingly and respectfully, as Kenyon's playwriting program is Aristotelian brainwashing — it is hardcore."

She credits this taught internalizing of structure with giving shape to otherwise unmolded exuberance. "When you're a young artist, what you get for free is your energy and your passion and your desire to experiment and to push and to change and innovate. What tends to be lacking, because you are young, is craft.

"I really think Aristotle is the secret sauce," Hyland says.



Knud Adams '09
Knud Adams is a Tony-nominated, Obie-winning director, based in New York. His world-premiere productions include the consecutive Pulitzer winners "English" and "Primary Trust." Adams' shows have been celebrated on "Best of the Year" lists by the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, New York Magazine, New Yorker, and Washington Post. Variety hailed his acclaimed Broadway debut of Sanaz Toossi's "English" as "one of the best plays of the decade." Additional world premieres include "Cold War Choir Practice," "The Aves," "The Book of Mountains and Seas," "I'm Revolting" by **Gracie Gardner '13**, "Bodies They Ritual," "The Headlands," "Paris," "The Workshop," "Asshole," and "Tom & Eliza." Before moving to Ohio for high school, he grew up in France, England and Scotland with his five siblings.



Will Arbery '11
Will Arbery is a playwright, TV/film writer and filmmaker. He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for "Heroes of the Fourth Turning" in 2020. His other plays include "Corsicana" starring **Will Dagger '10** (Playwrights Horizons), "Plano" (Clubbed Thumb), "Evanston Salt Costs Climbing" starring **Rachel Sachnoff '12** (The New Group 2022, New Neighborhood 2018), "Wheelchair" (3 Hole Press), "You Hateful Things" (development at The Public, SPACE on Ryder Farm, and NYTW Dartmouth Residency). He's currently under commission from Audible, MTC and Playwrights Horizons. He was a writer and co-producer on "Succession" (HBO) and supervising producer on "Irma Vep" (HBO). He is currently developing a TV project with Fifth Season and Boku Films, and several film projects.



Japhet Balaban '09
Japhet Balaban is an actor. He returned to Broadway this fall as part of the company of "Other Desert Cities," starring **Allison Janney '82 H'00**. Recent credits include Tom Stoppard's "Leopoldstadt" on Broadway, Caryl Churchill's "Glass. Kill. What If If Only. Imp" at The Public Theatre, and "Eureka Day" and "John Proctor is the Villain" at The Huntington in Boston. Other favorite credits include "Women Laughing Alone with Salad" and "You on the Moors Now," both directed by **Devon de Mayo '01** in Chicago. Film and TV: "The Thing about Harry," "Fargo" (FX), "Empire" (Fox), "The Chi" (Showtime), "Chicago Med" (NBC) and "Chicago PD" (NBC).



Will Dagger '10
Will Dagger is an actor. He has helped develop new work with Ars Nova, Audible, The Civilians, Clubbed Thumb, Colt Coeur, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Manhattan Theatre Club, The New Group, New York Theatre Workshop, Primary Stages, The Public Theater and Second Stage. In 2025, he was in "Well, I'll Let You Go" by

Bubba Weiler, off-Broadway. Other recent stage credits include "Good Night And Good Luck" (Broadway), "Give Me Carmelita Tropicana" (Soho Rep), "Corsicana" by **Will Arbery '11** (Playwrights Horizons), "Uncle Vanya" (OHenry Productions), "You Don't Have To Do Anything" (Here Arts), "The Antelope Party" (Dutch Kills), "Among The Dead" (Ma-Yi), "The Convent Of Pleasure" (Cherry Lane), and "Macbeth" (Double Feature). Film and television credits include "The Bride" (2026), "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (NBC), "FBI: Most Wanted" (CBS), "The Blacklist" (NBC) and "Deception" (ABC).



Gracie Gardner '13
Gracie Gardner is a playwright. Her play "Saturn Return" (Undermain Theatre) premiered in May in Dallas. "Athena" ran at theaters in Ann Arbor and Portland, Oregon this year. **Knud Adams '09** directed "I'm Revolting" (Atlantic Theater) in 2022. Her other work includes "Panopticon" (Clubbed Thumb), "Pussy Sludge" (HERE Arts Center), "Hate Baby" (James Stevenson Prize), "Spa Play" (Bridge Residency), "Primary" (Project Playwright Award), "IndianapolisAlyssa1985 Is Getting Married" (Dixon Place), "Very Dumb Kids" (Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Commission). She's the recipient of the American Playwriting Foundation's Relentless Award, in addition to multiple commissions and a Tow Foundation Residency.



Julia Greer '15
Julia Greer is an actor, writer and co-founder and co-artistic director of The Hearth theater company in New York, which she launched with **Emma Miller '15** in 2016 with an emphasis on producing works by women. Their first production was "For Annie" by **Beth Hyland '13**. At Kenyon, the duo was also responsible for relaunching StageFemmes in 2011, a female theater group that had been popular in the early '90s to the mid-2000s. They have collaborated on many plays as actor and director, respectively, including "Athena" by **Gracie Gardner '13**. She also appeared in "Bed, Bath and Beyond" by **Natalie Margolin '14** (Colt Coeur, 2023). The New York Times called Greer "excellent" in "Racecar Racecar Racecar" (Hearth, 2024). This summer, Julia starred in a sold-out run of the one-woman show "Big Feelings" by **Ryan Drake '14** at the Cell Theatre in New York.



Beth Hyland '13
Beth Hyland is a playwright and screenwriter. Her plays and musicals include "Sylvia Sylvia Sylvia" (Geffen Playhouse, Williamstown Theatre Festival), "Baby Shower Katie" (Primary Stages, Round House Theatre), "Fires, Ohio" (Alliance Theatre, Portland Center Stage, Goodman Theatre) "Cancelina" (Wagner New Play Festival), and "Seagulls" (The Sound at Steppenwolf LookOut, Octagon Theatre Bolton). She is a 2026-2027 Terrence McNally Fellow at Rattlestick Theatre and received the 2025 Alliance/Kendeda Graduate Playwriting Award and

Ben Viccellio '98, associate professor of drama and film, validates this. "By the time a drama major graduates four years later, it is completely understandable if they never want to hear the name 'Aristotle' again because we just pound it for four years."

This focus on fundamentals, he says, teaches Kenyon students to put their focus on the audiences, rather than themselves. "In other words, ask the questions, don't give the answers," he says.

"In a lot of ways, storytelling is just an exercise in creating expectations for an audience and then potentially subverting those expectations in interesting, entertaining ways. But in order to do that, you've got to know how to create those expectations."

Viccellio remembers learning these same lessons from the late legendary drama professors Tom Turgeon H'08 P'89,'93 GP'21,'23 and Harlene Marley H'05, recognized on campus with an endowed position and black box theater, respectively. They also taught — then taught alongside —Tazewell and MacLeod, who went on to teach Viccellio, who then instructed Hyland and her peers after he returned to Kenyon in 2009. "To this day, if I'm directing a show, if I'm performing as an actor in a reading or something, one of the very first questions that occurs to me is: 'What would Wendy think about this?'"

It is easy to find cycles, circles and connections among Kenyon's theater community. Ted Walch taught Natalie Margolin at Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles, years after he returned to campus to help Paul Newman open the Bolton Theater with "C.C. Pyle and the Bunion Derby," starring Janney.

Janney is now on Broadway in "Other Desert Cities," a play that was being workshopped at the Ojai Playwrights Conference in 2010, the year Balaban interned there — and now he's





Pulitzer Prize-winner "Primary Trust," by Eboni Booth, directed by Knud Adams '09 at Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles in 2026.

understudying in the Broadway production. Margolin and Greer also both interned there, and Harrison David Rivers '04 workshopped his play "Except That It Is God" there this summer, where he met Malcolm James Kutner '94, vice president of the Ojai board, and his Kenyon classmate Jenn Fishman '94, now an English teacher at Marquette University who attended as his guest. (Kenyon had its own playwrights conference from 2013 to 2018, with artistic direction by MacLeod.)

Knud Adams also interned at Ojai as a student. He returned in 2020 as a director and, last summer, he directed a conference semi-finalist.



"All Nighter" by Natalie Margolin '14 ran off-Broadway in 2025, featuring a group of college roommates pulling an all-nighter during finals week at a small liberal arts college in rural Pennsylvania.

The Director

In his first few weeks at Kenyon, despite having no experience, Adams talked his way into directing a production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," staged by Renegade Theater, a first-year company. Balaban was among the stars, and they packed the old black box theater in the village. "The rehearsal process was really joyful and playful and creative. None of us really knew what we were doing. People liked it, and I just fell in love."

He's been directing ever since on both coasts, including plays by Gracie Gardner '13 (see sidebar) and Arbery, and working with Balaban again. In addition to his Tony nomination last year for "English," with that play, Adams earned the rare distinction of staging world premieres of back-to-back Pulitzer Prize-winning plays, prompting the L.A. Times to label him "red hot"



Julia Greer '15 plays a first-grade teacher in a sold-out run of the one-woman show "Big Feelings" by Ryan Drake '14 at the Cell Theatre in New York.

and "one of the most prized directors of new work in the country." (The other was "Primary Trust," which he workshopped at Ojai.)

He credits MacLeod with stoking his enthusiasm in her "Contemporary Theater" class "that sort of blew my mind and taught me what theater could be, whilst also doing the tough job of drilling into us the basics. ...

"I think it's in my DNA, and it's this unspoken foundation for how I problem-solve. I'm just constantly surprised by the rareness of that model, and I think it's a really good one."

The Generalists

Despite having no fewer than six projects in some stage of development, Rivers acknowledges the profession is anything but steady, in a sentiment echoed by everyone in this story. "Honestly, I feel like I'm still figuring out how to turn playwriting into a career. It truly is a day-to-day, day-by-day endeavor."

Before leaving Chicago for the gentle embrace of health insurance and paid time to write in grad school at UC San Diego, Hyland worked a series of day jobs for eight years. "I was a nanny. I was a copywriter at Groupon. I was an editor. I was an administrative assistant at a college. I would do that during the day, and then I would rehearse four hours for a different play at night," all while taking public transit.

Balaban mostly worked in restaurants and bars to pay the bills. His first job was answering the phones at PDT, a speakeasy hidden behind a phone booth inside a hot dog restaurant. Dagger does remote customer service to fill the gaps. Adams



SIMONE MARTEL '27

Wendy MacLeod

PROFESSOR OF DRAMA EMERITA

Margolin calls MacLeod "life-changing" for her as a student. "I was really falling in love with playwriting, and I remember talking to Wendy at the Village Inn, just one of those great Kenyon moments, where you can have a conversation with a professor in the village that we all share."

Rivers says he's most inspired by her longevity. "This is a really tough industry. ... It takes patience and tenacity and a real doggedness to continue in the face of near-constant rejection and seeming scarcity. Whenever I'm feeling discouraged, I look at Wendy's body of work — 'The House Of Yes,' 'The Water Children,' 'Women In Jeopardy,' 'Slow Food,'

had a data entry temp job in which they asked him to don a chicken suit for an ad — this was *after* he'd been reviewed in the New York Times. Greer captains weddings, running the event logistics in a restaurant venue. "It really feels like all the parts about producing that I like, and it's over in one night, and it actually pays well," she says, something that can't usually be said for theater.

The Professionals

At the same time, this summer Greer was preparing to film a small part in a movie in New York that she wasn't allowed to talk about, and she had a play lined up in Maine for August. Balaban paused to get married this summer before booking his understudy gig on Broadway. Dagger followed Clooney with an off-Broadway run. Adams' next show "The Unbelievers" opened off-Broadway in October. After 12 years in New York, Margolin is settled in Los Angeles with several TV projects in development. Hyland was recently in London working on a commissioned musical about the life of the late Italian operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti, and her play "Baby Shower Katie" will premiere off-Broadway in February.

Hyland is excited to be back in New York. "So many of my Kenyon alumni theater buddies are there that it's so thrilling. I just saw Ryan Drake and Julia Greer's play 'Big Feelings' on Monday — it was wonderful."

Her peers' success may not follow a logical sequence, but is a neat ending fit to please Aristotle.

"There is literally no better feeling than seeing people who you have known for so long, who you met as teenagers, who you have always thought are so special and brilliant — then seeing the world agree." K

Molly (Willow) Vogel '00 took "Baby Drama" with professors Turgeon and Marley and was completely intimidated by Viccellio in other drama classes.

'The Laugh Track!' I am grateful to have had such a brilliant example of stick-to-itiveness to follow."

MacLeod says the playwright-in-residence job was a "gift."

"Very few playwrights make a living in the theater, so one either writes for film and television or teaches. Teaching was my natural bent and felt more meaningful to me. It allowed me to raise a family in a beautiful college town, surrounded by intelligent students and colleagues. It also kept me writing because I was demanding that of my students."

To read Viccellio's citation for MacLeod's honorary doctorate of fine arts presented at Commencement, find the 2026 Commencement program on kenyon.edu.

the 2024 Weissberger Prize. She currently holds commissions from Manhattan Theatre Club/Sloan, Geffen Playhouse, La Jolla Playhouse, Steppenwolf Theatre, and Williamstown Theatre Festival. She recently received her MFA in Playwriting from UC San Diego.



Natalie Margolin '14

Natalie is a playwright, and TV and film writer. Her play, "All Nighter," set at a small liberal arts college, concluded an off-Broadway run in 2025 at the Robert W. Wilson MCC space. In 2020, she wrote a new play specifically for Zoom during the pandemic, "The Party Hop." (A reading of the play is available on YouTube, starring Beanie Feldstein, Ayo Edebiri, Ashley Park, Ben Platt and others.) Her first play, "The Power Of Punctuation," premiered off-Broadway in 2016. The New York Times called it a "smart and incisive ... oasis of entertainment." She is currently developing a television project with Lorne Michaels' Broadway Video and Universal. She has both a television and film project in development with Mark Gordon Pictures.



Harrison David Rivers '04

Harrison David Rivers is an award-winning playwright, librettist and TV writer based in St. Paul, Minnesota. His works include "This Bitter Earth," "We Are Continuous," "The Salvagers," "The Bandaged Place," "Where Storms Are Born," "A Christmas Carol," and the musicals "Last Of The Red Hot Mamas" with Sue and Lloyd Ecker, "We Shall Someday" with Ted Shen, "The Neverglades" with Benjamin Velez and "It Comes With The Building" with **Jacob Yandura '09** and Rebekah Melocik. His television credits include "One Of Us Is Lying" (Peacock), "The Nevers" (HBO) and "Wytches" (Amazon). He has developed projects with HBO and Lena Waithe's Hillman Grad Productions and is a recipient of McKnight, Jerome and Van Lier Fellowships; residencies with the Ojai Playwrights Conference, Ground Floor at Berkeley Rep, Siena Art Institute, Geva, New York Theatre Workshop, Williamstown and Duke University; and is currently under commission from Yale Rep, MCC, Geva and Minnesota Opera.



Rachel Sachnoff '12

Rachel Sachnoff is an actress based in New York. Most recently, she appeared in the new Netflix series "The Decameron." She appeared in "Evanston Salt Costs Climbing" (New Group) and "Wheelchair" (3 Hole Press) by **Will Arbery '11**. She has performed in original productions with companies including New Neighborhood, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Ars Nova's ANT Fest, Dixon Place, The Tank, Cloud City, The Wild Project, The New Ohio, Two Headed Rep, Calliope, and the Brick. Rachel has developed new theatrical work at Playwrights Horizons, Clubbed Thumb, The O'Neill, The Bushwick Starr, The New Group, The Lark, Mabou Mines, the Pittsburgh Fringe Festival and many more. She studied improv comedy at both Second City and the Upright Citizens Brigade.



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NOTES FROM BEYOND MIDDLE PATH

Precipitating event

Rain can't dampen the spirits of (from left) Bruce Broxterman '76, Liz Ralston '76 P'03 and Michael Young '76 as they carry their 50th Reunion class flag in the Parade of Classes to kick off Reunion Weekend 2026.

Growth Mindset

Matt Winkler ’77 celebrates his 50th Reunion by honoring his classmates.

BY MOLLY VOGEL ’00 | ILLUSTRATION BY TAYLOR CALLERY

EARLIER THIS YEAR, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS of 1977 each received a remarkable message. Their classmate Matt Winkler ’77 H’00 P’13, co-founder and editor-in-chief emeritus of Bloomberg News, was making gifts to create five new endowed funds, in each of their names. In doing so, he would honor and elevate alumni who have worked to make the world around them better, through community service, spiritual guidance, advocacy, education and preservation of history.

Honored, humbled, shocked, grateful, touched and, again, shocked were how they described their reactions.

Winkler knows a thing or two about such an honor: He received similar word two years ago that the late architect Graham Gund ’63 H’81 had decided to name one of two new South Campus residence halls after him. With the five funds Winkler established to support high-impact experiences for students such as internships and research, he is celebrating his accomplished classmates, while also investing in the place that brought them together.

The generosity represents something of a reversal in roles for four of the honorees who were conscripted by Winkler to work on the Collegian.





Steven Lebow recalled turning Winkler down at first. "I told him, in no uncertain terms, that I would write an article or two, but that my academics would come first. I was not interested in becoming his news editor.

"And so, we compromised: I became his news editor."

Richard West also met Winkler that year. "I hardly knew him when he announced to me that he was applying to edit the Collegian for the coming year. Did sophomores usually edit the paper? 'No,' he said, 'I don't think they ever have.'" (He was right; Winkler became the first.)

Winkler asked him to be managing editor. "It is not hyperbole to state that Matt's invitation and my acceptance changed my life," West said.

Linda Isako Angst wrote for the Collegian as a sophomore. "Over the decades, I have told the story that the founding editor of Bloomberg started off as 'my' editor at the Collegian — with the sleeves of his button-down shirt rolled up in old-school newspaperman-style, Matt Winkler was, in my telling, a hard-working, 19-going-on-40-year-old, excellent editor at one of the finest schools of the literary arts in the country."

Stacy Offner P'98 met him at the round table in Peirce Hall and ended up doing layout and paste-up for the Collegian. Nina Freedman H'92 didn't work on the Collegian but wins the title of working with him the longest both for Kenyon and in the Bloomberg world.

Yet while he is the connector, he insists the others are the focus of his gifts on the occasion of their 50th Reunion next May. "These five share three attributes that exemplified our formative years at Kenyon and persisted in the ensuing five decades: integrity, commitment and gratitude," Winkler said.

"I am the lucky beneficiary."



RABBI STEVEN LEBOW

SPIRITUAL LEADER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Righting Past Wrongs

When he was in elementary school, Steven Lebow wrote a letter trying to apply to Hebrew Union College, the oldest U.S. Jewish seminary. They suggested perhaps he should attend college first.

Years later, Lebow enrolled at Kenyon with aspirations to be a poet and, through writing for the Collegian for four years, discovered he was a writer.

Lebow found attending Kenyon reinforced his Jewish identity; he helped establish the first Jewish student group at Kenyon and raised money to bring Jewish scholars to campus. Professor of Religion Eugen Kullman H'84 served as the unofficial Jewish chaplain every Friday and helped ensure the students could celebrate high holy days together.

After Kenyon, as was his five-year-old intent, Lebow attended Hebrew Union College, then became the first full-time spiritual leader of Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta, Georgia, in 1986, a Southern Reform congregation in suburban Atlanta where he is now rabbi emeritus.

"There is no way that I would be sitting here today as the rabbi of a major congregation if it was not for the education I got at Kenyon College from Professor Eugen Kullmann. And by the way, I wouldn't be where I am today were it not for the mentorship of Matthew Winkler as well," Lebow said.

Lebow was raised in south Florida by parents who were active in the civil rights and interfaith and ecumenical movements. The roots of his social activism run deep. In high school, he worked on the lettuce and grape boycott in Florida in support of the United Farm Workers. In the early 1990s, he was the first Jewish clergy to perform same-sex marriages in the Deep South. He has been honored with numerous humanitarian and social justice awards in Georgia and featured in The New York Times, Washington Post, NPR and more.

For decades he has also been the leading advocate to exonerate Leo Frank, believed to be the first Jewish person lynched in America, in 1915. Lebow knew little about Frank until he moved to the town where he was killed and an acquaintance took him to the site of the lynching. In a case laced with antisemitism — later the subject of the Tony Award-winning musical "Parade" — the Jewish factory superintendent was convicted of murdering a 13-year-old girl. He was kidnapped from prison and hanged from a tree. No one was ever prosecuted for his murder.

In 1986, following new eyewitness testimony implicating someone else, Frank was granted a posthumous pardon by the Georgia parole board, without addressing his guilt or innocence. For Lebow, it was not enough. He continues to advocate for a full pardon in a quest that has gained allies of both parties, some with their own family history with the case.

"It matters because justice is the debt that the present owes the future," Lebow said. "We can't possibly make the future good until we've made the past right."

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NINA FREEDMAN

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE

This summer, when many were packing for vacation, Nina Freedman was busy overseeing hundreds of summer interns and employee volunteers who, over the course of three weeks, packed 500,000 meals and assembled 480 bicycles for distribution to children and families through Bloomberg L.P.'s local nonprofit partners.

Freedman grew up in a family where giving back was a responsibility. As the first woman awarded the E. Malcolm Anderson Cup for the student who has done the most for the College in their senior year, she continues to set the highest bar for herself, dedicating decades of work in service to others.

At Kenyon, she drew on her interest in art and advocating for others to craft a synoptic major in sociology, art/photography and psychology. With a master's degree from the Columbia University School of Social Work, Freedman has been a clinical practitioner, educator, administrator and author. She has committed herself professionally and personally to children and families at risk, social justice and access to education through need-based scholarships.

For more than a decade, she has been a member of the global philanthropy and engagement team with Bloomberg. She also is the liaison to Bloomberg's legal pro bono program. Previously, she worked in the administration of Mayor Michael Bloomberg at the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

These roles kept her in the orbit of Winkler, her classmate and now Bloomberg colleague. The two both lived in McBride their first year, but it was volunteering for Kenyon long after graduation that cemented their friendship. Freedman saw Winkler's leadership and generosity to Kenyon firsthand during their decades of shared tenure on the Board of Trustees, on which they both served until 2025.

"It has been an honor to have a front-row seat watching as Matt passionately encourages more alumni to give to Kenyon — at any level. Matt is a personal inspiration; his commitment to equity and inclusion in all that he does guides his belief in giving back to Kenyon," Freedman said.

For her part, Freedman is well past the retirement deadline she gave herself when she took the Bloomberg job, but still feels the same responsibility to help others that has guided her work throughout her life. "It's hard to step away from the work we have the opportunity to do each day when so many people continue to face urgent needs and challenges," she says.

"I feel deeply privileged to continue to be able to contribute in whatever ways I can."



LINDA ISAKO ANGST

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

Studying Women and Politics in Japan

In 1973, Angst was a first-generation college student, born in Japan of a Japanese mother from Kyoto and a poor boy from Depression-era Cincinnati. She came to Gambier from Okinawa, where her career-military father retired after a stint in Vietnam. "I was, on the surface, an odd fit into Kenyon life," she recalled. "As an Army brat, I went to ethnically diverse Department of Defense schools. Middle Ohio was culture shock!" But Howard Sacks H'16 P'08, faculty advisor to the International Students Organization, and other students from abroad made her feel at home.

"On weekends with freshmen Psi Upsilon pals Jerry Mindes and Stacy Offner, we yowled to Tammy Wynette, then danced the hora as Stacy played the baby grand in Leonard's beautifully-appointed third-floor lounge. We had a blast!"

"It was equally the intellectual rigor of Kenyon that told me I was not an odd fit at all. It was what I craved."

Angst eventually took the skills she honed at Kenyon as a political science major and English minor and applied them to a career in academia, studying Japanese at Cornell and earning her M.A. from U.C. Berkeley in Asian studies and Ph.D. at Yale in anthropology.

Supported by a Fulbright Fellowship, she conducted cultural anthropology field work in Japan from 1990 through the mid-2000s, with an entirely different perspective than she'd had when she left a military lifestyle for Gambier. Her research focus is the colonial relationship of Japan and its former prefecture through the lens of Okinawan women war survivors and their contributions to a powerful anti-war political resistance movement.

She has held a joint appointment in anthropology and gender studies at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, her home for the last 25 years, as well as positions at the Smithsonian, Emory, Earlham, Penn State (and a brief stint as a flight attendant that did not live up to its romantic notions) and now advises graduate students through Kent State's Translation Studies Program.

"I've always been sort of on the outside of wherever I lived, trying to figure out how we fit in," she said.



RABBI STACY OFFNER

PIONEERING FAITH LEADER

Creating Community and Several Firsts

Offner was drawn to Kenyon because it had a strong religion department with broad exposure to multiple religions, even if there weren't many Jewish students. "Counterintuitively, I found my Jewish life was strengthened by the fact that we were a small minority, because we had to create Jewish life for ourselves."

She went on to rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College. In her thesis, she quoted her mentor and advisor, the late Professor of Religious Studies Don Rogan H'99 P'83 GP'23, who in his Convocation address her first year advised students: "Never divorce who you are from what you do."

Offner was ordained in 1984 — just 12 years after the first female rabbi in the U.S. was ordained — and became the first female rabbi in Minnesota when she secured a position as an assistant rabbi in St. Paul.

"Ironically, I never worried that being female would keep me from being a rabbi. But being gay? That was another story. I worried. A lot," she wrote in a 2022 blog for the Central Conference for American Rabbis.

In St. Paul, she met her future wife, Nancy Abramson, and their decision to live together caused, as she wrote, "a ruckus," prompting complaints from some members of her congregation and her eventual dismissal in 1988. Their private life ended up on the front page of the local newspaper.

Yet, in the midst of that pain, her congregants who felt they'd lost their spiritual home went on to create a new one. They called it Shir Tikvah, Song of Hope. In June 1988, with Offner's appointment, Shir Tikvah became the first mainstream congregation in the country to hire an openly gay rabbi. Over the next two decades, the congregation grew from 40 households to 400; she remains founding rabbi emerita.

She and Abramson expected to stay in Minnesota, but in 2008, Offner received a call recruiting her to be the first female vice president of the Union for Reform Judaism. Instead of being rabbi to one congregation, she would be rabbi to the 900 congregations that formed the URJ. With their daughter and son-in-law in New York, they packed up their Prius and headed east.

Eventually, she missed holding the Torah and found her way back to synagogue life at Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison, Connecticut, where after serving for nine years, she was named rabbi emerita upon her retirement in 2021. "I think I wanted to be a rabbi because it was about community, and about organizing and shaping a community towards social justice, righteousness, and I had the best work in the world to be able to do that."



RICHARD WEST

SCHOLAR AND COLLECTOR OF POLITICAL CARTOONS

An Odyssey through Periodicals

West came to Kenyon with the aspiration, but not yet the confidence, to consider himself a writer. "What 18-year-old could seriously call himself a writer? Certainly not me. But week after week, side-by-side, in the Collegian offices in Peirce Hall tower and in the printer's offices in Mount Vernon, Matt and I wrote, and we became writers," he said.

"Kenyon helped me see myself as someone who could contribute to the world of writing. Matt and the Collegian were my sparks."

In addition to his writing and editing duties, West worked with Collegian cartoonists who would go on to remarkable success: Jim Borgman '76 H'88 P'12, who was hired as a political cartoonist by the Cincinnati Enquirer right after graduation and created the comic strip "Zits," and Bill Watterson '80 H'90, creator of "Calvin and Hobbes."

After college, he manifested his interest in cartooning by founding and editing The Puck Papers (1978-1981) and Target: The Political Cartoon Quarterly (1981-1987) magazines, which strengthened his bonds with Borgman and Watterson. He followed up these efforts in 1988 by authoring his first book, "Satire on Stone: The Political Cartoons of Joseph Keppler" (University of Illinois Press). He has subsequently written or co-written four more books in the field.

West then moved to Washington, D.C., to enter the world of politics, serving as communications director for first an anti-nuclear group and then a low-income housing group. In 1993, in search of a career change he launched Periodyssey, a rare magazine and print seller that continues today. Periodyssey began as a catalog mail-order business, then went online in 1998, becoming so successful that it grew to fill a 5,000-square-foot warehouse. "I'm proud of the fact that Periodyssey sustained my family of five for two decades," he said.

"The endowment excites me because it will help students who are interested in the intersection of art and politics to explore that theme — and perhaps provide the sparks that they need to engage in a project that may end up being formative for them in the way that the Collegian was for me." K

Bookshelf



Editor's Note: Have you published a book in the past year? Email editor@kenyon.edu and tell us about it.

Nerd Faith:
60 Second Sprints of Spiritual Guidance for the Occasionally Uncool
BY RACHEL KESSLER '04

If you thought Christianity was incompatible with pop culture, Rachel Kessler — the Kenyon chaplain and rector of Harcourt Parish who's better known as the Nerdy Priest — is here to change your mind. In exploring the underlying spiritual themes in fan favorites like "Our Flag Means Death" and "The Mandalorian" and cult classics from "The Princess Bride" to "Star Wars," Kessler showcases the biblical lessons present in everyday moments spent enjoying the media we already consume and the fandoms we've long been part of. *(Morehouse Publishing)*

Lost at Sea:
Poverty and Paradise Collide at the Edge of America
BY JOE KLOC '08

New York Times opinion desk staff editor Joe Kloc spent nine years chronicling the "anchor-outs," an unhoused population living in abandoned boats off the California coast near San Francisco. From the financial crisis that exacerbated the local housing struggle to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kloc illuminates how the anchor-outs helped ensure the community's well-being by providing mutual aid and looking out for one another amid unimaginable hardships even in the simple acts of daily living. *(Dey St., an imprint of William Morrow)*

Negotiating Childhood:
French Colonialism and African Children in Senegal, 1848-1940
BY KELLY M. DUKE BRYANT '01

Kelly M. Duke Bryant shows how childhood is reshaped under systemic poverty and colonial violence in her deep investigation of children in Senegal under French colonialism from 1848 to 1940, the impacts of which are still felt today. "Negotiating Childhood" explores how the state, through the violence of colonization, impacted how Senegalese children navigated public spaces from streets and schools to courts and clinics at a crucial time in the country's history. *(University of Massachusetts Press)*

The Men's Group:
A Novel of Messy Friendships
BY JACOB FISHBEIN '13 AND NICHOLAOS PAPADOPOULOS

This heartfelt and humorous novel about navigating the difficult, confusing and downright messy aspects of male friendship is a much-needed addition to the genre. When screenwriter Darcy hits a breaking point of frustration, he decides to join his best friend Pat's eponymous men's group. The friends soon realize they must question everything they think they know about who men are supposed to be if they're ever going to confront the shame and avoidance that harms their relationships. *(River Grove Books)*

The Talented Misters Hoy and Taylor:
The Remarkable Journeys of Baseball's Greatest Deaf Players
BY JIM REISLER '80

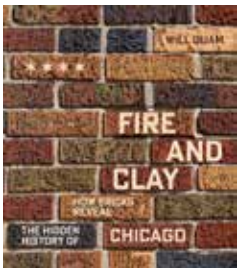
Even if center fielder Billy Hoy and pitcher Luther Taylor couldn't hear the roar of the crowd, the cheers reached a crescendo for these history-making deaf baseball players. With undeniable talent and a knack for improvising ways to make baseball accessible to them, these turn-of-the-century players paved the way for deaf players to come, defying expectations and shattering stereotypes. Jim Reisler's deep dive into Hoy and Taylor's lives on and off the field illustrates how their impact on the sport they loved and the deaf community more broadly continues to resonate across generations and inspire people today. *(Lyons Press)*

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"FIRE AND CLAY: *How Bricks Reveal the Hidden History of Chicago"*

Brick by Brick

Will Quam '14 has turned a fascination with Chicago's brick architecture into a series of city tours and a new book.



"A brick is more than a brick, it is a brushstroke in a painting — each unit a beautiful piece of a more beautiful whole."

— Will Quam '14

ON A WARM JULY AFTERNOON IN THE WICKER Park neighborhood of Chicago, 22 people congregate in front of a turreted, red-brick Victorian mansion. They've assembled to hear Will Quam, self-proclaimed brick nerd, construct a fascinating story of the growth of the neighborhood starting with the arrival of rich, German "beer barons" in the wake of the Great Chicago Fire.

Nearly half of the group has taken at least one other tour with Quam's company, Brick of Chicago. None are more excited than Kathryn Ware and Karen Titus, friends who arrive with a copy of Quam's new book "Fire and Clay: How Bricks Reveal the Hidden History of Chicago." Meeting today in front of the John Rapp House, Ware and Titus are taking their 12th tour with Quam, the last in his current offerings. They ask hopefully whether a 13th is in the works.

If you aren't one of Quam's 50,000 followers on Instagram or a Chicago architecture buff, you might not be aware of the buzz surrounding Quam's tour company or his new book. How did a theater kid from Minnesota become an expert on brick architecture in Chicago? It all started with a decision to pay attention.

After reading Alexandra Horowitz's book "On Looking" about a decade ago, Quam resolved to put down his phone and study his surroundings on walks around his neighborhood. He began posting iPhone snapshots of interesting brick walls and buildings on his Instagram account, Brick of Chicago. Responding to comments and questions from his followers, Quam began to research the stories behind the photos. This was the beginning of his education in all things brick.

In his day job as a teaching artist for a theater company, he visited schools all around the city. The school buildings in turn taught him about architecture, for the majority of them are built of brick. A friend and mentor, Patti Swanson, soon recruited Quam to give a walking tour about brick architecture in the Albany Park neighborhood during a local festival. By Quam's own admission, the tour was "way too long and really only OK," but he loved leading it and knew he could do better. By 2019, he had created itineraries for tours of two neighborhoods, Noble Square and Rogers Park, and was attracting attendees through his Instagram account.

When COVID-19 struck, schools went remote, and Quam was out of a job. After a few weeks, he says, his wife Nikki encouraged him to stop moping. "She told me, 'You've got all these pictures. You've got this knowledge. You should do a virtual tour.'"

Quam devised a lecture series of live Zoom presentations focusing on the history of brick architecture in Chicago. He charged $8 a person, and gave some 100 tours to more than 2,000 people during the first two years of the pandemic. One of his signature lectures was a tour that could never work in person but provided a perfect encapsulation of Chicago's development: a 36-stop trip down Western Avenue, a 24-mile road running north to south through the entire city, illustrated by his own photographs.

As pandemic restrictions lifted, Quam realized that there was enough interest to start offering in-person tours as a full-time job. He now has a lineup of 12 tours around neighborhoods including Bronzeville, Logan Square, Hyde Park and Beverly. He even offers a bike tour of Oak Park.

Commissions for his architectural photography followed. The success of both his tours and his photography led to an offer from the University of Chicago Press to write a book for its Chicago Visions and Revisions series.

"Fire and Clay" is the result: a gorgeous book

Crafting a tour

It takes Quam about six months from start to finish, though he is always adapting to keep the experience fresh.

Choose a neighborhood

"I try to pick places that I think will tell an interesting story and will illuminate parts of history that are not well-known."

Start to research

Quam has amassed a collection of guidebooks going back to the 1880s. "I start by reading broad history, to find out what people have already written or documented."

Walk the streets

"I just wander around a lot. On foot you just see everything so differently."

Choose the stops

"I'm just starting to build all these dots on a map, and then I start playing around. How can I connect them, and what do I need to cut?"

Go deep for details

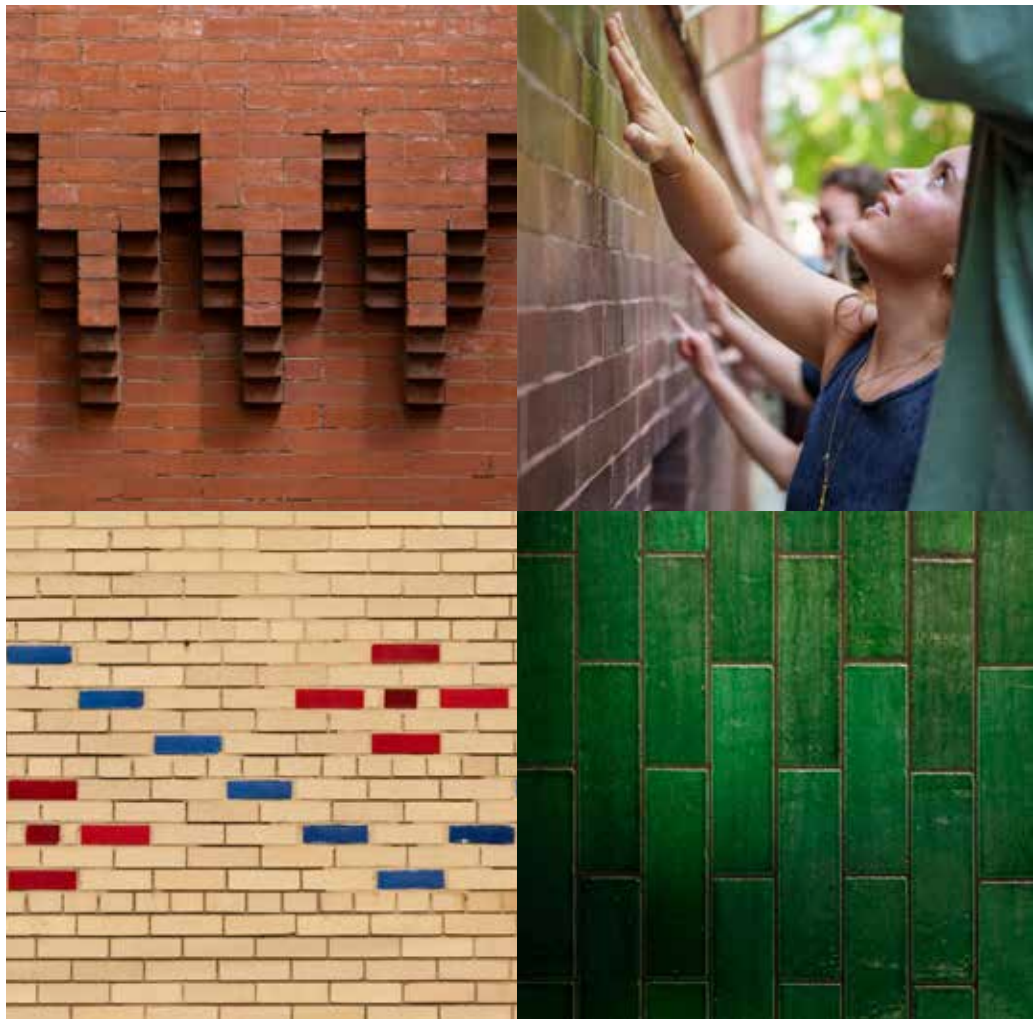
"I look for stories of things that are funny or strange." Quam uses newspaper archives, Sanborn Fire Maps and Cook County property records.

Assemble the story

"The last thing is figuring out what's the overarching narrative and how I can tie it together."

Give the tour, over and over

"There tends to be quite a big difference between the first time I give a new tour and the 10th and then the 20th where I'll even lose whole stops."



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: WILL QUAM; TODD TUE; WILL QUAM (2)

illustrated with more than 100 photographs, mostly Quam's, of early brick skyscrapers, tapestry brick flats, and swooping terra-cotta facades, spanning 150 years of brick buildings in Chicago. For a city celebrated for its glass and steel modern skyscrapers, Quam reveals just how important bricks have been in its everyday construction.

This comprehensive book explains how and where bricks were made, who produced and laid them, why they vary in size and color, and why the city is so full of brick buildings — six-flats, courtyard apartments, mid-century school buildings and bungalows. It also features unexpected and delightful asides, which often draw on the Brick and Clay Record, a trade magazine for brickmakers published from 1892 to 1986.

Quam credits his education at Kenyon for helping get him here. "It's absolutely liberal arts, through and through, what I'm doing," he said. "I have a drama degree and a music minor, and now I'm an architecture photographer and guide."

His time in the drama program taught him about story structure and how the overarching narrative fits within each scene in each moment (For other avenues drama majors have pursued, see cover story). And in courses as disparate as Professor of Classics Adam Serfass' "Rhetoric in Antiquity" (full disclosure: the author's spouse), Professor of Music Ted Buehrer's "History of Jazz," and even introductory Spanish, which he took as a senior (yes, he waited until senior year to fulfill the language requirement) with Associate Professor of Spanish Daniel Harnett, he learned and practiced improvisation, thinking on his toes, and how to persuade others to share his fascination with a subject many have never considered before.

As the Wicker Park tour comes to its end, participants can now tell a common brick (cheap, ugly, full of stones) from a perfect brick (smooth, dense, uniformly red), have learned to notice the artistry of a building that wouldn't have caught their eye before, and have absorbed the history of the neighborhood and its inhabitants. Quam brings the group back to the same block at which the tour started, but now they are standing with a different view of the John Rapp House. He directs their eyes to the back of the stately mansion which — spoiler alert — is clad in mottled common brick, a cost-saving measure common to fancy Chicago houses. It is a perfect "aha" moment, a worthy ending to an illuminating tour.

Superfan Karen Titus, who asks Quam to sign a copy of "Fire and Clay," sums it up: "Because he's so passionate about bricks and because he's damn funny, you end up caring about bricks, too. My walks in the city have changed because of Will — I notice patterns and designs and texture and color that I never thought about before. The man is a brick genius!"

— ABIGAIL WADSWORTH SERFASS

1950s

1958

Sheldon Fisher, Denver, shared, "Kenyon was, and is, a beacon in these troubled times. In 1954–55 as an incoming freshman, I wondered if I would be accepted by the student body, being of a different religious affiliation. I was welcomed with open arms by the men of South Leonard. They were so far ahead of the rest of the country in that it did not matter to them the color of your skin nor your religious denomination. Yes, they had to overcome some obstacles put up by the national fraternity, but they were more concerned with a person's character, integrity, intelligence and personality. I have always respected and thought highly of those Beta brothers before me who set the bar higher morally. My Catholic prep school roommate (I was a public school child) accepted me, and his family has a special place in my heart. When tragedy struck my family and I had to drop out, his father offered to pay my next 2 1/2 years of expenses. I could pay him back whenever I could, and if I did not pay him back it would be okay. Talk about brotherhood! I have never forgotten this generous offer, nor the spirit and unbiased approach by the men of South Leonard."

1960s

1960

David McCoy P'87,'89 GP'17, Athens, Ohio, updates, "I try to keep active by working out five days a week at the gym. Chris and I attend theater events regularly. We visit my grandkids — three are Kenyon grads — as often as possible."

> "Now we start a new phase of our life. Lots to do, and making new friends, though I have to admit I do miss the Florida weather!"
>
> — **Stephen Goldenberg '64,** on his move from Florida to Maryland

1961

David Brown P'89 GP'29, Louisville, Kentucky, writes, "Barbara and I spent two weeks in Camden, Maine, with family, then traveled to Norway for a cruise to the fjords. Last fall, Barbara had surgery and chemo, the latter proving quite difficult. She is on the mend as I write this in our Delray Beach condo." **Dan Holland**, Waynesboro, Virginia, updates, "I continue to provide care and love for four retired racehorses. I stay in touch with **Wilson Roane '60, John Woollam H'08** and **John Clark P'90**.

1962

Chuck Albers recollects, "During my four years at Kenyon, I grew up a lot, both intellectually and as a person. Thank you for the memories. Now, I am doing well and living in Sarasota, Florida (aka 'Paradise') with my sweetheart, Julie." **Gerald Fields H'13** moved to Moraga, California, "near our daughter and granddaughters and closer to our son, Kenyon, who resides in Colorado and British Columbia. We are on the golf course of the Moraga Country Club in the East Bay, about 20 miles from San Francisco, but I have given up any hope of shooting my age."

1963

Alan Beck P'97 updates, "Still living in Wesley Woods Methodist retirement community in New Albany, Ohio. Snowfall over a foot here in Columbus gave me fond memories of skiing at Kenyon in the late 1950s and early '60s. I helped Director of Admissions Tracy Scudder with his ski tow on the hill just west of Kenyon, what was then Ayers farm. As the only ski area in central Ohio, we got skiers from Columbus. About 1961, Mansfield's Snow Trails started and installed a snow machine — the end of Kenyon as a ski destination. Our 500-foot rope tow was powered by a small engine, which **Dick Foster** souped up to be strong enough to pull about four people at a time up the hill." **Neal M. Mayer H'07 P'92 GP'25**, Millsboro, Delaware, reminds, "My fellow classmates, all octogenarians, get up and get around: Travel is still possible. Jane and I recently went to our favorite place in Belize, a long and tiring trip but easily doable." **Robert Scott**, Joplin, Missouri, devotes time to charitable activities, including working with National Geographic and the government of Cyprus "on recovering artifacts that were on the way to the Metropolitan and lost at sea in 1871," he informs. "Among my 45 books are 21 novels, with Novel 13 in Peters Series now out." John Peters Mysteries are on Amazon in paper, hardcover, Audible or e-book.

1964

Stephen Goldenberg updates on an auto accident in 2022 that left him hospitalized and then in a rehab facility for two months. "We decided to leave Florida and moved to a continuing care retirement community in Solomons, Maryland. So now we start a new phase of our life. Lots to do, and making new friends, though I have to admit I do miss the Florida weather!" **Christopher Scott** shares, "Hard to believe it's been 62 years since graduation. After a 35-year banking career and a second life as a mediator in the Ohio court systems and in private practice, I am living in our home of 35 years in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Susie, my wife of 55 years, passed away in September 2025. I am living with my daughter, Betsy Gugle, and her family. I'm active in our church and community affairs in Upper Arlington. Writing my autobiography for family posterity."

1965

Bob Legg jokes, "This probably should be in the 'I'm still here' category. Janie and I still go on two or three cruises a year, but for relaxation and better weather rather than exploration.

On our latest, I proudly wore my Kenyon hat and was hailed by grads of John Carroll, Oberlin and Wittenberg; no other Lords or Owls. Otherwise, life in our continuing care retirement community in Athens, Georgia, is great, and the Alumni Bulletin is a most welcome read."

1966

Bob Moyer celebrated his 25th year as theater artist in residence at the Arts Based School (K-8) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. "I also rejoined the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts School of Drama as adjunct professor of improvisation. **Claire Fort '07** is a colleague. Still playing Petanque, swing dancing and writing book reviews. My beautiful wife, Kelly Sauvage Moyer, and I have created an analog zine to mark the times. We spend at least two weeks a year in New Orleans."

1967

Ed Forrest, Marietta, Georgia, marvels, "How does a liberal arts major end up working in fiber optics — with, of all things, a few patents? I think back on art class … creative freedom from Don Boyd and Joe Slate. I think of writing in Spanish, and the pleasantly quiet intimidation of Dr. Brown. I never answered Mr. Batchelder's bewilderment over not taking his econ class again, having failed the first time. Creative art gave confidence, Dr. Brown's stoicism was a lesson in its own right, and religion study gave me a global perspective — in a parochial way! Thanks, Kenyon, for the courage to create without concern for 'who thunk what about whatever!'" **Nathan Parker** has been working on "a leadership AI-enabled platform to help school superintendents and principals perform short- and long-range planning," he informs. "We are also crazy enough to be renovating and expanding our little beach house on Amelia Island, Florida." **Bill Schnall**, Shoreline, Washington, observes, "We are all about 80, so congratulations on another life milestone. Jan and I spent winter in Mexico in a little fishing village on the Sea of Cortez named Loreto." **Art Stroyd P'98 GP'29** was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as chair of its board of the Lawyers Fund for Client Security, which protects victims of attorney dishonesty. "It's subsidized by an annual fee from Pennsylvania attorneys, totaling more than $3 million in 2025, and does not involve tax dollars."

1968

Jim Lockey, New Richmond, Ohio, reports, "Grace and I have been able to convert 106 acres of our hardwood tree farm into a conservation easement managed by Three Valley Conservation Trust. This spring we planted another 300 white oak, persimmon and American plum seedlings. This is a long-term endeavor to restore an old dairy farm back to a more natural oak, walnut, hickory and maple hardwood forest." **Jack Train** moved from Boston to SoCal "to be near grandkids," he informs. "I love closeness to family, golf and avoiding the nasty Boston winter, but I deeply miss rehearsals and gigs with the Kokes Klassics."

1969

Jim Fine follows events at Kenyon and beyond from a retirement cottage in his daughter's Seattle backyard: "The former via the excellent reporting and writing in the weekly Collegian, the latter via more media than I care to admit." **David Hoster**, Georgetown, Texas, updates, "Terrie, my wife of 53 years, is slipping slowly into Alzheimer's. She was still able to take a three-week trip with me to Europe — Netherlands, Belgium, northern Germany and a week driving through fjords in Norway. Likely our last trip overseas. I've taken over cooking, doc appointments, chauffeuring, laundry. Terrie was a gourmet cook, and I certainly never thought I would learn to cook. Life goes on, and is still good!" **Michael James O'Brien** is chair of photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design. "I will always be indebted to professors Robert W. Daniel and Joe Slate for guiding me. In addition to my Kenyon degree in English, I have the B.F.A. and M.F.A. from Yale. I taught photography at Kenyon from 1972 to '74 and am represented by the Holden Luntz Gallery (holdenluntz.com)." **Cy Young**, West Lebanon, New Hampshire, took a bucket-list group tour of Australia and New Zealand in January: "A night camping in the outback, sunrise and sunset at Uluru, climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge, a jet boat ride, and a visit to Hobbiton and Milford Sound. My round-the-world flights included flying over Russia and China. A strange feeling for a child of the Cold War!"

> "We are all about 80, so congratulations on another life milestone."
>
> — **Bill Schnall '67**

1970s

1970

Chet Amedia Jr. P'99, Youngstown, Ohio, updates, "Mara and I are still working with local charities and community cultural activities, including our regional food bank, art institute and symphony. Our son and daughter-in-law, **Adrian** and **Christie (Masterson) '99**, live nearby. We jointly restored an 1820 barn to house collector autos, but it's been redirected for use as an entertainment center, with almost weekly bookings for all sorts of social and charitable events. Adrian assumed day-to-day operations of our dialysis clinics, taking full advantage of his Kenyon economics training and relegating me to quality oversight duties and no direct patient care. It's been a great fit for us both and has eliminated all need for succession planning on my part." **Saul Hillel**

Benjamin, Winnipeg, Canada, is publishing a forthcoming book, "Late to Fatherhood: A Field Guide." Saul took fourth in the 60-meter low hurdles and sixth in long jump at the 2026 USA Track and Field National Masters Indoors Championships, but injured a hamstring in the pole vault. "Somehow, I managed to clear 11 feet, 3 inches! Per Leonard Cohen, 'I ache in the places where I used to play.' My darling Noah (14) was diagnosed with a pretty terrifying life-limiting disease, so week-by-week I live between turmoil and hope. A hard road." **Peter Fluchere,** Milton, New York, is taking art lessons and "should have taken a few more with Joe Slate," he writes. "Semi-retirement is wonderful."

"I would never have been able to make the transition to college professor without my Kenyon education. For that, I will always be grateful."

— **Jeff Bennett '73,** on his career change after selling his car dealership

1971

Belinda Bremner, Oak Park, Illinois, writes, "So sorry to miss the Reunion but was up to my ears preparing for Oak Park Festival Theatre's 51st season: 'Hamlet' and 'The Importance of Being Earnest.' Otherwise, still busy with volunteering, travel and writing." **Ross Schram**, Nashville, described a February ice storm in which 250,000+ households lost power. "The winter wonderland — which initially reminded me of many winter storms in Gambier — turned deadly as temperatures stayed below freezing and thousands of trees were toppled by the ice, snapping power lines and blocking streets. What a contrast from the beautiful snowfalls which blanketed the Hill so often." Ross passed the time indoors waiting for the power to return with the 2024 "Bicentennial In My Words" book, oral histories of hundreds of alumni. "Hillary and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary, which began at the Church of the Holy Spirit in June 1971." **Doug Vogeler** retired after 45 years of solo family practice in the Salt Lake City area. "Enjoying skiing, golfing, biking, hiking and travel despite multiple back surgeries." Doug meets annually with **Dan Pickens**, **Dave Duff**, **Jack Killen**, **Jan Ostrovsky** and **Butch Griffin**.

1972

Nancy (Peek) Ellis, West Bloomfield, Michigan, reports, "In February, my daughter, Molly Ellis, was married on Bradenton Beach, Anna Maria Island, Florida. Beautiful setting, perfect weather. Among the guests were Ann and **Lee Van Voris '67**, freshman roommate of my husband **Jeff Ellis '67** (now deceased). Later in Sarasota, my husband, Bob Count, and I had brunch with Alumni Council friend **Rick Spinner '63** and his partner, Joy. It was delightful to be together again!" **Barry Gross**, Media, Pennsylvania, was featured in the Netflix documentary "Mob War: Philadelphia vs. the Mafia." "It was related to my time as an assistant United States attorney." **Susan Emery McGannon** was recognized by the city of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as one of 10 inaugural Legacy Award recipients, honoring long-serving employees. "I served as city attorney until my retirement. A permanent plaque was placed in City Hall's rotunda. Additionally, I was appointed to the Lawyers' Association for Women charitable foundation board. I helped create it as a new lawyer, so it is a real full-circle moment."

1973

Jeff Bennett, Midland, Michigan, writes, "Recently, I presented on 'Harley Earl, Bill Mitchell and the Golden Age of GM Design.'" Jeff's previous automotive history presentations were "Rolling Sculpture: Gordon Buehrig and the Cord 810," and "Volkswagen: The Car and the Ad Campaign that Sold Them," with "The Mighty Duesenberg" up next. "After I sold my Toyota dealership in Midland, I would never have been able to make the transition from that to college professor without my Kenyon education. For that, I will always be grateful." **Shelley Hainer**, New York City, writes, "For my 75th birthday, I got a crazy idea to tie up loose ends of art-making. My birthday project embraces my gratitude for the Dharma and art program at the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. I'm launching a humble fun(d)raiser to bring about my vision: a cottage on campus for an artist-in-residence." Shelley also wrote 'Sisyphus's Sister (A Legend in My Own Mind),' which she calls "a sensory awareness experiment as a performance comes alive inside your own skin." **Mia Halton**, Baltimore, is "busily reigniting my exhibition career after many years of caregiving and recovering from cancer. I'm happily making art and beginning to show it. It's late in the game, but it's certainly not over. **Kay Koeninger**, Yellow Springs, Ohio, teaches art history at Sinclair College in Dayton. "I was an unwilling participant in recent American history when an ongoing grant I received from the National Endowment for the Humanities was canceled by DOGE. It funded a program for military veterans and student-veterans called Dialogues on the Experience of War, which uses works of art for discussions about the participants' personal stories. We are working on finding a way to continue some aspects of it." **Julie Miller Vick H'97 P'12** and **Jim Vick '74 P'12**, Haddonfield, New Jersey, went to the Gambier memorial service for Professor Emeritus of Classics

William McCulloh. "Bill was my advisor, and he and Pat became our dear friends. While there, we saw **Jackie Robbins** and her husband, Professor Emeritus of Political Science John Elliott, and **Liz Forman**, **Kim Stapleton Smith '74 P'13** and her husband **Tracy G. Smith '72 P'13**, and Professor Emeritus of Classics Robert Bennett."

1974

Dave Barrie and his wife visited their daughter in Paris at Christmas and went for drinks at Harry's New York Bar, "a New York bar that was dismantled and moved to Paris in 1911. The oldest cocktail bar in Europe was a 1920s expat hangout for Americans, including Ernest Hemingway. George Gershwin composed 'An American in Paris' on its piano. Upstairs are pennants from American colleges — but one was missing. I am glad to report this is no longer the case." **David Horvitz H'98** calls out the 15th anniversary of the Gund. "Designed and operated as a teaching museum, it provides opportunities for every student, no matter their major, to connect with some of the best visual art of the 20th and 21st centuries. Its four oldest — and likely wisest — board members are all Class of '74: **Dan Patterson**, **Gil Meister**, **Stewart Peck** and me." **Janet Bloss Shuff** and **Ron Shuff** celebrated their 50th by cruising the fjords of Norway. "I spend time tending flower gardens, vegetables, milkweed and monarch butterflies on our property." **Kim Stapleton Smith P'13**, Mount Gilead, Ohio, enjoyed travel with **Alice (Cornwell) Straus '75**. "Iceland and Denmark in September 2025 was one of our favorites. Added bonus was meeting up with Kenyon poli sci professor, friend and excellent tour guide Pam Camerra-Rowe in Copenhagen." Kim adds that she and **Tracy G. Smith '72 P'13** became first-time grandparents in November to Natalie Mel Jacobvitz, daughter of **Hannah Smith '13** and **Josh Jacobvitz '15**. "Easy to see what the big deal is!"

1975

Alan Brody, Cincinnati, and his wife of 37 years celebrate the health and happiness of three sons and four granddaughters. "I was a pediatric radiologist at Cincinnati Children's for most of my career, retiring in 2023. Now spending time with family and friends, biking, playing with old cars and audio equipment." **David Culp** celebrated 10 years of retirement from KPMG by touring Iceland with **Katherine Stewart Culp '76** and their two daughters. "Busy in Fairfax, Virginia, active in a local faith-based climate lobbying group, playing bad golf, and playing better-than-bad cello at the UU church." **Steve Durning** writes, "Doing alumni work recharged my Kenyon friendships and made me new ones. I recommend it! I've started work as a classroom aide in the wonderful Framingham Adult ESL program. I love my state (Massachusetts)!" **Katie Estill-Woodrell**, West Plains, Ohio, shares, "I lost my dear husband, Daniel Woodrell, on Nov. 28. Hold your loved ones close." **Brooks Jackson**, Iowa City, Iowa, still works full time as a pathology professor. "I stepped down several years ago as head of the University of Iowa health system and dean of medicine. Still conducting international medical research in Africa." Brooks received the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award last year. **Raye Howells Koch**, Plano, Texas, is an osteopathic physical therapist who plays pickleball five times a week. "Still enjoying getaway trips to south Florida and the UP of Michigan in our four-seater Diamond aircraft." **Emily Crom Lyons,** Bonita Springs, Florida, feels like the 50th was "fabulous, but very long ago," she writes. "Treasure each day. My husband, Michael, died Feb. 9, 2026, of a cardiopulmonary attack brought on by congestive heart failure. Not at all similar to losing a parent. Even when expected, it affects each and every minute of every day." **Murray Smith** and **Janet Byrne Smith '76** of Gambier took a cruise to Antarctica "in the spirit of doing things while we still can," he reports. "It's a looong way away, but well worth the trip. Quite an amazing place."

1976

Jim Kraft, Carmel, Indiana, updates, "First Run Theatre in St. Louis is doing a public reading of my one-act comedy, 'Actor in the Family,' with the possibility of a full production later. In August, Jean and I celebrated our 50th anniversary." **Mark Leonard** shares, "Pam and I weave our way from Mount Vernon to North Carolina to be with our two granddaughters almost monthly. Had a great time at Homecoming last fall with **Bruce Broxterman**, **Pat Clements '75**, **Pat White**, **Rusty Cunningham** and many others for the football field dedication." **Liz (Pegram) Ralston P'03** retired from 35+ years in education technology sales and sales leadership roles. "Having traveled weekly all those years, it has been an adjustment. Maybe more so for **Dan Ralston '71 P'03** having me home in Gambier all the time. Enjoying cruising, and my retirement job as a travel agent to continue the cruising."

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> — **Steve Durning '75**

Becky Robbins-Penniman, Cedar Park, Texas, updates, "Texas is the first place I've lived where absolutely no one has stopped me while I'm wearing Kenyon gear and asked me if I went to school there. What's up with that? Over the decades. I've seen **Libby (Evans) Arthur**, **Anne (Zilbersher) Sherwood**, **Christine Henry**, **Terry (Henry)**

Parker and our beloved late **Ellen Mower O'Brien**. Ellen and I went to the Kenyon swimming reunion in 2023, when Coach Steen was inducted into the Kenyon Athletic Hall of Fame. What a wonderful weekend we had!" **Wally Tice**, retired from his San Francisco law practice in January 2025, expanded his tennis coaching at Tamalpais High School. "Our 2025 girls team finished as league champion (21-1). It's still fun to engage with young people through sport!" For a summer 2025 Chautauqua Institute, Wally and Jo met with **Jim Gwin**, **Paul Abbey**, **Jeff** and **Jenny (Clark) Kinder '77**, **Mark** and **Barbara (Overby) Blasch**, **Jono Rothschild**, **Tom Rosenbluth P'07,'10,'13** and **Jim Crowley**. **William Wilson**, North Conway, New Hampshire, reflects on learning on the Hill outside the classroom: "As a 19-year-old sophomore, I attended my first fatal trauma patient. As a biology major, under Professor Tom Jegla, I received a prize for my honors thesis, Evidence of Functional Caudal Photoreceptor in a Blond Cave Crayfish — work that took me to graduate school." Bill retired after 42 years as a professor of surgery and child health. **Michael W. Young,** Carlsbad, California, was honored by the Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation for his 24 years of service to the cancer patient advocacy organization. Michael's patient advocacy began on campus with his leadership during Red Cross blood drives.

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> — **Alan Lewine '77,** on his move to Madrid, Spain

1977

John Bogasky P'10, Silver Spring, Maryland, was elected vice chair of the board of SourceAmerica, which he has served for six years. "SourceAmerica helps the federal government employ nearly 40,000 individuals with disabilities on federal contracts," he notes. **Rabbi Steven Lebow**, Marietta, Georgia, was invited by the Martin Luther King. Jr. Center to preach from the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church pulpit. His sermon was "Do You Know Who Your Brother Is?" **Alan Lewine** relocated with Ana Maria to Madrid, Spain. "We sold or donated most of our belongings, including our car, condo and my 19th-century Tyrol bass. Our farewell road trip visiting family and friends included Seattle and Florida, then Philadelphia, D.C. and New York City." Alan enjoys collaborating with jazz musicians in Madrid (see Owlsong.bandcamp.com).

1978

David Feldman retired after teaching for 37 years at William & Mary, where "students line up to ring the Wren bell after their last class. I thought this was a good idea, so I wandered into the Wren Building after teaching my last class in December and asked if a faculty member could ring the bell. They said, 'Sure!'" David will continue writing about the American higher education system. **Susan Butterfield Waite P'06,'10** and **Chad Waite '77 P'06 '10** "raise Cormo sheep for fine wool yarn, heritage chickens for delicious eggs, and rescue dogs for love and snuggles," she writes from Whitefish, Montana. "Sons **CP '06** and **Stephen '10** remain in Seattle with their families; daughter Alexis moved with us (see earthstarfarm.com). Chad plays hockey twice a week in a local league, I do a lot of hiking with the dogs, and we both snowboard occasionally on Big Mountain, our local hill now known as Whitefish Mountain Resort." Order your organic worsted via the Waites' collaboration with NYC's PurlSoho (purlsoho.com).

1979

Daniel Gulino writes, "**Mary Ann (Duff) Gulino** and I celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary in August 2026. We relocated to southeast Michigan, about 45 miles northeast of Detroit. Closer to at least one set of grandchildren. Our sixth, a girl, was born to our oldest child in February. After six years of flying spaceships at NASA in Cleveland and 32 years of teaching chemical engineering at Ohio University and New Mexico State, I retired fully in mid-2021. Mary Ann worked 20 years at the National Business Incubation Association, founded in Athens (Ohio) and now called the International Business Innovation Association. I spend some of my time tinkering with my three old Oldsmobiles and taking them to old car shows. Mary Ann keeps busy with a number of different arts and crafts projects." **John Porter** writes from Antwerp and Ghent, Belgium. In March, John hosted 18 students and Associate Professor of Art History Katherine Calvin on their travel-embedded course, "Art, Money, Museums," John was excited to support the initiative of President Julie Kornfeld and former Provost Jeff Bowman. "My own experience studying abroad in 1970s Yugoslavia put my life on a path I never could have imagined, as it opened my mind to a world of possibilities. I am hopeful that this program and others to come will have the same resonance for a new generation of Kenyon students." **Laura Wickstead** is a Peace Corps volunteer in North Macedonia. "After a career managing history and genealogy collections in public libraries, I'm thriving at a university library in Skopje, where classes are held in Macedonian, Albanian and English. Between my fellow Peace Corps volunteers and the university students, I haven't spent this much time

with twenty-somethings since ... well, my Kenyon days!"

1980s

1980

Andrew Bowers, Littleton, Massachusetts, writes, "My partner, Ivan, and I had lunch in NYC in February with several Kenyonian Marks — **Mark McCluski '79** and **Mark Hallinan**. We dined in a Georgian restaurant — the kind with kebabs, not grits — and the conversation was every bit as enjoyable as the food!" **Doug Braddock** described his start as a lifelong photographer at age 6 with an Ansco 127 roll film camera — and his recent move from digital back to film: "I find I enjoy the hands-on aspects, including developing and printing, more than sitting at a computer, for landscape photography throughout the West, including central Oregon where my wife and I retired. I'm also thinking about getting a new turntable so I can listen to vinyl again!" **Lloyd Hamovit P'17** shares that his "world still revolves around my clay studio, 2Rivers Studio" in Newbury, Massachusetts. "Although I no longer tour the craft fair circuit, the studio is full of talented student artists. Maud and I have met many amazing members of the Class of 2017 in the D.C. area, where our daughter, **Nora Hamovit '17**, completed her doctorate in environmental biology at the University of Maryland." **Tim Herron**, Sandusky, Ohio, closed his solo neurology practice in 2024 and "initially felt exhilaration," he shares, "like being off for summer vacation as a student. After six months, this was replaced by a void after decades of being a doctor." He continues to work one day a week at the Cleveland VA hospital and teach basic neurology at a local hospital. "To anyone contemplating retirement, it is one of the greatest gifts we can give to ourselves." **Duncan Holcomb** retired from Phillips Exeter Academy, where he taught English for 22 years and coached soccer, tennis and mountain biking. He and Elizabeth headed to West Virginia's Greenbrier Valley, hoping "to end up on the mountain at Sewanee in Tennessee, whose similarities to Kenyon and Gambier are many!" **Dave Holthaus** celebrated 40 years in journalism. "After two newspapers and one broadcast news station in Cincinnati, I've been independent for the last seven years. I was twice named best freelancer in Ohio by the Cleveland Press Club (2022 and 2024). I enjoyed a trip back to campus in October 2025 for a thought-provoking journalism conference attended by Collegian alums, staff and students. But the best news is the birth of two wonderful grandchildren in 2023 and 2026!" **Susan Lammers**, Seattle, writes, "Decades have passed, yet the friendships I formed with **Barbara Glaessner Novak**, **Susan Halbower** and others still endure. My adult kids and I hiked the Fisherman's Trail in Portugal for a week, savoring unplugged quality time together. Highly recommend." Susan also celebrated the 40th anniversary reissue by Simon and Schuster and 8080 Books of her 1986 work "Programmers at Work," interviews with "the software geniuses who ignited the PC software revolution. Sometimes old ideas become new again!" **Karl Shefelman**, New York City, has a new side hustle, he updates. "I designed a film-directing seminar/workshop as a guest speaker for college film departments around the country and did my first one at Old Dominion University." Karl also enjoyed a fun mini-reunion at a Lake Michigan cabin retreat with **Tim Glasser**, **Bill Sterling**, **Scott Evans**, **Jim Leslie** and **Pat O'Daniel**. **Stephen Stec** splits semi-retirement between Hungary and Baltimore. "I taught international environmental law at the University of Baltimore while also being a fellow at Central European University. My older child has a research position at the University of Arizona, and my younger one attends Macalester in St. Paul, Minnesota." **Lisa (Deems) Turner**, Perrysville, Ohio, missed the last Reunion while on an Alaska trip, and conquered a bucket-list seven-mile swim at Mackinac Island. "Mandatory wetsuits due to the cold water, a balmy 68! Compare that to 57 when I attempted two years ago." Lisa also swam Chicago Big Shoulders 5K, Swim to the Moon 10K in Michigan (running into classmate **Wendy (Lauer) Szymczak**), and the Tennessee River Gorge 10-miler.

1981

Nick Bakay, Los Angeles, stays busy raising sons James, 18 and Romeo, 14. "Needless to say with kids that young, I am still working. Following two seasons of my HBO Max show 'Bookie,' I'm currently exec. producer/show runner of 'Leanne' on Netflix." **Heather Moir Fitz Gibbon** completed her 37th and final year as a College of Wooster sociology professor with "mixed emotions," she writes. "I've been thinking often about how Howard Sacks inspired me to want work at a liberal arts college talking about sociology every day. Hopefully I've had the same impact on a few of my students!" **Jeff Pasquale** reports painful challenges this year after his brother unexpectedly passed away. "Afterward, I had my second hip replacement, which has been successful. Next, my mother passed after a long and fulfilling life. Through it all, I came to relish my monthly stress-relief Zoom calls with **Bud Grebey**, **Bob Levine '82** and **Jeff Bell '84**. I am looking forward to reactivating my travel and golf bugs."

1982

Jimmy Allen writes, "**Kathy (Williams) Allen** and I are grandparents! Our oldest son, Hunter, and his wife, Daisy, have a beautiful baby boy, born in October 2025. We love seeing our child as a parent, and we love that they see that we're not so bad at the baby thing ourselves. Enjoying our time in London, with all three kids an hour tube ride away. We recently attended a lovely wedding of **Daniel Wilson** and **Kit Mahlman**'s daughter, catching up with them and **Tom Keene**, **Chukar Miller '83** and **Michael Holmberg**. A lovely little Kenyon reunion." **Becca Murphy Flynn** and **Jeffrey Flynn '84** sold their Baltimore house and downsized to a rental down the street.

NEW RELEASES

More recently published books by members of the Kenyon family

David Bergman '72, co-editor with Guy Davidson "A History of American Gay Autobiography"

Diana Carroll '04, "Rooted in Love: Resources for Marriage and Partnership from Beginning to End"

N.J. Valldejuli '83, "Inside the French Foreign Legion: Adventures with the World's Most Famous Fighting Force"

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"It was painful but feels great on the other side," she writes. "We are buying land and building a house in Florida. Never would I have thought we would live in Florida. We are enjoying this phase of our life and having fun seeing old Kenyon friends." **Stephen Hale** spent 30 years at Schlafly Beer in St. Louis, but now sails a 44-foot Antares hybrid catamaran up and down the Atlantic. "From Buenos Aires where it was built, 7,300 miles to midcoastal Maine, and now visiting the Bahamas for our third season. The beauties are balanced by the challenges, but no one's coming to our pity party." **David Jonker**, New Milford, Connecticut, shares, "My favorite memory was on graduation day. **Tom Grimes P'22** and I, both student firefighters, rode out on our new fire engine leading the graduation processional. It was really the capstone of my years at Kenyon and served as a transition to a life of volunteer firefighting. My wife and I hiked the famous Camino de Santiago, a series of pilgrimage routes crossing Spain and France through medieval villages and Roman roads and bridges, meeting other hikers from around the world. An unforgettable experience!" **Hilary Sparks-Roberts**, Old Lyme, Connecticut, shares, "Last year was a tough one — filled with caregiving for various family members and many losses, including Professor Bill McCulloh the Magnificent. I remember how game he was to take part in a Handicap Awareness Week meant to highlight all the limitations our beautiful campus posed for people with disabilities. I believe he tried to get around campus in a wheelchair, and then got out of the wheelchair to bump his way up and down the stairs at Ascension to get to his classics classes! Thanks to him and many other professors and students, our campus grew more accessible in the '80s." Hilary recommends Ox and Robin (oxandrobin.com), the company of artist **Linda Enerson**, who farms rare and heirloom vegetable and herb seeds in Massachusetts, and paints the watercolor/collage artwork for each seed label. **Claudia Wagner** took "a dream trip" to the Winter Olympics in Italy, she reports. "Saw some events, rubbed shoulders with the international sporting community and experienced more cured meats and cheeses than are really appropriate." In July, she and **Carolyn Weaver** bicycled across Iowa.

EPILOGUE
Recollections from recently retired faculty members



Patricia Lyn Richards

Professor Emerita of Italian, 1987–2026

A memorable moment occurred during my first, lengthy, Italian final exam. I provided a paperback dictionary for student consultation. A student asked her friend across the table for it. Her friend (both were top students with whom I am happily still in touch), in deep frustration at the unduly long exam, threw the book toward her with such force that the dictionary broke down the spine into two sections. From this I learned, ruefully, that overly thorough evaluations are unnecessary, the first of many lessons that students have offered me over the years, memorable moments all!

1983

Wing Biddle went skiing in Telluride with **Mark Loomis P'26**, **Rick Grellier**, **Eric Fonkalsrud** and **Peter Loomis '84**. **George Carroll P'11** and his oldest, **Mac Carroll '11**, on "a quest to ski at least once on every continent," went to Hokkaido in January. "Sadly, it snowed every day but one, and we were forced to survive on Class A sushi and delicious ramen bowls. Next on the list: Oceania!" **Mike Green** is in his fourth year running the U.S. Studies Centre at Australia's University of Sydney. "Despite the name, the research agenda covers everywhere from Japan to the UK, so lots of travel." **Andrew Welsh-Huggins P'17** conducted an on-campus, in-person workshop on "Best Practices for Book Review Writing" for students of political science professor **Nancy Powers**. "Meanwhile, my private-eye short story 'Intuition' was featured in the January/February issue of Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine, and CrimeReads named my new thriller 'The Delivery' one of the most anticipated crime novels of 2026." **Stacy (DePaolis) Windahl** published "When the Season Ends, a Mackinac Island Novel," in September 2025. "**Elayna Hocking** suggested I work on the island at the Hotel Iroquois, the novel's setting. I've been supported throughout by **Linda Day-Mackessy** and **John Mackessy '82**."

1984

Kris (Kennard) Caldwell P'09,'12 retired from Kenyon in June after 28 years. "It's been fun meeting decades of alumni at all the Reunion Weekends and witnessing the

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College's growth and improvement firsthand. Dave and I will continue to call Gambier home but spend time traveling and visiting our daughters **Aileen '09** in Milwaukee, **Kellyn '12** in England and Caroline in Montana. I'll also continue to volunteer on the pool deck coaching the team and, of course, swim every day in the stunning Steen Aquatic Center with my noon crew." **Nancy Currey** enjoyed an "oh-so-many-years reconnect" in Flagstaff, Arizona with **Laurel Ladd** and **Luke Lockwood '82**. "A treasure for all." **Rolf Pendall** returned to Albuquerque as professor and chair of the Department of Community and Regional Planning at the University of New Mexico. "Good to be back in the home of my heart." **Roberta Bair Watts** checked in from Sedona, Arizona, "where we now have a small house and have been hosting Kenyon alums: **Laurel Ladd**, **Luke Lockwood '82** and **Sharon Michaux-Lowy**."

1985

Jennifer Marie Mizenko spent time in Cleveland moving her father into independent living and saw roommate **Michelle Litton-Betts**. Her film "Moving Spirits: Encountering the Ancestors" was accepted to five film festivals and won Best Mississippi Made Filmmaker Award at the Oxford Film Festival. "I continue to produce and direct plays for Theatre Oxford and have been teaching a senior fitness class." **Alfred Naddaff**, Dedham, Massachusetts, joined the Aroma Joe's coffee chain as a franchise development advisor. "Excited to work with a beverage concept originating from New England (Maine)." **Jan Richardson**, Ridgeland, Mississippi, is now the grants program manager at the Women's Foundation of Mississippi, an organization working to improve the economic security of women.

1986

Christine (Budd) Melone, Duluth, Minnesota, reports a joyful year, with a first grandchild arriving April 2025, her eldest son married in November, and **Deke Melone '84** retiring in April. "Most of our travel centers around kids and granddaughter," she writes. "However, we plan for more world travel in retirement. I keep in touch with **Margy (Gain) Callesen**, **Megan (Swanson) Coleman**, **Jen Cohan** and **Jill Kalish**." **Nadine (Neil) Fabish**, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, visited with **Beth (Gretler) Paradi** and **Lori (Davis) Cottle** in 2025, and also **Jeanne (Maine) Top '84, Missy Bemis '84, Carol Leslie '84** and **Steph (Suntken) Seidel '84 P'14,'18**. "An impromptu Mother's Day visit from Jim Steen was a great surprise. Officially an empty-nester with both girls moving out, so what to do but take a three-week holiday exploring Chile and Argentina from top to bottom!" **Ellen Leerburger**, Carmel, New York, informs, "One of the wonderful things about Alumni Council is not just getting to know people from way back to the present, but also coming to campus several times a year and spending time with **Kyla Carlson '89 P'25**, **Jocelyn (Kenton) Hardman '87** and **Meg (Archacki) Archer '92**. We treasure our visits together as a time to rejuvenate, walk the campus, take our pictures inside the Serra sculpture, and talk and laugh." **Mary Beth (Atkinson) Stephens P'15** and **Harvey M. Stephens '85 P'15,** Springfield, Illinois, celebrated the wedding of son **H. Bennett Stephens '15** on Sept. 6, 2025. "Several of Bennett's classmates and fellow Delts were there."

> "We're proud parents of an artist, a firefighter and a rocket scientist."
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> — **Seth Harris '88**

1987

Joe Leone, Brooklyn, Wisconsin, returned to the Hill in February "for the first time in 32 years!" he reports. "Was very surprised by all the new buildings. It was the first day of spring break, so the place was a ghost town. Stopped by the freshman quad and wandered into Peirce. Walked into the post office to visit my old P.O. box. Picked up a few things at the bookstore. Then met up with **Brad Smith P'24** for lunch in Mount Vernon. It was good to be back." **Fawn Lewis**, Tulsa, Oklahoma, updates, "As I look back through the years since we were at Kenyon, it does not seem possible that it was that long ago. My husband, Michael, retired, and I'm still practicing pediatric surgery full time. Our daughter is looking at colleges — that really takes me back! I remember completely falling in love with Kenyon during my college tour. I can only hope that Alexa finds a school where she feels the same energy, enthusiasm and connection."

1988

Susie Brown retired in January. "Our son graduated from Occidental College in May, and our lease in SoCal expired, at which point we moved back home to Chicago. In the meantime, we're doing some of the touristy things we didn't have the time or energy to do when I was working." **Seth Harris** sends greetings from Little Rock, Arkansas. "Laurie and I have been migrating back and forth from New Albany, as she's chief retail officer at Good Day Farm here. Our youngest graduated from CU Boulder with degrees in aerospace engineering and applied math. All the braininess must be from her mom! We're proud parents of an artist, a firefighter and a rocket scientist." **Amy Miller Keane**, Austin, Texas, retired in 2023 after 30 years of teaching but went back part time. "I've done a bunch of traveling: to Ireland with family; to Minneapolis, where I saw **Laurie Adams** and **Andrew Hunter**;

and to an art retreat in Greece. And my husband and I have visited my son at University of Chicago several times. Also spending time painting, even showing some pieces in group art shows at a local nonprofit gallery." **Janet E. Lord H'20 P'19** and her wife, Julie, downsized and remain in Baltimore. Janet directs the Center for International and Comparative Law at the University of Baltimore's School of Law, "loving teaching and mentoring law students. Daughter Lynne, named after **Lynne Schneebeck**, is engaged to be married in Maine in 2027." **Christine Olsen P'26** reflected on preparing to watch **Ella Olsen Richman '26** graduate from Kenyon: "Four years ago, I nostalgically offered her my Kenyon varsity blanket and sacred lacrosse L.L. Bean Kenyon pullover — items that survived the '90s. Smiling sweetly, she said, 'No, thank you.' I've told her my stories about parties, professors, all-nighters and character-building, soul-freezing February Middle Path walks. But my favorite stories were about my friends: Women who saw me through marriage, babies, divorce, career detours, bad haircuts, good decisions and truly impressive amounts of wine. Somewhere between refusing my blanket and surviving her own Middle Path winters, my daughter found her voice at Kenyon. More important, she found her people. She started an all-girl band, Viktor (because of course she did). She dove headfirst into Kenyon life with fearless, open-hearted energy. And I am the kind of proud that catches in your throat. As she stepped across that stage, I hoped she found: Her **Tamsin Smith**. Her **Cait Long**. Her **Christie (Densen) Root**. Her **Madzy Besselaar**. Kenyon is extraordinary, the degree hard-earned, impressive and frame-worthy. But the real magic? The group text that never dies. Flights booked without hesitation. The history only they understand. That is the forever part." **Tom Richardson**, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, reports that his TV production company, Explore New England, recently filmed a segment on the Maine Huts & Trails winter experience, which offers backcountry experiences to Nordic skiers, snowshoers and fat-tire bike riders in the Carrabassett Valley region. "Surprised and delighted to learn that the nonprofit's executive director is none other than **Wolfe Tone**! Wolfe shares that he is enjoying connecting with Kenyon through his role on the board of the Philander Chase Conservancy." **Beth Miyashiro Vivio P'21**, St. Petersburg, Florida, reconnected with Kenyon friends all year. "In October, we met **James Sokol '87** in Paris and Morocco. In November, we celebrated my birthday in New York City with **Chris Derby '86**. Then in January, I helped **J. Edward Ball** clear out his grandmother's Dallas home. Like many of us, Edward is now balancing the role of caregiver to a parent, and it was especially meaningful to spend time together."

> "Had an amazing 20+ years opening markets in Asia for U.S. exporters, but it was time for a change."
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> — **Wade Sheppard '90**

1989

Ed Beemiller, Pickerington, Ohio, tells us that his daughter, Kaitlin, and son, Kyle, had weddings less than a month apart in 2025. "The exciting news continued as **Beth (Waldner) Beemiller '90** and I welcomed our first grandchild in July. Spent time with roommate **Mike Arbour** at both weddings and also shared a morning of coffee and conversation with **Heather (Lee) Rue** when she was in town visiting family." **Joan O'Hanlon Curry** is now senior director of nursing, inpatient oncology, at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. "Happy to be back on the East Coast, and it's been great to catch up with **Pete Groustra P'22** and **Heidi Lodish Steinert P'21**, and to plan to see **Melissa Thorn Tierney**. Still adjusting to Red Sox Nation; not really sure I ever will." **Heather Morrow Egan** was named the 2025 Fundraising Professional of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Fundraising Professionals. She leads philanthropic activities for Novant Health Foundation in Winston-Salem, where she lives with her husband, Peter, and daughter, Lilly. **Mary (Bennett) Smith** moved from Hawaii to Michigan and reports that last winter "made us second-guess our life choices!" She met **Beth Kavran '87** and **Peter Miller '87** at "our new beach on Lake Michigan — not quite Lanikai, but the sunsets are lovely in summer," she informs.

1990s

1990

Una (Slevin) Fogarty, New York City, joined the Kenyon Board of Trustees, thus traveling back to Gambier often. "The school is thriving, and much of what I treasured remains wonderfully intact. The campus is beautiful, the professors are committed to teaching, and the students are engaged." Her eldest daughter, now a Cornell graduate, moved back home, and her younger daughter graduated from Colby in May. **Wade Sheppard**, Bethesda, Maryland, retired from USDA in February. "Had an amazing 20+ years opening markets in Asia for U.S. exporters, but it was time for a change. Taking a break to work on an addition to our house before starting a new job search." **David Hale Smith**, Dallas, represented **P.F. Kluge '64 H'20** as his literary agent in negotiating the rights for the Broadway stage adaptation of "Dog Day

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Afternoon." "Almost 15 years ago, we made a new agreement with Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures to produce a live stage version, which opened on March 30 at the August Wilson Theatre." **Elizabeth Bell Townsend P'25**, Falls Church, Virginia, reflected on the 35th Reunion: "What an absolutely wonderful gathering! I loved catching up with so many friends. And it was fun to work with fellow Reunion planning committee members to organize our class party on Friday night of the weekend. My daughter, **Em Townsend '25**, graduated the weekend before — two lovely back-to-back visits to Gambier. Our youngest heads to Carleton College for some Division III soccer goalkeeping and liberal arts studies." **Tom Witherspoon**, Milwaukie, Oregon, has turned his artistic attention "away from the stage and onto the page!" he informs. "Happy to report that I had not one, not two, but three short stories published this year, in Weird Fiction Quarterly and Black Sheep. In June, I pitched my two novels in development at Stokercon, the horror-writing convention."

1991

Helen Carter, Shaker Heights, Ohio, is now a public school speech language pathologist. "I had what should have been the perfect job as a fine arts librarian at the fourth-largest museum library in the country, using my art history major, three languages and Kent State master's degree in library and information science. After 15 years surviving rounds of layoffs and paltry raises, I asked, 'This is it?' As a divorced mom of two, I found an online part-time SLP program at University of Akron while substituting at local public libraries and volunteering at my kids' school, all while fighting stage IV breast cancer, which was diagnosed on April 1, 2010, at age 40 on my first mammogram." Now remarried, she notes, "I still live in Shaker Heights, where I grew up, and where my kids went to the same elementary school I did. When **Kristen (Hoffman) Senior** and **Alden Senior '92** come to visit, we spend all our waking moments laughing until our abs burn!" **Julie (Gluck) Cutter**, Evanston, Illinois, and her husband are empty-nesters. "Our son studies film at NYU. Our daughter, a junior at Wash. U., gets to study in Tanzania. I have been running a small nonprofit called Women Helping Others for six years. **Christie (Getto) Young**, **Tracey Fatzinger P'24** and I had a great getaway in Tucson in February and spent some time with **Randie (Rellin) '90** and **Shelby Collier** (whom I happily see somewhat frequently)." **Catherine Fellowes** celebrates son Oliver heading off to college. "After he settles in, I am relocating from Los Angeles to an upstate New York historic property nestled in the low rolling hills. Follow along @mosswood_house." **Geoff Kloske** and **David Hale Smith '90** enjoyed a Kenyon Review gala in New York City honoring novelist Viet Thanh Nguyen last year, Geoff informs. "The Review's new editor, Nicole Terez Dutton, is doing impressive work engaging a new generation of writers, editors, readers and students. Last December, Riverhead Books — where I remain after 20 years — threw a holiday fundraiser at the Brooklyn Brewery to further support Nicole's stewardship. It's encouraging to see the Review filled with such energy and promise." **Scott Krone**, Wilmette, Illinois, reports, "On Feb. 3, close to 20 players from the 1989 NCAC champion football team met to bid farewell to our MVP, **Bob Nagucki '90**, whose seven-year fight with cancer had ended a few days earlier. The wake, the largest gathering of the team since we graduated, was a testament to the friend Bob was to all of us. **Paul Becker '90** and **Bill Gerstler '90** spoke at the funeral, and in attendance were **Steve Baldwin '90, Bill Fraunfelder '92, Rob Medonis '89, Gordon Loveland '89 P'17,'19,'22, Dan Waldeck '87, Shawn Cummings, Alec Jerome '89, Joe Bline '90 P'27, Mark Lontchar '90, Brian Allen '90, Chris Creighton, Kevin Kropf '93, Jon Wilkin '89, Elmer Decipeda '90, Damian Rodgers '90, John Kenney '90** and myself. Bob lived life to the fullest right up to the end." **Shelly Van Etten Lee**, Ann Arbor, Michigan, updates, "Married 28 years and now an empty-nester, with two adult sons in Indy. I've begun a phased retirement from my decades-long work as a clinical psychologist at the University of Michigan, gradually ramping up an anxiety and OCD-focused teletherapy practice based in California, which I love. I'm enjoying travel, woodsy walks with my dogs, biking and time with friends — including our Kenyon crew that met up in Napa recently. Shout out to **Angelique Tober, Holly Hatch-Surisook, Ann Russell, Chelsea (Andrus) Guillen P'22, Melanie Carlos** and (missed you) **Sarah Phemister**!"

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> — **Helen Carter '91**, reflecting on her unexpected career trajectory

1992

Fred Drogula, a professor of classics and humanities at Ohio University, runs an institute that "supports the teaching of the humanities both locally and in the community," he informs. "My third book, published by Oxford University Press this spring, is titled 'Spheres of Control: The Origins of Government in Early Rome.' It took many years to research and write, so I'm very glad to be moving on to a new project!" **Rachel Schwartz Louis**, Williamstown, Massachusetts,

defended her dissertation and can now add the letters "Ed.D." after her name, she notes. "The latest addition to a significant collection of degrees and certificates since Kenyon. It's all about the journey, as I don't anticipate changing jobs after graduating. Next up? Either cooking school or dog-grooming school. … I'm open to suggestions!" **Heather Peske** is president of the National Council on Teacher Quality, a research and advocacy nonprofit that leverages states, district and teacher prep programs to ensure access for all students to great teachers. **Jennifer Bowman Ryznar P'28,'30**, Portland, Oregon, celebrated "three generations of Kenyon Lords/Ladies/Owls!" she writes. "Our little legacy story that began with my dad, **Andy Bowman '68**, continues with our kids **Dylan '28** and **Esme '30**. I love getting back to the Hill for visits! Enjoying summer meetups with **Jenna Blum** and **Sharon Stochholm Wetzel** in my hometown in northern Michigan has been a highlight each year." **Tracy Spuehler Dickerson**, Los Angeles, is a practicing therapist. Tracy released an EP this spring of "songs written and recorded around my dad's death last year," she shares. "The first song to be released is called 'Owl,' about an owl who visited our home a few days before he died. I've also been writing songs for film and TV and co-wrote a song with **Liam Davis '90** and Mary McCloud for an upcoming movie called 'Spa Weekend.' These days I'm often on the tennis court with **Samie Kim Falvey '96 H'20**, **Hilary Marx '96** and **Karen Kuo Chou '93**." Tracy has seen **Kim (Kanner) Meisner**, **Adrianne (Feldman) Kirszner**, **Joanna (Martowski) Hepworth** and **Sara Eichner**, "as well as **Justin Roberts** when he's in L.A."

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> — **Rachel Schwartz Louis '92**, on earning an Ed.D.

1993

David Hutchison, Boone, North Carolina, tells us he is still RVing: "I'm rolling along with my wife, Shari Galiardi, and our vintage camper, Hamlet, all across the continent. Our tiny mobile business, Freedom in a Can, has brought us even closer to **Carolyn (Peticolas) Alt** over the past 10 years. Any members of the Class of '93 with extra driveway space, give us a shout and we may just swing through." **Kelley Wilder** sends greetings from Leipzig, Germany. "Mario and I continue in academia, and the kids are thriving. If you're nearby in Berlin or Prague, we're just a few hours away by train." Kelley returned to the Hill for last fall's women's track and cross country teams' 50th anniversary.

1994

Cristin Bishara published a second book in her Cryptid Chronicles series in July. "Chupacabra," a Choose Your Own Adventure book with 20 possible endings, followed "Mothman," released in 2025. **Brad Hughes** visited roommate **Scott Sherman** in Chicago. "Some great jazz and blues was heard; some tournament-level ping-pong was played (just like in the Mather lounge). I am in my 25th year practicing law at Porter Wright in Columbus, and Scott continues to save lives in the Cook County ER. My son Matthew and I have also recently enjoyed some great movies with **Brian Granger '93**, including 'The Brutalist' and 'Sinners.'"

1995

David Hicks is now West Virginia State University's athletic director. "Cindy and I will be empty-nesters as our youngest, Luke, heads to the University of Alabama-Huntsville to study aerospace engineering. Stephen finished his junior year in environmental science at Tennessee Tech, and Daniel teaches history and coaches baseball at Christ School in Asheville, North Carolina. Alex has a beautiful daughter, Amelia, 2, who calls me Pappy. Undoubtedly the best job I have ever had!" **Katharine (Rucker) Sears** writes that her friend's daughter, accepted to Kenyon, visited the Hill over a snowy February weekend wearing a Kenyon hat she received from the school. "The special things our alma mater does for accepted students made me feel good. Thanks, Kenyon admissions office — you're doing it right."

1996

Josh Cornehlsen spent a year in Mendoza, Argentina, with his wife, Tamara, and children Jesper, 8, and Kaya, 6. They now live back in the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts, where Josh helps run an adult education program for immigrants and refugees at local community colleges. **Stephanie (Segal) Hill**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is a senior continuous improvement advisor at the Cleveland Clinic. "I stopped running my consulting business, Light Bulb Moment. I'm committed to publishing the book I wrote about lessons learned from raising my son with autism." Stephanie enjoyed seeing suitemates **Sarah Mann** and **Brandie (Mayes) Wagner** during Homecoming and was anticipating the Kenyon Women's Conference in October. **Jamie Lyn Smith** is director of youth programs and fellowships at the Kenyon Review. "It's delightful to be back on campus. I'm editing a KR folio on 'Precarity,' finishing up one novel and drafting

a second. In between, I enjoy long walks on Middle Path with my problematic sidekick, Shasta — an energetic 70-pound Jack Russell/bluetick hound mix. Stop by Finn House if you're in Gambier!" **Stacy Strauss** enjoys hiking, biking, learning and working in Athens, Ohio. "John's on the brewing team at Jackie O's, one of the largest microbrewery and beverage companies in the Midwest. In 2025, I pivoted from higher ed into the nonprofit sector. I'm the CFO of FosterHub, an organization providing career and college placement assistance, driver training, financial literacy, healthy food initiatives and temporary housing for foster youth in southeastern Ohio as they age out of the foster care system." **Brandie Mayes Wagner**, Cortland, Ohio, and her husband visited their youngest, Clover, at St. Andrews University in Scotland over spring semester. "We recently enjoyed pet-sitting the lovable animals of **Liz Ruppert** in South Carolina. I have been working for Stellantis (Chrysler) since May 1996 — do I get a prize for being with the same company since literally the day after graduation?"

1997

Adrienne (Misheloff) Czechowski P'26 and **Aaron Czechowski '98 P'26** expressed joy and sadness after the graduation of **Sophia Czechowski '26**. "Empty-nesters, we go to Seattle Kraken hockey games, build Lego and spend time outside. Aaron continues at Microsoft and volunteers with Search and Rescue and the Washington Trails Association. I sadly had to close down a manufacturing facility when Theo Chocolate moved its manufacturing out of Seattle. Still up to my elbows in chocolate with a small chocolate company in Redmond." **Tricia Nameth-Rich P'30,** Evanston, Illinois, proudly announces that son **Andrew Rich '30** started at Kenyon this fall. "He plans to study history, focusing on world religions, and will run cross country and track. I look forward to many walks on Middle Path in the next four years — hopefully I will bump into some of you!" Her daughter Grace studies psychology at Marquette. **Larae C. (Bush) Schraeder**, Columbus, Ohio, says she is "keeping my head down at my law office, helping some local alums. Still volunteering actively with Kenyon's Career Development Office. I hosted more job shadow students over fall and winter breaks. I recently accepted a position on the Kenyon Review board, a good excuse to visit the bookstore and replace some of my well-worn Kenyon apparel." **Liz Vitellaro** enjoyed a 50th birthday in Vegas for Dead & Company at the Sphere, she updates. "Then back to Chicago for dinner with **Heather Baker**, **Doug Scheftner '95** and **Elizabeth Boon Carrico**. **Katie (Petrock) Madigan** and I met up several times in D.C. and Chicago. **Kelli (Stebel) Schrade** and Heather and I celebrated our 28th annual Friendmas! I work with fantastic groups to put on great events for Kenyon Women Giving Back." Liz was planning Kenyon's first Women's Conference, taking place Oct. 23-25. **Amanda Berg Wilson** is back in Chicago working at the Goodman as assistant director of "Theater of the Mind, an immersive theater piece written by Mala Gaonkar and Rock & Roll Hall-of-Famer David Byrne," she informs. She has been part of the core team collaborating with Byrne and director Andrew Scoville on the show since 2019.

1998

Jamie Lester is in his eighth year as principal at Eagleview Middle School in Colorado Springs, named the "Best of the Springs" for four consecutive years. "Managed to win a national title in pickleball in November of 2025 in San Diego. In fairness, I'm old, so it was in the 50–54 age group in singles (4.0 level). I still hang out with **Joe O'Reilly** and **Jeremy Bono**. Was thrilled to reconnect with **Matt Krebs** in recent years as well." **Torsten Seifert**, Prosper, Texas, started a new job at Heidelberg Materials. "The house is a lot quieter these days with half the kids in college, finishing freshman years at Texas A&M and Oklahoma. But our two seventh-graders continue to keep us on our toes."

1999

Rich Woodbridge, Lockport, New York, is deputy director of the New York Farm Viability Institute, he updates. Rich oversees multiple state agricultural grant programs and teaches three online courses at Cornell. "This year is my farm's 199th birthday, so if any of you find yourselves near Niagara Falls, come by for one of our pizza nights or farm-to-table dinners."

2000s

2000

Kelly Dillon was sworn in as a member of the Board of Education of South Western City Schools, located in central Ohio and the state's fifth-largest school district. "I've run multiple school board and state representative campaigns, but it was an entirely new experience as a candidate," she writes. Her race garnered national attention for her opponents' AI shenanigans, she noted. Kelly thanked supporters **Elisabeth Hire**, **Holly Donahue Singh**, **Martha Holley-Miers** and **Emily Atwood Costello**. **Molly (Willow) Vogel**, Westerville, Ohio, marked seven years working at Kenyon. "Add in my three years on campus (junior

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> — **Jamie Lyn Smith '96**, on taking a new job as director of youth programs and fellowships at the Kenyon Review

year in Paris, *merci beaucoup*), and this place has shaped the contours of my life for a decade. In these times when truth and decency can seem in short supply in the world, I am comforted that Kenyon still cares about educating thoughtful, decent humans." Molly is a volunteer advisor at the Collegian, "trying to teach them not to run with scissors — i.e., do journalism with no formal training. They seem much younger than we were as students. I loved meeting fellow Collegian alumni at the conference I helped organize last October, too. Like so many things we love about Kenyon, that was possible only because an alum gave money to make it happen. Always happy to answer any Kenyon questions I can: vogel2@kenyon.edu."

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> — **Kelly Dillon '00**, on her election to her local school board

2001

Kelly M. Duke Bryant celebrated the February release of her book "Negotiating Childhood: French Colonialism and African Children in Senegal, 1848–1940" (University of Massachusetts Press, 2026). "So exciting to see the product of nearly a decade of work finally appear in print! I'm still on the history faculty at Rowan University in southern New Jersey. **Matthew Bryant '01** continues to practice law and coach kids' sports teams. Our three kids are all doing well." **Michelle DiMuzio**, Maybee, Michigan, updates, "Hi, I transitioned in 2022. It would be cool if Kenyon got my name right. It's Michelle now. I'm still a public librarian, I just look better doing it. My kids are 14 and 10. Izzi hopes to become a vet, Gwenny is focused on learning and school friends, and I'm incredibly proud of both of them. I still think fondly of my time at Kenyon, despite how much of myself I was hiding from y'all and how big a fool I made of myself. I hope Kenyon continues to be a place where kids can be foolish and make lifelong friends for another hundred years." **Beth Harrod**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, left pediatrics and joined the allergy and clinical immunology department at the Cleveland Clinic. "I've run into **Aaron Hamilton** several times. Sang Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 at Severance Music Center here in Cleveland." **Andrew Kahrl** updates, "Since its publication in 2024, my book 'The Black Tax: 150 Years of Theft, Exploitation, and Dispossession in America' has received the following awards: the Order of the Coif Book Award for best book in legal scholarship for 2025; the Lizabeth Cohen Prize for the best book on cities and political power from the Urban History Association; honorable mention for the Kenneth Jackson Award for best book in North American urban history from the Urban History Association; and was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in history for 2025." **Justin Kleinheider**, Kingston, Pennsylvania, is head of school at Wyoming Valley Montessori School in Kingston. In December 2025, he earned his doctorate of education from Vanderbilt. **Anne Morrissy** is the editor of At The Lake magazine in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She splits her time between Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood and her hometown, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Anne also helped plan the first-ever Kenyon Women's Conference, Oct. 23-25.

2002

Kris Cheney and **Stephanie (Cutts) Cheney '04** relocated the family from Houston to Boulder, Colorado, in August 2025. Kris started a new job at Scout Clean Energy as chief development officer in August 2024. "Alexander and Charlotte finished fifth and fourth grade and have adjusted well," Kris reports. **Caitlin Chun-Kennedy** writes, "Surviving these dystopian times while working with students at Penn State University's counseling center. Tom, Oscar and I had the privilege of traveling to Argentina over winter break with **Melissa Romain** (and her lovely Frank) to attend **Sara DeLaney**'s wedding! We loved celebrating with Sara, Diego and their friends and families, exploring Buenos Aires and Ushuaia with our extended Kenyon family (including the inimitable **Abby DeLaney '05**). I'm also thankful for getting to visit with **Mary Hill** three times — so we are basically roommates again. Long live Aclands." **A'Biel Hammonds** hated to miss the 25th Reunion. "I think of you fondly. Have a great time, all. I'm doing well during this time of great disturbance in our country. I became disabled years ago by an autoimmune condition. Fortunate to spend winters on the Big Island of Hawaii. Being in a warm climate keeps me 'able.' Meanwhile, I've become a writer! If you'd like a link to my published works, reach out to me via LinkedIn. See you at year 30." **Hilary Hodge**, Montreuil Juigné, France, reports that the Class of 2002 was well-represented at the Kenyon in London event in November. "**Ruth (Crowell) Wild** gave a fabulous talk, and we enjoyed a very boisterous night out together afterward. We are planning our Kenyon in Europe event in Paris — stay tuned!" **Miriam Walden**, Long Island City, New York, traveled to D.C. for work last winter and "caught up with **Winston Sale** over snowy margaritas." In Toronto in June, Miriam presented her research at the International Coalition of Girls' Schools Global Forum On Girls' Education. Her presentation was titled "Making Meaning Queer: Co-designing Disruptive Discussions in a Feminist Classroom."

2003

Jacob Howley, Mount Rainier, Maryland, informs, "With the excuse of showing our German exchange student the U.S.A., we spent winter break on a cross-country journey to surprisingly not-so-sunny L.A., and then took a road trip to Joshua Tree, the Grand Canyon and Phoenix. Everything was absolutely amazing, from the sea lions of the California coast to the saguaros of central Arizona. In L.A., **Madeline (Podnar) Stewart** and her daughter Zoé were excellent tour guides of their Culver City environs. We also reconnected with **Rose (Talbert) Morse** over brunch in Encino, which went longer than expected when a flash flood trapped us in the restaurant!"

2004

Katie (Jackson) Cannon and **Brian Cannon '05** are "still loving our little farm in Gambier!" Katie enrolled as a guest student to take "Intensive Intro to

Chinese." "They are not kidding about 'intensive,'" she notes. "It's a little surreal to be taking a class at Kenyon again after so many years. Walking to class through the Gates of Hell as the church bells chime the hour instantly transports me back to those memorable days, though being surrounded by a class of 18-year-olds now makes me feel simultaneously young and very, very old."

2005

Adam Cernea Clark, his wife, **Silvia Cernea Clark '08**, and son Stefan, 11, live in Houston. "Busy working in renewable energy and excited to see the SunZia Wind and Transmission Project, the largest clean-energy project in the Western Hemisphere, come online after working on it for a decade." **Liz (Gunnar) Hoffman**, Ann Arbor, Michigan, reports spotting a felicitously timed Bulletin item: "I noticed that **Josiah Venter** was planning to be in Michigan that same week I happened to be reading. Lucky for me, he was nearby and came over for dinner! We hadn't talked in over 10 years, but it was so lovely to reconnect. If you find yourself in Ann Arbor, let me know. I am a physician at the University of Michigan, Peter is photographing and Gabriel, 5, is in pre-K."

2006

Carolyn (Barrett) Dash informs that "four '06ers work in Middlebury's science building: **Mike Dash** and I, **Lauren Kordonowy** and **Casey Smith Schine**. And we all did Summer Science together in 2005!" **Abigail Haddad**, Washington, D.C., uses AI "to help governments find outdated regulations (one still had a telegram requirement)," she informs. "I had a piece published in FedScoop and still blog at presentofcoding.substack.com. I also organize civic tech/data science groups in D.C." **Saoirse Neenan** updates, "My wife and I are doing great in Chicago! I'm back to school for civil engineering and everything compares poorly to the Hill. Happy to reconnect; my phone number hasn't changed."

2007

Aerin Einstein-Curtis and her spouse, Josh, moved to Hamburg, Germany. In September 2025, they welcomed a daughter. Rosalind is their second child.

2008

Andrew Irvin is concluding a Ph.D. at the University of Melbourne and teaching cultural policy, he reports. "My wife and I created a culinary roundtable television show called 'Climate Bites,' grant-funding a pilot produced late last year. I support the IPCC Special Report on Cities and Climate Change with case studies and expert review, and in June I coordinated creative events at the Innovate4Cities Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, where we launched the book I co-authored. I have no intention of returning to the United States until you all clean up the fascism mess."

2009

Alex (Roland) Armstrong reports, "We have never been prouder to be Minnesotans as our state responded to being occupied by DHS and ICE. We continue to love our immigrant neighbors and support our local communities following heartbreaking acts of political violence and gun violence that left a friend's child dead last year and the more recent killing of peaceful protesters in our streets. We keep seeking hope and a better future for our children (and ALL children) while flying the loon resistance emblem." **Austin Faught**, Delaware, Ohio, welcomed another baby boy into the family last October. "The kids now outnumber the adults. I'm helping to form a new graduate program in medical physics at Ohio State University, frequently reflecting on my time at Kenyon as we craft our program of study. Hope to make a couple trips to Gambier to recruit promising undergraduate students."

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> — **Katie (Jackson) Cannon '04**, on enrolling as a guest student in "Intensive Intro to Chinese" at Kenyon

2010s

2010

Liz (Anderson) Maloney, Rockville, Maryland, resigned from her role as a federal contractor in 2025. "I've gone back to being a children's librarian, this time working for Montgomery County Public Libraries. Outside of work, I can be found lifting weights with my personal trainer, petting cats, reading and frequenting lots of AA meetings." **Alex Zhao**, Chicago, joined a quantitative hedge fund covering data centers, digital infrastructure and other REIT sectors. "Tracking cutting-edge technologies such as quantum computing reminds me of the programming class I took with Professor Schumacher, who introduced us to the concept of Qubit. Quantifying the impact of AI on jobs draws on many of the lessons I learned in Ascension Hall from professors in the economics department, especially Professor Melick."

2011

Jillian Arenz began working as a clinical psychologist at Montefiore Medical Center, with a small private practice, too. "I'm getting married in the summer and planning some fun travels, but otherwise I'm always happy to connect with others in NYC!" **Mac Carroll** reports, "**Prita (Kidder) Carroll** and I are still in NYC with our two girls, Maya, 5, and Roxanne, 2." **Liza Chabot**, Durham, North Carolina, started as a UX researcher with Viget, a development and design agency.

"Since my last update, I've woven three baby blankets for friends, visited Mexico City three times in less than a year, and spent three months attempting to learn Croatian and speak with my husband's family. Croatian is very hard. About all I can do is curse someone by insulting their mother, tell someone I'm hungry, and wish someone a good evening. Onwards and upwards!" **Laura Paul** and **Ted Rubin** bike, play board games, throw dinner parties and host a sci-fi book club in Durham, North Carolina. Laura is a research economist for the USDA Economic Research Service. Ted starts a master's in computer science and economics at Duke University this fall. **Nandi (Plunkett) Levine** updates, "In December, we welcomed our second son, Shea Stone, and settled into a new house nestled in the woods in Canaan, New York. In addition to regular visitors of turkey, bobcat and bear, we just hosted **David Clarke** and his partner, Veronica, for the weekend, and in April **M.J. Harwood** and **Abby Comstock-Gay** and their families. We love catching up with folks and sharing the magic of this wild place, so hit me up if you're ever passing through!" **Margaret Wardrop**, Austin, Texas, informs, "**Hannah Kramer** and I recently earned our PSI scuba certifications and went diving in the Florida Keys. From Middle Path to mangroves!"

2012

Garrett Fields, St. Paul, Minnesota, remains a federal prosecutor with the Minnesota U.S. attorney's office "despite a tumultuous start to 2026," he writes. "Successfully prosecuted three drug-trafficking trials to verdict in 2025 and began 2026 with back-to-back homicide trials, including a multi-week double-murder trial. Enjoying life with our sons Philip, 6, and Henry, 3." **Vivian (Buchanan) Jablonski** reports, "Still living in Newmarket, New Hampshire with my family, teaching high school math. We just welcomed our second child, Reid!" **Amelia McClure** is a vice president of government affairs for UnitedHealth Group, representing its portfolio in Indiana and Oklahoma. "Daughters Charlotte, 4, and Isabelle, 2.5, love to learn, swim and play."

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2013

Tommy Brown and his wife, Michaela, welcomed their second son, August, to the world this February in Silver Spring, Maryland. "He has been a joy ever since, and Philip is proving to be an adept, sweet older brother." **Jake Fishbein** announces, "After working on it for 10 years, my first book, 'The Men's Group: A Novel of Messy Friendships,' was published on June 9! It's been a labor of love and the foundation to my career as an executive coach. Two of the protagonists happen to be Kenyon alumni — just saying." Jake was also very excited to celebrate the August wedding of **Ryan Eick**. **Emma (Cummins) DeVanzo**, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, informs, "Last November we welcomed our second daughter, Morgan, to the family! Big sister Madison, 4, is loving her new role. Traveling for weddings, family visits, weekend hangouts with friends and a cruise."

2014

Dan Druffel, De Pere, Wisconsin, and his wife, Laura, welcomed a second son this summer. "Loved meeting up with **Rehan Bhatti** and **Noah Johnson** this past year. #SameAsItEverWas." **Brielle Giomini** and her wife, Lindsay, are now homeowners in Lakewood, Ohio. "Thrilled to explore our new neighborhood and put down roots." A clinical psychologist at Cleveland Sex and Intimacy Counseling in Ohio City for the last two years, Brielle "loves forming her niche working with the LGBTIA+ community," she informs. "Playing flute with the Cleveland Pride Band, weekly yoga and going to shows and festivals." **Chelsea (Katzeman) Kwan** and **Chris Kwan '16,** Beaverton, Oregon, welcomed a third baby girl, Zadie Mei Kwan, on Jan. 10, 2026. "She joins big sisters Gemma, 4, and Kirby, 2." **Ana Maricic,** Woodland Hills, California, finished a first school year as a fourth-grade teacher and was married in April. "I miss my dear Kenyon friends all over the world something fierce." **Jessie Laurin Meek** and **Drew Meek**, Indianapolis, welcomed their daughter, Eloise, in August 2025. "All are happy and healthy!"

2015

Camélia (Milnes) Hairane, Brookhaven, Pennsylvania, and her husband had a son. She was on maternity leave from her day job as attending physician in a Philadelphia ER. **Lauren Katz** is excited to become a student again, pursuing an M.F.A. in directing at Carnegie Mellon. **Kerry Kennedy** and **John Murphree** welcomed Niamh Mary Murphree into the world in June 2025. "We are blessed to report she is a happy, healthy and curious child, and we can't wait for her to spend time with all her Kenyon aunts, uncles and cousins!" **Hannah (Cooper) Stoyel** and **Alex Stoyel '08** welcomed Asher into the Stoyel clan. "Proud big sister Felicity started

primary school here in London. A good year. Both of us are working as sport psychologists. I work for the English National Ballet and British Diving."

2016

Emily Nason, Richmond, Virginia, had "a little mini Kenyon reunion in Pittsburgh last February at the American Booksellers Association's Winter Institute. I work for ABA as the director of education. **Alicia Wright** and **Lauren Bailey** were excellent hosts and gave all the best Pittsburgh recs. I also caught up with **Rioghnach Robinson** and grabbed her forthcoming novel, 'Bad Words,' out Oct. 6 from St. Martin's Press, which was many booksellers' most-hyped book of the conference! And I ran into Jim Huang, bookstore manager from 2010 to 2015. I returned home with lots of new books and Kenyon joy."

2017

Benjamin Grannis finished his first winter as a Yellowstone Park ranger. "I look forward to another year and reconnecting with friends. Please reach out if you're in the area and would like recommendations or a place to crash. And please … don't pet the bison." **Sara Kelleher**, Litchfield, Connecticut, completed her doctoral dissertation at Molloy University. "My work examines how girls and gender-expansive students of color experience academic and executive functioning coaching programs in private schools. I explored how students navigate support systems, the barriers they encounter, and the ways they draw on their own cultural, relational and navigational strengths to succeed." **Callan Schackor** found themselves back in Ohio for higher education. "Wrapped up my second semester of a master's in food science at OSU." **Graham Reid** joined Johns Hopkins University as a postdoctoral researcher developing quantum optical measurements for quantum materials. He is looking forward to starting new research projects, including exploring ideas with **John Lyons**.

2018

Ellie Horn and **John McFarlane** were married in August 2025, surrounded by friends and family, including Kenyon grads from three different decades. **David** and **Wendy (Crabbe) Lingafelter '86** paid tribute to Ellie's dad, **Byron Horn '86,** at the welcome party. "While my dad couldn't be there in person, he was definitely there in spirit. Gambier will always hold a special place in our hearts." **Houlder Hudgins** married Liz Pinkerton in April 2025. "We were quite fortunate that many Kenyon friends attended! We live in Richmond, Virginia, and have an orange kitten named Pimento." Houlder now manages the organ center at the United Network for Organ Sharing. **Sadiq Jiwa** reports that "after a poor medical checkup, I made the decision to stop playing competitive golf. Moved back to Vancouver, Canada. I've appreciated all the support and love for my career transition. My golf teaching academy, Jiwa Golf Performance, focuses on the idea of 'Golf That Works With You,' understanding that every golfer has different goals, learning styles and physical considerations." **Isabel Landers** and **Sam (Roschewsk) Landers** relocated to Boston so Sam could start a master's in speech language pathology at Emerson. "We are so happy to be back on the East Coast, but we love and miss Pittsburgh for sure. Catch me doing hair at station8 in Jamaica Plain." **Evan Cree Gee** and **Henry Brill '19** moved to Atlanta in August 2025 for Evan's postdoctoral fellowship in political theory at Emory. "Since the move, we've reconnected with **Yara Al-nouri** as well as **Katie (Samples) Powers** and **Henry Powers**. Last fall, we saw tons of Kenyon friends at the weddings of **Julia Lindsay**, **Porter Morgan** and, of course, **Lindsay Stoner** and **Paul Murphy**. Henry started a new job in corporate communications at

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Wade Powell

Professor Emeritus of Biology, 2000–2026

As I spent time going through the materials accumulated in the laboratory over the decades, I came across more than 200 sample boxes arrayed chronologically in the ultracold freezer, with the name of the student who owned each one. From Sally Robinson Cluchey '01 to Josiah Cox '27, each of the members of my research lab left behind a distinct calling card. What a joy to remember each person! My own research career was carried on their backs. Their accomplishments underlie the journal articles, the federal grants and the tenured faculty position that define my own reputation as a scientist. As I transition into retirement, my gratitude and affection for these generations of lab students continues to grow. I will not need an ultracold freezer to keep those feelings fresh.

Anthropic, an adventure we're both excited for." **Lena Mazel** lives in York, UK, "an awesome small city with tons of history. I work as a proposal writer for a green engineering company, and my partner and I run a parrot rescue, taking in small birds with severe behavioral issues and various disabilities, and rehabbing injured wildlife." Lena welcomed "Kenyon besties" **Miku Fukuyama** and **Sabrina Serrano** to her wedding in May.

2019

Kaylin Allshouse "enjoyed L.A. weather while finishing an M.F.A. in directing at AFI this spring," she writes. "Excited to take my feature film, 'Still Ohio,' across the country to festivals and hopefully say hi. Had a wonderful trip to Croatia with **Sydney Telaak** and **Madison McDowell**!" **David Anderson** writes, "Seven years have come and gone since we last walked along Middle Path as students. In 2025, I defended my Ph.D. in molecular biology at Harvard University, finally receiving my doctorate; got married in September on Cape Cod and started a new job as an oncology consultant in Boston." **Henry Brill** updates, "After four years at Breakwater Strategy, I recently joined the corporate communications team at Anthropic. Excited to dive in at such a consequential moment for AI — and to see **Emma Braden** on more frequent trips to S.F.!" Henry lives in Atlanta with **Evan Cree Gee '18**, "who's doing a post-doc in political theory at Emory." **Masen Colucci** updates, "After falling in the first round of union layoffs at the Onion, I was unemployed for six months. Then, I accidentally became an influencer for a 'hyperlocal' news and entertainment site called Secret Chicago. Cons: I had to churn out four videos a week. Pros: weekly radio segment on B96 and VIP Lollapalooza tickets. I've since joined the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry marketing department as a visual content producer. All roads lead back to Kenyon, because what do you know? The museum opened an exhibit called "Crafting Character: The Costumes of Paul Tazewell." I took photos and filmed videos with Paul and reunited with my advisor and Paul's brother, **Jonathan Tazewell '84 P'15**, at the museum's Black Creativity Gala." Paul Tazewell spoke at Commencement on May 16, 2026. **Sam Culbert** is pursuing a master's in mental health counseling at the City College of New York. "In January 2026, I started seeing patients at a psychotherapy group practice. Looking forward to my career as a therapist." **Mollie Greenberg** married **Keegan James** in Alexandria, Virginia, in a small ceremony on March 15, 2026, surrounded by many Kenyon friends. "Keegan is a lawyer at the Department of Labor, and I am a freelance actor and teaching artist. Most important, we have a cat named Jennie." **Dani Huffman Gordon** is a client service

Art for the Good

LUCAS PASTORFIELD-LI '15, AN INTERNATIONAL AID WORKER AND MURALIST, BRIGHTENS THE WORLD

Just a few months out of Kenyon, Lucas Pastorfield-Li was on the ground in Fond-Parisien, Haiti, overseeing a clinic on the campus of the Haitian Christian Mission. By day, he was working for a non-governmental organization to provide health care to women and children who had been stripped of their citizenship in the neighboring Dominican Republic and sent to Haiti. In his off hours, he focused on a different pursuit: painting.

"It was a really good way to get in touch, to connect with people," he says.

For Pastorfield-Li, international development work and fine arts were a natural combination. He was, after all, an international studies major and a studio art minor at Kenyon.

"Shout out to Steve Van Holde and Craig Hill," he says, referring, respectively, to his professors of international studies and art. "They were my two pillars in those parallel tracks."

Pastorfield-Li traveled along those two tracks for some time. His career took him around the globe — working with Syrian refugees in Greece and Turkey, and then back to his home base of Austin, Texas, for a master's degree in global policy studies from the University of Texas. All the while, he continued to paint, taking commissions and showing his work in Austin.

In 2019, he had the chance to work on a new canvas: the east wall of Johnnie's Antiques, a business in the heart of Austin that also functioned as a community center. This project, his first mural, grew out of his work with Girl Forward, an organization that resettled refugee girls around the world, including many in Austin.

The pro bono project brightened a graffiti-covered wall with a colorful mural featuring the portraits of the store's octogenarian owner, three resettled refugee girls and three generations of her own family members. The mural, he says, "combined the history of this longstanding Black-owned business with the recency of the arrivals of the girls Girl Forward supported. It combined the old and the new Austin with this welcoming message of, 'We all belong here'."

The mural became the first stop on the self-guided Austin Mural Tour, and took Pastorfield-Li's career in an unexpected direction. As a new muralist, he traveled to Nixon, Texas, where he painted a bright mural welcoming visitors to the historic downtown. And as an employee of a contractor for the U.S. Agency for International



In his first mural on the side of a family business in Austin, Texas, Lucas Pastorfield-Li '15 depicted the store's owner, her family members and resettled refugees.



COURTESY LUCAS PASTORFIELD-LI '15

Development (USAID), he went to Uganda and Zambia and then to South Sudan, where he was overseeing a project improving the sanitation of water in rural areas.

He expected to continue in that vein, managing international development projects as his career, with painting as his side passion. But the sudden collapse of USAID after President Donald Trump took office canceled these development projects and put him, and many like him, out of work.

The ensuing job search proved tough. "The industry had been gutted but was also so saturated with qualified personnel that it was just a slog. So, I decided to focus on art and make it a business."

He took his first out-of-state commission, painting a mural for a pickleball center in Brooklyn. He took projects in Hawaii and Los Angeles. And, back home in Austin, he won his biggest project yet: a monumental mural in the parking garage of the Austin Central Library. The decade-old, modernist building was featured this year as one of Time magazine's 25 buildings representing the U.S. in the country's 250th year.

"It's a really big honor, a cool project," he says. The project is part of Austin's Art For All Initiative, a public-art program that employs homeless people as artists' assistants. "It's simultaneously a beautification effort and an economic development project to help folks get back on their feet."

His mural, still under development, is the most ambitious of his 13 murals to date. "It's a mosaic of many overlapping graphic novels," he says — inspired by the written word, honoring its setting. Two protagonists, a brother and a sister, embark on a journey beginning in Oz, move into scenes from "The Odyssey," and continue through the literary world, with Pastorfield-Li painting them in familiar fictional settings. "It's ambitious because it has many pieces and parts."

As he completes his latest project, he sees infinite possibilities for painting more. "When I see a blank wall in cities, I just think, man, it would be much better if there was color and design and artwork on that wall. The percentage of walls that are covered with artwork in our cities is far too low. We would benefit from having those spaces brought to life." —ADAM GILSON

representative at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, Illinois. "I'm earning a master's in agricultural leadership, education and communications," Dani informs, "building on my undergrad experiences at the Office of Green Initiatives and the Kenyon Farm. I'd like to someday be an informal agriculture educator at the U of I Extension Office or lead community events at a local farm." **Taylor Hazan** updates, "Things have taken a Hallmark-esque turn. I find myself settling into life in North Carolina as a small-town librarian, where I rent from the couple who own the local Hallmark store. Support your local libraries! Stay tuned for the sweet romance novel I'm inevitably going to write (and perhaps live out)!" **Jordan (Wetzel) Meagher** and **Rob Meagher,** Raleigh, North Carolina, welcomed their first child, Jane, in May 2025. "Absolutely loving life as new parents." **Britny Patterson** resigned from federal service after four years at the U.S. Department of State and almost two at the National Security Council. She is pursuing her juris doctorate at William & Mary Law School, where she serves as chief of staff for the Center for Legal and Court Technology. **Grace Pilz** married **Burke Irwin**, "who proposed at five-year Reunion," she informs. The August 2025 ceremony in Minneapolis was officiated by **Justin Clark** and attended by many Kenyon friends, including representatives from Kenyon softball and DKE. Grace passed the bar in October 2025 and practices in tax, trusts and estates at a Minneapolis firm. Burke defended his Ph.D. in particle physics in January 2026 and is working in financial risk management. **Ty Raso** signed a contract with Noemi Press to publish their debut full-length book of poetry, "Mirror Would Be a Beautiful Name for a Child," coming in October 2027. **Philip Sheers** reports, "Seeking to recapture the peaceful and intellectual experience of Kenyon, I have entrenched myself in the idyllic defense policy field of Washington, D.C. I spend most of my days thinking about nuclear war, air campaigns, weapons production and our sizable defense budget. Believe it or not, I do this in the hopes of averting World War III, not starting it." **Jasmine Wilson** and her partner relocated to Richmond, Virginia, where she works as a college counselor at a high school, "hoping to spread the love of liberal arts colleges, or just supporting students in their overall fit."

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Marcella Hackbardt

Professor Emerita of Studio Art, 2000–2026

I wish to deeply thank my students for trusting me with their highly personal work and for participating in creating classroom dynamics of compassion and respect for each other's individuality. Together, we made our classrooms a safe and positive space where our diverse experiences, subjectivities, bodies and backgrounds were protected and valued. I was always amazed and riveted by my students as they explored the intensity of artmaking, creating meaningful and sophisticated work. As they explored the intensity of artmaking, they developed the richness of their inner life, as a springboard to a lifetime of creative and intellectual pursuits.

2020s

2021

Miriam Hyman feels more at home now in Portland, Oregon. "Carlos and I are getting rooted in place. I am busy in my science communications position, but even more busy pulling weeds in our backyard, volunteering at a seed farm, hanging out in the community garden and gleaning fruit with the Portland Fruit tree project. I'm still in regular contact with my beloved senior-lockdown-year housemates **Rand Burnette**, **Elizabeth (Stanley) Holley** and **Afomia Ayele**." **Paulina Mendez** writes from Peace Corps training in Panama: "Loving every moment so far. Haven't quite gotten used to the humidity and heat, but having such a close cohort — and getting to build meaningful connections with both my fellow trainees and community members — has really kept my spirits high!"

2022

Bella Hatkoff works as a private chef and volunteers at ROCC NYC, "an organization that connects immigrants and asylum-seekers with essential resources like legal counsel, health care and food (thanks to **Jack Braun '24** and their mom). I'm truly in awe of the incredible people I work with every day and grateful to be part of their community." **Katie Kress**, Atlanta, is pursuing a master's in choral conducting. She is assistant music director of the Atlanta Homeward Choir and assistant music director of the Catholic Shrine

REBECCA KIGER

of the Immaculate Conception. **Ilana Richter** worked for the World Organization for Animal Health in Paris in summer 2025. "Now I'm an epidemiologist and emergency response coordinator! Pretty cool stuff." **Charlie Voirin** updates, "In a wild change of circumstances, my grad school lab moved to the Bay Area, and I followed! I am now a Ph.D. student in the Department of Integrative Biology at UC Berkeley, slowly but surely getting used to life on the West Coast. If you have any recommendations for good food or good hiking, let me know!"

2023

Lily Beeson-Norwitz landed her first full-time job abroad in London, on a campaigns communications team, after completing her master's degree. "I have met up with other Kenyon classmates who are also studying or working in London, keeping those memories from the Hill close to my heart." **Elliot Moore** moved to Minneapolis for a new role with Clare Housing, an organization that houses people living with HIV. "I love the Twin Cities, and it has been an insane time to be here given the Trump administration's hostile takeover. Despite one of the coldest winters in recent record, the resilience shown by community groups here was inspiring."

2024

Theodore Schwamm, Hope Mills, North Carolina, returned to the Hill for the first time since graduating. "Getting to walk on Middle Path again left me very grateful for my time at Kenyon. I do wish the Village Inn was open on Sundays or Mondays." **Arthur Sprainer** moved to Las Vegas with Teach for America in May 2025. "Boy oh boy, I had no idea what I was getting into. When meeting my first class of 20 third-graders, I was incredibly nervous for the responsibility of their education. After a few mini hugs and 'You're my favorite teacher' comments, I felt like I was exactly where I needed to be. … Despite never-ending stress, I am incredibly grateful for the way TFA has offered me a way to continue learning and connecting to others. My life looks nothing like it did a couple years ago, but I know it is only possible because of the time we spent together at Kenyon. I hope you all find new and exciting experiences that our shared time together at Kenyon has led you to. All the best. — Mr. Sprainer." **Liam Vallianos-Healy** updates, "Moved to Las Vegas to join my second political campaign. Getting my bearings in a new city. Hope you're all doing great!"

2025

Kate Haydel-Brown completed a Fulbright in Madrid. "I still find myself missing the randomest Kenyon things: our musty New Apartments living room, the walk to South 2, Peirce cauliflower." **Ella Heywood** spent the summer after graduation as art instructor for her old high school's summer program. "I had the honor of being drawn by a student. In September, I drove out to Oregon to live and work. I was lucky enough to stop in beautiful Grand Teton National Park. Now I work as a medical assistant at a dermatology practice and get to explore the wonders of central Oregon." **Chiara Nevard** went back to the Hill for the women's basketball senior game. "So great to celebrate my teammates, see friends and be back on campus!" **Halle Preneta** wrote, "*Dumelang* (hello) all!" from her Fulbright in Botswana. "I am an English teaching assistant at Swaneng Hill Senior Secondary School. I also volunteer at Swaneng's library, shelving books, teaching English and singing in a gospel choir! I have already learned so much." **Elizabeth Redmond** studies history at the University of Edinburgh. "I'm so thrilled to be in an inspiring place with the support of loved ones back in the States." **Emerson Salome** and **Ethan Ashbrook**, Columbus, Ohio, braved "our first Ohio winter outside Kenyon," they report. "I've been working for **Larae C. (Bush) Schraeder '97** as her director of operations, and Ethan has been working as a surveyor. He just officially got licensed to fly drones!" Since graduation, **Elle Sommer** has worked at a summer camp, traveled to Alaska to see **Kylie Mullaly**, and worked at a center for young kids with autism. "I've now moved to Phoenix to live and work with **Alexa Carvallo** at Teach for America. We're elementary school teachers for the next two years." **Sonia Suben** started a master's in library and information science in Boston, focusing on archives management. "While finishing up my gap year, I continued teaching, traveling and working with several museum communities, primarily the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture." **Emilia Thompson** writes, "*Ciao* from Venezia! Finished my two-month fellowship at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and enjoyed getting to study the collection, give talks on Peggy Guggenheim's life, engage with others about the artworks and, of course, explore Venice." Emilia also illustrated a children's book titled "Mac and Friends: You Are Enough," "a story about self-confidence, the power of support from family and friends, and, most important, animals."

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> — **Arthur Sprainer '24**, on joining Teach for America

Donald B. Thomas '53, on Feb. 16, 2025. He was 93. He earned a master's in accounting from Ohio State, worked as a coal mining industry accountant, and in the 1950s moved to Alaska, where he met his wife, Lynn. He retired in 1982 and moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, where he was active with the Elks, Gospel Rescue Mission, Genealogical Society, and the Episcopal and Anglican churches. He is survived by his daughter Gwen Rowe and two granddaughters.

Benjamin Allen McCormick '55, on March 24, 2026, in Indianapolis. He was 93. A Beta Theta Pi who played lacrosse, he was secretary-treasurer of the Senior Society. Upon graduating with a degree in economics, Allen joined the Air Force. Returning home to the Muncie, Indiana, family business, he modernized its bookkeeping system and eventually rose to president and board chair. In 1971, he helped establish public television in Muncie. President of the Brendonwood Country Club and treasurer of Northminster United Methodist Church, Allen also served on the board of the Indiana Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. He was 1955 class agent for many years, served on the Kenyon Fund Executive Committee, and in 2010 received Kenyon's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding personal contributions. With his wife, Mary Ann, he visited all 50 states and all seven continents. He is survived by her; sons Benjamin, Austin and Andrew McCormick; stepsons Douglas, Steven, Matthew and David; brother Arch; and 15 grandchildren.

Walter Shinji Nobuhara '55, at home in Honolulu on Jan. 4, 2026. He was 92. He played lacrosse at Kenyon before going on to the University of Michigan Dental School. Walter ran a dental practice in Hawaii for over 40 years and was a professor of dental hygiene at Kapi'olani Community College and the University of Hawaii for 30 years. He was active with the Hawai'i Junior Chamber of Commerce, promoting dental health and developing the local hospital dental residency program, his obituary noted. A lifelong Michigan football fan, he enjoyed attending his grandchildren's concerts, sports events, and music and dance recitals. "Walter leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter. He will be remembered for his kindness, his sense of *kuleana* and his signature popcorn." He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marguerite; sister Amy Hironaka; son Wade; daughter Kerilyn; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronald Edward Kendrick '57, on May 10, 2026, in Columbus. He was 90. Ron played football, basketball and baseball; served as senior class president; and was a Delta Tau Delta. During his senior year, he married Suzanne, his wife for 69 years. After three years as an Air Force captain, he became an orthopedic surgeon in Columbus for almost four decades, retiring in 2006. President of the Columbus Medical Association, chair of surgery at Riverside Methodist Hospital, and assistant clinical professor of surgery at Ohio State's College of Medicine, he held leadership roles in numerous orthopedic organizations and trained young surgeons. Into his mid-80s he volunteered at the Physicians Free Clinic in Columbus. "Ron loved tennis, golf, travel and time with family and friends," his obituary read. He was a longtime member of Brookside Golf and Country Club and Worthington United Methodist Church. He is survived by Suzanne; brothers Thomas and Paul; sisters Barbara Ramsey and Kathy Kendrick; daughters Holly Kendrick, Beth Gregory and Krissy Dobies; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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If you've recently learned of or experienced a loss in the greater Kenyon community, email editor@kenyon.edu. We will do our best to honor your friend or loved one's memory in a future issue of the Kenyon Alumni Magazine.

CHARLES G. ADAMS '58 >
A Phi Kappa Sigma who played baseball and was in pep band, he shared a story in the Spring/Summer 2011 Bulletin about etching a giant "K" on a Wooster football field one night.

The Reverend Richard O. Phillips '57, on Feb. 4, 2026, at home in Burlington, Vermont. He was 90. A Delta Phi and English major, he went on to Berkeley Divinity School in Connecticut. After ordination as an Episcopal priest in 1960, he served churches in New York before relocating his family to Vermont in 1973. Dick "touched many lives as senior clinician with Northeast Kingdom Mental Health Services, and led mental health counseling services for inmates in the St. Johnsbury Correctional Center until retiring in 1996," his obituary read. In New Hampshire, he continued to provide part-time counseling and serve as a hospital chaplain. "Throughout his life, Dick met people where they were, always listened and never judged. He was a quiet and gentle man with a large and benevolent impact." He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Judith, whom he met at Kenyon; daughter Lisa Geer; two grandchildren and five nieces. He lost his son, Richard D. Phillips, to brain cancer in 2024.

Charles G. Adams '58, on March 20, 2026. He was 90. He was a "devoted physician, husband, father and cherished member of the Vermilion, Ohio, community," his obituary read. A Phi Kappa Sigma who played baseball and was in pep band, he shared a story in the Spring/Summer 2011 Bulletin about etching a giant "K" on a Wooster football field one night. Charlie went on to medical school at University of Buffalo and married Margaret "Peg" Hubert in 1961. The couple moved in 1965 to Vermilion, where Charlie would practice medicine for nearly 49 years. Known simply as "Doc Adams," he delivered babies to countless families as "a compassionate and trusted family physician who cared for multiple generations." Past president of the Lorain County Medical Society and longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, he taught adult Sunday school and sang in the church choir. "Charlie was known for his quick wit, warm sense of humor, and gift for storytelling. He enjoyed taking his wife and sons on boat trips across the Great Lakes. He is survived by Peg; sons Gordon, Karl, Kevin and Bruce; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harvey Martin Adelstein '58, on Jan. 16, 2026, in Chicago. He was 89. An Alpha Delta Phi on the Collegian staff, Harvey went on to law school at Case Western Reserve University, served as editor-in-chief of the law review and graduated

atop his class. In Chicago, he became a partner at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg and had a distinguished 40-year career as a labor lawyer. "Loving husband, father, grandfather, dear friend and trusted adviser to many, Harvey was a man committed to his family and a believer in justice," his obituary noted. He and his wife, Doris, had just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. "Harvey's sons said he always said goodbye to them with a kiss on their cheeks. Without fail, he ended phone conversations with an 'I love you.' His daughter recalled his profound patience and described him as the calmest, best advice-giver, and most laser-focused listener she ever knew." He is survived by Doris; daughter Sally Blanks; sons Eric and Paul; and four granddaughters.

Robert A. Holstein '58, on Jan. 13, 2026. He was 89. A Beta Theta Pi, Bob played football, lacrosse and basketball. He went to University of Michigan Law School, then moved to Chicago with his first wife, Ellen. Bob practiced law until his death. "His years were packed with adventure, success, sometimes failure, but he always got up to meet the next challenge," his obituary read. "Bob loved being a lawyer and the challenges it presented. In his early thirties, he argued in front of the United States Supreme Court and won." A Reunion committee member and career counseling volunteer, Bob was active with Chicago-area Kenyon alumni for many years. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly; sons Peter, Jamey and Scott; and five grandchildren.

Lawrence F. Folse '59, on May 11, 2026. He was 88. The psychology major and Sigma Pi completed his law degree at Indiana University.

Terry Tim Solon M.Div. '59, on Feb. 28, 2026, in Casper, Wyoming. He was 91. The Bexley Hall Seminary grad served as an Episcopal pastor in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Wyoming. "Father Tim" shepherded St. Stephen's in Casper and St. Christopher's in Cheyenne, from which he retired in 2000. Tim continued to serve as a supply priest throughout Wyoming. "His life's mission was for equality, justice and peace for all," his obituary read. He is survived by sons Lloyd and Ned; daughters Cyndy and Natalie Hansen; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and his dogs Nacho and Buddy.

John Breakenridge Templeton '59, on April 26, 2026, in Oak, Brook, Illinois. He was 89. A Psi Upsilon and tennis player, John was stationed in Alaska with the Army before returning to Chicago to help run the family business. At Templeton Kenly (now Simplex), an innovative producer of industrial-quality hydraulic jacks and lifting mechanisms, John retired as chair of the board after overseeing the company centennial. "A lifelong athlete and outdoorsman," his obituary read, "John enjoyed golf, tennis and skeet shooting. He loved boating, camping, water skiing in Ontario, and snow skiing at Aspen and Snowbird well into his 80s. At home, he worked on his elaborate model train layout and shared that passion with his children and grandchildren. The devoted fan of the White Sox, Green Bay Packers and Blackhawks had many friends who loved his wit, generosity and passion for adventure." He is survived by his wife, Elisa; son Jonathan; daughters Whitney and Elizabeth; four grandchildren; brother Philip; sister Connie Keller; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

< ROBERT A. HOLSTEIN '58

"In his early thirties, he argued in front of the United States Supreme Court and won."

James Frederick Morton '60, on Feb. 26, 2026. He was 79. Jim studied art history before transferring to the University of Wisconsin. Colorblindness disqualified him from being an art conservator, so he became a full-time painter. Settling in Columbus, Ohio, in 1973, he "joined the Milo Arts community as one of its foremost artists," his obituary noted. "He loved being part of the Milo community, among his friends and caregivers. Jim spent more than 60 years of his life doing what he loved most — creating artistic depictions of the human figure." Jim also co-wrote articles and books on Ohio prehistory. He is survived by brothers Carl and John; half-brother Mike; and their families.

William M. Mosbrook '60, on Feb. 7, 2026, in Pinehurst, North Carolina. He was 88. A Delta Phi, Bill went to Loyola University Chicago for his M.B.A. His sales career for DuPont and Varian and other national corporations centered on medical diagnostic equipment such as X-ray technologies and took him around the world. In retirement, he bought a small independent book publisher, Pathfinder Publishing. "Bill's biggest enjoyment was boating with his late wife of 25 years, Evelyn Dehner," his obituary noted. "As co-commodores of the Los Angeles Yacht Club, they enjoyed trips to Catalina Island and beyond." He is survived by his twin brother, Robert; and son, Robert.

Mark Michael Powdermaker '60, on July 1, 2026, near Asheville, North Carolina. He was 88. A Delta Tau Delta who played football and lacrosse, Mark went on to earn graduate degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and Benjamin Franklin University. He served for 20 years in the Coast Guard, retiring as a commander, before beginning a second career with the U.S. Agency for International Development, living and working throughout Africa. A lifelong builder, sailor, traveler, woodworker and problem-solver, Mark was known for his ingenuity, quiet generosity and unwavering willingness to help others. "Whether restoring an engine, building a canoe, sailing unfamiliar waters or helping someone solve a problem, he approached life with independence, ingenuity and an unwavering belief that almost anything could be repaired with enough determination," his obituary read. Reflecting his travels to 48 countries, his home was "filled with treasured African artifacts, richly woven textiles, a collection of Japanese netsuke and other keepsakes." He is survived by his wife, Elaine Marshall; sons Michael, Mark and Miles and their families, including four grandchildren; his twin brother, Alan; and Elaine's children and their families.

Paul L. Abbott '61, on June 4, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was 86. A Delta Phi who completed a master's in teaching at Harvard in 1962, he became an educator, retiring in 2014 after 49 years of service in different roles at South Kent School in Connecticut. "He was a master science teacher, served as dean of students, college guidance counselor, advisor, coach, business manager, the Ambassador Program director, and was the senior master at the end of his career," his obituary read. Paul served on his town's Inlands Wetlands Commission, zoning board and Kent Center Scholarship Committee. "South Kent School established the Paul and Terese Abbott Cup, awarded to a student who most embodies the principles of the school." Paul enjoyed photography, camping and travel with his family. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Terese; daughters Kate Abbott and Elizabeth Ruth Greenberg; a brother, Donald; a sister, Betsy Elkins; six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

John E. Baker '61, on Feb. 7, 2026, at home in Erie, Pennsylvania. He was 86. An economics major and Psi Upsilon, John transferred to Gannon University before working in sales for Rust Craft Publishing, then Moore Business Forms and finally Clark-McKibben, selling first-aid and safety products. "John was the past president of the Erie chapter of the Data Processing Management Association and secretary for the Fort Erie Muzzle Loaders," his obituary noted. In retirement, John served nonprofits including the Niagara League, Erie County Historic Society, Regional Chamber and others with his photography, which appeared in Pennsylvania Magazine, Erie Yacht Club Log and National Geographic. John wrote the Bulletin in 2018 about his work as "photographer for the Flagship Niagara — the brig that won the battle of Lake Erie, which allowed Kenyon College to exist!" He is survived by sister Gae Kane, a niece, two nephews and two cousins.

Charles A. "Tony" Seiniger '61, on May 11, 2026, in Atlanta. He was 87. After two years at Kenyon, Tony went to the Rhode Island School of Design, ultimately becoming a giant in the world of cinema advertising, according to the Hollywood Reporter. After launching Seiniger Advertising in 1970, Tony oversaw more than 2,500 major motion picture campaigns. His firm designed the poster for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." "That led to the job that brought his company lots of attention — the iconic poster for Steven Spielberg's 'Jaws.'" As creative director for three decades, Tony marketed "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Poltergeist," "Risky Business," "Teachers," "The Breakfast Club," "Moonstruck," "Field of Dreams," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "The Last Emperor," "The Firm," "Total Recall" and "Hook," among many others. He is survived by daughters Jillian, Heather, Sara and Tamar; five grandchildren; and his longtime partner, Wriston, who remember him for "his enormous personality and memorable laugh, his grand love of food and wine, his all-encompassing knowledge of Broadway musicals and the true devotion he brought to all of his many friendships."

< CHARLES A. "TONY" SEINIGER '61

Overseeing more than 2,500 major motion picture advertising campaigns, Tony's firm designed the iconic poster for Steven Spielberg's "Jaws."

George Brownstone '62, on Feb. 1, 2025. He was 84. An Alpha Delta Phi originally from Cleveland, George completed an M.D. in 1970 from the University of Vienna, held a psychiatry residency at Weill Cornell Medical College, and became a renowned psychiatrist. He was "an integral part" of the International Society of Transference-Focused Psychotherapy, which treats borderline personality disorder, wrote his colleague Judith Lendvay. "He was not your typical M.D.," she wrote. "He rode a motorcycle and smoked a pipe," and treated mentally ill patients in New York City's public hospital, Bellevue. George married a Hungarian-born gastroenterologist named Eva in Vienna, and they had one daughter, Miriam. He taught online and in person in Budapest for many years. "Some people, even after they leave, continue to light our way. George was one of them."

Edward Lewis Chase III '62, on Feb. 2, 2025, in Titusville, Florida. He was 85. A 10th-generation Cape Codder and Exeter grad, at Kenyon he was a political science major, Beta Theta Pi, Collegian staffer and played lacrosse. "Fueled by his passion for aviation," his obituary noted, "he joined the Air Force, flew the RF-4C Phantom in Vietnam, and the F-111 all over the world." Ed became a colonel and vice commander of the Third Air Force in Europe. Retiring to Pittsfield, Maine, he made furniture, gardened, cooked his famous barbecued chicken and clam chowder, and cheered the Red Sox and Patriots. Ed "volunteered for anything related to the military, and entertained anyone willing to share his love for Maine." In his later Florida years, he "never missed a chance to watch a space shuttle launch from his backyard." Ed served on his 45th Reunion committee. He is survived by his sons Mark and Christopher, and daughter Noel and their families; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters Judith Sirch and Saunie Canuso; brother Sidney; and many nieces and nephews.

Harvey J. Sachs '63, on Jan. 21, 2026. He was 83. A biology major, he earned his M.D. from New York University and became a physician with the San Jose Medical Group, specializing in internal medicine and psychiatry.

Michael P. Tannhauser '64, on Dec. 17, 2023, his family recently informs. He was 82.

Brian Arthur Bidlingmeyer '66 P'96,'03, on April 1, 2026, in Philadelphia. He was 81. Brian played basketball and ran track and cross country. At Purdue, earning his chemistry Ph.D., he "was the first student ever to do ultra-high pressure liquid chromatography as his thesis work." He met his wife there; they married in 1972. A research chemist, he moved into leadership at multiple companies and co-founded Cohesive Technologies, improving drug research. A Fellow in the American Chemical Society, Brian wrote over 100 technical papers and two books, edited major scientific publications and earned numerous prestigious awards, including Science magazine recognition for an innovative rapid amino acid

analysis procedure called the PicoTag method. "A well-known lecturer," his obituary read, "Brian trained thousands of professionals and students. In his free time, he enjoyed mentoring young chemists and volunteering. A loving and devoted father, he enjoyed running, refereeing and coaching community athletics, historical and nature outings, and photography." He is survived by his wife, Ursula; daughter **Lisa Bidlingmeyer '96**; sons Derrick and **Brian Bidlingmeyer Jr. '03** and their families.

George Humphries "Terry" Irwin III '66, on Feb. 28, 2026, after a long battle with cancer. He was 82. George earned a Ph.D. in biology from Emory University and in 1971 became a professor at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. In 1984, he and his wife, Heather, moved to Alameda, California, where she became an OB/GYN and George opened the Alameda Fertility Center. "Soon after, George took on the job that he was most proud of, taking care of Heather and supporting her career. George became an exceptional cook. In the 1990s, they purchased a sailboat, the SV Egret, and sailed to Zihuatanejo, Mexico, battling storms along the California coast on the way down. They lived aboard the Egret until purchasing their home in Port Angeles in 2001." He is survived by his son, George H. IV; four grandchildren; and brother-in-law **Wallace "Lee" Alward '73**.

Peter J. Mondron '66, at home in Cooney, Ohio, on Feb. 6, 2026. He was 81. "Born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, Pete studied chemistry at Kenyon, then earned an M.S. from the University of Notre Dame in 1971," his obituary read. "Pete used his chemistry degrees for many years at PPG Industries in Circleville, Ohio. He ended his career in chemistry as a teacher, first at Edon High School and then Trine University. Pete loved gardening. He grew various fruit trees, vegetables and flowers, and operated a hobby business hybridizing and selling daylilies." A hockey fan and passionate opera lover, he is survived by four nieces.

Michael Kenneth Berryhill '67, on Dec. 30, 2025. He was 80. An Alpha Delta Phi and English major, Michael was a writer from at least since his Collegian cover story on May 11, 1967, reporting on poet Allen Ginsberg's visit to campus. Michael earned a Ph.D. in 1974 from the University of Minnesota, and throughout his prizewinning journalism career wrote for the New York Times Magazine, Harper's, The New Republic and Texas Monthly, and was a magazine editor at the Houston Chronicle. He later chaired the journalism department at Texas Southern University. His award-winning 2011 book, "The Trials of Eroy Brown: The Murder Case that Shook the Texas Prison System," "told the story in Brown's own words, set against the backdrop of the chilling plantation mentality of Texas prisons, by drawing on documents from Brown's three trials, which ended in acquittal." He also edited "Da Mayor Fifth Ward: Stories from the Big Thicket and Houston by Robert 'Bob' Lee." "That's right," Michael wrote to the Bulletin in 2017, "he and his father and grandfather were all named for the Confederate general — a Black Panther and community organizer in Houston's Fifth Ward. I gathered the stories from the archives and wrote an introduction. Planning to keep on writing and teaching as long as possible. Retirement seems far away. … I like the students and I like writing, so why would I stop?" He is survived by his wife, painter Lynn Randolph; daughter Elizabeth Berryhill and brother David.

WILLIAM ALLAN LANMAN '67 >
"Al often read three books at a time and never went anywhere without one."

David H. Bradford '67, on Feb. 23, 2026. He was 80. The English literature major and Alpha Delta Phi played tennis and soccer at Kenyon, then became a Navy officer. After a 1973 M.B.A. from the University of Chicago, Dave worked in financial consulting in Lexington, Kentucky, before returning to Cleveland, working for the Iron Works Corp. In the 1990s he and his father developed PROTALK, a series of roundtable discussions for experienced salespeople. In the U.S. Navy College Program for Afloat College Education, he taught active-duty service members while onboard ship. He served Kenyon on a Reunion committee and as a regional association officer. Dave "shined at parties and gatherings, charming everyone with his warm smile," his obituary read. "An active Christian, he contributed to the life of several area groups and congregations." He played tennis well into his 70s and loved trees and the outdoors. He was preceded in death by his father **William Bradford '43** and mother Martha. He is survived by sisters Barbara and **Virginia "Ginny" (Bradford) Seyler '85**; cousin **James H. "Jim" Foster III '66**; and three nieces.

William Rowland Dye '67, on April 7, 2026, in Lewis Center, Ohio, "after a battle with Alzheimer's," his obituary read. He was 80. The Phi Kappa Sigma and English major went on to earn an M.F.A. in photography from Rochester Institute of Technology. An "avid collector of photography books and enthusiastic teller of tall tales," Bill joined his father in the family business, Dye Realty, working as a real estate agent, appraiser and partner for over 45 years. He is survived by Marpha, his wife of 57 years; daughter Claire Burkhart; son Brant; and two grandchildren.

William Allan Lanman '67, on March 5, 2026. He was 80. Allan moved home to Kentucky, and then to Canada in the late 1960s, eventually settling in Toronto, "where his passion for books and photography led him to owning a used book and photography shop," his obituary read. "Al often read three books at a time and never went anywhere without one. He shared his love for Kentucky basketball with anyone he knew. Al's unique sense of humor, wealth of knowledge and enthusiastic debates on many topics will be missed." He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cathy; son Christopher; and a granddaughter.

Carl Franklin Rayher '67, on Feb. 11, 2026, at home after "a valiant 21-year battle with Parkinson's," his obituary read. He was 80. A Delta Phi, Carl left the Hill for Georgetown Law School

and then enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served aboard the USS Iwo Jima as a supply officer during the Vietnam War. In officer candidate school at Quantico, he met Lynn, to whom he was married for over 55 years. In 1973 he moved to Roanoke, Virginia, to work with the Veterans Administration, where he remained until retirement, and was a proud member of the Marine Corps Reserves there. "As a father, he enjoyed Cub Scouting with his sons, as well as canoeing, kayaking and annual family trips to the beach." He is survived by Lynn; and sons Ken and David and their families.

Daniel Gordon Hale Jr. '68, on May 27, 2026, in Livonia, Michigan. He was 79. A Delta Tau Delta and swim team co-captain, he graduated with honors and taught English at Columbus Academy, coaching swimming and track. After earning a 1979 Capital University Law School J.D., Dan guided major hospital systems in Philadelphia; South Bend, Indiana; and Michigan, where he "managed the integration of Trinity Health and Catholic Health East in 2013 to form an 82-hospital network." Retiring in 2015, Dan "redirected his energy to community charity and advocacy" with the Cabrini Clinic, Michigan's oldest free health clinic; the Mercy Education Project and Michigan's chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "Dan was curious about the world and found joy in music, traveling, reading and time with family, friends and his dogs, Billie and Sarah. Dan delighted in the successes of his children and grandchildren. He lived with integrity and balanced his successes with humility." He is survived by his wife, Jody Wise; a brother, Christopher; daughters Christine Vertucci and Victoria Carvour; son Andrew; two grandchildren and stepchildren Madeleine Charlson and Karl Charlson.

Charles William Kenrick '68, on June 18, 2026, two days after his 80th birthday, in Pittsburgh. At Kenyon, Chuck was a member of Archon, served on the Campus Senate, played basketball and captained the golf team. "Chuck took pride as a lifelong supporter of his beloved alma mater, Kenyon College, and law school, Duquesne University," his obituary read. A top civil trial lawyer, he rose to managing partner of a 120-person law firm. Chuck served as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, editor of the Pittsburgh Legal Journal and a life-fellow of the American Bar Association. He was honored in 1995 by Kenyon for sponsoring students as externs to his law firm. As VP of the Pittsburgh area Alumni Association, he chaired Reunion committees, volunteered for phonathons and career networking, and was elected to Alumni Council 2005-07. He was presented with the Alumni Admissions award in 1979 and then the Distinguished Service Award in 2003. Chuck was an avid reader who enjoyed traveling with his family. "He will be remembered as a leader, a giver not a taker, (who) played fair and was kind and humble." He is survived by Patricia, his wife of 56 1/2 years; sons Hugh, Alex, Graham and Blair; daughter Charlotte; brother John; and six grandchildren.

< CHARLES WILLIAM KENRICK '68

"Chuck took pride as a lifelong supporter of his beloved alma mater, Kenyon College." He received the Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

Stephen B. Wuori '68, on June 26, 2026, in Savannah, Georgia. He was 80. A Beta Theta Pi who played soccer and lacrosse, Steve earned a master's in education from the University of Memphis and became a school guidance counselor for many years in Cooperstown, New York. After moving to Tybee Island, Georgia, and selling real estate, he completed his career in nursing and hospice care. "His focus remained steadfast in the quality of life through heartfelt conversations and compassion for seniors," his family wrote. "Steve placed great value on hard work, education, and travel with family and friends." He loved travel, downhill skiing, golf and "cheering on both professional athletes and family and friends with the same vigor of excitement. Steve believed that life's greatest gifts were in connection with his people. He was endlessly curious about the people he loved, and always proud of their accomplishments. He strived to lead a simple life, collected art and had a style all his own. He completely honored us with his honesty, simplicity, and unique laugh." He is survived by his brother Kenny.

Ronald Alan Hoxter '69, on Jan. 9, 2026. He was 78. A Delta Phi and sportswriter on the Collegian, Ron majored in political science. He earned a master's in international economics from Johns Hopkins and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. Over his career, Ron worked at Arthur Andersen and Pfizer, was a division controller at Revlon, a senior vice president and CFO of the Chilton Co. (a publishing subsidiary of Disney), and finally president of Mill Creek Partners, his Philadelphia mergers and acquisitions firm, founded in 1998. He is survived by Deborah, his wife of 50 years; son Andrew; and daughters Jennifer and Deanie.

Charles R. Mills '69, on May 3, 2023, in Columbus. He was 75. Charles was employed at Heating and Cooling Products for numerous years. "A lover of art, design and architecture, he told stories through caricature and political commentaries. In addition to his pencil sketches, he spent years painting signs, some of which can still be seen around Mount Vernon," his obituary read. He is survived by sons Ben and Mike; daughter Tori; sister Sharon Johnston; 11 grandchildren; and his pups Blue and Ghost.

Ronald M. Walford '69, on March 13, 2026. He was 88. After Ron transferred to the University of Louisville, he had a 50-year teaching career at Jefferson Community and Technical College. He volunteered at Wayside Christian Mission and at Seven Counties Crisis Center for 21 years, his obituary noted. "An accomplished pianist and longtime supporter of the Louisville Orchestra, Ron was an exercise enthusiast who spent many hours in the workout room at Lakeside Swim Club." He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Charlotte; children Allison, Emory and Britt; three grandchildren; two great-grandsons; five nieces; two nephews; and Cleo, his Jack Russell terrier.

Fletcher Ranney DuBois '71, on Feb. 17, 2026, in Schriesheim, Germany, near Heidelberg, his adoptive home. He was 76. A religion major, "after graduation, supported by a Watson Foundation Fellowship, he set out for Europe, guitar in hand, visiting mental hospitals as an itinerant music therapist," wrote **Robert Schine '72**. "Earning his Ph.D. in education at the University of Heidelberg, he wrote a biographical study of Joan Baez as an advocate of nonviolence. In 2023, Baez would call him 'my dear friend and finest critic.'" In 1991, he joined the faculty of National Louis University, teaching both at its main campus in Chicago and in Heidelberg, where, as academic director, he mentored many educators. Fletcher was also adjunct professor at the University of Heidelberg, collaborating in a research project on ritual dynamics. His Heidelberg colleagues said of Fletcher, "Not striving for public fame, he developed a way of life that he called 'attentive listening' — the idea that attentiveness is itself a form of caring." He was a devoted student of Kenyon Professor **Eugen Kullmann H'84**, to whom he composed two tributes, a song, 'The Man of Jade,' and a series of anecdotes." He is survived by a sister, Amy Porter DuBois, and friends on both sides of the Atlantic.

Peter H. Holme III '71, on May 28, 2026. He was 77. At Kenyon, Peter was on the swimming and diving team and a Delta Phi. In 2016, Peter and Candi retired to Venice, Florida. In 2020, he shared with the Bulletin, "Had a fun six-hour quadruple bypass open heart surgery in June. Still swimming 40 laps a day and playing my 12-string guitar." Candi submitted: "He was known as 'the Jaw,' a quiet man who played his guitar in the stairwell of his dormitory and on benches around campus. His family admired his talents in both photography and guitar playing." In the early 1970s, Peter founded the business Frame it Yourself, in his hometown of Denver, and over time expanded it to five locations. "He loved the pool and made freestyle look easy! I will always remember Peter's humorous ways of dealing with health challenges over the past 10 years." He is survived by Candi; his brother, Howard; and grandchildren.

Norman Schmidt '71, on June 7, 2026. He was 76. A Delta Kappa Epsilon on a four-year NCAA champion swimming and diving team, Norm moved to Cleveland in 1983, taught in the Cleveland Public Schools, and earned a master's in education at John Carroll in 2000. He was an active member of the Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers, the National Science Teachers Association, and the Science Education Council of Ohio. Norm became associate director for the Center for Mathematics Science Education, Teaching and Technology at John Carroll and supervised student teachers there. A lifelong and avid swimmer, he had coached in Kentucky and Ohio, and followed Kenyon swimming closely all his life. "A dedicated environmentalist," his obituary noted, "he enjoyed traveling, golfing, family, his cats, cheering on Cleveland's sports teams and gardening." Norm served Kenyon as a class agent, regional association officer and recent Reunion committee member. He is survived by his companion of many years, Margaret O'Reilly; sisters Carol and Janet; and many nephews and nieces and their families.

MICHAEL JACOBI TIMMER '71 >

"Mike will be remembered for his three holes-in-one, his grand singing voice, the music he made while tickling the ivories, his love of the outdoors, and his inquisitive approach to a devout life."

Michael Jacobi Timmer '71, on June 15, 2026 He was 76. Mike majored in political science and was a Delta Kappa Epsilon. Returning home to Dayton, he proudly took over the family business, Timmer's Cleaners. "A devoted son, partner and father," his obituary read, Mike "found great joy in spending time with his family and friends. He cared for his father during his final days and his mother for six years during her end-of-life journey. He enjoyed swimming, baseball, basketball, traveling, and had a true love of learning. Mike will be remembered for his three holes-in-one, his grand singing voice, the music he made while tickling the ivories, his love of the outdoors, and his inquisitive approach to a devout life. Mike's love, wonderful smile, laugh and full embraces will be cherished in our hearts and memories." He is survived by Robyn Feld, his partner of 17 years; daughters Jennifer and Jaime; a brother, Stephen; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, a nephew and extended family members and dear friends.

Scott Bassage '72, at home in East Calais, Vermont, on Dec. 26, 2025. He was 80. A religious studies major and Psi Upsilon, Scott was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam, where he learned Chinese to intercept and translate military communications. Later, in Germany, he learned "to use an early computer and also began his lifelong love of driving, covering much of Europe on his motorcycle or in his VW van," his obituary read. "In the early 1970s Scott became the first registrar for the newly created Community College of Vermont, back when there were no grades, narrative transcripts and voluntary tuition." Scott became the registrar for Antioch West, then managed computing at Stanford's Hoover Institute. In 1985, returning permanently to Vermont, Scott managed the state's college library computer systems. "He quickly became well-known as a kind man and active volunteer with initiative and fundraising ability." Scott helped overhaul town zoning and in the town hall's renovation. Retiring in 2009, he enjoyed cross-country travel, bird-watching, managing his 245 acres, concerts, reading and volunteering for the town of Calais. He is survived by his wife of four decades, Charlotte Hanna; son John; his sister Annie; and several nieces and nephews.

Roberta (Hilt) Fancher '72, on April 15, 2026. She was 75. An English major among the first women to graduate from Kenyon, Roberta returned to Kentucky and earned her master's from Murray State in 1981. "She found her calling as a teacher, where she spent the rest of her life and career," her obituary read. She taught in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington at Mackin Catholic and Archbishop Carroll high schools, finishing at Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland. An online tribute from a colleague read, "Ms. Fancher will be missed. She was a very caring person who

loved her students, family, friends, colleagues, cats, doing Christian service, baking, socializing and, of course, the Orioles. One of the funniest people I've ever known — a natural comedian." She is survived by her sister Mary Jo Jacobs and a nephew.

Murk-Hein Heinemann '72, on July 1, 2025. He was 74. He graduated from Weill Medical College at Cornell in 1976 and later was an associate professor there, specializing in ophthalmology. Practicing in New York City, he was affiliated with Memorial Sloan Kettering. As a physician, he was "a true gentleman and an excellent doctor with the best bedside manner," one of many online tributes observed.

Thomas Ewing Phillips '73, on April 14, 2026, in Cadiz, Ohio. He was 74. Tom was an economics major, fullback on the football team and Beta Theta Pi. He earned his J.D. in 1976 from the University of Cincinnati, "the fourth generation of Phillipses to become a lawyer," his obituary noted. He entered his father's law practice in Chillicothe and was an assistant law director for the city. "Tom was the king of puns, both good and bad. Always up for an adventure and known to throw a grand party, especially on July 4. A good friend to many, and his wit made him quite the entertainer." He was an avid swimmer, cooked with his mom's recipes, enjoyed hiking, music, reading, antique shopping, Graeter's ice cream and Victorian homes. "Tom was also a gifted writer and talented artist." He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Jeanne; sister Valerie Althoff; and several nieces and nephews.

Robert Joseph Pilskaln '73, on Dec. 31, 2025, in Mesa, Arizona, due to complications after surgery. He was 74. Robert attended Kenyon for two years. He earned his bachelor's in psychology and a Ph.D. in sociology from Case Western Reserve University. For three decades, he taught sociology, first at Cuyahoga Community Colleges and then DePaul, Tulane, the University of New Mexico, and Maricopa Community Colleges. "His teaching left a lasting impression on countless students and colleagues," his obituary read. Robert "loved classical philosophy and creating abstract artwork. A lifelong fan of vintage rock and roll, his passion for music led to years of audio production work with his performance group Just Guise. Known for his sharp wit and spontaneous wordplay, he brought humor and insight to every conversation. His Parkinson's diagnosis never stopped him from pursuing his many projects. Robert led a life marked by intellectual curiosity, creative passion and enduring connections with family and friends." He is survived by his life partner, Lavinia Wright; a niece and many cousins.

John Jeffrey Limpert '74, on Feb. 17, 2026. He was 73. The economics and math major earned his M.B.A. from Carnegie Mellon in 1976. He began his career as an actuary with Royal Insurance in New York, spent two years at headquarters in Liverpool, England, and eventually advanced to chief actuary of the company, which became RSA. "A devoted husband, father, brother and friend, John spent the last 10 years with Karen at their home on Bald Head Island, North Carolina, where they enjoyed some of the most precious moments of their lives together," his obituary read. Long before he suffered from Alzheimer's, in college John had been "a walking encyclopedia of sports facts" who could rattle off even minor leaguers' batting averages, his brother Andy recalled. He is survived by Karen, his wife of nearly 31 years; sons Ben Sanders and Alex Sanders; daughter Alina Limpert; brothers Brad, Andy and Doug Lowry; and three grandchildren.

LUCY (BUTLER) BIXBY '75 >

"Lucy's most treasured role was that of a devoted mother. She poured her heart into raising her children, championing their dreams and offering unwavering love, wisdom and encouragement."

Lucy (Butler) Bixby '75, on Feb. 11, 2026, at home in Nantucket, Massachusetts. She was 73. "Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend," her obituary read. "After graduation, Lucy headed to Nantucket for the summer. She never left." Lucy married Paul Farrell in 1983. Her childhood passion for photography led her to a life of making art out of "weathered doors and walls, fences, classic wooden boats, classic vehicles, flowers, landscapes and children," which she exhibited for years at the Nantucket Artists Association and "in the homes of family members and islanders. On Nantucket, she wore many hats: bartender, scalloper, Nantucket Historical Association docent, bookstore assistant, classroom assistant, Hy-Line employee and, always, a professional photographer." With St. Paul's Church she led a mission to Cuba, used her excellent Spanish to translate for Laundry Love at Holdgate's, and co-hosted a popular weekly Bible study broadcast. "Above all else, Lucy's most treasured role was that of a devoted mother. She poured her heart into raising her children, championing their dreams and offering unwavering love, wisdom and encouragement. She embraced her recent role of grandmother with boundless energy, tenderness and pride." She is survived by Paul; sons John, Ethan and Henry; sister Jenny Bixby; brothers Ethan and William; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Patrick D. Reagan '75, on Jan. 17, 2026. He was 72. A history major, Patrick went on to earn a master's and Ph.D. from Ohio State and taught history at Tennessee Tech University. He published "Designing a New America: the Origins of the New Deal Planning, 1890–1943" and "History and the Internet: a Guide," "an eminently useful handbook for students and teachers," a Bulletin review noted in 2003. Patrick was very active in campus affairs at TTU until his retirement, according to an obituary. He is survived by his wife, Reilly; and sons Daniel and John.

Robert Anthony Wright '76, on Feb. 22, 2026, at home in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He was 71. A studio art major, he went on to study photography at the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, New York, and in a graduate program at the University of Oregon. In Madison, Wisconsin, as a freelance photographer, he took "a strong interest in Victorian cemeteries, rural cemeteries and gravestone art," his obituary noted. He married Patricia

Westercamp and moved to her home state. "Robert extolled the virtues of small college-town life" and worked at the standardized testing company ACT in Iowa City in managerial roles until retirement. "Always friendly, kind and pleasant, Robert liked a glass of good wine, a simple but excellent meal and an interesting conversation." In addition to his wife, he is survived by brothers David and Jeffery; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim Robert Busch '79, on April 22, 2026. He was 69. A Delta Kappa Epsilon and physics major on the golf team, Jim had a long and distinguished career as an engineer at Battelle Memorial Institute in optical sciences. He wrote numerous publications and held a patent, and later moved to Ohio State's Edison Welding Institute to work on ultrasonic soldering in small-scale devices. "Jim had a deep love for golf, both playing and watching the game," his obituary read. "He was known for being meticulous and organized, a true handyman who could fix just about anything. In recent years, he could often be seen walking through his community in brightly colored tracksuits — no matter the weather. Jim will be remembered for his gentle spirit and his kind, loving nature. He leaves behind a legacy of quiet strength and devotion to those he loved." He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Barb; sons Greg and David; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Stephanie Kathryn Happer '80, on Jan. 21, 2026, in Lake Oswego, Oregon. She was 67. An English major who went abroad on the University of Exeter program, Steph began her career in college textbook publishing with McGraw-Hill. In 1995, she earned a master's degree in library science from Kent State and moved to Oregon. Steph retired as director of marketing for Northwest Hardwoods in 2016. "Stephanie loved cooking, entertaining and traveling with her forever friends," her obituary read. "She was a devotee of the local farmers markets and spent weekends making creative dishes, soups and salads with her fresh, organic produce. Steph was thoughtful and generous to those she knew and loved and treasured and nurtured her friendships." She is survived by her sister Miranda Gordon and her family, and many friends.

Bruce Allan Freeman '81 P'10, on April 13, 2026. The retired Episcopal priest was 66 and in declining health due to cancer, his obituary read. A Phi Kappa Sigma, he earned an M.Div. from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, before serving in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Cincinnati and finally the Parish of St. Matthew in Pacific Palisades, California. "Bruce adored his wife, Dana, who never ceased to make him laugh," his obituary noted. "He loved his children and grandchildren, who brought him joy and meaning. Bruce delighted in goofy humor, enjoyed playing and watching sports, and was an avid runner and birdwatcher. Bruce especially enjoyed baptizing his grandchildren. He was known for his entertaining, honest and often comedic sermons as he interpreted the Gospel with a personal perspective." Survivors include Dana; daughter Audrey; sons **Nathaniel '10** and Carl; sisters Meredith Freeman-Caple and Jane Freeman; and five grandchildren.

MARY KATHERINE "KAKI" RECKARD ABICHT '85 >

Kaki presented the electoral ballot box that officially began the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

Emily Miller Katzenstein '82, of Mars Hill, North Carolina, on May 15, 2026. She was 66. Emily came to the Hill from the Stowe School in Vermont and attended one semester, withdrawing for "an excellent career opportunity." She worked in management for many years for Marriott Hotels, later taking positions in the medical field and then in grocery stores. "In the fall of 2025, she moved to North Carolina to be near her close friend Trish McMillar," her obituary read. "Emily had a strong love of animals, often taking in rescue dogs and cats to give them a peaceful life full of love and attention." She is survived by her brother David; sister Ellen Brookstein; a niece, a nephew and two first cousins.

Gary Alan Reinke '82, on March 1, 2026. He was 66. The Alpha Delta Phi majored in history and played basketball. As a senior, Gary became the 14th player in the history of Kenyon men's basketball to score 1,000 points. The milestone came in a 1981 massive upset win over Heidelberg, ranked 12th nationally at the time. He ranks sixth in Kenyon career field goal percentage (.496) and 10th in free throw percentage (.777). He was a 1982 Ohio Athletic Conference honorable mention, scoring 335 points with .534 accuracy from the field. He totaled 1,142 points in his 98-game career.

Karen Johanna Rockwell '83, on May 7, 2026, at home in Bedford, Ohio. She was 66. A history major who played lacrosse and field hockey, Karen was an Episcopal Church administrator and "a member of multiple parishes over the years," her obituary noted, "most recently St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Macedonia, Ohio," serving numerous roles. She led Girl Scout troops in Akron; enjoyed gardening, baking and reading; and "found great joy in the company of dogs, from her childhood with Dalmatians to her adult life with her beloved whippets," showing them and competing in lure coursing. "She was a respected AKC judge and a dedicated steward, including her recent work at the 2026 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Her whippets, Poppy and Tallulah, have been safely re-homed with a dear friend." She is survived by her mother, Sandra Rockwell; brother **Thomas Rockwell '92**; and a nephew.

Mary Katherine "Kaki" Reckard Abicht '85, on Jan. 22, 2026, at home in St. Marys, West Virginia. She was 62. Kaki owned and operated the Greenhouse, the florist's shop co-founded by her parents, in St. Marys, her hometown on the Ohio River. As chief U.S. Senate page in 1981, Kaki presented the electoral ballot box that officially began the presidency of Ronald Reagan. After Kenyon, she earned a master's at the University of Colorado in Boulder. "Kaki's adoration for St. Marys was instilled in her from her parents," her obituary noted. "She ran her business and

lived her life with that hometown love always at the forefront of everything she did. With extraordinary empathy she offered kindness to any who needed it," including SW Resources of Parkersburg, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Pleasants County Humane Society. The "brilliant writer, stunningly intelligent conversationalist and consummate host loved music, wordplay, raucous laughter, and relished camaraderie with her 'tribe.'" She is survived by JB, her husband of 13 years; brothers Eric and Joe; four nieces and a nephew. "Kaki would want her final words to be, 'shop small business and shop local.'"

Todd David Clark '87, on Jan. 11, 2026. He was 61. The history major was a seven-time All-American who captained the 1987 national champion men's swim team. Most recently, Todd was head coach of competitive swimming at Steel City Aquatics in Pittsburgh. "His love for the water was unmatched," his obituary noted. "Swimming was Todd's home, his happy place and his peace." Steel City Aquatics team president Matt Puthoff told SwimSwam.com, "The team is grieving but also celebrating his life and the powerful, positive impact he made on thousands of lives." After graduation, Todd was a Kenyon assistant coach. Then, in 13 years at Case Western, he coached 44 All-Americans, including two individual NCAA national champions. "He often expressed his great fortune to have been mentored by Jim Steen (and others), and the joy it brought him to share their knowledge with generations of eager minds," his obituary read. "An incredible contributor to USA Swimming who received numerous awards and recognitions, and known universally as one of the true good guys, always there to lend an ear or a hand. Whether it was a bellowing cheer, a bear hug or his subtle smile and approving nod, he knew how to make others feel inspired and loved." He and his wife of 22 years, Marian, head coach of Pittsburgh Elite Aquatics, attended over 65 Bruce Springsteen shows together. Besides his wife, he is survived by son Mac; daughters Mara and Maiti; and sister Brett.

Tyler Congdon '89, on June 28, 2026, "after a recent diagnosis with pancreatic cancer," his obituary read. He was 59. A philosophy major, Tyler met his wife of 35 years, **Elizabeth (Lynch) Congdon '89,** in their first week at Kenyon. "Together they went on an exceptional journey. He had a brilliant mind and an unconventional spirit that allowed him to accomplish many things." The couple lived and traveled on a houseboat, the Silent Craftsman; bought a fire truck and picked up his kids at school with it; and entertained his Ashland, Ohio, neighbors "with a huge display of festive holiday inflatables. He and Elizabeth built a real estate business that exceeded even their expectations." They traveled extensively with sons Daniel and Matthew. "A kind, thoughtful and loyal man, Tyler lived his life with incredible integrity. He loved his family above all else and leaves them a legacy of love, wisdom, kindness and honesty." He is survived by Elizabeth, Daniel and Matthew; his mother and stepfather, Gloria and Phillip Smith; sister Laura; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

< TODD DAVID CLARK '87

"He often expressed his great fortune to have been mentored by Jim Steen (and others), and the joy it brought him to share their knowledge with generations of eager minds."

Timothy Ronald Getsay '89, on April 3, 2026. He was 58. A psychology major, Tim earned a master's in human resources in 1991 at Ohio State. He built "a successful career in healthcare operations and information technology," his obituary read. In Minneapolis, he was executive VP for integration and performance at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Tim "found great joy in coaching his son's baseball and football teams" and "was equally dedicated to his daughter, proudly attending every dance performance, always cheering her on with quiet pride and encouragement. Tim will be remembered for his tender smile, calm and steady demeanor, quick wit and deep compassion for others. He had a way of making people feel seen and supported. His presence brought comfort to those around him." He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his mother, Carol; son Benjamin; daughter Katherine; brother Mark; and golden retriever, Lainey.

Robert E. Nagucki '90, on Jan. 23, 2026, "after courageously battling cancer for the last seven years," his obituary read. He was 58. The Beta Theta Pi, economics major and All-American defensive lineman was "the cornerstone of the 1989 Kenyon football team," the first to ever win the conference. The senior year co-captain was voted MVP. Bob went on to law school at the University of Toledo and then a distinguished 30-year career in corporate law. Bob delighted in simple and meaningful pleasures: time with friends at the gym, long moments with his dogs, tending to his pond, bird-watching, driving fast and being surrounded by his loving family. Ordinary days filled with love and laughter were among his greatest blessings." Bob's greatest pride and deepest joy came from raising his four children. A loyal friend with a generous heart, sense of humor, love of history and playful spirit, he had an extraordinary gift for remembering the details of others' lives and making each person feel important, valued and deeply seen. He is survived by Tammi, his wife of 31 years; sons Alec and Nathan; daughters Abigail Swift and Georgia Nagucki; mother Joyce Nagucki; birth mother Fran Murray; brother Jason Lorcher; sisters Eryn Lorcher and Cindi Williams; two grandchildren; and a large extended family.

John Robert Fleenor '91, on March 31, 2026. He was 57. The Alpha Delta Phi and English major became a geologist, pinpointing drilling locations in Texas and New Mexico. He earned a J.D. from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, School of Law in 2007. He served on the board of directors of that law school, which was founded by his grandfather. "After retiring at a young age, Robert enjoyed relaxing at Lake Martin, going on weekend trips to the mountains or beach, and traveling around the U.S. and Europe," his obituary read. "Robert had a reserved but welcoming demeanor with a sharp wit, infectious laugh and intellectual curiosity that helped him build a huge group of friends from all walks of life." He is survived by his brother, David, and family.

Patricia Lynn Steffy '91, on Feb. 26, 2026, of complications from metastatic breast cancer. She was 56. The international studies major earned a master's in international development in 1994 from American University. She became a writer and producer. Her husband of eight years, Andrew Gerngross, wrote, "My love, my partner in all things, the kindest person I've ever known ... died far too soon, loving many and many loving her. A brilliant, funny and observant writer, she died with words left to write." After her diagnosis, the couple returned to the restaurant of the hotel where they had spent their wedding night. "Strangely, we toasted what was about to come. Embrace what joy you can find in this often imperfect life. Patricia died peacefully, surrounded by love. Her last days were filled with many small joys." Twelve years ago, Patricia told the Bulletin about her book of essays, "My Letter to Fear: Essays on Life, Love and the Search for Prince Charming." "I do a little happy dance every time I hear that someone has read it."

Karen Torbjornsen '92, on Aug. 22, 2025. She was 55. The drama major became a professional teaching artist whose career took her to London, Minneapolis, Chicago, the Berkshires and eventually New York City, her obituary read. "Humanitarian, progressive, therapist, artist, patron of the arts, animal lover and most devoted friend, cherished life partner, daughter and sister. Karen lived bravely with cancer for many years (and) embraced it as another chapter in her life that brought personal triumph, clarity, growth, gratitude and many gifts. She touched countless lives on her journey as an artist, teacher, counselor and humanitarian, dedicating her life to giving direction, insight and love to struggling adolescents and teens, the forgotten elderly, the sick and wounded, and mentally ill." She was preceded in death by her father **Hans Torbjornsen '38** and mother Barbara. She is survived by her life partner, Michael Manner; brother Einar; and best friend of 48 years, Erinn Casale Michalek.

John Douglas Idoine III '00, on June 8, 2026. He was 49. An orthopedic surgeon, he was "respected throughout the region for his expertise and dedication to patient care," his obituary noted. "His passion for helping people with orthopedic injuries came from a skiing accident while living in Colorado after high school, in which he made a full recovery and wanted to pass that kind of care and hope to others. Dr. Idoine took pride in treating patients the last eight years at Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital and Ortho United in Dover, Ohio. Outside of medicine, John loved spending time on the golf course with friends, colleagues and his children. He was a sports car enthusiast, snooker player and talented drummer. During his younger years, he performed in musical productions, and over the last several years played drums for NewPointe Community Church's worship team." He is survived by his wife, Robin; son John Douglas IV; daughters Daphne and Jocelyn; parents Professor Emeritus of Physics **John Douglas Idoine II** and Deborah Idoine; sisters **Christine (Idoine) Proctor '96** and **Laura (Idoine) Holler '05**; five nephews and four nieces.

ERICA LEAH HASSLER '01 >

"Five feet tall with 50 feet of personality, ... she was unapologetically herself — witty, sarcastic, kind, brilliant and loyal."

Erica Leah Hassler '01, on Jan. 4, 2026. She was 46. "Erica lived a life defined by intelligence, humor, courage and an unforgettable spirit," her obituary read. A political science major and member of the Black Student Union, Erica earned a master's in library science from the University of Maryland. As a reference librarian with the Lee County Library in Fort Myers, Florida, she served the community for over two decades supporting children's, teen and adult programming; and leading preschool story times or book discussions with retirees. "To Erica, libraries were about people. Five feet tall with 50 feet of personality, she loved romance novels, fine cuisine, 'Golden Girls,' 'Friends' and stories that made her laugh, think and feel deeply. She was unapologetically herself — witty, sarcastic, kind, brilliant and loyal. She held the world to high standards and encouraged those around her to do the same. Her body endured more than anyone should, yet her mind, spirit, and heart never wavered." She is survived by her parents, David and Therese Keys; sisters Elisha Heebner, Erin Keys, Elizabeth Kargar and Era Keys; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Avery Baldwin '17, on June 1, 2026. He was 30. Avery grew up in Gambier, the child of Kenyon professors **Wendy MacLeod '81** and **Read Baldwin '84**. At the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut, he discovered a passion for cross-country running, broke school records and served as team captain. He ran the Hotchkiss Film Festival, appeared in many plays and was awarded the Theodore Newlin Prize for making "the most positive contribution to the class and Hotchkiss." He arrived at Kenyon as brother to **Foss Baldwin '15**, but with Avery's effortless charisma and ability to cross social divides, Foss soon became known as Avery's brother. A film major, Avery also acted in "The Bacchae," "Arabian Nights," "Macbeth," "Bug" (produced in an abandoned house) and "The House of Yes." He was a popular intern at the Kenyon Playwrights Conference and the Ojai Playwrights Conference (where he was nicknamed Baby Adonis). Inspired by "La Grande Bellezza," he spent a postgraduate year at Rome International Film School, where he made "Campfire," a prizewinning short film. He lived in Brooklyn, where he continued with film projects, and was a beloved coach at the Prospect Park Tennis Center and the Southampton Bath and Tennis Club. Although he struggled with depression, he is remembered as someone who lit up the room.

FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS

Susan Baldeschwiler, on April 4, 2026. She was 77. Susan joined Kenyon as a Commencement coordinator in 1987 and then supported deans and provosts for the next 24 years, retiring as special assistant to the provost. Professor Emeritus of Sociology **Howard Sacks**

H'16 P'08 said, "She greeted every visitor with a genuine warmth and personal attention that immediately put everyone at ease (and) approached even the most challenging situations with a calm and positive attitude that made the hardest days go more smoothly." Former Provost **Greg Spaid '69 H'21** said, "Susan was a consummate professional (with) a very unassuming way of projecting her confidence and authority. People knew they could rely on her. I certainly did. And I miss her." Professor Joseph L. Klesner, director of the Center for the Study of American Democracy, described her as a colleague peers could count on. "With a quick, dry sense of humor, she was a joy to work with," he said. She sang with Sweet Adelines International. She is survived by her daughter Kristin and son Andy; sister Mary Ann Wenz; brother Michael Wenz; a grandson; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Russell H. Batt H'00, on Jan. 21, 2026. A professor emeritus of chemistry, he was 87. Russ was hired in 1968, received tenure in 1974 and taught for more than 30 years. He researched molecular structure and quantum mechanics and edited the Journal of Chemical Education. Known for his dry wit and sly smile, "Russ was an icon in this department," said Professor of Chemistry Jamie Keller. Former Professor of Chemistry Scott Cummings said Batt regularly championed the visions of younger faculty and offered wide-ranging perspective. "Conversations with Russ could begin with a debate about molecular orbital calculations, digress into descriptions of hiking trails, and end with his and Carolyn's love of Wagnerian opera," Cummings said. Batt co-founded the Kenyon Wilderness Program and enjoyed Wyoming's Wind River Range and Kauai, Hawaii. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, who worked for the registrar. He is survived by daughter Karen Kerrigan; son Brian; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Camilla Cai H'05, on June 3, 2026. She was 85. The professor emerita taught music from 1986 to 2005 and became a renowned musicologist who uplifted women composers. Ben Locke, her successor as the James D. and Cornelia W. Ireland Professor of Music, said, "She brought a lot of distinction to the College. She was known nationally and internationally for her research." Professor of Music Dane Heuchemer said, "She was among the early scholars studying women composers when that scholarly field began to emerge toward the end of the 20th century." Cai was instrumental in getting Storer Hall ready as the department's new home in 1999, he added. She is survived by her husband, Michael Field; son Elliot Polak; stepchildren Andrea Field and Ethan Contini-Field; and seven grandchildren.

Lynn Roy Clapham, on April 19, 2026. He was 86. Lynn worked as a director of development and campaign director at the College from 1984 to 1988. He earned a B.A. from Western Michigan University in 1960; S.T.B. from Harvard Divinity School in 1963; and Ph.D. from Harvard in ancient Near Eastern studies in 1970. Lynn came to the Hill from Earlham, where he had been "a very popular professor," his obituary noted. He went on to lead development at Connecticut College, the University of Connecticut and Mystic Aquarium. After retiring in 2003, he studied European history and languages and "followed his passion for woodworking, especially turning bowls and making weathered wood assemblages." He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mary Belden Brown; daughters Rachel Gambone and Molly Ross; stepson Christopher Brown; sister Judy Kuzma; brother Brian; three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

< RUSSELL H. BATT H'00

"Conversations with Russ could begin with a debate about molecular orbital calculations, digress into descriptions of hiking trails, and end with his and Carolyn's love of Wagnerian opera."

Rodney E. Ewers, on June 20, 2026. He was 62. Rodney recently retired as a staff electrician. Known for his skilled work, he spent more than 20 years tending to buildings like Peirce Hall, where he met his wife, AVI office manager Theresa Ewers. "Many of us watched this love story unfold," said Fred Linger, retired manager of business services. "We all wondered who this new guy was eating lunch with her every day!" Rodney and Theresa married in 2009 at Sanibel Island in Florida. The devoted family man helped raise three grandchildren, his wife said. "He was always glad to help with anything and everything when needed," she said. "He completed our family." He is survived by Theresa and stepchildren Amber Pilotti, Joseph Pilotti and Kayla Riley; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters; and his father, James Ewers of Fredericktown.

Eleanor C. Frame P'88, on July 3, 2026. She was 90. Ellie served as executive director of various administrative and academic programs during the 1970s and was married to former political science department chair William Frame. Born on Pu'unene Plantation on Maui in 1936, Ellie was part of a third generation (sansei) of families brought from Japan to work the sugar cane fields, her obituary noted. At Ohio State University, she met and married Bill and started their family. She is survived by Bill; her sister Constance Scott; and children Kelly Wennik and Samuel. She was predeceased by daughter **Katherine Chiyoko Frame '88**.

Martin Jerry Hardeman, on March 1, 2026. He was 80. The former faculty member was a visiting history instructor from 1986 to 1991. Martin arrived in Gambier with his doctoral degree from the University of Chicago. He later taught at the University of Saint Thomas in Houston and Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois, retiring in 2020. "He taught American history, African American history and American constitutional history (his great love) for almost 30 years," his obituary noted. "Both a great listener and a great storyteller, he collected pewter toy soldiers, particularly from the Napoleonic period, and was an avid fan of all things Bob Dylan." He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Clare L. McCulla, and her family.

Charles W. Link, on Dec. 20, 2025, in Mount Vernon. He was 95. A plumber and president of

the trades union while at Kenyon, Charles was a Navy veteran. He had a passion for farming and had been a president of Centerburg's Old Time Farming Festival. He is survived by his son, Wayne Link; and stepson James Lee.

Bonnie Lee Newton, on Feb. 6, 2026, at home in Mount Vernon. She was 93. The former custodian worked at Kenyon for 17 years, retiring in 1995. "Bonnie enjoyed traveling, especially to Florida in winter," her obituary read. "Bonnie also enjoyed baking, running, riding her bike and crocheting." She is survived by daughters Vicki Whiteley, Brenda Newton and Teresa Newton; son Joseph; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

John Doyle Ong, on June 4, 2026. He was 92. Chair emeritus of BFGoodrich and a Kenyon trustee from 1983 to 1985 and 1987 to 1991, he served as U.S. ambassador to Norway from 2002 to 2005. An Army veteran and 1957 Harvard law grad, he rose from his position as BFGoodrich's assistant counsel to become its CEO in 1979. In that role for 18 years, Ong "led the transformation of BFGoodrich from being primarily a manufacturer of tires ... into a leading provider of aircraft systems and (other) services," his obituary noted. He also served as a trustee of the University of Chicago, Case Western Reserve and his alma mater, Ohio State. At Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio, the John D. Ong Library is named in his honor. He is survived by sons John and Richard; daughter M. Katherine; brother Joseph; and six grandchildren.

JOHN DOYLE ONG >
Chair emeritus of BFGoodrich and a former Kenyon trustee, he served as U.S. ambassador to Norway.

Frederick Turner, on September 4, 2025. He was 81. The poet, interdisciplinary scholar and faculty member co-edited the Kenyon Review from 1979 to 1983. Author of 28 books, he arrived on the Hill from UC Santa Barbara in 1972 as an associate professor. In 1985, he moved to the University of Texas at Dallas, retiring from there in 2020. Turner was nominated for a Nobel Prize; he won the Milán Füst Prize (Hungary's highest literary honor), the 1983 Levinson Prize (awarded by Poetry magazine) and many others.

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Midtown Meetup: The Kenyon Network in NYC

A July event in Manhattan capitalized on the fact that more Kenyon alumni live in New York City than any other city (roughly 2,600!).

Students on summer break gathered with alumni and employers for a networking event hosted by Phil Moyles '86, co-President of EPIC Insurance Brokers & Consultants, at the Union League Club.

Alumni representing their companies included B.T. Bowler '90 with Round Rock Advisors, Pia Catton '96, with American Ballet Theatre, Delaney Corrigan '20 with Boston Consulting Group, Paulo Ribeiro '99 with Two Things Inc., Jonathan Sun '16 with Archimedes Management, and Alex Urist '15 with XCharge North America. (Representatives from St. Martin's Publishing Group and Cushman & Wakefield commercial real estate also joined.)

The roughly 130 attendees heard from President Julie Kornfeld about how the College is actively working to connect more students to experiential learning like internships, through alumni connections and often with donor support.

(Below, from left) Brendan Rogers '01, Mitchell Arend '25 and Adam Exline '01.





(Above, from left) Gabby Rachman '24, Amara Allen '23 and Theresa Carr '23

(Below, from left) Maya Sherlick '27, Aoife Fortuna '27 and Marissa Sun '25



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Alumni Events

You may be a Kenyon student for only four years, but you're a member of our alumni community for life.

Stay connected

Check out **kenyon.edu/alumnievents** for our lineup of events, including:

Learning in the Company of Friends
Los Angeles
JANUARY 27, 2027
Professor of Political Science Joe Klesner from the Center for the Study of American Democracy. Hosted by Susan Olsen '91 P'29 and Keith Snyder P'29.

Presidential Reception
Washington, D.C.
MARCH 11, 2027
President Julie Kornfeld on how Kenyon is leaning into its foundational liberal arts to prepare students to meet the challenges of today, with the help of alumni and parents. Hosted by Board of Trustees Chair Matt Voorhees '95.

Reunion Weekend
On Campus
MAY 28-30
Reunions for classes ending in 2 and 7, along with singing groups Chamber Singers, Cornerstones and WKCO alumni. All alumni are welcome.

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Back Talk

(our Table of Contents in reverse)
Welcome to the end of your alumni magazine journey; we hope you enjoyed it. Or, for those starting at the back and reading forward, please enjoy this reward for breaking the rules. Here are a few moments in the magazine that we wanted to make sure you caught.



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Honestly, same



A mithraeum is an underground or cave-like temple built in classical antiquity by followers of the mystery religion Mithraism, an exclusive, all-male cult popular among Roman soldiers, merchants and civil servants between the 1st and 4th centuries A.D. — and a thing that made teaching award-winner Brad Hostetler want to learn more.

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Smile for the wet-plate collodion process!

A tintype album dating to 1856 in the College archives has been preserved thanks to a conservation grant. Will we one day say the same thing about today's campus Yik Yak discourse? (Hopefully not.)

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SIX DEGREES OF KENYON

Will Dagger '10 starred on Broadway with George Clooney. You went to the same college as Will Dagger. So it's basically like you know George Clooney.

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Science, but make it yummy

Physics students staying on campus for summer research took a break from topics such as "Probing the Optical Properties of Topological Insulators Using Spectroscopic Ellipsometry" (Ian Switzer '28) to use liquid nitrogen to make ice cream.



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Not covered in 'Baby Drama'

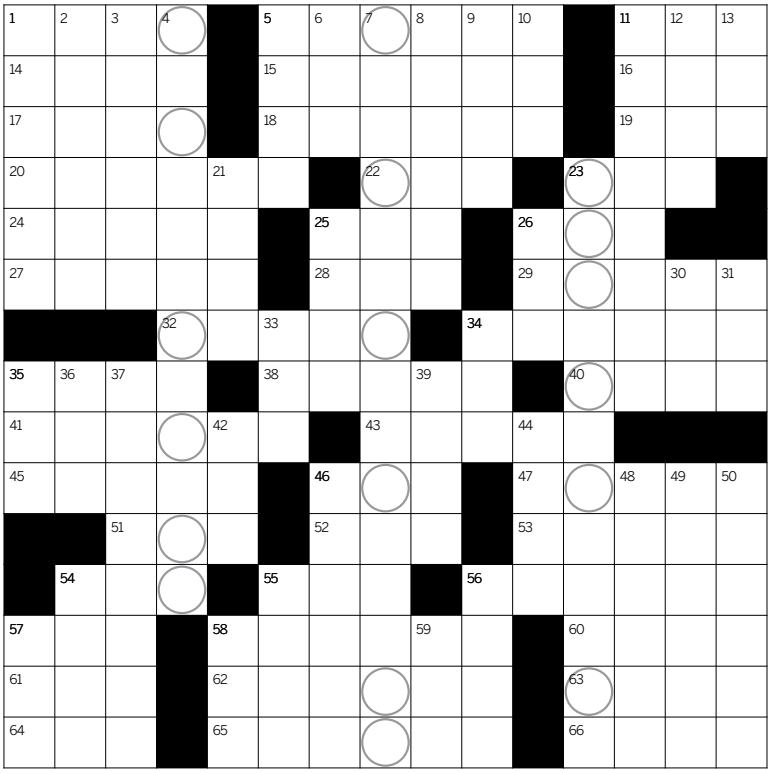
Drama major Will Quam '14 wrote a book about a hobby that turned into a sidequest featuring brick nerds, beer barons, fire maps, super fans and even jazz.

FROM LEFT: SHUTTERSTOCK; CHRIS SORENSEN; SHUTTERSTOCK

Crossword

Kenyon Crossword
An original puzzle created by David Bukszpan '02 for Kenyon Alumni Magazine readers. The answers can be found on page 46.

"It's That Time Again"



ACROSS

1. "___ and Mindy," '70s-'80s sitcom
5. Request
11. Auction action
14. To ___: precisely
15. Gambier hotel and restaurant, casually
16. "Kill Bill" actress Thurman
17. Voicemail signal to wait for
18. Singer Swift or James
19. Make an egg
20. Commotion
22. Letters written in the middle of college?
23. Dutch airline
24. Beethoven's "Für___"
25. Student email suffix
26. "Rushmore" director Anderson
27. Aired again on TV
28. Second mo. of the academic calendar
29. First-year law students, informally
32. "The Odyssey" director Christopher
34. School with the most DIII national team championships (and fourth-most across all divisions)
35. Rum partner
38. Paul Newman's "Road to Perdition" costar Stanley
40. Holler
41. Kept afloat
43. Like most of Knox County
45. Dutch bank holdings?
46. God of war after whom Tuesday is named
47. Japanese rice-based ice cream confection
51. Alley ___
52. PCs by a company named for its two founders (the first of which received an honorary degree from 34-Across)
53. "___ without a cat! It's the most curious thing I ever saw in all my life!" ("Alice in Wonderland")
54. Internet service provider originally launched alongside Windows 95
55. South ___ (former place to park)
56. Completely overwhelm, as with flames
57. Starchy luau staple
58. Any gymnastic trick off the ground
60. Cuba, por ejemplo
61. Keats praised a Grecian one
62. Birthplace of pizza, to Italians
63. Present time?
64. Beseech
65. Mount Vernon college, to locals
66. Get a couple bucks from the bookstore at the end of the semester, e.g.

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1. Longtime trustee and benefactor Samuel
2. "Lawrence of Arabia" actor Peter
3. French impressionist Pierre-Auguste or his son, filmmaker Jean
4. Watches
5. "___ girl!"
6. Oldies group ___ Na Na
7. Data privacy process using a mathematical algorithm to scramble information
8. Load to the brim, as a gas tank
9. John's wife Yoko and son Sean, by name
10. Time off, to a GI
11. Nickname for a room at either end of the college's oldest building, thanks to their windows
12. Muslim prayer leader
13. Founders' ___: chance to sign the Matriculation Book
21. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay
23. Singer-songwriter whose 1984 hit "Footloose" is played regularly in the College mailroom
25. Jacob's twin
26. Distress
30. Texter's "I'm tickled!"
31. NBC sketch comedy show since 1975
33. LLC equivalent in UK and Canada
34. White wine aperitif
35. Trendy OTC compound derived from marijuana
36. Say "yes" to the demanderesse?
37. River, like us, "obedient to some strange spell"
39. Stray dogs
42. Psychic's gift
44. Start of a historic palindrome
46. Native American football and Olympics legend Jim
48. Defoe castaway
49. Campus Jewish group
50. With 34-Across, a place and time full of hope and color each year—and a hint to the circled theme of this puzzle
54. "And begged at every noble's door, And also that of Hannah ___"
55. Biblical matriarch (Jacob's first wife)
56. British matriarch (King Charles' mum: Abbr.)
57. Former underground drinking spot "Philander's ___" (Now called "Peirce ___," even though it no longer serves beer. {Sigh.})
58. Hill dweller
59. In the manner of

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