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Happy 100th Birthday, dear Kumler ...

From the WCAA Board President and Director

I loved my Western College experience! Although I attended Western for only one year, it made a huge impact in my life. I made lifelong friends, met my future spouse, began my journey into adulthood under the guidance and leadership of caring faculty and administrators, and grew as a result of the intercultural exposure and influences available at Western. In 2010, when I was asked to serve on the WCAA Board of Trustees, I was unaware of some of the accomplishments of this mighty group of alumnae. My son often teases me about serving on an alumnae board for a college that no longer exists. He — as are most — is amazed by the WCAA's achievements. Success that can only be realized through your support!



Sharry

From 1974 to present: 2,817 scholarships have been funded by Western alumnae, faculty, and friends! \$9,589,062 has been awarded to deserving Miami University students!

What an extraordinary legacy! Thank you, well done, and stay tuned for more opportunities to further Western's legacy!

Sharry Addison

Sharry Patterson Addison '61
President, WCAA Board of Trustees

We are so pleased to invite ALL CLASSES back to the Western Campus on June 8-10 for Alumnae Weekend! Your Reunion Committee has organized an incredible weekend with engaging programs, time to socialize with classmates and friends, delicious meals, and opportunities to revisit your favorite campus locations. Please join us!

We were recently contacted by WCAA scholarship recipient, **Tiffany Hollon**. Tiffany graduated from Miami University's Regional Campus in May and wanted to commemorate Western on graduation day. She was provided a WCAA pin, which she proudly wore on her graduation sash. We received the following photo from Tiffany, as well as the message included on page vii of the Financial Report.

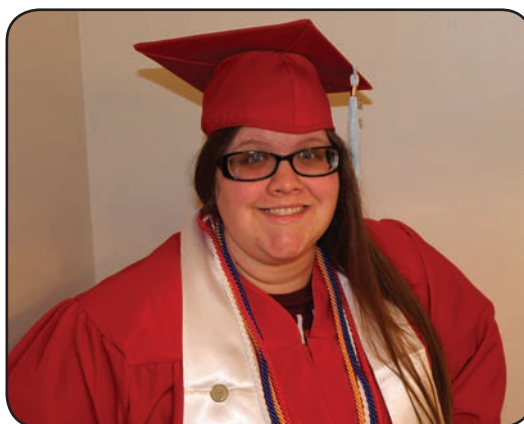


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In the spirit of Western,

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Tiffany Hollon, MU Class of 2018
Peabody Scholarship recipient

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Mission of the Association:

- to preserve and encourage communication among and with alumnae,
- to support education and human values that continue the heritage and tradition of The Western College.

On the cover: Kumler Memorial Chapel, erected 1918.

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Kathi Bumblis: Horse Whisperer

*Oft times an offhand reference to a pastime or hobby in Class Notes catches our eye and demands special attention. In this case, it was a passion. Because of the complexity of the subject, we elected not to rely on an interview, but go directly to the horse's mouth, so to speak. We prevailed upon **Kathi Ramsey Bumblis '66** to expand on an intriguing activity she had touched on last year, and ask her to write her own account. Herewith, in first person, another of our Alumnae Profiles ...*

One of my joys when I transferred to Western in 1964 was learning that riding horses was part of their physical education program. I had always loved horses but had never been able to own or even lease one. I was thrilled and enrolled in the riding program. Soon I was part of the Western Miami Riding club that met on Saturday mornings at 8 am. No more late Friday nights at the uptown bars for this girl. After my graduation in 1966, I changed into my jeans and went to the Miami Western Stables to have one last ride on my favorite pony before leaving Oxford. I tried to continue riding but once I was working and married, it became difficult.

Many years later (2010) and living in California, I finally was able to lease a horse at a large boarding ranch. I came across some owners that had a different method of working with horses. I became interested and was introduced to Parelli Natural Horsemanship. This approach had books, tapes, teachers and even a Savvy club of over 100 members in the Bay area. The original developers/trainers of this method were Tom Dorrance and Ray Hunt. Many cowboys trained under these two mentors. Pat Parelli and Buck Brannaman (original Horse Whisperer from the movie of the same name) are just two people trainers that I have had contact with. Natural Horsemanship is all about developing a relationship with the horse based on his nature. Some good synonyms for *natural* are *instinctive*, *inborn* or *intuitive*. This method teaches the human how to communicate with a horse the way horses do with other horses. We learn how to use our bodies to communicate and eventually our thoughts and focus. We are not teaching tricks or words as many traditional trainers do. In fact, we do almost everything the opposite from the way traditional riding is taught.

First, we learn how horses think. Horses base their thinking on comfort. Horses want to feel safe whether they are in a pasture or a stall. They use lateral thinking. Humans reason and use logic to get what we want and use direct line thinking. The goal of natural horsemanship is to think like a horse. You start with thinking about prey and predators. Horses are prey animals



The Riding Club ca. 1964

and humans are predators so we start out with opposing natures. Horses have three distinctive prey animal characteristics: they smell like what they eat (grass); they have binocular vision (they see from each eye separately); and they are perceptive to danger, predators, people, places, changes and things. Prey animals are born cowards, claustrophobics and fully functional learners at birth. This makes sense since they need to out think the predators for survival. They are herd animals that have pecking orders. Predators (humans) smell like what we eat which is meat; we have eyes in the front of our heads, which gives us great depth perception but poor lateral vision; and we are not very perceptive to danger, people, places changes and things. So you can see there's a lot to learn and can change, using this method to communicate.

All my training was based on the traditional approach of how to sit, how to hold the reins, kick the horse to go and pull the reins to stop. Nothing about the horse's nature or how to communicate. I was taught to say "walk" and the horse was supposed to walk. When I saw others using this different approach — the owners actually playing on the ground with their horses as well as while they rode — I was amazed and enthralled.

First, I had to learn how to not barge into a horse's stall or pasture without waiting for him to greet me. We call it the horse's handshake. We curl our fingers and present the back of our hand (now looking similar to a horse's muzzle) and wait for the horse to come and sniff/touch. If a horse does not come, we learn to play the "catch me" game by walking into a pasture and not looking at the horse or walking directly to him. We look at the hindquarters, which causes him to turn and face us. Once we have been sniffed, we can touch a horse on the withers or neck but not the face until the horse has shown he trusts us. As you can probably guess, this is very different from the traditional approach of grab the saddle and barge in and saddle up. In traditional riding, you always tied a horse sometimes even with crossties so he could not move while you groomed or saddled him. Now that you know a horse is claustrophobic, think how that feels to the horse! My horse is not tied when I groom or saddle. If he has not agreed to be with me and won't stand still to be saddled, then I need to work on the trust part of our relationship.

We mimic the way their mothers trained them to stay with her and the herd. Horses are natural followers. If there is no leader, one of the horses steps up which is what happens when you put several horses together for the first time. Or when a horse is added to a pasture, there will be a little squabble over who is in charge. When we are with our horse, we are a herd of two. We should have gained the respect of that horse so he sees us as his leader. Certain horses are used to being the leader and will challenge you, but you must be assertive and maintain your leadership. If you are wishy-washy, any horse will become the leader and good luck with that! Respect has no fear in it.

One of our favorite ideas is making our idea their idea. We want our horse to be thinking and have his own spirit/personality. We do not "break" our horses and turn them into prisoners. We "gentle" our horses and make them partners. Horses live in the present. You have to be ready to meet with the horse that shows up each day and not assume the horse you rode yesterday is in the same frame of mind today.

We always focus on where we are going and not on our horse. A lead horse focuses on where he is going and the herd reads that focus. We play a game of "touch it" by focusing on an object until the horse senses our focus and goes to the object. We reward him by giving him



"Lily and I were learning the Vacquero method of separating and moving cattle. Lily really kept her eye on the cow I chose and got her moving."

rest, which is comfort to him. If he goes another way, we keep pressure on him using movement to make him uncomfortable, but never do we hit or punish a horse. Sometimes what we do annoys the horse, but then he tries to seek comfort. When horses do what we ask we stop and let them be still, which is what they are seeking.

We also do a lot of visualization of what we want. It is amazing that it works. I can think "trot" or "canter" or "stop" and have a horse respond. I also can use my breath and/or inner core to rev up a horse or slow or stop him. This is why we are sometimes called horse whisperers, as we don't need to say a word and the horse does what we are suggesting. If I am connected with my horse, he understands what I am asking him to do just as he understood his mother when she wanted him to move, go faster, or stop.

One of the games that horses play with each other is "who moves his feet more." The winner is the horse whose feet do not move, or move less. Every horse will play this game with you. Before I started learning about horses, my leased horse would move me into the wall or make me back away from him. He was very subtle and moved very slowly into my space. He'd take one step towards me and I would back up three steps. Game over! He's won and he knows it. I did not even know we were playing a game.

As you can tell I have a passion about learning how to partner with my horses. We moved to Oregon in 2013, where we have a small horse ranch with my two horses, Koala and Lily. My long ago dream came true. I am still learning to be a better communicator and leader for my herd of two. Every day I love my life here. **W**

— Kathi Ramsey Bumblis '66

Miami and Western Go to Washington

On March 19 of this spring, a delegation of Miami University students, faculty, staff, and administrators traveled to Washington, DC, for the inaugural presentation of the newly created Freedom Summer of '64 Award. Lifetime civil rights activist John Lewis, a U.S. Representative from Georgia, had been chosen as the first recipient. Also in attendance at the impressive ceremony and informal reception afterward were Western College alumnae (and Washington-area residents) Sylvia Stanfield, Anne Weissenborn, and Renee Yates. The Award itself, a crystal sculpture, is etched with a rendering of the Freedom Summer Memorial on the Western campus.

“This award honors the legacy of the civil rights movement but is also a new call for students, faculty, staff and citizens to reconnect with civic service and civil rights at a time when participation and standing for one’s belief in their fellow humans is more important than ever.” With these words, Miami University’s President Greg Crawford explained the reason for its creation. He went on to say, “In presenting this Award to Rep. Lewis, we are taking Miami to the nation’s capital.”

Citing the historic events on the Western campus during the summer of 1964, Ron Scott, associate vice president for diversity and inclusion at Miami, says: “It is important to keep the Freedom Summer spirit alive, to make known its history and to demonstrate that it still matches our values. Presenting this Award is a public way to reflect on the best and show the path to others.”

The WCAA Board of Trustees was represented at the March 19, 2018, award ceremony by present and/or past board members **Sylvia Stanfield ’65**, **Renee Harris Yates ’72**, and **Anne Adkins Weissenborn ’61**. They collaborated on a reflection of their experience to share with *Bulletin* readers:

“We were honored by first row seats right behind the podium and the exquisite crystal Freedom Summer Award itself. We were also pleased that Western College was given equal place with Miami in all displays and remarks.

“The ceremony was held in a hearing/reception room in the Rayburn House Office Building. In the audience were not only Miami officials but also Miami faculty, staff members and alums, plus a large, diverse group of Miami students in Washington with their professor. The students were there to learn and apply techniques for ‘educating’ members of Congress about issues important to their constituents, including — in this case — the continuation of Pell Grants.




WCAA members Sylvia Stanfield, Anne Weissenborn, and Renee Yates look on with members of the Miami delegation as Congressman Lewis accepts the inaugural Freedom Summer of '64 Award.

“A highlight of the ceremony for us WCAA representatives was the chance not only to meet but also talk one-on-one with Rep. Lewis. Kind, down-to-earth, and soft-spoken, he is truly a ‘living legend.’ His first words were to express surprise at the size of the gathering — apparently he was assuming just three or four presenters. But then he talked about the importance of Freedom Summer for SNCC (the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee). In 1964 at the age of 24, he was serving as its executive director. He expressed his gratitude for Western’s willingness to be the site of training for volunteers in non-violent reactions to anticipated opposition, for which SNCC supplied the trainers. After the ceremony, he remained with the group for quite some time, talking to anyone who approached him, answering questions, and posing for pictures.”

For Anne, he met her late husband Ernie’s definition of *mensch* — “a real human being in the fullest and best sense of those words.”

During the reception, a Powerpoint presentation prepared by University Archivist Jacky Johnson and Professor of Theater Ann Elizabeth Armstrong featured images from the summer of 1964, the memorial, past conferences, the Freedom Summer digital collection,

and the certificate designating Western College a Freedom Station. [See related article, page 33.] As an aside, Jacky and Ann Elizabeth were made “designated drivers” and were personally responsible for transporting the Award via car to D.C.

Bob Keller, University Architect emeritus, who also designed the Freedom Summer Memorial, described the Award with these words: “The Freedom Award is ‘linked’ to the Freedom Summer Memorial using three key design elements of the physical memorial site for the Award design: the stone seating, the dogwood trees, Kumler Chapel. These three elements are etched in their same configuration on three rows of crystal glass. Three dogwood trees form a curve around the memorial’s radius point; these trees are etched on the crystal curved around the Award’s radius point. Rows of stone seating rise up the hillside and grow in depth; rows of crystal rise from low to high and grow in depth. The stone rows are segmented curves; the crystal rows follow this exact segmentation. And finally, Western’s Kumler Chapel is a beautiful spiritual complement to the memorial; its etching on the back row of crystals reinforces this connection.” 



Freedom Summer of '64 Award



MU President Crawford (left) and Award designer Bob Keller



U.S. Congressman John Lewis (left), admiring the Freedom Summer Award just presented to him by Miami University President Greg Crawford

On the plaque:

JOHN R. LEWIS - 2018
FOR REMEMBERING THE PAST,
HONORING THE PRESENT, BUILDING THE FUTURE

In 1964, Lewis, the young chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), encouraged college students around the U.S. to help register African-Americans in Mississippi to vote. Nearly 800 of those students trained for that work and for nonviolent resistance in Oxford, Ohio, on the campus of then-Western College for Women (now part of Miami University.)

Lewis began his activism with the 1961 Freedom Riders, challenging segregated interstate bus terminals across the South. Though peacefully protesting, he was beaten severely by angry mobs and arrested by police. From 1963 to 1966, Lewis was chairman of SNCC, which he helped form. SNCC was largely responsible for organizing civic student activism, including sit-ins and other activities. Before working in more formal voting rights agencies, Lewis endured 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries in his justice-seeking endeavors. He was a co-leader, on March 7, 1965, of more than 600 peaceful, orderly protestors marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, intending to demonstrate the need for voting rights in the state. The marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

Lewis was active in numerous other civil rights efforts and activities over the years. He was elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1981 and elected to Congress in November 1986, serving as U.S. Representative of Georgia’s Fifth Congressional District since then.

Photos by Miami University photographer Jeff Sabo

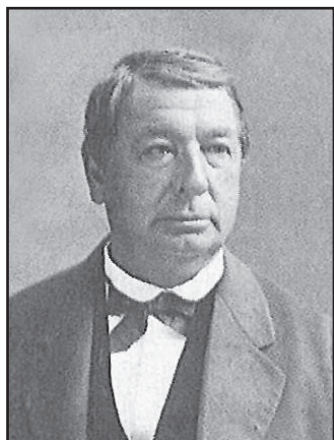
Happy 100th Birthday, Kumler Memorial Chapel!

No building on the Western campus — with the possible exception of Peabody Hall — is as beloved by all generations of Westerners as Kumler Chapel. Not just for the obvious spiritual associations, but for the physical beauty of its structure and setting. And so in this, the year of its one-hundredth anniversary, we asked Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, volunteer researcher at Oxford's Smith Library of Regional History (and volunteer docent at Patterson Place), to retell the story of Kumler's birth. Previously, she had done copious research on the building for the campus Walking Tour Guide, and Bulletin readers may remember past historical articles she has contributed — notably on Sarah Howe's early history of the Seminary [spring 2012] and Miss Peabody's Mary Lyon portrait [spring 2013].

*We give this house Oh God to Thee;
Be thine each beam, and brick, and stone;
These fields and groves, each flower and tree,
Accept and call them all Thine own.*

— Verse 1 of the hymn written by the Rev. Thomas Spencer (Trustee 1854-1860) for the September 1855 dedication of the first Seminary building and later buildings on the campus.

Kumler Memorial Chapel was dedicated Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1918. Getting to this point was something of an adventure. The original chapel for Western Female Seminary (later Western College) was in the Seminary building, the only building on the campus. After the 1860 fire it was in the south wing of the new building, the present Helen Peabody Hall, which replaced that building. After the second fire in 1871 most of the interior of the 1860-1862 building had to be replaced and some changes were made as well. One of those changes was an addition to the main building on the south wing for a chapel on the second floor and a dining room under it (now the area of Leonard Theatre). That addition served the college well, but by the 20th century a separate chapel for the college was required, both for services and for graduation ceremonies. Funds for this new building were generously donated by **Anna Kumler Wight, Class of 1879**, and her sister, **Ella Kumler McKelvy, LL.D 1926**, granddaughters of Elias and Ann Kumler, of Oxford.

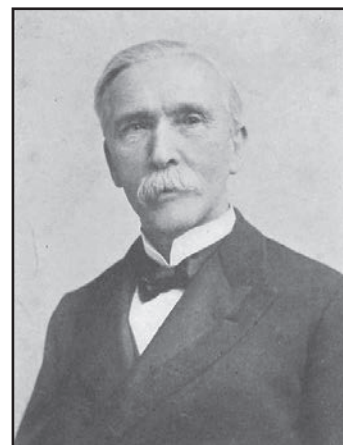


Elias Kumler

Anna and Ella had family connections to Western beyond their degrees. The Kumlers were one of the early families to settle in Oxford. **Elias Kumler**, an Oxford businessman and Oxford's first banker, was one of the first contributors to the Seminary, a signer of the corporate documents, and a founding trustee.

The women's father, the **Rev. Jeremiah Prophet Elias Kumler** (the Kumlers chose

colorful names for their 11 children), graduate of Miami University and Lane Theological Seminary, was minister of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Chaplain of the Seminary and President of the Board of Trustees on which he served for 37 years. He was known at the Seminary as the Knight of the Carpet, having been dragooned as a worker by **Abigail Goulding**, a Mt. Holyoke graduate and member of the first faculty of the Seminary, when he strolled into the building as she was laying carpet in the entrance area just before the opening in September 1855. Love bloomed over the carpet tacks and marriage followed.



Jeremiah Kumler



Abigail Goulding Kumler

And yet another connection was their uncle **Theophilus King Agrippa** (shortened to Rex) **Kumler**, who also served on the Board of Trustees and whose daughter, Mary, graduated from the Seminary in 1887. The funds for the present building of the Oxford Presbyterian Church (built 1925-1927 and originally the Memorial Presbyterian Church) were given by Theophilus' wife, Laura, in memory of her husband and daughter. The buildings,

both of native stone and Norman in style, do have a family resemblance.

In 1916 the sisters selected the site which was approved by their chosen architect, Thomas Hastings of Carrière and Hastings, New York, and the college landscape architect, the Olmsted Brothers of Massachusetts. The inspiration for



Tillinghast window

Cephas Burns and his crew, who built the bridges and stone buildings on the campus, did the stonework. The sisters' cousin, **John Molyneaux**, scion of another early Oxford family, who served on the Board of Trustees and was later president of the Board and Acting President of the College, announced the gift to the college, and building began.

The cornerstone with its box of mementos of college life was dedicated on Tree Day, May 16, 1917, just as the United States was entering WWI. Amid the dirt and noise disrupting the quiet campus, the building slowly rose and was moving toward completion until the afternoon of February 26, 1918, at 4:20 p.m. **Dolores Hall Emerson, Class of 1921**, who was watching the work from a window in Peabody Hall, says,

"...one of the workmen yelled. In a body they all ran from the building...I happened to glance at the tower. In short, jerky moves, it toppled back and forth twice and then it seemed to sink into a white cloud. The crumbling, grating sound was terrific. I sat for an instant unable to comprehend what had happened. Then such a babel of voices as was never heard! Simultaneously the buildings let forth shrieking, exclaiming, rushing girls. The white cloud of stone dust cleared away. It revealed a chapel, not almost complete, but a ruin of stone and timbers. A senior turned and shouted to a group of classmates, 'Goodbye, commencement! I see where we graduate in Peabody Chapel again.'"

There are reports speculating on whether a shortcut for

the building was a parish church at Bazoches-au-Houlme in Orne, Normandy, France, suggested by Mr. Hastings. He had seen it as he pedaled his bicycle through Normandy on a summer excursion. The church, whose 9th century tower was probably originally a lookout for marauding Vikings, was constructed and renovated from about the 11th century through the 16th century.

The contractor chosen for the building was Thomas C. Lloyd, a carpenter and contractor in Oxford since the mid-1880s and builder of many buildings in Oxford. Master stonemason

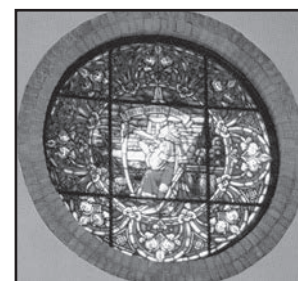
an office in the building for President Boyd or the extremely cold weather caused the disaster, but in the end the parties involved decided to share the responsibility in good ecumenical fashion, make some changes, and get on with the job. A doorway suspected of forcing the weight of the tower outward instead of down was eliminated. Two supporting arches replaced one, and the buttresses at the west side door were enlarged while the tower* was reduced somewhat in height. Reconstruction began toward what everyone hoped would be a successful conclusion and, indeed, it was.

The service of dedication was delayed by the influenza pandemic quarantine that came as WWI ended. However, on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1918, at 10:30 a.m. the newly completed chapel was dedicated. A dedicatory organ recital followed at 7:30 that evening. That weekend, on November 30 at 4:00 p.m., **Lucile Smith, Class of 1918**, and Walter Meister were married in Kumler Chapel by the college pastor, the Rev. A. Judson Arrick. A reception was held in Peabody Hall with a two-tiered wedding cake displayed on the platform of the former chapel, now the assembly hall. The wedding presents were displayed in the Dean's parlor.

Sunday services, graduation ceremonies, College Day and Senior Day ceremonies, lectures by such as Carl Sandburg, Thornton Wilder and Hugh Walpole, concerts, and other events ensued in the years thereafter. In the fall of 1925, however, an urgent communication was sent to Carrière and Hastings. The Board of Trustees minutes do not provide any details about the problem, but a perusal of the financial reports and occasional comments in the minutes tell the tale of the unspecified problem that was "repaired in a most satisfactory manner."

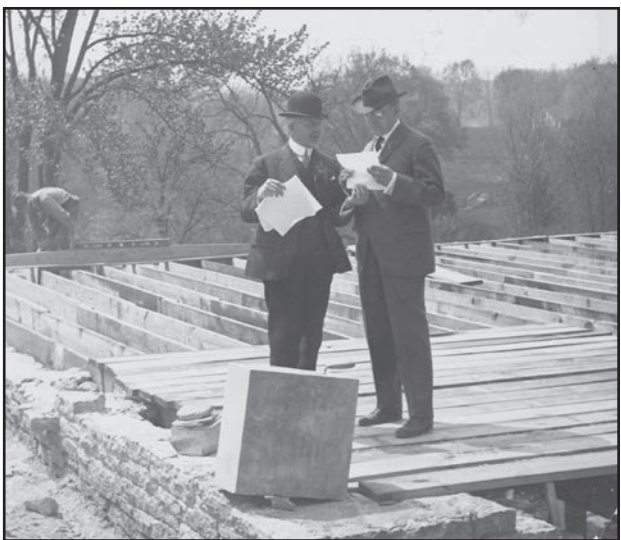
Buildings settle and perhaps there were cracks noted, which, given the great fall of the tower in 1918, would cause more than a little consternation, if not downright panic. Whatever happened, 1926 dawned on a building with brand new stone buttresses on both sides of the nave, constructed by Cephas Burns and his crew, and the chapel took on its present appearance.

In June 1929 when alumnae met in the chapel for their annual service, they were pleased to see a new window. The round window over the entrance was now filled with brilliant stained glass depicting David playing his harp. It was given by **Anna Kumler Wight** in honor of her 50th anniversary and reunion.



Rose window

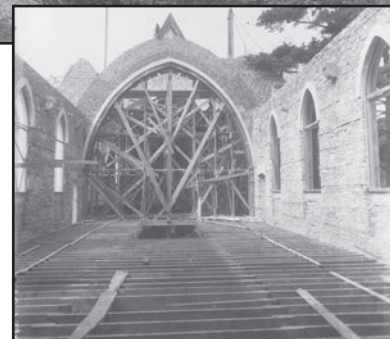
The stained glass windows in the apse, original to the building, were designed by Montague-Castle-London Co. of New York. The three in the



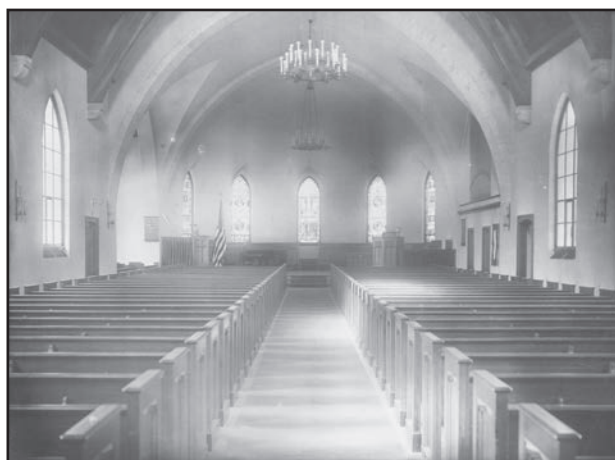
May 16, 1917: President Boyd (left) and Dr. John Molyneaux lay the cornerstone for Kumler Chapel



*Under construction, 1917:
Exterior and interior views*



February 26, 1918: The tower comes tumbling down!



Chapel interior 1919



Chapel exterior 1919



*Kumler Chapel prototype in Bazoches-au-Houlme,
Orne, Normandy, France*



Music professor Everett B. Helm and choir; 1941



Commencement in the '50s



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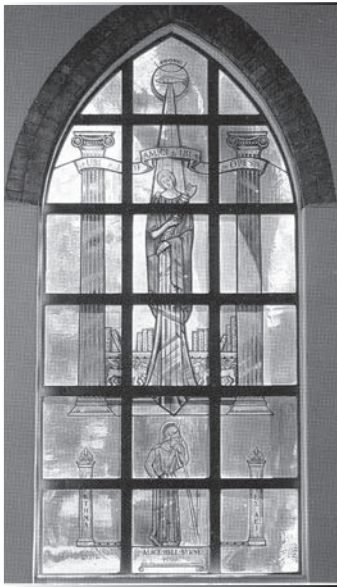
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Western Program Class of 2013 graduation



Wedding circa 1940. The first wedding in Kumler was held just a few days after its dedication in 1918. Through the years since, there have continued to be weddings there almost every weekend.



Dean Byrne window

center honor the sisters' parents, Jeremiah and Abigail, and grandfather, Elias, each with a verse from the Bible. The other two windows, one on each side of these, are dedicated to fields of study, with six areas named in each.

The Tillinghast window in the west transept, originally commissioned by **Olivia Meily Brice, Class of 1866**, for the library of Alumnae Hall, was designed and executed by New York artist, Mary Elizabeth Tillinghast and won a gold medal at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

It was installed in Alumnae Hall in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Western College in 1892 by the Class of 1866 (The Eleven of the Eleventh Class) and depicts the new independent woman of the 1890s. The models for the women in the window were the daughters of Olivia Brice and two of her classmates, **Viella Holmes Porter** and **Mary Macy Carpenter**. After exhibition at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933, the window was damaged in transit and placed in storage until rediscovery and restoration in 1980 and installation in 1981 in the west transept of Kumler Chapel.

There are two memorial windows in Kumler Chapel set among the windows on the east side of the nave. Both were designed by Oxford architect David Briggs Maxfield (father-in-law of **Susan Zeller Maxfield '63**) and executed in Antique German glass by the Willet Stained Glass Studio, Philadelphia. One is dedicated to **Jeanne Lorraine Diorio '67**, who died of meningitis in 1963 in her freshman year at Western. It was given by her parents in 1967, when she would have graduated. The other was given in 1967-1968 by **Narka Nelson '20**, professor of classics at Western and author of the history *Western College for Women*, in memory of her close friend **Alice Hill Byrne**, second dean of students and also professor of classics. This window portrays some of Dean Byrne's lifelong interests. The policy governing the style and character of memorial windows in Kumler was developed at this time.

Kumler Chapel has been renovated and refurbished a number of times, and the services and events held there have moved with changing attitudes over the years. From 1954 through 1963 **President Herrick Young** gave weekly talks, "Tuesday Mornings in Kumler Chapel," in which he shared some of his ideas on problems and opportunities confronting the students and faculty on and off the campus.

In 1957 space on the ground floor was designated as the Jenkin Davies Memorial Meditation Chapel in honor of the late Dean of Chapel and professor of philosophy and religion, who conducted services from 1946 to 1954. This space became, in 1967, the office of the chaplain. By the 1970s there were jazz and new contemporary worship services sans pews, for a while. By 1992 a fund for perpetual care for the chapel was established. Donors may honor family and faculty with brass plates with

selected text attached to the pews, which were reinstalled in a 1975 restoration of the chapel. The chapel was again restored for its 80th anniversary celebration in 1998. In 2009 the organ was restored by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, its original builders. The building continues to be used for returning alumnae reunions and also for services, concerts, weddings, and other meetings.

Kumler Memorial Chapel has indeed come a long way from its somewhat shaky beginning but it has proved, and continues to prove up to the task of providing a beautiful, and solid, space for some of the most memorable events in the lives of the young women of Western College, and those who followed.

Happy 100th Birthday !



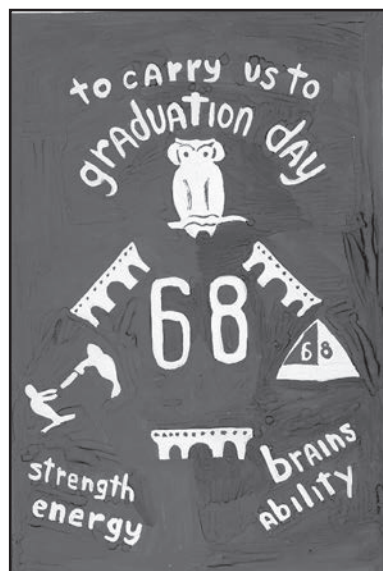
— Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D.



Diorio window

**Note: The tower in Kumler Chapel was designed as part of the building and sits on the groin vault at the crossing in the front of the apse. The tower in the church at Bazoches-au-Houlme was built in the 9th C. and the nave and other parts of the church were added to it. Kumler's tower is not the only church tower in Oxford that has had a problem. Aside from structural problems that could be repaired, one tower lost its spire, though the bell was saved, and in another unhappy event a "great wind" drove the tower spire down into the nave requiring a new church building.*

"Meeting Again at the College That Helped Shaped Us"



Dear Classmates! This June we will celebrate our 50th Reunion! I hope you have all made your plans to return Western June 8-10 so that we can celebrate. If not, please contact the Western College Alumnae Association at 513-529-4400 or wcaa@miamioh.edu.

In 2017 we acquired two new family members: Joel's daughter had a baby in May, so we are now grandparents of an adorable little boy named Cameron. And in April we became parents of a new Tibetan Terrier puppy, a challenge at our age! Our travel this year has involved many visits to Cameron and his parents in Sacramento, to NYC, where we got together with **Pamela Knowles '70**, **Maria Maldonado '70** and **Bernie**, and **Lola Schmidt Stanton '67** and **Bill**. Later in the year we went to visit family in North Carolina, accompanied by my sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy '71**. Joel and I both continue to be busy with volunteer activities, including being "host parents" of a graduate student in journalism from Kenya, who lives at International House at UC Berkeley. I'm active in my neighborhood book club and with another Berkeley club. Joel will be coming with me to our Reunion — I hope you are planning on bringing your spouse/partner/best friend.

Sandy Chanis and John (her partner of 20 years) are being most thankful to God for the roof above their heads since their house did not go up in smoke during the fires. As for

creative news, Sandra is always doing some art project: stone or clay sculpting, painting, throwing pots/vessels and doing lots of gardening. Sandra will be assisting her daughter (Jeanette Bonds) during her third and very successful International Short Film Animation Festival, GLAS, in Berkeley in March 2018. Indeed, life is good, healthy and happy! Sandy and I are planning to get together then.



Sandy

Margie Custer Bowles and Bob had a 16-day cruise to French Polynesia via Hawaii in January: visiting the Arizona Memorial, snorkeling with Black-tipped sharks, hiking, being initiated by King Neptune as they crossed the Equator. Then in August and early September they returned to their family home in Greece. Thanksgiving found them with family at Tahoe Donner Lake. They pray for peace and are very thankful for the extraordinary blessing of life.



Margie

Probably **Kitsy Dunlop's** most dramatic event of the year has been Greg's discovery and connection with his birth mother's and birth father's families through Ancestry.com and 23andMe. Up until this year he was the older of two ... now he finds he is the oldest of nine on one side of the family and the oldest of six on the other. None of the siblings knew he existed. Kitsy and Greg continue to be involved with the horse trail riding community in north central Florida, meeting the ongoing challenges of nature be it health, heat, or hurricane. Kitsy continues community involvement through the local Florida's Nature Coast Conservancy, local chapter of Dining for Women, the Cedar Key Woman's Club and her small Episcopal church ... always seeking educational opportunities for all involved. Due to a family



Kitsy

wedding in mid-June, she doubts she will be able to attend the Reunion, but is looking into the possibility.

Anne Galbraith Rothrock and Brit finally took Anne's dream vacation to her ancestral home in Scotland. Anne was quite excited to see that Culcreuch Castle, built in 1296, is still standing and is now a hotel. Too bad it is no longer owned by their clan! Anne has "retired" from her



Anne

part-time job at the YMCA in Belfast, ME, but still teaches one aerobics class and has a few personal training clients. The remainder of her time is taken up with gardening and yard work, and keeping warm in the winter. They stay in Maine all year. Anne and Brit are eagerly anticipating attending our 50th Reunion. They will be on the return leg of a trip to Yellowstone.

Susan Hackley looks forward to seeing friends and being back on campus at the June Reunion. She's working on finishing her documentary film, *Veteran Children*, about the impact of war on America's families and children, and she continues her work



Susan

as managing director of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. She lives in Boston with her husband, Paul, and near her daughter and stepson and their families. Son Zac lives in Alaska, where he is a wilderness pilot for the Alaska State Troopers. She got hit with ovarian cancer this past year and is presently doing OK. She often sees **Prudence Hay '69**. Susan will be our chapel speaker at our Reunion.



Hayat

Hayat Imam has been watching with dismay how the values that were so dear to us at Western are being eroded in the USA of today: inclusion; enjoyment of other cultures; respect and acceptance of other religions; care

and kindness. She spends the majority of her time in the peace and justice movements, even though it feels like an uphill battle sometimes. Presently, she is designing a six-week course on Islam, with the hope that knowledge and increased empathy may decrease anti-Muslim racism. Hayat is looking forward to a great many hugs at Western this June — 50 years' worth!



Brenda

Brenda Lee Bell continues to look forward to new experiences in retirement. American Sign Language classes and creating with clay are on the list for 2018 as is shaving three strokes off last year's golf goal. She wishes for her classmates the joys of continued good

health, supportive family, warm friendships and satisfying pursuits, and she is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion in June.

Miho Matsuda

Abedini wrote that she is still traveling with her husband between Toronto (where their daughter and family live), Tehran, and Tokyo. She says that happily all family members, from her 8-year-old grandson to her 98-year-old mother, are doing fine. She hopes to attend the Reunion!



Miho



Chako

Chako Matsumoto Era wrote that her grandson, Syun, and his mother Sae (their daughter-in-law) visited Japan in the fall, without Kohtaro, Chako's son. Syun is speaking and showing a strong will. Chako and **Nancy Wilson Kobayashi '69** will visit **Susie Kitagawa '59** in the hospital.

Cece Peabody continues her positions as executive director with the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of New Jersey. It is the members of both groups who make life and her job more fun, and her grateful. Retiring is something she thinks about more often, and The Villages in Florida is still on their radar. Ed and Cece love do-



Cece

and sister Jeannette in Memphis; Mom's a lively 96-year-old who loves casinos, which they frequent when they're with her. Cece's son, Patrick, continues his successes as the head lacrosse coach at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH. Ed and Cece still play golf and their lives are happy and they are healthy. Her one "over the top" trip this year was to play golf at Pebble Beach, CA. Golf by the ocean, breathtaking views, good gal friends ... this was by far her best golf trip ever! She will be attending our 50th Reunion, and plans to bring Ed and Patrick to meet or see you again, and to see "the college that helped shape me." She hopes to see many of you!

Karen Prah Voris

is looking forward to seeing many classmates in June in Oxford for the 50th. She continues to love her life, splitting her time between Scottsdale, AZ, and Gig Harbor, WA, near daughter, Molly, and her family. Karen and husband John will celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2019. She continues to play tennis, volunteer, and is a docent at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA). Upcoming travels include Southeast Asia with John, and Finland, which will be with both daughters. **Amy Voris '94** grad, will complete her Ph.D. in Dance in England in 2018. The Voris family feels very blessed.



Patty

ing jigsaw puzzles and completed 25 in 2017. They put them together permanently and plan to frame and donate them. Ed lost his middle son to cancer last fall so they have spent much time with his other two sons who are in New Jersey; they also travel often to see Cece's mom



Karen

Patty Robins Lac-ey had a great year visiting friends in Texas and Seattle. She's enjoying having **Karen Kinnear '72** in Cortez. She's been appointed as chairperson of the Cortez Historic Preservation Board and has some walking tours of Cortez planned for May. She's still hiking for

archaeological survey work and found two spear/dart points on one project. She's still volunteering at the Anasazi Heritage Center Museum in Dolores, CO. They had a group of 20 middle-school students last week — they were great! She's launched into a Smart phone and wishes she were smarter. She wishes all the best to everyone.



Mame

Mame Russell

and I had a mini-reunion in June when our Junior Year Abroad Program (in Greece) had a gathering in LA, where Mame lives. We had a great time reconnecting. Mame wrote that she has been blessed with an active and rewarding life since she retired

from asset management sales, and rather than traveling all over the globe, she is now enjoying things closer to home, including as a docent at the Autry Museum of the American West. She opened her home to Airbnb visitors in January. Challenged in the last few years by divorce, cancer, and a major road biking accident, she is now fully recovered and enjoys travel to family gatherings in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. She is looking forward to our Reunion.

The highlight of Nel

Ware and husband T's year was fulfilling a dream of visiting Cuba. They traveled with Road Scholar on a two-week journey that took them through the entire length of the island, beginning in Holguin and ending in Havana. It was truly educational to be able to experience Cuba through their own eyes without the overlay of the narrative we've heard all our lives. Nel will be at Reunion!



Nel



Ella

Ella Weingarten

Iams and her husband took two wonderful trips in 2017. They spent 10 days in Oregon, some in Portland and some on the beautiful Pacific West Coast. We had a wonderful 10-day trip to Israel at the end of October. Ella continues to work and be active in AAUW.



Susie

Susie Williams Oblinger has been enjoying her retirement immensely. In spring 2017 she went on a Disney Cruise with son Christian, Angie, and the two girls. It was fantastic! She continues to travel to Bend, OR, to see her other son and granddaughter. Two granddaughters live

right near her, so she is an expert on tea parties and dollies — and loves it! She can't wait to see everyone in June!

Barbara William-son Wentz and Erv had a challenging year. Erv began the year with rotator cuff repair surgery. Then on June 8th, their 49th wedding anniversary, Erv had a major heart attack. They had no idea he was even at risk for heart issues because he has none of the typical



Barbara

indicators. In December he had fusion back surgery. Even with all of this, they were able to take a few trips this year, which included a trip to the Biltmore in North Carolina to see the gardens, and then Dogwoods of Tennessee. In May they took a road trip to Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and in October they were off to their favorite destination, New England.



Pat

Wentzes had lunch with **Pat Jayson** on beautiful Cape Cod. The leaves were beautiful and the lobster was delicious. They discovered Maine blueberries, which are very different from Michigan blueberries. Barbara had a fantastic time with **Diane Ózbal '67**, **Rauni Pellikka '67** and other members

of the class of '67 at the Western Reunion last year and is looking forward to seeing lots of the members of the class of '68 in June.

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Come as you are ... see you in June?



Sandy, with John



Mame and Susan



Nancy Niver and Jill Hallett
Levis



Erv, Barbara, and Pat



Kitsy and son Dylan

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Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

MODIFIED CASH BASIS

DECEMBER 31, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash	194,363 (b)	175,505 (b)
Investments (Market Value)	172,468 (c)	183,693 (c)
Other Assets		
Antiques and Art	39,875 (d)	39,875
Gift Shop Inventory	7,693	9,319
Total Other Assets	47,568	49,194
TOTAL ASSETS	414,400	408,392
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Sales Tax Payable	1	2
Fund Balance	414,398	408,390
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	414,400	408,392

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE

MODIFIED CASH BASIS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

REVENUES	2017	2016
Alumnae Giving:		
Annual Fund Gifts	56,253	51,698
Patterson Place Preservation Gifts	24,685	100,563
Legacy Gifts	3,968	8,221
Reunion Gifts	23,910	68,015
Endowment Gifts	25,335	14,093
Total Giving	134,149	242,590
Other Revenues and Additions:		
Reunion Weekend Revenue	14,900	7,845
Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc Revenue	2,845	3,810
Interest and Dividend Income	1,709	1,367
Gains(Loss) on Investments	18,501	(3,456)
Total Other Revenues and Additions	37,955	9,566
TOTAL REVENUES AND ADDITIONS	172,104	252,156

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE

MODIFIED CASH BASIS, continued

EXPENSES	2017	2016
Alumnae Relations including The <i>Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion	45,674	42,691
Fundraising and Stewardship Operations	5,632	9,627
	14,725	17,308
Education: (e)		
Archives	5,832	0
International Scholarships	663	1,354
Peabody Scholarships	4,999	4,476
Study Abroad Scholarships	7,313	750
Total Education	18,807 (e)	6,580 (e)
TOTAL EXPENSES	84,839	76,206

TRANSFERS

Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation and Miami University Fund	53,506	64,741
Transfer Legacy Funds to Foundation	3,968	8,221
Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation	23,785	14,093
TOTAL TRANSFERS	81,258	87,055
TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS	166,097	163,261
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	6,008	88,895
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	408,390	319,495
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	414,398	408,390

(a) The above Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis and Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Assets and liabilities are recorded and revenues and expenses are recognized on the cash basis, modified for sales tax payable and unrealized gains and losses from investments.

(b) Cash is held by Miami University for the benefit of the WCAA.

(c) WCAA Investments are held by the Miami University Foundation for the benefit of the WCAA.

(d) 2017 Reappraisal of Antiques and Art valued at \$62,925.

(e) Education expenses listed are from Annual Fund gifts only. They are supplemented by distributions from WCAA Endowment Funds as available. In addition to the above figures, for fiscal year 2017-2018, Miami University provided allotments of \$125,078 for salaries and benefits.

2017 - 2018 Scholarship Recipients

WCAA ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS	Elizabeth Alice Wilburn General Peabody Scholarship	Rachel E. Craig Koons Family Scholarship	OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/ AWARDS
Jacob Henderson Almeda	Andrea Lynne Back	Molly Kathleen Wright	Clara Appel Scholarship
Abigail Anna Marshall	David Beka-Binyam	Maurits DeJonge	Adriana C DeLoach
PEABODY SCHOLARSHIPS	Cachet Kamika Byrd	Lois Wiggins Newman Scholarship	Zoe Grace Douglas
Fritzi Mueller Beckett Scholarship	Jean Michelle Collins	Jack Ackerman	Samantha Usher
Tara Lee Flaherty	Shawnette Marie Davis	Brittany Klenk	Margaret Wilmer Bartlett Scholarship
Marian F. Hawk Scholarship	Natasha Renee Delfendahl	Grace Huddleston	Ruby Sunshine Cribbet
Sherry Kay Akins	Rachel Michele Dodd	Grace Osgood Scholarship	Maximilian Cole Micheli
Mark Travis Ball	Rhonda Hensley	Justin Douglas Heintz	Alma Brenner Scholarship
William Ray Lane	Gary Thomas Ratliff	Tinashe Ngwenya	Peter James Brechtling
Gary Thomas Ratliff	Stephanie Anne M. Richardson	Joseph Thoms and Sarah Darnall Resor Scholarship	Bemnet Negatu
Malcolm D. Hill Scholarship	Angela Jean Roberts	Claudia R. Dawson	Dallin Harshadhai Patel
Lan Phuong Dao	Amanda M. Rose	Justin Douglas Heintz	Kaylie Christine Sampson
Jessica Lynn Stoyko	Kathleen Mary Truster	Derek J Howell	Micaela Beth Wexler
Timothy Adam Wiggins	Jamie L Whitmore	Philipp Schmid	Evelyn May Davis Scholarship
Phyllis Hoyt Scholarship	MULTI-CULTURAL INTERNATIONAL	Haley Kristen Wakelam	Virginia Alexandra Agee
Megan Lee Boggs	Grace Chu Scholarship	Alice Schacht Salt Scholarship	Casey Garnett Rhew
Amanda M. Rose	Hamza Malik	Alexis Treeger	Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award
Maureen Patricia Ruppert	Burat Koray Polat	Francesca Sciacotta	
Jessica Lynn Stoyko	Mboyra Family Scholarship	Rowena Snyder Scholarship	Arcadia Davies
Barbara Frazey Kenney Scholarship	Yvonne Hellen Opuch	Molly Kathleen Wright	Rowland Tatlor
Cachet Kamika Byrd	Multicultural Scholarship International	Haley Kristen Wakelam	Hieronymus Family Scholarship
Lan Phuong Dao	Hamza Malik	Oliver Lendrim Greive	Gabrielle M Seni
Tara Spaulding	Yvonne Hellen Opuch	Edith H. Von Tacky Scholarship	Alissa Ann Cook
Mary West Liggett Scholarship	Petra Staynova	Dylan McGuire Castner	Meed-Zearley-Clingman Scholarship
Eman Mohammed Abu-Alwafa	Herrick Black Young International Scholarship	Dominique Nicole Lotz	Timothy Adam Wiggins
Rachel Michele Dodd		Judy Kalbfus Waldron Scholarship	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Poplis Scholarship
Rhonda Hensley	Hamza Malik	Audrey Lipps	Michael Daniel Ryder
Paul James Richmond	MULTICULTURAL US RESIDENT R/L/V Scholarship	Andrew Back	Edgar and Patricia Snowden Scholarship
E. Ramona Newton Manners Scholarship	Dennis E Bowman	Madison Ann Cook	Meryl Haque
Tisa Marie Williams	Graciela Rose Hart	Claudia Dawson	WCAA Memorial Scholarship
Susanna Rieley McIntyre Scholarship	David Luu	Oliver Lendrim Greive	Arcadia Laurel Davies
Joshua Raymond Sweet	Mathew Maliekal	Derek Howell	WCAA Trustee Scholarship
Helen Kaslo Osgood Scholarship	Kevin Whitaker	Joshua Graham Malek	Kristie Cordeiro
Afton Nicole Martin	Multicultural Scholarship: U.S. Resident	Candice Nicole McGlosson	Aubrey Rebecca Klosterman
Elizabeth Alice Wilburn	Stanley Cheng	Margaret Grace Mize	Douglas Queen
Rowena Snyder Scholarship	Maththew Holman	Molly Kathleen Wright	Zachary Scott Sudnik
Berta Maria Fuentes	Linda Lo	Susan Ray Woodworth Scholarship	Western College Scholarship
Tiffany Hollon	Shareen Roshan	Jordan Nicole Gilligan	Marcela Caraveo Cohen
Danielle Rosean Northcutt	Worley Drew Stidham	Lydia Zimmerman Scholarship	Daniel L Craft
Tisa Marie Williams	STUDY ABROAD	Sarah Elizabeth Childs	Adriana C DeLoach
Mary Wylie Wilson Scholarship	Jean Boyd Cable Scholarship	Albion Zehkia Dean	Zachary Stephen Vanderink
Kathleen Mary Truster	Ryan Thomas Cliver	Jordan Nicole Gilligan	Lois McCullough Whitter Scholarship
Jamie L Whitmore		Courtney Jane Maxwell	Jamaira Helm



Tiffany

"I am a nontraditional student, and an Early Childhood Education major. I have received the Mary West Liggett and Rowena Snyder (Peabody) Scholarships, in all of my years of attending Miami University.

In May, I graduated Magna Cum Laude. The Peabody scholarship has helped not only myself, but also my husband by lightening our load to help me get an education. This scholarship has helped me fulfill my dreams of becoming an educator, and furthering the knowledge of pursuing my dreams to the next generation of scholars. I plan to use my education to become a teacher, then also pursue a Master's Degree. I am so honored to have continued the legacy of Western and to be a continuous learner. Thank you!"

— *Tiffany Hollon '18*



Jacob

"It is so difficult to fathom how different my college education and experience would have been had I not been blessed with such a generous scholarship. Knowing all the values that your organiza-

tion stands for, adventure, accomplishment, appreciation, and understanding of other cultures, I can only hope that what I have been doing can make the members of your association proud. ... None of [my] activities or projects would be possible without your scholarship. It has allowed me to not have to get a job and be able to explore all my resources. You and your organization are amazing, distinguished members of our world and I can only hope to emulate that in my life. Thank you so much!"

— *Jacob Almeda '20*



Yvonne

"I'm honored to be one of the recipients of Western College Alumnae Scholarship. It is through your generosity that I am one step closer to accomplishing my dream. I have found a home away from home through WCAA. Debbie Baker, Mackenzie Rice, and Kaye Wolke have been very helpful in helping me settle at Miami University by being a listening ear whenever I needed people to talk to and advising me on how to balance school, work, and extracurricular activities. I am currently a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Thank you once again for giving me ... an opportunity to attend college. I hope that one day I will be able to help another underprivileged girl pursue her dreams."

— *Yvonne Opuch '19*

Alumnae Scholarships Awarded to an outstanding incoming student enrolled in the College of Arts and Science or Fine Arts. Award covers one-half the cost of tuition and is based on merit, then financial need, renewable up to three years.

Peabody Scholarships Awarded to non-traditional undergraduate students (over 25) who have had their college education interrupted. One-time partial scholarships, based on merit and financial need.

International Exchange Scholarships Awarded to undergraduate students in international exchange/study programs. One-time partial scholarships, based on merit and financial need.

Multicultural Scholarships: International Awarded to incoming undergraduate international students. Full and partial scholarships based on merit, then financial need, renewable up to three years.

Multicultural Scholarships: U.S. Resident Awarded to incoming undergraduate -African-, Asian-, Hispanic- or Native-American U.S. residents. Partial scholarships based on merit and financial need, renewable up to three years.

Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded to undergraduate students enrolled in either a semester or full year study abroad program. One-time partial award.

Trustee Scholarships Awarded to upperclass Western Program students who exhibit exemplary leadership. One-time partial scholarships.

Memorial Scholarships Awarded to upperclass Western Program students with need. (Funds made available through annual gifts to the WCAA in memory of classmates.)

Donor-designated Awards/Scholarships Criteria vary, established by creator of scholarship/award in conjunction with the university.

One hundred twelve scholarships/awards totaling \$276,890 were distributed for 2017-2018 thanks to YOUR support! To learn more about creating a named scholarship, please call WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice at 513-529-4400.

THE NARKA NELSON CIRCLE

WESTERN'S PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

Narka Nelson – earnest student in the Class of 1920, passionate classics professor until retirement in 1965, official college historian – made a very generous gift to Western College before the college was closed. However, since her inheritance first provided for members of her immediate family, it was many years before the gift came to Western.

Unable to thank Narka for her gift, the WCAA Board of Trustees decided to establish a special “society” to thank in advance those individuals who have made a gift that continues “the spirit of Western” on campus through a deferred giving instrument such as a charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable trust, IRA, or bequest.

The individuals listed below have done just that. We are grateful to them for their foresightedness and generosity. They invite you to join them.



Jeanne Ott Saunders '40
Nancy A. Myers '46
Jane Alexander Durrell '47
Emily W. Greenland '47
Mary-Garnett Tillinghast '47
Julia Ashcraft Armstrong '48
Grete Stern Wrede '51
Elizabeth Sipe Gerber '52
Catherine Ross Loveland '52
Gloria Wilson Sylvester '52
Mary Culver Daniels '53
Sandra Franz Barnes '54
Miriam Chesslin '54
Lucy Liggett '54
Maria Van Waveren Smit '54
Rosa Ewing Goldman '58
Caroline Kawallek Manildi '58
Ann Ferguson Zeigler '59
Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61
Susan Berryhill Hill '63
Joan Kowalski Jordan '63

Florence Firjanian McGurk '63
Lynne Drucker Albuquerk '64
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Yvette Small Hohler '64
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If you have included the WCAA in your deferred giving plans and your name is not listed here, if you wish to learn more about becoming a member of the Narka Nelson Circle to help continue the legacy of Western College, please contact Mackenzie Becker Rice, WCAA Director. (313) 942-4444 or e-mail: beckerml@miamioh.edu

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“... But Memories of Western Never Fade”

A remembrance from Jennie Lou Klim '58 says it all: “Once upon a time, we sang these words to the tune of “Galway Bay””:

When we packed our bags to come to Western College

We tucked in them our dreams of what's to be,

For we meant to meet new people and gain knowledge,

And to find the friendship of sorority.

Oh, the campus out in Oxford seemed so thrilling,

As we looked around and breathed a mighty sigh.

We were told that if our hearts were true and willing,

We would find a happiness that would not die.

We're still sisters and our dreams are all unfolding,

But memories of Western never fade.

We stay loyal to those days at Western College

And build upon foundations that we laid.



Happy birthday to **Janet Graham King**! She celebrated her 100th birthday on November 28, 1917! Janet treasured her time at Western and her circle of friends, keeping in touch through a round robin letter for many years.



Thanks to **Donna Mader**, who cheerfully “followed orders” and clipped and mailed her *Bulletin* blue card from Alexandria, KY. She hadn’t been in touch with anyone and claimed not to have any news or comments to share. But she did thoughtfully enclose the *Cincinnati Enquirer* obituary of **Betty Maddox Daniels '46**, in case the office had not received the notice of Betty’s January 1 death. She also noted that Betty had graduated the June before the beginning of her freshman year, so they did not know each other at Western. They did, however, both live in Ft. Thomas, KY, for several years.

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Nancy Rietz '52 and “most of the family” at 65th anniversary



Nancy Ryan Rietz checked in from Delaware, OH, via her Christmas letter, commenting, “We all miss **Suzie [Off Schroepe]** so much. She did a great job with the newsletter and all ...” They opted not to go to Alabama last March (2017), instead enjoying the many activities available the early part of the year at their retirement home and in their hometown of 48 years. After years of fun driving their antique cars all over the country, all are gone! Bob sold his '48 and '50 Fords to a member of their regional Ford V8 Club. Likewise, their '37 Packard found a good home with fellow collectors. Happily, the Rietzes have kept in close touch with their “Norwegian daughter,” who lived with them as an exchange student in 1978-79. She visited for 10 days in August. Highlight of the year was the celebration of Bob and Nancy’s 65th wedding anniversary — with “most of the family” in attendance — in “the beautiful area of Galena, IL, about two hours northwest of Chicago.” Despite “normal aches and pains,” they “still love living at Delaware Run with great people.”



Our Class had two names on the “In Memoriam” page in the fall issue:

Nadia Kelada: After her time at Western, Nadia went home to Egypt where she mentored students who wanted to study in the United States. In the 1960s she returned to the U.S., eventually settling on the West Coast. Her obituary tells of a very full life as a classical pianist, active in the Rotary Club, and with groups assisting ex-convicts and with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Joanna Bullard Hills: Jo graduated from Western with a degree in psychology. She followed a family tradition with interest in the outdoors as a leader at summer camps and as an elementary school teacher. Her children wrote “she was everything a teacher should be — patient, inspiring, committed, and kind.” Married, she raised three children, later finding new challenges working at several Boston area corporations. Toward the end of her life she moved to Cape Elizabeth, ME.

I was delighted to have an e--mail from **Cornelia Roettcher Levine**, who lives in Berkeley, CA. Her three sons live nearby and she has three grandchildren. Corni has found a way to be useful that I admire. “Because I’m lucky enough to still drive, I have become an unofficial chauffeur to some friends and acquaintances and I walk a blind friend! I go to the Y three days a week to keep myself in shape.” She has kept in touch with **Miriam Chesslin** and **Mieke Van Waveren Smit**.

Speaking of **Mieke** and **Henk Smit**, our world travelers: In 2017 most of their travel has been to visit family: two sons who live in Canada and a daughter in Paris. After celebrating a memorable birthday for Henk, they headed off to tour Portugal with a cruise on the River Duoro. Then to Normandy and some happy time spent with their two great-grandsons.

It was **Willa Ward** who alerted me to the news about **Jo Bullard Hills**. She said that she had no notable news to share but works with the Community club in Garden City, NY, does various jobs for her church, and enjoys a couple of reading groups.

That sounds very much like **Lucy Liggett**’s life — book groups, Friends of the Library and some senior classes. While in Ohio for a family reunion, she stopped by the campus in Oxford. A week spent in Maui, HI, with her brother and his wife must have been wonderful.

Delores Randles Hutchinson has had problems with her balance while walking for some time. Finally, a diagnosis and in January a surgical procedure has improved that situation (we hope for good)! Cheering news was that her first great-grandchild, born in California, was named for Dee’s late husband. Dee writes to **Barbara Drake McConnell**, whose daughter replies for Bar.

Elizabeth Renton Hale lives at Marion Woods in Ocala, FL, and is a vibrant member of that community. She has created sev-

eral lovely gardens there, selects and shows movies twice a week, and leads a group for conversation called "Tea Is for Talk." Her four daughters visit often, enjoying the warmth of Florida weather, and their mom.

Phil and I, **Sandra**, are very comfortable in a cottage at Birch Hill, a senior community. We have created a Butterfly Garden that thus far attracts only a few butterflies but a host of bees. Since they are important pollinators, that is good. We write for and help distribute the community newspaper and I serve as chairman of the Residents' Council. My address is below, and please note that our e-mail address has changed in the past year. You may have seen that every Class Rep sings the same song, "We can't write the Class Notes without hearing from YOU." So, please remember to send me a note or an e-mail — your '54 friends would love to hear how you are 64 years later!

[After Sandra submitted her letter, news reached the office of classmate **Pris Strand Berry's** death on December 25, 2017.]

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Before I actually get into the news of the class, I need to offer a big thank-you to the office. I missed the editorial deadline by weeks, and I do apologize, but I just couldn't get it together this year. Furthermore, I have a sinking suspicion that I may be missing news that some of you have sent. I just know that as soon as I send this off, a note card, a copy of an e-mail, or a scrap of paper on which I hastily scribbled notes from a telephone conversation will mysteriously appear from the jumble of papers on my desk. Can we put it down to old age? Please?

Someone who doesn't have to excuse herself on the grounds of old age or anything else is **Anne Welch Burnette**. Anne is not only first alphabetically this year, hers was also the first "blue card" of the year. She clipped it right out of last year's *Bulletin*! Anne has moved to Kirkwood by the River, a retirement home in Birmingham, and she says it is as beautiful as the name suggests. She's found that every day the facility offers a cornucopia of interesting activities to choose from and that she's making "lots of new friends." Remembering how friendly you were at Western, I am not surprised, Anne.

When **Jane Peterson Gonzalez** and husband Joe sold their house and moved into a retirement community in St. Pete, a process

made more interesting by Hurricane Irma, they were happily surprised to discover that **Patty (Van Auken)** and **Jeff Robinson** have a condo in the same building. Isn't it wonderful how Western connections with all their memories and associations can pop up unexpectedly in our lives? Jane reports that she and Joe are both well and "blessed with great friends and family." Blessed is definitely the right word for that!

I know that **Darlys Tracy Graham** and Jeff have also moved into a retirement home and I was pleased to get a Christmas card from Darlys that included their new phone number, but we haven't been able to make connections yet. I'm guessing we are in the same boat, Darlys and I, with our list of unfinished things we are "meaning to do" getting longer every day. Anyone else having that problem? I put it down to the fact that everything I start to do takes me twice as long as it used to. Ah, well, it's better than having "idle hands" for the devil to find work for, right?

"I rather thought last year's trip to the Antarctic would begin the fitting conclusion to a lifetime of adventure and travel." That's how **Joyce Roark Phillips's** year-end message began. If you heard an implied "but" as the sentence ended, you are absolutely right. What followed was a fascinating account of Joyce's spontaneous trip to Iceland, of all places, which began with a stay in Denmark, and a voyage through the fiords of Norway to the island of Iceland. Joyce's account of her Antarctic trip was so entertaining, you will remember, that it had a place by itself in last year's *Bulletin*. This year's Iceland travelogue is equally interesting, so my plan is to make a copy to send along to the Alumnae office in case that, as late as this is, there still may be room to include it as a separate article.

The Florida retirement village where **Patty Van Auken Robinson** and Jeff are now living (and where **Jane and Joe Gonzalez** have a condo) also houses Patty's sister Sharon. The Robinson Christmas card featured a photograph of Patty, Sharon, and Jeff, along with Californian Peter, the youngest of the three Van Auken siblings, all sitting on a sunny park bench looking relaxed and healthy. The closeness of the family group is evident, auguring well for the March cruise Peter arranged for them. Jeff, like many of the rest of us, had a rough 2018, and even Patty, who has always been blessed with good health, had an issue or two, so a relaxing cruise sounds like just what they need. And who knows what Patty, who is almost as peripatetic as Joyce, may already be planning for 2019!

Charlotte Leary Ross and husband Joe may have been the only representatives of the class of 1956 at last year's Reunion, I am sorry to say, but they made the trip despite Joe's health situation. They found dorm life

too hard to cope with for long and couldn't stay the whole time, but the trip was a success nevertheless. Char wrote, "The Legacy Circle is so impressive — the history presentations — the beauty of the circle itself — a real tribute to the future. Happy I could see it." The Ross children, grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren (seven boys and one girl, ages 2 to 7) live close to Charlotte and Joe, and I am sure that keeping up with all of them, plus the regular, ambitious daily walk schedule Char and Joe have kept for years keeps the two of them going. Char sums it up this way, "We are blessed to have lived these 80+ years and can enjoy the family." You are indeed, Charlotte.

This winds up all the news I have for this year. I wish I had been able to reach out to others of you for personal updates, as I have in the past, but 2017 wasn't the easiest of years, health-wise, for either Karl or me. I am happy to say that things seem to be looking up now, and I hope that I will be able to make it to Reunion this year. (Fingers crossed.) On the writing front, although I currently have nothing under contract, my two most recent books are doing well. *Jump Back, Paul*, a middle-grade biography of poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, won the 2017 Ohioana award for middle-grade literature; and I learned just today that *A New School Year, Poems in Six Voices* has been designated Floyd's Pick for 2018, as the outstanding title in Ohio children's literature for the year.

One more word — I would love to hear from any of you at any time — you don't have to wait for next year's *Bulletin* reminder. Wishing you all a happy and healthy year...

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Alumnae Weekend '18: Celebrating 60 years!

In the past 60 years, we faced heartaches and sorrows, and have had to weather many storms, but we pulled together with courage and strength. I certainly appreciated the cards, notes, and phone calls from classmates in tough times. We will always be sisters.

Congratulations to **Esin Aka Atil** for her well-deserved honor as a recipient of the 2018 Alumnae Service Award. Our thanks to **Jane Smucker Fryman** for her time and service as a member of the Alumnae Association Board. **June Regan Young** and husband have moved to a new location and now reside at 149 East Side Drive #377, Concord, NH 03301

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks**, who died in the fall of 2017. We grieve her passing.

I look forward to hearing from you. My new address is below. I traded the Florida sunshine for the hills of Pennsylvania, where I live in the same neighborhood as my twin sons and their families.

"When day is done, and night shadows fall, while across the campus darkness covers all,"... let's meet together for the Alumnae Weekend, June 8-10, and renew our friendships.

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Sally "Doodie" Allen Masters sends sad news from Naples, FL, that roommate and longtime dear friend **Josette Masson Manougian** died of leukemia in December, with husband Manoug at her side. Jo had become a well-known and respected dance instructor in the area. Doodie had been able to visit her just days before her death and says, "She was one of a kind. Knowing her surely enriched my life."

Aside from losing Jo, Doodie reports that life is good in Florida. She was looking forward to a visit from her "Texas group" (younger son Jeff and family, who live in Houston) during their March spring break.

Another set of longtime Western friends **Susan Wylie Moran** and **Ann Gingrich Kuehn** continue to correspond via e-mail. They are now living in similar life-care communities: Susan in Wilmington, DE, and Ann in Wilmington, OH. Susan and husband Peter keep busy in their community; continue to play golf, squash and tennis; and are involved in several volunteer activities. Susan hopes we are all planning — or have already had — big 80th celebrations!

In Battle Creek, MI, **Jackie Power Sheldrick** is fighting off old age by staying active in AAUW and PEO, playing bridge and golf, and traveling. She spent late winter in Florida and is looking forward to a fall bus trip followed by an African safari.

Sara White Arn has also kept moving this year: from Sanibel Island for relaxation to a grandson's wedding to a Cosmos bus tour through several northern national parks to Cape Cod to holiday celebrations including

one for her 80th. Sara is about to move in to a high-rise senior apartment in a suburb of St. Louis and is dreading the needed purging. Yep, we're all doing it. Just another sign of our age!

Mary Flagler Rachau continues to deal with spinal stenosis by lots of round dancing and square dancing when she's able. She is dating and has become a sports nut (Don's influence perhaps?). And has enjoyed a number of day trips with her local senior center in Palatine, IL.

Nancy Kohlman Freeman, Betty Milligan Kipp, and **Barbara Kong Vlachos** were in touch with each other this year. Nancy and Betty had a long conversation on the phone. Nancy and Barb met in person when Barb dropped in at the Freemans' house in Norwalk, CT — which is now for sale. The Freemans plan to move to Hilton Head. "Barb looks great. She never seems to change," reports Nancy. Two grandchild graduations — from the U. of Michigan and N. Tampa High School — rounded out Nancy's report.

Betty Kipp loved her phone calls from those "special friends." It sounds as though she and husband Don were well-launched into their 80s this year. The retirement apartment they had wanted became available on the island so they reluctantly sold their house and moved in December. Four days before the move Don fell and broke his back. As of this writing he is out of a brace and into PT.

Isabel Oteo de Martinez has had a busy but not totally easy year. Her brother died and because of an ankle injury, she could not help out. Then her granddaughter celebrated her Quirofano — 15th birthday. This was followed by a two-month trip to New York to help with the birth of her sixth granddaughter, born on Izzie's late husband's birthday. Next she decided to rent out her house in Mexico City, which meant finding and moving to an apartment and dealing with all the legal business of both plus the ever-popular purging of stuff. Somehow she also sings, swims and studies piano.

My annual delightful tidy note from **Ann Hammond** in Tustin, CA, reports that she is looking for a money tree. She took three long trips last year and especially loved Iceland. Now she and her dog are trying to walk off the pounds she gained!

Connie Everett Cunningham in Santa Cruz, CA, voiced what we're all thinking: didn't 80 used to be old? She admits to feeling a lot younger. It's just a number, right? Because of oxygen needs, she can't travel any more but has many fond memories of past excursions. Her recent local project was having her kitchen remodeled.

Nothing much has changed in a year says **Jane Ramsey Grant** in answer to my sec-

ond plea for news. She had her other shoulder replaced recently and is experiencing much less pain. Twin granddaughters are 24 and both live close enough to see fairly often. The Grants keep busy gardening, playing golf, doing needlepoint (maybe just Jane?), attending shows in nearby Reno, NV, and events at their clubhouse. She admits to getting tired a little more quickly but encourages us to "hang in there, 80s ladies!"

Claudia "Whit" White Gilmartin keeps very busy near her home in Berwick, ME. She volunteers at the Seacoast Science Center, where she spends time teaching children about some of the sea life. She is on a team that monitors beach erosion at least once a month. She loves the many opportunities her area of Maine has to offer from art museums to concerts to gardens to trails to the fun and interesting windjammer cruises on Penobscot Bay. Two of her grandchildren graduated from college this past year, one with a master's. And by my count she has three great-grandchildren. September found her on a revisit to Iceland.

The Christmas mail brought news of **Patty Rees Dewey** and family, who are large in number and far-flung in location. Although their Singer Island, FL, residence is billed as their quiet retreat, construction has been taking place there for about a year. The Deweys traveled less this year than usual but did make it to a grandson's Boy Scout Honor Court. Lake Norman in North Carolina was the setting for a "rollicking" three-generation reunion organized by the many Dewey cousins.

Kathie Howard Sullivan continues her normal frantic pace. She is into her second year as president of the National Affairs Council of Maine in addition to teaching and traveling. This spring Kathie and daughter Heather are planning a trip to Morocco to introduce their husbands to the area where they spent four months in 1982. Kathie and husband John also spend time in Ridgefield, CT, with their daughter and grandchildren.

Cathy Bauer Cooper had a chance to show off two of her favorite places — one per — to each of their children. Son Matt, visiting at Christmas from Eugene, OR

Reunion 2018, June 8-10: Celebrating Traditions! "Tree Day"

(where he edits the U of Oregon's quarterly alumni magazine) wanted to see the Western campus and especially the Legacy Circle. (He'd heard more than a little about it.) He was most impressed. In February, daughter Katy (an executive with cinema advertiser Screenvision Media in New York)



Coopers: mother and son editors, visiting campus

was winding up a company-wide conference in Savannah, GA, when she realized she was only 90 minutes' drive from her snow birding parents on St. Simons Island. They managed a walk on the beach, a quick tour of the Island, and dinner before she had to head home. It was enough for her to see why mom and dad keep going back every year.

Freshman buddy **Val Cook Clark's** mother almost made it to 102 before she died this past year. And at the other end of the spectrum, Val enjoys her family, who lives nearby, and welcomed her second great-grandchild. She likes to keep busy and volunteers at the Assistance League of Atlanta.

Roomie **Sally Hoover Harris** never fails to include lots of family news in my annual birthday card. They welcomed their entire offspring for Thanksgiving, which included all six grandchildren ages 6-17. Their Florida property took a beating from Hurricane Irma. The house made it but their yard was still under water in mid-November!

So this is the year we all turn 80! Did it ever occur to you that this milestone would happen? My news is very repetitive. The singing group we founded 35 years ago is going strong but this may be our last year as members. The library, church, and local family keep us more than happily busy. And trips around the country to visit friends keep us in touch. Two granddaughters are now in college: Ohio Wesleyan and NYU.

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How we love to hear from and about you! Thank you, classmates, for sharing your news, photos, and always interesting updates! We look forward to (and are hoping to receive) even more communications with fellow-members of the "Class With Spirit" throughout the year via e-mail, snail mail, phone, and/or FaceBook.

Gay Nellis Walker is pleased that she has "something fun to report this year." She spent the month of October in Andalusia, Spain (and shared wonderful photos on Facebook). During the first three weeks, she attended school there, studying Spanish in Granada ("...harder than I thought it would be!"). She noted, "My friends, fellow students, in Granada were amused (or amazed?) when I told them I had visited the Alhambra in 1964 on a college seminar!" Afterwards, Gay traveled around Southern Spain for a week and decided that the trip wasn't nearly long enough. "I need several months there! I loved Granada. If my knees will hold out, I definitely want to travel more. Planning to finally fully retire in another year, so I will have all the time I need to do whatever I want!" Her eldest granddaughter is now in college; and Gay, at the time of writing, was looking forward to seeing her at Christmas and hearing about how college life was going for her. Gay was also eager to get to Maui in March to see her other granddaughter and her family, whom she hadn't seen in a year.

Ria Latham Bittinger also got in touch before Christmas. Ria loves living in Vermont. Husband Larry is enjoying his "second career" as a professor at the Killington Resort Management Program, while Ria is working with international students as a college counselor at Burr and Burton Academy. Several of them have applied to Miami. "Politically, I have been working with a group of students to promote gay rights to everyone internationally. Owen is in Palo Alto with his family (a boy, 12, and a girl, 8) working for Credit Suisse, and Maggie, with her three boys, is still in Ho Ho Kus, NJ. She is doing ironman races and her brother is a cross fit devotee. Larry and I hike the mountains with Cooper, our wonderful Springer Spaniel."

Carolyn "Mossy" Moss Ford sent a neat holiday card made up of family photos and the following message: "This year we're spending



Grandkids of Ria Bittinger '64

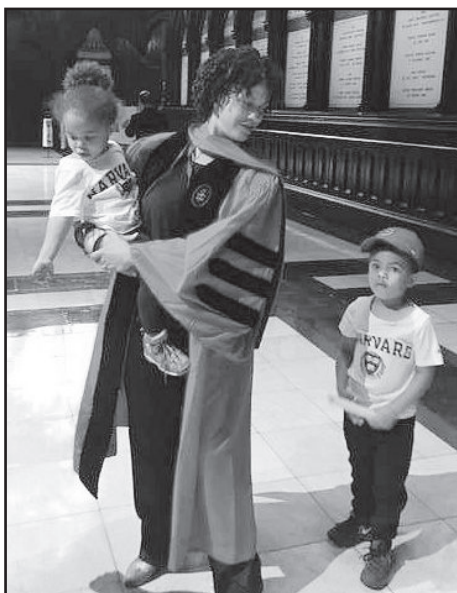
Christmas in the mountains in Revelstoke, British Columbia, with our growing family — three new grandchildren this year, yikes! We are thrilled to welcome Amy and Chris's twins, Cohen and Del, and Melissa and Dan's Charlie. David is doing great with daily exercise and I keep busy with the Garden Club, volunteering in the garden for the deaf/blind, bridge, and cottaging (enjoying life at the cottage). Great fun!"

Cathie Koutsogiane Cipolla e-mailed, "It is snowing outside so that means shoveling in a bit. Our children were here for Christmas which was very helpful. One lives in Brooklyn — she works for a non-profit called Chalkbeat (deals with public school educational policy), and one lives in LA (works with an internet company dealing with art and culture). My husband is still pastor of St. Mary's Church in Norwalk, CT, and is always busy, especially since he has no assistant. I have been helping him, but in January I will be teaching an English course to seminarians in Stamford, so I think I will also be busy. Best wishes to our class."

It is with great sorrow that we share the news of the unexpected passing of **Marcia Randlett Oder's** husband, Robin, in St.



Carolyn "Mossy" Ford's growing family in the BC mountains



Peggy Davis's daughter, Harvard Ph.D., and her two "spectacular grandchildren"!

Petersburg, FL, on December 23rd, 2017. Robin's ashes will be interred in his hometown of Jefferson City, TN, this spring. In her holiday letter, Marcia reported that the year's main event in St. Petersburg, Hurricane Irma, caused the residents of her assisted-living residence to have to evacuate to a facility in central Florida briefly, but upon their return home, all was well. Marcia invites all to check out the website for www.BustersAntiques.com, the business run and operated successfully in St. Pete by Keith and (stepson) Rich. Rich also keeps up in the DC real estate business. Marcia enjoys their frequent visits. Meanwhile, in Lexington, KY, (stepdaughter) Karin remains busy at a mortgage company, while her husband, Steve, is enjoying retirement and part-time work with a florist. Still part owners of a racehorse, they attend events in Keeneland and also visit the family in St. Pete. "The three millennial grandchildren are busy with their jobs and activities in California — Sean and Shannon in San Francisco and Brendan in San Jose. Keep in touch with me and come to visit. (Addington Place at College Harbor, Apt.201W, 4650 54th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33711. Phone: 727-864-5081/Cell:412-889-5530)"

Peggy Cooper Davis sent a wonderful photo of her daughter with "our two spectacular grandchildren" upon the celebration of the former's having received a Ph.D. in Africana Studies at Harvard. Peggy wrote, "This spring I will visit them often as I serve as a Covington & Burling Distinguished Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School." She wishes all a happy 2018.

In early January **Alice Mollenauer Raymond** wrote, "...my life isn't very interesting or exciting, so nothing to share right now ... The cold has been intense and relentless, but we seem to be heading into a warmer

stretch. Can't wait 'til spring!" A political activist, Alice added that she's "really counting on good outcomes for Dems next fall!" (You can keep in touch with Alice on Facebook.)

Upon returning from a fabulous holiday week in Cartagena, Columbia, "with kids, spouses, and grands celebrating their 175th birthdays (each son now 50 and I am 75)", **Lynne Drucker Albuquerk** sent her greetings and an update. "For me, 2017 has been a year of change and activity. Jak passed away in November 2016 following a long, slow, and, at the end, painful decline. Extremely supportive family, friends (including WONDERFUL care helpers) eased living for both Jak and me. For the first time in my life I am living solo. Family, friends, and care helpers have continued to befriend me. I enjoy home which has lots of space and comfortable, I think, en suite accommodations for guests, so 'you all come!' Enjoy New York City and the skyline I see daily and lit up nightly."

Lynne continues to work part-time. Also, she has traveled by ship across the Atlantic again, and by river boat in France through Burgundy and Provence. In addition, she has made multiple trips to the San Francisco Bay area and Chicago to visit with children and the five grandchildren, ages 6 to 11. In July, she was pleased to welcome all the family to her home, where the youngsters delight in playing together. "Lisa has bought, tweaked, and furnished a charming townhouse in Ossining near her friends and work, as well as directing a university affiliated math and science initiative in her school. Nico remains busy with challenging and varied cases, as (his wife) Tali continues with the Bar Association heading up newly expanded Pro Bono projects and is President of the Chicago area Pro Bono Network, a volunteer charitable organization providing services to seniors, incarcerated women, domestic violence victims, etc. Dov and Tania continue with their specialized investment activities as well as leadership and involvement with multiple volunteer and philanthropic groups." Lynne concluded her letter with wishes that all will experience "a year of Joy including Good Health, Loving Relationships, Peace, and Comfort."

Faith Evans provided a newsy e-mail update. She noted that she spoke with **Marcia Oder** after Robin's passing, and believes that Marcia is contemplating moving out of her assisted-living residence and into her own apartment. Meanwhile, Marcia walks three times around her building daily — the equivalent of one mile, and is planning to visit Boston and New Hampshire sometime this summer. Faith looks forward to seeing her.

She and **Judy White Fogt** also keep in touch, as does **Arlene Branca**. Faith speaks with **Vivian Despotopulos Forbes** by phone regularly (but hasn't seen her for many months) and reports that Vivian

recently fell, fractured her leg, and was in a cast. Faith has no travel plans at the moment due to a variety of her own health issues. She will have a cataract operation in the spring, and, at the time of writing, was dealing with a bronchial cough as well as sleep apnea, which causes her worry. "I have a sleep doctor and practice my 'sleep hygiene' (do not need the machine, tried it and hated it, and I only have a mild case the tests say.)" Faith was in the process of dealing with a large ice dam, and was looking to hire roofers to do major repairs. She also had a frozen bathroom pipe. "I guess it's one step at a time," Faith concluded. (Faith keeps busy as a Democratic Committee person and occasionally updates me on her political activities.)

Mary Prentiss Ryder wrote, "Actually have nothing earthshaking to report. Bob and I continue to have good health. Travels included a trip to The Greenbrier to celebrate our 54th. Then lots of trips in and around The Ozarks where we live. Our granddaughter was married in October. My two additions are quilting and kayaking." (Mary sometimes shares wonderful photos on Facebook.)

Judy White Fogt finds it hard to believe that she just turned 75. "Where has the time gone? At this age, I don't take my health for granted and am grateful for each day I can take a long walk around my neighborhood. On my birthday, I had lunch with Western classmates **Arlene Branca** and **Carol Butcher**, who are both doing well, I'm glad to report. During the summer, I got to go to the Outer Banks for a week with two daughters, one son-in-law, and four grandchildren for lots of fun in the sun. In August I got a wonderful week's respite from Washington heat in New Harbor, ME, where I did the usual: walking, boating, exploring, and eating lobster and yummy Round Top ice cream.

Reunion 2018, June 8-10: Celebrating Traditions! "Required Chapel"

November found me in Munich enjoying my daughter Elizabeth and her family who are on a two-year assignment (Foreign Service). I was last in Munich in 1964, so I was happy to explore it anew, especially the fabulous English garden (Europe's largest municipal park), which they gratefully live across from. I learned a lot of Bavarian and German history as well, visiting museums like Residenz palace and Mad King Ludwig II's castles outside Munich. At home, besides my French, yoga, and some babysitting, I am taking some humanities courses through Osher Lifelong Learning at American University which are very interesting and require little

or no homework. What I enjoy most about my retirement days, besides grandchildren, is lingering over breakfast in my bathrobe with a second cup of coffee while reading my newspaper, which thumps against my door every morning." After wishing all a healthy, happy 2018, Judy added a P. S. about the Western luncheon in DC that she attended in December. "Our class was well-represented with **Carol Butcher, Daphne Ostle Allen, Gwen Dixon West, Alice Baker, and Katie Kane Dell**. Unfortunately, **Patricia Spokes Snowden** couldn't come at the last minute. It was nice to see everyone."

Marion Ginman Classen reports that she and Charlie are doing well. He is still practicing orthopaedic surgery four days a week. Their eldest daughter has a pediatric practice (mostly Medicare) in western North Carolina. She and her husband raise event horses on their farm and he designs medical equipment for a California company. Daughter #2 is a professor of ecology at the U. of Vermont. Her husband is director of the Rubinstein School of Environmental Science. They have two sons, 10 and 13. Daughter #3 is a managing director of World 50 in Atlanta, GA. Her husband is a VP at Assurant and they have three children, ages 9, 6, and 4. "Charlie and I travel as much as possible. We have covered most of the world, so far. I spent a week with my youngest in Singapore in January while she gave a dinner. Charlie and I are off to Australia for five weeks in April to finish seeing that country. We spent four weeks there last year and didn't finish. I spend a lot of time babysitting for my grandchildren in Burlington and Atlanta, a job I dearly love. We try and get to our mountain house, which is located behind our eldest in western North Carolina as often as possible. We love to see anyone who gets down this way. We have lots of room ..."

Marcie Lashnits Turner sent the following update: She and her husband, John DeNys, live in Jacksonville, FL; both have been retired for several years; and after graduating from Western, Marcie earned a Ph.D. in psychology and practiced for 35 years. "I had no children, but my husband had children by a previous wife, so I have grandchildren. I have not kept in touch with anybody from Western except **Cyndy Smith Bailes**. We got together in Orlando about a year and a-half ago — that visit was cut a little short by Hurricane Matthew, but it was good to see her, anyway. We are enjoying retirement — keeping busy with volunteer work, the beach, and entertainments like the symphony, bridge, etc."

As for the **Hohlers**, Larry and I continue to busy ourselves with activities which include Rotary, courses at O.L.L.I. at SUNY Stony Brook, political work as Democratic Committee persons, Habitat, and local historical society functions. I'm proud to serve as a representative on The Brookhaven Town Women's Advisory Council. Larry still enjoys

long, hilly North Shore bike rides — especially now that he has an electric bike that enables him to more easily keep up with his younger biking buddies. He also loves to drive his '51 Studebaker Champion on occasion, causing onlookers a nostalgic moment or feelings of wonderment. Of course, most of our energy is still devoted to The Hope Children's Fund, Ltd., our 501c3 which now supports 100 orphans of all ages at the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. (Delighted that we will be sharing time with **Lynne Albukerk**, who plans to attend our upcoming fundraising Gala, "Passion for Education," at The East Wind in Wading River.) Looking forward to another Viking cruise, this time in early June, along the Rhine from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam in The Netherlands. Will visit with friends who live in Switzerland before we begin the tour. And then, in September, we shall again see "our children" and friends in Kenya. Meanwhile, in DC, Nikki and Jose remain content (and busy) with life in the nation's capital.

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Suzanne Lutz May: "I was very pleased to attend the dedication of the Legacy Circle in Oxford last June. It was a lovely weekend and the memorial is appropriately reflective



Sue, holding grandson Miller James May

of Western. I did two stones: One for Bernie and myself and one for my roommate **Pat Hall**. In mid-June my daughter-in-law visited NYC with grandson Miller James May. He was just 6 months, but it was wonderful to see him. I had brunch for them at a local restaurant so friends and family could visit with them. Because they live in Denver, I don't have a chance to visit often, but Christopher and Jessa are good about sending pictures and setting up Skype sessions.

Fortunately, the three of them were able to spend four days with me at Christmas. Miller had just celebrated his first birthday on December 22nd and kept busy crawling around the apartment — at this point staying out of trouble. He's eating regular food and enjoyed the cold, fresh half sour pickles I got for him to gnaw on. Not only did he chomp on them to make his incoming teeth feel better, he ate the whole pickle.

"After seeing **Lynne Albukerk '64** in June, we decided to take a Viking cruise in October. Our itinerary was two nights in Paris, two nights in Dijon, and eight nights on a river cruise down the Rhone River from Lyon to Avignon. I had never been to France so this a great introduction. I was able to do most of the day trips, but limited the amount of walking. Both the land guide and the ship guides were wonderful and considerate of my limitations. Also the other passengers were nice, the service and the food were great."

Edie Taylor Molumby: "Bob and I had lunch with **Sue Lutz May** in September, before we



Edie (right), lunching with Sue

left on a cruise from NYC to Quebec. Needless to say, we did a lot of reminiscing and comparing notes from classmates we had heard from. Bob and I spent Thanksgiving in Grand Rapids with Kate, Patrick, and Reagan and celebrated Reagan's first birthday. They spent Christmas in Seattle with Nina, Mike, Katsten (11) and Emmett (8). As I write this, we are weathering our way through a bitter cold January [Evanston, IL]."

Charla Coatoam: "2017 was a quiet year with little travel or activity except for short visits to Kentucky and Washington, DC, to visit family. My backyard garden was very inviting in a mild summer which was pleasant. I saw **Jane Graham Murphy** early in the year when she visited me in Cleveland. We talk often by phone. I am active in the local Dickens Fellowship and the Jane Austen Society and a few other organizations which keep me as busy as I want to be!"

Kay Levy Harris: "The big news is a major cleanout in preparation for a move from our 1948 Twinhome to potentially an independent living option. Marty and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, which began with



Kay Harris '66 and Marty, celebrating their golden anniversary

our meeting arranged by **Sylvia Hoffman** in 1962. I am almost completely retired from my 37-year career in commercial real estate. Timing was good as I am more and more needed at home and now for the move. It also freed me to take classes — ballet, drawing and a variety of lectures by experts. We have raised two accomplished daughters who make us proud every day. Hope and Ron have given us two beautiful grandsons who are pillars in their community in Iowa. Michelle and Todd gave us two magnificent granddaughters, also highly accomplished in their fields of genetic counseling and finance. I grew up in Minnesota so our current sub-zero temps [Minneapolis] were not a shock. My hope is that a power change in Washington in 2018 will get us back to doing what we should in every area. Going to Western College was a fortunate occurrence for me."

Kathi Ramsey Bumblis: Rich and I just got back from Kauai, HI, for our granddaughter's



Kathi Bumblis '66 and hubby Rich

wedding. It was a wonderful time with family from both sides. Marcie and Ryell reside in Bend but decided to marry in Hawaii. Rich

and I went early so we could visit Pearl Harbor as he is a history buff. An 11-hour tour almost did us in but we enjoyed it. I continue my study of Natural Horsemanship and have progressed into Liberty which is communicating on the ground with my horses free of halters and lead lines. Communication is done through my body language and my thoughts. [See article, p. 4.] I am active in my UCC church that is lay led and has grown from 12 to 25 as well as the local Presbyterian church

which has grown from 60 to over 85. We hosted my Ramsey clan's annual get together in July here at our ranch and then the Bumblis/Hansen side of the family for the Total Solar Eclipse in August at our ranch as well. Prineville was in the 100% path so our little town of 10,000 had over 100,000 guests.

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When I opened the last *Bulletin*, I admit to being a little taken aback to see the Class of 1967 as the celebrated 50-year class. How did that happen? We remember these women as seniors when our class entered as freshman. We followed their many accomplishments and cheered when they walked to commencement. Perhaps like many of you, I followed their news in the *Bulletin* in the years since. And now, it's 50 years since their graduation, which of course means it's nearly **our turn**. So as sobering as that thought is, I invite you to now begin to think about returning to Western in 2020, when we will be the 50-year class. The two plus years we have will move quickly — and it will be our last opportunity to connect as a group.

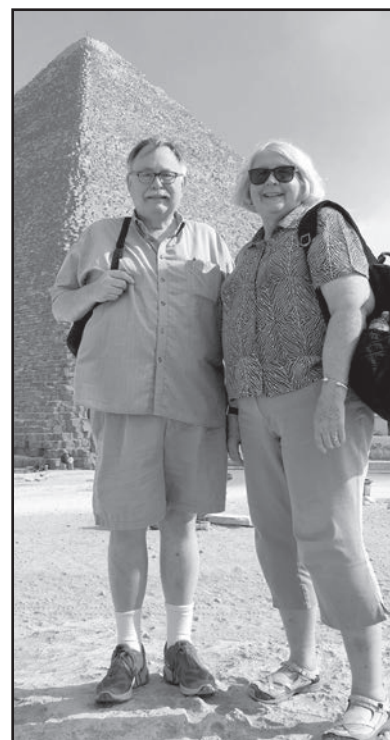
Meanwhile, there is news for this year. A great note from **Betsy Morris** (aka Big Betsy), now happily retired in Maine. Betsy is a committed volunteer for her local library, serving as a trustee and providing support in the computer room twice a week. She and



Alison McDonald and Betsy Morris, both '70, visiting in Maine

Alison McDonald (I believe still a physician in Florida) went camping with their respective partners in Belfast, ME, last year.

Our own Western trustee, **Pam Watts Coates**, comes to the end of six years on the board, which means she's done a lot of the heavy lifting as the WCAA prepares to sunset in 2024. Pam retired as a diabetes educator in 2016 and helped eldest daughter



Ted and Pam Coates on their bucket list trip to Egypt in fall 2017

Ellie with her wedding in September '16. She sang with the St. Paul's choir from Indianapolis at the National Cathedral. Now Pam and Ted are on the track of terrific travels, a Caribbean cruise followed by a bucket list trip to Egypt with a Nile cruise in fall '17. Really exciting times for you both.

Every year **Nancy Tuan Yang Hsiung** will have a great story about grandchildren, and now they are already 3 and 6-months old!

Frank knows his numbers and some words and speaks Mandarin and English; Rose is a happy baby who is trying to crawl and adores her big brother. Nancy says Chicago weather is weird — does that still mean freezing cold?

Such a lovely surprise to hear from **Maria Maldonado**! Since November 2014 Maria has been a member of the Board of Directors of New Women New Yorkers, a non-profit organization assisting young women immigrants in New York City by offering free training for those seeking to enter the workforce. She received an Advanced Certificate in Immigration Law from the City University of New York in order to work with campaigns organized by the CUNY and the *Daily News*, "Citizenship Now" to help immigrants become U.S. citizens.

Maria is in contact with **Pamela Knowles** and **Susan Vitucci**, and **Lola Schmidt Stanton '67**, in New York City. She's also connected with former UN colleagues **Sappho Haralambous**, **Ameerah Haq '71** and with **Susie Blake '68**, who visits New York almost every year. After half a century, Maria was able to reconnect with **Nevine Fawzy '68**. She hopes to attend our 50th in 2020.

Louise Hamilton Short was in Oxford this summer and drove around the campus: "Wow has it changed!!! I stopped by the pond and recalled ice skating in the winter. I spotted deer nibbling on the tall grass. Peabody Hall has clearly had a makeover. Many of the old deteriorating bricks have been replaced."

Also from **Maria Maldonado**, a note that **Naono Iwasaki** passed away in November 2013. (I'm afraid I did not remember this person but found her in a yearbook. There are no details.)

So here's my account of 2017: Quit my job of 24 years, sold my house of 25 years, moved 1,500 miles across the country to an island and went on Medicare all at the same time.



'70 Class Rep Kelly Felice, newly retired and happily settled with Dave in "paradise" (aka Whidbey Island)

Well, OK, so it was really over five months, but the Medicare stupidity took forever. After a year of planning to move to Sanibel Island,

FL, we took a five-day jaunt to Whidbey Island, WA, in March 2017, and on Day 2, we bought a house. Then we returned to Denver to pack and try to downsize; I retired from the University in May. Our house sold in two days and we were on the road by the end of June. Dave says the move was like the last helicopter out of Saigon. We bought a bigger house, on five acres of old cedar and fir, overlooking Puget Sound, where I get to see the boats and the eagles every day. And despite not knowing a single soul, it is pretty much paradise. You are welcome to send news throughout the year, not just year end. Wishing you all a great year and remember: **June 2020**. Save the date.

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Cynthia Clark writes that she and husband Will, are still traveling the world working to improve human life. Their African adopted granddaughter, Margaret, has reached many milestones due to their care. They plan a visit to her private high school outside of Nairobi in June 2018. They will also spend time volunteering at her former school and its sister school. Their three grandchildren — Cindy calls their "legacy" — are ages 19, 17 and 15.

Peter and I are enjoying our 2-year-old granddaughter, Norah, who lives just 40 minutes away in Granville, OH. Our son and wife are expecting their first baby in June, but too far away in NYC. When I fuss about raising kids in the city, my New York friends assure me that babies have been born and raised successfully in NYC for generations! Really?

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Nancy Anderson is still working at UBS in New York City, while her husband, Patrick Wilkinson, is also continuing to work at Mizuho Capital Markets. Nancy reports that they have no retirement plans yet, but that may be on the horizon. We send Nancy our

condolences as she wrote that her mother passed away at age 96 just before Thanksgiving 2017.

Amy Robinson Collins and her husband, Jim, spent the winter of 2017-2018 in Wilmington, NC, near their daughter, Becca, and her family. They said that they didn't miss the snow in Ohio at all. Their big news is that they are building a new home near Colorado Springs, CO, not too far from where their son, Jeff, and his family live. The lot they chose for the Colorado house has a green space behind it and a view of Pike's Peak. The Colorado home should be finished soon, and Amy and Jim plan to move there after they sell their home in Mansfield, OH. Their plan is to spend summers in Colorado and winters in North Carolina. In both places, they'll be close to children and grandchildren.

Holly Wright Johnson retired from her job with the Howard County (Maryland) Library System (where she worked for 33+ years) in June 2017. Her husband, Bruce, has also recently retired from the Library of Congress. To celebrate their 40th anniversary, Holly and Bruce took a driving trip around Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia in October 2017. They timed their trip so that they could attend the Celtic Colours Festival — a showcase for traditional Celtic and Scottish music, which Holly says was fantastic. Holly reports that in 2017 they also upgraded their sailboat to a Catalina 350. They keep it at a marina about 20 miles south of Annapolis, MD. The Johnsons continue to spend a lot of time volunteering for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Their granddaughter, Caitlyn, turned 3 in November 2017.

Janet Lucas is planning to retire in June 2018 after 37 years of practicing medicine in Columbus, OH. After retirement, Janet and her wife, Sherrill, plan to relocate to New Hampshire where they have family. They look forward to a lot of outdoor adventures in New England and the Adirondacks. Janet's daughter Linda, her husband, Brad, and their two children, Mia (10) and Landon (7), live in Jay, NY. After 12 years in school administration, Linda made a career change and now has a cut-flower and floral design business. Daughter Karen, her husband, Nathaniel, and their daughter, Joannah (3), live in Vermont, where Karen continues her work as a teacher.

Dilu Walji Valliani took a trip to Iceland in 2017. Her other big trip was to Maui, HI, where her son, Jamil, was married in October 2017. She says that her family is now preparing for the wedding of her daughter, Amira, which will take place in September 2018.

Kathy Albright Willowood wrote that her daughter, Elaine, and her family have moved to Lafayette, IN, and live less than a mile from Kathy's home. Kathy can now see

the grandchildren, Caeden (11) and Luna (4) frequently.

I (Betsy) have kept busy with volunteer activities during the past year. I volunteer at Inniswood MetroGardens (as the head of the Library Committee) and at Hanby House (a Civil War era home in Westerville, OH, that was a stop on the Underground Railroad). My fibromyalgia (chronic muscle pain condition) has caused me to slow down somewhat, but I did manage to take one cruise this past year. I took a 10-day cruise in late September and early October 2017 that started in New York City and went to New England (Newport, Rhode Island; Boston; and Bar Harbor, Maine), Atlantic Canada (Nova Scotia and Newfoundland) and also made four stops in Quebec as the ship sailed down the St. Lawrence Seaway to Montreal and the end of the cruise.

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Pheetta Graham Wilkinson has agreed to be your Bulletin Class Representative and she can be reached at the addresses below.

Hey Class of 1976!!

Looking forward to hearing from you and you should know that you are not FORGOTTEN!!

Would love to hear news/celebrations about you, your family or whatever you want to share! Pictures too!

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In Memoriam

Evelyn Watkins Bauman '40
March 2018

Janice Glass Dressler '44
2016

June Hahn Whitehill '44
June 2017

Louise Larkins Bradford '45
January 2018

Betty Maddox Daniels '46
Trustee 1977-83
WCAA President 1977-80
January 2018

Rita Gruber Sklar '46
February 2015

Margaret Frazier Bridges '47
November 2016

Catherine Marting Briggs '48
October 2017

Katherine Dicks Hodge '48
December 2017

Marilyn Case Carollo '49
February 2017

Rosemary Stricker Freeman '50
January 2018

Kathleen Harper Hall '50
April 2017

Fleur-Elaine Kloster Wilson '50
August 2017

Jean Rutherford Crouch '52
January 2017

Anne W. Lommel '52
April 2018

Nancy Allen Rodgers '52
Date unknown

Betty Jean Wright '52
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Martha Wilson Rowan '53
May 2017

Priscilla Strand Berry '54
Trustee 1974-76, 1984-90, 2015-17
December 2017

Margaret Lemen Black '56
December 2016

Ann Mason Gatch '57
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Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks '58
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Josette Masson Manougian '60
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Judith Ulmer Brockschmidt '61
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Elizabeth Haakinson Breziner '64
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Jean Muser Newberry '70
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The Western College Program

Greetings from Oxford! As the weather gets slowly warmer, I reflect on how far we have come and where we can go in the future.

Last June, the Board developed several strategic goals for the coming years and we have made progress on those initiatives. As a Board, we encourage alumni to become more involved and to consider an important question: “What is our legacy?” The Board is very mindful of this and continues to support different ways to engage alumni. I would like to take some time to make sure that you are informed and up to date regarding these initiatives and how you might want to contribute moving forward.



Mike Loeffelman

First, I am very excited to report that the Board sent a letter of support to Dean Chris Makaroff regarding his proposal for how Western/Individualized Studies can be more involved in the future of Miami. As we know, the importance of interdisciplinary approaches has been accepted within most academic disciplines and we have seen major plans of study transformed as a result. We have also seen the growth of enrollments in majors such as American Studies, Social Justice Studies, Women’s Studies, and many others. While it is great to see the spread of interdisciplinary studies, it is also important to build and move the current program forward. In this effort, Dean Makaroff has proposed a Center in which Individualized Studies would play a critical role. The Board is excited to support this effort and to play a role in the evolution of this initiative. If you are interested in learning more, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Next, I want to make sure that you are aware that this fall — **October 26-28** — is the upcoming Mega Reunion! This reunion takes place for Western once every five years and is not to be missed! The Mega reunion committee is in the process of planning the weekend and will be sending out a survey to alumni soliciting feedback. I applaud the hard work of the committee and especially the co-chairs: **Audree Boggs ’10** and **Alan Kalish ’81**. The goal of the reunion is to connect with alumni, re-connect with Western, and to build support for the future of the program. I hope that you will consider coming back to Oxford for this exciting event!

One of the initiatives that I am also eager to report on is our continued collaboration with the Western College Alumnae Association (WCAA). Recently, I attended an event on campus where Carl Westmoreland, senior historian at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, presented on the history of Freedom Summer ’64. The Western College for Women, a significant site for civil rights efforts in

the 1960s, has been designated a Freedom Station by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The designation was presented to **Sharry Patterson Addison ’61**, president of the Western College Alumnae Association. As a Western alumna, I was very proud of this designation and wish to extend my congratulations to the WCAA.

Last, as an alum, I encourage you to be connected. There are many ways to join and I encourage you to consider connecting with your Class Representative (we still have a few vacant *Bulletin* rep positions), link with Western via social media, host an alumni gathering, consider giving, or being supportive to current students via the new Alumni Mentorship Program. There are a lot of different ways to support Western and I look to you to be the best judge on how you want to give back.

As president of the board, my continued goal is to provide updates regarding the work of the Board, liaison with the current program, and to include more passionate alumni in the work at hand. To learn more about opportunities for involvement and the alumni board, please contact me. It is so vital that we continue the dialogue on how we can all work together to move Western/Individualized Studies forward. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Oxford either this summer for **Alumnae/i Weekend (June 8-10)** or this fall for **Mega Reunion (October 26-28)**. For further info: Miamialum.org/WAAMU.

— Mike Loeffelman ’03
Board President, WAAMU



From the archives of Larry Blankemeyer ’78: Forty years ago — “some of the gang the day we departed Oxford after graduation”

'78 WESTERN

A number of '78 alums made it to Clearwater Beach in October for a "Do It Yourself" reunion. Planned, organized and hosted by **Janet Jordan '79** and **Grant Thompson '79**,



Janet Jordan and Rob Burns, with (right) Dean Makaroff

members of the '78 and '79 classes gathered to reminisce, share a meal and some drinks, and listen to Chris Makaroff, Dean of the College Arts and Science, speak about Western as it is today, a part of CAS. Also



Featured (left to right in an apparent selfie-on-a-stick): Larry Blankemeyer, Mark Braun, Stu Bassin, Fred Mingo and Jim Suter

in attendance was Evan Lichtenstein, CAS Senior Director of Development. It was great fun, and we missed all those who could not attend. Any class of '78 alums who were "out of the loop" please accept my apologies. I did e-mail to all the addresses on my list, so if I missed you, please send your current contact info to blanks0330@gmail.com. Thanks.

Kathy Pozna Fetzer recalled of the reunion: "So delighted to have had the chance to catch up with those who were able to make



Kimberly Heym, Francis Mikhail '79, Grant Thompson '79, Wayne Heym '78, Rob Burns '79, Jeff Horst '79, Caroline Quine '79, Tom "Walter" Gardner '79, Terri Lingsch '79, Fred Mingo '79, Kathy Fetzer '78, Stu Bassin '79, Janet Jordan '79, Frank Fetzer, Ron Shebanek, Suzy Ortega, Doris Rowland, Steve Younger '79, Ken Brower '79, Chris Pryately '78, Sandi Shapiro (MU '80), and lastly, Steve Anderson '79. Not pictured: Larry Blankemeyer, Mark Braun and Jim Suter, all '78.

it to Florida. I was lucky to go to college with such intelligent and fascinating folks, who have led extraordinary lives since graduation." Kathy also bet on my E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES! in the Super Bowl. Thanks Kathy!

Steve Seiple reports that he has moved, and his new address is 504 Slate Crossing Dr., Delaware, OH 43015.

Tim Race hosted visiting Miami at the *New York Times*, where they learned about media careers. The tour was led by Patricia Gallagher Newberry, director of Miami's journalism program, and Jess Allman (Miami '03) associate director development in the College of Arts and Science. Tim recently retired from the *Times* where he was a business editor, and is embarked on a second career in public relations. He thoughtfully outlined the differences between the two, and how those differences are blurring in the social media age. He was impressed by the sophistication of the students and the quality of their questions. On the personal side, Tim's daughter Megan is finishing her Ph.D. in Russian studies at Yale, and looking for academic positions. Daughter Kylie is in ninth grade and keeps busy with competitive dance and a club which focuses on women's issues.

Rhian Miller spends a lot of her time in the Russian River area and her recent foray into radio production has led to a two-year project called *The Wonderland Radio Hour: Live from the Rio Theater* to showcase the history and talent of the local area. Come on Down!



Rhian's Russian River project

Her son, Atticus Graven, landed in Washington, DC, as an economist with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which is intended to prevent another Enron — wondering how long before it gets eliminated or the government just shuts it down altogether.

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'86 WESTERN

Missy Moon reports that this year she found East Jesus, which she had always believed to be a fictional place (see picture). She visited this remote art garden last autumn. Missy is hoping to find other new, interesting locations in the next year, as she prepares for her nest to soon be empty. Yes, her son graduates from high school in May. Missy reports that his graduation will likely be the



Missy Moon '86 found the real thing!

end of her time in the southwest, but the new location is as yet unknown!

Marcy (Mulford) Schultz reports that she continues to enjoy her job as a graphic designer for Otterbein's Marketing & Communications Department. Anna, her daughter, is



Beth (left) and Marcy

er on a Friday night at a cool, new Columbus restaurant.

My life was changed when convinced by **Diane Wright** to go to Wyoming to witness the total eclipse. And, if you didn't see the totality, don't laugh — it's that amazing. Kudos to Diane, who also lured **Laura Dobbins** and **Sherry Hoffman Loniewski** to join in the adventure into Denver, through Colorado Springs, the Rocky Mountains, Wyoming, and the totality. We found this lovely spot in the picture (this page) in the darkness of the night before and had an amaz-



Beth, Sherry, Laura, Sharon (Diane's friend), Diane, and Judith (also Diane's friend)

ing view point with fellow adventurers from all over the country and the world. Work goes well, but it is these types of experiences that make a life!

Please consider coming to the all-Western Reunion in the fall — **October 26-28** — and making some new memories.

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'88



No news from classmates, but Class Rep Andy is still ready, willing and eager to receive and report your news and publish your pictures. Meanwhile, check out this one of his recently published book and note his new e-mail address ...

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Andy's book



A Columbus gathering at Ikea (don't ask) the day after Christmas (from left): Diane Wright '86, Howard Ammons (Diane's partner), Susanne's daughter Natalie, Susanne Noble '86, Beth McNellie '86, John Haffner-Layden '86 and (in front) Irene Dvoraczky Bell '82



Hello Class of 1990!

Not many updates this year (shame, shame, shame), but I was delighted to get one from **Chad Schuring**, who's been very quiet for a good long while:

"A quick note to let everyone know that after almost 28 years that I am alive and well in Portage, MI. My wife, Patty, and I have managed to raise/are in the process of raising three kids. Hannah is an Art Major at West-



Patty and Chad Schuring — alive and well!

ern Michigan University. Nevin is spending his senior year of high school in Warsaw, Poland, on a Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Last but not least, Eileen has gotten off to a good start in her first year of high school and has recently finished being

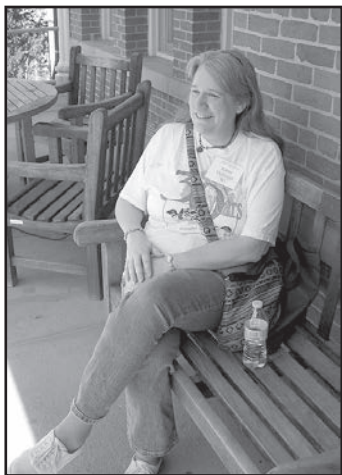
part of the ensemble in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," the musical.

"I have led an interdisciplinary career, managing both our insurance agency and wholesale/retail greenhouse. Our family business has reached the century mark and working there has been both challenging and rewarding. Western/Miami prepared me well for what I was walking into!

"I caught the surfing bug while in San Diego, CA, several years ago and have attempted to surf Lake Michigan on more than a few memorable occasions. I also enjoy distance running and have taken part in a few 5k, 10k, and half marathons. Please look me up if you are ever in SW Michigan and we can catch-up over a good microbrew or two and I can attempt to explain how insurance and greenhouses fit together!

"I hope all is well with my graduating class! I have many fond memories of my days/ nights in Peabody Hall and good times with great people in the WCP!"

And a word from **Karen Dollinger**: "I am a Spanish professor at the University of



Karen at Reunion, enjoying a break on the Peabody porch

Pikeville in Kentucky, and have a cat named Melody. This March I'll be presenting a paper on a Cuban fantasy novel at the International Conference of the Fantastic in the Arts." I enjoyed seeing Karen at the WCAA Reunion in June:

And speaking of the Reunion, we were also able to spend some time with **Bill Douglas** and with **Amy (Reynolds) Johnson, Brian Johnson**, and their kids, wandering through Peabody and all over Western, finally ending up at Bruno's for dinner.

If you all come to the next Reunion — or to the WCP Five-Year Mega Reunion in the fall — then you, too, can get squeezed into a group shot for the *Bulletin* and be made famous!



Making the WCAA's 2017 Reunion a family affair: (from left) Mike, Lauren, and Nick Conaway; Bill Douglas; Brian, Amy (Reynolds), Elizabeth, and Emma Johnson

'Til next time ...

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Greetings from the class of '94! It's been a difficult year for many of us, but there has been one light shining in the darkness for our class. One man who gives us hope for global humanity after consistently ticking us off in the early '90s. One man we called "Republican Bob." **Tyrus [Burgess]** describes him well: "**Robert E. M. Kelly** was an outspoken member of the College Republicans and a columnist for the *Miami Student* (when **Ryan Donmoyer '93** was on the editorial team), sharing his views on political correctness and gender bias. He lived in Thomson Hall on Western Campus and became for a time a member of the eclectic group of misfits. He was notorious for wearing a bathrobe around the dorm."

The world discovered Republican Bob in his new role as "BBC Dad." Yes, Professor Robert E. Kelly, now an expert on North Korea, and his adorable family have been immortalized forever in one of the most watched Internet videos of all time. Robert was being interviewed over Skype by the BBC, and his two kids happily burst into the room. Their mother came crashing in after them and history was made. We have honestly been comforted by his sense of humor, excellent work, and his loving family and are proud to call him a classmate. If you'd like to join in on the reminiscing, look up the "Republican Bob Appreciation Society" on Facebook and we will add you to our group. There are links to lots of interviews and stuff.

And now the updates:

Andy Miller "Smurf": "I have not sent anything to the update (ever). If you want to include some official garbly gook on me, there is a long blurb found here. <http://www.acc.org/about-acc/leadership/officers-and-trustees>

"I'll be the Secretary of the American College of

Cardiology next year. Doing great in Alabama where we have a new Senator. Married to Jane Emmerth for 22 years now, and have a 13-year-old daughter and 18-year-old son, who has been successfully accepted into college. Life has been good to us in the South." amiller@cvapc.com

Nicole (Hickman) Fleetwood: "I'm finishing up a book on art and mass incarceration, focusing on art made in prisons. Also very exciting: I've collaborated with *Aperture* on a special issue of the magazine, a series of programs, and an exhibition of photography opening in New York City called 'Prison Nation.' The opening and reception will be on Wed, Feb 7, at *Aperture's* gallery. Here's the link: How Can Images Tell the Story of Mass Incarceration in the US? Aperture Foundation Announces 'Prison Nation' Issue, Exhibition, and Public Engagement Series aperture.org/blog/can-images-tell-story-mass-incarceration-us/"



Nika Sharp '06, with new husband Bobby, son Logan (12), and stepson Elliott (6)

Nika (Stanley/Carleton) Sharp: "I remarried almost a year ago. My life is currently filled with bad puns, whoopie cushions, RV trips, picky eaters, spontaneous song and dance routines, bedtime stories, studio Ghibli movies, Lego cities, Star Wars, purring cats ... and my heart is grateful for all of it."

And me, I'm **Johanna Smith**, and I'm finishing up a book on Puppetry education and Professor-ing away in Southern California. I'm always thrilled to hear from y'all so contact me with any updates. REPUBLICAN BOB!

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Alex Allegree: "I just recently celebrated my 10 year work anniversary, which sounds really strange — time flies! I never thought I'd be working in the Healthcare industry for as long as I have. What a strange path life leads us all down. I still keep in touch closely with some of my Western College friends, and bump into others occasionally out in the wild. It never ceases to amaze me who I stumble upon when I least expect it, but I can almost always spot them because they're by far the brightest stars shining among the crowds."

"To this day the Western College Program still remains one of the best experiences I've ever had. The people I met, friends I made and skills I learned continue to be the backbone of who I've become. I can think of no greater compliment than to call myself a Western Alum."

"Wherever you all are on your side of the internet, I hope these words find you well. Keep doing the good work I know you all are doing to make the world a better place."

Jonathan Franz: "I live in Los Angeles with my wife, Mary; 2-year old, Audrey; and Rigby, our Golden Retriever. We're expecting our second child (another little girl) any day now! I was just promoted to Head of Legal Affairs for a local entertainment company. I'm close to finishing the novel I've been working on for the past six years."

Alex Dodwell: "I just had twin boys!"

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HAPPY 10 YEARS, TO THE CLASS OF 2008!

Nicole Brasseur:

"Things are going well out here in Denver. I've been here for almost three years now. I still haven't learned to ski, but it's not a bad place to live. A highlight of this past year was a trip I took to Iceland in October. It was a great time. Also, while this isn't something that happened over the past year, our reunion announcement made me realize that I am getting married almost exactly 10 years after our graduation (scheduled for this May). Wish me luck!"



Nicole, exploring Iceland

Pulkit Datta: "Over the past year, I've been lucky to see my film career grow quite a bit. My short film *Wishful Whiskers* has toured numerous film festivals and has opened up a few opportunities for future projects. I've also been co-running a collective of filmmakers and actors that is striving to increase the representation of South Asians in American film and television — an initiative that is invigorating for me, both as an artist and an American. And the number of film projects I'm working on has multiplied, which is exciting. Here's to the joy of creating!"

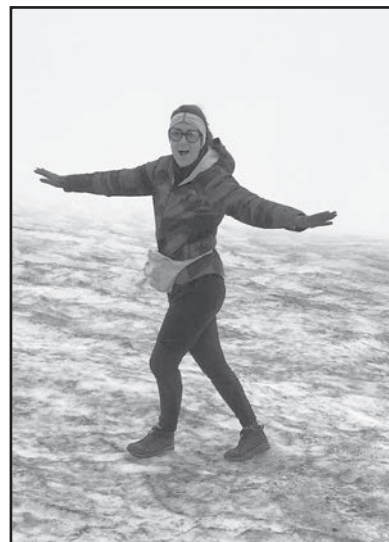
Nurit Friedberg: "Two major developments this year: The first was the arrival of our sec-



Nurit and her happy family

ond child, Zalman Asher, in June. He's pretty much the happiest baby ever and keeps us smiling! The second was the start of my new super-part-time career as a Zumbini Instructor. Zumbini is a music and movement class for babies and toddlers with their caregivers. It's so amazingly fun to teach — what better gig for an early childhood social worker/Zumba instructor?"

Emily Garritson: "Over the past year, I have been able to do more traveling, and the



Emily, hiking a glacier in Iceland

highlight was a glacier hike in Iceland. I'm otherwise enjoying my work as a dermatologist for a small practice in Indiana."

Stephanie Lee: "In the last year, I've enjoyed moving in with my partner, into a



Stephanie and Pete at a donor reception for Madison Symphony Orchestra

beautiful but not-too-spacious apartment near my work. I love my 20-minute walks to work listening to podcasts and encountering wildlife en route. My partner and I have



Emilie Rouse '08 with her boys

enjoyed paring down our possessions and building a home together. We've been going to see performances of the Madison (Wisconsin) Symphony Orchestra as new donors. I've also been volunteering with a group from work to sew pillowcases for children's hospitals in the area. Pete and I are looking forward to finally taking a long overdue vacation to Hawai'i in the spring and hopefully to the Mega Reunion/10-year anniversary **October 26-28!**"

John Obrycki: "I'm still working as a postdoc on agricultural topics in Iowa. I've worked on a range of neat projects. I've given presentations to farmers about soil management and soil health. I've worked with larger datasets where I visited a data center, and there's been an agricultural history-related project in there too. I'm learning so much from everyone that I have worked with or interacted with from projects or presentations. As for trips, I went to a research conference in Tampa."

Emilie Rouse: "Over the past year we've added Eddie to our family — so we're now a family of four, which has been an exciting and crazy time. I've started contracting as a marketing research report writer on the side, but am primarily focusing on the boys right now. We are still in Cincinnati and planning to stay, just started renovating our 110+-year-old home to add a little space and some modern functionality."

Martin Yip: "I got married =)"

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Abby Hills has worked for Virginia Sea Grant, almost three years this summer. She lives in Gloucester Point, VA, which is rich with national history. She is currently back in school part-time for her Ed.D. in Executive Higher Ed Administration. She would like to be a program director one day soon.

Chelsea (Hodges) Mitchell moved to the high desert of Virginia. She just bought a beautiful home and is awaiting household goods to get moved in and settled. She's looking forward to working again.

Susan Dirr is in the midst of her first year as a public high school science teacher in Chicago. She is also a proud member of the Chicago Teacher's Union and advisor



*MU Director for Student Success
Kim Ernsting (left) and Audree
Boggs '10, holding Audree's twins,
Lincoln and Abigail*

of her school's Genders and Sexualities Alliance. So science, queer youth, and organizing against the privatization of public education ...

Audree (Riddle) Boggs had twin girls in July, Lincoln and Abigail. She still lives in the Columbus area, currently at home with the girls and loving it. She hopes to see everyone at the **Mega Reunion in fall 2018 — October 26-28!** For further information: Miamialum.org/WAAMU.

I, Cayla, still work with the Council of Development Finance Agencies in Columbus, OH, as their director of programming. I work on harnessing the power of capital access to transform communities, both urban and rural, and to encourage banks and financial institutions to be critical parts of the community development work. I'm happily living with my husband and two cats and hope to begin a public policy grad school program in 2019.

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Class of '08: "Martin's big day!"

Update from the 39°84° West Student Center

Hello Western Alumnae and Alumni! We are happy to announce that our spring semester is off to a great start. Thanks to a successful series of events last semester, we are thrilled to see students' continued dedication to community engagement.

We ended last semester with a Holiday Party in the center that featured fun snacks, a lively white elephant gift exchange, and a competitive game of Taboo. This event had a great turnout, with senior students, the majority of the faculty, and friends of the program.

Over the winter term, several students achieved significant milestones. One of our seniors developed research related to the growth and production of tequila from the blue agave plant in Hawaii for her fermentation thesis. Another senior was named a semifinalist for the Fulbright Program, which offers a merit-based scholarship for students to engage with international exchange education.

This semester has certainly started on a high note. We have already had many insightful and productive discussions about diverse topics as well as creative collaborations. With weekly recurring events like book club, in which we are reading *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho, and Tea and

Conversation, we look forward to more lively conversations throughout the semester.

We are planning to have numerous exciting events in the near future. From our annual outdoor music festival (West-Fest) and a Wildflower Walk to bringing out the solarscope, we are looking forward to another engaging semester.

The end of the spring semester is always lively with western seniors presenting their capstone projects (May 3rd and 8th, 4 p.m., Leonard Theater, open to the public). This year seniors have chosen diverse topics that include history, English, technology, sciences, and social sciences. As the semester continues, we are excited to see how these projects develop.

It has been wonderful watching the Western community strengthen relationships throughout this year. We are delighted to provide a laid-back environment where students can inspire each other through discussions and collaborative learning.

— Arcadia Davies, Class of 2019

— Meryl Haque, Class of 2018

— Aubrey Klosterman, Class of 2018

Holiday Party in Peabody student center with students, faculty, staff, friends, and family!



Top row, left to right : Alex Hahn '19, Arcadia Davies '19, Tasha Anderson '18, Zack Hill (Coordinator and Advisor). Middle row: Ancilleno Davis (Ph.D. grad student in Ecol, Evol & Envir Biology, friend of Program) and two sons, Meryl Haque '18 (2019 new Western Center Student Coordinator), Katja Diekgers '19 (WP minor), Cameron Green '20. Front row: Aubrey Klosterman '18, Deanna Manolio '18, Emily Mendenhall '18, Aaron Kawamura '18, Hays Cummins (Professor and Senior Capstone instructor), Dana Little (friend of Program)

From the Archives

Congratulations to the Western College Memorial Archives' own Jacky Johnson, now university archivist, who was recently promoted to Principal Librarian.

Beginning in February (African-American History Month) and extending into April, Jacky arranged several events recognizing Western's role in Freedom Summer '64.

On February 28, Carl Westmoreland, Senior Historian for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, delivered a lecture at Miami's King Library: "Freedom Stations: The Educational and Historical Foundations of American Liberty." The occasion was Western's official designation as one of Ohio's five Freedom Stations. WCAA president **Sharry Patterson Addison '61** introduced Westmoreland and accepted a framed certificate, a watercolor depicting Schwerner, Chaney, and Goodman. The program included a dramatic interpretation of Freedom Summer events by MU Ass't. Professor Durell Callier and students from his Educational Leadership 333A class.



Sharry Addison, accepting Freedom Station certificate from Carl Westmoreland

Calling it an honor to recognize us, the Ohio Freedom Corridor (or Underground Railroad) recaps the history thus:

Western College for Women accepted the role of host for the Freedom Summer training project, originally scheduled to be held at Berea College. Fear of violence, possibly memory of the Kentucky Day Law, and the violence directed toward John Gregg Fee by his father, caused the National Council of Churches to seek another site.

The Western College is one of America's most important educational sites that prepared mostly White students who came from across America to put themselves at risk as they headed to what Black Americans called "Bloody Mississippi."

Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman were steeled with awe-inspiring courage as they marched off to die so that Black Mississippians could vote. The ground on which the students gathered prior to boarding buses that took them to the Mississippi killing ground is holy, and the buildings in which they were inspired by Black men like Robert Moses are awe-inspiring. The people who left Oxford, Ohio, helped hundreds of thousands of Black voters withstand violence and death. The Western Women's College left a permanent mark on American history that cannot be erased

Photos courtesy of Miami University Libraries



Professor Callier with Educational Leadership students

On March 8, LA Theatre Works performed *The Mountaintop*, an internationally acclaimed play imagining a touching event in Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. The WCAA was one of several sponsors and a reception hosted by University Libraries preceded the performance. Jacky designed an impressive exhibit for the reception, held in King Library Special Collections, featuring images and materials from the WCMA and attended by several alumnae and WCAA staff members.

Later in March, Jacky was part of the Miami delegation that traveled to Washington to present Congressman John Lewis the inaugural Freedom Summer '64 award [see feature, pp. 6-7]. For the reception at that event, she and MU Dr. Ann Elizabeth Armstrong, Assoc. Professor of Theater, had prepared a Powerpoint presentation.

The Freedom Stations Program is a legacy national outreach program linking historic Underground Railroad sites, research centers, university library collections, and museums engaged in Underground Railroad and slavery era research, historic preservation through the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Goals & activities of the Freedom Stations Program (FSP) include:

- Providing technical assistance in the preservation and interpretation of the places: historic sites and routes, which are part of the story of the Underground Railroad and American slavery.
- Convening an annual national conference of researchers and programmers regionally, nationally or internationally.
- Recognizing and delivering access online to the scholarship on the Underground Railroad and American slavery by Freedom Station affiliates.

Western in the News ...

Dateline Hamilton-Journal News. Feb.12, 2018:

*5 Historic Places in Butler County
that have amazing stories to tell*

5. Patterson Place Museum. The museum is located on the Miami University campus at 325 S. Patterson Ave. in Oxford. This 1898 house built by James Patterson as a summer home later served as the residence of Western College for Women presidents from 1914 to 1974. Listed as a National Register Historic District, it is now a museum with paintings, furniture and other artifacts of the independent women's college that closed in 1974. — *Denise Callahan, Staff Writer*

Columbus Alumnae: a “Power Lunch”

The Columbus luncheon was held April 21 at the Wine Bistro Restaurant, in Westerville. WCAA Senior Program Assistant Debbie Baker HA spoke about the planned renovation of Patterson's exterior, the activities of the WCAA Board of Trustees, campus updates, and the Freedom Summer award given to John Lewis [see article p. 6]. She also outlined upcoming Reunion plans, including a presentation by the

Myaamia Center about the relationship between Miami University and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. An interesting discussion followed on social justice, international programs, and Western's role at the forefront of both.



In attendance (from left): Joan Campbell '73, Chris Moranda '74, Ella Brown McMahon '63, Beth McNellie '86, recently appointed Kenyon College Dean of Students Robin Hart Ruthenbeck '91, Jan Chadwick '67, Betsy Salt '74, and Catherine Ross Loveland '52.

WCAA Board of Trustees: a “State Dinner”



Rarely can the whole WCAA Board of Trustees be gathered for a group picture, but dining with MU President Greg Crawford and Ambassador Renate Crawford was an offer they couldn't refuse. From President Crawford's left: Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61, Sylvia Stanfield '65, Debbie Baker HA, Betsy Salt '74, Loretta Ryder '63, Patricia Spokes Snowden '64, Hazel Williams Drew '66, Mackenzie Becker Rice HA, Jane Smucker Fryman '58, Pamela Watts Coates '70, Frances Hoffman '65, Pheetta Wilkinson '76, Sharry Patterson Addison '61, Barbara Williamson Wentz '68, Judy Dudman Henderson '62, Ann Walton '66, Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers '66, and Renate Crawford. [Missing only Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65.]

Send your news — *and pictures!* — for the Fall '18 Bulletin NOW.

E-mail, or clip and mail the form below to your Class Rep. If your class does not have a Rep, send your update directly to the WCAA. Beat the deadline: Labor Day, September 3!

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