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On April 15, the School of the Sciences’ first Spring Spectacular—open to all—featured an afternoon of math- and science-inspired interactive demonstrations, exhibits, and games. Among the many activities: shooting Ping-Pong balls out of a PVC pipe at 200 MPH to showcase the force of atmospheric pressure and using thermite to produce a lava-like substance capable of burning through an old washing machine. A bonus on the nice spring day? Students also enjoyed ice cream made via liquid nitrogen.
Stevenson University is a diverse institution, which we believe adds strength and character to our educational experience.

Most experts on the topic of diversity agree that inclusion is one of the greatest challenges for colleges and universities to achieve. For example, a curriculum needs to reflect a variety of rich academic programs available for diverse audiences. By offering these courses, we help the campus more fully understand human differences and similarities through the lens of such topics as culture, race, religion, gender, language, and socioeconomic factors, thus spawning healthy conversations and dialogues about them. Given our core curriculum requirements, it is sometimes difficult to find room for additional courses about these subjects—yet we understand that it is necessary to do so.

During the past year we have had an opportunity to understand even more fully the importance of diversity to members of our campus community. Recently, we hosted a town hall meeting in order to assess the state of diversity and inclusion at Stevenson. Nearly 200 students attended, and I helped to facilitate an open discussion among the students as well as faculty and staff.

Many perspectives were shared during the town hall, and they included a variety of concerns from security and student activities to curriculum and inclusion. Although all of these issues are important, one that seemed to dominate the discussion was some students reporting that they love being at Stevenson but don’t always feel part of the community. Also, a critical reminder that we took away from the meeting is that we are all different in one way or another. For example, my father immigrated from Ireland, and I remember hearing and feeling the inclusion issues that were part of his life experience in America. Unfortunately, our nation has a history of excluding people based on race, gender, religion, and more, which is why we need to provide opportunities to share our own personal experiences, learn from each other, and learn about other cultures in order to be more inclusive. Here at Stevenson, we share a common consciousness in that we all have similarities and differences, a fact that we embrace as we critique our curriculum and continue to move forward on diversity initiatives.

The town hall meeting offered many insights and following this productive meeting, we decided to engage a national expert on diversity who spent three days on campus visiting with students, faculty, and staff. As a result, Stevenson has decided to hire an Associate Vice President for Diversity, Inclusion, and Compliance; promote an existing position to an Assistant Vice President for Multicultural Affairs; and develop a comprehensive plan to foster diversity and inclusion throughout our community. Toward that end, we are creating a diversity and inclusion committee that will work with our new AVPs. The committee will be charged with creating a plan for diversity initiatives that we will support by bringing in speakers, adding to the curriculum, discussing diversity and inclusion, and helping each member of the campus community to become more conscious of their own uniqueness while developing a deeper understanding of others.

In addition to providing a high-quality education, Stevenson also must support its values through inclusion. We become a stronger and more effective university by including the many voices in our community. Through conscious inclusion efforts we can become the kind of institution that we want to be while preparing our students to become contributors in a world that is increasingly complex, diverse, and interconnected.

We are very optimistic about our ability to create a national model of significance in the area of diversity and inclusion that will not only benefit Stevenson but all of higher education. We look forward to the challenge and to reporting on these issues in the future.

Kevin J. Manning, Ph.D.
Dean of New School of Health Professions Appointed

Stevenson University has appointed Jeanne Geiger-Brown, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, as Founding Dean of Stevenson’s new School of Health Professions, the University’s seventh academic school. Geiger-Brown began her role as Dean and as Chief Administrator of Nursing on April 18.

Geiger-Brown previously served as an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, teaching undergraduate and graduate students for the last 14 years. She has conducted extensive research in the area of occupational sleep deficiency and served as the Assistant Dean for Research for the school. She also has an extensive background in nursing accreditation. A graduate of Temple University, Geiger-Brown holds a B.S. in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University, an M.S. in Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Nursing Science from the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

“I am very pleased to join Stevenson University and work with the faculty as the founding Dean of the School of Health Professions,” says Geiger-Brown. “Opportunities for careers in the health professions have never been brighter, and the Stevenson faculty are highly committed to the success of each student.”

Watch Original Daily Video Content On SU TV

SU TV, Stevenson University’s Web TV station, is providing an in-depth look into campus life, academics, faculty, sports, and career preparation at Stevenson through original, fresh, and daily video updates.

“We realize there is so much happening at Stevenson on a daily basis,” says John Buettner, Interim Vice President for Marketing and Digital Communications. “We’ve set up this Internet TV station to serve as a video hub for all things Stevenson. We’re very proud of the final product and we’re confident this is a platform that the campus community, prospective students, and alumni will enjoy.”
Stevenson celebrated its 63rd spring Commencement on May 18 for the School of Graduate and Professional Studies and on May 19 for its traditional undergraduate students.

The keynote speaker for the undergraduate Commencement was U.S. Navy veteran and Paralympian swimmer Brad Snyder. A retired Navy Lieutenant, Snyder was severely injured in Afghanistan when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) in 2011. He sustained complete vision loss from the explosion. As a part of his rehabilitation process, Snyder, who served as swim team captain while at the Naval Academy, returned to the pool. After a few months of training, he was able to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic National Swim Team. At the 2012 Paralympics in London, he competed in seven events, earning two gold medals and one silver medal. His victory in the 400-meter freestyle occurred on September 7, 2012, which marked exactly one year from the day he suffered his vision loss. Snyder is currently training for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. He first spoke at Stevenson in August 2014 when he addressed incoming freshmen and their families at the University’s Convocation.

Stevenson also recognized Stacey D. Stewart, U.S. President of United Way Worldwide, with the University’s 6th Annual Social Entrepreneurship Award. Stewart leads the U.S. network of nearly 1,200 local and state United Way campaigns in an effort to create changes to improve lives. Under her leadership, the U.S. network engages thousands of local partners, more than 11 million individual donors and volunteers, and raises more than 3.9 billion dollars each year to rally around initiatives in these vital areas.

Both Snyder and Stewart received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Stevenson University’s highest academic honor.

Serving as keynote speaker for the School of Graduate and Professional Studies was Bradley Chambers, Senior Vice President of MedStar Health and President of Good Samaritan Hospital and Union Memorial Hospital. In this role, Chambers is responsible for the strategic and operational direction that enhances performance and supports ongoing efforts to build a stronger, more effective integration between these two hospitals, as well as system-wide clinical platforms.
Since 2014, students and faculty from Stevenson University’s Public History program have aided Maryland Public Television (MPT) in what the station dubbed the largest initiative in its history. Throughout this spring and summer, “MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans” honored men and women who served in the Vietnam War with a series of programs and events, including “Maryland Vietnam War Stories,” a three-hour documentary aired in three parts from May 24-26.

To preview the documentary and to help raise money for the project, MPT aired its “Vietnam Initiative Preview” on April 21. The program included an interview with Glenn Johnston Ph.D., Chair of Stevenson’s Public History program and the University’s Archivist. Johnston, along with 34 Public History majors and one program alumnus, spearheaded the effort to locate and provide images of the 192 Maryland natives who are not represented with photos in Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund’s “Wall of Faces”—an online database commemorating service men and women killed in action. Since Stevenson began its involvement, the team has unearthed images for 122 of those 192 individuals through historical research and public engagement.
Men’s Volleyball Team Concludes Successful Season

Winners of the Continental Volleyball Conference (CVC) and recipients of the conference’s automatic bid, the Stevenson men’s volleyball team became the 10th program at the University to advance to the NCAA Tournament. The Mustangs also became the second program to advance to the National Semifinals.

The Mustangs, who advanced to their third consecutive CVC Championship match, finished the season ranked at No. 4 in the AVCA Division III Men’s Volleyball, the highest-ever for the team. Senior Rob Wingert and junior Nate Ellis became the program’s first-ever All-Americans, with Wingert being named to the Second Team. Wingert was also named the CVC Player of the Year while freshman Landon Shorts was named the Rookie of the Year and head coach Steve Grossnickle, Coach of the Year.

As a team, Stevenson ranked in the top 10 in Division III in four categories, including fifth in blocks per game. The Mustangs ranked sixth in assists and kills per game as well as hitting percentage.

Men’s Lax Takes Fourth Conference Title

The Mustangs defeated Albright to win a fourth consecutive MAC Commonwealth Championship. The team won a bid to the 2016 NCAA Division III Lacrosse Championship but fell to No. 15 Cabrini in the first round on May 11 at Mustang Stadium.
Beach Volleyball Makes Waves

Stevenson became the first NCAA Division III institution to take to the court in beach volleyball this season and is currently just one of two Division III schools to sponsor the sport. The team debuted on March 13 against Division II Carson-Newman and had a handful of Division I schools on its schedule. The NCAA approved beach volleyball as its 90th championship sport in September 2015. The Mustangs finished the inaugural season with six victories, including going 3-1 in the first-ever home tournament. The team finished the season winning five of the last seven contests.

Golf Teams Shine

Both the Stevenson men’s and women’s golf teams captured the Middle Atlantic Conference titles and earned the conference automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The men won their third conference title and first since the 2012-13 season and made the program’s third appearance in the NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championship. The freshman duo of Luke McKeogh and Zack Potten finished tied for the best score of the tournament, but finished tied for third after a three-hole playoff. The duo was named the Co-Rookies of the Year. Head coach Chris Ramer earned his fourth Coach of the Year honor.

For the second consecutive season, the Stevenson women’s golf team won the conference title and advanced to its second straight NCAA Division III Women’s Golf Championship. The Mustangs won the championship by 27 strokes as senior Alicia Greene and junior Emily Haas finished tied for second overall to earn themselves All-Conference First Team honors. Sophomore Morgan Wirtz took home Second Team honors after finishing seventh overall. Ramer also won Coach of the Year honors for the women, his second honor with the team.

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WAY AT SU: You Can Come Home Again by Sherry Bithell
Those words, written by Mark Twain in 1870, remain just as true today. That’s why Stevenson University has long promoted study abroad programs.

Today, the promotion and organization of both international and domestic academic travel falls under the recently created Office of International and Off-Campus Study. Rebecca Pisano, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Study Abroad, has worked in the field of international education for more than 15 years and remains enthusiastic about the opportunities such programs offer.

“It’s a way for students to examine their subject from a different perspective,” Pisano says. “You not only learn about another culture and way of life but you’re also putting yourself outside of your comfort zone, which can be a great learning opportunity.” She also points out that added benefits not often considered are that students who travel gain cross-cultural communication skills, learn how to navigate new situations, and generally become more self-reliant—skills that hiring managers consider valuable. “Having participated in study away programs

“Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all of one’s lifetime.”
helps in job interviews. It gives you something to talk about, to show tangible proof of how you acquired critical soft skills through this distinctive experience.”

For these reasons, the Office of International and Off-Campus Study provides students with all the information needed to plan an international or domestic program experience. For example, Pisano says, “A lot of students think that if they don’t speak another language well enough they can’t go to the place where it’s predominantly spoken, but we tell them about program options that are specifically set up for international students, so it’s actually not a hurdle nor an expectation.”

“**Oh, the places you’ll go.**”

*Dr. Seuss*

The concept of a study away program encompasses any organized credit-bearing experience that’s course-based and takes place off campus and includes overnight travel. “It’s usually a structured experience for multiple students that has a travel component lasting from several days to several weeks (or even months),” Pisano explains. “The Washington Center Internship Program is one domestic example.” This independent nonprofit gives students opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C., for academic credit.

Stevenson offers two study away formats: faculty-led travel courses and affiliate programs in 50 countries around the world in a variety of academic disciplines during the semester, Winterim, Spring Break, and Summer terms.

Faculty-led travel courses are both domestic and international, and they tend to be short-term (defined as being from one to eight weeks in duration). These programs have a specific academic focus and locations can vary each year. For example, SU faculty-led travel courses during the 2017 Winterim will include forensic studies in Malta, human services in Jamaica, and environmental science in Hawaii.

Affiliate programs can be short-term or long-term, from a few weeks up to an academic year. Stevenson’s current six affiliate partners—with which the University has collaboration agreements—include opportunities offered by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), the Lorenzo de ’Medici Institute in Italy (called “SU in Italy”), and Academic Programs International (API).
Pisano says that typical housing scenarios for these programs can include a residence hall, an apartment with locals or other international students, or a homestay with a local family. In addition, some of SU’s options offer an internship or service experience.

She also wants to make more students aware of the many scholarships available for international study, from national organizations as well as program-specific and SU scholarships. “The goal is to give students with different needs—including academic and financial considerations—the opportunity to participate in international and off-campus study through a variety of choices in courses, destinations, and aid mobility.”

“A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.” George Moore

The comprehensive student support Pisano’s office provides goes beyond advising and help with applications; it also includes helping students readjust when they come back to Stevenson.

“We offer re-entry resources for students upon their return. That’s because many times, they don’t anticipate the adjustment back to the United States,” Pisano says. “The more they integrate while they’re away, the more challenging the readjustment is. It’s basically reverse culture shock. Our job is to explain that it’s normal and that everyone goes through it to a certain extent. Also, often returnees find that their friends and family do not readily understand how they were affected by their travel experience.”

There are a number of ways to help returning students adjust. Several universities in Baltimore—including, recently, Stevenson—participate in a conference about returning from study abroad. The office also teaches the students how to take what they’ve learned and the skills they gained and translate those into their future plans. They are encouraged to join clubs, such as the International Student Association, as well as to volunteer in the office and at study abroad events to speak about their experience.

Overall, the Office of International and Off-Campus Study is well prepared to help students find programs and funding, fill out applications, and process their study away experiences. Pisano believes that taking part in a study away program, whether at home or abroad, is well worth considering.

“Often people will tell me that their one regret from college was not studying abroad,” she says. “The opportunity to live in another country is one that is so much easier to pursue during rather than after the college years, and is an integral part of a well-rounded liberal arts education.”

The Office of International and Off-Campus Study is one facet of the many experiential opportunities offered at SU. Others include Experiential Learning, Internships, Service-Learning, Undergraduate Research, and Clinical Experiences and Practicums.
MEETING VETERANS WHERE THEY ARE

by Sherry Bithell
At Stevenson University, veterans are more than welcomed—they’re appreciated for their service, and they’re supported throughout their education, including being prepared for a non-military career.

As Mark Hergan, Vice President, Enrollment, says, “We’re committed to veteran students. They’ve done something special for the country, so why wouldn’t we do something special for them?”

To explore the ways Stevenson recruits and supports its veteran students, Ventures talked to a student and an alumnus to see how their SU experiences have been—and learned how they, in turn, are doing their part for other veteran students.

### Making the Transition

**Christian “Mac” Manning** (interdisciplinary studies ’15) joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 2010 after an unsuccessful brief stint at another college, and after serving, he decided to give college another try. “After looking around at a few schools, I had heard that Stevenson was starting a football team. This intrigued me because I played football in high school. I was also looking for a university that I could perform well in. As an undergraduate, I started for the football team for three seasons and at the same time found myself performing well academically for the first time in my life.”

He says that for veterans, returning to civilian life can be difficult. “The Marine Corps was the greatest accomplishment in my life at that time. It can be hard to relate to other students because 18-year-old freshmen do not understand what it’s like to be in military service.”

Yet because he joined the football team, he says, his transition was a little easier than most. “Playing a sport gave me a sense of purpose again. You wake up and go to practice, train with the team. Your teammates become your brothers in many regards, and that was a familiar feeling from the Marine Corps. I believe that because I became part of the SU community, I was able to enjoy my time here.”

**Matthew Morris**, who will graduate with a degree in business information systems in December 2016, had a similar start to his college experience. After a semester at Covenant College in Georgia that ended with a low GPA, he joined the U.S. Army and served for seven years. Because of his prior educational effort, he wasn’t sure where he would be accepted—until he came to Stevenson. “I came here on instant decision day,” he recalls. “They looked at my packet, they looked at the courses I’d taken, and then one of the admissions counselors brought me into a meeting room and said, ‘We think you’ve worked hard enough to earn a second chance.’ ”

Morris says he’s paying that faith back in full. One advantage the second time around, he notes, is the discipline instilled by the military. Another is the set of tools he’d learned that have made him a more successful student.

“When you go into the military, they’re going to put you where they need you,” he explains. “So coming out...
of the military, you’ve learned something that maybe before you weren’t good at. I’m awful with math yet I was doing upper-level algebra because I was working with ballistics. So you gain the ability to learn something you didn’t know before and master it. That’s the word: master. That’s the level where they expect you to perform.”

As with Manning, Morris—who has a wife and two children—saw the difference between himself and traditional students. “Because I’m a commuter, it’s not as bad, but I could imagine a traditional student perhaps feeling lonely or not having many people to reach out to because they’re feeling by themselves.”

That’s a big adjustment, he adds, because it’s such a change of atmosphere for veterans. “American culture is very individualistic; people think, ‘What’s the value to me? Is this worth my time?’ In the military, it’s very collective. It is even reinforced as part of the Army Soldier’s Creed: ‘I will never leave a fallen comrade.’”

VETERANS SERVING STEVENSON

Both Manning and Morris continue to help others by working to support students at Stevenson.

By working as an Admissions Counselor for transfer students, Manning says that his SU experience has allowed him to relate to prospective students on a more personal level. “I truly enjoyed

One person crucial to supporting veteran students at Stevenson is Laura E. Holland, Assistant Registrar, Veterans Affairs Programs.

She serves as the School’s Certifying Official (SCO), which acts as the liaison between the students and the VA.

“One of my most important functions as SCO is making sure a student’s credits for which they are registered are certified so that they receive the benefits to which they are entitled for that corresponding semester,” Holland says. “Depending on the chapter under which their benefits are calculated, students receive assistance with their tuition and fees, as well as any housing allowance, if applicable.”

Other functions of her vital role include contacting the VA on behalf of any veteran student who expresses concern about their benefits or with questions about their entitlement. “I keep track of every student’s entitlement and any changes they make to their program and their schedules,” she says. “And, of course, I assist with the process of making sure students apply for educational benefits with the VA if they hadn’t already.”
learning here and that is something that I had never experienced before. My teachers, tutors, advisors, and coaches helped push me to succeed. I cannot tell you how much fear I had concerning science classes and math classes before coming to Stevenson, but I worked with the teachers and with the help of tutors. At the end of the semesters, I could feel that the teachers really wanted me to succeed.”

The combination of his military service and Stevenson education have led him to set his sights higher. “In the military, a quality that is instilled on everyone is leadership. My ultimate goal is to earn graduate degrees and pursue a career in higher education. It could be in student activities, maybe a program of study—who knows, maybe I could be a dean of students one day.”

While earning his degree, Morris works in Career Services as a Peer Advisor, helping students with their cover letters and resumes. He also reaches out to the veteran community, he says, to try and smooth the process of their seeking jobs after college by working with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Economic Workforce and Development. In addition, he has talked with the heads of veterans clubs at Towson and the University of Maryland to see how they support their students.

“I’m trying to evangelize the importance of working with veterans. With each institution trying to do its own thing, you’re missing a lot of that teamwork that can help reach a similar goal.”

One way Morris has been trying to help both the Stevenson and larger veteran community has been through the Veterans Career Resource Guide created by Career Services. (EXPLORE the guide at stevenson.edu/ventures.) In addition to giving it to the University’s veteran students during drop-in appointments and at job fairs, he’s distributed it to the general community, including other colleges, workforce development centers, one-stop centers, and homeless shelters.

When he talks to Stevenson’s veteran students, he speaks from experience. “I give them a little bit of guidance and say, ‘As a veteran to a veteran, here are the problems I ran into, here’s how I solved them.’ I try to help them set themselves up for success so that when they’re done here, they don’t jump right into the void again like when they left the military.”

GROWING THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

That Stevenson will continue to support its veteran students is being physically manifested. Hergan says “We’ve found that they need their own space, so we’re looking forward to building a Veteran Resource Center on the first floor of Garrison Hall this summer.”

The center makes both Manning and Morris feel optimistic about the future for veterans. “As a prospective student who would see the Veterans Resource Center, I would be excited to come to Stevenson,” says Manning. “I think that as the school continues to grow, so too will the military community within the university. I have heard President Manning and Mark Hergan speak about attracting veterans, and their primary objective is providing a positive environment with top academic programs. Stevenson wants to give veterans their best opportunity to succeed.”

Morris agrees. “A Veteran’s Resource Center will help provide more awareness to other veterans on campus that there is the opportunity to make face-to-face contact with each other and get the support they need. This center will really help us meet our student veterans where they are. It’s important to make sure that we reach out to them, that we can identify them, that they’re getting the best education possible. It can sometimes be hard for a veteran to pluck up the courage to be a self-starter, but when every single part of your day is scripted and now you’re suddenly scripting it for yourself, it can be difficult to adjust.”

For these reasons and more, Manning says, “As an alumnus, I believe that Stevenson is an amazing place to get an education. The graduates that we produce are prepped and ready for the real world, and for a person who is getting out of the military, it’s an excellent choice.”
A particularly positive response was felt during our first Bunting Challenge Week in March. Volunteers and friends took to email, social media, and their phones to encourage fellow alumni to support the University, at any level possible, to help us add 50 alumni donors. We exceeded the goal with 53 donors and unlocked part of a challenge gift from Board Member Marc Bunting ’91 to support scholarships.

Our second Bunting Challenge Week at the end of April once again showed the University and our students both how much our alumni value their Stevenson experience and how much they want those who are following in their footsteps to value theirs. We again exceeded the goal with 71 donors, unlocking another $5,000 in scholarship funding from Bunting.

Keep an eye out for our third and final challenge week of the fiscal year and help us unlock the final portion of Bunting’s gift.

For more information on our STANDforStevenson campaign, visit Stevenson.edu/STAND and check out social media for photos, videos, and updates.

Want to help STANDforStevenson? Contact Logan Wern, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, at lwern@stevenson.edu to volunteer and let us know why you #STANDforStevenson.
Investing in Students, Building Careers
We cultivate many resources to grow the scholarship support vital to our students’ ability to pursue a Stevenson degree. Partnerships with area businesses are key to providing this support. Two such partnerships were recently established that provide not only scholarship funding but also valuable employment opportunities for our students.

Agora Invests in Digital Marketing Students
Agora, Inc., recently welcomed 19 students from the digital marketing program to their offices in mid-town Baltimore to learn about the publishing company and its new scholarship opportunity.

Following lunch and remarks from Brian York, Managing Director of Agora Integrated Marketing, students took part in informal interviews with Agora associates, toured two of Agora’s buildings in the Mount Vernon complex, and met with other Agora staff to learn about the transition from college to career.

Students also learned about Agora’s new scholarship, the Bill Bonner Scholarship for Rising Leaders in Digital Marketing. Named after Agora’s founder and president, this scholarship will benefit a freshman or sophomore who is pursuing a degree in digital marketing. The student receiving the scholarship will also participate in a summer internship at one of Agora’s companies.

Samuelson Foundation and LifeBridge Health Invest in Nursing Students
With the purpose of investing in students who show great promise for long and successful nursing careers, the Herman and Walter Samuelson Foundation has partnered with LifeBridge Health to offer scholarships of $12,000 to junior and senior students in Stevenson’s nursing program.

As part of the competitive application process, candidates will participate in interviews with representatives from LifeBridge Health. The Herman and Walter Samuelson Foundation Scholarship for Nursing also provides a two-year employment commitment at Sinai Hospital or Northwest Hospital.
1958

Mary Jeanne Ebert Buckley became a great-grandmother for the first time in June. She has 12 grandchildren and hopes to have many more great-grandchildren. Mary Jeanne and her husband, Charles, live in Naples, Fla., and she writes that the Florida sun agrees with her but the Baltimore breeze is better.

1963

In Sept. 2015 Carolee Martelle ’63 ’89 ’97 traveled to Southern Africa and one of the places visited was the Chinotimba Government School in Zimbabwe. She brought the children and teachers school supplies and snacks, which are in short supply there, and learned that the school has a computer room and the students receive computer training for one hour each week. Back in Sept. 2014 Carolee journeyed to China and was able to travel to Tibet where she visited the Jokhang Temple (dating back to 700 A.D.) in Lhasa. She writes that independent travel to Tibet is not permitted and is only allowed with a special visa as part of an organized or cultural group.

1975

In 1990, Leslie Lehrl Fowler founded a local nonprofit organization, currently called Arts On Stage, Ltd., that presents professional children’s theatre. In July 2015, after 25 years of running the organization, she semi-retired but remains involved by acting as a consultant as well as bookkeeper and Chair of the Board of Directors. Leslie is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and completing some of the items on her wish list.

1981

Lisa Reynolds Allen has joined the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage powered by Zip team that is located in Woodbridge, Va.

1986

In Feb. 2015 Dawn MacKenzie-Stefanik ’86 ’95 was asked to take part in the American Society of Clinical Oncology Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference in Yangon, Myanmar. She was the only nurse invited to speak along with the physicians at the conference. She was there for 13 days with the first week spent educating and lecturing to staff as well as consulting and making recommendations for practice changes. The last few days were spent sightseeing. Dawn is the Clinical Manager of Infusion Therapy and Infusion Pharmacy at the Cancer Center at GBMC.

1988

After 38 years of public service, Anne Taylor Hauswald ’88 ’92 retired from the federal government in December 2014 and writes that “life is wonderful.”

1991

Melanie Covahey Hagan was promoted to Partner at Berman McAleen, Inc., an independent financial advisory and wealth management firm in Timonium, Md. She was also named Director of Client Services, a role that ensures clients receive the service, attention and solutions they demand from the private wealth management firm. Melanie joined the company in 2006 and was a Vice President prior to being promoted. She has more than 24 years in high-level client service positions with financial institutions.

1992

Mike Mandish ’92 ’93 is a principal at Santos, Postal & Company, a certified public accounting firm located in Rockville, Md. Mike also holds the CSEP designation (certified specialist in estate planning) and the CDFA designation (certified divorce financial analyst).

1996

Maggie Kelly Carroll is working at The Ivy Hotel, a luxury boutique hotel that opened in June 2015 in the Mount Vernon area of Baltimore.

1998

Melinda Myers Hinsley is the President of Hinsley Collective, LLC, a marketing consulting and professional staff development organization established in 2014 and based in Marriottsville, Md. She holds the certified professional services marketer (CPSM) designation.

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Irina Koyfman, RN is the Director of Transitional Care at Maxim Healthcare Services where she helped to develop new and innovative transitional care programs for the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center in an effort to decrease hospital readmissions. She has 15 years nursing experience and 10 years executive experience, is a certified adult nurse practitioner, and is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Dan Soderberg recently wrote and published a book with his nine-year-old son, Greyson, entitled Elevator Jones: Volume 1 and is working on Volume 2.

1999

Michael Alessi, Jr. was promoted to Vice President and Director of Client Services and Operations at Summit Financial, an independent brokerage firm in Hunt Valley, Md. In this role he provides management support for the firm’s private wealth clients and 401k plans and contributes to the management and facilitation of the company’s organizational strategies, policies, and procedures. As a member of the Summit Financial Investment Committee, Michael plays an integral part in the development and implementation of meeting initiatives. He joined the company in 2004.

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Lynn Fagley Diehl is celebrating eight years in business as the owner of Printgraphix, a graphic design and printing company based in Conway, S.C. She was named 2015’s Best Graphic Designer by Grand Strand Happening magazine.

2016 Alumni Notes

John Diets is a Digital Video Specialist Supervisor with Maryland Public Television (MPT). In this role within the station’s production services department he is responsible for providing video support for productions, both in-house and on location, acting as the assigned video operator or engineer-in-charge. John also coordinates planning for and installation

2016 Alumni Notes

Alumni, we want to hear what you’ve been doing!

Please send us your news and photos on personal and professional achievements, marriage, family, travel, and memories of your time at VJC/SU. Submit your news and photos via mail to Alumni Notes, Stevenson University, Attn: Carolyn Douglas, 1525 Greenspring Valley Rd., Stevenson, MD 21153-0641; via e-mail to cdouglas@stevenson.edu; or submit them online at apps.stevenson.edu/forms/alumni/classnotes.cfm.
of new equipment at MPT’s Owings Mills studios. Prior to MPT he was an audio/video communications specialist at the Maryland Stadium Authority. He also has served as a video engineer with Comcast Sports Network and ESPN.

2001

Jaime Hershner Elwood has taken on a new role as the Vice President of Marketing and E-Commerce for Terra’s Kitchen, a healthy meal delivery startup headquartered in Baltimore. The business launched nationwide in March 2016.

2002

Casey Davis has opened Life Transformation 360, a cellular health and wellness company in Westminster, Md. After spending 14 years as a physician assistant handing out thousands of prescriptions, he is focusing his efforts on getting people off of their chronic disease medications and helping them achieve health at the cellular level through real foods and without diet pills, prepackaged powdered meals, or other diet aids.

Jadey Townsend Pareja and her husband, Gonzalo, welcomed their second child, son Gonzalo Enrique III, on Jan. 10, 2016. He joins big sister Alyssa who will be three years old in June.

2003

Jean Wilson and her husband, Rick, welcomed the arrival of a grandson, Braydon, on July 15, 2015.

2004

Laurie Dudek Berglie is the Marketing Communications Manager for a large staffing company and recently published her first novel, Where the Bluegrass Grows. Laurie describes it as both “equestrian fiction” and “contemporary romance.” Her husband, James ’04, is a self-employed photographer and travel agent. He has combined both businesses under the name Be Photography and Be Vacations and now specializes in destination weddings.

2005

Shervonne Cherry became engaged to Elliot Eubanks and they recently purchased their first home together in Maryland. Shervonne is the Community Manager for startup workspace Spark Baltimore. The couple is planning a September 2016 wedding.

Brianne Baccaro Norris was recently promoted to manager at Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra. She has more than 10 years of public accounting experience and has worked extensively on audit and tax engagements. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants and serves as a volunteer for the latter. Brianne joined the firm in 2003 as an intern while studying at Stevenson, was hired full-time in 2005 after graduating with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, and obtained her CPA license in 2008. She is a member of the Harford Chamber of Commerce Young Member Committee, is treasurer of the Harford County Historical Society, and volunteers at various organizations within her community.

2006

Julie Johnson is a Senior Compensation and Benefits Specialist at Gemalto, Inc., a worldwide leader in digital security. As part of the U.S. Human Resource team, Julie counsels employees on various benefit coverage elections, answers insurance related questions, and resolves vendor related claims on behalf of employees.

Amy Hollomon Rogers was recently promoted to Digital Project Manager at AOL/Advertising.com. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Baltimore along with their son, Logan Henry, who celebrated his first birthday in January.

2008

Jennifer “Jenny” Goodwin Buchness welcomed a daughter, Brynn, born on March 25, 2015. She joins older brother Colton who was born in June 2013.

Colin May ’08M and his wife, Lauren, welcomed the arrival of a son, Connor, in July 2015. The family then moved to Indiana after Colin was promoted to a position with the Justice Department. He recently celebrated five years teaching in the forensic studies program at SU.


Stephanie “Steph” Ritgert Potter welcomed a son, Jase, born in May 2015.

2009

Sarah Sauthoff is working as a physician assistant for LifeBridge Health and was recently recognized by her patients and coworkers as Northwest Hospital’s SuperStar employee. The award is given to employees who show dedication to their position through positive attitude, excellent customer service, and a strong work ethic.

2010

Cassandra Corkell has moved back home to the Eastern Shore to be closer to her mother and sister. She is employed with Hertrich Chevrolet in Denton, Md., and is in training to become the organization’s title clerk.

How do you recognize decades of invaluable service? At Stevenson University, we renamed the main road on our Owings Mills North campus from Gundry Lane to Ted Herget Way, in honor of Charles E. “Ted” Herget, Jr. On April 14, a ceremony was held in the new Academic Center to dedicate the road’s new name.

Herget served for 30 years on Stevenson’s Board of Trustees and is a former Board Chair. During that time, he was instrumental in the transformation of Villa Julie College into the University we know today. As a distinguished business and community leader, Herget introduced numerous individuals of prominence and influence to Stevenson, increasing our reputation and viability. He continues to serve as a member of the President’s Advisory Council.
Marie Haughey is the Managing Editor for Wall Street Daily, an online independent publisher of news and opinions regarding global financial markets that reaches more than half a million readers. She has six years experience in the financial publishing industry. Marie worked her way up from editorial assistant and copy editor and most recently was the copy chief. Nothing was published until it crossed her desk. She is a voracious reader and enjoys researching current events and new innovations to understand how they affect companies and markets.

Tiara Patterson ’10M has applied to the University of Baltimore School of Law with the goal of starting classes in fall 2017.

George Dickerson, Jr. married Britnee Hadley on August 8, 2015. He received a master’s degree in information systems technology management in 2013 from The George Washington University and is employed at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In June 2015 Savannah Elliott received a promotion and then graduated from the Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Program in July 2015. She manages a small team of professionals in her organization within the Department of Defense.

SU NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS

Saturday, July 9
Pregame Party 2:30 P.M.
Game Time 4:05 P.M.

Watch for further details on this and other events in upcoming issues of the email Alumni Newsletter, or visit the alumni website at stevenson.edu/alumni.

Have any ideas or suggestions for alumni events? Please contact Jamie Myers, Director of Alumni Relations, at 443-334-2625 or jmmyers@stevenson.edu.

Former Stevenson soccer players came out to take on the current Mustangs in the annual Alumni Soccer Game and Reunion on April 2. Both the men’s and women’s alumni teams gave impressive performances. They’ve still got it!

SAVE THE DATE
Milestone Reunion Dinner
Friday, Oct. 21, 2016

In recognition of select classes celebrating a milestone year:

With a special induction ceremony for members of the Class of 1966 into the Jubilarian Society

Members of the Class of 1965 and earlier are also invited to join the festivities.
resides in Pikesville with her five-year-old daughter, Kennedy.

Stephanie Sufczynski is engaged to Steven Barsotti and the couple is planning to get married on Oct. 1, 2016.

2012

Jean Goldberg and her husband, Howard, are excited about the arrival of their granddaughter, Samantha Jean, born on Dec. 7, 2015. Proud parents are their daughter, Briana Goldberg Pipitone ’04, and her husband, Greg.

Renae Hunter is the Art Director at Plank Industries.

Robert Jackson ’12 ’14M is a high school science department chair and biology teacher in the Anne Arundel County School System. He also teaches online and online hybrid classes in anatomy and physiology and in forensic science at Harford Community College.

Krystal Sharp graduated from the University of Scranton in May 2015 with a Master of Science degree in Human Resources. She works at Holiday Inn Club Vacations in Orlando, Fla., and in January was promoted from HR Coordinator to Talent Acquisition Specialist-Marketing Call Center.

2013

After graduation Yanita Boayue pursued her passion and joined Kennedy Krieger Institute working with children with autism. After moving closer to D.C., she continued that goal of helping and working with children and is now a therapist at B.A.C.I.C.S. ABA Therapy. She received her certification and became a Registered Behavior Technician and is interested in continuing her education with plans to pursue a master’s degree in clinical and behavioral psychology.

Leah Cornett was married to Brad Nelson on May 13 and the couple relocated to North Carolina. Earlier this year Leah passed the School Psychologist Praxis and, after completing an internship in Falls Church City Public Schools, was licensed as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. She graduated with the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology in May.

Tracy Imm ’13M was named the Director of Public Affairs with the Maryland Insurance Commission. In this role she will serve as the agency’s point of contact for external and internal communications. Prior to joining the Insurance Administration, Tracy served in communications leadership positions with Erickson Living, Constellation Energy/BGE, Northrop Grumman, Algeco Scotsman, and ITT.

Kristen Lubeski and Daniel Murphy ’13 met during their freshman year at Stevenson and have been together ever since. Kristen celebrated her three-year anniversary working it’s fitting that Shervonne Cherry ’05 has the job title Community Manager—the word “community” seems to be a common thread in her life.

For one, it’s a top reason she chose to attend then-Villa Julie College. Cherry knew that she wanted to pursue a degree in art or design and VJC was a prospective school. “I had a friend who was a freshman there, so I shadowed her for a day,” she says. “I’d had the image of college from the movies where it showed an auditorium with 200 students in a class. That scared me but then I came here and saw that it was like a community. President Manning was there greeting people, which impressed me. And when I decided to attend, it didn’t disappoint. It was a small community where I could grow, and I could tell people cared about me.”

Fast-forward 11 years later to her position at Spark Baltimore, located at Power Plant Live!. Spark is described as a collaborative co-working space, and its clients are entrepreneurs, creators, and innovators.

“We’re the next step after a company has graduated from an incubator, we’re about the growth,” Cherry says. “It’s expensive, you’re trying to build your brand, find a place—Spark focuses on the scalability of companies trying to grow. A lot of companies come to us—maybe just one person, maybe three or four, and they don’t know where they’re going to be in three years. One company started with one desk, now they’re in an office and soon moving to a suite because of growth. Spark is designed to fit the changing needs of the modern workforce.”

Cherry, who likens Spark’s space to the Google campus, says that her role is establishing and maintaining a community, both inside and outside the space. “If I can see that one company there can meet the needs of the other, I can introduce them. I know everyone in the space, so I can see what everyone’s doing. Externally, because I have worked in tech companies in Baltimore, I know the other players and can make the necessary connections there.”

She’s promoting community in yet another way as Vice President of Stevenson’s Alumni Board. “Someone ahead of me gave back to help me as a student, so that’s what I want to do now—contribute time and energy,” she explains. “And I like that Stevenson is the same as when I was there: it still has that community feel.”

There’s no question that Cherry’s appreciation of community will have lasting effects. “I’m trying to contribute back to VJC and to Baltimore,” she says. “And I’m having fun doing it.”
for the Hilton Baltimore as a Credit Manager and Danny works as a business teacher in the Baltimore County School System. He is currently enrolled at Goucher College and expects to receive a Master of Education degree in fall 2016. The couple became engaged at Christmas 2014 and are expecting their first child in June 2016.

Megan Rose married her high school sweetheart, Michael Safko, on April 11, 2015. Susan Youngren, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Biology at SU, caught the bouquet.

Morgan Threat has joined the Maryland Air National Guard as a Network Intelligence Analyst.

2014

Nina Brown received the RN OB certification in October and is now a certified obstetrical nurse teaching at Prince George’s Community College.

In Nov. 2015 Morgan Buckingham took on a new role as the Marketing Coordinator for Federal Realty Investment Trust. Her primary responsibility is promoting retail tenants and the property at The Avenue at White Marsh through social media and public events. Morgan writes that this has been an extremely rewarding experience.

Layla Thompson married Kyle Koch on Oct. 10, 2015 in a small ceremony surrounded by family and close friends. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. She works as a Digital Designer at University of Maryland Baltimore County and is studying for a Master of Fine Arts degree in Integrated Design at the University of Baltimore. Layla writes that her education and experience at Stevenson greatly prepared her for her current position.

2015

Jessica Barley is working at Brightview Senior Living in Towson. She completed an internship at Brightview while a student at SU. She is also a student and graduate assistant in the applied gerontology master’s program at Towson University. Jessica writes that she went through four interviews for the position and felt totally prepared because of her business communication courses at SU.

Kayleigh Guzek was selected to participate in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) 14th annual “So You Want to Be a Coach” program held in April in conjunction with the WBCA Convention in Indianapolis. The objectives of the program are to increase understanding of skills necessary to secure coaching positions in women’s basketball as well as increase awareness of competencies necessary for success in coaching. Kayleigh is working on a master’s degree in business and technology management with a focus on leadership and serves as a graduate assistant in SU’s sports information office.

Nicolette Stoner is working as the Foundation and Community Relations Coordinator for the Philadelphia Union, a Major League Soccer team.

Charlie Taylor is working at Employer Assurance Solutions in the Marriottsville, Md., office where he interned while a student. He is taking the life and health insurance exam to become an independent agent.

Kerri Wojciechowski is working in the Comprehensive Transplant Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she cares for patients who receive liver, kidney, pancreas, hand, and face transplants. She has been at Hopkins since 2012. In her spare time Kerri is a travel agent with Pixie Mouse Travel specializing in Disney destinations.

Nichole Young is working as a Laboratory Assistant in the DNA section of the Prince George’s County Crime Lab.

In Memoriam:

Michele Hutchins Bucolo ’08 on Feb. 28, 2016

Martha Stiles Poehler ’55 on Dec. 28, 2015

Philip Rudich ’11M on Nov. 22, 2014

Jane Quesenberry Sparhawk ’55 on Dec. 24, 2015

Jean “Jeannie” Vogel ’04 on Feb. 19, 2016

Joyce Anzmann Wino ’54 on March 30, 2016

Alumni and friends of Stevenson enjoyed the evening’s entertainment at the Bull & Oyster Roast on March 6. From the photo booth and inflatable tug of war contraption to the live music of Whiskey Train, a good time was had by all.
Stevenson University is pleased to welcome three new members to Stevenson Partners, our initiative recognizing companies who offer scholarships to our students. Our newest Stevenson Partners are:

- Legg Mason
- LifeBridge Health
- Noovis

We are also excited to report that several Stevenson Partners have renewed their membership in the program and will offer their scholarships again for the upcoming academic year. Renewing members are:

- BGE
- Brotman Financial Group, Inc.
- Capitol Office Solutions
- CohnReznick LLP
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- Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra, Chartered

We are grateful: New Stevenson Partners

Former students of professor Patricia McNally Ellis, Esq., gathered on April 5 to celebrate her recent retirement and to express their gratitude for her dedication and impact. The day of the event, Professor Ellis learned that through the generous donations of family, friends, and alumni, the Duncan-McNally Accounting Scholarship fund, which she co-founded in 2005 in memory of her father, is now fully endowed.

On May 10, the School of Education recognized David W. Nicholson, Professor of Education, with a signing party celebrating the publication of his *Philosophy of Education in Action: An Inquiry-Based Approach*. The textbook examines different philosophies of education, and each chapter features a vignette based on observations in actual classrooms by alumni and current education student-candidates in cooperation with several local schools.

For Nicholson, one of the most gratifying aspects of researching and writing the textbook was working with former and current students. In particular, Nicholson says that conversations with Kellsye Piper ’12 and Zac Stavish ’13 helped inspire the idea to author his own textbook. As the project began to take shape, Alix Weyforth ’13 and Allie Withrow ’13 offered feedback, and Rebecca Knolleisen ’14 provided extensive editing suggestions. Later in the process, Molly Malloy ’15 assisted in researching and verifying sources.

Other alumni were instrumental in contributing to the book’s development, Nicholson says. He and his students observed in the classroom of Tina Mikula ’11, teacher at Monarch Academy Charter School in Glen Burnie, who also shared instructional materials. Emma Oberlechner ’11, teacher at East Middle School in Carroll County Public Schools, provided a lesson plan. This information became the basis for vignettes featured in two chapters.

Current seniors also became involved. Megan Polis and Milvelis Vargas assisted in researching sources, verifying references, and compiling the index. In addition, Judy Hemler and Megan Polis along with a team of four students (Victoria Abrecht, Stephanie Miele, Brittany Somers, and Gina Weber) followed the inquiry model described in the textbook to conduct observations. They presented their results at the Paul D. Lack Scholars’ Showcase held at Stevenson University and the John Dewey Society’s Centennial conference in Washington, D.C.

During the signing party, Paul D. Lack, Ph.D., Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, commended the project as an example of experiential learning, collaboration among faculty, students, and alumni, and outreach with educators in the local community.

Pictured: First row (left to right) Megan Polis ’16; Brittany Somers ’16; Judy Hemler ’16; Tina Mikula ’11; David W. Nicholson, Professor of Education; Rebecca Knolleisen ’14; Zac Stavish ’13; Donald Buiano; Deborah Kraft, Dean of the School of Education. Second row (left to right): Bob Pelton, Professor of Education; Gina Weber ’16; Brooke Pazoles, Kellsye Piper ’12; Alix Weyforth ’13; Emma Oberlechner ’11; Victoria Abrecht ’16; Stephanie Miele ’16; Beth Kobett, Assistant Professor of Education.
The visual arts at Stevenson are vital to the University because they help inspire creative thought and promote an engaged campus community. This fall, Stevenson will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Greenspring campus Art Gallery—and the more than 175 exhibitions that have taken place at the University since then—by featuring works from our permanent collection. This exhibition will feature a variety of paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs that will be on view in multiple locations on campus throughout the academic year.

Fittingly, during this celebratory year, the University will present an expanded exhibition series with the addition of a new exhibition space in the Academic Center on the Owings Mills North campus, which will open for classes in August. The new exhibition space will join the School of Design Gallery on the Owings Mills North campus as well as the Art Gallery and St. Paul Companies Pavilion on the Greenspring campus to provide a diverse series of exhibitions and programs that enrich the cultural life at the University and enhance Stevenson’s academic curriculum.

For the latest information about all of Stevenson’s exhibitions and cultural programs, visit stevenson.edu/arts.
Stevenson University invites the community to its series of arts and cultural events, exhibitions, and performances.

The University’s gallery program celebrates its 20th year in 2016 and has grown to three art galleries featuring the work of regional and national artists. The galleries also showcase the talents of Stevenson students in visual design, photography, and fashion. In spring 2016, Stevenson dedicated its first sculpture garden—the Guarnieri Sculpture Garden—on its Greenspring campus.

Throughout the year, Stevenson’s Inscape Theatre hosts stage productions as well as concerts by the Greenspring Valley Orchestra. The University-sponsored Baltimore Speakers Series at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall brings new perspectives from around the world. Black-box productions and a Summer Serenades outdoor concert series all round out a year’s offerings.

Visit Stevenson soon and see for yourself why it is a home to all things cultural.

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