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Fall 2025 Associate Alumnae Class Notes

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Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt passed away on May 11, 2025, at the age of 104. We are grateful to Victoria, who is the benefactor of the annual AADC Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt Workplace and Professional Development Symposium. We celebrate the tenth annual symposium this year, which is hosted on campus with an incredible lineup of presenters.

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The Class will celebrate its 80th Milestone Reunion at Reunion 2026 on June 6.

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Barbara Gray Nicholson traveled from Nebraska to celebrate her 75th Reunion.

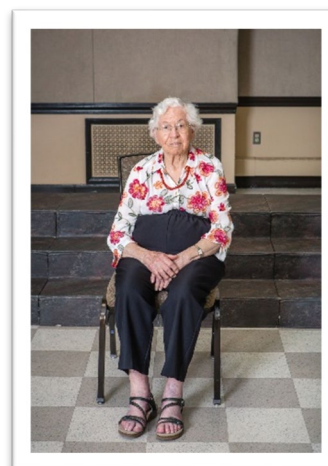
She made the two-day road trip thanks to help from her son and daughter-in-law. Barbara says she enjoyed connecting with alumnae and reminiscing throughout Reunion events and programs.

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The Class will celebrate its 75th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on June 6, 2026.

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The Associate Alumnae shares the passing of **Evangeline Caliandro** on April 23, 2025. According to her obituary she was called "Van" and "was known for dashing around campus on her bike, singing with the Weepies, and swimming with the Nereids. She first taught music and later became an English as a second language teacher at Bronx Community College, teaching students from all over the world and in Egypt in the 1960s. She loved Japan and visiting former students."



**Reunion Weekend 2025
Class of 1950
75th Reunion
June 6, 2025**

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Condolences to Lisa Fleischman, who recently shared the passing of her mother **Helen Mazzara Fleischman** on July 14, 2024. Helen met her late husband Jerome Fleischman RC '53 during college and they lived in Long Beach, where Helen had grown up. Helen went on to receive a master's degree in Librarian Science and Education from C.W. Post/Long Island University and was a school librarian in Long Beach for 22 years.

She is survived by her children, Lisa, Bobby (Barbara Mullally), and Nancy (David Silver), and grandchildren Jacob and Alexis Silver, and Jack Mullally, and caregiver Crystal Cortez.

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Jean Meredith Clum Wojtowicz passed away on April 9, 2025. Her extraordinary energy, keen intellect, unfailing generosity and love for life will be missed by all who knew her. Jean was born in Morristown, NJ, and graduated from Morristown High School. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Douglass College, where she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society. Jean received a Master of Arts degree from Newark State College in 1962. Jean's 60-year career focused on the diagnosis and development of remedial programs for adolescent learning disabilities. She made an impact in her work across a

private practice and in consultative work for educational institutions, which culminated in her 30-year leadership role at the Child Development Center at Morristown Medical Center.

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Hello, Classmates!
It had been so long since I had heard from anyone, I had just about given up when, to my delight, three of our classmates contacted me. So here's the good news!

Elizabeth Moffett Craven sent a joyful email with news of her and her husband Tuck's 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated the festive occasion with both close and extended family members. The Cravens have been happily retired in Florida for more than 20 years. Betty added that she is now 89 and Tuck, 93, ending her email with the spunky "Still here!"

I've had two delightful email conversations with **Marjorie Headley Steinberg** who is "keeping busy with Master Gardener events". A truly serious gardener, Marge grows many plants from seed under lights in the basement, from tomatoes to zinnias, and shares them with neighbors and two of her children who live within 48 minutes of her. Marge's

third child lives in Tucson, AZ in the winter and Seattle, WA in warmer weather, both locations too far for shared gardening time. Marge is happy living in the house where she's been for 40 years, but she is contemplating moving to a retirement community where she would have more social interaction.

I had a lovely phone conversation with **Inez Phillips Durham** who continues to represent our class loyally and elegantly at Douglass Alumnae events. Nezi was our sole representative at this spring's Vanguard Luncheon at Reunion. Her interests and activities embrace the wider community, as well. This summer she has been researching and preparing material for her church to include in Welcome Bags for new attendees. You may have already seen in the AADC's June 2025 newsletter that Nezi was honored this spring by the City of Plainfield (NJ) which named the tennis courts at the Milt Campbell Field in her honor. She has been a lifelong and championship tennis player, a community advocate for the sport, a volunteer, and a role model as a city leader. In our conversation Nezi recalled her excitement and pleasure with the tribute and proclamation she received from the mayor at the naming ceremony and reception. The same June 2025 newsletter noted that Nezi had previously

received the AADC Recognition Award and in 2010 had been inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence.

I will try to keep in mind my opening statement about almost giving up when the situation changed, and hearing from classmates brightened the day. So, I will remain hopeful that you will, in a spare moment, send me an email to share. Like Betty Craven, I, too, am "Still here!" and waiting for news.

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My roommate **Bobbi Myers Kramer** got right back to me when I sent my request for news for this column. She wrote, "I just received your message while sitting in a resort in Vermont waiting to attend my granddaughter Sarah's graduation tomorrow from Bennington College. All is well with us and hope you are all the same."

So good to hear from **Barbara Ware Stephans**, who wrote: "You've been doing a great job with the news. Thank You!" I love keeping classmates in touch but can only report what I receive from you, my classmates. Just keep those cards and letters coming!

Although **Susan Koszeghy Naef** wrote that she didn't have much to talk about, she sent a mixed bag of news. On behalf of the

class, I extend condolences. Here's what she wrote. "My dear husband, Charlie, a Rutgers PhD, professor at Colgate in Political Science, died in February, 2 weeks after his 94th birthday. I am adjusting every day to my widowhood. It is a lonely experience. Our newest great-granddaughter, Estelle, was born in April. Fortunately, they live in Syracuse, an hour by car, so I get to see her. Hoping that Rutgers will not be suffering from similar problems as Harvard! Best wishes to all my classmates and especially you who are staying in touch with us!"

Lynn Schwartz Cooper wrote the following: "I find it amazing that you are still urging us on to keep in touch through our class notes. Your enthusiasm is contagious- so here's my latest. My granddaughter graduated from New York Medical College on May 28, and she was the third generation to graduate from that institution! My husband, my son, and now my granddaughter all received their M.D. degrees from the same school. Needless to say, it was a day of great pride and emotion. And our granddaughter had four grandparents at her graduation. That alone is some sort of record!! Hope all is well with you. We're hanging in, still in our house, still enjoying life together. We're very fortunate!!!!

MaryAlice Bisbee reminded us that she has moved to Rochester, Vt, but her email remains the same.

I'm sure she would love to hear from you.

Judith Appel Werner thanked me for keeping what's left of our wonderful class of 1958 viable and connected. "I find that at this stage of my life, those parts that gave me identity, Douglass College for one, provide wonderful memories. I moved to Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, NJ in mid December and am quite content and involved in this marvelous community. It is managed and maintained with the highest of standards and ethics in all areas and the people and staff provide an atmosphere of friendship and pride in this vibrant place. Two college graduates in my family this past May, one from Lehigh, one from St. John's and third granddaughter is a rising junior at Elon who will be studying in London in September. My State Department son-in-law was appointed acting ambassador to Chad by President Biden at the end of 2024 and we are all proud to brag about him! I hope each of you remains engaged in whatever gives you pleasure and joy."

Lillian Hillman Swickle wrote that she has moved to a different senior community. Her new address is Laurel Circle, 100 Monroe St., Apt. 443, Bridgewater, NJ. Beside loving her new home, she has reconnected with fellow classmate **Martha Palmer**.

Edythe Stein Chontow sent a note saying that she

has lived in the same apartment for 54 years but has nothing new to add to this column at this time. Edy, it was good to hear from you!

My wonderful co-president, **Ellie vomEigen Winslow**, amazes me with her continuing enthusiasm for her work on the music scene at the senior community where she now resides. She writes: "As usual, participation in classical music events at Pennswood is keeping me busy. Our Chorale is on vacation until September, but a small group of us are working on repertoire for rehearsals to begin in September. We now have a number of experienced choral singers and the ideas that come in for a program are very varied. The Concerts Committee is also not presenting events in July and August, but we are busy checking with our favorite musicians to look at their programs for the 2025-26 season. A near-by chamber music group is offering three concerts in the month of July, which I'm interested in attending. I work on arranging a Pennswood bus trip, since I don't drive to Princeton or Philadelphia. Our Transportation Department requires at least six sign-ups to provide a bus, and that is crucial. I'm looking forward to the Philadelphia Orchestra season beginning in the Fall, since several programs and conductors are of special interest to me: people with whom I've sung

in my many years attending the Berkshire Choral Festival in Massachusetts."

Tam Martinides Gray just wanted classmates to know that her family is joining another season of preparing for a favorite endeavor ... encouraging getting out the vote! She goes on to say: "Types of Elections in 2025: State-level elections: This includes gubernatorial elections in New Jersey and Virginia, as well as state legislative elections in two states. There are also various other state executive official elections taking place across several states. Local-level elections: Numerous mayoral races and other local offices will be on the ballot in cities like New York and Boston. Special elections: Special elections will be held for vacant seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, where Republicans hold a slim majority." What Tam is saying is that your vote matters, so don't forget to get out and vote.

Jacqueline Horowitz Stapleton sent me this amazing letter from her home in Israel. "67 years. Wow. And this year we all are getting closer to the big 90. Personally, I'm in great health. I feel so blessed. I'm still able to remain very active. I recently returned to playing the piano and I love it. I have a wonderful teacher and together I'm returning to playing some wonderful music. I have a full exercise regime centered around water

aerobics. About 25 years ago I began oil painting. I studied for years in the Israel Museum of Jerusalem. But now I'm painting on my own. I recently finished painting pictures of my family. I even included my great grandchild Golan. I call it baby in a box. I still volunteer in the Israel Museum of Jerusalem several days a month. I've been volunteering there for 23 years. I'm active in Hadassah-Israel helping to raise funds for that fantastic hospital. My circle of friends is extensive and very supportive as is my wonderful family. We have a book club, a bible group, several groups where I live, Kibbutz Neve Ilan. Life is full and rewarding. And then there is our situation that keeps me on my toes: The attack on Israel by Hamas in Gaza October 7th, 2023 and the resulting war; the attack by Hisbala in Lebanon and that battle; and most recently our war with the nuclear capability of Iran. The result for me is that bombs, missiles, and rockets have been raining upon my country. And of course that means time in bomb shelters for me as well. Life is never boring. If it isn't one thing it's another, but I wouldn't trade my life for anything. I feel creative, challenged and fulfilled. My family is a constant joy and support. I'm looking forward to the future and what it holds for us all.

Yours truly, **Ellen Miller Samuel**, is happy to report

that all is well on the Jersey Shore. The most notable event in our lives was the June wedding of our granddaughter. This makes the second of our combined eight grandchildren to marry. We are very blessed.

We received word from her husband, Charles "Cholly" Steen, that **Marie Bryan Steen** passed away this past February 16th. Along with her husband she left her daughter Valerie and six grandchildren. Although always active with our class, she most recently served as Vice President of our class.

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With classmates **Lois Rabinowitz Steinberg** and **Anne Freiman Paszamant**, I attended the Vanguard Luncheon (honoring classes observing 50 or more years since their graduation) on Friday, June 6, in the Douglass College Center. Thanks to Lois, who made my time at the luncheon possible, as she picked me up at my home and gave me a ride.

The following is news from Lois: "I really enjoyed being with Flora and Anne at the Vanguard lunch over reunion weekend. Being on campus and meeting other alumni again is such a good experience. It's really hard to believe that it's been 65 years since we graduated.

As you know, I am writing to you from Spain.

Right now, we are in San Sebastian. But I actually arrived in Barcelona last week and got to the Picasso and Joan Miro Museums. That was really a good experience. I also walked my feet off. I'm traveling with a lovely group. This has been an amazing trip, fulfilling many long time wishes. We've seen so much. I expect that tomorrow will be especially wonderful because we're going to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. As you know, I've had so much illness the last couple of years that I've been unable to travel. I can't tell you how many trips I've had to cancel because of Covid, some form of illness, and four surgeries. But I'm pretty much healed, and I'm feeling really good. I'm so happy to be here.

I also had a wonderful time recently in Maine for a few days with my daughter and granddaughter. We ate our fill of oysters and lobster and explored Kennebunkport and Ogunquit. We just loved being together. If only there had been less strain and more sun!

In addition to that I also recently had dinner in New York with **Linda Pullman Fish** and **Lillian Zeisel Cohen**. It's so good to see old friends and to talk about our lives, our families, and what we do to keep



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Class of 1960 - 65th Reunion
June 6, 2025**

From left: Linda Walsh Cantwell, Adrienne Gostin Kivelson, Elizabeth Wake D'Aversa.

ourselves busy. And there is a lot of that. Happily, we are all thriving. Later in the summer I have plans to go to the Berkshires for a week. I'll be with several of my friends from my Florida home and have tickets for concerts, plays and the Shakespeare theater. I'm very much looking forward to that."

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We celebrated our 65th Milestone Reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025 in June. Three classmates made it to the Vanguard Luncheon on

Friday and are in the official Class photo.

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After her husband Bill Higginson died in 2008, **Penny Harter** moved down to Mays Landing, NJ, to be near her daughter and family who live nearby in Egg Harbor Township. At first she continued doing school poetry residencies for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, but as time has gone by, she now works on her writing and publishing, and enjoys family time. You can visit her website

pennyharterpoet.com, as well as find her publishing biography and various poetry books on Amazon.

Nancy Punchatz Hines visited her sister, **Linda Cole '65** in Amherst, MA, on the way to her son's new home in Vermont where they went to the U. of Vermont for her grandchild's graduation.

Nancy, **Isabel Drzewiecki**, and I, **Susan Marchand**, enjoyed seeing each other at the AADC Benefactors Luncheon in the spring at the Douglass Student Center.

Marlene Varga Carlson and daughter spent time together in South Carolina. Marlene has been involved with BASIC at Rutgers, which supports a food bank downstairs at the RU Student Center. She is

looking forward to a family gathering at Cape Cod.

I had a nice talk with **Roberta Friesinger Carney**. Bobby is still in Asheville, NC, but her community was devastated in Hurricane Helene. She stayed with her son in Baton Rouge, LA, for 6-8 weeks. Adam is a psychiatric nurse practitioner; his wife is a lawyer. When his sister Robin needed a bone marrow transplant because of leukemia, Adam volunteered. She lived 20 more years and died in March 2023. Bobby relocated to Givens continuing care retirement community, still in Asheville, where she takes Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) courses. Her deck overlooks a pond with a snapping turtle. She has had two open heart surgeries and notes that she "survived with aplomb."

News of classmates Peggy and Dot was relayed by Bobby. **Peggy Freer Hayward** and husband Stan have moved into a continuing care retirement community near Medford, OR.

Dorothy Spurgeon Coviello comes to Asheville occasionally, but a recent plan to meet didn't come to fruition. Dot's daughter Andrea is a medical doctor in North Carolina and her son Will lives in New Orleans.

As for me, **Susan Marchand**, I'm still very busy, as usual. Theater has always been important for me. I usher at the New

Brunswick Performing Arts Center for professional theaters George Street Playhouse and Crossroads, and the American Repertory Ballet and Mason Gross events. I also volunteer in the Donor Lounge at the State Theater. I see lots of wonderful work at both and also get to Broadway when I can. The latest was Audra McDonald in "Gypsy," wonderful, no words can describe it. The whole cast was great.

In the summer I volunteer a few hours a week at a farm on Cook campus, which donated the land, where I package shares for the CSA (community supported agriculture) run by the Reform Church of Highland Park which is active as a government agency for resettling immigrants. The farm also supplies the Global Grace Cafe at the Church which serves lunch daily, at a fair price, and free to those unable to pay, providing employment for immigrants as well.

My love of travel has not abated. I always think of my Mom who said "Do it while you can because there will come a time when you can't". My last two trips, with Overseas Adventure Travel, were to Tunisia and Vietnam. Both were active, fun, and packed with interesting experiences. Both our fellow travelers and the many people we visited in their homes, for discussions, and to learn how they lived, were amazing. Controversial

topics are always discussed. We met for lunch with some Vietnam vets, from both sides, and learned a lot about reconciliation, and John McCain's work towards it. We exercised in public parks with local people-at 6 am. It was all wonderful.

During the school year I participate in a Seminar (for the last 25 years!) at the Institute for Research on Women, at Douglass.

Our condolences to **Happy Plews Ingeman** and family. We learned that her husband Peter died on July 3, 2025. You can read about them in a news article written at his retirement, at this address: valdostadailytimes.com/2012/08/27/a-man-for-all-seasons/

Please start thinking about (coming to) our 65th Reunion to be held in June. Lastly, will someone who's reading this please step up to becoming Class Secretary? Kindly volunteer! Please reach out to me or call the AADC office. And send in your news!

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Linda Stamato writes: "I am still at Rutgers, a senior policy fellow at the New Jersey State Policy Lab at the Bloustein School, and doing my thing, researching, writing, advising here and there and trying to prepare for what I really expect will be my final year. Meanwhile

I stay in touch with Patti Wright Scheu, Ginger Murray Lennon and Sandie Rappaport Bauman, as well as Joan Burnham (still in Texas), Bernice Proctor Venable, and a few others. Still active on my local library foundation and completing my contributions to my 'archives,' such as they are...

I'm in Basking Ridge now and have run into at least three Douglass graduates, all later than our year, who have no connection to the Associate Alumnae but have had consequential careers, never attended reunions, but have no hesitation in indicating their belief in the quality of the education they received. Always a treat to hear! And, of course, I agree."

Donna Cohen Scher writes: "I have relocated to Surprise Arizona full time. My husband and I lived the life of "snowbirds" between NJ and AZ after retirement from public education. We were fortunate to have been tutors at Rutgers in Athletic Academic Support for over 25 years before leaving New Jersey. We live in an adult community where I volunteer with the Architectural Review Committee to ensure our nearly 10 000 homes remain consistent with the Sonoran Desert!

Our four grandchildren have a Ph.D., close to a PhD, working on a post BA RN degree or working for a non-profit animal sanctuary. If anyone visits

the Phoenix area, contact me for a reunion!"

Judi Fوسفeld
Thomas Cacioppo writes: "My husband and I live in Delaware now, in a wonderful active adult community called Champions Club.

I have two books on Amazon – "Wisdom's Game," and "The Wisdom Keys" – the latter of which is in the process of becoming an audio book which will be published on Apple, Amazon, and Audible when finished. It's very exciting to hear your own words read aloud by a professional narrator! I've completed a long stretch as a featured writer for a national magazine, and featured contributor for the online PR firm Jennings Wire. And I still offer counseling in my specialty, psychic astrologer. My website is www.wisdompath.com."

Betsy Sack Brody writes: "In 2024-25 I've had major orthopedic problems requiring hospitalization, rehab and 2 hip surgeries. Now I'm suffering from a major DVT (blood clot) in one leg. However, I've also had the joy of celebrating both my 85th birthday and my 63rd wedding anniversary...so I can truly attest to the rule that "one must take the bad with the good." I am so lucky to have a loving husband who has been taking excellent care of me as I heal. Wishing all our classmates health in the coming year."

Bernice Proctor Venable writes: "Back in

May 2024, I was tapped along with several researchers and educators to write an online history booklet for grade four children in Leon County, FL, commemorating the 2024 Tallahassee Bicentennial Celebration. As a fifth-generation descendant of Antonio Proctor (aka Propinos), indeed, I was honored to be a part of the project.

Antonio was an interpreter, arbiter, and Indian agent for both the Spanish and the Florida territories, from the close of the 1700s into the 1800s. I assisted with writing specifically about those early days of Florida under the rule of two nations, along with others, including the distinguished Professor Jane Landers of Vanderbilt University, an internationally renowned historian on Slave Societies. The booklet is slated to launch this fall."

Jennifer Smith Walker writes: "I am writing from Naples, FL, where I've been living year round since 2017, having sold a summer home in 2012 in the Berkshires. I haven't lived in New Jersey since Douglass graduation, getting my master's in African studies and political science from UCLA, then a career in public relations in Manhattan, retiring in 2000 as a senior managing director of the international PR agency.

I have spent the past 25 years as a community

volunteer, chairing or presiding over several nonprofit organizations, including the local community foundation. My latest volunteer activity is chairing a justice committee of my local Naples church and working with colleagues to mount major community forums. My husband of 54 years died in 2019 from Parkinson's Disease; I have two daughters (both now residing in Florida) and two grandchildren in their 20s.

The one Douglass classmate I have stayed in touch with is my roommate, **Martha Medoff Lieblich**, who was my matron of honor, and is a close friend all these years. She is also widowed, and we have begun to travel together, Europe, Australia-New Zealand and have a few more trips booked.

I have two local Douglass friends I met at a reunion here, both graduated in the 70s and both major supporters of Associate Alumnae: **Kathy Whitehead Ludwig '75** and **Sandy Parker '75**. And I remember **Linda Stamato '62** very well, who returned to campus (our junior year?) married. Glad to hear she is still contributing her talents."

Mary Anne Morriale Janish writes: "We moved from New Jersey to Houston in 1970, when Richard was transferred from New York with Shell Oil. Like most, if not all our classmates, we have been retired for some 20 years in Houston, TX. Prior to retirement, we had a business that provided

incentives to corporate accounts. Our two children and four grandchildren live within 30 minutes and we have been blessed to be a part of their lives as they grew to be wonderful young adults. We have traveled a lot over the years and have enjoyed tours and cruises. We are active at the local YMCA where I swim and my husband Richard R '62 plays pickleball. In past years, we have participated in the Texas Senior games. At 85, we still live in our home enjoying family and friends."

Wilma Srob Odell writes: "I'm grateful that what's happening in my life is being a volunteer and a traveler. I'm a friend to two couples who were children when they survived the Rwandan Holocaust. Their American born children call me Bubbie and I see them as my grandchildren, in addition to my five biological ones - the oldest being 18. In addition, I'm sort of a grandmother to a 19-year-old orphan from Congo who's a poster child for why we should welcome refugees and immigrants. He's close to earning a welding certificate and already has a good paying job.

Given my love of travel, I have three foreign trips and a trip to NYC planned before Thanksgiving. I've been living in Salt Lake City since 1971. My husband died unexpectedly in 1998. My two sons and their families live in northern California. I earned an

M.Ed. from the University of Utah. I wish I had completed an MSW, as Dr. H. Bredemeier, Chair of the Sociology Dept suggested."

Pam Morrison
Maniquis Whitham writes: "Our Southern California RU group is about to have a summer party and also planning a trip to the Neil Diamond play.

My husband, Bob (Second Bob - divorced from the first Bob) and I just got back from an 18-day trip and now back home in Malibu. Bob can't do long plane trips anymore, so we break up the trip by going to NYC for two days and then on an AMA Waterways trip to Bilbao and San Sebastián and then to Bordeaux, where we had seven days sailing in the region. There was a couple from Rutgers on our trip! Small world. Then we went to Paris and back to NYC and then home. Still haven't gotten everything unpacked. In NYC we were in the middle of the No Kings Day protest. It was amazing. We saw Sarah Snook in Dorian Gray and loved it! Wow. On the way home, we saw Chicago and that always is joyous!

I'm mostly retired from real estate after 40 some years. I still have a partner at Sotheby's and lots of former clients. After the fires in January there are so many people displaced, everything is gone, not enough insurance to rebuild and it's very hard to navigate the rebuild process. Do they want to try to rebuild or do they want to

sell their lot? Big decisions. I'm happy I can be there to help them. Our fire insurance is not being renewed on our rental house so I have to deal with that issue on my own. It's a pretty big nightmare since most of the insurance companies don't want to insure in the fire areas.

We have four kids, 8 grandkids and a couple of great grandkids. Most live around here except for daughter Kami who moved her family from Ojai to Tennessee. She visits about every nine weeks. The other kids are in the area and we see them when they have time. Ethan and Sasha just moved from Venice to our guest house in the last few months and that is really special. They got a generator hooked up for us since here, on Pt. Dume, there are frequent power outages and promise to be more. Maybe one day they'll put all the power lines underground. Going back to New York it was great to see how they are working on all the utilities on busy streets and then our municipality can't get it together here where it wouldn't be nearly that complex. Hello to all. What good times we had. What an eye opener Douglass was for me coming from my little Oregon high school. And I went to a diner, and had a bagel, and, and, and."

Clarice Stasz writes: "I spend my days writing books, playing in musical groups, and participating in political activism. My latest

book is *The Slanderley Curse: Nuns and Mayhem in Cornwall*. Learn about this and my other activities at www.claricestasz.com. There also learn about my wonderful late husband, Michael Orton, who died of melanoma four years ago. My daughter from the late Carl Stoll is the history librarian at Caltrans in Sacramento. I mentor an artistic girl who brings me up-to-date on everything possible online. I live in an amazing California town, Petaluma, once chicken-capital of the world, and welcome visitors."

As for me, **NJ Scheers**, after a few moves, my husband and I settled in Alexandria, VA, and we've been here for 46 years. I worked for the Federal Government most of my career as a statistician and manager. I'm most proud of my published research on the effect of soft bedding on infant suffocations, with the final research leading to a ban on crib bumpers. Since I retired, I joined two other statisticians to form a consulting company, BDS Data Analytics, and we've been consulting together for over 10 years.

My husband is recovering from several operations and has trouble walking, so I bought a mobility van – it makes going places so much easier. Our son is a rheumatologist at Maimonides hospital in Brooklyn and our daughter is a graphic designer with the army in Charlottesville. I

envy those of you who have your adult children nearby.

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Class President **Susan Goldfine**, who is co-chair of the Associate Alumnae New York City Regional Connection Group, and our Secretary **Helen Blumenthal** welcome updates from classmates. Please send news.

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I love getting a correction – it means our column is being read! **Enid Futterman** pointed out to me that while “Yours, Anne” [*Je Anne* in Dutch] toured the Netherlands she did not tour with it. She just traveled to Amsterdam for the last three performances, in Amsterdam. “Yours, Anne” is a musical adaptation by Enid of Anne Frank’s diaries. Enid also shares credit with a co-founder for the hyperlocal citizen news network IMBY (In my Back Yard) which serves 32 communities in the upper Hudson River area.

While our own 60th class anniversary was last year, several of us got together to cheer on the latest Vanguard, Class of ‘75. **Susan Kinsley Darien, Roberta Shulman Kanarick, Reina Silverman Lightdale, Annmarie**

Previte Sabb, Sandra Brauer Udasco and I enjoyed a delightful lunch with over 200 in Neilson while the honorees from all over the US introduced themselves. Hearing the diversity of majors and accomplishments was impressive. The next day I attended a memorial service for a long-time friend from the Princeton (NJ) Ski and Sail Club. **Sandra Johnson** saw me and in surprise asked “what are you doing here?” (She associated me with New York.) It turned out we are both long time club members but had never run into each other at activities because I skied and she sailed. I asked what else she has been up to. She’s been doing some writing and had plays produced and read locally.

Reina Silverman Lightdale has always wondered what happened to classmate **Ross Gellens Siegel** who hasn’t been heard from since around our 10th reunion. She did some internet sleuthing and discovered it appears Ross passed away in September, 2022 in Venice, FL.

Like many classmates, after graduation **Roberta Storr Kent** began her post-college career teaching Spanish. After marriage she moved to Illinois and substitute taught until her first child, a son arrived followed next by a daughter. Eight years later, when Roberta decided to go back to work, she got into banking and found her knowledge of Spanish

essential as she worked with the bank’s new Mexican clients. After five years she took classes and became certified as a banking auditor, work she continued with until retirement at 65. Then Roberta and her husband settled back to enjoy life with the grandchildren. She points out her youngest is just finishing high school. Now her activities focus on church, singing and the church’s Women’s group.

Although not yet old enough to be a mom, **Lee Rothbart Bergoffen** described the progress being made by her adopted giraffe, Lillieanna. Lee’s interest in giraffes was sparked by her first trip to Africa. She’s followed up by serving on the Board of the local zoo, Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park (where Lillieanne lives), as well as getting back to Botswana and Uganda to see giraffes in their own habitat. Lee also stays active with other community activities.

Mary Ann Fishbough Stangil emailed to let me know how satisfied she is in her new, independent living apartment. She likens it to a permanent vacation at a posh resort. She especially appreciated not having to clear snow from her car or the parking area last winter. While she will still be practicing, Mary Ann is considering giving up her teaching of qigong and tai chi. But she is busy. She continues with her tap dancing and is getting her exercises in at the facility’s

rec center. She is also playing mahjongg three times a week and helping other residents with their genealogy. If you’ve ever toured Savannah, GA, you may have run into **George Anne Neal Inglis**. She told me at 80 she decided to retire from her job in Savannah where she conducted walking tours of the city and some of the classic homes. Since then she has enjoyed some of her own travel. Summers on Tybee Island can be very warm so last year she visited Alaska and, unfortunately, the summer temperature turned out to be in the 70’s!. George Anne moved south in 1975 and has happily stayed there.

Other news from down south comes from **Susan Rosenstein Kebart**. She is retired as a computer programmer/systems analyst and now lives along the shore in South Carolina. Harking back to her major in art education she now spends a lot of her time painting and drawing. On a personal basis Susan has two sons and a daughter. In May a great grandson joined the family and Susan is excitedly looking forward to seeing him later this month. He lives outside Albany NY. She also let us know her husband of 60 years passed away this past January.

Bobbie Feinberg Nehman called to let me know **Gail Bergoffen Neldon** passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. Gail was a retired health benefits/financial

services consultant and project manager as well as a former high school French/English teacher. In Hawley, PA she served on the JFHF (Jewish Fellowship Hemlock Farms) board for 12 years in various roles and enjoyed organizing international and local day trips for up to 40 JFHF members.

Another class loss is **Helen Rondo Hanson** who passed away in February, 2023. After Douglass, Helen got her MA in Music Education from the University of Minneapolis where she met her husband. Throughout her life she was passionate about music and as a piano teacher and singer imparted this passion to her three children.

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Our 60th Reunion is in the bag! Our class was well represented by a faithful few at the Vanguard Luncheon on Friday. Please see our Class photo of those who attended: **Karen Hoffman Bryson, Elyse Territo Connery, Marilyn Marolda Steiner, Irene Etkin Goldman, Eileen Choborda and Ron Miller, Eileen Poiani, Carolyn Balas, Carol Starkman Still, Sally Lord Stillwell, Susan Heuman, Mary Lea Borghi and Ray Luther, Judy Shapiro, Nancy Spence Morrow and Helen Lee Hunter Potter.**

Our Class was recognized at Reunion for our giving total to the Associate Alumnae since our last milestone Reunion. As a show of appreciation for the years of faithful and generous service to the Class of '65, we also made a collective donation in individual gifts to honor our great leader, **Marilyn Marolda Steiner.**

I thought I would include the information that I have regarding Marilyn's service to our class, to the Associate Alumnae and to Douglass. It most likely does not include everything, as Marilyn has been very involved in the Douglass community since our graduation and many of these activities are on-going.

To begin, Marilyn was a Class Officer for over 40 years as Class Historian, Vice President and finally Class President for 20 years, which included heading our 50th Reunion. She has also funded various activities in support of our Class of 1965 including dinners and class gatherings. This year, she covered the cost for all classmates to attend the Vanguard Luncheon at Reunion 2025.

Marilyn was instrumental in establishing the Class of 1965 Scholarship in 2000 and established the Marolda-Steiner Endowed Scholarship to fund student participation in Public Leadership Education



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From left to right, Front row: Eileen Choborda Miller, Karen Hoffman Bryson, Marilyn Marolda Steiner, Carolyn Balas Schwartz, Mary Borghi Luther, Judy E. Shapiro.

Second row: Carol Starkman Still, Irene Etkin Goldman, Susan Heuman, Nancy Spence Morrow.

Third row: Sarah Lord Stillwell, Elyse Territo Connery, Eileen Poiani, Helen Lee Potter.

Network - PLEN - program in Washington, DC. In 2024, she funded the endowment of the Susan Spence'65 / Emma Horton Fellowship. Throughout the years, she has contributed generously to many other scholarships and initiatives.

Marilyn's physical post-graduation participation at Douglass included participating in the former New Student Move-In Day and the Study Break Meet and Greet during exam reading days. She has served on the AADC Board of Directors, including two terms as Treasurer; and on

the AADC Investment and AADC By-laws committees.

Marilyn's loyalty and devotion has been recognized by the Associate Alumnae. She received the 2010 Alumnae Recognition Award, recognizing her exceptional and sustained service. She also received the Margaret T. Corwin Award, the highest award for service and commitment to Associate Alumnae through continued interest and active support of its mission.

After receiving her master's degree, Marilyn carried on an illustrious career in the New Jersey

Administrative Office of the courts, dealing with mediation and arbitration and in 1984 she was Director of Personnel Services.

She is married to her wonderful, supportive and equally generous husband, Barry. And maybe some of you know that she has served as lifelong legal guardian of her disabled cousin, Jimmy, whom she visits regularly.

The Class of 1965 is proud to recognize and to thank Marilyn for her lifelong dedication to Douglass and to our class.

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So many of us turned 80 this year. Hopefully, in good health and with nice memories of that milestone. Hope to see many of you at our milestone 60th Class Reunion next June.

Trudy Feidelseit

Burdman wrote to us from Athens, Greece after a lovely cruise around the Greek Islands. This 80th birthday trip was a gift from her three children. It was adults only. They got to leave their kids at home! The six adults traveling together were: Trudy; daughter Tara and husband, Brett, from MA; son Matt from CA; and son Michael and wife, Hester, from TX. Mike, Hester and Trudy continued on to Paris for 4

nights. Trudy said, "Great fun being with them all."

Frances Weingarten Lobman traveled to Bala Cynwyd, PA for an early celebration of her 80th. Her son, Jeff, daughter-in-law Rachel and grandkids Joey and Rebecca went to a Sunday Matinee of *Wicked* on Broadway and ate dinner in the theater district. Joey is doing a business-related college internship in San Diego and staying with me until the end of July.

Carol Indursky Cohen writes that she is keeping herself busy. She is on recall as an Administrative Law Judge and is currently handling settlement conferences in Special Education matters. She also volunteering in proceedings involving Human Trafficking, is chairperson of the Anti-Trafficking Committee of National Council of Jewish Women-Essex Section and on the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Carol is also involved in the Social Action Committee of her temple and sings in the choir.

Carol's family continues to grow. She now has 7 grandchildren. Her oldest is 25 and was just sworn in to the New York Bar, the next in line just graduated from USC and will begin a doctorate program in Chicago in psychology. Their younger sister is at Northwestern. Carol's younger set of grandchildren live in California, so she has earned a lot of United miles.

She will be out there in June to celebrate her youngest granddaughter's second birthday. Speaking of birthdays, Carol got the whole group together in Miami in February to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Marsha Edelman

Malberg wrote, "As our Class Co-President with **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman**, it is always a pleasure writing these notes." Marsha and her family are well. She is looking forward to the first week in August, When they will all be together at a home they rent in Stone Harbor at the Jersey Shore.

On May 6, Marsha met **Wilma Harris, Dottie Stein Krugman** and **Eileen Stukane** for lunch at Cheesecake factory In the Short Hills Mall. Before lunch, Eileen and Marsha met to talk about our 60th Reunion. Eileen, Class Vice-President and Reunion Chair, has fabulous plans for Reunion activities and programs. Marsha writes that you will be hearing from Eileen soon with a request for your suggestions and asks that you watch for Eileen's email. If you wish, you can contact Eileen now by emailing her at esp@puchkoff.com

Marsha looks forward to being together and celebrating our 60th Douglass Reunion in June of 2026. Watch for details and updates!

In our last newsletter, thanks to information from **Evelyn Junge**, we had

reported that **Carol Tecla Christ** had retired from her position as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley. She has recently been elected as a Charter Trustee of the Rutgers Board of Trustees. Her term runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2030.

Meri Mendelsohn

Murphy wrote that she has one daughter, a daughter-in-law and a 4 1/2- year-old granddaughter all living in Brooklyn. Her big news is that she's been living in New Zealand since 2018 - in Cromwell on the South Island. Meri wrote, "I moved to NZ for reasons consistent with my Douglass self: romance. While indulging my post-retirement wanderlust, I met a man on a bus going from Latvia to Estonia. He happened to be from NZ. Currently much leisure time is spent on a bicycle, including cycle touring around NZ on our electric tandem."

Meri was a clinical psychologist for 40 years and loved her last job most: ten years as a psychologist in a men's prison in Spokane, WA. Upon retiring, Meri sold her house and traveled around the world until moving to NZ. Fortunately, reports Meri, "my health is excellent and I admit to being obsessed with 'brain health'- doing everything in my power to ward off dementia. The older I get the more I appreciate my four years at Douglass, which reinforced that women can do anything."

Barbara Whitman was captain of the Douglass tennis team in 1966 and is still teaching tennis. She has received awards for directing her community tennis program, which was rated the number 1 tennis program in the middle states by the USA a few years ago years ago. In addition, she is a tennis official for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. Barbara received her doctorate in 2002 in Educational Theory and Policy from Rutgers. She served as President of the Rutgers Graduate School of Education Alumni Association for 4 years and currently remains on the Board. Barbara spends winters in Siesta Key

Muriel Hoch Slevin sends greetings from Santa Barbara, CA, where she and her husband Bill have lived and retired since Valentine's Day 2001. After 40 years as a software engineer, she is enjoying great weather, fun friends, camping and travel with Bill, as well as their 3 daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren spread across the country and world. Walking, exercise, bridge and Mahjong take up the remaining hours of the day as well as a good nap now and then. Muriel says hello to all classmates, 62-66. She fondly remembers her years at Douglass, especially the lovely springtime campus.

We are sad to report the passing of **Sherry Dale Bauer Ziegenbalg** in Greensboro, NC, on

December 19, 2024. After graduating from Douglass, she earned a master's at Montclair State and a doctorate at Rutgers. Math Education was her field of study.

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I'm hoping that this issue of our class notes finds those reading it doing well. Hopefully you had a pleasant summer no matter what you were doing or where you might have been passing your time!

I'll start with sad news of the passing of another of our classmates, my beloved roommate **Margaret Smith Smith** on April 26, 2025. (And, yes, Peggy did marry another Smith!). After graduating from Douglass, Peggy earned a master's degree in teaching and counseling from The College of New Jersey. For a period of time, she served as a counselor in the NJ Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. She then held a leadership position in the NJ Dept. of Education's Office of Teacher Certification for 30 years. In retirement, she found joy in crafting custom jewelry. Peggy is survived by her loving husband Bill, her son Mark (Ann Marie), daughter Kristin Chelin and three grandchildren. I had the privilege of presenting a eulogy at her memorial service in honor of our 62-year friendship.

Here's a message from our class

president, **Elaine Auerbach**: "Our Zoom book group is going very well. Our meetings provide an opportunity to keep in touch with friends and to participate in thought-provoking discussions. We are re-kindling friendships made at Douglass and getting to know classmates we may not have known during our college years. Our spring discussion focused on a recent Pulitzer Prize winner, *James* by Percival Everett." Elaine shares memories of her "beyond awesome" trip to Antarctica. "I had expected to see white icebergs and blue sky and seas but was surprised to see other beautiful colors in the reflections on the ice and buttery sunsets at midnight. Each month, the United States Palmer Research Center picks one expedition ship to host at the facility. Our ship won the lottery! We had a chance to learn about research being conducted in Antarctica, including projects by scientists from Rutgers. Throughout our expedition, we saw plenty of wildlife (whales, seals, penguins, birds) and walked in the footsteps of early explorers. I had bet my cousin that I would not take the Polar Plunge in water barely above freezing. I lost the bet; this was a wonderfully 'invigorating' experience!"



Ruth Henn Krosin '67, far left, connected in Florida, with from left, Rutgers alumni Charles (Chuck) Gaspari, Former Rutgers President Jonathan Holoway, Rutgers Business School Professor and Dean Lei Lei and alum Kasia Marczyk.

Elaine urges fellow alumnae to consider attending the diverse programs offered by the Associate Alumnae. Of special note is the 10th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace & Professional Development Symposium to be held in September. A major event for our class will be our 60th Reunion, scheduled to take place in 2027! Please let Elaine or Nancy know if you change your email address between now and the fall of 2026 so that we will be able to reach out to our entire class once we start making plans for the gathering!

Jill Kamp Aaronson offered an opportunity to classmates to join a *Power of the Zip* "club". This group offers the opportunity to study and discuss communication ideas and relationship repair strategies. If you're interested, contact Jill at: askjill9772@gmail.com

Every spring **Jane Schwanwede Cowan** and her husband Archie take a road trip. This year's drive covered 2300 miles and took them to the Gulf Coast and Orlando, Florida as well as to Biloxi, Ocean Springs and Bay St. Louis, Miss. Among sights and food savored were a great aquarium, local art, wonderful Cajun food and temps in the 70s. The temp topped out in Orlando in the high 90s, so Jane and Archie headed to air-conditioned sites. They especially enjoyed the incredible Orlando Science Center and swimming in a lovely swimming pool.

Barbara Poti Crooker shares news of her spring trip to Eastern Europe: Berlin, Warsaw, Krakov. Budapest, Vienna and Prague. During the trip, she also toured Auschwitz. She was impressed to learn that every school-age child in Poland is required to visit one of the camps. What an awareness of history/tragedy such an experience must foster.

News from **Diane Alberti Gallo**: "Can you believe that we are 80 years old (or soon will be)! Where have the years gone? So much in life has changed, but what friendships, forged over these many years, I continue to cherish! As mentioned earlier by Elaine, a group of our classmates has formed an online book club. We've met twice and are planning another meeting during the summer. In addition to these

gatherings, I look forward to getting together with **Jo Potuto** as we theater hop in NYC and with **Nancy Schumann** for brunches. Travel is always high on my list of activities. We will be off to Spain in late June. In celebration of our 80th birthdays, my husband and I have rented a villa in Ronda where we will gather with our children, their spouses and our grandchild. We also plan to visit nearby Sevilla, Marbella and Cordoba. Let's hope my high school Spanish will come through! On the docket for the Gallos for next year is a return to Paris and a cruise down the Seine, where I'm so looking forward to seeing Monet's Garden in Giverny. I hope you all enjoyed the summer!"

Diane Gerofsky is serving for her 29th year as Surrogate Judge of Mercer County. She has been elected to this post six times, beginning with the election of 1996. She is proud of the fact that she has been the highest vote getter for each five-year term of office. She plans to run for her seventh term at the age of 80 in 2026. As judge of this Court, Diane performs probate and administrative duties and also serves as Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court for adoptions and appointments of guardians for incapacitated persons. Lastly, she is custodian of 14 million dollars in minors' funds. She loves what she does and is not ready to retire!

Sharon Matlofsky Karmazin lists the following among her more recent "credits": *Gypsy*, starring Audra McDonald; *A Beautiful Noise*, *Neil Diamond Musical* on National Tour and *Evita*, showing at the Palladium in London!

Ruth Henn Krosin noted that she's always happy to meet with alums while at home in the Washington, DC, area or in Boca Raton, FL, in the winter. She attended an event hosted by Rutgers in Florida (see photo).

Rita Signorelli Pappas retired from ETS in Princeton, NJ, in December and moved to Greensboro, NC, to be near both of her children. Her third poetry collection was published by Serving House Books in January, and she is working on a fourth collection. Since relocating, Rita has enjoyed visiting with **Jane Kiernan Cobb**, who lives in Durham, NC.

While I continue to count my blessings, I've grown tired of being housebound, recuperating from right hip replacement surgery in February. My recovery road has been bumpier than expected. Throughout these months I've been looking forward to a mini-reunion in Boston with our classmates **Eleanor Rand Giovanielli** (and husband Damon), **Ellen Fischer** and **Maryann Langen**. We were to spend three days together before El and Damon attended their grandson Colby's

graduation from Dartmouth. Unfortunately, another health issue prevented me from attending, but I was there in "the gang" spirit.

This was a big disappointment for me AND for another of our classmates, **Kathy Bloom**. Though the two of us did not meet while we were at Douglass, we have enjoyed a long-distance friendship since I first chatted with Kathy via phone during an Associate Alumnae-sponsored outreach effort during the pandemic. Since connecting, we've enjoyed many conversations and much laughter. We were excited about finally meeting during my Boston stay, but it was not to be! Que sera, sera!....or not!

As I reached the mid-point of 2025, I was relieved to step down from a leadership position at my church. Serving as Clerk of Session in a Presbyterian Church is a big responsibility, with a lot of paperwork. Having reached my self-assigned "retirement" deadline for this job at age 80, I was relieved to pass the responsibility on to another volunteer!

Before my surgery I took a course sponsored by the local Presbytery (ruling body of the Pres. Church) focused on writing a sermon. Given that I love to write and am comfortable speaking in public, I decided this would provide me with a new opportunity to serve my church. Our pastor took a summer sabbatical during which we had to seek pulpit supply. Fortunately, three of

us (all retired teachers) stepped forward to preach four sermons during his absence.

In closing, I wish you all well. I look forward to hearing from you again in November when I prepare to write the next issue of our class notes!

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Pat Seymour Kraft

writes, "Just bought a motor home so we can see some of our country and spice up our life for a while. We went to Hershey Park and became "kids" again for a week and bought too much chocolate in their candy museum. Then off to DC twice for seeing all the monuments and a second time for museum-hopping and a visit to the Capitol Building and Library of Congress. The biggest adventure was our two-week trip to Wisconsin to visit Larry's home state. Three days out and back. Planning future trips to Niagara Falls and Acadia National Park for next year. Otherwise, we spend time 'down at the shore' at our summer place near Avalon and Sea Isle City."

As for me, **Terre Williams Martin**, I made a pilgrimage to Andretta, Italy,

to find my father's birthplace. It was an emotional and wonderful experience. I managed to bring home a small piece from the building! I'm still playing tennis and golf and planning to visit daughters in Texas and South Carolina. I am now a writer for my local newspaper, and I have become an avid follower of Korean dramas on Netflix."

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Eleven class members attended the Vanguard Luncheon at Reunion to celebrate our 55th Reunion. We also posed for our Class Photo included in this issue. It was great to see everyone and catch up. It doesn't seem that long ago that we graduated! Seven of us attended the afternoon session "Trivia Time." Our class made up most of the attendees and we spent most of the time reminiscing about our Douglass years, sharing stories.

My news is that in March my sister Jill Prusko and I went on a Viking River Cruise on the Danube, from Passau, Germany to Budapest, Hungary. We toured five countries and were impressed by the level of service Viking provides. It was amazing.

Sadly, I share the news that **Amy Mogland** died on March 18, 2025. Amy graduated from Freehold Regional High School and



Alice Herman '70 share a photo and writes, "The weather was perfect for a fun day together at Monmouth Beach. Nothing beats the Jersey Shore! After all these years, the 'Douglass Difference' still shines through." From left to right: Ferris Olin, Harriet Farber Klein, Rosalyn Shapiro Nussman, Caryn Newman, Alice Herman, Maureen Strazdon, Helen Latshaw Hannan.

received a BA in History from Douglass. She joined the Urban Education Corps, earning an MA in Education while teaching in Newark. After that, she taught for 38 years in Hillsborough Township. In 1997, she was Somerset County Teacher

of the Year. Our sympathy goes out to her sisters Beth Schurgin and Lisa Gunn, as well as to the rest of her family.



AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025 Class of 1970 55th Reunion - June 6, 2025

From left to right, Front row: Ferris Olin, Marygrace Petrozzello Allenchey, Cornelia Ursillo Calderone, Roseann Rubino Sharo.

Back row: Janet Kapsol Cashion, Helen Latshaw Hannan (middle), Linda P. Clark, Sheila Kelly Hampton, Gae Pisciotta Chilla, Kathryn Mills Roettger.

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We celebrate our 55th Reunion next year, so save the date for Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Martha Boughner, our Class President, performed at the Annual Village Green Sousa/Broadway Band Concert at the St. James Episcopal Church in Upper Montclair NJ in July.

Karen Gustavsen, our Class Vice President, will be conducting the Fall Meeting for the Montana Women's Clubs during the last weekend of September.

Kay Turner's new band "Kay Turn Her and the Pages" performed in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at Douglass Library in March as part of the Institute for Research on Women's (IRW) day-long conference "Knowing Otherwise." Kay also presented as part of the IRW Distinguished Lecture Series in April. Her talk with Dr. Ann Cvetkovich was titled "The Witch Work: Altars, Archives, and Affects."

Gwen Steiding Cerasoli retired from reading specialist work at Perth Amboy Public Schools in 2009 and got involved with piano teaching and food pantry work. With Hubby Carmen RC '68, Gwen enjoys their three grandchildren, all in central Jersey. Gwen teaches piano and her students have

ranged in age from three to 90.

Barbara L. Tischler published her fourth book in December of 2024, "Don't Call Us Girls: Women's Protest, Activism, and Actions in the Vietnam War." The book examines the emergence of Second Wave Feminism from an international perspective. It is published by Pen and Sword Books in the United Kingdom and is available on Amazon.

Prudence Zalewski wrote: "To say the least, I'm keeping busy in California. For the last two years I have served on the President's Committee on AI Services and Technology Innovation for Cal State University, Fresno. We are deciding on the best methods for integrating AI into all university functions – from teaching to management. I am also working at the State level with the Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association of the California State University system. Our committee is charged with analyzing California health care legislation from Sacramento and reporting back to our members. One last thing – I'm getting ready to leave my home of 33 years and move to the central California coast. It will never take the place of the Jersey Shore, but there is a big ocean here too. Good wishes to everyone in the great Class of 1971. See you at the next reunion!"

Connie Araps was among a large group from New Brunswick Senior High

School that went to Douglass in 1967. She announced sadly that her roommate, **Janice Brooks**, passed away this past year.

Jo-Ellyn M. Ryall MD has been retired since 2023 and enjoys travel, volunteering and keeping busy with water aerobics, gardening, duplicate bridge, reading, and visiting her 2 brothers and their families. In November she will take a cruise from Sydney, Australia to Auckland, New Zealand. Her class at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine celebrated their 50th reunion in April 2025.

Judy Wizmur is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, married for 52 years, and has two children and five grandchildren. She was recently interviewed for the National Bankruptcy Archives housed at the University of Pennsylvania.

Pinna Joseph is chanting and is teaching chanting. She is retired from bookstore work and enjoys spending time with friends and working very part time. It works fine for her!

Helen Zeidler Magida wrote: "50+ years ago, I had two items on my bucket list. Number #1 A job with Ralph Nader, the consumer crusader and Number #2 Visit my grandmother's Belarussian family. During a summer before graduation, I joined **Patricia Roberts '73** in Washington, D.C. where we booked a room in a "Ladies only" boarding house, with a view of Ralph Nader's apartment. Today

you would call that stalking, but we both had a crush on the elusive, handsome, consumer rights crusader. Patricia became a writer, and eventually returned to the USA after 15 years in Katmandu, Nepal. My journey was a great deal less glamorous, working as a secretary for one of Nader's research groups and eventually marriage and three daughters. Many decades later, a relative from Belarus sent an invitational visa and I visited my grandmother's extended family in 2002 and 2019. At last those two long ago years in the Russian House practicing Russian at meals and among roommates paid off. I'd like to end with a question to all alumnae, what were your bucket list items when you were in college and now?"

Linda Lupro wrote: "With my Douglass BA in American Studies and Rutgers MLS, I worked in public libraries for forty years in Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas (30 years mostly in the Houston area), and Maryland before moving back to my home state of Pennsylvania in 2015, a couple of years into retirement. After several years in gated resort-style community here, I moved into an independent living cottage in 2022 and truly appreciate this lifestyle every day. I have been deeply involved in Lions Clubs International since 2005, serving as District Governor twice and PA statewide Diabetes

Awareness Coordinator for several years. I'm looking forward to attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Atlantic City this September. The DuBois Area Historical Association and DuBois Area Food Pantry are two other regular volunteer activities -- as well as, of course, Friends of the DuBois Public Library. Travel has been a pleasure -- whether far-flung such as escaping Pennsylvania winter by visiting my sister in southern California, two widely different trips to Italy, a cruise around the British Isles, and most recently 10 days in Egypt; or less distant such as two in 2024 - a bus trip to the Maine Lobster Festival in August and reconnecting in September with Texas friends now located in Signal Mountain, Tennessee."

Aliss Terrell is a visual artist based in Paris, France. She writes, "I've been working on a documentary about forest protection and climate justice that started as a personal story and keeps gaining momentum, including with the two-minute film, *Saving Mr. Charlie's Trees*." In a recent interview, Aliss said she was involved in conservation through a non-profit that has volunteers who met in school and scouting help plant tree seedlings. Previously, Aliss said she had been involved with her kids in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in the US.

As for me, **Mary Zimmerman Chyb**, I was elected Vice President for Development on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term from July 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Being retired and living at the Jersey Shore is the best! My latest estate sale find is a Celestron telescope, so I can see the ocean and the beach up close.

Please send me Class Notes whenever you would like. Wishing everyone a great summer!

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We had a wonderful time at our 50th reunion at the 2025 Vanguard class. About 50 (coincidentally) of us attended. Lots of

activities in the two-day event which included the Vanguard Classes reunion (and our class induction into the Vanguard Fifty Society) on Friday and an all-classes reunion on Saturday. In addition, we had a special Class of 1975 dinner at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick on Friday night. Below are the updates submitted to me during the reunion. They are listed alphabetical by graduation last name.

Anyone can provide an update for the class notes at any time using my email address and I will submit it for the next issue of Class Notes. Also, if you did not receive some or all of the reunion information via email, please send me your current email address so we may update.

Shirley Atchison

Liakos reports that she has been happily married to her husband, Peter, for 47 years. They are residents of Florida, living in beautiful Naples, and have a summer place in Maine on the beach. Shirley is currently involved in a start-up company, continues to exercise daily, enjoys playing mahjong, spending time with friends and family, and traveling as much as possible.

Shirley is a co-founder and advisor of a company for wellness and lifestyle products. Shirley just started learning QuickBooks for use in her company. She is so glad she is no longer working at a full-time job and very happy to be able to

make her own schedule and just do what makes her happy. She is thrilled to be living in Naples, FL--it feels like a vacation every day!

Shirley is still enjoying a variety of daily fitness classes. She just completed ballroom dancing lessons, learning the fox trot and salsa. She is planning to take a trip to Greece and Turkey in September and October along with five other couples.

Jeanne Fox reports that

she is very busy but happy and healthy. Jeanne and Steve DeMicco have been married for 45 years and feel blessed. They both have big families and enjoy time together with them. Jeanne and Steve love to travel, especially in Europe, mostly for history and art. Jeanne is still active with the Associate Alumnae--currently Treasurer--and is a Rutgers Public Trustee and active on committees. Jeanne has been on the Women's Political Caucus Board for 45 years. Jeanne and Steve also are very active with New Brunswick's 100+ year old The State Theatre. Jeanne has been an Adjunct Professor at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs for eleven years, concentrating primarily on the Climate Crisis from both an academic as well as political perspective.

Jeanne says you wouldn't believe she is now trying to ratchet down her activities! but she is still enjoying life. She says she just started (finally!)



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025
Class of 1975 - 50th Vanguard Reunion – Friday, June 6, 2025**

From left, Front row: Michelle P. Kraus, Meryl Stoller Orlando, Jenny Ng Wong, Jeanne M. Fox, Ellen Shopowich Horowitz, Donna Lee Iozia Jones, Diana Agosta Allen, Linda M. Parry.

Second row: Shirley Atchison Liakos, Barbara Malinowski Lowry, Kathleen D. Kathi Love, Deborah Harrison Epting, Regina Hall Torian, Barbara Knudson, Rosalind Marshall Thompson, Rise Davis Schlesinger, Sherri Smith-Richardson, Margaret A. Gillis, Katherine E. Milan, Joyce M. Luiken, Patricia LaDuca.

Third row: Louise Gorham Neblett, Elizaeth Ford Schultz, Karen Crennan, Joanne Visioli Iwicki, Beverly Stackhouse-Ellis, Beth Martin Novak, Carol Duckenfield Harvey, Linda J. Wolosz, Deborah Skerchak Duffield, Lynda Kennedy Feder, Debra Massaro Gebbia, Virginia (Lynne) Sumner Dunbar.

Fourth row: Jeannée P. Sacken, Marjorie A. Kraus, Sheila Sims Miller, Lynn C. Feist, Sharon Wells Marra, Cintia Calin Johnson, Joan Pettit Mason.

Fifth row: Elizabeth Ortlepp Taylor, Catherine L. Lysy, Patricia M. Reed, Suzanne Banks-Russell, Mary Smith Breckley, Karen K. Ishmael.

throwing out many, many papers and files from her career and non-profit activities. Jeanne is so glad she is no longer moving up

the career and non-profit chain. She is thrilled to be enjoying life to its fullest. Jeanne is incredibly happy now with her whole life – her

husband, family, and friends, and also music, theater, and travel. Jeanne notes that she was happy to have been the owner of her

cat Karma, who she raised from a day old, but who passed after 17 years right after our 50th class 1975 reunion. Karma leaves

behind many wonderful memories and photographs.

Donna Lee (Iozia)

Jones reports that she is retired as of March 1, 2025, after 20 years at the U.S. EPA, as Senior Technical Advisor to the Metals Sector, and team leader for developing air pollution regulations for the steel manufacturing sector. Her last five years at the EPA were her busiest, so she was very happy to accept the first offer of the U.S. government's deferred resignation program. She is completing a 48-year career in the environmental engineering and science field working in consulting, research, facility operations, and government regulations, achieving an M.S. and Ph.D. along the way. Her daughter, now 30, was also scientifically achieved using in vitro fertilization (IVF), which seemed fitting with her scientific background. Donna is looking forward to the next phase of her life, whatever that turns out to be. She is enjoying life living on a small lake in North Carolina and experiencing all the cultural, civic, and educational activities that the Chapel Hill and Research Triangle Park areas have to offer, as well as the natural areas of North Carolina's beaches and mountains.

Diane Kiesel, who was managing editor of Caellian (Douglass College newspaper) when we were in school, went on to be a journalist, attorney, judge, and award-winning author.

Diane retired after 25 years as a criminal judge on the New York Supreme Court. While on the court, she continued her career as a writer of non-fiction that began as a journalist in Washington D.C., where she covered Congress and the Supreme Court for several California newspapers. Diane is also a frequent legal contributor to CNN and MSNBC. Diane recently released her third book, *When Charlie Met Joan: The Tragedy of the Chaplin Trials and the Failings of American Law* (University of Michigan Press, 2025). She also is the author of the award-winning biography, *She Can Bring Us Home: Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee: Civil Rights Pioneer* (University of Nebraska Press, 2015), and two editions of a textbook, *Domestic Violence: Law, Policy and Practice* (Carolina Academic Press, 2007 & 2017), that is used in law school classrooms around the country. Learn more online <https://www.dianekiesel.com/about>.

Majorie Kraus

Rothermund reports that her life is wonderful now. She is retired from being a family therapist. Majorie is greatly enjoying her two grandsons Declan, 8, and Finley, 4, and their many adventures. She reports that she lives in the delightful town of Media, PA, outside of Philadelphia. She attends local classes for seniors and walks daily, reads, writes, and has many driving

adventures. She has just started enjoying jigsaw puzzles. She was thrilled to have gone on her dream trip to Ireland last October and was looking forward to taking her family to Woodloch in the Poconos after the Douglass reunion.

Elizabeth Martin

Novak reports that she is retired and enjoying volunteering, reading, movies, gardening, walking, family activities, and going to the NJ shore and Maine.

Elizabeth Ortlepp

Taylor reports that she is happily retired.

Jeannee Sacken, who was the Douglass College Government Association president our senior year, is an author and photo-journalist. Jeannee' retired as an English professor at Rochester Institute of Technology. Jeannee' is the award-winning author of three books in the "Annie Hawkins" series: *Behind the Lens* (Ten16 Press, 2021), *Double Exposure* (TEN16 Press, 2022), *Rule of Thirds* (TEN16 Press, 2023). Her books regal the experiences of fictional character Annie Hawkins, a seasoned American photojournalist. In *Behind the Lens*, Annie returns to Afghanistan in 2015 after having suffered through a previous traumatizing Taliban ambush. Annie then returns to Afghanistan two additional times in *Double Exposure* and *Rule of Thirds*. For her photography (and pleasure), Jeannee' travels the world

documenting the lives of women and children. She also photographs wildlife and is deeply committed to the conservation of endangered species. Jeannee' has travelled to over fifty countries with many re-visits to her favorite places. We will be lucky to see some of her photographs and hear about her photo-journalism in a session Saturday afternoon at our 2025 reunion. When not traveling, Jeannee' lives with her husband and three cats in Shorewood, Wisconsin. See more about Jeannee at <https://www.jeanneesacke.com/home/>

Deborah Sherchak

Duffield reports that she is happily retired having survived cancer and the loss of her husband. In her retirement time, she is moderating a book club, ushering at Ocean County's Grunin Center, spending time with family and friends and travelling to the islands, overseas, and NYC. Her days are spent enjoying her friends, going to the beach, walking, and dancing. Every day she is glad she is no longer working and can wake up to a sunrise, see a sunset, and enjoy the ocean waves. Deborah just completed a sea glass art class. She is content and happy with her life and looks forward to being alive for our 55th class reunion!

Beverly Stackhouse

Ellis says her life is perfect now and she is glad she is no longer getting up at 6:30 a.m. She just started to

learn upholstery and is spackling walls, hanging cabinets, and being a carpenter's "assistant". But she still finds time to crochet and is planning to get back to travelling. She has discovered "Libby" (library app) for audio books that she enjoys while driving, doing housework, shopping, and many of her other activities. Surprisingly, what she enjoys now most is little babies (who would have thought!).

Meryl (Stoller) Orlando reports that she is about to experience a huge change and new chapter in her life as she retires the end of June 2025. Meryl had been teaching for over 40 years, the last 21 years at her local high school. She had been teaching child development, foods and nutrition, and fashion classes along with running a preschool program in the high school. After a lifetime of teaching, she guesses she will likely end up finding another teaching opportunity and continue to serve others, travel, participate in hobbies, and be with friends and family. But she will be very glad to no longer be worrying so much about what others think. She is always thrilled when she is with her grandchildren and very happy being with friends and family.

Sharon Wells Marra is retired and enjoying her four grandchildren and traveling.

Linda Wolosz reports that she is happily retired.

Sandy Riggins shares, "I traveled to over 48

countries and lived and taught in Berlin and Bad Kreuznach, Germany, and in Seoul, Korea. I was in Berlin when the wall fell on November 9, 1989. The Hartford Courant wrote about me during the tenth anniversary."

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Planning has already begun for our Vanguard 50th Class Reunion at Reunion in June 2026! Stay tuned for outreach from our class!

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We used to say "hot off the presses!" but now we say "as seen on social media." With that in mind, I've compiled a lot of news from the Class of '78. Please be aware that we have our own Facebook group, aptly named Douglass College Class of 1978. Just answer the welcome questions (correctly) and you're in!

I had the fortunate pleasure of seeing **Kristin Long** at Reunion in June. She caught me up on her latest career reinvention as Director of Marketing,

Development & Communications with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA). Hearing her talk about her new role and the passion driving her forward was inspiring. They are lucky to have her as she shares her expertise and mentors the young'uns. Congratulations, Kristin!

In May, **Rochelle**

Saperstein Ohring wrote: Back from a wonderful Viking cruise that started in Athens and ended in Venice, with Greek islands Santorini and Corfu, Montenegro, Croatia and Slovenia in between. Pictures do not do justice in the beauty of this part of the world! Rochelle is an active participant of the Rutgers University Alumni Wind Symphony. They had a recent performance in May at the Nicholas Music Center on the Douglass campus.

Many Broadway plays and restaurants have been frequented by Rochelle, quite often with **Irene Boczar Stewart**. They both enjoyed Audra McDonald in "Gypsy!" which was a great Douglass Alumnae event in NYC. Sincere condolences to Rochelle, husband Avi and the Ohring family on the passing of Rochelle's father-in-law, Milton Ohring at age 86 on March 2.

Irene Boczar Stewart is enjoying retirement to the max: Concerts, plays on Broadway and local theatre, dining with friends, family, sorority sisters and former co-workers. Congratulations on the beautiful wedding in

Oahu, Hawaii for her daughter Maeve and Erik Webster on 2/22/25. A trip to Poland at the end of April including visiting maternal family, and even a former NJ friend who returned to her homeland.

Sincere condolences to **Elena Anastasiou Rossi** and family on the loss of her parents. Family patriarch Michael passed away at age 101 on December 31, 2024. Her mother Despina passed away on February 6, 2025, at age 93. They were married for 71 years. Elena also honors her parents by serving in a leadership role on the Cyprus Children's Fund Board of Directors. Although I only met them as a college freshman, I'll cherish the (40+ years of) memories of great food, fun get-togethers and their words of wisdom.

To complete the circle of life, Elena and husband Louis RC '81, '84 became grandparents to Michael Robert Rossi Beck, born June 15. Congratulations to daughter Catherine and husband Jeff and Michael's big brother Joseph!

In May, our intrepid Class President **Elena Anastasiou Rossi** was one of five awarded the 2025 Women of Achievement award at the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs 131st Annual Convention. The award, co-sponsored by the NJSFWC and Douglass Residential College, recognizes women who have gained visibility in NJ for their distinguished

service and outstanding accomplishments. Elena has been our Class President for four decades, Chair of AADC Reunion Weekend since 2012 and is Board President of the New Jersey Folk Festival. Some past recipients include Millicent Fenwick, Mary Higgins Clark and our own **Jeanne M. Fox '75**.

The New Jersey Folk Festival Elena reports will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in August. Elena has worked with Dr. Angus Gillespie and the Folk Festival for over 20 years.

In June, at Reunion 2025 Convocation, Elena received the AADC Margaret T. Corwin Award. This is the highest award for service. She then put on her apron and shared her love of cooking and her heritage in the "Taste of the Mediterranean Cooking Demonstration" (back by popular demand)! Not to be outshone by her mother, congratulations go to daughter **Gabrielle Rossi '14**, SPAA '23 on receiving the League of American Bicyclists' Youth Empowerment Award at this year's Bike Summit in March. Before she became Seton Hall's Professor Rossi, Gabrielle founded and is the Executive Director of Girls in Gear, whose mission is "to ensure that every girl grows into her biggest, boldest, and brightest self - on and off her bike!" Visit their website,

girlsingear.org to learn more about this innovative, growing organization.

Between awards ceremonies, Elena and Gabrielle enjoyed a mother/daughter trip to Paris in late May, enjoying sightseeing, shopping, dining and yes, a cooking class!

Please share your life happenings with an email or letter to me, or a more real-time post on our FB group page!

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Sharon Gant Yorlano was honored in May by the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs and Douglass Residential College, where she received a 2025 NJ Women of Achievement Award.

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The Class of 1980 celebrated its 45th Reunion at the 2025 Reunion Weekend in June.

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We celebrate our 45th Reunion at Reunion 2026 in June.

Bertha Lee Aiken was elected Vice President of Alumnae Relations on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term from July 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Valerie Anderson, former AADC Executive Director shares, "I was inducted into the Plainfield High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. This honor was bestowed for my community and career accomplishments."

'82

Maria Vitale Loos



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025
Class of 1980 45th Reunion
Saturday, June 7, 2025**

From left to right, Front row: Patty Gardner Parsons, Valene Skerpac, Joan Confrancisco Skinner.

Second row: Carol Schmidt, Stephanie Rubin Silvanage, Ann Marie Przyborowski Gorman, Mary Lanni Reid.



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025
Class of 1985 40th Reunion
Saturday, June 7, 2025**

From left to right, Front row: Helene Glazier Molter, Juliette Crawford-Irie.

Second row: Eileen Johnson Laszlo, Maria C. Pyrros, Kathleen Kimbrough Collins, Maria Psilos-Gianitsos, Valerie Smith Stephens.

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A group of classmates
returned to campus to
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at Reunion on Saturday,
June 6, 2026.

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We will celebrate our 40th
Reunion at Reunion 2026
on June 6, 2026.

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Here's a great throwback
photo (see photo) posted by
Denise Gamble, looking
back at her great friends
and Douglass with
roommates, who all happen
to be Class of 1988 Class



From the Class of 1988:
Denise Gamble, Karin
Cohen and Cheryl Figlin
Brenner.

Officers.

In May, **Barbara Horl**
'85 and I, **Marianne**
Ficarra, our dear friend and
my classmate **Adrienne**
Schwartz '88 got together
(see photo), who was
visiting her son in Cape



Pictured from left,
Adrienne Schwartz '88,
Barbara Horl '85, and
Marianne Ficarra '88.

May. Adrienne now lives in

Austin, TX, and is writing
articles online at Substack
and *The Medium*, while
launching her copywriting
business. It was through
Douglass and the AADC
that so many Bunting
students were introduced
and went on to develop
treasured lifelong
friendships.

As for me, my husband
Bob and I are so proud of
our sons, Glenn and Chris,
and granddaughter Ella.
Glenn, who continues to
direct and executive
produce the Hulu series
Paradise, was excited to
learn not only of the series'
renewal for next season
(already shot and in editing
and post production), but
that the series has received
several Emmy nominations.
And Chris, who is digital
marketing head for Netflix,
was celebrating Netflix's
numerous Emmy
nominations for series,
movies and documentaries.

Chris has another big
reason to celebrate as he
celebrates the first
anniversary of his marriage
to Nicole Sardone, our
daughter-in-law, and my
former research associate.
They just returned from their
very delayed, yet wonderful,
12-day honeymoon, exactly
one year after their June
2024 marriage.

We are so happy to report
that our granddaughter Ella
in California is busy being
immersed in her new
position as a MedTech at a
Los Angeles hospital's ER
department, while taking
courses toward a nursing or
physician assistant degree.

We welcomed a new
puppy last October, who
turned one year old in
March 2025. Sophie is a
ShiTzu mix, a 13-pound ball
of constant energy, that was
abandoned on the streets of
Texas at three-months old,
and then brought up to New
Jersey's Husky House
shelter in Matawan. Sophie
is the smallest and youngest
of any of the six dogs we've
adopted over our married
life, and sure to keep us
actively and lovingly
engaged for years to come.

'89

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Judy Meyenhofer Musa,
currently the Vice President
for Marketing &
Communications on the
AADC Board, was elected to
a two-year term from July
2025 to June 30, 2027.

Debra Krohn LeClair
shares, "I am happy to
share that PortalStar
Publishing released my
debut novel this spring, *The*
Common Hours. It is a
mystical time-travel tale
about family and love.
Writing this book allowed
me to explore what it would
mean to live and breathe
next to my Irish ancestors
as they tangled with
the Tudors for
their independence. I'm also
happy to say,
the protagonist is a feminist.
Since its publication, I've
been on a regional book
tour around New England,
including fundraisers for the
local arts and a spiritual



AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025
Class of 1990
35th Reunion - Saturday, June 7, 2025

From left, Front row: Caprice R. Jenerson, Michele Medrala Buckley, Victoria Sonshine Pasher, Hillary Chrisco.

Second row: Lara Drewes, Joan Henderson Collier, Eva-Maria Harthaus.

retreat center. My website is www.debraanneleclair.com."

'90

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Hi, '90 Classmates! There was no stopping the Class of 1990 from attending our fabulous 35th Reunion! It didn't matter that our attendance was small but mighty, that raindrops occasionally brought out the umbrellas, and an unusual fire drill brought us away from the delicious luncheon for a few moments! It didn't hinder us from the amazing fun, festivity, and sisterhood. We were still living it up, with smiling faces, regardless! There was much

conversation, learning, and eating and refreshments throughout the day, with so many moments to reminisce and share with each other. Instead of congregating under outdoor tents from reunions past, we gathered in the morning at the Douglass College Center, and then our class was situated near the very front of the procession as we whisked ourselves, class by class, to the Voorhees Chapel, a parade of wonderful women. Inside, it was exactly how you remembered it as a student, and just as moving. The cornerstone of Voorhees says "1925," and here we were, 100 years later! There were plenty of other

Reunion activities at during the day that helped reiterate the accomplishments of so many alumnae from various years. I'd like to thank all our class officers for your dedication and such a successful day. I'd also like to thank the AADC staff for all their hard work. And thank you to everyone who attended! Please send news about yourself, anytime. Our Douglass friendships are here and will always last. Let's plan now for our 40th Reunion!

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Come celebrate at our 35th Reunion on Saturday, June 6, 2026!

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2025

Class of 1995

30th Reunion -

Saturday, June 7, 2025

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Come celebrate our 30th milestone reunion at Associate Alumnae Reunion on Saturday, June 6, 2026!

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AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2025

Class of 2000

25th Reunion - Saturday, June 7, 2025

From left, Front row: Rachel Stewart, Evangelia "Lena" Repousis, Heather Hope Stephens Kuruvilla.

Second row: Elizabeth Reifman Dunkelman, Christina Vassiliou Harvey, Samantha Maltzman Schepps.

I enjoyed reconnecting with classmates while planning for our 25th year Reunion in June at Reunion Weekend 2025, including Lena Repousis, Mary Ellen Sarno, Rachel Stewart, and Jennifer Kelly, as well as **Heather Hope Stephens Kuruvilla '02**. (She Heather's new in the Class of 2002 notes. She recently joined the Admissions Office at Widener University Delaware Law School.

I, **Christina Vassiliou Harvey**, was recently awarded the Pro Bono Attorney Award by the New Jersey Supreme Court for

my work on a pro bono matter that helped a pro se woman obtain an Order from the New Jersey Supreme Court to reinstate a medical malpractice claim based upon the wrongful death of her daughter. In addition, I received the Professional Attorney of the Year award jointly presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law and the New Jersey Association for Justice.

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We will celebrate our 25th Reunion in June next year!

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Heather Hope Stephens

Kuruvilla has joined the Admissions Office at Widener University Delaware Law School as their Admissions Counselor. In addition, she is continuing her teaching work with the Department of Arts Administration at the University of Kentucky where she is an Adjunct Assistant Professor. She recently completed a discussion guide with a colleague for an award-winning documentary *Pardon Me*, available for free online, aiding important conversations around criminal justice reform and transformative justice.

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We celebrated our 30th Reunion in June at Reunion Weekend.

Amanda Hugelmeyer received an AADC Alumnae Recognition Award at the ceremony at Reunion. Among her involvement, Amanda served as Chair of

the first-ever AADC Women's Conference in 2023, is a longtime Reunion volunteer and spearheaded creation of the AADC Smart Talks.

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Please send news to share with classmates.

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Sharae Allen is figuring out how to be a preschooler mom while loving her husband and working on her next book series. She's exploring her next hobby--junk journaling and collecting stickers.

As for me, I am working at The Juilliard School where I was promoted to Associate Vice President for Community and Culture. I am still dancing, and enjoying her time in Jersey City with my husband.

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Come celebrate our 15th milestone reunion at Reunion 2026 in June!

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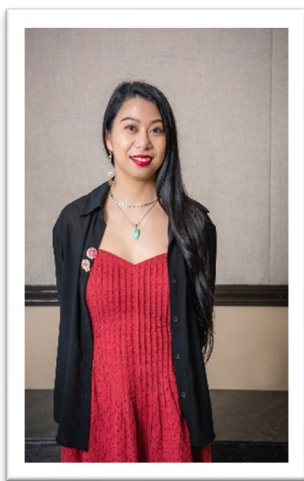
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Jessica Bagtas was elected as Secretary on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term thru June 2027.

Kaila Boulware-Sykes recently welcomed her third child, Faith, with her husband with whom she runs the New Brunswick, NJ, non-profit Hidden Gems Literary Emporium.

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**AADC Alumnae
Reunion Weekend 2025
Class of 2015
25th Reunion -
Saturday, June 7, 2025**

Jessica Bagtas

Come celebrate our 10th milestone reunion at Reunion 2026 in June!

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Come celebrate our 5th milestone reunion at Reunion on June 6, 2026.

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Catherine Sackey received the Young Alumna Mabel Award at Reunion 2025 during the AADC Awards Ceremony at Convocation in Voorhees Chapel.

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Send updates to Class Officers **Cassandra "Cassie" Vega** president; **Gabrielle Moore**, vice president; and **Virginia Uyehara**, fund agent.

Cassie Vega was elected as a member of the Associate Alumnae Board of Directors for a two year term thru June 2027.

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Congratulations to **Jean D'Amore '09**, pictured, who received an AADC Alumnae Recognition Award at Reunion Weekend. Jeanne is chair of the Bunting Connections affinity network for Douglass grads of the Mary I. Bunting Program. She has been helping connect Bunting alumnae for some two decades.

Following the ceremony, several Bunting grads, **Dori Miller '17** and myself, sat with and celebrated Jeanne at a fun, champagne jazz brunch, with Jean's sister and son, and former Douglass College Dean of Scholarships Margery Munson.

I'm happy to report that several Bunting alumnae friends visited with me and Bob in southwest Florida, while we were there earlier this year including **Marion Klakis '82** from South Carolina, **Regina Thomas Benjamin '82** and husband David from Kinnelon, NJ, and **Barbara Horl '85** with husband John from Spring Lake, NJ. Regina and Dave had been visiting Siesta Key, FL, which coincided with our Florida stay.

Adrienne Schwartz '88 now lives in Austin, TX, and is writing articles online at Substack and *The Medium*,

while launching her copywriting business.

It was through Douglass and the AADC that so many Bunting students were introduced to each other and went on to develop treasured lifelong friendships.

My husband Bob and I are so proud of our sons, Glenn and Chris, and granddaughter Ella who have each garnered great accomplishments this year. Glenn, who continues to direct and executive produce the Hulu series *Paradise*, was excited to learn not only of the series' renewal for next season (already shot and in editing and post production), but that the series has received several Emmy nominations.

And Chris, who is digital marketing head for Netflix, was celebrating Netflix's numerous Emmy nominations for series, movies and documentaries.

Chris has another big reason to celebrate as he marks his first wedding first anniversary with Nicole Sardone, our daughter-in-law, and my former research associate. They just returned from their delayed, yet wonderful honeymoon, exactly one year later.

We are so happy to report that our granddaughter Ella in California is busy being immersed in her new position as a MedTech at a Los Angeles hospital's ER department, while taking

courses toward a nursing or physician assistant degree. We are so proud of her for following her calling to this life saving and caretaking field.

Finally, we welcomed a new puppy last October, who turned one year old in March 2025. Sophie is a Shih Tzu mix, a 13-pound ball of constant energy, that was abandoned on the streets of Texas at three-months old and then brought up to New Jersey's Husky House shelter in Matawan. Sophie is the smallest and youngest of any of the six dogs we've adopted over our married

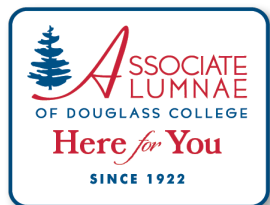


Adrienne Schwartz '88, Barbara Horl '85, and Marianne Ficarra '88 got together in Cape May recently, when Adrienne was in New Jersey visiting her son.

life, and sure to keep us actively and lovingly engaged with her for many years to come.

Mission:

The AADC is an independent 501 (c)(3) organization. The AADC develops and promotes connections among Douglass alumnae by providing programs, services, networks and life-long learning opportunities that represent the interests and needs of our diverse alumnae. The AADC provides prudent stewardship of the Douglass Fund and other endowed funds held by the AADC for the benefit of Douglass; distributions from these funds contribute financial support to Douglass and her students.



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2025 Society of Excellence Induction Ceremony

Each year, we recognize alumnae who have brought honor to the Associate Alumnae by their distinctive achievements in professional and community endeavors and their service to the AADC, including alumnae involvement and financial support.

Come celebrate and pay tribute to this year's honorees at the upcoming AADC Society of Excellence Induction Ceremony & Luncheon hosted on campus at Neilson Dining Hall Rectangular Room on Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Please visit online registration at www.douglassalumnae.org for more information.

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www.douglassalumnae.org/upcoming-events/

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Tenth Anniversary Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace & Professional Development Symposium
at the Douglass Student Center

Monday, October 6, 2025

Virtual Reunion Planning 2025 Meeting via Zoom

Friday, October 10, 2025

Young Alumnae Network Hosts Annual YAN-O-Ween
at the Alumnae Center

Sunday, October 26, 2025

AADC NJ Regional Connection Group George Street Playhouse Outing
"An Old Fashioned Family Murder"

Saturday, November 1, 2025

AADC Fall Alumnae Council

Followed by

AADC Society of Excellence Induction Ceremony and Luncheon
both at Neilson Dining Hall Rectangular Room

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