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Spring 2026 Associate Alumnae Class Notes

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

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The AADC shares the death of Adriana Ricci O'Toole, who served as longtime

Class Secretary, on March 8, 2026. She earned many awards throughout her remarkable 50-year career in real estate, and an active community member in Montclair, NJ.

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Marcia M. Ringel Feldheim, Alumnae Council Representative, invites classmates to celebrate its 70th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on June 6, 2026.

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Please share news with classmates and let me know what you have been doing. I am always happy to report our Class news.

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Judith Appel Werner responded to my request for news right away and sounded very upbeat. She writes: "I remain convinced

of my decision to move to Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, NJ. It is an amazing place, with high standards and ethic in all that it offers. I have enlisted in a course in the Constitution, Lenape Indians in NJ, Immigration. I also play in a professional piano group, all professional women in our 80's, three of whom still work in their genre on the 'outside'. I continue to follow NJ Symphony and participate in a challenging book group. A blessed season and New Year to all. And a special thank you to Ellen who has been so loyal to our efforts!"

Mary Alice Bisbee has been a loyal contributor to this column, and this go-around was no exception. She is still living a quiet life in shared housing in Rochester, Vermont, and apparently is experiencing challenging health issues at this time. I'm sure you all join me in wishing her well.

Susan Koszeghy Neaf writes: "My news is that I was helped by my son and his family to move to Daphne, AL, to assisted living in a lovely community: Seagrass Village. I am slowly getting used to being a widow, a great grandmother and leaving my lifelong friends and home in central NY. Nature here is beautiful (no snow!!). I spend more time with family, and they include me in many activities. Wishing my fellow classmates Happy

Holidays. Stay well, active and strong!”

Mary Alemany

Blumenfield wrote the following: “I’ll be 90 next month! I can hardly believe it! Needless to say, I don’t get around much anymore, although I just renewed my driver’s license for another 4 years. I don’t drive much but still go to my doctors, grocery store, post office, bank, etc. which are pretty close. Luckily, I’ve been able to remain in my home which I had made wheelchair accessible for my husband Dave, who passed away 6 years ago. My daughter Diane moved in with me at that time and has been a great help in so many ways. My son Dave lives 20 minutes away and is often here to help out. And my two Beagles, Gemma and Sally, keep me entertained! Unfortunately, my daughter-in-law Marilyn passed away in April from leukemia and thyroid cancer. They had been married for 27 years and didn’t have any children. We all miss her very much. She was a very sweet and caring person. I’d love to hear from any classmates at dmlum2836@comcast.net

My co-president and very dear friend **Ellie vom Eigen Winslow** writes the following: “I’m one of those classmates who enjoys reading all the class news in Ellen’s column in the Alumnae Bulletin. This motivates me to also contribute. After lots of hard work, my choral group presented an excellent

holiday program here the other evening to a large appreciative audience. We’ve only been in existence for about four years, have added some good singers and should now not have difficulty getting funding from our Residents Association. Our Concerts Committee continues to work with classical musicians, many from the Philadelphia area, to offer excellent concerts here. There are a great many details to be taken care of, but when we have about 100 residents who get real pleasure from a concert, I know why I do this. For the first time I’ve purchased a subscription to the Philadelphia Orchestra. Their programs this year include two of particular interest to me, including works that go back to my Douglass years. I’ve also become committed to significantly supporting the public library in my long-time beloved hometown of Maplewood, NJ. The excellent director has managed to achieve the construction of a completely new and innovative building. This is indeed making it a place of great importance in the community. Age is taking its toll on my health, but I have a lifestyle and community here which enable me to deal with that.”

My husband Myron and I had a great visit this fall with **Ellie** at her beautiful community, Pennswood, in Newtown, PA. We had a wonderful lunch together

and she proudly showed us her lovely apartment and the amazing campus. Although dealing with some medical challenges, I was thrilled to see her so active and involved with all the cultural activities she loves.

I also had a great lunch with **Sherry Weissberg Spiegle** after we both attended Alumnae Council in November. We hadn’t seen each other in a while, and it was great catching up. She sent me the following to share with our classmates in this column. “Although I have promised myself and all my friends and family that I would slow down ... I just can’t! I’m blessed with good health, lots of energy, and an upbeat attitude. And I have “FOMO” — fear of missing out. I no longer drive at night, but I manage to get to a lot of activities. I sing with a 65-voice classical choir, the Central Jersey Choral Society, which I love. I’m active in a Golden Age Club, which meets weekly and hosts very good programs. I help them find speakers. Same with a senior program sponsored by a local hospital. I’m on the Advisory Board of Capital Health Hospital Healthy Living. My 55+ community produces a couple of comedy shows a year, and I’m always in them. I derive much joy from making people smile and laugh! I am currently working with my Rabbi to produce a multi-choir “Americana” concert celebrating our country’s 250th birthday. I’m still the

class correspondent for my Lakewood High School class. Unfortunately, these days I go to many funerals, viewings, and Shivas. But I’m glad they’re not mine. I’m sending love to my classmates from Douglass ’58!”

Vaira Pelekis

Christopher sends the following: “This year has not been great for me. No trips, no interesting events. Since Easter I have been having a chain reaction of numerous health problems. What started as a simple cold has left me with severe sinus infection, chronic bronchitis, non-ending cough, problems in the digestive system and severe deafness which is a very bothersome thing. Feel like an old car, 1936 model, that starts to break down, and one can’t find replacement parts... This year had lots of family anniversaries - wedding, birthday, friendship and other significant events. One was my family’s arrival in USA exactly 75 years ago! We had escaped from the communists who occupied Latvia during World War II and then we had spent five years in refugee camps (displaced person) camps. Our daughter had written a funny skit about our journey to US (over two weeks on a naval boat during storms...) - the grandchildren acted as me and my brother and our son (6ft2) was the welcoming Statue of Liberty! It was so funny that I have to laugh now as I write it. I wish you all a healthy,

prosperous and happy New Year."

We have sadly received word that the following classmates have passed away since we were last in touch. Our sincere condolences to all the families. Unfortunately, I have no further information other than the dates of passing: **Carole Ann Riker Chase** on March 27, 2025; **Elizabeth Hiller Baker** on July 30, 2025, **Ann Schomp Sauerland** on August 6, 2025, **Gayle Sassi Porter** on April 30, 2024, and **Sandra Danzig Topping** August 27, 2024.

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Special thanks to longtime Secretary **Flora Buchbinder Cowen** for her dedication to our class and all the years of writing our class column. Flora is unable to continue as Secretary at this time. Please reach out to me, **Lois Rabinowitz Steinberg**, if you are interested, and to share news and updates with our class.

For alumnae living or staying in the Greater Palm Beach region, the AADC and I will be hosting a Coffee, Connection and Conversation on Thursday, April 23 in the greater Palm Beach area. Please call Rachel Bellamy at the AADC at 732-659-9630 if you are interested in attending.

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It is with much excitement that we are celebrating our 65th reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 6. Our lives have taken a variety of paths due to the unique experiences provided by the encouragement of professors and academic advisors who inspired and encouraged us to spread our wings and go out to make an impact on the world. We have many stories to tell and experiences to share. This is the time to do it, at our 65th reunion!! You should have received letters about Reunion details on behalf of our class from me, **Susan Gordan Marchand**, together with Vice President **Isabel Goll Drzewiecki**, and our Fund Agent **Nancy Punchatz Hines**.

Please consider volunteering as Class Secretary (reach out to me or the AADC office).

I look forward to seeing you at Reunion in June!

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Susan Bernstein Clampitt received the Mosaic Theater Company of DC Legacy Award as a founding member of its Board and for her leadership and service to the arts in Washington DC. She was honored at its Spark Benefit Celebration earlier this year.

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Please send news to share with classmates.

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I thought I recalled that some of the planning for our 10th reunion was done at the home of **Sharon Nudge Rogan**. Sharon didn't remember this at all. So much for some memories. After her second husband's death and spending four years alone in Atlantic Beach, Sharon moved to an independent living community in Cary, NC. Here she's been very busy. Sharon's delighted the location allows her access to plays, the symphony and more. She says she's now back in a book club, playing mahjong and no longer eating alone. Happily, Sharon says she enjoys good health, as does her sister **Charlotte Nudge Oliva** '52. Thinking of our class, Sharon asked what I knew of her high school and Douglass classmate **Karen**

Krinick. I couldn't help. For years Karen has been "lost" from AADC records. If anyone knows where Karen Krinick is today, please let us know!

Karen Goldsmith

Adelman has seven grandchildren. When the sixth youngest celebrated his bar mitzvah this past fall Karen traveled from Florida to join everyone for the event and get in some other visiting and travel. She enjoyed a luncheon get-together with **Susan Kinsley Darien** and **Roberta Shulman Kanarick** in NJ and followed up with a road trip with four other friends to the Finger Lakes and Niagara Falls. While using a roomy rental car all enjoyed the fall colors and foliage until, on their return trip, the car's oil gauge suddenly showed 0% oil. They traded this car in but had to settle for a smaller car. Happily, they had agreed to travel with only one suitcase each so managed the return with no other "excitement." Currently Karen is back in Florida where not too long ago she got a papillon. Now she's playing bridge three times a week, going on regular walks and enjoying her puppy's unique personality.

And, as many classmates are exploring or doing, **Carol Thomas Nied** and husband Tom (RU '64) have now moved from their house in Princeton to a continuing care community in East Windsor, NJ. Tom says he doesn't miss the

responsibilities of owning a house.

Denise Rosenzweig Stieber was home when I called. After Douglass she taught for ten years and then became a realtor for thirty-five years. About eight years ago she and husband Mike moved to a 55+ community in Flanders, NJ which they have enjoyed.

Denise has a son, Jonathon, an orthopedic spinal surgeon in NYC, and a daughter, Lindsay Milstein, a lawyer married to another lawyer, and two grandsons and three granddaughters. Denise is happy to say she is healthy, enjoys reading, playing canasta and keeping up with sister classmate

Trudy Globus Sarver.

Carol Spence Auletta has let me know that as part of her retirement enrichment program she obtained ESL teaching certification and has been volunteering with a local literacy group. She is pleased this has given her the opportunity to meet some lovely and interesting people who were eager to improve their English. She finds it fun and rewarding to expand her cultural knowledge as well as watch her students gain confidence in their language skills. Regarding the family, both daughters are happily working in education despite Carol's efforts to urge them to go into science. Erin, DC '92, teaches at the Princeton Charter School and enjoys the daily challenges.

Jennifer received her EdD from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is

currently Dean of the Online Graduate Program at Hult International Business School. Responsibilities include travel to such places as Dubai, Istanbul and London. Carol admits she is jealous. Her four grandchildren are in various phases of high school and college, no scientists so far.

When **Leona Goldman Abt's** husband, Arthur (RU '62), finished med school they moved to Hershey, PA. There Arthur joined the Penn State medical staff where he rose to Chairman of the Pathology department. Leona herself used the opportunity to complete two masters degrees, one in secondary education and one in Public Administration. Her focus on computer technology in the latter led to her starting her own software development firm. Leona retired from computer consulting at 65 and has kept busy ever since. Last winter she visited Florida and enjoyed a mini-reunion with long time high school (Weequahic) and Douglass friends **Janice Jay Berger, Enid Rose Rothman, Judy Flaxman Ludwig and Arlene Piltz Zalaznick.**

After Leona's husband passed away two years ago, Leona remained in Hershey. She's since gotten a dog and spends summers in Martha's Vineyard with her three children and seven grandchildren.

Never one to shy away from work, **Elizabeth Troccoli Boris** is still an Institute Fellow at the Urban

Institute as well as co-president of the Lake Barcroft Village for members. In the former role she does research on not-for-profits and philanthropies. In the latter she's involved with a membership-driven community that promotes on-going neighbor to neighbor assistance to help members remain in their homes, live independently and stay in connection with their community. Additionally, Bunny mentions she has five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. At this writing 27 were expected for Thanksgiving (each was bringing something).

Recent class losses are **Rosalie Loidl Hall and Barbara Reiss.** Driven by a desire to help others after Douglass Rosalie began her professional life as a social worker and then in 1980 successfully transitioned into a career as a computer programmer. She retired as a computer programmer in 1995 then moved to California to be closer to her children and grandchildren. There she continued her interest in music and singing.

After Douglass **Barbara Reiss** earned a master of arts in teaching at Colgate University and moved to Manhattan where she taught French. In addition, she served as president of the teachers' union and after retirement went on to volunteer as a docent at the Bronx Zoo and for the Metropolitan Museum of Art,

She loved traveling and all things Manhattan.

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Our class received a certificate of appreciation from the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College at the Fall Alumnae Council meeting, acknowledging our class for second place in the highest percentage of class giving, with nearly 14% of the class contributing. The Board of Directors expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Class of 1965's generosity and commitment.

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Our 60th reunion is almost here! The AADC Alumnae Reunion 2026 will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026. All our class officers hope to see you back on campus for this exciting celebration. Everyone will be receiving emails with more details about our class celebrations. We have quite a few classmates visiting from out-of-town, and quite a few who live nearby. Please also see **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman's** report about the Class Officers Ballot below.

Eileen Stukane would like to let the Class know

that she has written a new book, *The House That Held Everything, A Family's Hidden Hoarding and the Secrets Left Behind*, published by Bloomsbury on November 13, 2025. Google the title: the book is available at various bookstores, including Barnes & Noble, and, of course, on Amazon.

Eileen was driven to write this book after she and her siblings inherited the childhood home of a deceased cousin. They opened the front door to rooms filled wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling, with piled-up items from years of secret hoarding, as well as from disciplined collecting. Eileen was horrified. She, along with her sister, took a year to separate treasure from trash but in the process, she felt herself transforming emotionally, from repulsion to compassion. She put herself aside and grew to understand the suffering that led to the hoarding and wrote about it. Eileen also inadvertently became a detective of the deceased. She learned more about her departed relatives through their objects than she ever knew when they were alive, and she unearthed family secrets. It's an exciting time for Eileen, doing interviews about the book and meeting new readers.

Trudy Feidelseit Burdman wrote: "I want to thank **Marsha Edelman Malberg** for her many years of service as our class president. She has been amazing in that role and we

are grateful for her leadership. Marsha was instrumental in helping to create the Sue Estler Fellowship Fund in the name of our much-loved classmate. Donations to Sue's Fund has helped Douglass alumnae as they pursued graduate careers."

Trudy would like to introduce nominees for class officers for the 2026 to 2031-five year term. Elections will be taking place this year with our Reunion. The ballot is as follows:

For co-presidents: **Eileen Stukane** and **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman**. For vice president: **Nancy Jobs Hale**. For secretary: **Barrie Weiner Levine**. For co-Fund Agents: **Ruth Schulman Feigenbaum** and **Cathy Szot Fitts**. For Historian: **Dottie Stein Kruger**, and for Alumnae Council Rep: **Janice Donelon Ballou**.

Trudy thanks to all who agreed to be on the ballot.

On a more personal note, the latest news from Trudy in Cape Cod is that her son, Michael, and his family from Texas bought the house down the street from her on the Cape for their second home. Trudy wrote: "It will be great to have them nearby for the summers. My oldest grandson in Texas, age 16, just got his driver's license! Time flies!" In September, Mike came from TX and helped Trudy while she was recovering from her hip replacement. All went well and, by the time these Class

Notes are published, she hopes to have returned to playing tennis!

Marsha Edelman Malberg wrote that 2025 was a good year. Highlights of the year include celebrating her 81st birthday with family and friends, visiting California to see her daughter and granddaughters, meeting Douglass classmates at the Cheesecake Factory in Short Hills, NJ for lunch, and enjoying Aqua Zumba exercises at a nearby pool.

In August, Marsha and her, husband, Ed rented a house in Stone Harbor, NJ. Their 2 daughters and 2 of their 4 granddaughters joined them. They had a wonderful time. Her youngest granddaughter, Penny, will be 10 in December. They call her "our 50th Douglass Reunion baby" because, before she was born, they talked about her so much when they were planning our 50th Douglass College Reunion. Marsha's other granddaughters are 17, 15 and 14.

Speaking of Reunions, this is the year of our 60th Douglass College Reunion! Marsha looks forward to seeing you at Douglass at the one-day Reunion on June 6. Technology will allow those who cannot attend the Reunion in person to join the Reunion on Zoom. Since our class is a Vanguard class, we will have a private room on Saturday afternoon. You will receive emails on how to participate

on Zoom.

Marsha thanks **Frances Weingarten Lobman** for her service to our class as Class Secretary. Frances will be completing her term in the spring. She wrote: "Frances's columns about our class were always informative and interesting. Her dedication to our class is greatly appreciated." Note from Frances: without Trudy's email blasts to all of you and Marsha and Trudy's editing input, the Newsletter contributions from class members and subsequent editing of drafts would not have been as varied and as error-free.

Marsha has served as Class of 1966 Co-President for 10 years, first with **Sue Estler** and now with **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman**. She said that it has been an honor and a pleasure serving as Co-President with both Sue and Trudy. Marsha looks forward to working with our new Co-Presidents, **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman** and **Eileen Stukane**, when they are elected this spring. She requests that you take action and vote for Trudy and Eileen when you receive the ballot from the Associate Alumnae.

Marsha wishes us all good health and a very happy 2026.

Nancy Jobs Hale, our nominee for class VP, is planning to come to our 60th reunion and looks forward to seeing us in June. She wrote, "Hi all and Happy 2026 and our 60th reunion year!"

After 49 years, Nancy is still living at Culver Lake in Branchville, New Jersey and still enjoys swimming and kayaking, although she gave up sailboarding a good number of years ago. Her “children”—Kathy and Scott—each live about an hour and a half away. Nancy also does work with animal rescue. Most of the work Nancy, along with other volunteers, do for rescue is on the computer reviewing applications, assigning people to interviewers, matching dogs to their forever homes and doing website write-ups on the dogs.

Frances Weingarten

Lobman’s grandson, Joey, stayed with her for almost 8 weeks this summer while he completed a college-related business internship. Her granddaughter, Rebecca, will be graduating from high school in June, a week after our class’s 60th reunion. In December 2025, Joey reached the age of 21 and Rebecca turned 18. Other milestones this year included her son Jeff turning 50 and her reaching 80. Frances is looking forward to both events, in New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively.

Janice Donelon Ballou

wrote that, “Since 2015 the Highland Park Community Food Pantry has been a key activity for me. The numbers of those coming to the HPCFP has grown since then from about 100 coming to the bi-weekly distributions to about 290 recently.”

The Women’s League of Rutgers University, which was established in 1983 to provide scholarships to Rutgers undergraduates, is another organization that has been rewarding. Each year undergraduate students can apply for WLRU Scholarships.

I have two sons—one lives in Highland Park and the other lives in France. Since it has been four years since David married a French woman—longer story about how he met her when he graduated from high school many years ago—this year Janice traveled to Paris to visit.

Motria Ostrowsky

Benson wrote that she and husband Michael are doing well, experiencing the normal amount of aches and pains, but that they have managed to do some cruising since they sold the sailboat in 2021, after 23 years of living onboard and sailing during the summers in Newport, RI. Motria and Michael’s most recent cruise was on the Nile River from Cairo to the Aswan Dam in October 2025. Motria said it was a fascinating and educational experience. They saw some beautiful sights, but she’d never want to live in Egypt. There’s extreme wealth and extreme poverty, plus it’s apparently not that safe. She and Michael never felt threatened, but their group was always accompanied by gentlemen in suits (not uniforms) with a bulge at the pocket!

Motria and Michael celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2026. “Hard to believe,” said Motria, “so much has happened in that time!” Their kids are all on the east coast, but scattered: daughter Chrissy is in TN, daughter Terry and husband Brandon are in SC, and son Mickey and his fiancée Christin (wedding coming up in 2026) are in NH. Both of their grandsons are in college in SC. Unfortunately, Motria doesn’t think she’ll be attending the reunion this year: too many other activities going on. But she does regret missing the chance of seeing us.

Sharon Jones

Albinson wrote that life continues to be full at their home in Chevy Chase, MD. Sharon and her husband, Dave Albinson (RU ’66), celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 4. Their family of four children has grown to include 10 grandchildren, ranging in ages from 1 to 19, mostly little people! Only one son and his family live nearby, so travel to the others takes them to Barcelona, Denver, and the East Bay.

Now retired from her career as an adult speech pathologist, Sharon fills her days with volunteer jobs through her church, where she is active in a racial justice group as well as a refugee ministry. “We have sponsored 5 Afghan families which adds up to 17 children who have become like my own,” Sharon wrote. She’s

been managing all of their medical and dental needs of which there are many. It’s hard for her to believe how old we all are! When did that happen? Dave and Sharon still find themselves partying with those of his Rutgers fraternity brothers and their wives who live in the DC area!

Marilyn Vanderhoof,

to be near her daughter, has spent five months of the last 13 years in Madison, WI, where Marylyn has lived and worked since 1969. She spends the remaining 7 months in Austin, TX, near her son’s residence. Marilyn lost her husband, Wayne Denton, to Covid in November of 2020. Then, on May 17, 2025, her son, Jon Bownds, unexpectedly passed away from a bleeding ulcer. His boys are 13 and 11. They were very close to him so it’s a very big loss and adjustment. Grandma Marilyn and their grandfather (although divorced for many years, they have remained close friends) provide as much support as they can to the grandchildren.

Marilyn continues to try to keep herself healthy through water exercise, walking her dog, and adding some weight workouts to maintain muscles and bones since turning 81 last year. She has volunteered in the national Women’s Health Initiative Study since 1991 and has continued to volunteer at her grandsons’ schools over the years.

Marilyn was invited to join a friend and his family on a Scandinavian trip last June. For over 19 days, we visited Copenhagen, Sweden and Norway. The trip had been planned in early 2025 and, after her son's death, she decided she should still go. Although the two friends walked a lot, they were able to move at their own leisurely pace. Their travel agent had arranged transportation by train and boat with guides at their different locations. In October she sampled music in Nashville with a friend en route back to Austin, TX. If anyone visits Austin, Marilyn would be happy to meet for coffee or lunch and give tours. Wonderful Music here. She's in an over 55 community called Overture Mueller.

Connie Allen Nelson is married to Marshall Nelson. She has a daughter from her first marriage named Christina Blanco Hungria. Connie and Marshall's latest trip was with a '66 Douglass grad, **Mildred Schenck Hardman** and her husband, Jack. Millie's daughter is publishing Connie's memoir, a hardcover book with photos. Mildred/Millie was Connie's roommate in Montclair, NJ for three years after Douglass. They both married and had one daughter each. Early on, they said they would get together each month for as long as possible. They camped in the Poconos and, Connie reports, and "did so

many craft projects, the fave being a gingerbread house. Nothing was pre-fab. No, from scratch. One of us had it on display until the next season. It did gather dust."

Mildred and Jack Hardman moved from Great Falls, VA, to Portland, OR, where Mildred's daughter, Laura, lives with her family. Both couples traveled to Austin, TX, to celebrate Connie's granddaughter, Mila Hungria, turning eight. They helped supervise the second graders at the themed Demon Hunters party. There was a trampoline and games. For the karaoke part, two teenagers applied make up to all the girls, who sang the movie songs into microphones as the movie played on a screen mounted outdoors.

Janie Levin Joselow wrote that there really isn't much new. Her boyfriend, Gary Cohen, originally from Yonkers, and Jane are still running their synagogue, Emanuel Congregation, in Seattle. He's President. Janie takes care of the kiddushes (collations after services) and newsletter and leads the first part of their Modern Orthodox Egalitarian services. It's a small synagogue that Janice, Gary and their respective have belonged to for over 40 years. Gary and Janie have been a couple since about a year and a half after Ken passed away. Gary's wife passed away the year before Ken did. Janie is still in touch with Marsha and Ed Malberg and

their children. Unfortunately, Janie won't be able to make the reunion. She can still walk, drive, see to play the piano and enjoy her acre of land about a mile north of Seattle. As did many of us, Janie turned 80 in 2025 and is grateful for each new day.

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While I'm penning these notes in mid-December, you'll not be reading them until next spring. This always necessitates some verb tense changes! Hopefully, things have gone well for you during the intervening months. Perhaps the "in" phrase for 2025 (6,7) has passed out of popularity, but *our* '67 is still dear to our hearts! **One of our goals for 2026 is to update contact information in prep for reunion 2027 planning. Please notify me of any changes you've made!**

The following is an update on the passing of a few of our classmates:

Delores S. Palatt, 77, passed away on October 5, 2022. Delores was a lifelong Ewing resident. She was an administrative analyst for the NJ Department of Community Affairs before retiring.

Jeanne McGoldrick Bryce, 79, passed away on April 24, 2025 in Wilmington, DE. Jeanne had a BS degree in Home Economics. She worked for

the Social Security Administration in a variety of technical and management positions. She was a gourmet cook and loved to entertain. Jeanne's first marriage, to Paul McFarlane, ended in divorce. She married Lawrence Bryce in 1984. He survives her, along with sons Robert McFarlane (Leah), James McFarlane (Caroline) and stepdaughter Sarah Dinaldo (Joseph), five grandchildren, and siblings Katherine Neville (Anthony) and Claire Leavy.

Margaret-Ann Goyena Dill, 79, died on August 19, 2024 in Hebron, CT. She met her husband Michael while at Douglass; they married in 1967. Marge earned her MA from Eastern Connecticut State University. She worked as a homemaker, teacher and reporter (Rivereast News Bulletin). She and her husband travelled the world. She enjoyed spending time on Cape Cod, was a ribbon-winning gardener, a wide-ranging reader, and an enthusiastic observer of nature. Marge is survived by her sons Brian and Jeffrey, granddaughter Sylvie and many friends. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother Steven, and her husband Michael.

Anne Semplener Lissner, 79, formerly of Bridgewater, NJ, died May 12, 2024. She earned a BA in Spanish Education from Douglass. She taught Spanish and French for several years at her old high school before raising her

children in Matawan and Freehold, NJ. She enjoyed singing Broadway songs, loved her dogs and favored dark humor. She is survived by two children, Caren and Todd, two grandchildren, Zach and Ally, and two younger sisters, Lauren Boyd and Ellen Klein.

Karen Hess Sánchez, 79, passed away September 7, 2024 in Highland Park, NJ. She majored in Spanish at Douglass, regularly organizing social mixers with Latin American students at Rutgers, where she met Celso J. Sánchez, an international student from La Paz, Bolivia. They married in May 1967. She started her first teaching job in the fall of 1967 at her alma mater, Steinert High School (Hamilton, NJ), but before she could finish her first year, she was fired after it was discovered that she was pregnant with her first child! She held teaching and leadership positions in Franklin Twp. Public Schools for 31 years. Karen earned a Master's Degree in 1986, and then, her Doctoral Degree in Second Language Education. She served as a Teaching Professor and Graduate Student Advisor first in the RU Departments of Education, then Spanish/Portuguese through May 2024. Karen's dedication to teaching and sharing her love of language and international cultures was matched only by her profound love of family and endless love of traveling. Karen is survived by her

husband, Celso, their devoted children, Celso W. (Trish), Chip (Naomi) and Wilson (Erin), and their adoring grandchildren (Tómas, Gabriela, Celso Jr., William and Cora).

Here's President **Elaine Auerbach's** December message: Twenty-twenty-six already?! Which means 2027 is just around the corner. Which means our 60th reunion (Let that sink in.) is on the horizon. I truly hope that all those who are able to participate, will come. More and more often I find myself saying "This may be the last time I....." (YOU fill in the blank.) As noted above, our amazing class Secretary Nancy has already started asking for updated contact information. Reunion planning will start in the fall. I encourage you to attend. At each reunion I've attended I've enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and gotten to know women I didn't know while at Douglass.

On a more personal level, I recently went to the Bahamas for the first time. That means I've now traveled to 77 countries and to all seven continents. My husband, Bert Leydekkers, is doing much better after being felled by exposure to Agent Orange while he served as an Army medic during the Vietnam War. He spends his nights in the Arizona State Home for Veterans, but I am now able to take him out during the day. I will be able to take him home for a night for the first time during the

Christmas holiday. I'm thankful that his son is able to come to be with Bert periodically, giving me time to travel and reenergize. I hope to see many of you in June 2027.

Although her 80th birthday didn't arrive until December 31, 2025, **Holly Elissa Bruno** began to celebrate becoming an octogenarian by exploring Java and Bali in September. During the first half of December Holly walked the medinas of Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Marrakesh (last visited in 1983), Casablanca and Essaouira (Morocco).

Holly keynoted at the annual Delaware Head Start Conference in October and presented in November in Orlando at the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She's been invited to keynote at the Choctaw Nation's annual Early Childhood Professionals Conference in early 2026. In April she'll speak at an international well-being of children conference in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

Barbara Poti Crooker returned from a Viking Cruise in mid-November. They cruised from Basel to Amsterdam with stops which included Strasbourg and Cologne. Barbara was to do a poetry reading during the Distinguished Writers Series at the Poetry Center in Paterson, NJ in March.

In June **Diane Alberti Gallo** and her husband celebrated their 80th birthdays by taking their family to Spain. They rented

a beautiful villa in Ronda, Andalusia for a week. Their daughters and their families joined them at the villa.

One son-in-law hired a chef for several nights; the food was truly delicious! The chef made enough to feed the family a second night, so no one had to cook for a week. Their daughter hired a flamenco troupe (dancer, singer and guitarist) to come to the villa. They performed on the terrace for more than an hour! The family also had reservations at a local winery for a private tour and a delicious meal of local delicacies, complete with wines served by the vintner and his wife. That estate overlooked a valley that was ringed by mountains. The view was spectacular.

Groups of family members took extra days before and after the week's villa rental...some went to Portugal, others to Seville and Cordoba. Diane commented that the south of Spain is beautiful, albeit very warm in the summer. They needed to travel in June and July because the Gallo grandson didn't get out of school until late June. Driving around the countryside, they passed many olive groves, vineyards and fields of sunflowers, glowing a bright yellow. It was truly a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime trip!

Madeline Takesh Grabowski sent word that there was an exhibit of her photos on display during the month of November at the East Brunswick Library. She

spent time with family and friends on Florida's west coast during the Thanksgiving holiday. Madeline continues to volunteer at church (St. Peter's which is across the street from Old Queens and houses the Rutgers Catholic Center). Madeline also enjoys day trips to the shore, Princeton and to towns along the Delaware River.

During the first week of December, **Nancy Bell Hohnstine** completed the sixth of her 2025 cruises. Her comment: "What was I thinking?" Although her gardens suffered a little in her absence, the cruises were well worth it. At the end of June the family took an Alaskan cruise to celebrate Nancy's 80th. Although her oldest daughter lived in Alaska for five years and got married there, Nancy had never traveled on the inland waterway in Southern Alaska. Needless to say, it was fun watching her grandsons embrace all the natural wonders that surrounded them.

On her actual birthday Nancy celebrated with a river cruise in Provence. She was fortunate that a relatively new friend shares the same birthday (not the year). They met on a cruise and have been traveling companions ever since. They try to splurge on a cruise on their birthday.

Nancy has vowed to stay home more in 2026. As of December, she had booked only one cruise and

said that she'd only book others if they are super special. Before the cruise in May 2026, she will visit her roommate from Katzenbach, Gibbons and Jameson -- **Bobbie Letts Orth**.

Whenever they get together, most of their conversation revolves around their Douglass days. Nancy mentioned that Bobbie still has her blazer! (Secretary Nancy S. also has hers but knows that it no longer fits!)

Ruth Henn Krosin and her husband spent the winter in Florida. Among other activities, they participated in events sponsored by the Rutgers Alumni Club of Palm Beach County/South Florida Group.

Art collector and Tony Award Winner **Sharon Matlofsky Karmazin** was featured on "Jersey's Best" website in a story about her passion for collecting hand-made objects from teapots to sculptures, paintings, photography, furniture and, most of all, glass. She is also noted in the January 7 piece, "Living with art: From teapots to Tony Awards, Sharon Karmazin has a lifelong dedication to creativity," for her work as a theater producer and her philanthropy.

Susan Lipton Malin sent a picture of the delicious birthday cake served at the 80th birthday party of her high school graduating class. Susan wished all our Douglass classmates who have or will reach that milestone a healthy, happy, busy, etc.

year! (A small group of my high school classmates also celebrated this milestone. - Nancy S.)

Lynne Archibald Peverley has moved to the South End of Boston to be closer to her family. Let Nancy know if you'd like her contact information.

Yours truly enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving in New England, stopping in Westport, CT, to visit cousins en route north, having dinner with one of my nieces and her family in RI, spending 5 days on Cape Cod with her sister-in-law and having lunch with a friend in RI en route home. I decided to stay home in Clinton this Christmas for the first time since 2011. I enjoyed singing with the choir and preached a sermon on Dec. 28. I'm looking forward to moving to Heath Village in Hackettstown in 2026. I continue to keep in touch with friends, several of whom are DC classmates (**Jane Schwanwede Cowan, Ellen Fischer, El Giovanielli, and Maryann Langen**). I am also in contact with **Cheryl Masingill** via her sister in South Jersey. Losing both roommate **Peggy AND her husband Bill Smith**, as well as **Eleanor's husband Damon** this year has been difficult to accept, but they live on in the heart and memory of those whose life they touched.

That's "it" for our news. Wishing all well during 2026!

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Terre Williams Martin serves on "The Rossmoor News" Board in Monroe Township, NJ, where she lives and has discovered other alums who live here. In a recent online edition, Terre wrote and contributed stories about the golf pro, New Year's resolutions, football and a resident from Jersey City.

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Congratulations to **Sheila Kelly Hampton**, who will be inducted into the Rutgers Alumni Association's Loyal Sons and Daughters this spring, honoring her impact and tireless dedication to the AADC community and beyond. In addition, Sheila, serving as Vice President for Administration on the AADC Board of Directors, is on the Official Ballot for the next two-year term, which begins July 1.

My sister Jill Prusko and I visited **Gayle Stachula Noah**, Class of 1971, in Nova Scotia last July. Her younger daughter Rachael and husband Steven Lewis welcomed a son, Finley Noah Lewis, on July 17. We

got to meet him before we flew back to the states. Finley is Gayle's first grandson; she has two granddaughters, Mila and Yana, daughters of Gayle's daughter Elizabeth and husband Vanja Popovic.

My husband Robert Slamon and I made our annual visit to Dublin, Ireland in October. For the third year in a row we got upgraded to a corner suite facing the Liffey River and the Becket Bridge.

Fredricka Maister

shares the publication of her book in March, *Three Times a Mourner: Personal Essays on Grief and Healing*, by Atmosphere Press and available online. In her book, she shares her cautionary tale of how and how not to grieve the loss of a loved one, charting her healing breakthroughs and offering a masterful reflection for anyone and everyone navigating their own journey through grief.

Sadly, I share the passing of a few of our classmates and send condolences from our class.

Karen Kuzma Baine

died on June 10, 2018. Our sympathy goes out to her husband James, and daughter Emily Green, as well as the rest of her family.

Diane Grier Wasser

died on August 8, 2023. Sympathy goes out to her husband Jeffrey and the rest of her family.

V. Marilyn Maneri

Carroll died on October 25, 2024. She was married for 54 years to husband Charlie. Our sympathy goes

out to husband Charlie, daughters Christine Palmucci and Charissa Carroll, and the rest of her family.

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We celebrate our 55th Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 6, 2026. A letter on behalf of our class was sent to you from the AADC with details. Register today on the AADC website. I look forward to seeing you there!

Class president **Martha Boughner** shares, "Lots of classical music is being played these days, but a highlight of the past year was the opportunity to serve as Bishop's Chaplain for New York Bishop Mary Glasspool and former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the 150th anniversary service of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark! You may remember that Bishop Curry preached the sermon for Prince Charles and Diana's wedding. He is the most down-to-earth gentleman you'd ever want to meet, with a great sense of humor and an appreciation for well-performed music...and a dynamite preacher!"

Karen Kothe

Gustavsen writes, "I have retired, again. After 6 years working part-time at the front desk at the local veterinary clinic, I retired at the end of December. Most

of my time is devoted to finishing commitments as President GFWC (General Federation of Woman's Club) Montana, which wraps up the end of June 2026. As a side bar, I had been active on the local woman's club and state officer levels of the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs GFWC for 38 years before moving to Montana in 2013. You may be aware that NJSFWC was a founder of NJC/Douglass College and has continued its affiliation through scholarships and other important support. I hope to see you at our 55th reunion the first weekend in June on the 6th!

Deborah Morgan

Davenport retired in 2022 after a 47-year career as a physician. She went to University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine '75. Deborah married Jim Davenport and has four sons, four grandchildren, is a master gardener and world traveler. Frequent travel partners include visiting **Sheryl Lederman Silfen** and her husband Marty.

Aliss Terrell reports, "A new chapter has opened in my *Saving Mr. Charlie's Trees* story: after a year of planning, I recently took a group of kids and their moms to plant native trees in the Alsace region of France with a terrific non-profit, creating a template for grass roots forest protection everywhere... This helped me transform my hard feelings about the sale of my uncle's trees into

action with a network of inspiring allies both in the US and France. Thank you for your support!"

Prudence Zalewski

shares, "For the 2026 New Year I have moved to Paso Robles, CA. It is beautiful wine country on the Central Coast. I am involved with the new Paso Robles "SpacePort" and am on the Advisory Group. This is all part of the exciting, new "Digital Corridor" going from Silicon Valley to Paso Robles to Vandenberg Space Force Base. Whereas Vandenberg does a vertical launch of Elon's big spaceships, Paso Robles does a horizontal launch – like regular airplanes – of Cube Satellites. These "CubeSats" are small and delivered to lower orbit. They are used for communications, payload delivery to those in upper orbit, and many other purposes. Looking forward to Reunion 2026."

Susan Schwirck

writes for the first time to contribute some news. "This is my first contribution to the Class Notes and therefore I have many years of catching up. Had my college education gone on a normal schedule, I would have been in the class of 1959. But life had other ideas for me, so I floated along with daily events and ended up in the Class of '71, having declared an English major.

In 1971, my four children and my mother were at my graduation (cum laude, a big surprise.) The

following year I took a post grad year to garner theater credits studying at Douglass. I also managed the household, nurtured the kids, worked at the original George St. Playhouse, and sold duds at Bellows in Princeton. In 1980 I moved into a loft building on 39 St. and became a New Yorker. I continued seeking acting opportunities and paying the bills by working in the fashion office of Neiman Marcus. In 1990 I sold the loft and moved back to New Jersey. By then my family had grown. My children were married and I had four grandchildren. Today I have 10 grandchildren and 10 great grands, the youngest being born on in November 2025.

I've continued acting whenever I get the chance. Roles for octogenarians are few and far between. A few years ago, I joined the players club in my community and have started to write and contribute to the shows we put on as well as performing in them; Number four coming up in June. I've also been contributing articles to our community newsletter

I flew under the radar as a Douglass student. I was older than my classmates and had a house and family to tend to. I had little time to spend on campus. Since graduation I've worked on the Oral History Project and did a combined video of my own history with that of my mother, who graduated from NJC in 1929. I've been to programs and reunions,

although that is limited. There are so many Douglass alumnae who have achieved so much. It makes me proud to be an alumna myself. Of course, AADC concentrates on these alumnae who are active in the world and making waves. But I note that many of the programs do not address my life, which is attempting to age gracefully, while staying young in heart and mind.

I think the older alumnae might have something to share with the younger ones, especially in these times of political upheaval. As I tell my children and their children, "Don't despair. This too shall pass." Easy for me to say, but at my age, I've seen many cycles of boom and bust. I think the older Douglass alumnae have much to teach the younger ones including how to carry the skills they learned from Douglass into their older years.

Mary Elizabeth Neary "Tizzy" writes, "In October 2025, I joined my brother and his family for another Viking cruise, this time on the Danube. Highlights included: a night visit to the ship's top deck to see the lit bridges of Budapest; a Vienna Your Way Personal Tour followed that evening by a delightful concert of Strauss and Mozart at an opera house; eating next to an indoor fountain at one of Vienna's coffee houses; walking the streets of Passau on a gorgeous Fall day; on a less than

gorgeous day, visiting a 900 year old abbey, where the tour started and ended with wine tastings; when on the boat itself, I still found it exciting to go through a lock and really enjoyed the captain's tour of the wheelhouse, especially seeing how it lowers to accommodate bridges. The cruise finished in Regensburg, where I first saw the Danube during my first trip to Europe. Never imagined I'd spend a week sailing on it!

After seven days on water, we spent five days on land, driving to various sites in Bavaria. One was Oberammergau, where the Passion Play is held every decade. I loved the brightly painted houses with their window boxes – and the Kathe Wohlfahrt nutcracker store. Despite my brother's encouragement, I couldn't make it up the hill to the Cinderella Castle but a walk around Füssen on a Summer-like day was a fine substitute. On a previous visit to Munich, I was unable to hear/see the Town Hall Glockenspiel in operation but caught it this trip. There was much to see in Salzburg but my favorite site was St. Peter's Abbey with its beautifully kept cemetery, full of flowers even in October. The Sound of Music Tour was more interesting than expected: a good bit of history was included, plus a ride through the countryside, and a visit to the church used for Maria's wedding scenes. Most of all I enjoyed hearing

inside stories about the film. It was an exciting, enjoyable trip and, as Dean Foster might say, 'a learning experience.'"

Joan Robinson Gross shares, "Looking back, time has flown by. I'm still in New Jersey having left only to attend Columbia Law School graduating in 1974. My working career ended upon my 2016 retirement after 31 years as the Presiding Judge of Municipal Courts of Union County and Chief Judge of the Plainfield Municipal Court. Prior to that service, I was a Deputy Attorney General and a litigation associate in a Newark law firm. Proud of my career, I am just as proud of my family, namely my husband of 52 years, our two children and grandson. I admit that I tell people that I graduated from the "real" Douglass. My best wishes are extended to all."

As for me, **Mary Zimmerman Chyb**, retirement continues to be the best! For the first time in my life, I live in a small town, Lavallette, NJ, and I love it. I am within a mile of most places I need to be. I have two adult sons, George and Joe, and two granddaughters. Alyssa is 23 and in 2025 she earned her cosmetology license. Magdalena is 7, wants to be a contortionist, and takes gymnastics and dance classes to prepare for that.

I thank all of our classmates who contributed their class notes. I encourage all our class

members to send me your notes; it will make our Class Notes more interesting!

If you have a Douglass friend who is not getting my email, please ask them to let me or the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College office know at 732-246-1600.

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Congratulations to Dr. **Gretchen Sullivan Sorin**, who was inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence last fall, honoring her work as Director and Distinguished Professor, Cooperstown Graduate Program.

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Jeanne M. Fox, Treasurer on the AADC Board of

Directors, and is on the Official Ballot for the next two-year term, which begins July 1.

Photographer and writer **Jeannee Sacken** recently won an International Impact Book Award for her novel, *The Women Who Stand Between*. Her novel was recognized in the Women's Fiction category, highlighting its themes, related to suspense and Zimbabwean settings. Jeannee has shared her work at Reunion, and a publishing workshop at the Associate Alumnae's 10th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium.

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Believe it or not our 50th Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the annual AADC Alumnae Reunion. We cannot wait to see you all back on campus for this exciting celebration.

By now you should have received news from your 50th Reunion Vanguard Ambassadors **Penny Dein Page, Denise Sutch Girenti** and me, **Denise Busby**.

The 1976 Vanguard class will process in and will be escorted to their honorary location in Traves Hall-Douglass College campus. This designated honorary location will allow all 1976 Vanguard classmates to reconnect and celebrate our years together. Register for

Reunion on the AADC website. The Vanguard Ambassadors are asking, if you are able, to wear something Red with a colorful accessory (scarf, wristlet, etc.).

And our Vanguard Class members will be able to purchase a commemorative Class of 1976 Douglass College tote, shown here, directly from www.nisagifts.com (Retail Website of DC '74 alum). On behalf of our class, we hope to see you at Reunion!

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Our 45th reunion is almost here! The AADC Alumnae Reunion 2026 will take place on Saturday, June 6. We hope to see you all back on campus for this exciting celebration. This milestone reunion is a special opportunity for the Class of '81 to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the lifelong friendships, shared memories, and experiences that began at Douglass and continue to shape our lives today.

Our Class President **Jocelyn D. Briddell** and all our class officers have been reaching out with for Reunion details and encourage you to register today – via the AADC website. We look forward to welcoming you back “home” as we honor our journey together and create new memories for years to come.

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Congratulations to **Christiana Foglio**, who was inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence honoring her work as founder & CEO Community

Investment Strategies. She will also be inducted into the Rutgers Alumni Association's Loyal Sons and Daughters this spring.

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

Dr. Shireen Lewis received the Living Legacy Award from Cohort Sistas for her trailblazing work helping women of color to achieve their dreams of higher education. She has touched countless lives as Executive Director of EduSeed, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C., and Founder of EduSeed's SisterMentors program. Cohort Sistas, a digital sanctuary for over 4,500 Black women and non-binary doctoral scholars, presented the award.

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I have been spending some time in Florida and at home in New Jersey during the year. Please send news to share with classmates for our next class notes. In the meantime, I share some news as a Bunting graduate in the column for Buntings.

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Congratulations to AADC Board of Directors President **Lisa Dorio Ruch**, who will receive the New Jersey Women of Achievement Award from the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and Douglass Residential College at the Federation's annual convention in May. In addition, Lisa, who has served in many leadership capacities, is on the Official Ballot for the next two-year term on the AADC Board, which begins July 1.

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

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Our 30th reunion is almost here! The AADC Alumnae Reunion 2026 will take place on Saturday, June 6. Classmates have received event news from myself and class Fund Agent **Marybeth Musumeci**. Register on the AADC website and come celebrate!

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We will celebrate our 25th Reunion on campus at Reunion 2026 on Saturday, June 6.

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We will celebrate our 20th Reunion on campus at Reunion 2026 on Saturday, June 6.

On behalf of the class, congratulations to Class Secretary **Stefanie Lachenauer**, who was

inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence in the fall, honoring her work as an educator in New Jersey Montgomery Township schools and as mindfulness author. She recently published a book, "Let the Glitter Settle: Mindfulness for Teens."

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Alycia Valente lives in Massachusetts with her family. She has 2 awesome kids who help her to explore new things and have fun. She works clinically as an ER doctor and also works for MassHealth.

Sharae Allen is living her best life as a NYC teacher, long-time wife, pre-K mom while drafting out her next book. She's discovering her love of crochet and journaling this season.

As for me, **Ria DasGupta**, I am still working at The Juilliard School where she is the Associate Vice President for Community and Culture. She's still dancing and teaching kathak and enjoying my time in Jersey City with my wonderful husband.

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Come celebrate our 15th milestone reunion at Reunion 2026 on campus on Saturday, June 6.

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Cassandra Vega, a member of the AADC Board of Directors, was selected for one of the most prestigious international postgraduate opportunities available: The Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She will pursue a Master's in Philosophy in Knowledge, Power and Politics in Education at the University of Cambridge in England.

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Jean D'Amore '09 reports that the annual 2025 Bunting Holiday Party and Potluck in December was another wonderful gathering. Pictured are, from left, standing: **R. Toni Howell Armstead '74, Sangeetha Subramanian '08, Rosanna Racanelli '04, Dori Miller '17**, Director of Alumnae Relations **Lorrie Delaney '18, Katherine Li '14**. Seated: **Beth Mane '68, Jean D'Amore '09, Paula Alexis '26**.

Jean, who is Chair of the AADC Bunting Connections, shares, "There was plenty of food for the party, hosted at the Alumnae Center. I made a new recipe called crockpot lasagna. **Dori Miller '17** made Romanesco with some delicious bread. Some of the attic treasures gift exchanges were bath items, candles, and a nice teacup and strainer."

Upcoming AADC Events & Programs

For updates and to register, visit us at www.douglassalumnae.org/upcoming-events/

Saturday, April 18, 2026
Spring Alumnae Council (morning)
followed by

Celebratory Luncheon to Honor AADC Benefactors (afternoon)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Virtual Sisterhood Book Club Discussion

Saturday, May 2, 2026
Black Alumnae Network George Street Playhouse Outing | “My Lord, What a Night”

Saturday, May 9, 2026
AADC Pride Network Hybrid Event | Showing of Lesbopalooza: Movie Documentary

Deadline | Monday, June 1, 2026
AADC Alumnae Fellowships DRC Seniors Application Deadline

Saturday, June 6, 2026
Come Back to Campus for Reunion 2026

Deadline | Monday, June 29, 2026
Workshop Proposals Due for Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt ‘42 Symposium

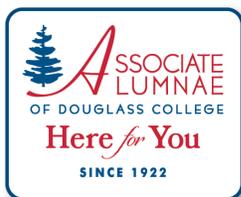
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