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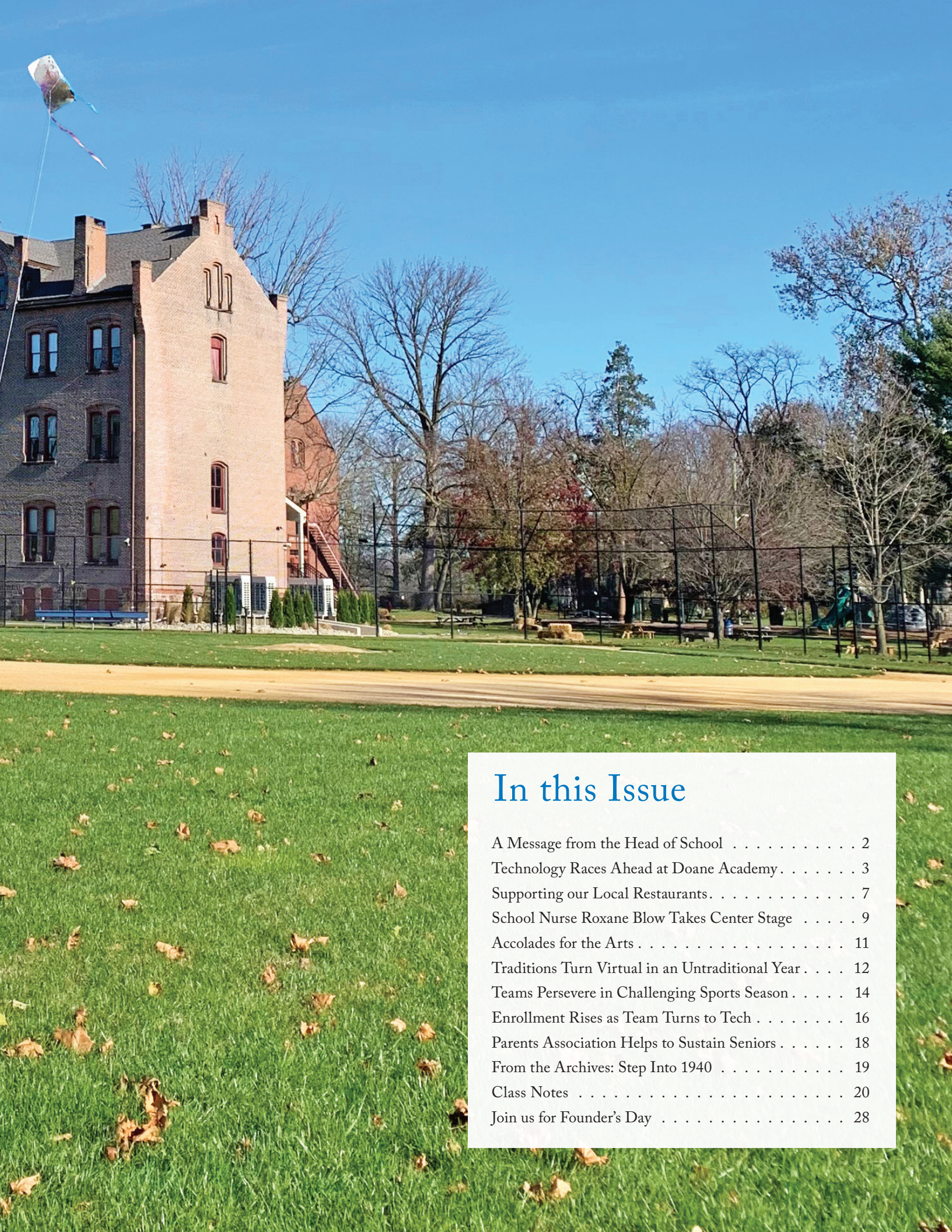
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# A Message From the Head of School



The cold and snowy winter here in Burlington has been challenging, adding another test to the many we have faced this year, but as spring approaches and the overall health conditions in our state improve, we are looking forward to returning to some sense of normalcy in the coming months. As the stories within this edition of *Ivy Leaves* suggest, we have made a myriad of changes in our program to continue to deliver the Doane experience to our students. None of this has been easy, but we have persevered and are proud of what we have accomplished together.

An education at Doane has always been about much more than the classroom experience. Current students, families, friends, and graduates speak reverentially of the important role

played by our school's traditions in our program. During one of my first visits to Doane, I attended the Christmas Mystery performance. As the history of our school washed over me, I looked around the stunningly beautiful Chapel and thought about how fortunate I was to be joining a school that so values its past, as well as its present and future.

Over this year, the most difficult part of delivering our program during the pandemic has been maintaining our traditions. Some, like the Christmas Mystery and Doane's Dungeon, were redesigned to take advantage of the power of technology to deliver the events to our community. Similarly, we have livestreamed our basketball games this winter to bring them into the homes of our families, students, and fans. Other traditions, such as Homecoming, our signature Rocks, Roots, and Wings trips and School Family, have been put on hold, the latter to ensure that our lower school students remain in "cohorts" to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in school.

I deeply miss these traditions, as they are elements of our program that set Doane apart from other schools. They reinforce the importance of community, connections, and values in our school. Without them, Doane can seem like many other independent schools—delivering a quality classroom program without a shared sense of purpose that goes beyond academics.

I know I am not alone in this feeling of loss. But a more optimistic reading of the experience of the last twelve months is that an impact of our (very necessary) health and safety measures has been to reinforce our appreciation for history and tradition. Doane Academy is sustained not only by our pride in our academic program but by the close relationships that are strengthened every time we are together, reinforcing our love for each other and our school. When we return next fall to a more normal school year, we will do our best under the conditions to renew—and, where appropriate, reimagine—the traditions that our community so cherishes. Like you, I look forward to being together again, when we can celebrate what makes our school truly special. In the meantime, rest assured that we have not forgotten the importance of our past, as we deal with the challenges of the present and plan for an exciting future.

Sincerely,

George B. Sanderson  
Head of School

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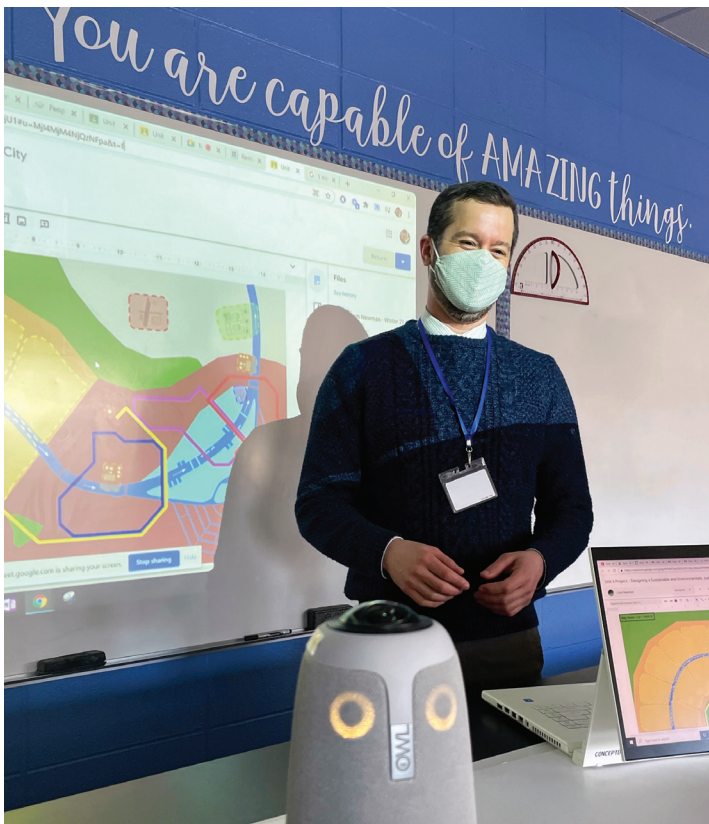


# TECHNOLOGY

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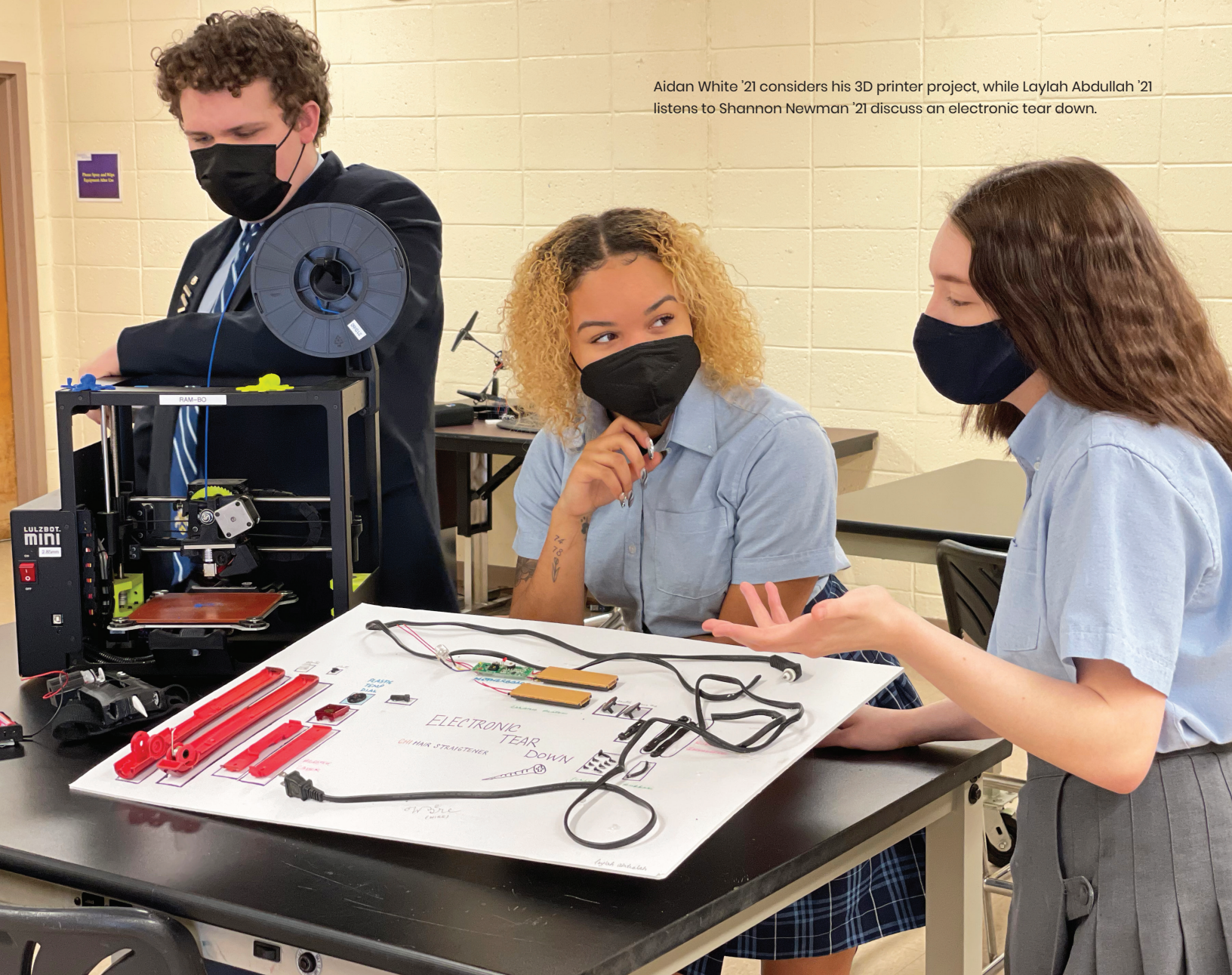
Following the adoption of the Strategic Plan in 2018, and accelerated by the needs brought on by the pandemic, Doane has undergone a technological transformation that has affected all students and teachers. While many outward facets of life at Doane have stayed the same, behind the scenes a revolution has occurred in how technology has changed daily life at Doane.



L to R: Michael Russell discusses sustainable and equitable city planning with his Lead Onward class; Sarah Black '25 and Eliza Bent '25 work with an oculus and other technology.



Aidan White '21 considers his 3D printer project, while Laylah Abdullah '21 listens to Shannon Newman '21 discuss an electronic tear down.



To lay the groundwork for a technological leap forward, Doane started at the most natural place: the fiber optic cables underneath the campus.

“Since the Strategic Plan was laid out in 2018, Doane has multiplied its capacity to send and receive data tenfold,” explained Chancellor Van Sciver, Chief Financial Officer. “We now have a bi-directional, fiber optic gigabit internet connection, enabling students and teachers to have access to anything a modern classroom needs.”

This upgrade has allowed cherished Doane traditions, like All School Meeting and Chapel, to continue remotely during the pandemic via Zoom and Google Meet, and for student groups, like student government and the new student affinity spaces, to meet both in-person and online. And international students, who are a vital and active part of the Doane community, are able to stay connected to class, even from their homes in China and Africa.

The Strategic Plan originally called for a 5-year phased roll-in of internet-capable devices for every student from Primary to 12th grade. With the unexpected pivot to hybrid teaching and learning, this process was completed in the summer of 2020, three years earlier than anticipated.

“It is ingrained in the culture at Doane that every student has access to what they need to reach their unique potential — no exceptions,” said John Baunach, Director of Technology. “We made the decision to provide tablets and laptops to every student to ensure this equity of access.”

Faculty also adopted high-performance Chromebooks, ensuring that teachers and students have the same level of support for their devices. By adopting a flexible, cloud-based platform, teachers at Doane expect to stay on the cutting edge of educational technology.

“We made the decision to adopt Chromebooks after many discussions with teachers about their goals for technology in



the classroom,” explained Michael Russell, Director of Studies and Academic Innovation. “Cloud computing continues to democratize classroom tools that were previously prohibitively expensive to obtain and use; because of this, traditional high-powered laptops are no longer necessary for most of the work students do on a daily basis.”

### **This leap forward in technology has looked different in each of Doane’s divisions.**

In the Lower School, division head Kate Hewitt sees opportunities to invite parents into the classroom with their child. “We use apps like Seesaw and Padlet to open up our classrooms to families, and give them a window into their child’s experiences and growth. This year we recorded videos of first graders reading their final writing pieces aloud, and sent those home to parents. Another teacher records voice messages in her students’ Google docs to share specific praise and advice on their drafts, making feedback less intimidating.” She also shared how this new tech has helped students connect and collaborate with each other: “Our fourth graders video-conferenced into the second grade classroom to share a “museum exhibit” slideshow on what they had learned about Native American nations. The possibilities for these kinds of collaborations are endless!”

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—Kate Hewitt, Lower School division head

Above: Hafsa Pyarali '28 and Sydney Cain '28 use Padlet in their S.T.E.A.M. class.

Right: John Baunach explains how to interpret a graph of an object’s velocity to his 9th grade physics students, both those in-person and those learning remotely via the Meeting Owl video-conferencing camera.

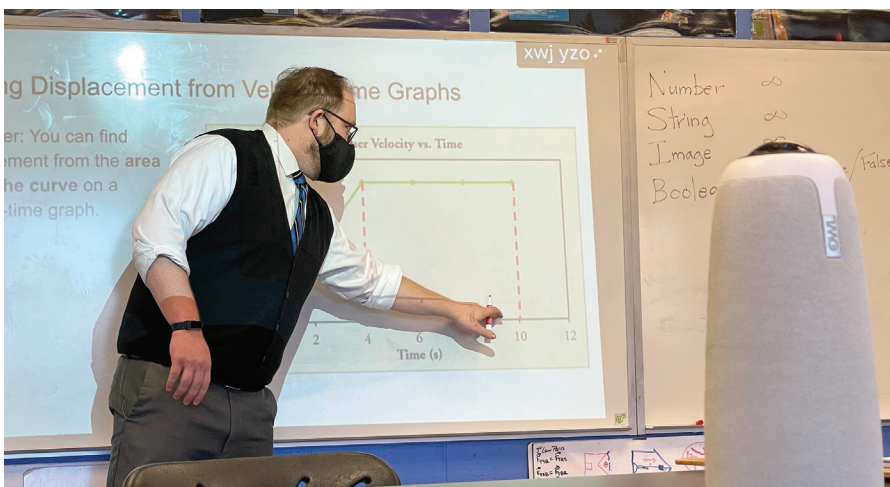


For Middle School division head Allison Baratta, technology has helped executive functioning and organization for her students.

She noted, “The 1:1 model, paired with consistent student and teacher use of Google Classroom have simplified the organization process for middle school students, allows teachers to spend more time on content-focused lessons and discussions and less on executive functioning and organization of materials.”

### **Many of the newest technological pursuits may be found in Doane’s STEAM classrooms.**

“Doane’s small size has allowed it to pivot to embracing emerging technologies faster than many other independent schools,” said John Baunach, Director of Technology and Science Department Chair. “In just three years, we have laid out a cohesive computer science curriculum from grade 6 to grade 12. Each Middle School grade receives a trimester of programming and robotics instruction, and coding is being integrated directly into the curriculum. In the Upper School, the switch to Physics First has allowed us to introduce coding principles in Physics, Algebra, and our Programming Logic Lead Onward course in ninth grade, a cross-curricular reinforcement of fundamental 21st century skills. Although we also offer multiple standalone AP courses in computer science, all Doane graduates will have multiple years of programming experience.”





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**These skills don’t stay in the Science Building, however — the ability to program has worked its way into Arts and Humanities courses.**

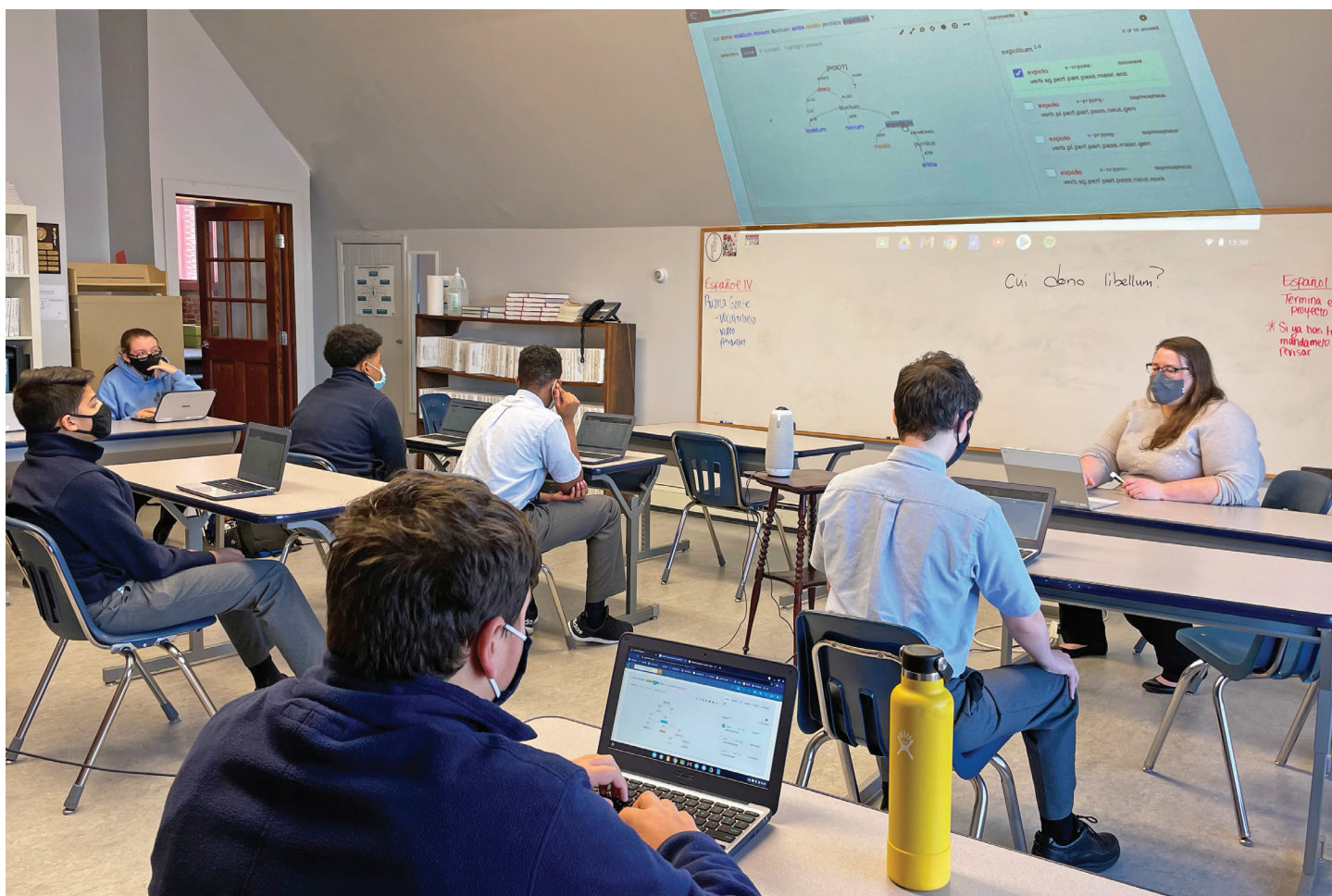
“Digital Humanities is a growing field that utilizes computer science and digital resources to help investigate the Latin texts we read in class. These tools help students explore the dual joys of the puzzle and the art of Latin learning. In Latin IV we use two digital tools, treebanking and translation alignment, to help explore these two aspects of translation work,” said Kate Cottrell, Latin and World Religions teacher.

She continued, “First, we puzzle out how a sentence is pieced together with treebanking, then we get to play around with how to translate meaning from one language to another using translation alignment. Treebanking helps them better recognize nuance, emphasis, and rhetorical style of the Latin. Text alignment invites them to investigate vocabulary choices

and what it means to convey meaning to a new audience.

This combination of treebanking and text alignment allows students to closely analyze the original text and is an invitation into their own creative practice of translation as they grow as Latin scholars.”

For Upper School division head Ran Holeman, this year has been about looking forward to a time after COVID-19, and what will endure. “We have laid so much critical groundwork in the last year. This work will certainly pay off in the coming years, when we will move past the pandemic and begin to experience the power digital literacies hold to turn students into creators, and use technology to make connections across the curriculum. We have used technology to make learning possible this year, and I know we will take advantage of the skills we have built to make education that much more engaging, rewarding, and enduring in the years to come.”



Kate Cottrell uses treebanking while working with a middle school Latin class.



# — eat — — LOCAL —

*During the first week of March, in lieu of Doane Academy's annual Taste of the Best event, they hosted a Restaurant Appreciation Week where their constituents supported local restaurants and loyal supporters of Taste of the Best by dining-in, taking-out, and purchasing gift cards at numerous establishments.*



This past year has been challenging for the restaurant industry and Doane saw this as an opportunity for the community to show gratitude to the businesses that have generously supported Doane Academy throughout the years. Restaurant Appreciation week was kicked off with a cooking demonstration from Robin Winzinger of Robin's Nest in Mount Holly, with a guest appearance by Doane's Head of School, George Sanderson. In the coming weeks and months, as we continue to navigate these uncertain times, Doane Academy asks that you please consider supporting these local establishments.

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# School Nurse Roxane Blow Takes Center Stage

Doane has been able to maintain a highly successful in-person learning program in this most challenging of years, and the efforts of School Nurse Roxane Blow have been instrumental in maintaining the health and safety of the school community. From the beginning of the pandemic's appearance in the U.S., Mrs. Blow has been coordinating with local, county and state agencies to establish and maintain high standards of safety practices, proactive testing procedures, and contact tracing protocols.

"It was difficult, in the beginning, to pull together information from so many sources that didn't always line up and agree with one another. But soon these agencies, especially within New Jersey, began to give clear guidance and we had benchmarks and then the action steps that would be needed for the fall and rest of the school year," Mrs. Blow observed.

Doane, as all other schools in New Jersey, closed for in-person learning in March of 2020, but Mrs. Blow, as well as Doane Academy's administration, staff, and Board of Trustees, worked through the summer to design the plan to safely return everyone to on-campus learning in the fall. During this same time period Mrs. Blow attended countless hours of webinars with medical experts from around the world and forums with school nursing experts at the New Jersey State Nurses Association and the National Association of School Nurses. Mrs. Blow also obtained several new certifications - including one in contact tracing from John Hopkins University and another from Northeastern University in COVID-19 testing. All of this newly acquired knowledge, as well as her vast medical experience, was brought to bear on the school's reopening plan.

Morning pre-arrival health checklists, daily temperature checks, and the bi-weekly school-wide COVID-19 PCR pooled testing program are all parts of the plan that she has helped to implement. Mrs. Blow now also works out of two offices: one for Lower School students, and one for Middle and Upper School students, in order to lessen the chances of cross contamination between divisions. Many other safety protocols and best practices have been continually shared and restated by Mrs. Blow in virtual meetings with students and via emails to parents.

The results speak for themselves. Doane did experience a small number of positive test results within the school community in the fall, but none of those were traceable to in-school transmission. Moreover, since the middle of January the school has conducted almost 900 PCR tests with only one positive result—a remarkably low positivity rate which speaks to the effectiveness of the health and safety measures implemented by Doane.

*"I was surprised at how well the students have responded across all grade levels. The youngest students, who I thought would have a tough time wearing masks, have been just awesome about it . . . It's been a really wonderful team effort."*

—School Nurse Roxane Blow







Mackenzie Cardis '21 works on a still-life oil painting in the new Studio Incamminati classroom, in the Boudinot building.



# Accolades for the Arts

The COVID-19 pandemic created unique challenges for the arts programs at Doane. Live performances have been out of the question and even rehearsals are compromised by the mitigation measures needed to reduce the risk of virus transmission. These compromises are all necessary, but each raised early concerns about how the changes would impact the program and the students themselves.

The band program is no longer allowed to have its 70 students together, as their space does not meet new safety guidelines of the CDC and the state. As unmasked singing aloud has been deemed unsafe, the choir members do not rehearse together. Other changes have been required to accommodate some students and teachers who have been learning and teaching remotely.

Doane administrators and teachers worked through the summer of 2020 to make the adjustments needed to allow the arts programs to continue. The ceramics room was expanded into the Student Union. The choir was moved from a classroom to the expanse of the school's chapel and outside, when weather permitted. But perhaps the biggest change came to the band and Studio Incamminati programs.

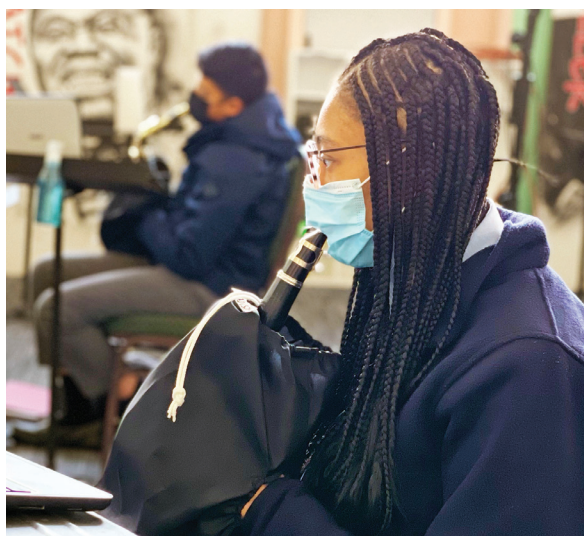
Across from the main campus stands the former Boudinot School, acquired by Doane in 2019. Doane had no immediate plans to make use of the 1960s era school building, but COVID-19 changed that. Rooms were modified to become the new home for the Studio Incamminati fine art program. Jarred Fisher, Studio Incamminati instructor, was pleasantly surprised by the new spaces. "With the larger studio space, much better lighting, a separate room to hold supplies, and a fenced-in outdoor courtyard for landscape painting, it was well suited for our needs across the board."

Meanwhile, students in the band program were divided into several smaller "ensemble-sized" classes. Mrs. Mazar is teaching remotely, with the aid of a facilitator who manages the Boudinot classroom technology which allows recordings, music apps, and projections to be used simultaneously. A number of students also work remotely, but are still able to be "in" the live classroom via the technology which has been put into place.

The choir program now focuses on individual development, rather than on group performances. Dr. Shelley Sanders-Zuckerman explained, "We've shifted our lens from being students who sing together to students who sing!" Students do much of the work nurturing their singing technique at home, according to Dr. Sanders-Zuckerman.

In the ceramics program, students have been in-person and working in the expanded room while remote students have approached the subject by viewing informative videos on ceramic techniques, or watching professional ceramic artists' processes. As teacher Jackie Bak '76 expressed, "I'm particularly impressed by Maliha Pyarali '21, a remote student who continued to craft in clay, out of her home, scheduling drop off and pick up of projects and materials outside of school hours. Transporting clay and tools, while crafting a portfolio of her work for college applications, is over and above anything I've ever seen an artist complete."

Even with so much upheaval this year, students are thoroughly involved in the arts programs. As Mr. Fisher pointed out, several students have mentioned that things only seem "normal" when they are at their easel or otherwise engaged in the arts. In a time when things have been anything but normal for everyone, perhaps that is the greatest measure of success.



L to R: Madison Booker '24 (as well as all other wind instrument students) uses an instrument cover during band practice in order to suppress any potential misting in the air. Maliha Pyarali '21, who will be continuing her artistic studies as a film major next year. Her teacher, Jackie Bak '76 said of her work, "Maliha's sculptures evoke contrasting feelings of feminine strength and vulnerability." Sarah White '23 displays her mini wheel thrown cups and vases.





## Traditions Turn Virtual in an Untraditional Year

Doane Academy has many treasured traditions that are cherished by current students and graduates alike. Two of these events, Doane's Dungeon and the Christmas Mystery, demand large student casts and are presented annually as live performances to hundreds of guests. So the challenge facing the Doane Academy community this year has been how to keep these traditions alive in a pandemic.

Doane's Dungeon, described as "a literary haunted tour," features numerous vignettes, which makes it stand apart from traditional haunted houses. A staple of the school since the early 1980s, tour groups are guided through the school to witness students perform scenes from such classics as Edgar Allan Poe's *Tell Tale Heart*, Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, and others. This year, Doane's Dungeon was reimagined, employing technology to allow it to go on.

Students acted out their scenes in more open spaces than in the past, and these were digitally recorded. Adapting the narrative to a more cinematic structure, a small group of students acted in a scripted piece that helped move the story from scene to scene. Antwone Kirby '22, Sami Soltani '22, and Garrett Templar '22 were responsible for filming and producing the video which garnered over 350 views as a Youtube Premiere event.



Adian White '21 beckons viewers to enter his lair, in a scene from *The Phantom of the Opera*.




L to R: Laila Wingfield '27, Colin Paglione '27, Madison Monaghan '27, and Alana Sturgis '27 menace visitors, in a scene from *IT*.



L to R: Shreya Algonda '21, Emily O'Connell '21, and Shannon Newman '21 act out the dramatic witch trial from *The Crucible*.





L to R: Evelyn Mathews '21, Elissa Frederique '21, and Laylah Abdullah '21 act in the role of shepherds, while Aidan White '21, Brian Botteri '21, and Sabina Cecchi Osterman '21 portray the Angel Gabriel, Joseph, and Mary respectively in this year's presentation of the *Christmas Mystery*.

The Christmas Mystery, by far the oldest tradition at the school, with a script that has remained wholly unchanged since 1930, was an even greater challenge given the health and safety measures necessitated by the pandemic. Dr. Shelley Sanders-Zuckerman, choir director and organ player for this performance, noted, "In more traditional Christmases past, the special bond that is so meaningful in the Christmas Mystery has been rooted in standing shoulder to shoulder and singing together, whether as the Angel Choir, the Three Kings, the characters in the Nativity scene itself, or even as the gathered congregation that participates in proclaiming the story through singing carols. Keeping the Christmas Mystery tradition faithfully this year required extra effort for us to connect more deeply to what is truly at the heart of the mystery."

Over a two week period, the Christmas Mystery was recorded, often in separate video and audio tracks that were subsequently layered and synchronized. Dr. Sanders-Zuckerman recorded the organ pieces first. These were then shared with Meghan Tynan, director of this year's performance. Once all of the many pieces had been recorded, they were assembled by Director of Communication Jack Newman, and the completed project was released in a YouTube Premiere event on December 18th, enabling over 200 hundred households to watch it "together." Among the viewers were alumni, family, and friends who, for the first time, were able to watch the Christmas Mystery from wherever in the country they may have been. "I enjoyed watching the performance from snowy Colorado. The actors did a wonderful job despite the various environmental challenges," said Pamela Borden Heckert '67.

With the aid of your smartphone you may use the below QR codes to open the recordings of these two events. Most phones only require that you open your camera and then hover over the QR code.

Doane's Dungeon:



Christmas Mystery:





# Teams Persevere in Challenging Sports Seasons

Against a backdrop of restrictions and challenges the likes of which they had never faced before, many of Doane Academy's high school sports teams were able to compete and to put together meaningful seasons this year.

All of Doane's athletics came to a halt in March of 2020 when the pandemic forced schools to move to remote learning. Then in August the State of New Jersey developed guidelines to allow student athletes to return to competition in the fall. State restrictions included fewer practice sessions and games, physical distancing of players and coaching, and mask wearing when athletes were not actively competing.

Many schools had opted out of athletics altogether, creating challenges for scheduling games. Also, in order to reduce the chance of contact with and spread of COVID-19, indoor basketball did not permit spectators at games and players had to agree to attend school remotely during their season.

Even with several cancellations by opposing teams along the way, Doane athletes pulled together and continued competing. Girls Soccer coach Mary Ann Williamson noted, "I was surprised by how willing the girls were to move with the many changes across the season. I think that they, like me, were just happy to be outside playing a sport that they love with their friends." The girls were able to play four games, and their season closed with a nail-biting tie game against Willingboro, which was followed by a presentation of gifts for the departing seniors.



Laylah Abdullah '21 breaks away from her opponent, in the Senior Game against Willingboro High School.

*"Despite this unique and challenging season, the team really worked hard, and looking back now, it all made for a special and even celebratory final soccer season for us as seniors."*

—Emily O'Connell '21  
member of the girls' soccer team





*"It was hard enough to juggle between athletics and school work before COVID-19. When athletics resumed this school year . . . we were all worried. Students like me had to remain remote (during winter sports season), take bi-weekly COVID-19 tests, keep up with assignments, and try to win games simultaneously. We all pulled through though."*

—multi-sport athlete Shawn Congleton '21

Sean Hargrow '22 leaps into an open shot while Shawn Congleton '21 tries to position himself for a possible rebound.

The Girls Cross Country team had a highly successful season, winning three of four meets. The Boys Soccer team made it to the second round of the state tournament only to see the entire playoff schedule cancelled due to COVID-19 cases on other teams. The crew team was able to be on the river and practice, but regattas were not approved by state guidelines. Still, they are hopeful for spring competitions. The Boys Basketball team, playing in front of empty stands, but with all home games live-streamed for family members and fans, dominated on the court. They finished their season with an astounding record of 9-3.

All of these athletic wins aside, Athletic Director Dan Williamson observed, "It's been difficult over the past year to see the kids lose out on so much of what makes growing up special, so I am thankful that they still have had these opportunities to play."



# Enrollment Rises as Team Turns to Tech

Undeterred by the pandemic, enrollment at Doane Academy has reached heights not seen since the mid-1980's. The school opened the current school year with 253 students enrolled, a net increase of 21 over the previous year. In total, 67 new students joined Doane Academy's ranks this fall, while attrition (the number of students who did not return) was at an all-time low.

Head of School George Sanderson remarked, "We're delighted that so many families are coming to Doane, especially at a time when independent school enrollment in our region has declined. Our new families are a wonderful endorsement of the value of our program and community."

As schools were required to transition to remote operations for several months last spring, Doane crossed into uncharted territory. Traditional open house events were cancelled. Individual interviews, testing assessments, and campus tours were suspended. All operations needed to be reimaged. Many schools struggled, but with Doane developing a thorough plan to reopen, extra attention was brought to the school, and admission inquiries from prospective families rose over the summer.

*"Because these virtual events, meetings, and visits have been so successful, we will likely continue to offer them in conjunction with in-person opportunities"*

—John Stevens, Director of Admissions

While Doane reopened for in-person classes in September, only faculty, staff, and students were allowed within campus buildings. This meant that all admissions-related work needed to continue in a "virtual" only manner this school year.



Antwone Kirby '22 presents Doane Academy in a virtual tour video.



Chelsea Colatriano and John Stevens prepare for a recorded video tour.

Director of Admission John Stevens insisted that the overall approach remain unchanged from the pre-pandemic approach: that the Admission Office continue to prioritize and be responsive to and supportive of prospective families as they work through the entirety of the admission process. To this end, Mr. Stevens and Chelsea Colatriano, Associate Director of Admission, worked on developing a variety of virtual but personal touches to admission undertakings including:

- A virtual video visit hosted by two student ambassadors, Antwone Kirby '22 and Harbani Goraya '27.
- Virtual monthly information sessions with division heads.
- One-on-one virtual information sessions with the Admission Office.
- A virtual Open House where families were able to attend small group sessions with faculty members and administrators.

Mr. Stevens sees these changes as part of an evolution of the admission process at Doane. He explained, "The shift to virtual opportunities was born out of necessity. Because these virtual events, meetings, and visits have been so successful, we will likely continue to offer them in conjunction with in-person opportunities. These virtual visits have allowed families to connect one-on-one with members of the faculty and administration that they otherwise may not have had the opportunity to meet. Though we feel the best way to get to know Doane is to visit us in-person when classes are in session, these virtual opportunities are convenient for families who may not otherwise be able to visit."





Middle schoolers enjoying an outdoor advisory group session.



# Parents Association Helps to Sustain the Seniors

As a result of the health and safety measures required by the pandemic, many long anticipated rites of passage for the Class of 2021 have been reimagined, altered, or postponed. Working closely with the school, the Parents Association took up the mantle of supporting the seniors during this challenging time by creating new ways to celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2021.



While a reimagined first day of school still allowed seniors to paddle their canoes to school, health and safety considerations did not allow the Senior Sojourn and Rocks, Roots, and Wings trips to take place in September. This quickly confirmed to students that this was not going to be the year that they had hoped for. But soon after, gifts began to arrive for the Class of 2021, both at school and at home. A Doane tote bag filled with candy and a Doane blanket were delivered to each senior by the Parents Association. Greta van Noordenburg, Parents Association Upper School Division Chair expressed, "The Parents Association members have all been very generous and supportive of our efforts."

*"While these gifts don't replace those things we are losing in our senior year, each provides a little sunshine in what has been a dark time for us, and for that my classmates and I are very thankful."*

—Aidan White '21

More recently, seniors have been surprised by deliveries of custom face masks, Doane cookies, and Wawa gift cards. More surprises are on the way, but the real hope of the Parents Association is that the Class of 2021 can be gifted with a finish to their senior year which includes the restoration of some traditional senior celebrations.

"We're already working on ways to honor our seniors this spring, and we are very hopeful that health conditions will allow us to bring back many of the events that are so important to our community. We're also working on new ways to recognize our graduates, and we are confident that we'll have a fittingly festive May and June," commented Head of School George Sanderson. "In the meantime, we are so grateful to the Parents Association for everything they have done this year to support our senior class. They have been wonderfully creative and generous," Mr. Sanderson added.







## *Step into 1940*

**After decades of lying unseen, a 16mm color film, created on Doane Academy's campus in 1940 & 1941 (when it was known as St. Mary's Hall), was recently restored and converted into a digital file. Now, largely due to the work of Wren Newman '15, this thirteen-minute time capsule may be opened and viewed online at any time.**



The film, which was likely an admissions tool, shows the school as it was prior to the U.S. entering WWII. Students of the then all girls school engage in archery, tennis, and several field sports. Crowds watch the spectacle of a circus-themed parade, and also see students twirl around a Maypole. Viewers can also see classrooms, a library, and even a couple of fleeting glimpses of William Huggs, school steward from the 1890s until his death in 1945. Mr. Huggs is now memorialized in the Huggs Family, one of fourteen school families made up of students from across all grade levels.

The film came to light after it was discovered several years ago in an Odenheimer Hall office that was being disassembled for remodeling. Labeled only as "St. Mary's Hall - 1941", it was unknown what was in this film, as it was in such poor condition. After being turned away for digital conversion by companies in Philadelphia and Dallas, the film was packaged and placed in Doane Academy's archival library with the hope that one day it might be restored.

In 2020, Wren Newman '15, who had extensive experience working with vintage 16mm in college, unrolled the film, noting that segments of it had been broken off and lost, and that the remaining film was extremely brittle. But Ms. Newman deemed it to be salvageable. "The film was in really rough shape, so it was no shock that professional restoration companies didn't want to touch it, but with a personal touch and patience it was feasible to get some working video," Ms. Newman recounted. New leader

film was attached to both ends and the film was carefully rolled onto a new metal reel that was undamaged.

The film was then projected onto a screen and simultaneously recorded with a digital camera. While the silent film snapped on several occasions, Ms. Newman was able to repair the damage and, in the end, record the entire reel onto a series of digital files. Those files were then stitched together, and music appropriate to the era was layered in. While Ms. Newman intends to further restore this film's digital presentation, this glimpse into the school's past can now be viewed on Doane Academy's YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/S5O0mTS-j6s> or by scanning this QR code with your phone:





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## 1950

*Like everyone else—but especially those of us who are the “old old”—the class of 1950 has been hunkered down for months during the pandemic. Last year would have been our 70th reunion! One bright spot has been the technology that enabled many of us to keep in touch, talk, and see our families and friends through FaceTime and Zoom.*

We were saddened to learn that **Laurie (“Mitzi”) Crispin Elliott** died in February of last year. She had been living at Foxdale Village, a retirement and continuing care facility in State College, Pennsylvania. Her husband, James Elliott, died in 2007. Mitzi had spent many years as an instructional aid in an elementary school library, passing on her love of reading to younger generations. Most of her children and their families are scattered around the country, but a physician daughter lived nearby in Lancaster. She is survived by five children, eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. **Eleanora (“Eleo”) McDonald Worth** is confined to her house not only by the pandemic but also by the neuropathy that has made her wheelchair-bound for many years. She is chipper and sharp as ever, however. As is **Ann Morton Nurse**, who continues her seasonal relocations between Thorp, Washington, and Southern California, where she continues to volunteer weekly at a park visitors’ center, answering visitors’ questions – at a distance, of course. No paleontology for her this winter because of Covid-19. But she is still gardening and walking every day. **Alice Shoemaker** is not enjoying senior living in a large complex named the “Chateau.” Because of pandemic restrictions, she is pretty much confined to her room, and the outdoors is not accessible at the Chateau. She is looking for a more congenial facility, but her search now is hampered by the virus. Because of her neuropathy and mobility problems, she needs some assistance on a regular basis, and she would prefer a place closer to Seattle and her friends. The pandemic made it possible for I, **Sallie Siegrist Sypher**, and Wylie to finish a book on local history that had been on a back burner for several years.

While too old to march with BLM protests last summer and fall, we did what we could with postcards to voters in Wisconsin and, later, to Georgia. We are looking forward to a better year: a new president, vaccines, and lots of hugging.



Former faculty member, Dorothy Cathell, with some of her former students in 1995.

## 1961

**Linn Davies** sent the above photo of our beloved and highly respected teacher Dorothy Cathell with some classmates visiting her around 1995. Fond memories and we all hope to gather again before too long! **Jean Doak** wrote that life is much harder with age and she doesn't get in her yoga or long walks during the pandemic, the exercise is essential to keeping somewhat alert and agile. She is living in California and you all know they have an almost permanent fire season there now. She lives near the Bay so is relatively safe except the air gets fouled by smoke when there are fires. Her grandson Makai (14yo) is now in virtual high school in New York City. He and his Mom will move back to California in the Summer when she winds up her medical residency at St. Barnabas in the Bronx. **Trudi Scott Lefavour** said “Wow, this is our 60th year since graduating!” Trudi and church members are back inside for services, that she plays music for every week, but with reduced numbers. Her Tennessee daughter decided to home school her 3 children (grades 2, 3 & 4) instead of the uncertainties

with sending them to school. Trudi participated in 3 virtual singing events at the nearby Senior Center and her 9 year old granddaughter also participated remotely with her great uncle, Trudi's brother, in providing

music for his church in Philadelphia. She listened to the Christmas Mystery this year and remembered that March of the Magi Kings that was played before the 3 Kings solos with the incense used for “Frankincense to offer have I...” Now she plays that piece every year at her church for a prelude on the Sunday closest to Epiphany. She hopes you have a safe, happy and healthy 2021! David Smith, husband of **Suzanne Shaw Smith**, writes: Suzi is doing well in her care home; it's one of the few long-term-care homes in B.C. that has not had a single case of Covid. She is healthy and happy; I get to visit her 3 times per week, two of those times with her sister, **Ginger, SMH '57**. I bring a story book or a guitar, and sing—she used to love to sing, now she just listens and smiles. **Sandy Smith** wrote that many of you know her husband Mike Yount died in May. Mike's passing and deaths of two other close friends have proved “to be an invitation to reconsider the joys of life I want to continue and the missing pieces I still want to experience.” Many relatives and friends in her life have sustained her through this disruptive year. She hopes travel will be possible again before long





Sandy Smith '61 and Teddy.

because "there are more places around the world I want to visit." She adopted Teddy, a 5-year-old shih tzu-poodle mix who makes her laugh everyday. Despite the ups and downs of the past months "I am still my optimistic self". She sends wishes for many smiles, good health, and good friends. **Diane Wilson Koger** is hoping the class of 1961 is healthy and doing the best you can. Not much to tell you, they are staying home as much as everyone else. Let's hope this time next year we will be back to normal, all in good health. Remember RIGHT ONWARD. Love to all! I, **Linda Whinney**, am keeping busy, although not at the same pace as when I was working. I enjoy doing some local volunteer work, catching up on some recommended movies, enjoying good friends and neighbors. My family and I had a small but fun Christmas while distanced with virtual hugs. I did watch the online Christmas Mystery and they did a great job putting it together while meeting the challenges of not being able to gather in the Chapel. It was very enjoyable and brought back memories of great pride we held each year! Please stay in touch with us and may 2021 be a very good year!

## 1963

**Jeanette Smith Cureton** and husband, Bryant, are enjoying FaceTime with grandchildren in California and as many of us, are looking forward to visiting when it is safe to travel. Jeanette reports that many of the beautiful vineyards

in Napa have been devastated by the wildfires. In the meantime, they continue attending and serving the three centuries old Burton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, VA. **Anne Wright** has not been back to New Jersey since selling her family home in 2014 and we hope she will join us at one of our reunions. She and husband, Howard, are grateful to be able to stay in contact with family and friends through email, Zoom, and phone. They are well in the mist of high Covid numbers in their area. She has been busy with Mount Holyoke volunteer work and is auditing a history course at UM-Milwaukee. Can you picture **Ibby Stratton** tooling around a field mowing with a zero-turn mower? Well, she does. She and Jim have a beautiful farm, complete with donkeys. Her big news is that she has fired the man that was helping her with her book on the Strasburg potter and has hired a young woman who is now giving her deadlines. That should get this book to print. She is also working on a Barn Quilt and promises pictures. I, **Carol Richards Culberson**, am the new class agent and would love to hear from classmates! In October, I was in New Jersey for a wedding (under Covid protocols) and had the occasion to take my son for a walk around Doane on a Saturday morning. As an engineer, he was very interested in the Scarborough Gates, their history and relocation. Doane looks wonderful and so many treasured memories came to mind. I tried to explain our fire drills on the ivy covered walls and outdoor fire escapes, three stories tall. I can be reached at carolculb@bex.net.

## 1965

*Notes omitted from Fall 2020 issue*

**Sandy Alves Belcher** sadly says she has retired from her much-loved hospital chaplaincy. COVID made it too risky to be close to patients and staff. She feels blessed to have been able to find a life's work or calling that she loved for 25 years. As some know, she and Bob lost their amazing daughter, Aracy, in 1993 at the age of 16 from a rare cancer. They are also blessed to have their dear son, Justin and daughter-in-law Julie and sweet granddaughters, Avery and Riley, in their lives. It was Aracy who led Sandy to her vocation as a hospital

chaplain. About a year and a half after her death, Sandy "felt" Aracy give her a very strong kick in the butt towards hospital chaplaincy. Aracy was and is still her inspiration and guide. Sandy prays to find other meaningful work in her "retirement". She may work in a per diem capacity providing spiritual care to the nursing teams. A joy for Sandy and Bob is their new family member, adopted from rescue, a sweet little dog named Zoey...love at first sight! **Lenore Bell Reitz** retired last September, but it has not been what she expected. Her plans to go to Michigan, WolfFest, and Philadelphia Folk Festival were canceled due to COVID. She has developed a close relationship with the refrigerator and stove. **Mimo Black Betten** is thankful to be healthy, missing hugs and kisses from family and friends and can't wait until this is over. Mimo is having cataract surgery sometime in August. To keep her healthy, she and Keith have not visited their Maryland grand-babies, but Ethan lives just two blocks from Mimo and Keith and has a big outdoor deck so they can socialize with cocktails! They love bantering with their 8 and 10-year old grands! **Nancy Carson Berst** and husband were in Florida just as COVID came to life. It felt very strange as New York City and New Jersey closed down, and they were still walking on the beach. They headed home to Kansas City on April 1st and have been hunkered down ever since, loving grocery pick up, and not looking forward to going back to food shopping! They did make it to Long Beach Island for two weeks to help get Nancy's mom's house ready to rent for the first time. She hopes to be back there for Labor Day. **Teddi Groff** is finally settling into life in the middle of a tropical rain forest in North Carolina. While unpacking she realized she still had way too much stuff, argh! She now has a screened in porch and gate so both Kasea and Teddi can be outside. A raised bed now holds veggies and herbs and the perennials she brought with her are planted, still works in progress. Since nothing is in walking distance, unlike in Maine, she needs to plan her errands. She wishes Happy Holidays to all! **Susan Brotz Lippincott** safely gets together with some close friends in her park and plays cards a couple of times a week. She has organized every drawer and closet space in her home and is sewing



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again. Daughter, Sabrina, has been working from home. Son, Scott, in Tampa with his family, has worked at home taking Navy courses and is pursuing his MBA. Recently promoted to Commander, he and the family will be transferred back to San Diego. Susan cannot wait to have those grandsons, Colton, 9 and Gene, 5, close by again. Lanny is helping neighbors in their park, working on the USS Midway as a volunteer in restoration and is still "weekend manager" and editor of the park's monthly newsletter. Susan is secretary of the park's association. They should have celebrated a huge milestone in their lives, their 50th wedding anniversary in August, but have decided this year will be the 49th and holding anniversary. Hopefully 2021 will be a better time to celebrate! Susan is always trying to get Sherry Shaw Butterworth to visit and is really going to apply pressure to celebrate the wedding in which she was a bridesmaid! **Martha Mulford Gray** and Guy are spending most of their time safely at home. They occasionally get to see their children, granddaughters, and Susan Wojick Carrow. Martha says the best part of this time of year is putting crab traps out off the dock and enjoying fresh blue crabs for dinner. **Andi Pierce Bigelow** says "Hi" to all. She hopes everyone is staying well during this crazy time. She has spent the summer recovering from shoulder replacement and is doing well. She is back in the pool and continuing physical therapy. **Jo-Ann Trouts Falcon** and Ray have been, for the most part, enjoying the home quarantine, not allowed to go out per doctors' orders. They sleep late, read (so many books, never enough time!), watch old TV series, and cook dinner together. Ray is becoming quite the chef à la Bobby Flay and loves his meatloaf; they talk about anything and everything, including stories about their childhoods and "old" friends. It's hard to admit we've become the Older Generation when they both feel they are in their teens and twenties. **Susan Wojick Carrow** has sorted through all her spices, re-organized the pantry, cleaned out the craft room, found much to donate to Goodwill, and grown weeds that are taller than some flowers! She wonders if it is too early to put up the Christmas tree because she has run out of things to do! Thankful for Zoom and her cook



Marsha Megariotis '65 and her family.

club, she highly recommends the book *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. And now **Sherry Shaw Butterworth**. First, a note to Susan Wojick Carrow: my "Holiday Tree" has been up for over a year! I decorate it for each holiday, currently Amazon's rose buds and babies' breath, looking forward to Autumn! I love the little white lights year-round. Living in the 1880 Money Pit with my roommate CharlieGirl, best dog on the planet, has been a combination of relief and sadness. I can't imagine if John had been in the nursing home when COVID hit. I know I will see him again, and he had better have a huge martini and a pack of Marlboro 100's waiting! My little block is my extended family and it has been wonderful to watch the little people play this summer. I am in awe of parents working from home and caring for children! My eight-year nanny job has ended since dad will continue to work from home. I am a pandemic paranoid and will look for another part-time nanny job when life is safe. I read, watch TV, and avoid anything constructive. My church has virtual services, weekday Evening Prayer when I can be on time, but I set my alarm for 9:45 Sundays. A wonderful younger neighbor does food shopping and has become a dear friend. She says we are both her age, 43! I thank all my classmates for putting up with my nagging emails, but guess what...after 55 YEARS, I heard from all I contacted!! Now...don't let me down in the future! Stay safe, wash your hands while singing "Alice's Restaurant," and wear your masks!!

## 1965

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**Marsha Megariotis** lives in a 55+ community. When the clubhouse closed, our daily activities were cancelled. The management office has been working hard to help us. They have provided food trucks to come monthly and Mr. Softee visited us during the summer. We participated in a ride and wave, scarecrow contest and house house decorating contest. We all practice social distancing and staying safe. I was fortunate to be able to have dinner with my children and grandchildren during the holidays. **Jo-Ann Trouts Falcon** reports she and Ray are doing well and still self-quarantining. They've received their first Covid-19 vaccine shot and will be getting their second shot in two weeks. They will still be careful as both are in the high risk category and have found they really are enjoying their time at home. Jo-Ann says it's a good thing they're not just husband and wife but best friends and can laugh together over the mishaps or misunderstandings they have. Celebrations for Ray's birthday in January, Jo-Ann's in March, and their 46th wedding anniversary in April will be put on hold until it's really safe to go out with friends. Those lists of things to accomplish are slowly getting done—veerrrrrry slowly. They don't want to rush and get everything done and then have nothing to do! In the meantime, books occupy a lot of their time. Jo-Ann loves her novels of all genres and Ray has his nose buried in electronic textbooks. They do share



what they're reading and Jo-Ann has become quite adept at knowing when to nod and say "uh-huh." Jo-Ann sends her best wishes to all her classmates and they both wish everyone to stay safe and stay healthy! **Mimo Betten** writes what a year 2020 has been, but at least many are breathing a sigh of relief with the presidential change. While waiting for the COVID19 vaccination. I've been playing nurse to husband, Keith, who underwent a knee replacement. I have to admit it's not something I was cut out to do, but thanks to **Sandy Alves Belcher's** assistance—she sent him a prayer shawl and then on our weekly Facetime chats, she gave it a beautiful blessing. As for I, **Sherry Shaw Butterworth**, my beloved dog Charlie, a girl, and I are happy hermits. I live on a block of wonderful neighbors and when it's not freezing we can sit on our porches and yell greetings to each other. Many little people to watch and hoping to get a new nanny job by summer. Asking all classmates to contact me because I will be gathering information from all of you to collate and send out so we can keep in touch. Stay safe...wear a mask... and as Peter Pan would say think happy thoughts! Hope to see you at a Founders Day Celebration soon!

## 1966

**Mona Fishman** was able to celebrate her mom's 97th birthday in November. They went to a restaurant in Palm Beach, Florida and were able to eat outside. They had a very nice evening. She is relaxing and enjoying life and staying healthy and safe. She has been in touch with **Barbara Sharlin Berkman** and **Angie Biehl**. She was hoping to see them, but her plans changed because of the pandemic. Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, and healthy year. Take care of yourselves.

## 1967

**Karen Berger Levin** is fine, living the "beach" life at 28237 Saratoga Lane, Lewes, Delaware 19958, situated between Rehoboth Beach and Lewes and loving their new house. They have not ventured out much, not even for her favorite soft ice cream fix at Kohr's. They visited their youngest son and grandsons briefly in their doc's parking

lot before Christmas. Their son Greg in Charlotte, NC, is the producer for NBC news channel. Karen is hoping for better days and plentiful vaccines for all to get back to normal. **Marcia Evans**, like most of us, remains in self-isolation, only going out for groceries every 3-4 weeks. She bought an upright deep freezer last summer that she was able to have installed in her kitchen. She hopes the Covid vaccine will be available to her soon and that she will be able to do some gardening this spring. **Pam Borden Heckert** reports that she and Clark have been able to see their happy baby grandson Wyatt weekly since he was born. Their four kids and her dad are well. Dr Anneliese was vaccinated in December. Pam and Clark hope to be able to travel again and see friends in 2021 after we get our own shots! Pam's 50th Hood College reunion will be in June, but she is not sure she wants to bother going to Maryland! The west is the best! **Anne Gold Gleason** is thankful they are all healthy and could enjoy visiting their families over the holiday season. Anne and Larry are members of the Majestic Voice chorus and because they could not sing live to area seniors this Christmas, the chorus produced a DVD of their past Christmas concerts and distributed them to over 50 area nursing homes and retirement centers. It was their gift to the community this Christmas. She wishes all a healthy, happy and prosperous 2021! **Judy Herman** reports her big news is that they are in escrow with plans to move to Olympia, WA to be closer to her sister. They will be busy for a few months finding homes for horses, packing up and/or selling fifty plus years of accumulated "stuff" from the horse business. She hopes horses and travel are still in their future, as well as gardening, with a greenhouse so she can grow her favorite tomatoes. Sad news has been received about the death of our beloved **Kay (Kathryn) Newberry Dubit** on November 29, 2020 at her brother's home in Lucketts, VA. Her beloved husband, Jerry, died in April of 2019. She was employed for 40 years by Airline Tariff Publishing Company which allowed her to travel extensively. She was our "Mary" in the Christmas Mystery our senior year and will be missed by all who knew her. **Janie Rosenthal Schorr** announces the birth of another

granddaughter. With Netflix, Zoom meetings, holidays, visits, and most importantly good health, they made it through 2020. Their Sun Valley house sold and they will be moving to Aspen to be near their daughter and her family, but are still keeping their Las Vegas home. Janie's mom finally decided to move in with them. Janie thinks the Pandemic and not being able to travel to see them helped make that decision. **Gayle Van Duzer Carson** states that she and Joe just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in December. Gayle saw a picture of Judy Herman on her horse and decided she must not be too old to ride again...so Gayle's granddaughter (age 9) and she are taking lessons together! Who says - "the old gray mare ain't what she used to be?" Having fun and the horse doesn't have to wear a mask...who knew? I, **Bonnie Dix Cavanaugh**, and husband Tuck, continue self-isolating on the mountain. Many long overdue outside projects were completed, 11 cords of wood cut and stacked, and gardens tended. In early December I had a total hip replacement, and was glad that could be done in a specialty hospital while other local hospitals cancelled elective surgeries. Our son Sean and his wife Kelly continue to work full time from home offices, and their two large dogs are often seen in Zoom meetings.

## 1968

**Donna Griffing Dovi**, still a very active EMT, sent "A little update from Medford, NJ: On 12/20/20 got my first COVID shot. Wishing you all a Happy New Year and a joy-filled 2021. Bob and family all doing ok." Her second update came on 1/12/21: "I just got shot number 2 this morning. To report: I am not glowing green and my eyes are not orange. Hope is all well and healthy at your home. Love to all." **Linnie McLean Livingston** didn't have much news, but sent wishes of love and quoted Emily Dickinson: "Hope is that thing with feathers." Linnie's wish is that we all soar into a brighter, healthier and more united New Year. Bring it on 2021." **Kate Thropp** reports that she and her husband "... are moving to Florida. We bought a house to be built in Palm Beach Gardens. We will live on our boat and put "the stuff" in storage until it's ready. Big move! Love to all!!" I am



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Barby, Class Agent and The Kid Formerly Known as **Barba Stults Crear**. As an Old Person with physical issues and with a husband fighting pancreatic cancer, I beg everyone who reads this to please, please, PLEASE just wear a mask, wash your hands like a crazy person, keep 6 feet from people and avoid indoor gatherings. It won't kill you. But it might kill you when there is no room in doctors' offices, hospitals and ERs. Jim and I are in that situation now and it's a horrible and a hopeless feeling. You don't want to be the cause of that for yourself or for anyone else, I know. Everyone doing the above things will end this pandemic sooner. I had a visit with **Joan Urken Zimmert** on FaceTime ... fun! Joanie is retired and reports that she and husband Mark are happy to be with family in North Salem, NY. Peace and love to you all.

## 1969

**Melanie Chletcos** writes that since August her time has been filled with working to take back our Democracy, inspired by the memory of the hymn we used to sing in Chapel "Once to Every Man and Nation". She spearheaded a petition to investigate the dismantling of mail delivery, did phone calls pleading for passage of the CARES Act, and hosted a prayer reading from her SMH prayer book on Yom Kippur. Currently, she is finishing a Covid-19 cartoon book which she will self-publish. The most amazing event, however, was watching day by day, Jupiter and Saturn slowly moving to line up with Earth and Sun on Dec 21. The stars were never visible in NYC, so her bonus in upstate lockdown was her nightly visit with the Universe. One morning as the sky brightened it occurred to her that the stars are always overhead even when daylight obscures their presence. She thinks, perhaps sanity, love, and forgiveness are also there even when we can't see them.

She and her husband continue to be well although lonely. These are the books that have inspired her: *Flu*—Gina Kolata; *Rage*—B Woodward; *The Splendid and the Vile*—Lawson; *Too much is Never Enough*—M Trump; *Bagman*—R. Maddow; *The Nazis and the Occult*—P Roland; *The Man Without a Face*—M Gleeson; *Begin Again*—E Glade

*H is for Hawk*—H McDonald; *The World Between You and Me*—T Coates; *Spymistress*—W Stevenson; *The Corpse Walker*—L Yiwu

**Margaret Eysmans** reports there is nothing new. She is comfortably moved into her new home in Collingswood, NJ and is awaiting the availability of the Covid vaccine, like so many of us. **Melissa Craven Fowler** is back in Florida for the winter and writes that the vaccine rollout is spotty, but she and her husband are well. **Susan Block Orr** reports that her family is well. Her husband and son, both doctors, have been vaccinated, but she is waiting like many of us. The happy news is that their English Springer Spaniel gave birth to two puppies. The father of the litter received the 2019 and 2020 Westminster Best of Breed. **Nancy Switlik Vaga** and her family are well. She reports from NJ that she is already seeing signs of spring and new life emerging from the ground. I, **Linda McMillan**, spent the fall writing hundreds of postcards to encourage African Americans to vote in Georgia and am relieved that both Senate seats went for the Democrats and that we will have a new President who can bring the country out the depths of despair. My husband and I live a very basic life now, waiting for the vaccine and spending time walking the many trails in our town. Our house renovation is now in its sixth year, and despite the fact that it has been a very challenging situation, we feel fortunate to have our health, our family, and each other.

## 1971

**Wendy Elliott Russell** and Andy are in the midst of retirement and a major move from Munich to Santa Fe, NM with their dog Maxi. A 40 ft container is going by truck Munich to Hamburg, by ship (MOL Gratitude) to Galveston TX, train to El Paso, and truck to Santa Fe, to arrive early March. Fingers crossed! New address eff Feb. 5th: 10 Via Summa Santa Fe, NM 87507. Cell phone 856-834-4159. Visitors welcome once we are settled and get my 91-year old mother settled into Assisted Living there too. **Pamela Shaffer** has moved to Los Angeles and joined the Beverly Hills office of Westside Estate Agency, a high end boutique firm, weahomes.com. Work Address: Westend Estate Agency,

210 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Her cell phone is 646-236-6664, email: pamela@pamelaleeds.net and website www.pamelaleeds.net.

**Peggy Edwards** no longer wants us to use her work email. Please use ptrpeg@hotmail.com instead.

## 1973

**Caroline Shaw Oliver** writes this year I'll be retiring—seems unreal. And although my husband and I are not big world travelers like many of the alumnae, I will enjoy catching up with family, friends, and classmates spread out all over the place. Had a fun 3 hour call with Sarajane hearing about her 2 new twin grandbabies. I've tried to track down Donna; last time I saw her was in Florida. We have a reunion coming up in a few years ... but why wait? Caroline may be reached at 757-719-0172 or cesoceso@verizon.net.

## 1977

**Harry Van Sciver** and wife, Maggie, celebrated their 33rd Anniversary in September 2020. Their 4th daughter is a UPenn Junior, her 3 sisters are all UPenn graduates. Harry started another business mid-pandemic: www.fairshare.solutions, spends as much time outdoors as possible, and wishes all a healthy & prosperous 2021.

## 1979

**Julie Engeliem**'s father turned 100 in May 2020. In December he beat Covid19 as he received excellent care at the VA Hospital and recovered. He served during WWII where he earned a Purple Heart. He is now vaccinated for Covid19. Julie's mom just turned 90 and is doing well. Julie's daughter Julia, received her White Coat at the University of Florida Veterinary School and will graduate in May 2022. She is interested in small animals and plans to pursue a specialty in oncology. She is currently looking into internships and preparing for her residency. Julie is very active with the service dog organization Canine Companions for Independence and has been a puppy raiser since 2009. Two of her dogs that did not qualify for service dogs have now become therapy dogs. Julie volunteers at Mayo Clinic with them. Julie moved to Jacksonville Florida in 1998 and has not missed the "Jersey" winters at all but comes back frequently in the warmer



months to visit the Jersey shore and family. **Ken Siegel** used the pandemic to move his business to a part-time venture. After a 15-year career in HR and 12 years running his own business, Prism Painting and Home Repair Ken is happy to report he is semi-retired. He has been spending a lot of time turning bowls and other objects on his lathe, playing gold and platform tennis. He and his wife are enjoying getting creative with cocktails and doing more puzzles together. They have found creative ways to stay safe during this pandemic. He looks forward to getting the vaccine so he can visit his parents who are currently staying safe isolating in the Berkshires. For I, **Mary Ellen Popkin**, nothing has changed workwise as my ESL teaching is online. My children, Charlyne, 17, and Jacob, 15, are both doing online classes only. Charlyne will graduate this year from Northwest Early College High School with an AA degree from El Paso Community College and a high school diploma from NWECHS. Jacob started his freshmen year. My husband was asked to be the ASAC at the Cleveland field office from 10/26/20 till 1/30/21. Due to online classes, we were able to travel to Ohio and stay out there with him. It was a nice change of scenery and my kids loved starting their online classes 2 hours later due to the different time zone. We had a lovely white Christmas and saw a drive-through light display. I had a wonderful time reminiscing with **Charles Monroe** and **John Crossman**. We enjoyed remembering teachers, fellow Doane mates, and classes at SMH/DA. Due to Covid19, Chuck has put his war reenactment on hold. He will not be attending the inaugural this year as a reenactor. Likewise, John has put his travels on hold. However, we are all looking forward to returning to activities we love. Right Onward!

## 1983

**Dawn Noble** writes that she lost her husband, Bruce, in May 2020, to cancer. He was my childhood sweetheart and we were married for 33 years. Covid made the process difficult to have services in NC, then travel to NJ for his burial. My son, Jason, his fiancée, Jess, and my granddaughter, Scarlett Rose, moved in with me. My daughter, Shannon, will graduate high school this year. We are

also waiting for my grandson to make his appearance in June. My mom, Beatrice, is 93, has dementia, and lives with me also. I hope to get up to NJ when possible and do more travelling.

## 1985

To the best of his knowledge, **Rob Bodine**, is the first grandparent in the class. Rob and his family welcomed Leila Marie Bodine on January 1st.

## 1986

**JJ Bodine (now J Light)** spent some of 2020 creating a blog, building a website for the blog and then, writing a book. Keep up to date with the book launch in 2021 at [www.jlightmuse.com](http://www.jlightmuse.com)

## 1996

**Suzanna Kanther-Raz** writes goodness, a new day has dawned for our country! My psychology practice and work with the Washington State Judges have kept me busy. Emotional health is respected and desired more than ever as people universally struggled (albeit differently) this past year, myself included! Please do not neglect yourself. We enjoyed time home with each other, and our dogs, cried a painful good-bye to our older woof, and have kept busy with the outdoors and fun and projects indoors. Our kiddos Klara and Konrad are 5 and 3, respectively, and have blossomed in their own ways. This Winter we hope to get out in the snow and mountains more for skiing and activities. To renewal and progress, and a trip back East, eventually! **Neal McTighe** closed his business Nellino's in January 2020, but has since found home at the SBTDC, an extension of the Small Business Administration. His days are now spent helping small and midsize businesses survive, sustain, or scale during COVID-19. He looks forward to traveling to Florida with his family to see his parents in 2021 and hopefully a visit to Legoland with his son, Henry.

## 2004

On October 10, 2020 **Allison Scheerer** married Stephen Lightcap outdoors at the Lightcap family home in Royersford, PA. Due to the pandemic, attendance was limited to immediate family only.

The couple hope to host a celebration of their wedding in 2022.

## 2006

**Ryan Muller** was named Assistant Athletic Director—Sponsorship at Indiana State University in October of 2020.

## 2007

**Kimberly Copeland** continues to teach 8th grade Social Studies for The School District of Philadelphia, this school year is my 4th year. With my husband we raise our 7 children (ages 1 year to 15 years old—3 boys and 4 girls). **Mary Gardner (Cherubini)** has settled in Music City, Nashville, TN with her husband. This pandemic year isn't holding us down as we adopted our sweet golden retriever, Tuck, and were formally baptized in our new church, Life Point Stewart's Creek. We have joined a church family, made many new friends, explored much of the Middle TN areas, and have continued traveling back to NJ several times to spend time with family and friends. We've been blessed with many visitors this past year including best friend, alum **Suzanne Davis**, who also hosted Mary in NJ. Mary continues God's Call to teaching elementary school in her 8th year of teaching little ones. Jennings and Mary hope to grow their little family in 2021 and wish everyone lots of good health and happiness!



Mary Gardner '07 with her husband and dog.



# Class Notes

## 2010

**Liz Baldwin** was lucky to continue working in these crazy times at the American College of Radiology in oncology clinical trials. She has also been very lucky to be able to continue to fulfill her creative side performing in an outdoor socially distanced production of *Frankenstein* in the fall as well as winning a contest with a piece of art honoring and thanking healthcare heroes.

## 2013

**Joe DeMarco** got engaged to Nicole Caccavo in September of 2020. He also started a new job this January in the Customer Operation IT department at Amerisource-Bergen, a fortune 10 company, as a business solutions analyst. **Brett Keays** has been with Commercial Property Network, Inc. now for nearly 3 years as a sales associate. In November he got engaged to Vanessa Kariger who is a RN BSN at Penn Medicine Princeton Health.

## 2015

This past year **Kelsey Doell** started working at Doane as the Middle School Science Teacher. Coming back to Doane, on the other side of things, has been an amazing experience. I helped with coaching soccer in the fall and I will be helping with coaching softball in the spring! I am currently half way through my masters program at Rider University for both Clinical Counseling and School Counseling.

## 2017

Despite COVID 19, **Adam Ziegler** had a very busy 2020. He was able to attend classes in person, except for the March to May period. Weekly COVID tests, social distancing, and mandatory mask wearing allowed for classes to take place on campus at Stonehill College. Prior to the COVID outbreak, Adam flew to San Diego to showcase his findings on the bacterial genome evolution along hydrothermal vents on the Juan de Fuca ridge research at the International Ocean Sciences Meeting in February. Had this convention been slated for a month later, this probably would not have happened. His research has been a cumulation of work throughout



L to R: Liz Baldwin '10 in *Frankenstein* and her award-winning art.

his four years at Stonehill College. He will be presenting this as his senior thesis in the spring, hopefully in person. Additionally, from June to August 2020, he was awarded an internship with the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Seattle, WA where he worked on determining the sex ratio of the 2019 Pacific Halibut commercial catch from preserved fin clips (~11,000 samples). Luck was on his side once again, as Seattle was just lifting work at home restrictions in June. It also helped that his position was housed in a sterile lab! Lastly, in April, Adam was virtually inducted into Lambda Epsilon Honor Society at Stonehill College. He will be graduating in May with dual degrees in Biology (Bachelor of Science) and Environmental Studies (Bachelor of Arts). He is currently applying to graduate programs in Marine Biology and Oceanography and hopes to physically visit some campuses prior to starting his studies. **Tim Schwanitz** volunteered to be the co-driver on a trip that transported a half-million honeybees from Florida to New Jersey. The 2,400-mile trip with eighteen hives for research was made in only four days, and Tim was stung only once during the whole learning experience. He spent the summer and fall with insect behavioral research plus his senior English thesis on



Joe DeMarco '13 with fiancé Nicole Caccavo.



Brett Keays '13 with fiancé Vanessa Kariger.



science and Transcendentalism. Tim was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. **Cole Trimble** found out in January that he has earned a PILOT spot in the United States Air Force. Now begins the countdown to graduation.



Cole Trimble '17

**Campbell Mason** made it into the 2021 Presidential inauguration concert! She's right behind Demi Lavato's shoulder. The video was taken at Tyler State Park, at the covered bridge.



Campbell Mason '17

## In Memoriam

Mary Jane Munley Rommel x48, September 8, 2008  
 Laurie (Mitzi) Crispin Elliott '50, February 3, 2020  
 Martha Conway Gabriel '63, March 5, 2020  
 Alvin Dickinson '87, July 2020  
 Kathryn Elizabeth Newberry Dubit '67, November 29, 2020  
 Linda Focht Whistler x58, December 2020

Former Trustee, Mary Wells, November 5, 2019  
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# Joins us for Founder's Day

May 15, 2021

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols this will be an all outdoor event.*

*Our tentative schedule is:*

9:00 – 10:00 AM

*25th, 26th, 50th, 51st reunion classes*

Coffee and danish with the Head of School

10:00 AM

Outdoor Prayer Service

11:00 AM

Annual Society of Graduates Meeting

Noon

Picnic Lunch

1:00 PM

Varsity baseball and Varsity softball games

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change. In the case of inclement weather Founder's Day will be cancelled and there will be no rain date. **For the most up to date information regarding Founder's Day please visit [www.doaneacademy.org/giving/foundersday](http://www.doaneacademy.org/giving/foundersday)**

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## 2021 Founder's Day — RSVP by April 17, 2021

### Society of Graduate Dues — \$20.00

**Yes, I will Attend** (no extra fees in addition to SOG dues)

- ☐ 25th, 26th, 50th, 51st Reunion Breakfast
- ☐ Saturday Morning Outdoor Prayer Service
- ☐ Saturday Annual SOG Meeting
- ☐ Saturday Games and Cookout

## Yes, I Wish to Support the Annual Fund

- ☐ Scarborough Society (\$5,000+)
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