class notes

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This section would not be possible without the leadership of our class correspondents, who play a vital role in helping their classmates maintain a lifelong connection with Potomac. Throughout the year, they gather news and photos for the fall and spring issues of *The Term*. So when you get an email calling for news, please make it a priority! You can send your notes directly to your class correspondent, whose contact information is listed at the top of your class year. If no class correspondent is listed, please send your information to *term@potomacschool.org*.

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1946

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Rose Kean Lansbury *is stepping back from her role as Class Correspondent. Please join us in thanking her for her many years of dedicated service! Send a note to term@potomacschool.org if you would like to partner with Nancy as Class Correspondent.*

Betsy Silver Alexander reports, "I remain active in my parish, Christ Episcopal Church, in Portola Valley, CA. Although I recently stepped down as treasurer, I continue to serve on the Vestry. We are a small congregation, but we run an extensive outreach program that attracts more volunteers than we have parishioners.

Our outreach includes partnerships with two nonprofits that provide temporary housing for homeless individuals and families. We supply clothing, backpacks filled with supplies for children, and groceries, and sometimes host community dinners. We also provide toiletries and linens, which the residents can take when they transition to permanent housing.

Additionally, we regularly visit nursing homes, offering programs and companionship to residents who have no family or visitors. We also participate in the Rise Against Hunger initiative, organizing 100 volunteers to pack meals. In just two hours, we assemble enough food packets to feed 15,000 people facing famine across the globe.

I am still treasurer of my condo's Homeowners Association but will not run again when my term is up this fall – younger people MUST step up!

In August, I was asked to walk a grandson down the aisle at his wedding – what a pleasure and honor! He and his beautiful partner have been together for over 10 years and have a delightful 5-year-old son. I was getting used to what seems to be the "new way," so I was really surprised when they decided to formally tie the knot. It was a wonderful family gathering and the weather was perfect.

I'm lucky that one of my granddaughters lives with me – she has two charming cats who provide lots of entertainment, and it's comforting to the rest of my family to know that there's someone around who can offer help in an emergency."

Jerrie Kohlmeier Bartlett writes, "Life continues at Cathedral Village in Philadelphia. Since my falls three years ago, I've been wheelchair-bound, but my two main perks are learning folk songs – the love of which I credit to the music program at Potomac – and going to dinner in the main dining room with Allen, my husband of 67 years. We meet a cross-section of friends, several of whom are English."

Our hearts are with ***Judy Blair Green*** and her family as she grieves the loss of her husband, Tom McDonough, and her son, Jim, who both passed away this past summer.

Shelah Kane Scott shared a delightful memory of an evening with ***Julie Merrill*** and her mother while at Potomac. They went to the National Theatre to see *Life With Father*. It was the first play that Shelah had ever seen, and she still remembers it. Shelah recalls being struck by the family's living room and thinking, "Their living room looks just like my grandmother's!"

Shelah lives in Charlottesville near the University of Virginia and enjoys watching university lectures on Zoom. The local historical society also offers Zoom programs that Shelah enjoys.

Nancy Hamilton Shepherd reflects, "Dear Potomac friends from the Class of 1946! I always look forward to hearing what is going on in your lives. It isn't the easiest time of life, but there have been good things

in mine this year. I had a two-week visit this summer with Barbara Pfeiffer, an AFS (American Field Service) Intercultural Program student from Austria who stayed with us for a year when she was in high school. We have stayed in touch, and this summer, while she was here, we went to Vermont to be with two of my daughters, Ruth and Katie, and their families. Earlier in July, I visited with three of my daughter Katie's grandchildren. A treat of that visit was to watch the girls being led on Oliver, a new horse at Katie's. The girls are 3, 4, and 6-and-a-half, and each appeared in her riding outfit, ready to go!

At home, I continue to enjoy the company of my black and white cat, Oreo. Recently I have a new housemate, my 30-year-old grandson, Sam. May you all have good company in your lives and as good health as possible!

Also, in the course of putting together these class notes (and reminding people that the deadline was coming up), I have had a number of delightful conversations. They have included times past and times present, plays and pets, and memories of friends. Since **Rose Kean Lansbury** is stepping down from being my co-chair, Potomac is looking for someone to join me. It is lots of fun. Do let Laura Miller, director of alumni relations, know if you are interested. Blessings to everyone as you make your way through your 90s."



Nancy Hamilton Shepherd '46's daughter, Katie, and great-granddaughter, Wren, on a late-summer ride



Nancy Hamilton Shepherd '46 at a family birthday celebration in Vermont this summer

Three of Nancy Hamilton Shepherd '46's great-granddaughters getting ready to ride



'46

1950 Reunion YEAR 75th

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1954

Class Correspondent
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Margaret (Mag) Cooley writes, "It's hard to believe that our time at Potomac was 70 years ago. I still feel so connected to you all and to the people we were back then. I wish each of you well.

I'm still living in rural northwest Connecticut, where I'm nourished by long-standing friendships, books, and my 40-year passion for affordable housing and local government. The grandson I had the privilege of raising flew the nest for a couple of years, but at 26, he's back – much to our mutual satisfaction, though our blended family of cats is less thrilled. We've turned the upstairs into a functional apartment, and a new outside entry and mudroom should help pacify the felines.

My closest bond remains with my siblings; we Zoom regularly and gather in person whenever distance allows. Every few years, my sister, ***Susan Cooley '57,*** and I spend three weeks exploring Europe. This year's trip departs the day after the election, when I hope we'll all be celebrating."

Tina Knox Radigan shares, "I've been dealing with spinal stenosis, which has put an end to my golf game and long walks. I'm currently under the care of a pain-management doctor in Richmond, who has been administering spinal injections. While they've helped somewhat, I won't be satisfied until I can get back to exercising!

This summer, I spent two weeks in Bethany Beach, DE, with my entire family – and we all ended up catching COVID."

Sandy Robinson Righter shares, "Jim and I are now living in a CCRC in Lexington, MA, but keep our little house in Mattapoisett, MA, for weekends and the summer. We're a four-generation family with two adorable great-granddaughters – a real joy! Architects never really seem to retire – Jim continues to do a lot of drawing – and I keep on singing with small groups. We feel lucky to be in good health and hope others are as well."

1955 Reunion YEAR 70th

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1960 Reunion YEAR 65th

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1961

Allan Ackerman reports, "I caught up with ***Rodney Frelinghuysen*** and ***William (Tap) Bennett*** at a St. Albans reunion five years ago, which brought back memories of ***Mr. Sealy***. Martha and I are now retired in Chicago, where I spend much of my time helping our four grandchildren navigate the college search and essay-writing process. Our first, Charlie, is off to Middlebury in Vermont – three more to go!

Until November, my focus is on being a foot soldier for democracy. Otherwise, life revolves around travel, successful cancer treatments (three so far), and cherishing the time to nurture friendships."

Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave is happy to share that "I have continued the mission of comfort I began with the Light of Healing Hope Foundation. I am now producing cards of reflection for hospices and hospitals. These cards are designed to offer support and encouragement to patients and their families during challenging times. I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to places such as Sibley Hospital and Calvert Health Center and to be featured in the chaplains' monthly newsletter. It's a small way to spread hope and kindness where it's needed most."



1962

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Elizabeth Burke Dale reflects, "It was very hot and humid in Florida this summer. I'll welcome cooler weather this fall."

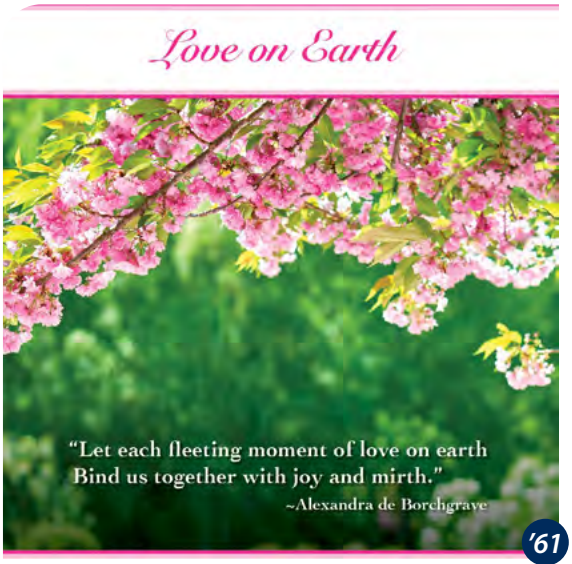
Deborah Johansen Harris shared the sad news that her husband, Ted, passed away last July after a long illness. "Family and friends have been lovingly supportive at this difficult time. I am blessed to have their prayers," she said. "After Labor Day, I spent a restful week in Truro on Cape Cod. A high point was visiting ***Eldie Acheson*** and her spouse, Emily, at their house in Bass River on the Cape. I also spent time with cousins and other friends, walked on the beach, and otherwise was blissfully ensconced in my hotel overlooking Provincetown Harbor and the high dunes of Province Lands."

Bobbie Lanahan attended several workshops in Provincetown last summer. She notes, "I especially loved woodblock printing. It's far from my usual medium and meticulous methods. Our designs were quick and the carving was unforgiving. I had lots of fun with my fellow participants, who worked like demons, and we enjoyed our mistakes."

Louise McVickar Marx says, "We had a wonderful summer on the Vineyard and will head back home to Boca Grande, FL, in mid-October. Would love to see any classmates who may be in our area. Hope to catch up with ***Elizabeth Burke Dale***, who lives near us. Many thanks, ***Deb***, for organizing all the Zoom meetings. They are great. Take care."

Louise McVickar Marx '62 and Sandy Marx with family last summer





A card of reflection by Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave '61

Allan Ackerman '61 at the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain, in June with his grandson, Charlie, his wife, Martha, and their guide



'62

Carol Mattusch '62 "cleaning up" before hosting classmates at her home in Clifton, VA

Carol Mattusch hosted a September class reunion at her place in Clifton, VA. She said she had some "tidying up to do beforehand." Attendees were ***Liz Murray Platts***, ***Eldie Acheson***, ***Peak Mason Power, Deb Johansen Harris***, ***Marianna (Mimi) Merrill Russell***, ***John Wathen***, ***Carol Eakin-Burdette***, (as of this writing, possibly ***Katherine Marshall***), and ***Elizabeth (Betsy) Davison***.

Rosemary Merriam announces happily, "I finally made it to Santa Fe, NM, and am ecstatic to be here. I extend a standing invitation to all to come and visit. In September, I traveled to Berlin with stops in Dresden, Prague, and Vienna."

1963

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Amanda Kreglow writes, "I finished my third novel, *The Road to Quincy*, which is now available on Amazon. Our son got remarried to a wonderful woman and they had a child, Barrett, on August 27. His first son just turned 17. Lots to celebrate."

Wendy Millar Phillips reports, "This has been a special summer with two family reunions. We've grown to a group of 19 with four married sons and nine grands! In June, our youngest son, Thomas, married Becca in Utah and then we all spent a wonderful week together in East Hampton."



front row: Anne Williams '63, Marisa Knowlton Domeyko '63, Leni Chapman Preston '63; back row: Linda Stillman '63, Diane Kefauver '63, Carol Eakin Burdette '62



Sophie, Leni Chapman Preston '63's 3-and-a-half year-old granddaughter



Linda Stillman '63, Maria Franco Granquist '63, and Marisa Knowlton Domeyko '63 at Kimmie Sellon '63's memorial service, May 18, 2024

'63

Leni Chapman Preston reports, "'A great time was had by all.' That was the consensus of the Potomac alums who spent several days in May exploring historic houses and gardens in the Hudson River Valley. Members of the class of '63 – ***Marisa Knowlton Domeyko***, ***Maria Franco Granquist***, ***Diane Kefauver***, ***Leni Chapman Preston***, ***Linda Stillman***, and ***Anne Williams*** – were joined by ***Carol Eakin Burdette '62***. In addition to explorations with my classmates, I had a great time with my daughter, ***Caroline Preston '98***, who is now managing editor at *The Hechinger Report* while also raising her daughter, Sophie. I think Sophie is the cutest child on the planet!

After our trip, Maria and Marisa shared that they joined Linda in Cresco, PA, for ***Kimmie Sellon's*** memorial service. There, Linda shared wonderful Potomac memories with Kimmie's family and friends."

Zan Smith Thomas says, "We are definitely feeling old these days, as our twin granddaughters begin their senior year in high school. One of the twins is a tall athlete who aspires to women's wrestling

at the collegiate level, and the other twin is very interested in women's studies, theater, and media. Their 12-year-old brother is sampling various sports and excelling in math. Frank and I are about to embark on an adventurous trip that includes South Africa, Turkey, Spain, and Portugal. I still have five horses and three boarders! A bunch of chickens, one guinea, three barn cats, and a 15-year-old dog make up the rest of the menagerie."

1964

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*Thank you to **Gail Weinmann** for hosting an early Reunion 2024 this past September. Classmates came from near and far to celebrate their 60th milestone. On Sunday, September 16, a group toured the campus and walked the nature trails. Wonderful memories of their time at Potomac came flowing back.*

Members of the Class of 1964 recently toured Potomac's campus and nature trails.





Members of the Class of 1964 celebrate their 60th Reunion – back row: Deborah Bell, Catherine Satterlee, Guru Sangat Khalsa (formerly Helen Angleton), Isabell Hill Fucigna, Nicola Rose Walder, Gail Weinmann; front row: Katherine Farquhar, Anne FitzGerald Slichter, Ellen Peirce, Molly Scoville Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth Dickerson Sinclair, Jennifer Owen Murphy

1965 Reunion YEAR 60th

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Lindesay Holdsworth Aquino writes, "This summer our grandson, Marco, age 10, was very excited to attend two weeks of baseball camp at Potomac, where his mother, ***Belen Aquino Perfilio '99***, and grandmother, Lindesay, went to school."

1967

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Caroline Casey reports, "In September I celebrated the 28th anniversary of my radio program, *The Visionary Activist Show*. The anniversary show was especially great with guests James Hillman and Gershon Baskin. Check it out at *CoyoteNetworkNews.com*."

David Harvey writes, "I retired in January 2024 after a rewarding career as a mechanical engineer in solar energy, garnering 10 patents and many good memories. I married in 1978 and divorced in 1995, and have a daughter, who is now a physician. I'm currently living in the Boston area with my second wife, a retired psychiatrist. My greetings to all."

John Wolf shares, "Greetings from outer Cape Cod! The fall of 2024 finds me in an interesting place; I had largely retired from my mechanical services enterprise in order to emphasize my music career (or rather,

resurrect it in the wake of COVID), only to get elected to a second term on the Wellfleet, MA, Selectboard, of which I am now the chair. For such a bucolic, charming little seaside town, it is surprising what lies below the surface and how much time and energy it takes to deal with it.

Since last checking in (whenever that was!), I have become a grandfather to the hopelessly cute Jacob Leo Wolf, who just turned 2 years old. Fortuitously, my son, Alexander, and daughter-in-law, Colleen, took up residence in Medford, MA, so I get to see them regularly. 2024 represents the 15th year of my sailing charter operation, Postcard Harbor Tours, and in early 2022, I proved once again that you can't fix stupid by buying a larger catboat. I am happy to report that S/V *Epistrophy* is busy this season earning her keep.

Although I don't keep in touch as often as I should with my fellow Potomac alums here on the Cape, we do get together from time to time. A few years ago, classmate ***Deb Tucker*** visited friends here and they joined me for a very pleasant sail in Wellfleet Harbor. Deb stopped by for a home-cooked breakfast on her way out of town afterward. In July of this year, classmate ***David Parker*** hosted a truly delightful dinner party at the Chatham Beach and Tennis Club; I accompanied ***Maria Chavchavadze '68***, who lives about a mile from me, to the gathering and was delighted to encounter not only most of David's siblings, but also classmate ***Phil Kimball*** and his brothers. It was truly rewarding to have a chance to catch up. It's a blessing that everyone is enjoying good health at this time in our lives.

Apologies for my long absence on these pages; I hope this rather lengthy missive and the accompanying photos make up for it!"

1968

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Barbara Strong Kirk says, "Incredibly, Sigrid, Dana, Henry, and I are alive and kicking in Cleveland, Boulder, DC, and the only blue county in Florida. Our 10 adult kids may be thriving...!? All over the place."

Lucy Jewett Lowenthal shared, "***Marie Ridder***, Potomac School trustee emerita, along with her son and our classmate, ***Rick Ridder***, hosted a wonderful dinner with some members of our class this past May in McLean. Fun was had by all."

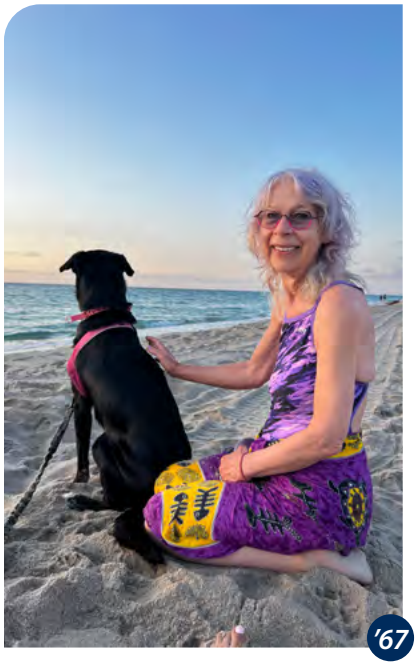


^ John Wolf '67, son Alex, daughter-in-law Colleen, and grandson Jacob



^ John Wolf '67 with S/V *Epistrophy*

'67



'67

< Caroline Casey '67 and friend "replenishing by the sea"

> Laura Wainwright '68, Kim Holdsworth '68, and Ceci Addison Clark '68, taken in late September at Kim's family home on Martha's Vineyard. The three had not been together for years.



'68



'68

^ Class of '68 members Dan DuVal, Rick Ridder, Tom Parker, Lucy Jewett Lowenthal, and Peter Lowenthal at Marie Ridder's home in McLean



Christopher King '69 by Spruce Hole Yurt in southern Colorado

1969

Christopher King writes, "Greetings to my fellow '69ers from Albuquerque, NM, where I live with my wife and our loving Aussie mix, Gracie. Every February, my friends and I head up to southern Colorado to ski and snowshoe our way to Spruce Hole Yurt, nestled at 10,500 feet. Over four days, we hike to the ridge for sweeping views, melt snow on the wood stove for drinking water, take in breathtaking sunsets and starlit skies, and share well-worn stories over steaming mugs of tea."

1970 Reunion YEAR 55th

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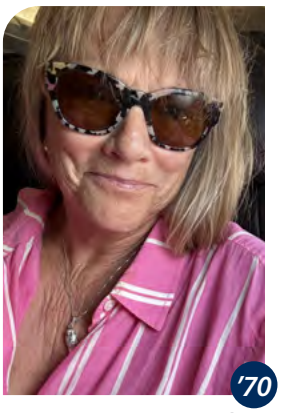
Jane McAllister was thrilled to have dinner with Kerry and Georgia Rock, wife and daughter of ***Bobby Rock***, who were in town Labor Day weekend for Georgia's move to DC (after her graduation from NYU School of Law last spring). "Welcome, Georgia!

On behalf of the Class of 1970, I send condolences to ***Garrett Jewett*** and his family on the loss of his mother, Joan Lewis Jewett, who died peacefully on August 17 at the age of 93. Again this year, Garrett showed paintings in a group exhibition of 12 artists at the Corscaden Barn Gallery in Keene Valley, NY, from July 11 through Labor Day. I'm happy to report that I bought one of his paintings!"

Krikky Rose Jaffe shares, "I am back at school, entering my 48th year of teaching, which makes me a living dinosaur. I keep on looking at the other side of work – the world of retirement – and wondering if it's for me. I can't quite imagine getting up on a fall morning and not following the buses into school. I now have five granddaughters. My middle child, Rosalind, had a baby girl, Isabel, last spring. She joins Stella (4) and Emma (8) and the twins, Caroline and Maggie (10). My big wish is that I could spend more time with them, especially as four of them are in Chicago, which I visit occasionally but not often enough. I would LOVE a reunion next October! The last one was so much fun – well worth the drive down from Philly."

At the time Jane contacted ***Liza Noyes***, she had COVID-19 but was asymptomatic. Liza shares, "Grandbaby Isla was here for a 10-day stretch. She's a blast. My daughter Anna's novel, *The Blue Maiden*, came out in May – a deep, dark Bergmanesque read. I have a tarot channel on YouTube called *the slipstream* (which has 2.44K subscribers). Been doing tarot since eighth grade. Archetypal stories, so they resonate. I'm doing well except for balance troubles. Lovely summer in DownEast Maine."

In mid-August, ***Dana Strong*** was in Water Island getting some work done on her home there. She reported, "I flew home 12 hours before Ernesto reached St. Thomas! Roof work got finished just in time. Other news, my 16-month-old granddaughter was on vacation in France, gorging on croissants, and the 2-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter has relocated from Hoboken, NJ, to the outskirts of San Fran. I'm all in for our next Reunion! Love to see some new old faces."



Dana Strong '70 took a selfie on board the flight that took her out of St. Thomas, just 12 hours before Hurricane Ernesto arrived.



Sunset Ripples, 2024, oil on canvas, 20 x 20 inches by Garrett Jewett '70; purchased by Jane McAllister '70 from Corscaden Barn Gallery, Keene Valley, NY

1972

Page Blankingship shares, "I'm having a blast as a 'newlywed' after being divorced for 30 years! Rick and I were married on May 4 and are deeply grateful for the support of our family and friends, including ***Lisa Koehler***, who joined us in celebration."



Page Blankingship '72 and her husband, Rick, on their wedding day

Andy Wolf reports, "I just retired from UVA School of Medicine after 31 years on the faculty and a 40-year career in internal medicine. Now more time for soccer – still playing in the Charlottesville OFL (Old Farts League!) and biking. My brother, ***Steve Wolf '69***, and ***Sanford Jewett '72*** live a stone's throw from each other in Warrenton. The three of us went on a wonderful bike ride outside Warrenton a few weeks ago. I'm sad to report that Sanford's mother, Joan Jewett, passed away on August 17 at the age of 93. She was also mother to ***Lucy Jewett Lowenthal '68***, ***Garrett Jewett '70***, ***Ed Jewett, '75***, ***Libby Jewett '78***, and ***Hope Jewett McKalip '81*** – all Potomac alumni."

1973

In 2020 ***Bill Calfee*** founded Myti, an innovative online marketplace supporting Vermont's independent stores. With a background in technology and a passion for local economies, Bill launched *Myti.com* in 2023 to bridge the gap between the convenience of online shopping and the importance of thriving local economies.

He writes, "Myti leverages the advantages of scale and cutting-edge technology, including artificial intelligence, to empower independent retailers. This approach allows small businesses to compete effectively in the digital marketplace, providing them with tools and reach typically available only to large corporations."

Bill is committed to fostering economic resilience. His work with Myti will keep money circulating in micropolitan cities across the U.S., offering consumers the ease and convenience of online shopping and local merchants opportunities to thrive in the digital age. Once tested in Vermont, Myti will expand to similar communities across the country.



Bill Calfee '73, founder of *Myti.com*

1974

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A heartfelt thank you to ***Carroll Carter****, Reunion Co-Chair, for his invaluable assistance in organizing a memorable celebration for the Class of '74's 50th milestone. Thanks to his dedication and hard work, many classmates came together to reminisce, reconnect, and have fun. Thank you also to* ***John*** *and* ***Georgia Nassikas*** *for hosting the Saturday night class party at their home!*

Ted Bellinger shares, "I am still working at SAIC, still married (to Julia – yay!), and still looking for reasons to hope for salvation for Washington, DC, football. I saw Bruce Springsteen at Nats Field with 40,000 or so of our best friends. Jackson is living at home with his dog, Paul, and working as a software engineer. Sarah is living in Cambridge, MA, and working in marketing. My brother, ***Robert Bellinger '76***, is also in DC. He finished his City Year at Cardozo Middle School and now works there in the school's administration."

Sarah Lejeune writes, "I am still here clinging to a mountain in Topanga after a winter of mudslides and floods, and consulting part-time for local governments, with a slightly shifted focus to environmental justice and sea-level rise. I love having time to paint and am re-integrating myself into the LA art scene after a 20-year break. It was fun to get a big commission this year. Zoe has settled in Chicago, where she is working and volunteering to support the unhoused community. She teaches me to think in real-time. I enjoyed attending the Reunion!"

Ted Bellinger '74 and his wife, Julia, rocking it at the Bruce Springsteen concert at Nats Park in DC, September 7, 2024



Read "How Does Your Garden Grow" in this issue of *Llama Notes* to learn about ***Barbara Katz's*** long career as owner of London Landscapes, LLC.

Jennifer Moses reports, "Our eldest son, Sam, and his wife finally ponied up and made us grandparents. Their child, Joseph (Joey) Eliezer Green, was a year old right around the time of our Reunion. He is a pumpkin peach pie love bug, immensely talented, brilliant, handsome, funny, and already showing a marked proclivity for walking, which seems likely any day. Last summer, we also had two weddings, one for each of our twins, making it three for three. Both my husband and I have new books in the making – his in law, mine a collection of short stories, *You've Told Me Before*, being published in September 2025. Praying that we still have a democracy then."

Jane Day Rich writes, "There's not much news to report from Boulder. I had a great summer hiking and started a new job the week after Labor Day. I work with a nonprofit that I've been involved with for 20 years, the Gift of Adoption Fund. We award grants to families trying to finalize their adoptions. As you can imagine, it's a cause that is close to my heart. I enjoyed our 50th Reunion in October!"

Harold Singletary shares, "With 53 years of friendship under our belts, ***Jamie Engert*** and I are still trying to figure out how to take over the world – something we pondered during a recent trip to Rehoboth Beach, DE. Wishing the rest of the Class of 1974 the best. Where has the time gone?"



Jamie Engert '74 and Harold Singletary '74 on the beach at Rehoboth

Alan Thomas reports, "It was great to see everyone who came to Reunion, and I look forward to seeing everyone else! I recently returned from Calcutta, where I've been working on a photography project. Last year, I marked 40 years publishing books at the University of Chicago Press – and I still can't decide when to retire."

1975 Reunion YEAR 50th

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It's your 50th milestone celebration, so mark your calendars for October 2025. Stay tuned for more details! Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

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1978

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Gerry Holmes catches us up with his news. He says, "I was happy to see so many of my classmates at the recent Reunion. It had been far too long! It was a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to the next one. I'm entering my 16th year at NPR in the newsroom and bracing for this surprising election. Jennifer continues her reporting on housing and income inequality at NPR. Our older son, Alex, graduated from college and is searching for a job in Hollywood, and Aidan is a junior embarking on a semester overseas, pursuing his major in sustainable community development. Wishing the best to you all. Cheers!"

Ian McIlvaine spent a wonderful couple of days in Paso Robles, CA, with ***Tim Gould*** and his wife, Deanna.

Carolina Kuczynski Reid writes, "I am enjoying life as a person who helps older people plan and manage estate matters. I came into that as a domain expert in life insurance (which I weirdly love, after years in corporate M&A). Funnily, now as we march on, I am in my own market. My, how time flies!

Susannah Humpstone Michalson and I have been friends for so long. I remember not only elementary school but when we used to go to the boardwalk at Rehoboth, and deciding that the hunky lifeguards whose attention we were after were not that smart. We came up with two simple, fun-loving, giggly personas, 'Buffy and Sue'! See the accompanying present-day photo of Buffy and Sue (Carolina and Susannah)."

Long live Buffy and Sue! Susannah Humpstone Michalson '78, Carolina Kuzynski Reid '78, and Carolina's mom, Jane Casey Hughes '52





l to r: Victoria Yust, Tim Gould '78, Deanna Gould, Ian McIlvaine '78 at Parrish Family Vineyard, Paso Robles, CA

"As for me, ***Julie Twiname Warder***, I am still caring for my mother, who is in the advanced stage of her dementia. The painful journey has led me to some wonderful support groups for caregivers. I now volunteer as a caregiver mentor and am employed as a support group facilitator. It feels like I am where I am supposed to be, and I am grateful for this meaningful purpose at this stage of my life."

Hildreth Willson shares, "Hello all! We are empty-nesters, and it has felt strangely quiet this past year. All the usual things happened – friends, holidays, our annual trip to the Vineyard – but home has still been quiet. In May of last year, my business partner and I launched an interior design business, and we are still at it. What a joy after years of IT and CPA left-brain activity to use the right side of my brain! I am grateful that even at 61, new adventures can happen. I hope all is well with everyone."

1979

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A heartfelt thank you to ***Bill Hoffman****, Reunion Co-Chair, for his invaluable assistance in organizing a memorable celebration for the Class of '79's 45th milestone. Thanks to his dedication and hard work, many classmates came together to reminisce, reconnect, and have fun. Thank you, Bill, for your outstanding efforts!*

Jeannette Matheson Lussi writes, "I just returned from competing my horse at the Lexington Kentucky Horse Park American Event Championship. We went up a level to Novice and placed in the Masters Amateur division at 13th in the country. Business is busy with running an assisted living facility that houses 60 seniors. My three adult children are grown and still living their dreams as professional athletes. It was wonderful to see you all at Reunion."

Ralph Savarese shares, "I've half-retired and am living half of the year in Petoskey, MI, looking out on Little Traverse Bay. The other half, I'm in Iowa City. I have two books coming out this fall – a book of poems called *Never Make Them Cry: Classrooms and Coffins* and a scholarly book called *Herman Melville and Neurodiversity, or Why Hunt Difference with Harpoons?* My goal is to be as athletic in retirement as our horse-riding phenom classmate."



Jeannette Matheson Lussi '79 and "Rock'N'Ranger," right before riding in the Rolex Stadium in Lexington, KY

Anita Winsor reports that she is serving on the board of the Washington Studies Group with Molly Buck (aka ***Miss Buck*** from third grade!) It is a women-only lunch club with speakers on current events.

1980 Reunion YEAR 45th

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Get ready to join in on the excitement! Mark your calendars for October 2025 for the Class of '80's 45th milestone Reunion. Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

Skip Norman and ***David Olin*** recently met up in Washington, DC. Skip is a captain with Delta Air Lines in Salt Lake City, and David is the chief of conservation at Olin Conservation, Inc., in Great Falls, VA.

Anita Winsor '79 and Molly Buck





Skip Norman '80 and David Olin '80 in Washington, DC

Romey Pittman writes, "Hello, Fellow Potomacoids! I've been spending my every waking hour for the last two years designing (with my students!), navigating approvals, and fundraising for my new charter high school in Annapolis, New Village Academy. We will open in our regional shopping mall next fall, with a school-based health center, innovative individualized learning, community-based action research, and weekly internships. We are seeking financial support to help get us launched, so please reach out if you have ideas! I did manage to find time to

Kathy Rankin '80, Tory Vest '80, Romey Pittman '80, and Cecilia Van Hollen '80 hunt for shark teeth in a stream near Romey's farm.



take a break this summer to spend a long weekend with ***Cecilia Van Hollen***, ***Tory Vest***, and ***Kathy Rankin***. We have had each others' backs for at least 45 years now, and we never miss the chance to laugh together until we cry; compare life journeys, professional challenges, and now old age complaints; and share the joys and struggles of adult children and aging parents."

1981

Calling all storytellers! *Help keep your classmates connected. Interested in being a Class Correspondent? Email Laura Miller for more information.*

Jennifer Davis shares, "Hi all! No major news to report, but since I never write in – and I love hearing updates from classmates – I thought it was time I chimed in. I've been living in Charlottesville, VA, for 25 years, where I regularly play pickleball with ***Charlotte Matthews*** and occasionally visit ***Hope Jewett McKalip*** on her farm two hours away. I just dropped my son off for his freshman year of college, and my daughter started her senior year of high school today! As soon as I recover from the shock of these big events, I need to find a new job. I've been doing bookkeeping and office management from home since the pandemic, but I'm ready to have office mates other than my two dogs and to explore a new career. I'd love to hear news from fellow Potomac classmates!"

Charlotte Matthews writes, "It is a delight to have a new book coming out in November with some essays about Potomac. It is entitled *Everything in Its Brilliance*."

Eric McGuire '83 and Victoria Frankhauser Esposito '83 volunteering with Team Rubicon at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in DC





Eric McGuire '83 and John Creamer '83

1983

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Victoria Frankhauser Esposito reports, "I read ***Eric McGuire's*** submission in the spring 2023 *Potomac Term* about his volunteer work with Team Rubicon, a group dedicated to disaster relief and service projects. Inspired by his story, I decided to join as well. I have shared a photo of Eric and me at a recent event where we worked together to wash the wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

Eric McGuire shares, "***John Creamer*** is living in Phoenix, AZ, but he recently traveled to Virginia Beach to visit family, and I was able to meet him for lunch and a little bit of reminiscing about our Potomac years."



TJ Sharkey '18 celebrates his engagement to Kelly Hyde with his mom, Christine Rosenhauer Sharkey '83, his sister, Megan Sharkey '19, and other family and friends.

Christine Rosenhauer Sharkey writes, "I just finished my 20th year working here at Potomac, and I have successfully launched both kids. ***Megan Sharkey '19*** has just finished her first year as a nurse at Inova Fairfax in the Pediatric ER, and congrats to ***TJ Sharkey '18*** and Kelly Hyde on their engagement."

1984

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A heartfelt thank you to ***Mary Day Fitzgibbon*** *and* ***James Quigley****, Reunion Co-Chairs, for their invaluable assistance in organizing a memorable celebration for the Class of '84's 40th milestone. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, many classmates came together to reminisce, reconnect, and have fun. Thank you, Mary and James, for your outstanding efforts!*

1985 Reunion YEAR 40th

Get ready to join in on the excitement! Mark your calendars for October 2025 and stay tuned for more details. Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

Julie Dugger shares, "Hello friends! I spent the summer in the mountains of North Carolina to escape the Florida heat and it was magical. I'm back now in Atlantic Beach, where I was recently visited by ***Chrissy Coughlin*** and ***Lisa Herren '84***. I still get to DC for Fannie Mae pretty frequently and love to catch up with classmates! The NC house is a short-term rental when I'm not in it, and it's an amazing escape – check it out."





Julie Dugger '85 in the mountains of North Carolina

'85

Oliver Wilcox writes, "I'm in my 12th year working at the State Department and spent nine years at USAID before that. I have two sons, 20 and 16, and would welcome hearing from folks!"

1986

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Calling all storytellers! *Do you want to help Rob collect class notes? Contact Laura Miller to learn more.*

Kass Savarese Lazerow shares, "My husband and I wrote a book called *Shoveling $h!t: A Love Story*. It comes out in March of next year. I had a good time catching up with ***Bob Der*** recently. So great to connect with him."

1990 Reunion YEAR 35th

Class of 1990 – the first high school graduating class from Potomac – mark your calendars for October 2025 and come celebrate your 35th milestone. Stay tuned for more details! Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

Betsy Fagin shared some good news with the Potomac community about her latest publication: "My third poetry book, *Fires Seen From Space*, will be published in November by Winter Editions. It's available for pre-order now."

Middle Schoolers! Chris Rubin '90's twins on their first day of fifth grade



'90

Chris Rubin writes, "Twins, a football team, and a startup, oh my. It's true, I have boy/girl twins who are nearly 11, and I've been coaching the Aspen 49ers, our flag football team, where my son is the QB. We won two consecutive league championships and now, embarking on our fall season, we're aiming for our third. Last year, we launched a productized offering of my long-time agency (CRC), called BrandMultiplier.ai. We have established product/market fit and momentum and are growing very quickly. Throw in my lovely wife, our cat and dog, and let's just say that my life is quite full...in the best kind of way."

Alison Shirk Scherr writes, "Hi! I was at Potomac pre-K through eighth grade. The arts, the teachers and friends, and the holiday celebrations massively impacted my ability to express myself through my art now. Thank you!"

Read a recent article about Alison that appeared in the September 2024 issue of *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*, titled *High-Powered Photographer Became Full-Time Painter After Moving to NJ Countryside*. Here is a teaser: "'My world and physical space opened up.' Artist Alison Scherr of Peapack paints emotive, larger-than-life interpretations of nature's lights and patterns."



'90

Artist Alison Shirk Scherr '90

1991

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Sunil Budhrani, the chief innovation and medical officer at Capital RX, shares, "Once is a feat, twice is a charm, but three times, there's No Stopping Us – we've made the 2024 *Inc.* 5000 for the third year straight! Such sustainable growth year after year in any industry, let alone healthcare, is a unique accomplishment, and I am super proud of our team members, who continue building the infrastructure for healthcare."

Tim Wisecarver reports that he and ***Mike Semchyshyn*** played to a sold-out DC crowd in June. He writes, "The experience was tremendously rewarding for these two middle-aged men. Slackjaw will be playing another show at a larger venue in 2025. We will reach out to the Potomac alumni network for support!"

1992

*We want to extend our gratitude to **Ama Amoako Adams** for her incredible work as Class Correspondent! Ama has been a fantastic connector, keeping us all in the loop. Now, she's ready to pass the torch to other enthusiastic classmates.*

Are you someone who loves staying connected and sharing stories? If so, this could be your moment! If you're interested in stepping into the Class Correspondent role, please reach out. Let's keep the conversation going! Email Laura Miller for more information.

Leslie Hamady writes, "Hey, hey, hey! I live in Palm Springs, CA, and have a private counseling practice where my specialty is relationships. I also work at a rescue horse ranch, where I help care for the resident pig, and I am in school for auto tech. Can't wait to be able to work on my own on old cars and motorcycles. My partner and I have been together for 18 years. Life is good!"

1993

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Mike Semchyshyn '91 and Tim Wisecover '91 performing with their band, SlackJaw



'91

Will Lamb '94, Jonathan Rivers '94, and Jonathan Segal '94 in Southampton, NY



'94



'92

Leslie Hamady '92, her partner, all her siblings, and her "Pap" on Mackinac Island, celebrating her 50th birthday

1994

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*Thank you to **Sandy Gentles**, Reunion Co-Chair, for his invaluable assistance in organizing a memorable celebration for the Class of '94's 30th milestone. Thanks to his dedication and hard work, many classmates came together to reminisce, reconnect, and have fun. Thank you, Sandy, for your outstanding efforts!*

Will Lamb reports, "I had a blast catching up with ***Jonathan Segal***, ***Jonathan Rivers***, ***Cynthia Robinson-Rivers***, and their families over a long weekend in Southampton, NY, in July!"

Don't miss reading about Will's career at *The New York Times* in this issue of Llama Notes!

Back at it! Perry Aldige Shure '94's sons, William (in 3rd grade), James (7th), and Benjamin (8th) on the first day of school



'94

This past March, Ashley Walde '94 skied in Zermatt, Switzerland, with her daughter, Finley (6th grade), and son, Beckam (4th grade)



'94



'96

Heather Wilson Carpenter '96 with friends and family on her wedding day

Ashley Walde shares, "This past March Potomac students ***Finley*** (6th), ***Beckam*** (4th), and I skied in Zermatt, Switzerland. We had an amazing time with two other Potomac families."

1995 Reunion YEAR 30th

Mark your calendars for October 2025 and come celebrate your 30th Reunion! Stay tuned for more details. Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

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Read about classmate ***Dwaune Jones'*** journey from playing football at Potomac to scouting for the Washington Commanders in this issue of Llama Notes.

1996

Storytellers, help keep your classmates connected! Interested in being a Class Correspondent? Contact Laura Miller to volunteer.

Heather Wilson Carpenter writes, "Hi, everyone! I'm beyond happy to share that Thomas and I got married this past March in Palm Desert, CA, in a small ceremony with immediate family. I also had a marvelous time a few weeks prior at my bachelorette weekend in Joshua Tree, CA, which ended up being a mini Potomac reunion with ***Ali Jost '97***, ***Margot Martin Angstrom***, ***Melissa Lafsky Saleh***, and ***Leah Lipsky Shaheen***. More celebrations to come!"

Margot Martin Angstrom reports, "***Annie Martin Simonds '90*** and I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro this summer with our families,

fulfilling a lifelong dream inspired by our parents, who climbed the volcano and tallest free-standing mountain 40 years earlier. What a privilege to be on the 'Roof of Africa' at 19,341 feet with those dear to us!"

Yael Feder Devonshire and ***Merritt Hicks '95*** got together with ***Reed Kuhn '95*** while he was visiting Los Angeles in August. They can confirm that Reed is still an excellent party host.



^ Yael Feder Devonshire '96 and Merritt Hicks '95 with Reed Kuhn '95 in LA



< Annie Martin Simonds '90 and Margot Martin Angstrom '96 with a photo of their parents on Mt. Kilimanjaro and a note that accompanied them to the summit that Margot wrote in Miss Hundley's kindergarten class!



^ Annie Martin Simonds '90's and Margot Martin Angstrom '96's first view of Mt. Kilimanjaro from Shira Camp at about 11,000 feet and five days away

'96

> Conor Hiney '97 with his family upon his retirement from the U.S. Air Force – thank you for your service!



1997

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Kelly Greenwood shares, "My family (husband Jules, 10-year-old son Drew, and 8-year-old daughter Ryan) and I did a two-and-a-half week road trip from DC to Orlando this summer, with several stops along the way to see extended family and friends. We had a great time staying with ***Teddy Nemeroff*** and his family on the DC leg of our trip. I sold my parents' house when I moved my mom to an assisted living facility in San Francisco at the end of 2022 (my dad passed away in January 2020). Last December, I happily stepped down as CEO of Mind Share Partners, the workplace mental health nonprofit that I founded. I remain on the board and am excited to explore what (else) is next after taking a much needed break earlier this year. Please reach out if you're in the Bay Area!"

v Kelly Greenwood '97 and Teddy Nemeroff '97 hanging out in DC with their families in August 2024



Conor Hiney retired from the U.S. Air Force and moved to the Boise, ID, area to settle down and reconnect with family. He is excited to be starting the next chapter surrounded by family and friends.

1998

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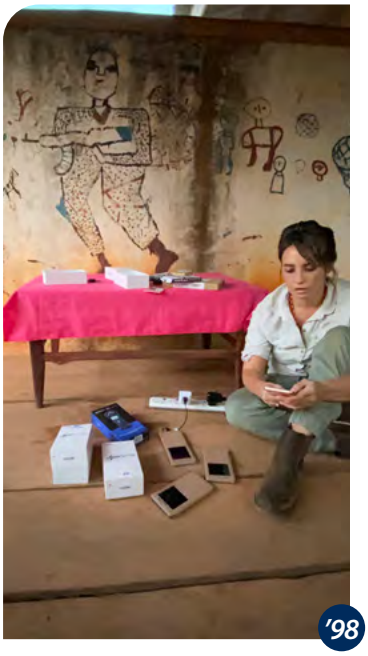
Lizzy DeMuth Braman writes, "I'm no longer on social media, but I wanted to take a moment to say hello and let you know I



Lizzie DeMuth Braman 98's children enjoying the summer in Rangeley, ME

Kate Coyne Coyle '98 with her family





Dr. Jocelyn Kelly '98 programs tablets for data collection in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Chris (Kip) Lewis '98 and his daughter, Eliza, and Neel Premkumar '98 and his daughter, Nyla, in May 2024



carry you all with me through the years. My own seven children are around the ages that I remember most of you – I think back fondly on the adventures we shared during childhood. Thank you for being a special part of that journey. With love, always."

Kate Coyne Coyle shares, "We topped off an amazing summer enjoying a week at a dude ranch in Jackson Hole, followed by a few days exploring the wonders of Yellowstone National Park. I highly recommend starting a morning in the park taking in the geysers via kayak on Yellowstone Lake."

Dr. Jocelyn Kelly has been named a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow in National Security. She is excited to be spending the next year in DC, working at the intersection of human rights and climate change with the U.S. government. This role builds on her work to support women activists worldwide who are striving to foster more equitable and resilient communities.

Chris (Kip) Lewis is thrilled that ***Neel Premkumar*** has finally moved back to the DC area, and 25 years after they sang together at Potomac, their daughters are now singing together in the Children's Chorus of Washington. Chris is also excited to be singing again with ***Patrick Malone '97*** and ***Charlotte Hutton Cox '99*** in the *Christmas Revels* this December.

1999

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Deep gratitude goes to Reunion Co-Chairs ***Emily Anderson, Emi Bretschneider, Christian Gomez,*** *and* ***Reed Landry*** *for their invaluable efforts in bringing the Class of 1999 together to celebrate its 25th Reunion. Thanks to their dedication, many classmates came together on campus to share cherished memories and catch up on all the news! Emily, Emi, Christian, and Reed worked hard, demonstrating outstanding commitment to making this Reunion a meaningful and memorable event for all.*

Sasha Cooper-Morrison lives in Washington, DC, with her husband, PJ, daughters Emma (6) and Phoenix (4), and mom, Trish Cooper. Sasha continues to

enjoy her work at the U.S. Department of Labor, heading up Strategic Partnerships and Industry Engagement for the Office of Apprenticeship. She enjoyed connecting with her Class of '99 classmates and other Potomac friends at Reunion in October.

Pamela Kasenetz gave birth to her second son, Emmet Finn Kahn, on February 10. Emmet joins his 2-year-old brother, Ronen, as a partner in crime. The boys love running around their Navy Yard neighborhood.



'99

^ Pamela Kasenetz '99's son, Emmet Finn Kahn, at 6 months, in August 2024





^ Sasha Cooper-Morrison '99 with her daughters, Emma (6) and Phoenix (4), on their first day of school this August

'99



'00

> Emily Duncan '00's and Matt Meenan '00's son, Harrison, a Potomac fifth grader, is looking forward to a great year



'00

> Kathleen Kiernan Harnden '00's children, heading out on the first day of school

2000 Reunion YEAR 25th

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Are you ready to celebrate your 25th milestone? Mark your calendars for October 2025. Stay tuned for more details. Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

Emily Duncan and ***Matt Meenan*** write, "Our son, Harrison Meenan, is in Ms. McClain's fifth grade class at Potomac and looking forward to a great school year. Matt continues to lead public affairs at The Aluminum Association, and Emily runs the Washington office of American Electric Power."

Milly Hejtmanek shares, "After eight glorious years in Prague, I've relocated to England! While I'm in the beautiful Cotswolds, I hope to be able to pop into London occasionally for a city break and to catch up with any other local alums. I would love to reconnect with folks if you're ever on this side of the pond!"

Chris Short just returned from a trip to Ireland, where he visited many of the sites recommended by **Burke Brownfeld**.



'00

^ Chris Short '00 on a recent visit to Ireland

2001

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Both ***Shannon Gopaul Balser*** and her daughter, ***Cameron Clyburn***, are excited for the academic year ahead. Cameron plans to rock out as a Potomac second grader in Ms. Jackson's class, and Shannon as a DrPH student at Tulane University.

Steven John continues to work as a freelance journalist, writing for publications including *Business Insider*, *New York Magazine, Forbes, Architectural Digest, The Daily Beast*, and many others. He also runs his own family-centric outdoor lifestyle site, *DadGearReview.com*. And this year, Steve and his son, Ben, launched a podcast called *Fact Trekkers* that you can find (and enjoy) pretty much anywhere you listen to podcasts. (His daughter makes cameos in most episodes, too.)



^ A podcast recording session in Steven John '01's decidedly ad-hoc studio

Matthew Klein now lives in Rutherford, NJ, and works in New York as a CMO for Publicis Groupe Creative, where he helps brands grow through advertising and communications. "I enjoyed attending the Big 10 Wrestling tournament at UMD last spring with ***Coach Steve Bissell***, ***Reed Landry '99***, and ***Eddie Smith '98***," he says.

Edwin Merrigan shares, "My wife and I just moved to Milton, GA, and have two kids, Allie (4) and Jack (3). We LOVE Georgia and see ***Matthew Nims*** and ***Bradley Allen*** often."



^ Shannon Gopaul Balser '01's daughter, Cameron Clyburn, is a Potomac second grader.



^ Shannon Gopaul Balser '01, Tulane University Class of 2027

'01



< Cousins! The children of Stephanie Amann Kapsis '01 and her brother, Michael Amann '04, on the first day of school



v Matthew Klein '01, his wife, Ashleigh, and their daughter, Brooks



v Matthew Klein '01, Coach Steve Bissell, Reed Landry '99, and Eddie Smith '98

Stirling Kelso Neff shares, "***Lina Gomez Clausell*** and I met up with our families in A Coruña, Spain, this past August. We had the best time together, enjoying seafood, exploring beach coves, and watching our kids eat their weight in gelato. Lina is based in McLean, VA, and I am still in Austin, TX."

Christina Trabandt Stewart writes, "Hello from Seattle! My husband and I welcomed a baby boy in April; his name is Norman. We survived the newborn stage and enjoyed having a new little adventurer join us on hikes this summer. We are also proud dog parents to a rescue pup, Harley. I graduated with my MSW from the University of Denver in 2022 and currently work as a clinical care manager at a Seattle-area hospital. Classmates ***Christine Varoutsos***, ***Pam Sabella***, and ***Meagan Guerzon*** helped me celebrate my baby boy last winter in DC, and I keep in close touch with ***Nerisa Ahmed*** as well. This summer, Norman and I traveled to the Jersey Shore and spent time with family, including my brother, ***Scott Trabandt '97***, and his family."

Christine Varoutsos, her husband, Ted, and their son, George, enjoyed summer travels to Greece and Spain. They caught up with friends and family and attended two weddings while abroad. Christine is now in her 17th year teaching Spanish in the Intermediate School, and George is also a Panther, in the first grade.

Potomac first grader George Yiannarakis, son of Christine Varoutsos '01, on the Greek island of Elafonisos



'01

Lina Gomez Clausell '01, Thomas Neff (9), Felipe Clausell (7), Kelso Neff (3), Eva Clausell (10), Elizabeth Neff (7), and Stirling Kelso Neff '01



'01

Christina Trabandt Stewart '01 with her son, Norman, her brother, Scott Trabandt '97, and a furry friend





Meagan Guerzon '01, Christina Trabandt Stewart '01, Christine Varoutsos '01, and Pam Sabella '01, celebrating in anticipation of the birth of Christina's son, Norman

'01



Sartaj Ajrawat '02 in Spain

Cal Nannes '03's children, Zoey (6) and Jack (8), excited for their first day of school



2002

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Do you have new digs or a new email address? *Potomac wants to stay in touch with you, help you stay connected to your classmates, and make sure you get invitations to events! Please help us by making sure your information is up to date. Send your updates today.*

Sartaj Ajrawat recently went back to Spain to relive his eighth grade bullfighting days in Ronda.

Eleanore Quartel writes, "I'm incredibly excited to share that I've been named to *The Lead*'s 2024 Direct 60 list of honorees – what an amazingly talented and fun group of brand leaders to be a part of! I'm routinely grateful that I get to spend my time working on innovation, consumer experiences, and transformation in the retail space. My younger self would definitely be geeking out!"

Victoria Sylos-Labini opened a new therapy office in Farragut Square in Washington, DC. As her psychology practice expands, she is excited to be in the heart of the city and provide accessible mental health services to clients both in person and virtually. Using a vast range of therapeutic approaches, Victoria is eager to continue making a positive difference in the community she serves and doing what she loves.

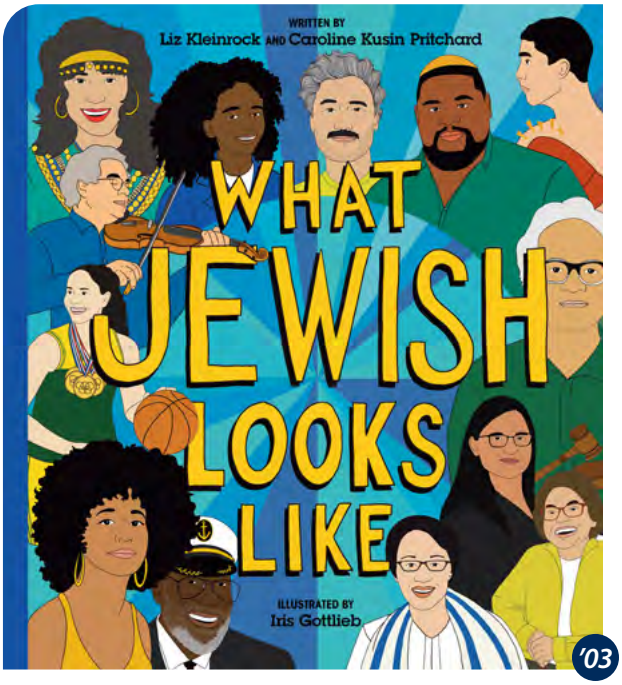
2003

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Rachel Dyke writes, "I have been living in Berlin for two years and loving the opportunity to explore Europe and learn."

Cal Nannes shares, "I am living on Martha's Vineyard, a small island south of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, with my wife and two children – Jack (8) and Zoey (6) – and am working as a primary care physician. Please let me know if you're ever in the area! I was able to catch up with ***Mary Thomas*** over lunch this past summer, and I briefly saw ***Eric Rosenthal*** and ***Pamela Barris Rosenthal*** last summer."

Maayan Mitchell Zik is featured in a new book called *What Jewish Looks Like* by authors Liz Kleinrock and Caroline Kusin Pritchard, published by HarperCollins. The book was released on September 24, 2024.



Maayan Mitchell Zik '03 is featured in the new book *What Jewish Looks Like*

Mary Thomas says, "I'm happy to share that I married my best friend, Sam Myett, at the beautiful Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in May. Potomac alumni were well represented at our wedding (and on the dance floor), including ***Eliza Jones***, ***Jennifer Redding Ullman***, ***Natalie Namrow***, ***Natalie Banks Grisham***, ***Elizabeth Hussey***, ***Maya Jaafar Lena***, ***Anne Romatowski '02***, and my sister, ***Louisa Thomas '00***. Sam and I live in DC in a plant-filled Capitol Hill apartment."

2004

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The remarkable Class of 2004 team of ***Mike Amann***, ***Delara Derakhshani***, ***McKenzie Millar Jordan***, *and* ***Chris McNerney*** *showed exceptional leadership as Class Reunion Co-Chairs. Their dedication brought classmates together to enjoy one another's company while celebrating this significant milestone. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their outstanding efforts, which made Reunion an unforgettable experience. Thank you, Mike, Delara, McKenzie, and Chris!*

Brent Locey shares, "My wife, Aubrey, and I live in the northern suburbs of Chicago with our three children, JR (4), Scout (2), and Lochlan (8 months). I am the owner/operator of Build It Athletics and still teach at SoulCycle. Aubrey is a nurse practitioner at Northwestern Medicine, specializing in oncology."

JJ Reibel, based in the San Francisco area, is actively pursuing opportunities in tech and finance. He is a prolific author in computer science, with several of his books reaching number one and being featured in top research institutions. JJ's introductory computer science books, such as *Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals* (included in Georgia Tech's library) and *Cybersecurity for Kittens*, are designed to make complex STEM topics accessible to beginners. Beyond his technical publications, JJ has penned numerous works in the science fiction genre, including two expansive series – J.J.F. Reibel's *Mythic* and J.J.F. Reibel's *Apocalypse* – each with multiple sub-series and spin-offs. Additionally, JJ has authored *The Risen*, a series set in a post-apocalyptic world ravaged by a zombie outbreak.



^ Class of 2003 friends at Mary Thomas's wedding, from left to right: Elizabeth Hussey, Natalie Banks Grisham, Jennifer Redding Ullman, Mary Thomas, Natalie Namrow, Maya Jaafar Lena, and Eliza Jones



< Aubrey, Scout (2), JR (4), Lochlan (8 months), and Brent Locey '04



< Books by JJ Reibel '04: *The Risen* and *The Risen: Outbreak*

2005 Reunion YEAR 20th

October 2025 is your 20th milestone celebration. Stay tuned for more details. Interested in becoming a Reunion Co-Chair? Email Laura Miller for more information.

Katie Fabiani Jaffe shares, "Exciting time for my family – my son James started kindergarten!"



Katie Fabiani Jaffe '05 and son James on the first day of kindergarten

2006

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Willie Morrison wrote Julia Cole's single "Texas in Louisiana," which debuted on the Grand Ole Opry stage. He also recently wrote a song on a top-10 album in the UK for singer songwriter Elles Bailey. An avid pickleball player, Willie and his doubles partner, artist David J., recently took home first place in Nashville's Celebrity Doubles Pickleball Tournament, hosted by Dinkville and The Bobby Hotel.



Willie Morrison '06 taking home first place in Nashville's Celebrity Doubles Pickleball Tournament



Griffith Roberts Roth '06 and her family on her son Porter's first day of school



Porter with his kindergarten teachers



Brittany Carroll '07 at Machu Picchu, Peru, in August



Stephanie Croghan '07 enjoying polo Sundays

Malcolm Dilley '07 and his husband, Alex, with a furry friend on Acadia Mountain





Aaron Kur '07, his wife Julianne, and son Easton welcomed September Charlotte Kur into their family earlier this year!

2007

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Brittany Carroll reports, "This September marks my ninth year as a U.S. diplomat foreign service officer, and what a journey it's been! I've served in Georgetown, Guyana, overseeing major building operations; in Guangzhou, China, helping evacuate Americans during COVID; and in Baghdad, Iraq, handling management operations at the embassy compound. Currently, I manage logistics for U.S. delegations at multilateral conferences around the world, most recently supporting the APEC meetings in Lima, Peru. I even got to visit Machu Picchu again – this time without the torrential downpour! Funny how travel makes the world smaller. Earlier this summer, in Antigua, I ran into a classmate's younger brother, who was on one of the U.S. delegations I was supporting. After three conferences in three different countries, we finally realized we both went to Potomac!"

Lele Chappell moved from New York City to the DC area this summer. She has worked at Chase for three years and currently leads the bank's consumer debit card product strategy. As a new member of the Alumni Governing Council, Lele is looking forward to reconnecting with Potomac alumni and teachers.

Stephanie Croghan writes, "I moved to London in April to work on JPMC's global real estate portfolio! I'm living outside of Regent's Park in Marylebone with my dog, Lana. We are in paradise exploring our new city and connecting with Potomac alumni here as well."

Malcolm Dilley shares, "I am approaching my three-year mark as a real estate agent at Washington Fine Properties. The real estate market across the DMV continues to be strong, keeping me on my toes! It has been a wonderful journey, and I have loved working with friends and referrals to find their dream homes. I still call Georgetown home, and I can say that the neighborhood is better than ever! This summer was filled with lots of time in Virginia, where I still ride horses when I can; an amazing trip to the Olympics to watch the equestrian events at Versailles; and many visits to Northeast Harbor, ME, where we recently purchased a summer cottage. This fall, I started my second term on the Alumni Governing Council, and I look forward to reconnecting with Potomac and its alumni."

Lane Ebrill writes, "In February, I became engaged to my long-time partner, Thomas Schratwieser, an alum of H-B Woodlawn in Arlington, VA. We are excited to celebrate our wedding in September 2025."

Aaron Kur and his wife, Julianne, and son Easton welcomed September Charlotte Kur into their family earlier this year!







Zach Leonsis '07 and team members from Monumental Sports building a playground

'07



Emma Linskey, daughter of Mike and Catherine Kahl Linskey '09



Emma Linskey, daughter of Mike and Catherine Kahl Linskey '09, with cousin Merritt Kahl, daughter of Kelsey and Cameron Kahl '12

'09

Zach Leonsis shared, "In early September, I spent time building a playground for kids in Northeast DC. It was a privilege to work with the Monumental Sports team members, building something tangible and giving back to the city that supports our teams. Can't wait for next year!"

Natalie Spears reports, "My new album, *Hymn of Wild Things*, is out on CD and digital download, and is available via all streaming services! This record has been steeping for the past five years. It's the most musically integrated I've felt. It has pushed me into uncomfortable, tangled corners of my own being and opened me to the more nuanced tones of life. I wanted to stretch, learn, and come out the other side with a deeper understanding of myself and the world. I guess that's why we make art. Thank you for listening! *Hymn of Wild Things* pairs well with a cup of tea, a quiet evening by yourself, candlelight, road trips, cuddle puddles with friends, and long dog walks."

Emily Prezioso Walsh has worked as a mergers and acquisitions lawyer at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP since 2014 and recently became a partner. She lives in Bethesda, MD, with her husband and two young daughters.

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Jonathan Eakin operates James Post, offering video editing and post production services. He lives in Atlanta, GA, with his wife, Amy. They welcomed their first child, Emerson, in December 2023.

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Thank you to Class Reunion Co-Chair ***Catherine Kahl Linskey****. The Reunion was incredible thanks to her tireless efforts and amazing leadership. Deepest gratitude for helping to make it such a memorable event!*

Catherine Kahl Linskey and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Emma, in April. Catherine continues to work at Hilton and recently hired Potomac alum ***Fallon Bridgeland '12*** to join her team. Catherine is excited to serve as the president of the Alumni Governing Council this year and enjoyed seeing classmates at their 15th Reunion in October!

2010 Reunion YEAR 15th

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It's your 15th milestone, so mark your calendars for Reunion in October 2025. Stay tuned for more details. Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

Andrew Rubenstein is the founding partner at Shorewind Capital and the host of the *TaleWind* podcast, which features interviews with authors of books related to science, technology, and business. Andrew has interviewed Walter Isaacson on *The Code Breaker*, Katherine Blunt on *California Burning*, Rob Wertheimer on *Lessons from the Titans*, and more. Listen to *TaleWind* wherever you get your podcasts.

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Lucy Gibson Heflin and ***Hunter Heflin '14*** married on August 3. ***Jessica Catto '10***, ***Summer Delaney***, ***Jorman Heflin***, ***Matt Danilack '14***, and ***Adam Moses '14*** were in the wedding party. Lucy and Hunter are forever grateful to Potomac for many things, but most of all, for the community and the friends who introduced them. They live in Nashville.



Lucy Gibson Heflin '11 and Hunter Heflin '14 on their wedding day last August in Chevy Chase, MD

Ellen Overstreet is living and working in northwest DC with her husband, Walker Helvey. They were married in Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, TN, in October. This is Ellen's second year serving on the AGC, and she appreciates the value of a Potomac education even more today than when she was a student.

If you haven't already watched *Here to Climb* on HBO Max, put it on your must-see list! Follow professional climber ***Sasha DiGiulian's*** rise from child prodigy to champion sport climber as she takes her talents to the biggest walls on the planet with a series of bold ascents. As Sasha takes on summit after summit, she faces countless hurdles – from personal attacks to a possible career-ending injury. With breathtaking visuals, *Here to Climb* is a thrilling portrait of a record-breaking athlete who relentlessly pushes boundaries and redefines success on her own terms.

2012

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Kate Perry writes, "This summer, I supported Team USA at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. While there, I helped the team's brand and fan engagement initiatives at the Team USA house and handled Olympian, influencer, and celebrity relations. It is an honor to be a part of the Olympic movement and support our amazing athletes as they achieve incredible feats. Next, we start planning for the Milan 2026 Winter Games. Go, Team USA!"



Kate Perry '12 at the Paris Olympic Games



Kate Perry '12 and new friend Guy Fieri at the Paris Games



Kate Perry '12 and new friend Flavor Flav at the Paris Games

'12

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Do you have new digs or a new email address? *Potomac wants to stay in touch with you, help you stay connected to your classmates, and make sure you get invitations to events! Please help us by making sure your information is up to date. Update us!*

Claire Figel shares, "This past August, we were thrilled to celebrate our friend ***Caroline Meisel's*** wedding at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC. She married McLean high school's very own Cole Oldenburg, who we used to root against on the baseball field. The event was the perfect reunion – ***Rachel Chason*** traveled from Dakar, Senegal; ***Grace Becker*** and ***Maisie Aines*** came down from New York; and ***Emma Weir*** and I were just happy to have our friends home in DC. We danced, cried, and shared countless high school memories over the course of the weekend!"

Jamie Davidow Jones married Samuel Jones on January 13, 2024, in Washington, DC, with several Potomac classmates attending. She loves living in the DC area, surrounded by family and working in the NICU at Children's National Hospital.

Jack O'Gorman married Sarah Curtis on October 7, 2023, in Ridgefield, CT. Included in the wedding party were ***Joe O'Gorman '15***, ***Nick Tucker***, ***Randy Frank***, and ***Michael Parent***.

2014

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Thank you to the Class of 2014 Reunion Chairs, ***Olivia Givens*** *and* ***Anna Laws****, for their exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication. We are grateful for their tireless efforts to organize such a memorable Reunion. Their guidance and commitment made the gathering a resounding success!*

Emily Perkinson Davidson shares, "I have been a nurse at Duke's Blood Cancer Center, where we do outpatient bone marrow transplants, for just over two years and am still loving what



A Potomac reunion at Caroline Meisel '13's wedding



Hayat Yaghi '13 doing a reading at Jamie Davidow Jones '13's wedding in January 2024 (photo by Shannon Moffit)



Potomac turns out for Jack O'Gorman '13's wedding day



Maria Rachal '14, Kevin Havermann '14, Matt Danilack '14, and Eleanor Tolf '14 attended Emily Perkinson Davidson '14's wedding in Raleigh, NC.



Emily Perkinson Davidson '14 and her husband, Benjamin Davidson

'14

I do. I just celebrated my one-year wedding anniversary with my husband, Benjamin Davidson. We are still enjoying living in the Research Triangle and experiencing all that North Carolina has to offer."

Read about ***Josh Hublitz's*** journey moving from investment banking to launching a content creation company featured in this issue of *Llama Notes*.

2015 Reunion YEAR 10th

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Get ready to celebrate your 10th milestone Reunion. Mark your calendars for October 2025 and look for more details soon! Email Laura Miller if you're interested in volunteering.

Amir Jones is in his final year at Columbia Law School. Following graduation in May 2025, he plans to move back to the DC area to work at a law firm. For now, he enjoys spending time with other Potomac alumni living in New York City.

Matt Spidi graduated from the Tufts University School of Medicine. He is now completing his residency in anesthesia, critical care, and pain medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He finds residency challenging but extremely rewarding. Enjoy the photos from Matt and his partner's Match Day!

Michael Thompson enjoyed a beautiful 10-day Mediterranean adventure in July 2024, during which he proposed to his now-fiancée. He has worked as a senior consultant and lead HR operations specialist for Longevity Consulting on the USDA Forest Service contract for three-and-a-half years. Michael now resides in Charles County, MD, and enjoys making a real difference in the lives of courageous public servants, like firefighters, helping them claim Workers' Compensation benefits after they've sustained injuries on the job. He also spearheaded a digital fingerprinting project, streamlining the hiring and onboarding process for federal employees nationwide, and supported a federal employee reassignment project called WRAPS. Michael finds his work truly rewarding.

JP Young writes, "I've made a few big moves this year! I recently left Mastercard Advisors to start my own company focused on providing analytics to real estate clients. I joined Potomac's Alumni Governing Council and am excited to help make our alumni community stronger than ever. I also plan to be a bit nomadic in the coming months, working from different cities for a few weeks at a time. I'll reach out if I come to yours!"

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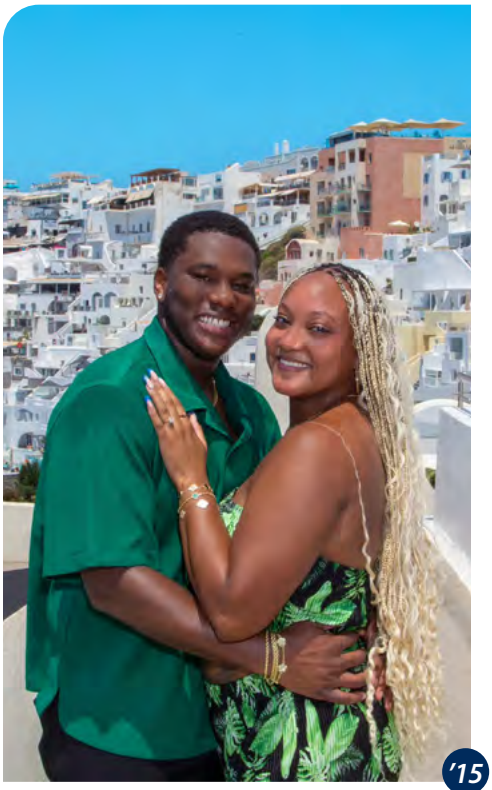


Matt Spidi '15 and his partner with their match notifications



Matt Spidi '15 and his partner, just after their graduation from Tufts University School of Medicine

'15



'15 Michael Thompson '15 and his fiancée

Isabel Froemming continues to run a community-driven fashion startup, Toile Vierge, while acting as fashion correspondent at the London-based luxury platform, *Luminaire*. You can shop her collection, which supports the University of the Art's program Making for Change, here.



Isabelle Froemming '16 runs fashion start-up Toile Vierge

Danielle Grae writes, "Hi everyone! I love my job as a self-employed tutor. I mostly teach math K-12 and literacy preK-8. I have worked with students as young as 4 and as old as 18, and I love how I can see so many different stages of learning and understand how all the skills support each other. I am a teaching candidate at William & Mary, studying for my MAEd in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in elementary education, and I also hold a graduate certificate in teaching ESL.

Last year, I had the positive, life-changing experience of getting diagnosed with autism. I now have a better understanding of how my brain and nervous system work. Since my diagnosis, I have pivoted my work to focus on students with autism and/or ADHD. I love helping these students learn – it feels like helping mini-mes!

I live in Ashburn, VA, with my husband and dog, and I still enjoy singing and running in my free time."

Elliot Kim is on a journey to become a physician at LMU-DCOM in Knoxville, TN.

Melissa Loza writes, "Following an incredible summer experience at the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division, I'm very excited to share that I will be joining Schulte Roth & Zabel next summer as a 2L summer associate in the firm's New York office. I'm extremely grateful to the Schulte attorneys who connected with me about the firm's interdisciplinary, dynamic, and innovative practice areas, as well as Schulte's community-oriented ethos. I cannot wait to join the New York team in 2025!"

Julia Marcotte reports, "I just hit the two-year anniversary of my consulting role at Mastercard, and I've been enjoying a great time living in DC. As I continue with my career at Mastercard, I'm looking forward to my next exciting adventure: relocating to New York City later this fall."

Kevin O'Leary started graduate school this fall at the University of Chicago, where he is pursuing his MBA and MS in applied data science. He also recently played in a kickball league. His team did not do well.

Will Ross writes, "I am pleased to share that after completing my final rotation in the Copenhagen Offshore Partners Graduate Program in Denmark, I will be moving forward as a senior analyst in COP's central procurement team at our Copenhagen HQ. I'm excited for the future as I continue working on offshore wind projects across our global markets alongside great colleagues and friends."

2017

Don't lose touch! *Help keep your classmates connected. Interested in being a Class Correspondent? Email lmiller@potomacschool.org.*

Naki Franklin became a volunteer writing mentor to high school and college students through two organizations, including The Entertainment Industry College Outreach Program. She also completed a television-writing fellowship with Emmy Award winner Lena Waithe's production company, Hillman Grad.

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Darien Killebrew writes, "Hey everybody! I live in NYC now and work in brand marketing in finance. I'm always looking for cool networking opportunities and am open to connecting or touching base with you all."



Darien Killebrew '18



Ramses Rubio '18 (right) at one of his "Dine With Dez" dinners

For the past year, ***Ramses Rubio*** has been spearheading a new global dinner series that's taking the world by storm. Designed to foster intimate networking experiences among influential leaders, *Dine With Dez* transcends traditional networking by blending cuisine, hospitality, and art into a captivating evening of discourse and creativity.

Ramses writes, "My business partner and I launched this dinner in 2023 at Miami Art Basel with the goal to gather forward-thinking individuals from diverse fields for profound evenings of conversation and collaboration. Each event is meticulously crafted to encourage thought-provoking discussions that shape the future landscape of the guests' respective industries. With a commitment to nurturing meaningful connections, this series curates environments where participants can freely exchange ideas and insights while enjoying exquisite culinary delights and bespoke libations.

With dinners and activations at Miami Art Basel, Coachella, NYFW, and more, this entire journey has been a fantastic learning experience on how to activate and bring events to life. After a hugely successful September New York Fashion Week dinner in collaboration with Ladygunn, hosted by Jojo Siwa, my dinner series is heading to Paris for their fashion week! I am super excited to see this series grow and can't believe that in our first year we have already visited five different cities around the globe."

2019

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A heartfelt thank you to the Class of 2019's incredible Class Reunion Chairs, ***Matthew Giuliano*** *and* ***Bridgett Hyde****, for their outstanding leadership and dedication. We are truly grateful for their hard work to bring the class together to reminisce and reconnect!*

Bridgett Hyde joined the Potomac School Alumni Governing Council this September and will be serving a two-year term. She currently lives in Virginia and works in DC as a private wealth management associate at Morgan Stanley.

Luis Tsatsos Montoliu shares, "Last year I graduated from the Brown University Department of Chemistry with a Bachelor of Science in materials chemistry, *magna cum laude*, after writing my honors thesis and presenting on several different occasions on my work in Professor Jerome Robinson's lab. This work centered around the synthesis, characterization, and focus on relative stereochemistry of a series of biodegradable polyesters. Huge thank you to Audra Woodside Wilczek, PhD, for directly mentoring me and to everyone else in the Robinson Lab for all of the guidance provided during my time in the lab.

Shortly after graduation, I started working at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, close to home in Laurel, MD. After an enriching and productive year of working on various issues spanning many different mission areas, I walked through the front doors of the lab for the last time and turned in my badge in early September. Now I'm excited to share a new adventure!

In late September, I hopped on a plane, flew to Japan, and started work at the University of Tokyo as a research student in Professor Kyoko Nozaki's lab in the Department of Chemistry and Biotechnology, under the MEXT Scholarship! I am very excited to have this opportunity and to jump back into academic research in yet another organometallic chemistry-centric lab! Additionally, later this year, I hope to qualify to begin a master's degree."

Daija Yisrael is excited to announce that she is pursuing a Master of International Development Policy at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy.

In her previous role with the Prince George's County Council, Daija fielded constituent concerns about a range of topics, from the quality of housing and aging-in-place to how to make ends meet as we transitioned from the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Watching county legislators tackle these issues, Daija became keenly aware of the value that good data and clear evidence bring to policy-making. In two years, she will join these conversations.

2020 Reunion YEAR 5th

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Sara Abbasi reports, "I am happy to share that I recently started a new position as a program associate at HFX. I'm looking forward to supporting HFX's goal of strengthening cooperation among the world's democracies and facilitating the Halifax International Security Forum."



Justin Jen '20 and Albert Liu have formed a new band, Echo Lanterns

Nicki Ganti says, "I am excited to share that in September I embarked on a new adventure as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala. I am working with the Youth in Development Program to help Guatemalan youth effectively transition from adolescence so they become healthy, productive, and civically engaged adults. A special thanks to my family, friends, and mentors for supporting me during this process."

Albert Liu and ***Justin Jen*** first met in 2023 in Boston at a vibrant communal gathering spot for Asian Americans: a bubble tea shop. As students at Berklee College of Music, they developed a friendship over their mutual love of '90s-2000s alternative rock. At the time, they were initially focused on their own solo projects; Albert released alternative/indie rock music under the name LostBoy Kujo, while Justin wrote Midwest emo/math rock-influenced songs under the name Majuro. Their first musical collaboration was, surprisingly, an EDM song called "*You Can, I Can*" by Cowboy Club.

After graduating from Berklee, determined to address the severe lack of Asian American representation in the music industry, Albert and Justin returned to their indie rock roots and joined forces again to form their new band, Echo Lanterns. Through their heartfelt guitar-driven songs, the duo pierce through typical Asian stereotypes by unabashedly expressing their vulnerability and raw emotions. Like the lanterns that symbolize hope and happiness in various Asian cultures, Echo Lanterns seeks to uplift and inspire listeners to be proud of their unique identities.

Caroline Lay reports, "This past spring, I graduated from Boston College. I am excited to share that I have moved back to Boston and joined Thayer Academy in Braintree, MA, as the assistant director of alumni giving."

Michelle Miller says, "After graduation from NYU this past spring, I started working at Kennedy Wilson in their New York City office as an analyst with the Debt Investment Group."

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Evelina Swigart writes, "Checking in from The University of Chicago! As I'm now in my final year, I'm filled with bittersweet emotions. It seems like just yesterday I was learning about the upper and lower Kettler Crossroads and lacing up for my first soccer season. I still remember former faculty member ***Mr. Westermann*** describing high school as 'ephemeral.' I didn't grasp the truth then, but now, after almost eight years, I see how quickly time has flown by.

I'm fortunate to have found a strong and supportive community at UChicago. Just as at Potomac, some of my most challenging and rewarding experiences have come through athletics. As a member of the women's lacrosse team, I've grown in ways I never imagined. I'm forever thankful for the coaching and guidance I received at Potomac, which remains the foundation of my spirit of play today.

I'm set to graduate in June with a degree in economics before entering the real world (scary!) This summer, I interned in Newport Beach, CA, which was quite a change from Northern Virginia, but it deepened my appreciation for reuniting with high school friends back home. I'm indebted to Potomac for the wonderful friendships I forged during my four years. I will continue to cherish my time in the Upper School, largely due to my classmates and a community overflowing with creativity, support, and enthusiasm. If you find yourself in Chicago, I'd love to catch up. Until then, stay well and don't be a stranger!"

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Genevieve Evans, a junior at The University of Chicago, says, "I spent the summer in Chicago and had a great time! I worked as a research assistant with the Cinema and Media Studies Department, where I learned to code, storyboard for video games, and write cutscenes on a project to develop a modification of the popular video game *Stardew Valley*. I also worked as an assistant for novelist and historian Dr. Ada Palmer. As I enter my junior year, I'm excited to continue both of these roles. I'm also looking forward to filling the role of vocal director for the student musical *If/Then*, and studying abroad in Vienna, Austria, in the spring."

Hadley Husisian made her Olympic debut in Women's Individual Épée this summer. Read more about Hadley in this issue of *Llama Notes*.

Marley Schwarz writes, "I am pleased to share that I have moved to London to study abroad in partnership with INSTEP-London and University College London. In this politics-centered program, I will be taking courses such as Law and Society, European Integration, International Security, and Communications and the Mass Media. I look forward to broadening my academic and global perspectives, learning from experts in the international relations field, and exploring my new city!"

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Olivia Eads reports, "This summer, I had the honor of interning at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC. While working in the Foreign Defense Policy Department, I conducted archival research on presidential grand strategy. The experience was marked by deep intellectual discussion and a never-ending supply of scholarly books.

Throughout my internship, I worked under ***Dr. Paul Lettow '95***, who was an incredible mentor. His research in national security rings ever more relevant and interesting each day. From Nixon to Carter to Clinton and more, I am so thankful to Dr. Lettow for allowing me to contribute to research on each administration."

2024

We will be asking you to submit your class notes and photos for the spring* Term. *If you are interested in being a Class Correspondent, email the Alumni Office.

in memoriam

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