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With Open Doors

**HOLTON WELCOMES EIGHTH HEAD
OF SCHOOL, PENNY B. EVINS**

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Dear Holton Alumnae, Parents, and Friends,

I am honored to craft my first letter for Holton-Arms' *Doorways* magazine. The privilege of meeting many Holton community members thus far adds to my anticipation for increasing introductions in the coming years. With every new blue and white community member and tradition, my admiration for the School Mrs. Holton seeded more than 120 years ago amplifies. My husband, Sam, and our eager Panther Pup, GiGi, are immersed and thrilled to be on River Road experiencing everyday Holton moments.

Learning what makes our Holton timeless and priceless happens with formal introductions and hallway conversations.

Both inside and outside of our open door, are the standouts of our current Panthers, both industrious and joyful, talented and committed colleagues with a learner's mindset, engaged and supportive families, and grateful and accomplished alumnae. Our Holton-Arms community stands ready to grow with the current students, our powerful alumnae network, and the greater world. I would like to take this opportunity to elevate our mission: *to cultivate the unique potential of young women through an education, not only of the mind, but of the soul and spirit.*

Certainly, this issue of *Doorways* chronicles our mission in action with exciting happenings on campus and amongst our alumnae. Herein, we celebrate the historic and cherished aspects of our bucolic campus and spotlight Granger House, which housed boarders for a decade. We invite you to enjoy the impressive humanities overlay of art history and anthropology with Isabel Cabezas '13 and follow along as our Lower Schoolers embrace the principles of our Learn Well, Live Well, Lead Well academic philosophy.

And with great enthusiasm, we share deep gratitude for Mary Ann Robb Freer '50 and her exemplary and transformative planned gift. The impact of philanthropy allows Holton-Arms to be primed for the future, a cause worthy for all of Holton's constituents to galvanize talents and join forces as we find and make way for the future.

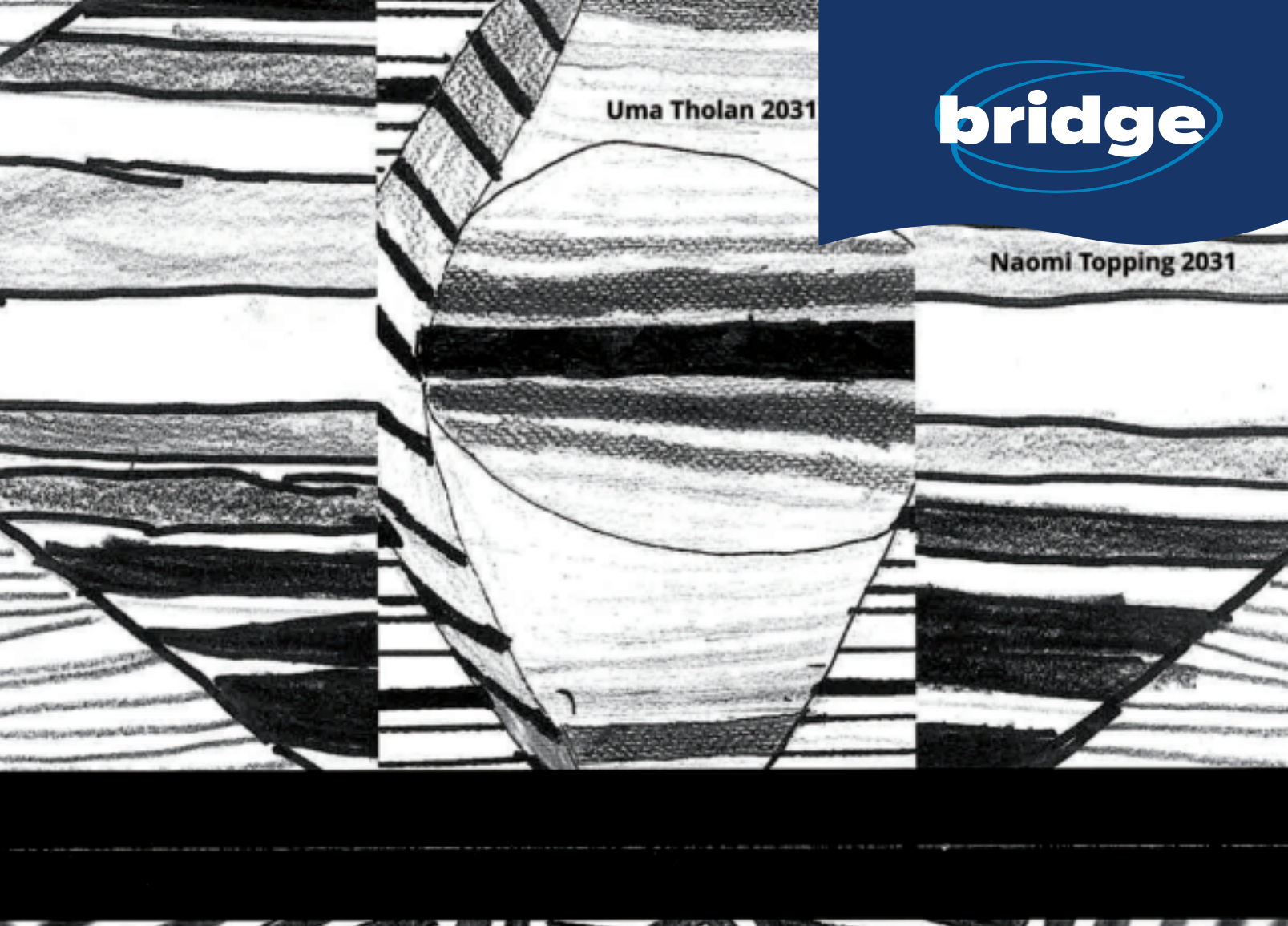
I give great credit and gratitude to those who set the stage for this record-setting year of philanthropic support and look forward to continuing such efforts far into the distant future.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue many times and treasure the opportunity to admire how our students past and present, as well as our professional educators, engage with the complex and changing world around them—for this is Holton's tradition: to find and make a way!

With great appreciation and anticipation for our bold and purposeful future, I thank you for your support, care, and involvement in our beloved Holton-Arms, a place with purpose that matters and grows from your involvement and connection.

Warmly,

Penny B. Evins



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Naomi Topping 2031

UNAPOLOGETICALLY BOLD

Lower School Scroll is a publication that highlights art, poems, short stories, and other written works, and graphic designs of Grades 3 through 6. This year's theme was "Unapologetically Bold." The students who worked so hard to put together this publication wrote: "We felt that this is very applicable to the community we want at Holton: a safe space where everyone, regardless of their race, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic class, or any other aspect of their identity, can be ourselves unapologetically."





Lower School Embraces Holton's LW3 Goals

At Holton, the Learn Well, Live Well, Lead Well philosophy, also known as LW3, allows the school to stretch its work with students beyond traditional academics and builds the essential competencies needed for future leaders. In the Lower School, kid-friendly language shapes LW3 into nine actionable goals:

I am curious
I am creative
I keep trying
I am proud to be me
I show kindness and empathy
I value diversity
I engage with my community and the world
I collaborate with others
I pursue my passions

During a recent Lower School assembly, also known as Gathering, Grades 3 through 6 embraced Holton's LW3 philosophy through a creative and fun exercise. The Lower School Director, Christy Diefenderer, introduced the framework of LW3 and shared with teachers and students slips of paper containing one of the nine goals. A "freeze game" followed, with students mixing and mingling with great joy and laughter, until Ms. Diefenderer rang a bell to "freeze" everyone in the room. Once "frozen", the students introduced themselves to one another and answered questions.

Students revealed fun and creative answers, thinking deeply about how these goals impact their daily learning at Holton. Teachers and students took turns swapping slips with one another and answering questions until the end of Gathering. What a great way to kick off the year and build a culture of thinking among our youngest learners in the Lower School!

Get to know Felicia Swoope



This summer, Holton welcomed its new Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Felicia Swoope. Felicia received her B.A. in English from Dartmouth College and her M.F.A in Dance from Tisch School of the Arts at New York University.

Felicia brings with her many accomplishments, having served as the Founding Curator/Producer of E-Moves, a dance showcase for emerging and established choreographers at Aaron Davis Hall (now HarlemStage.) She also performed with various modern dance companies and served as a teaching artist for both BatteryDance Company and the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation, where she became the inaugural Director of AileyCamp Newark in New Jersey. As the founder of GENDARC Dance NYC, Felicia directed her own Arts-in-Education program out of the West 50th Street High School campus in New York City. At Dartmouth College, Felicia served as the Associate Producer of the Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Assistant Director of Admissions Recruiting at the Tuck School of Business, and the Director of Strategic Initiatives for Walt Cunningham, Jr.'s Activism. She currently serves on the Board of Complexions Contemporary Ballet. Welcome, Felicia!



Get to know all of our new faces
for the 2023-24 School Year!

1.

WHAT DANCERS INSPIRE YOU?

Desmond Richardson and Dwight Rhoden. They are the co-founders and Artistic Directors of my favorite dance company, Complexions Contemporary Ballet. These two gentlemen are geniuses and they basically have the Midas touch. They have helped and influenced so many amazing dancers and their work continues to reach new heights every year.

2.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL AND WHY?

English. I loved reading when I was young. It was my way of escaping and immersing myself in different time periods and cultures. Analyzing literature helped me develop my own personal artistic sensibilities as a dancer when approaching a new piece.

3.

WHAT THREE ITEMS WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU ON A DESERTED ISLAND?

1) My favorite music – definitely R&B, hip hop, gospel, classic rock, disco. I love Erykah Badu, Luther Vandross, Lenny Kravitz, Raphael Saadiq. 2) Good food – I'm not much of a cook. I might have to order food from the mainland. I love good salmon, a good steak. I love spinach, kale, rice, chocolate ice cream, anything chocolate in any form makes me swoon. 3) Fashion magazines. I kind of miss the time that I used to spend perusing them. So if I'm on a deserted island, I would want to know what the current fashion is.

4.

WHAT ARE YOU ENJOYING MOST ABOUT HOLTON?

The sense of community and the way in which the sun seems to shine on campus every day!

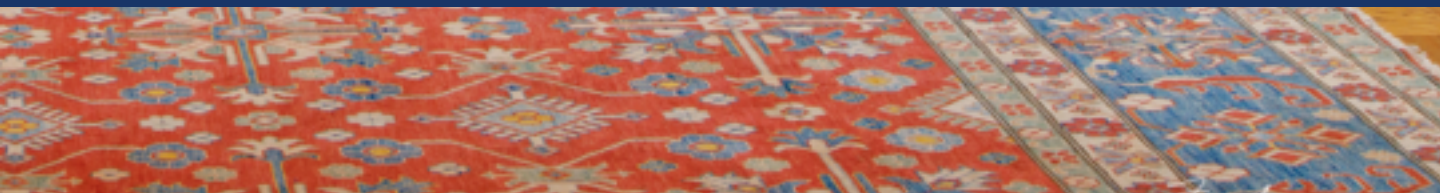


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2023



on campus

MAKE WAY FOR OUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

**Where will the
2023-2024 school year
take our
Panthers?**

IT DEPENDS ON YOU!



Your gift will be used when it
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FINANCIAL AID

The *brightest students* fill each classroom. The Holton Fund makes this possible by supporting our \$5.5 million financial aid budget. Tuition isn't all that this budget supports.

Aid also covers textbooks, technology, transportation, and global education trips — everything that makes up the Holton experience.

CAMPUS

Holton girls know how to work hard, and play hard. That's why gifts to The Holton Fund support year-round upgrades to Holton's beautiful campus. When our students aren't in the classrooms, they can take advantage of all 57 acres of Holton's campus whether it is on the playground, on the fields, or on the stage!

TEACHERS

Holton's joy of learning starts with our *teachers!* The very best teachers want to work at Holton because of generous compensation and benefits packages.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Our academic programs are dynamic, just like the world we live in. The Holton Fund helps to cover the cost of new programming each year - like our *Computer Science Department*, the first of its kind in our area!



AND MORE...

From the classroom to the stage to the athletic fields, your gift touches every aspect of the Holton experience. Thanks to your support, we have the flexibility to tailor the Holton experience to what our girls need now... so that tomorrow...

They are prepared to take on their *next adventure!*





ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS SNAPS STAFF

After beginning my 10th and final year here, I wanted to depict the essence of Holton through the people who make up this great community.

Faculty members are an essential but often overlooked part of the Holton community. From security to facilities, the Holton faculty help the school run successfully, so I wanted to photograph Mr. Robles, one of the bus drivers, as a reminder of how important all members of the Holton community are. Pictured on the bottom left, he isn't driving the bus, but I framed his portrait to appear like he was.

Holton has been a significant part of my life, so I wanted to pay homage to the school in the first photography project of my last year here.

—ELENA LAGUNA '24

This picture is of one of my advisors, Mrs. Nelson. I chose to take a picture of her because she is an amazing advisor, and one of my favorite teachers. While I was taking this photo, I was asking Mrs. Nelson what her favorite part of the job is, and she explained everything she enjoys about admissions. I loved how this one turned out because it depicts Mrs. Nelson in her office, excitedly discussing her job.

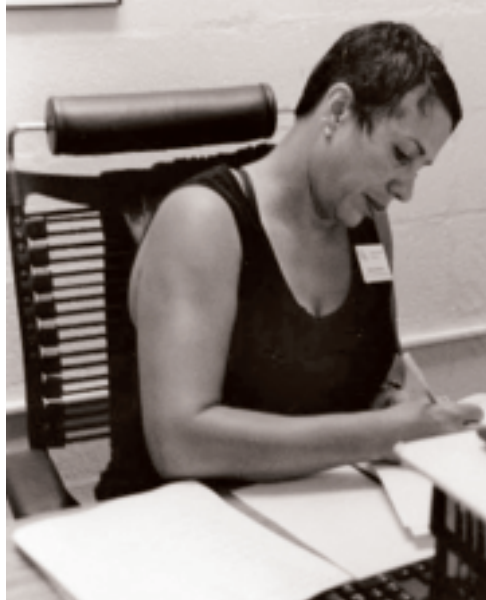
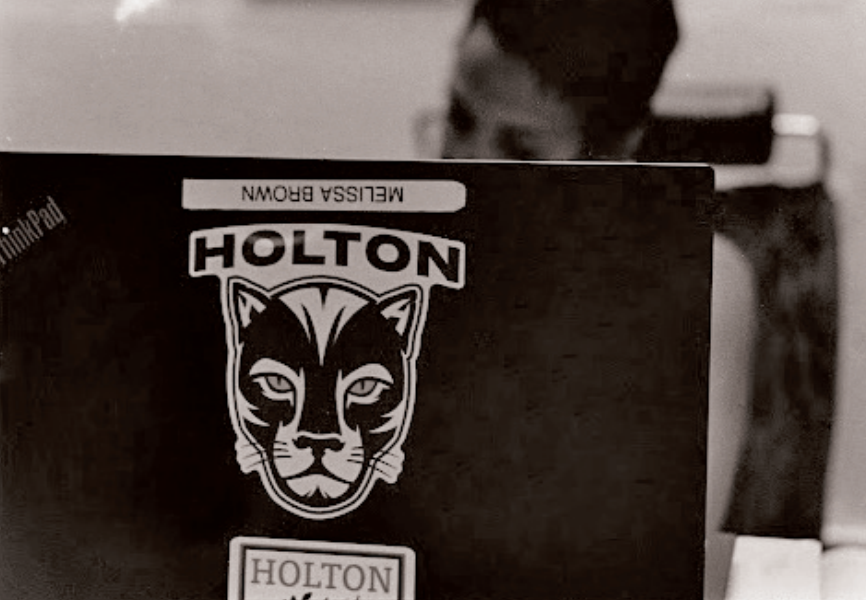
—ARIYANA SINGLA '26

I chose to photograph Mrs. Brown. I wanted to show her doing typical tasks, so working on her computer showed this perfectly. It's not glamorous or special but it's important what she is doing. I zoomed and focussed in on her laptop to show her different stickers, portraying different parts of her. The Holton panther where she works and her name printed neatly from a label maker. She is still visible in the background, looking down and diligently working. Even though she is blurred, her distinct facial features make it easy for Holton students to recognize her.

—HARPER SMITH '24

"For my last portrait, I shot Mrs. Brown. This picture of Mrs. Brown is a little different from the others. I did shoot it vertically, but she is in a different space. I really like how you can see her working and how the picture allows you to visualize the movement. I like how it is also not extremely close up, which is why I chose this picture."

—MARVI AFZAL '24



TOP: MRS. BROWN by HARPER SMITH '24 (left) AND MARVI AFZAL '24 (right)
MIDDLE: MR. ROBLES by ELENA LAGUNA '24. MRS. NELSON by ARIYANA SINGLA '26 **BOTTOM:** DIEGO BAUTISTA-MELERO by JACQUELINE GOLD '26. GRAHAM WESTERBERG by LILY WEXLER '26



WITH OPEN DOORS AND ARMS

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AND NEW LEADER



Panthers new and old, parents/guardians, friends, trustees, alumnae, and faculty and staff commemorated the beginning of the 2023-24 school year on Tuesday, September 5, with the time-honored tradition of Convocation.

Held in the amphitheater for the first time since 2019, this beloved ceremony also included the Investiture of PENNY B. EVINS as Holton's eighth Head of School. CATHY JOHNSON BUTZ '87, P'18, P'21, Chair of the Board, and JOHN KLICK P'21, P'23, President of the Board, presided over the Investiture portion of the morning's events, welcoming Mrs. Evins to the headship appointment.

Mrs. Evins drew on founder JESSIE MOON HOLTON's words as inspiration for her tenure and the year ahead:

"My high hope is that they who enter through the Open Door of Holton-Arms remember that they felt, in the friendliness of a home, the urge to learn and the joy of overcoming obstacles as the way to happiness and the fullest life."

"Holton aspires to be a haven wherein abundant evidence that you are valued and capable exists," said Mrs. Evins. **"Perfection is not the goal** as we seek to improve and learn from our mistakes and experiences. ... Mrs. Holton's words are timeless and important and from her vision became a reality and it is our big work to caretake and advance Holton's mission."

As we honor our past and our founders, Mrs. Holton's desk is now on display in the upstairs hallway, just outside of the school's bookstore. Other great displays and school-wide activities are to come this year.

Mrs. Evins acknowledged the spirited enthusiasm of the Class of 2024 celebrating their final, and for some 10th, Convocation and first day of school. Upper School student speaker SOPHIA BURTON '24 embodied that enthusiasm as she shared memories over her 10 years at Holton, encouraging the crowd to embrace new opportunities and people.

Memories were made for the youngest Panthers and the senior class through the new Buddy Program, in which each third grader will have several senior buddies. Connecting students across grades and

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“Growth can be uncomfortable and yet very rewarding. Mrs. Holton knew this and created a pathway for what is now over 7,500 alumnae and graduates, who have grown into better versions of themselves. From Holton, they walked in and out of a doorway to the greater world with a love of learning and a calling to give back.”

divisions in this way will further cultivate community and harvest our collective best. The Class of 2033 processed into the amphitheater through an enthusiastic tunnel of senior arms, welcoming them to this new tradition.

Student speaker Gloria Li-Nguyen '30 shared how she has learned and grown throughout her time in Lower School, coming to engage with her community and see how colorful and diverse Holton is. Middle School student speaker Priya Howard '28 imparted wisdom from the motto she learned from her mom: "Keep Trying, Never Give Up, WIN!" It was those words that inspired her to challenge herself to find her community when she joined Holton at the beginning of her seventh-grade year.

Faculty speaker Middle School Director Mrs. Williams Berry shared similar reflections on being new last school year, her first year at Holton. She urged the community to impart small moments or gestures to familiar – and unfamiliar – faces as the year goes on, helping others to be their best selves while giving them space to grow.

Mrs. Evins concluded the event, which also included a spirited rendition of "Brand New" by Ben Rector sung by a community of students, faculty and staff, and parents, with a reading from the book, *Corduroy*: "Never forget who you are – and never forget who loves you."



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and video of Convocation
& Investiture ceremony*



Holton recently welcomed its new Head of School, Penny B. Evins. Students have gotten to know Mrs. Evins, her husband, Sam, and their puppy GiGi around campus at sporting events and community activities.

Q. If you could have dinner with any person, real/fictional/living/dead, who would it be and why? What would you talk about?

A. "I'd have family dinner with my grandparents, my mother, my stepfather, my father, my great aunts, all of my relatives who I remember having Sunday dinners and holidays with, and I'd ask them questions about their childhood and the world, things I didn't listen to as well when I was younger. I might invite Mrs. Holton and Ms. Arms. Maybe I'd have dessert with them."

Q. What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A. "Be perfect with imperfections. To take healthy risks, go for it and not be afraid to make mistakes."

Q. What's your favorite thing you've done in the area so far?

A. "I love running and walking on the trails that I've found so far, and just having the accessibility to them is wonderful. I can't wait to go to the National Mall and the museums [...] We're going to a Nationals game in a couple of weeks, which will be fun!"

Q. What is your preferred dinner table conversation?

A. "High point and low point of the day. We really tried, no matter our working hours as parents who took turns working and working from home with more part-time jobs, to have family dinner most evenings. We wanted our children to learn and practice manners and company behavior when young. Being sent away from the table, even for me, was a learning opportunity and one we felt was ours as parents to teach. We always wondered if our kids appreciated family dinner, and indeed, now that they are in college, they both look forward to our familiar and sometimes chaotic table times."

Q. What is something you have always wanted to learn/try?

A. "Needlepointing. Both of my grandmothers did beautiful needlepoint work, and I have some pillows that they did. I want to finish some of the pieces they started or learn so I can feel this connection and create."

Q. If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be and why?

A. "I think I'd want to live in Greece for a year. First of all, I love water, and the blue hues I've seen represent the Greek Isles. It's not because of 'Mamma Mia,' which I am looking forward to seeing at Holton! People have asked me if I'm Greek my whole life. When they see me and hear my name is Penny, they wonder, 'What nationality are you? Are you Greek?' I think I'd like to be from Greece, but no is my usual response. Early on in their marriage, my mom and dad went, and they said it was beautiful. I adore anything I've had that is considered to be traditional Greek cuisine, and when speaking with those who've traveled there, they speak of the natural beauty and culture with such delight, so yes, Greece it is!

Q. What was the last book you read?

A. "Other than the Holton summer reading, what comes to mind is It. Goes. So. Fast.: The Year of No Do-Overs, by Mary Louise Kelly. I highly recommend it, especially for anyone with children who is feeling the pressure of time as we make life choices or those interested in gaining empathy for those wondering about parenting, working, juggling the roles we have and decisions we make with our time allocation."

Q. What is something people/Holton students would be surprised to learn about you?

A. "I wear bright colors to bring about cheer in the morning because I'm really not a morning person, but everyone thinks I am. That's something that may be surprising because I'm very loud and energetic in the morning, but I'm a sleephound, my way of saying I am an ardent supporter of sleep and guard it for myself and others."

Q. What is something you always have in your purse?

A. "I always have a real handkerchief. A linen or cotton handkerchief. Because when someone's crying, I like to invite them into that feeling. It was just something my grandparents always had. It's probably a bit old-fashioned, Eliza; I can see your surprise!"



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FROM COINCIDENCES TO CONNECTIONS:

How art history and anthropology
led Isabel Cabezas '13 to Ireland
and beyond

For ISABEL CABEZAS '13, Notre Dame '17, art history is all about seeing connections that might not be obvious at first glance.

"I like uncovering things like that — where you wouldn't necessarily know a little secret or hidden nod that is in the painting, but that you can uncover through studying it or the mindset of the people at that time," Cabezas said. "It's an art and a science in a way."

Cabezas' ability to make connections — both in art and in her career — has taken her to Ireland, a Fulbright Prize dinner table with Bono and Dr. Anthony Fauci, and an influential role in Europe's electoral future.

Growing up in the multicultural city of Washington, D.C., as an international citizen with three passports, Cabezas has always been interested in museums, cultural heritage, and exchange through art.

She explored these passions through multiple academic angles while at Notre Dame, majoring in art history, minoring in anthropology, and taking some architecture classes as well. She was heavily involved with Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art as a member of its Student Advisory Group, working the front desk, and being a part of the student-led PhotoFutures committee that helped determine pieces of artwork the museum should acquire each year.

These experiences and interests shaped Cabezas' future in art curation and education. "Historically, world leaders would study art history as a way for them to know

the state of politics around the world and what different cultures are thinking, and I think that's still relevant," she said. "Art is how we express, in a certain way, our beliefs and the cultural moment of the time."

ART ABROAD THROUGH IRISH INTERNSHIPS

During a 2014 trip to Ireland, Cabezas and her mother went to O'Connell House, home of Notre Dame's Dublin Global Gateway. There, they learned the Irish Internship Program offered a position at the National Gallery of Ireland.

That's when Cabezas' curiosity about the Irish program took off and led to an internship curating an exhibit at the Kylemore Abbey Global Center on Imogen Stuart, a German-born Irish sculptor and one of the most esteemed artists in Ireland.

"I'll never forget, Imogen called me a day before we were to meet for the first time and asked to reschedule because the president of Ireland had arranged to meet with her that day," Cabezas said.

During her time there, she helped create an exhibit which featured several of Stuart's pieces from the past 30 years. Through the process, Cabezas utilized her art history and anthropological skills by making connections between history, biography, theology and unearthing meanings within art.

"I was ascertaining the influences on (Stuart's) life, and then why she decided to



PULBRIGHT PRIZE LAUREATES

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portray a figure a certain way or another,” Cabezas said.

Then, through an introduction from a mentor and Curator of Education Academic Programs at the Snite Museum, Cabezas received an internship at the National Gallery of Ireland where she helped oversee public programming, artist workshops, and visitor tours.

CONNECTING ART AND DIPLOMACY

After her Irish internships, Cabezas continued to make unique connections at home.

Through a coincidental Washington, D.C., art community connection, Cabezas connected with Jack Devine, who had just finished installing artwork at Notre Dame’s Washington Office of the Keough School of Global Affairs. She learned the office needed a coordinator for the new space and jumped at the opportunity as her interest in cultural diplomacy, as well as her passion for peace studies from an influential sophomore year pilgrimage to the Holy Land through Campus Ministry, made her a natural fit for the role.

“It seemed like the perfect way to complement my art history and anthropology background with a little more knowledge of the political scene,” Cabezas said. “And that is exactly what happened.”

At a Keough School event, Cabezas met David Donoghue, Ireland’s former ambassador to the United Nations. Donoghue co-wrote the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), another of Cabezas’ key interests. The connection with Donoghue became an integral step in Cabezas’ career.

“I had told him that I was very interested in this crossroads of international cooperation and soft power,” she said.

Longing to go back to Ireland, Cabezas received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to craft an educational program that engaged new audiences with the Hugh Lane Gallery in Dublin. She reconnected with Donoghue, and the conversation sparked an idea to tie the gallery’s collection to each of the UN’s sustainability goals, a curriculum known as SDG at HLG.

For example, Cabezas proposed to invite a local Irish marine ecologist into the gallery to discuss how 19th-century paintings of Dublin Bay contrast with the current state of the inlet. Cabezas hoped the discourse would shed light on the impact humans may have had on the bay over time.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic stifled the project, Cabezas found a way to link her passions together that has continued throughout her career.

“I think that’s my biggest skill — connecting the dots and finding the ideas that might not seem like they

obviously go together at first, but later can,” she said. “That is a skill that I’ve developed through art history.”

During the pandemic, Cabezas was then put in touch with Ireland’s public broadcaster, Raidió Teilifís Éireann or RTÉ, to help with their 2020 U.S. presidential election night coverage by liaising with guest political commentators at the Hay Adams Hotel across from the White House.

Her continued experiences and desire to stay connected to the Emerald Isle ultimately led to a role at the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, D.C. As a Fulbright Award recipient and staff member at the Irish embassy, Cabezas was invited to attend the 2022 J. William Fulbright Prize ceremony and was seated with award honoree Bono, Fauci and his wife, and other important leaders.

“One woman had Bono sign her arm in Sharpie but, with an anthropological mindset, I know the value of material culture,” Cabezas said. “So I asked Dr. Fauci to sign my KN-95 mask.”

FREEDOM FOR A DIVERSE CAREER PATH

Cabezas is currently a research assistant at the Irish embassy and handles various tasks from accounting to the art refurbishment program, in which she worked on projects such as commissioning a set of double portraits of Frederick Douglass with Daniel O’Connell and John Lewis with John Hume. She also assists in planning the annual St. Patrick’s Day visit of Ireland’s Taoiseach (prime minister).

In October, she will participate in a five-month long Schuman Traineeship at the European Parliament in Brussels, where she will work with celebrities as part of voter engagement strategies ahead of the 2024 parliamentary election. She is also obtaining a master’s degree in public relations from Georgetown University, where she learns more about how communications is a part of cultural work.

Through her continued experiences, Cabezas said she hopes to build even more connections around the power of art in cultural diplomacy, and knows that the liberal arts have prepared her with the skills to continue heading in unique directions.

“A lot of people asked me what I was going to do with an art history degree — and, at the time, I didn’t know what I was going to do because there isn’t a clear career path like there can be for other disciplines,” Cabezas said. “But six years out of college, art history has led me to living in an Irish castle, developing programs at a national art gallery, and hearing Bono tell Dr. Fauci about my Fulbright project. And, like other world leaders have in the past, studying paintings has led me to an opportunity to shape the political future.”



in her own words

The main reasons my parents chose to enroll me at Holton-Arms were because of its emphasis on the arts (I played violin throughout my ten-year tenure) and for its diverse/multicultural makeup. I remember learning about Ghana in third-grade music class. We discussed musical rhythms and also the significance of Kente cloth patterns. The Lower School winter holiday concert stands out to me as an early example of sharing our cultures at school because we would sing songs from different traditions, and students would enter the Lewis Theater with flags/symbols that represented world religions.

I participated in the fourth year of the Global Education program in Summer 2012. Mainly interested in sustainability at the time, I joined a two-week trip to Costa Rica where we walked the coastline for turtle patrols, revamped a playground, and learned about the impact of the chemical industry on nature. One of my most vivid memories is when one of the host families taught us how to make typical Costa Rican food. It still fascinates me how much you can learn about a culture through its food, which reflects its agriculture and therefore geography. Though I had grown up regularly visiting my family in Chile, this was my first experience 'living' abroad in a completely new culture. Though I didn't realize it when first moving to Ireland, the Global Ed experience probably gave me confidence in moving elsewhere.

My mom started calligraphy lessons with a preeminent calligraphy artist, Sheila Waters, and decided to have Sheila create a version of the Neruda poem Ode to the Black Panthress for Holton. It's hanging in the Upper School Teacher's Lounge and has an inscription that says something like 'given to HAS by the family of Isabel Cabezas, whose parents Fernando and Josephine Cabezas were impressed with the artistic emphasis at the school.



Granger House Undergoes Another Transformation

During the early 1960s, as Holton-Arms' leadership sought expansion beyond its original S Street campus in the heart of DC, attention turned towards the sprawling woods of rural Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Granger expressed their willingness to sell their property on River Road, catching the school's interest. In April 1962, the school exchanged another lot on River Road for 36 acres of the Granger property, which included the family's residence. They also gifted the remaining 44 acres of woodland with the understanding that they should not be built upon for 25 years.

The rolling and thickly wooded property was threaded by a small stream, Booze Creek. Then-President of the School Mildred Brown wrote of the property: "The new site is the most beautiful place of ground in this part of the country – rolling land with much more than half of the 80 acres heavily wooded with oaks, pines, elms, etc., that have been growing for heaven knows how many years."

The house, in particular, was a draw. Miss Brown wrote, "There is a magnificent house on the property that was built over 60 years ago in the finest rural style of stone and clapboard. This house suffered a bad fire two years ago, and had only the roof repaired. I spent the summer restoring and decorating and furnishing the house. It is now a dream and I take much of the credit. The house is located on a hill, terraced on all sides, overlooking woods, pastures, and a stream. The pine-panelled library overlooks the valley floor; every room has a dreamy vista."

Construction of the school and its facilities broke ground in 1962. In May 1963, the Junior-Senior picnic was held on the lawn surrounding Granger House, and the last class to graduate from the old school campus was serenaded by the class which would be the first to graduate from the new school.

When Holton moved to Bethesda, Granger House became home to Miss Brown and Mary Happer, '1922, who taught dance

Construction of the school and its facilities broke ground in 1962. In May 1963, the Junior-Senior picnic was held on the lawn surrounding Granger House, and the last class to graduate from the old school campus was serenaded by the class which would be the first to graduate from the new school.





“There is a magnificent house on the property that was built over 60 years ago in the finest rural style of stone and clapboard”

— Miss Brown



at the school, and six resident students. Each year, four to six senior boarders were chosen to live in Granger House.

Susan Kintner Corpstein '67 remembers it was an honor to live in Miss Brown's house, although the residents rarely saw her except in History of Art class.

Querube Arias '65 remembers that when Holton moved from the cozy, urban S St house to the isolated modern dorms and campus on River Road, Granger House immediately became a cozy home to the seniors living there. It was the girls' "home away from home."

"My main memories are of time spent in the smoking room. This is where we would sit around and listen to music on vinyl LPs (Leaving on a Jet Plane), smoke, and talk about things that were important to us," recalled Kintner Corpstein '67.

There were many students who lived on Holton's campus, either in the intimate Granger House or in the larger dorm (what is now the Lower School). Several boarders remember a tradition of all students who lived on campus being invited to gather the last evening before Winter Break in their pajamas at Granger House.

Miss Brown would say a few words to each girl and everyone would sing carols in the light cast by candles and the fire. A Christmas story would be read but there are different memories of the exact book. Arias remembers that someone would be chosen to read *The Night Before Christmas*, while Chris Miller Leahy '67 remembers being asked to read *The Littlest Angel*.

The Junior-Senior Ring Ceremony, where seniors gave juniors their rings, continued to be held on the Granger House lawn. Boarders also have fond memories of sledding on Granger Hill on cafeteria trays.

In 1969, when James W. Lewis became Headmaster, Miss Brown moved next door to what is now Brown House, home to the Child Development Center.

After serving as home for the Head of School for decades, Granger House now has a new purpose. While the Alice. S. Marriott Library is under renovation during the transformation into the Susanna A. Jones Learning Commons, Granger is serving as a

temporary home for books, resources, and places to study.

The first floor of Granger House has been converted into individual study spaces and a large group study room. What previously was the wood-paneled library is now a cozy reading room with bean bags and other flexible seating.

Granger also has new Maker Boxes, containers of curated craft and project supplies to get creative juices flowing. The boxes are used to make items such as jewelry and felt crafts.

Students can also visit members of the Technology Department for tech support. Books on display are largely from the library's fiction collection, but students, faculty, and staff are able to browse the online catalog and request delivery of a specific title.

As campus undergoes another transformative construction project, Granger House is once again serving the needs of Holton's students with an open door.

Holton-Arms School acknowledges that the land and water on which our campus sits was, and is still, inhabited and cared for by the Piscataway Peoples.



Read the latest Learning Commons construction updates

gatherings

Be we far or nigh



TOP: Alumnae gather for a casual meet up in Boulder, CO. **BOTTOM:** ADRENA IFILL BLAGBURN '87 and SHABA HOLLEY KEYS '86 meet on Martha's Vineyard. College-aged alumnae participated in the Young Alumnae Panels. Classmates ANN HOBBS '78 and CARTER FOLEY KIRKS '78 at the Maryland & Delaware Beach Gathering.



TOP: Members of the Class of 2022 gather on campus for First Reunion. The alumnae panel at the Upper School Mental Health Assembly.
CENTER: The 5th annual Women & Power for Good Summit on campus. **BOTTOM:** ELLEN ROGERS GREYTAK '01 and family at Butler's Orchard. Sisters ALIA AYUB '97, MARIAM AYUB '01, and families enjoying the Blue & White Playdate at Butler's Orchard.

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Make your way home



TOP: 2023 Alumnae Board Members WENDY MERRIMAN '77, CHERYL HENSON-EVERSON '76, PAGE WELLS POLLOCK '99, RACHEL WILLIAMS '12, SACHI KHEMKA '13, and LIZEY KORENGOLD BERNSTORF '08. **BOTTOM:** 50th Reunion Classmates DALE HILGARTNER CIRILLO '73, KIM HOFFMAN SAMPERTON '73, and VICKI DIPPELL SOMERVILLE '73. 2023 and 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees BAILEY JOHNSON SCHEURER '74, HEATHER GEDDES HEALY '74, YLVA BOSTROM IHRIG '87, ARLYN KATZEN LANDOW '95, CANDACE GREEN BANKS '98, and TYLER LEACHMAN '02.





TOP: 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee **BAILEY JOHNSON SCHEURER '74** with sister **SALLY JOHNSON FOGARTY '71** and daughter **ANNIE SCHEURER CASERTANO '03** A Meet & Greet between the 3rd-grade and 50th Reunion Class of 1973. **CENTER:** A Meet & Greet between the 3rd-grade and 50th Reunion Class of 1973. A surprise toast to Susanna A. Jones during her last year as Head of School. **BOTTOM:** **ADRENA IFILL BLAGBURN '87**, former Chair of the Board of Trustees, accepts the 2023 Rosemary Wire Anderson Award. **ABIGAIL SHERIDAN BETTS '98** with **LORRIE LIPSCOMB ROBERTS '61** and daughter Margaret at the Saturday Cook Out.



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TOP: Director of Alumnae Giving and Engagement KATE HEALY JOHNSON '05 presents the Class of 2023 with the Students' Cup for reaching 100% participation in The Holton Fund. Alumnae grab a bite in the Dining Room during Alumnae Visiting Day. **CENTER:** CELINE JIMENEZ CROWSON '83 accepts the 2023 Distinguished Alumnae Award.. **BOTTOM:** BETSY PARKER THALER '03 with EMILY CRANTZ SILBERTSTEIN '03 and daughter at the Saturday Cook Out. Alumnae return to campus for Alumnae Visiting Day and the Alumnae Art History Class.



TOP: DEIRDRE MACNEIL '78 and JENNY GEORGIA '78 return to campus to celebrate their 45th Reunion. JENNY CLARK JEFFERSON '48, celebrating her 75th Reunion, with former Head of School Susanna A. Jones. **CENTER:** Former Alumnae Board President BLAKE KEELEY DOYLE '99, with sisters KATHERINE KEELEY '03, JENNY KEELEY HADLOW '07, and children. CELINE JIMENEZ CROWSON '83 with mother Cecilia Jimenez, Alumnae Board member LESLIE SMITH '61 TINA WEBER MANATOS '63 and PATIENCE TIPTON HUNTWORK '63. **BOTTOM:** Classmates MARTHA L. DIPPELL '68, ANNE WENCHEL JUST '68, and CAROLA SULLAM SHEPARD '68 celebrate their 55th Reunion. Former Alumnae Fund Co-Chair TAURA SMALLS '93 with former Head of School Susanna A. Jones and Alumnae Board member RACHEL WILLIAMS '12.



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TOP: Holton-Arms Athletic Association members join the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. **CENTER:** Members of the Class of 1973 meet at Granger House for a 50th Reunion Luncheon. **BOTTOM:** KAREN SPIGEL BRALOVE '63 and classmates take a break in the Father's Club Lounge during Alumnae Visiting Day. Members of the Class of 1983, celebrating their 40th Reunion, with former teacher Bob Tupper.



TOP: Members of the Class of 1993 celebrate their 30th Reunion, including MEREDITH WISOR PAGE '93 in a vintage Class of 1993 t-shirt. Members of the Class of 2008 celebrate their 15th Reunion. **CENTER:** Members of the Class of 1998 celebrate becoming the youngest class in Holton history to endow a fund totaling over \$100,000 in honor of their 25th Reunion milestone. **BOTTOM:** Classmates JENNIFER CORNFELD SCHENKER '98 and JENNIFER SCHAEFFER MILLER '98. KATHRYN BOWSHER '83, SUZIE BONNER HOYT '83, and ANN LEININGER '83 join in the fun.



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TOP: The Black Alumnae Union at a Meet & Greet following the Saturday Cook Out. The Class of 1963 gathers in the Simms Reception Room for dinner on campus to celebrate their 60th Reunion. **BOTTOM:** The Class of 2013, celebrating their 10th Reunion, gathers for a photo op on the Front Circle. CELINE JIMENEZ CROWSON '83 with classmate NORI YOUNG BUISING '83 after presenting to the students during the Alumnae Assembly.



TOP: Trustee BETHANY YOUNG '05 and son. The Class of 2018 won the Champagne Cup for the highest participation in The Holton Fund, reaching 62%. **CENTER:** The 50th Reunion Class of 1973 enjoys a Saturday night dinner in the Simms Reception Room. **BOTTOM:** SUSIE COLE WEAN '67 and granddaughter gather around the Panther statue. The Class of 2008.

class notes



Send Class Notes

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Class Notes are compiled and edited by Class Secretaries and the Alumnae Office. Please send news to the Alumnae Office at doorways@holton-arms.edu.

There are quite a few Holton alumnae working up the street at Norwood! From left to right: KATHERINE KLINE '97, BEANIE SIDEY BURR '82, SUSAN O'CONNELL '78, LEANNE MONROE GILL '78, SANDRA ENGLE GICHNER '84, MIMI MICKLITSCH MULLIGAN '84, JENNIFER THORP HEMANN '92, and ABIGAIL SHERIDAN BETTS '98.

1950

Alden Reed West

ALDEN REED WEST is still in the Palm Desert, CA area. She lives in a Sun City Dell Web community that has every club imaginable. She calls it "camp of adults." She goes to the fitness center 5 days a week and is still doing staged readings. She has given up memorized plays as she can forget her own words now so she would probably forget the authors.

Please, Class of 1950, send in some information about you and your current addresses and phone numbers to aldenr4@aol.com. We would all like to hear from you!

1951

Donna Helsing Henderson

JANET VALLANCE FRANKMANN went to Scotland in June with her son and his wife for a holiday. They returned to the Isle of Iona and stayed at their favorite Hotel Argyll. She said it was a tough trip but totally worth it. Many thanks to Janet who is very loyal to our class and can always be counted on to send news.

KAY BOWLING GRAHAM said her most exciting news was that she completed work with the University of Connecticut to become a Certified Master Gardener and is convinced there is still much she doesn't know about plants. She looked forward to a barge trip on the canals of southern France in August to celebrate the 90th birthday of a friend. Kay will reach this milestone in November and become a member of this very elite group which I, DONNA HELSING HENDERSON, did in June!

It is always sad to report the loss of classmates and this time I have two to report. MARY ANN JORDAN NOSUN passed away November 8, 2022 at the age of 89. She was the mother of three daughters and had 6 grandsons and 6 great-grandchildren with another on the way. Mary Ann loved gardening, golf, boating, water skiing, and playing bridge with her husband.

SALLY COLCLOUGH ALEXANDER left us on April 30, 2023. Sally joined the faculty at Holton in 1965, taught English at Holton for many years, had a very successful Book Club

that opened the world of books and writing to students and many alumnae, was a Trustee Emerita, and in 1996 was honored with the Distinguished Alumnae Award. For some strange reason that I can't remember, she and I called one another Charlie!

1954

Judith Sillin Miller

SAVE THE DATE: 70TH HOLTON REUNION, APRIL 12 & 13, 2024!

1957

Berry Powers Robison

KAY KAUFHOLZ JEWEL had good news and bad news. She and daughter Casey went to a communitywide yard sale at the beach. Kay, being the avid reader she is, wandered over to examine the books offered for sale on bookshelves. Unfortunately, the shelves collapsed on her, thrusting her to the ground, burying her in books, and breaking her hip. She is sporting a new hip now and is fully recovered, still always interested in a good book recommendation. She was well enough to attend a grandson's wedding in October.

LYNN HOLMAN NICHOLAS travels up to Maine to see one of her children as often as she can. Her son, who has been living in Spain, is going to be moving back to Washington. She is looking forward to having him close at hand. Lynn continues to do research on origins and provenance of art works, but she is slowing down a bit.

During the summer HOLLY AKRE ERTEL was burning up in Georgia. She escaped the heat with a trip to Maine to visit ANNE MURPHY BULLIS '56 and her husband Bill. Later in the summer Holly took a river cruise down the Snake and Columbia Rivers. She sailed right by where I live and we texted as she did so. We wanted to meet up where she was moored for the night or at the Portland Airport. That didn't work out—just as well. Holly tested positive for COVID.

FAITH BULLIS MACE went to Maine on Holly's heels to the same household to visit Faith's brother Bill and sister-in-law Anne. Faith has had hand surgery recently and plans



Class of '58's **JOYCE LEVERTON MAUNEY, SUE STONE WOODWARD, AND JUDY CONGER SHAFFER** together in Chicago in May. They and another longtime friend had a wonderful long weekend visiting many of the highlights and great restaurants of the city.

on having the other done soon. She keeps us entertained with jokes, pictures, and stories via email.

ANN SCHEIN CARLYSS was supposed to meet up with Faith in Florida when Ann's concert tour took her close by. Ann and Earl have sold their house in Connecticut and are living in an apartment, also in Connecticut, until they find the house they want.

CAROLYN GOTT DU PONT '57 emailed that there is not a lot of excitement in her life other than that she moved to a senior living community. She continues to guide at a Richmond museum three times a week. One of her daughters lives in Richmond. Carolyn wrote, "Various body parts are creaky, but I'm still up and moving. All things being equal, I'm happy and looking forward to the future."

Last fall I, **BERRY POWERS ROBISON**, visited **ALLAN HOYT LEES** in Winchester on my way to visit my brother and family in Maryland. Allan gave me a taste of independent living. She spent time at Eatons' Ranch in Wyoming and was joined there by her three children. Allan has an art studio and is currently working on commissioned tile mosaics for a charitable cause.

CYNTHIA 'CINNIE' SCHIESS FEHR, who attended high school elsewhere, keeps busy keeping up the old house and grounds on the Eastern Shore. That entails mowing by tractor, but is rewarded by wonderful views of wildlife and endless supplies of oysters and crabs. She and Pat stay at their place in Washington when they attend the ballet and opera.

SHERRY STALKER CANNON wrote, "I now have another coloring book released—My

Fingerpaint Masterpiece Coloring Book — and 111 awards... Fun! I now have 10 children's books, four children's coloring books, two poetry books, and seven published and internationally performed plays on the Lazy Bee Scripts site in the UK. Now that COVID is relatively under control, the plays have resumed! My Holton life seems so far away, since I was only there for 4-7th grades, but I remember lots of my classmates including you Berry... I always thought it was fun to go from Beryl and Sherrill to Berry and Sherry! I am still in touch with **SHARON STONE KILPATRICK '57** and **JUDY CONGER SHAFFER '58**.

Thanks for keeping us informed!"

SUSAN MEYER CALL recently went on a day trip (she is still driving) to Amerind Foundation, a museum of Native American artifacts. She attended a summer wedding in New York and made it to her writers' conference in California. One of Susan's sons lives in Georgia and the other lives in Tucson and keeps his office at Susan's house. Susan has very kindly offered to come take care of me when I have hip surgery. I plan to take her up on it. What a friend!

I have plans to move to a continuum of care facility that is currently under construction with a projected completion date of October 2024. It is 3 ½ miles downriver, and I will still have my view of Mt. Hood. I am making color and material choices which is right up my alley. In September I went to my grandson's football game in Utah. My older son and his wife and my brother and his wife all were there, too. I spend Fall Saturdays watching Grady's football games on ESPN+. I am on the board of The Council for the Homeless and serve on the development committee. It is certainly a worthy cause.

I wish I had heard from more of you. I tried to call and even hand wrote to some of you, to no avail. Please be in touch, either with me, or with another classmate who can pass on information. I care. We care. Wishing you all good health and close friendships.

1958

Joyce Leverton Mauney

1959

Dorothy "Taffy" Herrmann

SAVE THE DATE: 65TH HOLTON REUNION, APRIL 12 & 13, 2024!

My thanks to the classmates who took time from their busy schedules to contribute to our Class Notes. Also, I have lost the correct email address for JUDITH HOUGEN LAWHON. Please email me at dorothyherrmann@comcast.net if you know her email address.

MARIAN BRITTEN TORRE: KATHY HAYES is eager to get in touch with you. Please email me if you don't have her phone number.

As many of you know, we recently lost our beloved classmate, VIVIAN TRIBBY ADLE. Her obituary on Legacy.com, written by her two daughters, Melissa and Tammy, may be found online. The following is a tribute to Vivian written by her good friend, OLIVE MOORE MULLET. Other reminiscences of Vivian may be found in the posts by other classmates.

VIVIAN ADLE

From our class clown we loved

*"What should I do—cry or laugh?"
she said.*

*To one who sounded strong over the
phone, especially when we talked
politics.*

*And who appeared to perfection at
our last reunion.*

*Hair coiffured, lovely dress, and
strong opinions,*

*While ever fighting against her
many illnesses*

*And yearning to join her beloved
husband.*

Finally, her wish was granted.

*I am missing her strong voice, our
many conversations.*

I am missing her.

— OLIVE MOORE MULLET

BETTY BOYLE writes: My news at the moment is that I am happy to be alive and relatively healthy. I am well aware that each day is a gift. I still miss Holton. It was an amazing experience for me, especially as a boarder coming from Memphis, a quiet place, to live in D.C., which to me was the center of the world and extremely exciting. We moved from Memphis in 1980, and my world opened up and indeed has been eventful ever since. Currently, I am most involved in the rewarding relationships with my eight grandchildren and my husband's — five more. I am also involved and have been for 40 years in trying to prevent homelessness. Obviously, I have not been entirely successful. But there is always tomorrow.

I send my love to my strong and faithful classmates who are still standing.

VALERIE ELBRICK HANLON writes: Last year included some time in Paris in the fall, a lovely month in Rome with Dare Hartwell and her husband in the winter, and time with old friends in Lisbon and Oporto. I'm still renting my sweet apartment in Paris if anyone needs an escape.

Our classmate Vivian Tribby was my school friend from the fifth grade. Vivian was off the page. We shared raucous times, tired our class monitors, escaped from study hall, and visited our favorite old teachers as the years went by. Missy, one of Vivian's two darling daughters, also went to Holton.

NEWS FLASH: My dog Chessie received a Canine Good Citizenship certificate in April.

I'm in upstate New York where I am trying to save the land.

I recently returned from the Adirondacks where I visited HARRIET STRONG BARLOW at the Blue Mountain Center which she helped found as well as directed for many years.

I hope that everyone is as well as I am — or even slightly better.

TAFFY HERRMANN writes: My news is that last December at age 81, I had a laparoscopic appendectomy. It was discovered that the mass in my appendix wasn't a tumor or worse, but chronic appendicitis. This diagnosis was a shock as I never had a single symptom even when the pesky thing perforated and fortunately healed on its own. My experience proves the old adage: "If you think you're healthy, you haven't had enough tests."

I was only in Thomas Jefferson Hospital for a day and a half, thanks to my brilliant female laparoscopic surgeon. To remove my appendix, she made 4 tiny incisions, one to insert a camera the size of a dime into my belly button. Afterward, I had little pain and enjoyed a speedy recovery.

My other news is that last fall, I adopted a Lilac Point Siamese cat named Hannah. She is four years old, ivory with light gray markings, and the former mother of nine kittens. I adopted her from a pet owner who was downsizing her menagerie. At first Hannah's and my relationship was rocky. She scorned me for the first 10 days and only ate and used her litter box when I was out of the apartment.

For some reason, on day 11, she decided that I wasn't the devil incarnate and has since become a loyal and loving companion, following me everywhere, sleeping in my arms at night, and behaving more like a faithful dog than a cat.

Unfortunately, my spinal stenosis has gotten worse, and I am not mobile enough to travel to my beloved Mexico.

I am fortunate, however, to still do errands and get to my numerous doctor appointments. I signed a lease for another year in my Philadelphia apartment, and then who knows, I may enter an assisted living facility near my sister **WENDY HERRMANN HARLOW '63** who resides near Baltimore (provided the place allows small pets like Hannah).

I always loved seeing Vivian whenever I visited Washington, D.C. She was always immaculately attired and coifed, and I loved hearing about her 30 cruises where she sometimes never left the ship. However, I especially cherished Vivian's wicked sense of humor. I'll never forget her once telling me when we were at Holton, "Since we weren't Catholics who could be sent to a nunnery, our parents shoveled us into Holton-Arms." In my case, she had pinpointed the reason for my sudden admission to Holton in the 10th grade. Alarmed by the number of 15-year-olds at my coed public junior high school who had become mommies and daddies, my worried parents immediately catapulted me into an environment that provided no proximity to the opposite sex.

BETTY STRAUSS KOSCO writes: As they say,

at this stage of life, no news is good news.

I spoke with **PAT THOMSON '59** after the Maui tragedy. Our youngest daughter was born in Hawaii, and we felt the loss personally.

We divide our time between Carlisle and Williamsburg while attempting to keep up with nine grandchildren, ages 2-12.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in April.

DARE MYERS HARTWELL writes: Vivian was such a life force and dedicated Holtonite, I can't imagine Reunion (coming up quickly) without her.

SUSAN RING KEITH writes: All is well in Southern California. The "terrible" storm for us was not at all bad. We had maybe an inch of rain and not much wind. But now I have a few gallons of water if anyone needs any.

I stay busy with local politics and keep mouthing off. It's a fun venue.

The family is all well and happy. I have everyone for dinner every Sunday night. I love it.

And a 2-year-old blond American lab who keeps me on my toes.

That's the news from here.

JUDY TIPTON MILLER: My news is that I'm about to leave for another visit to dinosaur sites—this time near Winton in the outback far north Queensland. During COVID, I did a great series of courses run by the Department of Paleontology at the University of Alberta on an education site called Coursera (highly recommended and free!). So, Winton is my third visit—the other two being the Naracoorte caves in South Australia and the Wellington caves in New South Wales. Then we're traveling across to the Queensland coast to camp on a beach where the huge Cassowary birds come out of the rain forest during the day to look around. They really look pre-historic but they're ALIVE and not to be messed with!

Otherwise, it's business as usual. My guitar playing has improved a tiny bit, and I'm playing in a guitar concert where all 48 of us play together, so I'm hoping that no one will know whether I'm playing or not. "Air playing" is okay—it's better than playing out of time or a horribly wrong note.

OLIVE MOORE MULLET writes: Last fall my husband and I reconnected at the Chevy Chase Club with the other side of my family after my D.C. architect brother died. And

my husband and I met in Ohio with all his surviving 7 brothers. Both were extraordinary experiences. This past summer in Michigan has been iffy with weather and health concerns. I wasn't able to swim daily as I wanted, but at least the extreme heat of other states didn't affect us. The Canadian wildfires did.

JESSIE ROBINSON COCHRAN writes: One of my grandchildren just wrote me from college that one of her good friends attended Holton-Arms and loved it. In fact, she still wears her class ring. How privileged we were to also have such a happy and treasured experience!

1963

ELIZABETH 'BITSY' BUNKER ZUCKER published a book, *BREATH TAKING: Growing Up Mystic in America*. This part life-adventure story is also part manual for becoming more conscious, more alive, and more intuitive. She began sharing yoga and the breath 33 years ago and created the Harvard University Yoga Program in 1982. She lives with her husband David, George the mule, and two ponies in the hills of New Hampshire.

1964

Justine Mascioli Kenney

SAVE THE DATE: 60TH HOLTON REUNION, APRIL 12 & 13, 2024!

1967

Anne Tweedy Tiffany

The Class of 1967 is mourning the loss of one of their own. NANCY BRENNAN died back in September 2022. Nancy was a former executive director of Baltimore City Life Museums, and the daughter of Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Her life and extraordinary legacy is written up in the Baltimore Sun Newspaper. I asked her classmates to share some thoughts about Nancy. ANNE HOWARD-TRISTANI writes that she often thinks of the impact Miss Brown had upon her Art History students; and how proud she would be of Nancy's impact and many contributions

as an educator in the arts, in history, and in the museum world. SUSAN KINTNER CORPSTEIN was so glad she saw Nancy at our 50th Reunion and says she lived with Nancy our senior year in Granger House and remembers their long talks. MARGARET WARNER says she and Nancy both arrived at Holton as 7th graders in the fall of 1961 and she recalls zipping around the beltway in Nancy's yellow convertible. She carries a vivid image of Nancy as warm, smart, and kind with a million-dollar smile. WENDY WINKEL MARTENS also remembers Nancy's smile as being unforgettable, as well as her kind voice and welcoming demeanor. SHARON KAUFHOLZ PORT wants all of us to keep in touch and hold on to each other.

SUSIE COLE WEAN and JUDI HAVENS both write of their lunch with CHRIS MILLER LEAHY in Jupiter, Florida; and then a later lunch with GEORGE ANNE CARVETH BROWN '68, sister of LYNNE CARVETH FILL '67*. Susie also had a delightful dinner with our classmate, BROOKE JENNINGS KANE when Susie was visiting her son who lives in Arlington with his two children, ages 5 and 3. Susie spent the winter in Palm Beach and in March hosted a small dinner for local alumnae who represented many different class years. In October, Susie and John planned to spend their 50th anniversary in Santiago, Chile where they will meet up with a group for a National Geographic trip to Patagonia and Antarctica ending in Argentina with a trip from Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls and Uruguay.

JUDI HAVENS writes that she had a chance to speak with CAROL WILLIAMS BENCHLEY, and later learned that Carol and her husband, Rob, managed to get off Nantucket for a month to stay with friends in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Judi had her left hip replaced in April and is making slow but steady progress.

CHRISTY CARPENTER writes that she has been working for more than a year on a documentary on her mother: "Shaking It Up: The Life & Times of Liz Carpenter." Although she had been previously reviewing her mother's voluminous papers in preparation for writing a book, she had never considered a documentary until she was contacted by a Peabody Award-winning filmmaker wanting to do one. They are in the thick of co-producing this film, which will air on public



ANNE HOWARD-TRISTANI
'67 with husband, Dennis, and
granddaughter, Isla.



TOP: CAROLYN BROSIUS ANDERSON and family.

BOTTOM: JUDI HAVENS, SUSIE COLE WEAN, and CHRIS MILLER LEAHY during Chris's visit to Florida.

television stations around the country. Until the film is fully funded, she won't have an air date, but they are hoping for March 2024 during Women's History Month.

CAROLYN BROSIUS ANDERSON writes that aside from some travel and big-time back surgery, she and her husband are totally enjoying their five grandchildren and feel so fortunate that they (and their parents!) all live in the D.C. area. They are also relishing time at their place on a lake that her father created up near Frederick, MD.

Last December, MARGIE ADDISON SHEPARD joined MARGARET WARNER to see various art exhibits at the National Gallery and the Philips Collection. Then in early January, they met up with SHREVE SIMPSON in Philadelphia to see exhibits at the Barnes Collection and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Margie writes that Miss Brown must be smiling.

ANN-FRAZER KEPHART BROWN says that after 12 years of living in a converted chicken house/studio, she was finally able to move back into her own little house on the farm that was destroyed by fire in 2011.

LILLIAN HILL CLAGETT writes that her son, Dr. Bartholt Bloomfield-Clagett, and his husband, Adam, have settled into life in Chevy Chase. Bartholt continues spending his time regulating new psychiatric drugs at the FDA. Adam has just started working at the FDIC. The twins Lila and Silus, age 3, are very happy at National Presbyterian School, a short drive from their home at the Willard Apartment Building.

PEG GLANZMAN HENDEL writes her whole family gathered in D.C. on May 12 to celebrate daughter Lt. Col. Kate's retirement from the Marine Corps after 23 years. It was a lovely

ceremony in the Eisenhower Building at the White House. Daughter Sarah flew in from Texas with her family. Part of the weekend included a late-night tour of the West Wing; Peggy recalled the time that members of our class went to the White House where we saw "the red phone" on President Johnson's desk! The Secret Service got a laugh out of that!

PEGGY ANN EACHO FECHNAY writes that her son, John, and his wife, Caroline, have made her a grandmother! Langley Anne Fechnay was born on May 19, 2023. All are healthy and very happy.

NANCY BEERS PARSONS and her husband, John, made it back to Florida to visit with friends and family. They also chartered a 42-foot catamaran, including a captain and a cook, with three other couples and spent a week sailing around the British Virgin Islands. Nancy looked forward to spending the summer on the Chesapeake Bay aboard "Water Music," their 31-foot Ranger Tug along with Daisy, their Westie rescue dog. They planned to be in Delavan, WI in July to see family and friends.

ANNE HOWARD-TRISTANI writes that during the Spring and Summer of 2022, she and her husband, Dennis, made two trips to San Juan, Puerto Rico to pack up all their family belongings at their Condominium ("Le Rivage") located in Condado, near the ocean, where they had lived prior to moving back to the States in 2013-2014.

In September 2022, they visited their daughter Christine (a.k.a. Tina) in Seattle, WA., where she lives with her partner Kyle Short, who works at Amazon. Tina planned to commence a virtual Master's Degree in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at Colorado State University, Warren School of Natural Resources, in August 2023.

Following their visit to Seattle, Anne's family flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico in late September 2022 to attend the annual U.S. Senator Dennis Chavez Endowed Lectureship Symposium on Law and Civil Rights at the University of New Mexico (UMN) School of Law.

On October 25, 2022, Anne spoke at the Humphrey Fellowship Program's Global Leadership Forum Luncheon honoring the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows (Class of 2022-2023), along with her older brother, Judge William R. Howard.

Anne and Dennis enjoyed Christmas at home in Maryland, with their two sons (Dennis Ray

and William Tristani) and their wives (both Emilys), and their granddaughter, Isla Rose, who turned two years old on July 27. Isla is the greatest joy in their lives!

Throughout this time, Anne has continued her ongoing work on her oral history and future book project entitled: "Sibling Citizens: The Lives and Legacies of Hubert H. Humphrey and Frances Humphrey Howard".

The Class of 1967 congratulates JANE KINNAMON for being inducted into Holton's Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2017 several members of our class nominated Jane for this award, and she received this honor in 2020. However, due to COVID, Jane and her accomplishments weren't recognized until this past spring during Reunion weekend. Unfortunately, Jane could not attend, but the ceremony was recorded for everyone to see. I asked her classmates to write up some of their memories of Jane; here is what I received:

Susie Cole Wean had Jane as a roommate when they boarded at Holton. Susie learned a lot about athletics from Jane as well as how to eat soft-shelled crabs which Jane would bring back with her from her visits home to the Eastern Shore. Ironically, Susie must have felt Jane's influence, as for 36 years Susie says she played on and served several times as captain for a Platform (Paddle) Tennis Team.

ELIZABETH SMITH SIMMONS' most memorable memories were the weekends at Jane's family home when she took them out in her Boston whaler. It was the first time Elizabeth ever witnessed an osprey fly to its huge nest.

BESS WALSH DETMOLD writes her memories of Jane on playing fields and courts go back to their childhood on Maryland's Eastern Shore. One of their Easton classmates wrote that Jane "could glide down a hockey field or basketball court" even in grade school. Sailing was a huge part of life on the Shore. As a girl, Jane sailed a Penguin, a 12-foot dingy. Just as she could move a ball, she could make that Penguin skip along the waters of the Tred Avon River.

Jane continued sailing for years, often crewing on larger boats. She tells a great story of helping to sail a 40-foot boat from Bermuda to Maryland in 1996. She was the only woman on the crew. One day the winds hit 30 mph, and there were 30-foot swells. That was exciting, but Jane also told Bess about liking

the 2 a.m. watch. At the helm, she would pick a star and sail towards it.

JEAN NOAH '67* and Mrs. Nevitt were both in the first group of women tapped for the Athletic Hall of Fame. Before her death, Jean told Bess that during their induction, Mrs. Nevitt turned to her and said that someone else belonged there with them. That someone was Jane. Here's to Jane!

I, ANNE TWEEDY TIFFANY, thank each of you for your news; and wish you all to stay healthy and active. I've had a good year, and looked forward to visiting my brother in Durango, CO in June and then driving with him to San Angelo, TX for a family reunion on the Knickerbocker Ranch, founded by my great-grandfather in the 1880s.

1969

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1972

Ida Ashburn Cook and Susan Fogarty Arzt

Just over one year ago many of us were able to gather together to celebrate our 50th Reunion. As we reported last year, it was a wonderful celebration and, most importantly, an opportunity to reunite with each other and take a nice walk down memory lane. We did, however, miss our classmates who were unable to attend, but don't worry, you were there in spirit. Last year we were able to exchange updates on many of our classmates and this year, we are excited to have more news to report.

NANCY NORTON BUCKLEY: "Damian and I took a cruise up the Rhine with friends in June from Basel to Amsterdam. It was wonderfully relaxing and breathtakingly beautiful. We had wonderful weather and learned so much about the history/culture of the countries along this river. Since our return, we have been enjoying pool gatherings and Sunday dinners with our sons Michael and James, and their families. We have four grandchildren: Audrey (7), Connor (5), Elizabeth (5) and Claire (2). Our daughter, Fiona has been living in



Watch Holton's Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony!

London this past year and we had a lovely visit with her there last November. She also met up with us this summer in Basel."

MARNY ALLEN MCCAIN: "I frequently see **DANA MARTENS**, our most traveled classmate! And she keeps that traveling energy going for all of us! In August Dana and her sister **GINGER MARTENS '75** went on a 3-week Safari in South Africa with friends. Can't wait to hear those traveling stories-what fun! I am honored to be joined by **SUSAN FOGARTY ARZT** and **STEPHANIE KENYON BEEHLER** as we try to learn how to play Bridge! The three of us make a fearless team and we are having lots of fun 'winning tricks'! And of course, we are having a great time enjoying delightful gatherings and outings with many local classmates."

DANA MARTENS: "**GINGER MARTENS '75** and I are headed to Africa for a 3-week Safari to Botswana, Zambia, and South Africa."

GERRIN GOSNELL MCGOWAN: "My second son, Michael, plays paintball professionally and I have a hobby 'maintaining' his renowned practice fields. Daughter **SARA MCGOWAN '98** and two of my precious grands, live next door to Michael and his fields. Happy to report that I am thriving outdoors in Alabama!"

MUFFIE SNYDER BYRON: "I have retired from teaching in Arlington County Public Schools and moved into the house I inherited from my mom in my hometown of Shepherdstown, West Virginia. I miss Alexandria, Virginia, and return whenever possible, and, honestly, I am slow to adjust to my new environs. It is a large home too full of stuff at the moment, and I have plenty of space for my family and friends to visit. I have one grandchild and another on the way, which is a delight. So, please visit or come for a day trip in the 'country,' and I will meet up with you! Looking forward to another class Reunion to see how everyone is navigating these 'retirement or not' years."

DEBORAH DEAN: "I was lucky enough to visit Santorini, Greece this summer with husband Richard and daughter Jamie. I continue restoring the Whitaker Chambers historic farm in Westminster, Maryland and remain in the antique business."

MARGOT MAHONEY BUDIN: "I continue to work part-time for HHS in Montgomery County with school-based programs that bring mental health and care management

to the neediest students and their families from Pre-K through graduation. Needed more than ever after COVID. While I have visions of retirement, I remain motivated to continue by the success stories of the students we serve, and also by the fact that our twins are still in college! Our older daughter plans to move back to Maryland this fall from Austin while her sister remains there to finish up at UT and work on her singer/songwriter career. Our son loves college and will graduate from St. Lawrence University next spring. David and I traveled more this year than usual including a drive through the south from Maryland to Texas, skiing in Utah, and a visit to Paris. We look forward to much more of the same in retirement! I thoroughly enjoy getting together with Holton classmates, lunches, dinners, museum trips – always a joy!"

IDA ASHBURN COOK: "I remember sitting in Mrs. Terry's art history class senior year, looking at slides of Queen Hatshepsut's temple in Egypt and thinking, 'I'm going to visit that someday!' I finally got to go last fall and had a fantastic time exploring Hatshepsut's temple and all the other temples and tombs we had studied. Inspired by that Holton art history class, I majored in art and art history and taught both for 40 years. Headed for Portugal and Spain in October. So much to see and learn, and so little time! At our Reunion, I really enjoyed the art history class! Glad to see the continuation of great teachers and a fantastic course at Holton."

BETH MERTZ: "I was sorry to miss the big Reunion, but since I have two family members who are immune-compromised, we've all been extra cautious. My longtime partner Chas and I have still managed to avoid COVID, as has my older daughter Jen. I'm still working full-time, but retirement is looking better and better these days! I wonder if there will be any online memorial for Sally Alexander? I'm sure there'd be a lot of interest!"

SUSAN FOGARTY ARZT: "I just completed my first year of retirement after working at a school for almost 30 years. It has been an adjustment, but I am lucky to have the opportunity to still support the school in a few ways and keep in touch with the community. Toward the end of my time there, I was fortunate that **LISA JACKSON OURISMAN's** two grandchildren were enrolled and that was very special for me. As Marny mentioned, Stephanie and she have joined me in learning

the game of Bridge – fun and challenging for sure! My husband Billy and I have seven grandchildren between us and we love spending time with the little ones and their parents too! It is also my great pleasure to keep in touch with many of our ‘local’ classmates and honestly, when we’re together, it’s as though no time has passed at all. That’s the beauty of long-lasting friendships.”

From ANN SYMINGTON SOUDER: “I moved to Asheville, NC in July 2022 after living in Wilmington, NC for 28 years. The decision was to live closer to my son and his family, who live in Asheville, and a shorter distance to my daughter, who lives in Charlotte. I am thrilled to be living in the mountains and minutes from my 2-year-old grandson. The Best! Enjoying some wonderful traveling with my family as well. Please let me know if you are in the area!”

1973

*Pandy Rathbun Allen and
Mandy Richards Vogel
McCarthy*

Pandy and I, MANDY RICHARDS VOGEL MCCARTHY, are happy to assume the role of class secretaries.

Crazy that it has been over 50 years since we were all in plaid reading The Whole Earth Catalog and Our Bodies, Ourselves, listening to the new artist Elton John and taking the Holton bus to view the Nixon inaugural parade from bleachers on the street.

We’ve all likely had what seems like many lives since then.

The Reunion reunited BETSY NICOLSON LEITHOLF, GALE CICERIC PAYNE, CATHY TEARE CUTRIGHT, GWEN ARENS EMERY, LINDSAY HARRIS, KATE MONTAGUE PERRY, KIM HOFFMAN SAMPERTON, PANDY RATHBUN ALLEN, NINA BLACK, EDIE PETER, VICKI DIPPELL SOMERVILLE, DALE HILGARTNER CIRILLO, ELIZABETH SHAW RECORD, MARGI COHEN CONRADs, and MANDY RICHARDS VOGEL MCCARTHY. We missed all who were unable to attend our Friday History of Art class, campus tours, lunch,

a meeting with the third grade, the lovely cocktail party, and our Saturday dinner in the reception room with the portraits of Miss Brown, Miss Holton, and Miss Lurton looking over us. We shared memories, conversations, and a lot of laughs.

Pandy and I received these class updates:

KATIE FREESE was elected to the National Academy of Sciences and won the University of Chicago Professional Achievement Award. Congratulations, Katie, for your well-deserved accolades.

JENNY ILL is living on the family farm on the Eastern Shore. She cared for her mother for 3 years until her death in December. She welcomes all to Chestertown.

FRANCES WICKES worked at the US Senate and the State Department in D.C., Burundi, and Botswana. She is now in Jacksonville close to family.

MARY JOHNSON FLETCHER is staying busy with her grandchildren (6 with one on the way at the time of this writing). After retiring as the Finance Director of her town for 2 years, Mary is now in Keuka Lake in New York state where she and Bill have a home. Mary enjoys the beauty and solitude of nature with reading and walking.

KATE MONTAGUE PERRY has had two careers since her graduation from Wesleyan College and from Georgetown Law: one in historic preservation law and the other in natural resource protection. She retired from the EPA almost 10 years ago. Kate has since volunteered in D.C.’s Anacostia Thurgood Marshall Chapter School and also worked with Holocaust Museum historians to draft a script for a mock trial based on those at Nuremberg. Kate and her husband Cookie have traveled extensively, most recently to the Middle East; when we spoke last Kate was on her way to Sydney where she is to attend an international preservation conference.

KATE MARTENSON APPLETON is retired and living in Cambridge, UK. She spends time in New Zealand where her two daughters and granddaughter live.

ANN DAY REISS lives in Salisbury, Connecticut with her journalist husband, Spencer Reiss. She won an award from The Institute of Classical Architecture and Art for her architectural photography though she prefers photojournalism.

PANDY RATHBUN ALLEN lives in Burlington, Vermont where she continues to

enjoy designing online courses for Champlain College. Her daughter, Mollie, is a senior at Tulane University and has plans to move to Nashville next summer to teach for Teach for America. Mollie's move to Nashville is great news to me since my husband, Pate McCartney, and I share homes in both Nashville and in Louisville, Tennessee. Pate and I look forward to hosting Pandy and Mollie in Nashville where I happen to live next door to AMY MUELLER OWEN '04 and see ELIZABETH CROOK '64. We all trade tales of our days at school.

We hope all check in on our class Facebook page where there are notes and pictures. Please send us any news and addresses.

1974

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1976

MARGY WEIDENBRUCH NOLAN writes: "My husband, Mike Gooden, and I had such fun meeting up with JANET MUNGER DAVIS. Janet and I have been able to connect a few times over the years, both in Germany and in Bethesda with a few other friends from Holton!

hours and I'm so grateful that Janet was able to join us!"

1979

Ina Hanel-Gerdenich

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The mostly good news from members of the Class of 1979 does include the loss of several mothers within the last year. Our sincere condolences to classmates CHARLOTTE HANSTAD, AMANDA BRODY MITCHELL, MARY CATHERINE JONES THOMPSON, and VIRGINIA MACVEIGH COOK and their families. As the daughters each have said in their own way, these great women are truly mourned.

CHARLOTTE HANSTAD is working as an aftercare teacher assistant at a local Catholic private school. Her mother, age 97, passed away in June, after achieving great-grandmother status. Charlotte's nephew and wife had a baby last October. After multiple years of caring for her mother, Charlotte was able to take a vacation to Iowa to visit her brother and his family.

ETHNIE SMALL JONES is enjoying her job. She is "still working but fulfilling my lifelong dreams." Her son Elliott and wife Lauren have an eleven-month-old baby girl named Berkeley. Ethnie's daughter Taylor and husband Addison are parents to three-month-old Kate. Ethnie writes, "I remain busy as an ophthalmologist doing mainly cataract surgery and working as a partner in a large group. Although I love volunteering and traveling, I have fallen in love with being a grandmother to these two beautiful granddaughters." Ethnie is in touch with LORI CAMALIER and MICHELE MEE PHILLIPS. She and Michele play pickleball on a regular basis.

ANNE C. ARMSTRONG is in her third year at the Defense Information Systems Agency as the Chief Historian. "Half of my time is spent as a research historian and the other half is spent more as a Museum curator — creating multimedia educational tools, publication content and exhibits. I just love what I do and am amazed to have spent all this time in the Department of Defense. Other than a brief



"My husband and I were on a Rhine River cruise in May/June of this year and had planned to meet a few of my relatives while we were docked in Cologne. Janet lives in Cologne and I called her to see if she'd like to join us (for fun, so we could visit, AND so she could help translate the chatting between us and our German relatives!). Janet rode her bike over to our ship. We had an amazing few

stint as a plain old attorney, I have been either in uniform, working for the National Guard Association, or (as now) a civilian in the old DOD. Amazing how the time flies."

DEIRDRE REYNOLDS JONES' work responsibilities include some travel. On one of these trips last fall she was able to connect with **SUSAN KESSLER FINEBERG** and her husband late one evening in Seattle, Washington. "We had not seen each other in quite some time. I noticed Susan's Facebook post was recent and near where I was headed for work. Her last day was my first day in town. We spent as much time as we could before my eyes started to close." Closer to home, Deirdre enjoyed dinner with **JAN ABRAHAM**, **TONEEMA HAQ**, and Charlotte Hanstad. Since then, she and Charlotte have enjoyed performances at the Ford Theater and Kennedy Center together. This summer, Deirdre and members of her Sorority Chapter visited Martha's Vineyard. "That was my first visit to 'MV' and I now understand the fascination with going there." Deirdre and her husband also spend time with their respective mothers. Her mother-in-law is 95 and lives in Louisiana. Her mother is 85 and lives closer in the DC metro area, enabling Deirdre to assist with some of the care. "It's such a blessing they are both still around and living in their own homes." Deirdre had successful surgery in May and has recovered nicely. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 45th Reunion.

AMANDA BRODY MITCHELL writes, "The last almost four years since losing my incredible husband Mark have been one of true self-growth. I have been able to 'lean in' to all that is precious in my life. Our three adult children bring me the greatest joy: Jack is married and a successful songwriter for TV and podcasts, Tucker has risen quickly through the ranks in the field of Consumer Insights and Strategy in the Food Industry (following in the world of my mom, Ann Brody Cove, who we sadly lost this summer), and Lily is an actor who just has the lead in a Lifetime Network movie her first year in the business. I continue to love my Real Estate career as a VP with Sotheby's and would love to help or be a resource for any Holton people! I have an amazing referral network all over the US and Internationally, so I can find the best realtors in all areas to refer as well as help anyone personally in the Maryland area. Feel



DEIRDRE REYNOLDS JONES '77 and CHARLOTTE HANSTAD '77 enjoying a performance at the Ford Theater together.

free to call or text me at 443-604-1134."

JENNY FURNESS NORONHA and her partner have settled in Annapolis, Maryland to a "nice, quiet life." She retired after over thirty years with the Foreign Service. Her partner is also a former Foreign Service officer. Jenny enjoys taking French classes via Zoom, playing tennis, and volunteering to walk dogs with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals whenever possible.

PATTIE CLARK officially retired in December 2021 from her 38-year career in the nursing profession. Much of that time was spent working as an adult/geriatric nurse practitioner, and many of her patients were veterans. "I am very proud of that. I truly honor our veterans," writes Pattie (and we thank and honor you, Pattie!). She continues, "So, what does one do with sooooo much time after caring for others for soooo long? Well, the first thing I did was promise myself not to commit to anything for the first 6 months. After all, my new job was to get reacquainted with myself. Then, as I realized what I really enjoyed or was ready to explore, I searched for local ways to support those interests. My husband and partner for life, Miguel, has been wonderfully supportive and patient during this process. He and I are enjoying our home in Shenandoah County (Virginia) with our rescue dog, Paco. It is a little country living – 'our piece of heaven' – where we dabble in gardening and small home-improvement projects (and try to declutter...). I have always loved singing and joined our church choir. I have met local folks who enjoy walks and sharing recipes to include preserving foods. I volunteer with a couple of organizations that support Shenandoah parks and all the

beauty around us. The vineyards are truly a lovely gathering place for book clubs and gatherings with friends and family. After all, with so many in retirement, our 'weekends' can be whenever we decide! We are no longer restricted to Saturdays and Sundays to plan get-togethers. We love to travel and have resumed planning trips during the year both locally and abroad. Every day I wake up, I am grateful to have this time with those that I love, and that includes the 'me' I have always wanted to be 'when and if I had more time.' Truthfully, it is the simple things that enrich our lives. Everyday Joy."

STEPHANIE HARRIS APPLEBAUM is also loving retirement. She serves on the board of directors of a local science center, plays pickleball, and does a lot of cooking, grilling, and gardening. Her husband Rob is still working part-time. Son Aaron and wife Alyssa are parents to Nora Lynn, who was born August 17. They live in Kensington, Maryland ("We are very happy that part of the family has circled back to Maryland"). Son Dan and wife Hannah have a 19-month-old boy named Levi. Son Sam is not married but doing well. Although Stephanie and Rob continue to live in the Chicago area, they have been spending a lot of time in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania to visit friends and family.

PAMELA COLE is not even considering retirement. She loves her job at an auction gallery in Olde Town: "I only work two days per week because of my health so it's not too onerous. I am constantly learning and growing. Last summer I had another back surgery, and it was great! Literally, I was wheeled in and walked out after only 4 1/2 hours! It was done robotically, and the scar is tiny and the recovery was pretty swift. Can't believe that I waited so long. P.T. was tough, but I am better and more mobile than I have been in years. I am still living in Bethesda, near Glen Echo with my dog Jack. Am totally crushed that **TRACI STEGEMANN GRIGG** and Drew Grigg moved to Utah this past summer! We were in good touch and I miss them already. But her grandchildren are there, and they love Utah. I am planning on clinging to the East Coast for the foreseeable future. My son Edward lives in Williamsburg, Brooklyn where he has started his own mocktail business called Kingfisher Syrup. He has just signed his first licensing deal. It will be carried in all New York State dispensaries come January. I am so proud of him, and it's a great product."

TRACI STEGEMANN GRIGG confirms that she and her husband are enjoying Utah and their grandchildren very much. "If work or skiing or hiking bring anyone out this way, I'd love to see you," she says.

From **VIRGINIA MACVEIGH COOK**:

"Hello ladies! The MacVeigh/Cooks are continuing our overseas adventures. Brian and I celebrated 32 years together in May. During that time we have lived in Brooklyn, Gaithersburg, Moscow, Lima, Darnestown, Warsaw, Houston, and London, and just bought a townhouse in Nashville which we will occupy once Brian retires. We are on our third house move in London. As renters, we live at the pleasure of London property owners who often sell, themselves victims of varying mortgage interest rates. It has given us the opportunity to live in three different boroughs in London. But I would have lived in Barnes in the Borough of Richmond Upon Thames forever. So leafy and quiet! On to Wandsworth next week where the two blocks of tall narrow semi detached Edwardian townhouses in which our new home is located are nicknamed 'The Toast Rack.' I've had a garden studio in Barnes and will have one in Wandsworth. I've been working in fabric lately. A piece of mine currently hangs in an exhibit at The Glassell School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

"Our son Kelly lives in Nashville. He keeps up his music while working full-time as a scrum master in the IT field. His daughter Leven is a bright fourth grader and budding artist. Our daughter Ellen Acadia bought a townhouse in a historic district of Philadelphia where she continues her career recruiting for creative positions for URBAN at their Philly Headquarters. My sister **SUSAN MACVEIGH** '83, and brother John, (Landon '77) continue to live in the DC area. We lost our mother Ellen, 94 years old, in September '22. She passed away a week after The Queen. I was not alone in London mourning the passing of another of our greatest generation."

SARAH BEETON CAPEL happily reports that her ministry of Spiritual Direction is flourishing. She has "a nearly full roster of clients and recently became co-director of the North Carolina Institute of Spiritual Direction and Formation, which both delights and terrifies me!" Her oldest daughter Elizabeth and wife Grace live in Southern California. Her other two children are also doing well, living nearby. Sarah and her husband enjoy their company on a regular basis.

JULIA HEYDE RUSSELL is enjoying grandchildren and retirement. Declan (3) and Emme (20 months) are very active but tremendous fun. They live with their parents, including Julie's daughter Katie, in Syracuse, New York. Julie's son Michael and his new wife (congratulations!) purchased a house closer to Julie and her husband in Vermont, which enables them to visit back and forth: "It makes for an easy exchange of lawn tools!" Daughter Amanda and her fiancé have recently relocated from Baltimore to Jersey City. They are working in New York City. When not babysitting, Julie has been weaving. She is taking classes at a local craft school, learning how to produce different design patterns. So far Julie has made towels, table runners, and napkins using a floor loom.

My (**INA HANEL-GERDENICH**) current career chapter is in elementary education. This year I have been assigned to the third grade where I work with the students in reading and assist in math, singing, and history. I also teach craft classes to the first and second graders, which is great fun! I have lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan for 40 years now. My goal then was to be done and out in 2 years (I came to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan), but, well, some of us are easily side-tracked, and here we are, still enjoying the city and state very much. In the last year my husband and I have traveled to visit our sons who attend the University of Maryland and the College of Wooster, respectively, and our daughter who is working in Pittsburgh. We were lucky to travel to Austria to visit old relatives and meet some new ones. This July the whole family attended the wedding of my sister **SELMA HANEL ROSENTHAL'S '81** oldest son, which was held at 12,000+ feet in the Colorado Rockies. A special thanks to all who have written! Thank you also to the following who wrote to simply say hello: **BANU QURESHI, KELLY BAKER, CHARLIE ERKENBECK MACPHERSON, AMAL GHANDOUR, SUSAN KESSLER FINEBERG, ANNE LOUISE ANTONOFF, KENDY MONTAOURI DE PAOLI, and ANDREA WILSON POWELL.**

1984

Susan Taylor Partridge

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LISA AMMERMAN '88 and family

1988

Lisa Ammerman, Kirsten Naegele Flaherty, and Emily Moody

GAIL ALBERT HALABAN is still living in NYC with her husband and high school-age son (her daughter is in her sophomore year at Yale) and still photographing! Her next book will be photographs set in New York City from one apartment into the window of a neighboring apartment. She writes, "I am just finishing up that work and am about to start a series around the world! I will go photograph anywhere I am invited; so far I have photographed in Paris, Istanbul, Buenos Aires, and Italy. I'm hoping to travel more in the coming year to finish up the work! I would love to connect with Holton people who live in interesting places!"

TRACI MEAKEM RICHMOND still retains an amazing memory more than three decades after graduation, as she had nearly instant recall for our class mottos that failed to make the final cut. According to Traci, we wear our hair long and a little disheveled may have edged out another contender – "Say yes to polyester."

SUSAN SIEGEL O'MALLEY writes in: "2023 has been a crappy and lucky year for me. It started with the best of all breast cancer diagnosis – but I was cancer-free by July. My



A group of Class of 1991 alumnae celebrated the 50th birthday of **LAUREN PEARLE** at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. In attendance were **RINA ARGAWALA**, **POUNEH RAZAVI**, **POOJA SETH PARIKH**, and **SARA CORCORAN WARNER**. Sara is pictured placing the 50th birthday crown on Mrs. Pearle.

son Andy has a passion for golf and baseball. He is also the snarkiest kid ever. My daughter Ellie has just started golf and my 24-7 golfing mom is beyond excited by her natural swing. Ellie is also a beast at basketball. No one knows where she gets it from because her parents are both spazzes. My favorite child is the dog – the only one who listens. Matt and I currently reside in Potomac, but go head to the southern shores whenever possible. I still paint, putter around the garden, and have just started running again. I'm boring, bald, and happy!"

KIRSTEN NAEGELE FLAHERTY writes in: "My latest update is that we have two college graduates with one left to go! Our oldest, Catherine, has moved to DC and works for a non-profit that supports the State Department. It will be fun to get back to the area more frequently to visit her. Our middle daughter just graduated and will be taking a job in Interior Design in San Diego. And our son has 2 years left in the Architecture program at UC Berkeley. Very gratifying time in life to see them find their passion and thrive. Tom and I work from home in Project and Product Management and have more free time for wine tasting as empty-nesters if anyone wants to join us!"

EMILY MOODY also recalled another failed Class of '88 motto: "We are sexy, we are great, we're the Class of '88." She also found time for a quick update on her life in Easton, MD. Her daughter, Erin, is a junior at American University. Emily writes: "She loves being in DC, and it's been nice to have her close enough to visit but far enough away for her to enjoy her independence. Empty nesting

has been awesome." Job-wise, in 2021, after 14 years in the school system, she left to return to full-time mental health practice and is now the Director of Clinical Services at For All Seasons Behavioral Health and Rape Crisis Center, which serves five counties on the Eastern Shore. She maintains her own caseload of therapy clients, delivers trainings, and provides leadership to a number of agency programs including school-based mental health and a Latino Outreach Program.

ELISHA DAEVA writes that she is "feeling free in the wilds of North Carolina with the hobbit retreat center she built." She's also published her first book, *Before War: On Marriage, Hierarchy and Our Matriarchal Origins*, about the origins of patriarchy, with some Holton anecdotes included. And, she has more books in the works!

As for me, **LISA AMMERMAN**, I have seen and heard from several other Holton classmates in the past several months.

ALEXIS WEIDIG ZOTO and I saw each other several times a year while our daughters were in the same high school class and school soccer team in Los Angeles. Now, her daughter, Athena, is in her first year at George Washington University, and my daughter, Sascha, has just started at Boston University! My husband, Eric, and I are getting used to a quieter house, planning some trips back east, and continuing to produce a variety of podcasts with my company, Treefort Media.

Alexis, **ALIX JAFFE**, **TAMARA CORCORAN HENDRY**, and I had a fun dinner in LA while Tamara was in town from her home in Seattle, where she lives with her husband, son, and daughter. I also ran into Tamara in Palm Springs over Thanksgiving 2022 weekend – which was very random!

This past spring, **SALLY CURTIS** and her husband braved the rain and came to watch my daughter play some pretty intense soccer in North Carolina. It was so fun to catch up with them and see where Sally has been living the past several years!

1989

Leslie Galloway Connolly

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1991

Michelle Seldin-Silverman

1992

*Minda "Mindy" Aguhob
and Melanie Storr*

PILAR RIVERA is doing great and living in Bethesda. Starting this fall, both of her girls will be at Holton – Arabella in 5th grade and Izzy in 3rd. She is so excited to be fully immersed in the Holton spirit!

HOLLY SMITH LYNDE is living in Decatur, Georgia, just outside of Atlanta. In May 2022, she was promoted to Public Service Faculty at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. She is focused on criminal justice work, particularly helping communities better address the gaps between the criminal justice and mental health systems. She took **JENNY MAYER RACHWALSKI**'s daughter Anna to lunch last fall. It's so amazing to see the success and growth of the next generation! And, in case you missed it on the class Facebook page, Holly and Jenny met up with **KATYA KHRIPUNOVA** last fall as well. It was wonderful catching up after so many years! Outside of work, the Lynde family went on an epic 3-week trip through northern Europe last year: 9 cities in 7 countries. Her twin girls are now seniors and applying to college. "I AM NOT OK WITH THAT!" As we all turn 50 this year and next, Holly hopes everyone is planning something epic!

AMINA MIRZA is looking forward to a bucket list trip to Iceland this fall. She'll be trail riding, seeing the Golden Circle, and whale watching.

MELISSA KOPOLOW MCCALL modeled Holton's mantra of "Find a Way or Make One," refusing to accept that the D.C. area had no school which could, or would, meet the needs of her daughter with a brain-based visual impairment. After much research and lobbying, she convinced a NYC-based school to open a campus in DC, found parents with children in a similar situation as her daughter

who were willing to be part of a first cohort of students, and fought the regulatory fight to permit the school to open. She is proud to be able to say that iBrain-DC will open its doors in the coming weeks.

JULIE GOLD is excited to have written her first feature film, "The Other You." It was produced in the DMV, summer 2023. They received a SAG/AFTRA interim agreement in order to move forward with their feminist, indie, grant-funded flick during the strike. Here's the logline to hype us up for when it comes out:

"When a writer finds a portal in her closet that leads to another version of her life, she believes she's found a way to escape into an alternate world where there's a better version of her husband and kids – until she comes face-to-face with the other version of herself." (She doesn't know the next steps yet, so if you want to talk about distribution, by all means, let her know.)

In Holton news, Julie and her husband Adam are happy to be Holton parents...again! Her youngest is in sixth grade, and the eldest graduates next spring (middle child is a boy and not interested in applying). It's fun to see so many other Holton parents around 7303, both 1992ers, and many other Holton women who are "P '24."

SUSAN HANNA is a Senior Account Director at ServiceNow selling software to Enterprise Technology Accounts across New England. She is still living in Boston but has recently been spending a couple of months in the winter in South Carolina outside of Charleston and summers on Nantucket. She is the proud aunt of Madison who is 12 living in New Zealand.

1994

*Amber Nelson, Lindsay Koval
Pracht, and Jen Stern*

**SAVE THE DATE: 30TH HOLTON
REUNION, APRIL 12 & 13, 2024!**



TOP: Anna (9), Ellie (11), and SARAH BEALE DEMEREST '95, KATHERINE LAMB OWENS '95, and Liz, Felix (3), and Cooper Merriman (8) at WES.

BOTTOM LEFT: In July, ABIGAIL SHERIDAN BETTS '98 was delighted to reconnect with former Head of School Diana Coulton Beebe at the Rehoboth Art League's annual home tour.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Class of 2000 enjoying time together in Colorado.

1995

*Elizabeth Kramer Dugan
and Erin McGill*

KATHERINE 'KATIE' LAMB OWENS' kids are in middle and high school while she continues to teach STEM, innovation, and entrepreneurship at Washington Episcopal School (WES). Katherine is thrilled to see

her close buds SARAH BEALE DEMAREST and LIZ WOODCOCK MERRIMAN regularly and teach their amazing kids in STEM at WES. Sarah is also busy volunteering for the Mount Zion and Female Union Band Society Cemeteries in Georgetown, the city's oldest African-American cemeteries.

ARLYN KATZEN LANDOW's daughter Blake Landow is on the University of Pennsylvania Softball Team. She's the first-ever second-generation player in program history. A pretty unique thing for her and her daughter to share!

ELIZABETH KRAMER DUGAN's two children are growing up too fast (Madeline, 8, and Matthew, 5). They are in Kindergarten and 3rd grade at Blessed Sacrament School in Chevy Chase, DC.

1998

*Abigail Sheridan Betts,
Ashley Fields Hedge, and
Cara Spicer Pearlman*

VIRGINIA SNODGRASS RANGEL enjoyed visiting classes at Holton during the 25th Reunion this year, where she saw CAROLINE HAIM HEINEN and CANDACE GREEN BANKS. She continues to be a professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Houston, though she and her family moved to Buenos Aires in Argentina for a year at the end of July for her husband's work. If you have the itch to travel, please visit!

1999

Liza Tanner Boyd

SAVE THE DATE: 25TH HOLTON REUNION, APRIL 12 & 13, 2024!

2000

Neha Jindia

SUSAN WOLFF ALBAN: "My husband Josh, our two girls (Willa age 5, and Beatrice age 7) have been living in Boulder, CO for 5 years and

all are healthy and happy. On a professional front, I've been Chief People Officer and Operating Partner at a venture capital fund for several years and love my job; I advise CEOs and founders on how to build great organizations in the context of their high-growth tech startups. I also recently joined the board of directors of a public cleantech company called Li-Cycle; the company recycles end-of-life electric vehicle batteries into usable metals for new EV production; I have loved extending my work in high-growth HR and compensation into the public markets, and hope to serve on more corporate boards in the future.

"And on a Holton front, we have been extremely lucky to get to welcome **LESLIE BLITZ HERTZ**, **SERENA JOSEPHS ZISKROIT**, and **LAURA PLATTNER** on back-to-back ski trips; and have been thrilled that **ABBY ROTMAN STOLL** is now living in Boulder and can't wait for **CHRISTINA PALMER** to move to Boulder later this fall! My family and I also had the opportunity to visit with **KATHARINE BURGESS** this past summer."

CARRIE TOWNSEND WILLIAMS: "My twins, Asher and Austin, are nine and going into 4th grade this year (life in Ms. Myers' class does not seem all that long ago... seriously!). My little one, Alden, is going into 2nd. We live just north of Greensboro, NC and absolutely love life in this area! I keep busy between three boys, volunteering at their school, church, Bible study and some grant writing for a nonprofit on the side. My parents retired to the coast in NC and my little sister, **KELLY TOWNSEND '02**, lives in New Bern, a few hours east of us. It's great having family in the same state!"

BLAKE MAUSNER FINCHEN: "**JOANNA JACOBSEN LLOYD** and I met up at Bethany Beach this summer. It was so wonderful to see her and watch our kids play together. Can't wait to meet up again next summer!"

ABBY ROTMAN STOLL: "My family and I recently moved to Boulder, Colorado, and have enjoyed seeing some local alums (**CHRISTINA PALMER**, **SUSAN WOLFF ALBAN**, **CAITIE DOUGHERTY '01**, and **RISS ADELSON POTTER '03**, as well as some visits from out-of-town guests (**LESLIE BLITZ HERTZ**, **ALI MARCUS**, and **SERENA JOSEPHS ZISKROIT**, and **KATIE BERGAMESCA '14**. We have been taking



advantage of everything that Colorado has to offer including hiking, skiing, and horseback riding."

NEHA JINDIA: "I was lucky enough to meet up with **ASHLEY GREER** and her adorable son for an impromptu playdate and dinner. We had a fabulous time together and are looking forward to seeing each other more."

2001

Jessica Rosenthal Chod

CASSIE GOOD published her second book, *First Family: George Washington's Heirs and the Making of America* (Hanover Square Press) in June. She launched the book at Politics & Prose and has discussed it on C-SPAN and at the National Archives. Check out her website at cassandragoodhistorian.com or follow her on Instagram @cgoodhistorian for updates and book talks, including many virtual ones.

Despite busy lives, it looks like some of our classmates have had the opportunity to get together in recent months. **JENNY ALBINSON** got together with **ALICIA PICHARD BASSOLINO** and 3 of their 4 combined kids at Alicia's house in Boston this summer.

I (**JESSICA ROSENTHAL CHOD**) also had so



LEFT: JENNY ALBINSON '01 and ALICIA PICHARD BASSOLINO '01 and their children in Boston this summer **TOP:** CASSIE GOOD '01 and her new book

much fun watching my two children play with LAUREN STOLAR HUETTEMAN's two children in late spring when she came back to the DC area to visit. During her visit, Lauren also spent time with MIKA MORSE and FARIZA IBRAHIM. Lauren is still living in Seattle working for Boeing. She loves catching up with fellow Holton alums when they are in town and she encourages any classmates to reach out if they are traveling to the Seattle area!

2002

Caroline Yeager

ERICA GORDON KATZ and her husband welcomed their daughter, Bella Sloane Katz, on July 13, 2023. Erica also became Head of Corporate Affairs at the Royal Caribbean Group this past Spring.

AMELIA MOORSTEIN BARTER and her husband welcomed their third child, Brennan Chase Barter, on December 15, 2022.

2004

Amanda Novak Hewitt

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MADDY COURSEN KUTNER welcomed baby boy number two, Oliver Grayson Kutner, on June 18!

JENNY SOFFEN MARKS' son, Henry (2), will be a big brother soon! They also moved to the

Upper West Side from Chelsea in Manhattan.

AMANDA MORRIS is chillin' in the Bay Area, California, as boss of AJ Morris Design LLC. She's a medical writer and graphic designer, mainly in the medical education scene. It's been a wild decade married to her husband Matthew Gilbertson, who recently scaled Mt. Everest. They've got two amazing kiddos – Sierra, who is 4 years old, and Skye, who's just 10 months old. On a more somber note, her maternal grandmother, who was an incredible 104 years old, passed away this summer. Amanda also recently just snagged a spot on the 25-Year Volleyball All-New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Team.

Looking forward to catching up even more with everyone!

WHITNEY BEST ALLEN welcomed her daughter, Willa Mae Allen, born January 17, 2023 and joining big brother Charlie in Tampa, Florida!

As for me, AMANDA NOVAK HEWITT, I just finished my first year in residential real estate. While I miss being at Holton every day, it's been a fun new chapter! Grace (7) is enjoying first grade at The Woods Academy and Henry (4) is in Pre-K at Geneva Day School. Hope to see you all at Reunion in April if not before!!

2008

Reagan Thompson Hedlund and Katherine Ness Shipley

LIZEY KORENGOLD BERNSTORF welcomed her second son, Carsen Curtis Bernstorf, on April 1, 2023.

DORSEY STANDISH and her wife Mari Woodlief welcomed their baby Beck Daniel Woodlief in January! They and their older son Owen are loving being a family of four with sweet baby Beck.

SARAH DUNCAN TOMLIN welcomed her second son, Grey Tigrett Tomlin, on April 8, 2023.

REAGAN THOMPSON HEDLUND welcomed Edmund on May 31, 2023. She now lives in Dallas with her husband and daughter.

KATHERINE NESS SHIPLEY welcomed her second daughter, Isabel Frances Shipley, on May 18, 2023. She is working as an Ob-Gyn PA

in Northern Virginia.

MARY HADLEY has finished her time living at the CERN laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland and has relocated to Dallas, TX, where her wife is completing residency in psychiatry. Mary will finish her physics PhD from Brown University remotely from Dallas. She sends her best wishes to all the members of 2008!

2009

Ashima Talwar

SAVE THE DATE: 15TH
HOLTON REUNION, APRIL 12 &
13, 2024!

COURTNEY KELLY GREENWALD partnered with one of her colleagues, Thamarrah Jones, to create By Little Media, a platform to share ideas, stories, and insights that empower everyday people to make the world a better place. By Little offers an uplifting counterpoint to today's bleak news cycles, with bi-weekly podcast episodes and essays that identify ways audience members can help address issues like mass incarceration, K-12 education inequity, climate change, and more.

2010

Jocelyn Cayne Stone

MEG KLINGELHOFFER started a new position at Landon in July as Assistant Athletic Director for Communications. It's her seventh school year working at Landon and she says she's really looking forward to the new role and the shift in focus to athletics!

VERONICA LEONARD LEBLANC (now Veronica LeBlanc!) married Matt LeBlanc this July in Washington DC. Many Holton girls showed their support at the ceremony and on the dance floor including bridesmaids CATHERINE WEISS SNYDERWINE, KHAKI MARTIN, SARA BARANES and CLAIRE LEONARD '07.

Our longtime class president MARIAH SANGUINETTI married Adam Dulberger in New Mexico in August. Many Holton



TOP: left: SARAH DUNCAN TOMLIN '08 and family, right: REAGAN THOMPSON HEDLUND '08's two children **CENTER:** left: ERICA GORDON KATZ '02 and family, right: DORSEY STANDISH '08 and family. **BOTTOM:** left: KATHERINE NESS SHIPLEY '08's daughter, right: KELLY BIES '10 and JUJU OBIOHA '10 catching up in Chicago.



JORDAN JACKSON '10, KELLY BIES '10, ARIEL COHEN '10 and ABBY COHEN '10 at Ariel's backyard housewarming party in Washington, DC this June.

girls were there to celebrate including bridesmaids CASSANDRA SPICER MCKEVITT and LAURA RANDOLPH.

2011

Mariyann Akinboyewa

DANIELLE BARNARD celebrated the completion of her Masters in Social Work at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and is working as a school-based mental health therapist in Prince George's County Public Schools.

2012

Wendy Barr

BAILEY JACKSON graduated from New York University School of Law in May. This fall she began her career as a staff attorney at The Bronx Defenders in the Criminal Defense Practice.

KATIE MARK married Brooks Clingman in an intimate, outdoor ceremony at Larnach Castle, Dunedin, New Zealand, on January 1, 2023. The couple had previously traveled in NZ and returned with their families and closest friends for the special occasion. Katie is living in Austin, TX, where she recently launched her own professional organizing business, Settled in Soundly.

2013

Isabel Cabezas

It was a delight to see so many members of the class of 2013 at the ten-year reunion in May! Ten years from our high school graduation many of us are embarking on or have earned a graduate degree, and the first wave of marriages and property purchases are happening.

ISABEL CABEZAS has worked at the Embassy of Ireland in DC since the pandemic interrupted her Fulbright in Ireland. Through this job, she has reconnected with former member of the Class of 2013 ANNELISA CRABTREE, who works at the German Embassy. While working on finance and public diplomacy, Isabel has simultaneously pursued a Masters in Public Relations and Communications at Georgetown University. She is currently in Brussels for a short post at the European Parliament, where she is working on strengthening voter engagement strategies ahead of the 2024 Parliamentary election and hopes to join a campaign back in the States when she returns in the spring.

MALAICA SIMMONS is going into her second year of grad school at Columbia University for her Masters in Social Work. SACHI KHEMKA bought a house in D.C. and started her MBA at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. Also a new homeowner, further out in Annapolis, is NINA COHEN, who graduated in May from Johns Hopkins with a Masters in Artificial Intelligence.

EMILY LUCAS graduated with a Marine Biology M.S. from UCSD with a focus in biomimetics and biomechanics. AINE CONNOLLY graduated in May with a PhD in Materials Science & Engineering from Cornell and then moved to the Bay Area to do technical consulting for consumer electronics.

CLAIRE BAKER RENNER got married in April 2022 and graduated with an MBA from Darden in May of this year. "I just started as an Associate at McKinsey and my husband Jack and I are excited to be back in the DC area!"

JENNI JUNG shares that "I had my wedding ceremony in April 2022 after getting married in April 2021. MACKENZIE ADELBERG,

REBECCA BLOOM, and MARY MUTRYN were my bridesmaids and Malaika Simmons caught my bouquet!" GABRIELLA CHEN, ABBY HSIEH, and VIVIAN YU also joined for the festivities. "My husband Dan and I moved back to the DC area from Pittsburgh in November 2023, and it's great to be back after living in Pittsburgh for 9 years! I've been working at Stryker as a Staff Quality Engineer working on their CT Scanner." Jenni and Dan set out on a roadtrip in July and will be back in town mid-fall.

AMANDA MELTSNER got married in March and has "been very involved in organizing and bargaining on behalf of UVMHC Support Staff United, which represents over 2,000 support staff and techs at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington. We're one of the largest healthcare worker groups in the US to unionize in the last five years."

LINDSAY CAYNE continues to love living in NYC where she works as a Digital Associate Producer and Multimedia Journalist for CBS New York. At CBS, Lindsay helps run the station's 24-hour streaming channel and she goes out in the field to shoot, write, and edit stories on topics ranging from health to arts and culture. When not producing stories, she enjoys spending time with Holton alumnae, including her twin sister HAILEY CAYNE '13 and older sister JOCELYN CAYNE STONE '10, and exploring the city with LEXI BUTLER '13 and NIKKY GROVER '13. She also spends time volunteering with the New York Junior League.

2014

Tyler Cloyd, Elizabeth Harris, and Ashley Morefield

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TOP: (left to right) MACKENZIE ADELBERG '10, MARY MUTRYN, JENNI JUNG, husband Dan, REBECCA BLOOM '12.



BOTTOM: KATIE MARK married Brooks Clingma.

2015

Kendall Turner

TOLA OSENI, designer and art director, created a NYC-inspired shoe for Clarks in collaboration with the ONE School. Over 60 students participated in this design competition. Tola's innovative interpretation of the Wallabee shoe represents her "love/hate" relationship with New York City and its boroughs.

In the past year while working at Company 3, SYDNEY JOHNSON produced the following TV Shows across various streaming platforms: Ozark S4 - Netflix, From Scratch - Netflix, The Midnight Club S1 - Netflix, Umbrella Academy



TOLA OSENI '15

S3 + S4 - Netflix, Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty S1 + S2 - HBO, Mysterious Benedict Society S1 + S2 - Disney+, Wu Tang: An American Saga S2 + S3 - Hulu, The Recruit S1 - Netflix, The Fall of the House of Usher - Netflix, The Rookie S4 + S5 - ABC/Hulu, and Avatar the Last Airbender S1 - Netflix.

2017

Maryam Gilanshah and Sarah Greisdorf

ACACIA OVERSTREET recently took up a position as an associate at General Atlantic's Beyond Net Zero. Here, she assists the fund by making investments in existing climate technology.

OLIVIA DANEKER began her first year of law school at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law this fall. She's already enjoying getting to know more of Chicago and looks forward to settling in and seeing all the city has to offer this first semester!

MIA KIMBOKO gained a Master's degree from The George Washington University's Graduate School of Education & Human Development. Following this accomplishment, she's just finished a trip to Thailand with her mom. Mia excitedly began work as a high school counselor in Maryland this fall!

LINDLEY BURNAM continues living in Williamsburg following her undergraduate years at William & Mary. She is currently a Lieutenant AIC with the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad. For the past two years, she volunteered as an EMT and will be attending PA School at Eastern Virginia Medical School in January 2024!

SAMANTHA NOLAND is continuing into her second year at American University, studying film at a postgraduate level. This past year, she was elected the President of the Graduate Leadership Council, representing all graduate students at the university. Artistically, she attended an outdoor filmmaking trip called Classroom in the Wild in the Shenandoah Valley and made her first short documentary, "Hot Rocks and Pretty Trash: Living off the Grid on Capitol Hill." This summer, Samantha traveled to Israel on Birthright and had a blast touring the country for the first time! She returned to Holton to guide the 9th graders as they produced Romeo and Juliet and served as a production assistant for Rorschach Theatre Company on their production of Angel Number 9.

RINNIE HEWLETT is now in the third year of her PhD in Microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania. After passing her preliminary exams in the spring, she is now officially a PhD candidate! Rinnie is currently working on her thesis project, which looks at how *C. difficile* interacts with the microbiome. Outside of school, her choir, Philadelphia Voices of Pride, sang with the Philadelphia Orchestra for a Pride concert this past summer!

JADEN LIU lives in California, working for the Forest Service as a wildland firefighter!

GILLIAN HUTTER started a Master's in Biomedical Engineering at The George Washington University this fall. She also works full-time as an assistant coach for JHU's equestrian team!

MARYAM GILANSHAH finished her Master's degree in Film & Screen Studies at the University of Cambridge last summer, examining synchronous sound and artistic authenticity within the rising trend of musical biographical film; following this, she began an editorial assistant position in film post-production. She currently lives in London and enjoys cycling, trying to knit, and seeing as many classic rock landmarks as she can!

LILLIAN BAKER is stationed in Newport News, VA, as the Chemistry-Radiological Assistant on board the USS New Jersey, a Virginia class fast attack submarine. She will be getting married to Harrison Ray on November 10, 2023!

ASHVIKA RAO moved to England last fall to pursue a Master's degree in Exercise Physiology and Nutrition at Loughborough

University. Additionally, she has been working as the lead nutritionist for the university's rugby and cricket teams and has enjoyed exploring the sights of England and Europe.

SARAH GREISDORF lives in Brooklyn and works as a community manager at Squarespace supporting designers on the platform. She has continued to grow Holdette, her community for recent grad women, which is now nine states and 18 groups strong.

CAITLYN JOHNSON has just moved from Chicago to Pittsburgh. She is a part of the Biomedical Masters Program at University of Pittsburgh and hopes to apply to medical school next summer! Caitlyn also works for a fertility clinic part-time while also doing patient volunteering and clinical research. She got to visit Australia in March to present her research.

2019

Awura "Mimi" Asamoah-Mensah

SAVE THE DATE: 5TH HOLTON REUNION, APRIL 12 & 13, 2024!

CAROLINE CASCIO received the Evelyn Swarthout Hayes Award which goes to "a student who has contributed the most to the University through the arts, while maintaining a high academic average." This award is a high honor as it is one of 18 awards given out to graduating students throughout the entire university. After graduation, she will be continuing at American University to finish the final year of her 5-year BA/MA program in Strategic Communications.

IF YOU DO NOT SEE NOTES FOR YOUR CLASS LISTED AND ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A CLASS SECRETARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNAE GIVING & ENGAGEMENT, KATE HEALY JOHNSON '05, AT [KATE.HEALYJOHNSON@HOLTON-ARMS.EDU](mailto:kate.healyjohnson@holton-arms.edu).



in memoriam

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MARY ANN ROBB FREER '50 dedicated an impressive 41 years of her life to supporting Holton-Arms through her consistent contributions to the Holton Fund year after year. Over those 41 years, more than 7,000 graduates benefited from her philanthropy through recruiting and retaining world-class faculty, providing global education trips, caring for and improving top-notch facilities for the Arts and Athletics, and so much more! As a member of the Glee Club, Camera Club, Dramatic Club, and White Basketball Team during her time at Holton, Mary Ann valued the opportunities the School provided – and ensured the same for future generations of students.

Her unwavering commitment continued until she passed away in January 2023 with her \$1,462,500.00 legacy gift – Holton-Arms' largest single gift of all time. This bequest was a testament to Mary Ann's love for Holton and her desire to ensure its perpetual growth. Her generosity serves as a reminder to all of the transformative power of dedication and philanthropy.



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