



Goldey-Beacom College

Goldey-Beacom College launched a \$30 million project to build the William A. Franta Hall and expand the Joseph West Jones Center.



INSIDE: Meet Dr. Colleen Perry Keith, the College's first female president and 14th chief executive.

A Message from the President — Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D.



Greetings from Goldey-Beacom College!

I am delighted to join you as your new president! I arrived in mid-June and have been sprinting ever since. There are so many people to meet, so many new things to learn, so many new places to visit. It's all a part of acclimating to a new environment, and while it's been a hectic pace, I can tell you it has been a wonderful experience except for what I call "the dreaded but expected question..."

The question I dread but expect as a new president is, "What's your vision for the future of Goldey-Beacom College?" It's a perfectly reasonable and logical question, so why do I dread it? I dread it because it's not MY vision, it's OUR vision that we need to share. In a shared governance environment like we have

at Goldey-Beacom, it's the vision for the future that will be crafted by our trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni that you will want to hear. My voice will be a part of that vision and future, but the collective voices of our entire college community, of people who have given so much for many years to the success of Goldey-Beacom, need to be heard and factored into who and what Goldey-Beacom wants to be going forward. To that end, you can expect to see us entering into a comprehensive planning process that includes all of our stakeholders. We will take our existing strategic plan and focus it on the goals that we set for our future.

Goldey-Beacom has a wonderful and strong foundation – academically and financially – to build upon. Because of this, we have an opportunity to reshape and re-envision our curricula and delivery methods so that we are a vibrant, relevant and exciting option for higher education well into our next 133 years. I talk more about the challenges to higher education that we will need to address elsewhere in this magazine.

Other initiatives you can watch for: opportunities for greater engagement, greater presence in the community, greater housing options on campus, greater food options and an all around "greater" experience as we continue to help our students achieve greater.

I hope that you enjoy the stories and news shared within the pages that follow. If you're a Goldey, Beacom or Goldey-Beacom alum, please consider sharing

your alumni news with us for future magazines.

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Dr. Colleen Perry Keith



On the cover:

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Upcoming 2019 – 2020 College Events

August 23-24	Welcome Weekend	November 15	Distinguished Alumni Gallery Dinner, Deerfield
August 26	Fall Classes Begin	November 16	Legacy Night
October 2	Drives for Education Golf Outing, Deerfield	December 7	Information Session
October 9	Fall Career Fair	February 8	Hoop it Up
October 12	Information Session	March 11	Spring Career Fair
October 30	Alpha Chi Induction and Reception	April 19	Hall of Fame Dinner Deerfield
November 11-16	Lightning Week	May 1	Graduation

AS GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE WELCOMES A NEW PRESIDENT, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PAST.

Pictured right, meet alumnus Richard Hearne Parsons '59, who recently visited the GBC campus. Pictured far right is a news clipping he shared from the September 25, 1957 edition of The Salisbury Times where he is standing beside Stewart Jackson (second from right).

Pictured left to right are: Wayne White, Kay Hughes, Philip Long, Betty Smith, Richard Thurston, Richard Parsons and Stewart B. Jackson who was the director of activities at the school.



Richard Hearne Parsons '59





Pictured below are: Left to right: E. Thomas Harvey, III, GBC trustee and chairman of Harvey Hanna & Associates, Inc.; Richard A. Franta and Rosalyn Franta Kulik, son and daughter of William A. and Virginia Franta; Dr. Gary L. Wirt, former GBC president; Mark R. Olazagasti '85, chair of the GBC board of trustees; Kristine M. Santomauro '88, executive vice president and GBC lead for the expansion project; and Brian DiSabatino, CEO of EDiS Company, the construction management firm for the project. All groundbreaking photos by Charles Uniatkowski.



Goldey-Beacom College broke ground on a \$30 million construction and renovation project scheduled for completion in fall 2020.

Follow the progress on GBC social media to watch the renovation and expansion of the Joseph West Jones Center and construction of William A. Franta Hall.



College Community Anticipates an Updated Campus — Fall 2020

William A. Franta Hall

- * New five-story residence hall with single and double dormitory-style rooms
- * Study rooms and lounges on each floor
- * Private, single-user bathrooms/shower facilities
- * Security office on the first floor, along with kitchen, chapel and laundry



Joseph West Jones Center Expansion

- * New dining services, including an all-you-care-to-eat meal plan
- * Redesigned student lounge
- * Campus Store, Student Affairs and Career Services
- * Meeting spaces for student activities and events
- * Expanded Fitness Center with weight training
- * Additional locker rooms and expanded training space for NCAA Division II Athletics



"I am honored to represent over 2,000 students at Goldey-Beacom College. The campus improvements that we've already seen over the past few years have been incredible and have made such a remarkable difference."

The William A. Franta Hall and the many related renovations across campus will continue to improve our student experiences and enrich the GBC community.

The expanded food services, larger student lounges and more student meeting spaces will have a tremendous impact on this campus.

More residence hall space means more students can live on campus, and that will provide greater opportunities for learning outside the classroom."

Geoff Stone '19, president, David L. Barnes Leadership Council; co-founder Lightning Studio

Bottom left: the Campus Expansion Committee proposes a sparkling cider toast to future students; pictured left to right, Bernadine Griffin '16, '18, Meezie Foster '04, '17, Peter Rysavy '99, '02, Thom Harvey, Kristine Santomauro '88, Chuck Hammond, Sue Mannering '97, '02. Bottom right: students pictured left to right: Zack Kolbe, Celine Thomas, Desiree Lutz and Tarah Webber.



William A. and Virginia “Gynnie” Franta Building A Legacy

BY RICHARD E. FRANTA

In 1970, William A. Franta joined the Board of Trustees at Goldey-Beacom College. Although he passed away in 1999, his impact on the College will live in perpetuity through a generous \$2 million gift and an endowed tuition scholarship from Bill and his loving and devoted wife Virginia “Gynnie” Franta.

Throughout his career at the DuPont Company as a research chemist and executive, Franta appreciated the diligent work of the company’s secretarial and accounting personnel at all levels. He noticed that many of these largely unsung contributors to the company’s successes during the mid-1900s were from Delaware families who, as the farming industry employed an ever-shrinking portion of the population, needed to be trained for careers in business. For decades, Goldey-Beacom College provided that training, qualifying hundreds of people for participation in Delaware’s emerging corporate economy. Franta regarded that as a noble mission and Goldey-Beacom as a strategic community asset.

When Franta retired from his service on the board of the Alfred I. duPont School District, his attorney and Rhodes Scholar colleague, William Poole, persuaded him to accept a position on the Goldey-Beacom College Board of Trustees. He served with pride as a member, and eventually chair, of the Board of Trustees, during which time the College relocated from its cramped quarters in downtown Wilmington, to its present campus on Limestone Road. As the digital age dawned, he foresaw the need for the College to offer students a range of courses to prepare them to exploit increasingly sophisticated business technology. At his retirement from the board, Franta was satisfied that Goldey-Beacom – by then serving students from many states – was continuing to offer career-focused education at an affordable cost.



William A. and Virginia “Gynnie” Franta – 1979

POST-GRADUATION SONNET

A college student eighty years ago
Was faced with what was called “The Great Depression”,
At home, my father’s pool of cash was low,
But getting educated was my obsession.

My alma mater recognized my plight
And helped me find the winning ways and means,
To stay in school, until my stubborn fight
Brought victory with commencement scenes.

The learning doesn’t stop with cap and gown
It’s deeply ingrained, so cannot be returned,
Instead, we find it bids us knuckle down
And build that post-grad life we hope we earned.

We learned it’s great (if we have our druthers)
Having light we pass it on to others.

Composed by Virginia Ellis Franta (1914 – 2017) May, 2012



Pictured left to right: Rosalyn Franta Kulik, Janine G. Sorbello, director of external affairs and development and Richard E. Franta.



“The Campus Expansion Committee and its partners, EDiS Company and Blackney Hayes, are committed to improving Goldey-Beacom College for its next generation of students. The addition of the William A. Franta Hall and the renovation and expansion of the Joseph West Jones Center will transform the physical appearance of our campus and the student life experience. With our current residence halls at full capacity, Franta Hall will allow additional students to participate in GBC’s residential life.

We designed the centralized student quad, study rooms and student lounges to provide plentiful communal spaces for academics and relaxation. The redesign of the Jones Center will include additional gathering spaces for student and community events, and increased dining services will offer a variety of nutritious food choices for residential and commuting students alike. Student-athletes and the entire GBC community will benefit from an expanded fitness center and improved athletic facilities.

This is a very exciting time in the history of Goldey-Beacom College, and I am proud to be part of such an impactful project. I can’t wait to see campus in fall 2020!”

Kristine M. Santomauro ‘88, executive vice president and chair of the College Expansion Committee

DiSabatino Addresses Goldey-Beacom College GRADUATES

EDiS Company CEO Brian DiSabatino delivered a powerful message of grit and perseverance to nearly 2,000 people Friday afternoon, May 3, 2019 as Goldey-Beacom College kicked off the graduation season with its 132nd commencement. Almost 300 students received Associates, Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

DiSabatino revealed, "My grandmother went to this little place called Goldey College, and it showed her that you could have grit and change the course of history by just having a little bit more education than everybody else – and my grandmother had grit. She made a significant contribution to two companies that have spanned multiple generations."

As DiSabatino stood before graduates representing 45 countries, he related his own experience from his immigrant family who recognized struggle and sacrifice.

DiSabatino shared sage advice that helped him, along with his cousins, head the family business – EDiS Company. His mother's lifelong, daily words to him as she placed laundry and other items at the bottom of the stairs, "never go upstairs empty handed", have become his personal mantra. DiSabatino passed on this life lesson to students saying, "This world has been waiting a long time for you. Make a contribution. Make it better. And before you leave this earth, don't go upstairs empty handed."



Dr. Brian DiSabatino

Two Excellence in Teaching Awards Announced at the Graduation Ceremony

Dr. Keith H. Fleury



Dr. Keith H. Fleury, assistant professor, taxation – Fleury earned his JD at Delaware Law School and a Master's degree in Taxation at Widener University. In 2015, he joined the faculty full-time after teaching part-time since 2010. "We consider ourselves fortunate that he was ready for a career change and sought a new opportunity to help others advance in the field where he already enjoyed an illustrious and distinguished career," said Dr. Wirt. Fleury is known not just as a stellar

"teacher", but also as a mentor for students in his field. He often counsels with his students, encouraging them to attend field-related events, and helping them network for career opportunities.

Dr. Jennifer L. Buhler



Dr. Jennifer L. Buhler, adjunct faculty, psychology – Buhler earned her graduate degree and doctorate at Immaculata University. She has taught at GBC as an adjunct member of the faculty since 2013, full-time in 2016 and 2017, and returned to her adjunct post just last year. She works at Delaware Psychiatric Center as a clinical psychologist where, ironically, Dr. Wirt first started his career. "She has continued to contribute to the College, providing critical feedback on curricula and

assessment," said Dr. Wirt. "And – and more importantly, helping to conceptualize, initiate and design the new Master's in Counseling Psychology program that will start in fall 2019."



All graduation photos by GradImages

GRADUATION 2019



A Message from the Alumni Association Board President



Evern D. Ford '97

My memories of being a GBC student provide me with a constant source of gratitude, and being on the alumni board is a truly fulfilling way to stay connected to the College. I hope that our alumni programs and events will provide you with engaging opportunities to maintain a connection to GBC as well.

This year, I encourage alumni to participate and celebrate the wonderful milestones currently underway at Goldey-Beacom College, including the massive campus enhancement project which will conclude with the eagerly anticipated, five-story William A. Franta Hall as well as the renovation and expansion of the Joseph West Jones Center.

My main goal for the coming year is to develop strategies to stay better connected with each other and to ensure that alumni are kept informed of upcoming events and activities. In order to keep our communications effortless, please keep GBC updated with your latest contact information, as well as with what is happening in your life, by contacting Maureen Tomey in the Alumni Affairs office at tomeym@gbc.edu or (302) 225-6210.

GBC has an incredible group of alumni spread all across the globe. Our alumni-sponsored events offer everyone the chance to share their life experiences and strengthen their bonds. If you find yourself near Limestone Road, come in for a visit. You'll be inspired by the new and nostalgic for the past. I encourage you to join me and take advantage of upcoming alumni events. There has never been a more exciting or dynamic time to renew your pride in all that Goldey-Beacom represents.

Here's wishing you a happy summer filled with sunshine, relaxing getaways and lasting memories with friends and family. I look forward to seeing you soon on our beautiful and rapidly expanding campus. Go Lightning!



Evern D. Ford '97
President, GBC Alumni Association Board of Directors



SAVE THE DATE

August 29 – Welcome Back Fundraiser at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza

Come out to welcome GBC students back for the fall semester! Just mention the GBC Alumni Association and 20 percent of all restaurant bills tracked from open to close will be donated back to the Alumni Association. Proceeds directly benefit alumni-sponsored scholarships and student activities.

October 2 – Golf Outing

Swing your clubs on the picturesque grounds of Wilmington's top-rated public course at Deerfield Golf Club. Foursomes and single golfers are welcome to join us for a shotgun start, boxed lunch and a buffet dinner.

November 15 – Distinguished Alumni Dinner

Alumni and friends will kick off Legacy Weekend at Deerfield Golf Club to honor Distinguished Alumni Gallery inductees. The DAG recognizes alumni for their extraordinary life accomplishments.

November 16 – Legacy Night

Join us to catch up with friends and watch a basketball game. Everyone is invited – current students, parents, alumni, sponsors, staff, faculty and friends.

February 8, 2020 – Hoop it Up

Watch the Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball teams in action on the court. Bring your family, friends and colleagues for a fun night out. Catch up with fellow alumni over complimentary drinks and appetizers.

March 2020 (TBD) 16th Annual Silent Auction

The Alumni Association is teaming up with GBC Athletics to bring you an evening of delectable food and friendly bidding!

May 2020 (TBD) Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks

Bring the entire family to watch the Wilmington Blue Rocks immediately followed by a dazzling fireworks display.

Building a Legacy — Alumni Board Member Adelaide Orsini '48

BY MAUREEN TOMEY

If ever there was a woman who personified the adage: 'you're only as old as you feel,' it would be GBC alumna and Alumni Association board member Adelaide Orsini.

Orsini is a second-generation Italian American whose parents were born in the Abruzzo region of Italy. Her father, a strict disciplinarian, advised her from a very young age, "First you get the education, then you get the love." Education became a passion of Orsini's from that moment on and remains one today.

Upon being informed by a teacher at Wilmington High School that Orsini would never get the hang of shorthand or amount to anything, her mother promptly met with John Leach at Beacom College to enroll her in a secretarial course. Orsini began commuting to the Beacom College campus at Tenth and Jefferson Streets in Wilmington to take courses in the mornings, while working at Wilmington Savings Fund Society part-time in the afternoons.

Orsini took on full-time hours at WSFS after receiving her Associate's degree from Beacom College in 1948. She quickly worked her way up to the president's office, reporting directly to Thomas Tatnall. She eventually became assistant secretary of the bank, an unprecedented achievement for a woman at that time. Throughout her career, she served on executive committees for the National Association of Bank Women, the Administrative Management Society, the Bank Administration Institute and the American Institute of Banking.

After 36 years with WSFS, Orsini retired. In 1982, she received the honor of being in the first class of Distinguished Alumni Gallery (DAG) recipients at Goldey-Beacom College.

Orsini continues to be an integral part of the College today. Her spirited observations and positive energy serve the alumni board well and infuse momentum into quarterly meetings. She remains deeply committed to providing scholarship funds to those in need and is immensely proud of her Goldey-Beacom roots. In her own words, "That's where my career started, and I'm so proud to be a member of the GBC community."



Jalen King '19

Preparing for a Career Through Internships

BY MAUREEN TOMEY

GBC Senior and Business Administration major Jalen King has already experienced his fair share of the working world – in advance of his graduation date.

His first internship was with the insurance brokerage firm Ascela in Newark, DE. This internship introduced King to the insurance world and terminology like HMO and PPO. He spent the majority of his time directing a team on the implementation of a new database, merging accounts from the old database into the new one.

King's second internship was with the government of Cecil County, MD. As this was an internship rooted in human resources, his responsibilities were unlike the ones assigned to him at Ascela. He created brochures and fliers to market various county events, while introducing a facelift to the county training presentation, contributing a more current and interactive format. He also coordinated an annual training schedule for county employees and volunteers. However, the project that impacted him most was taking photos of county employees in their work settings, and then compiling those photos into a slideshow to display at career fairs to give

insight into the everyday happenings at Cecil County government.

Schweitzer-Mauduit Inc. (SWM) in Middletown, DE is the latest company to which King brings his many talents. His third (and final) internship with this global engineering and manufacturing company differs significantly from the first two, and King is finding that no day is ever the same in the world of human resources. Though he continues to assist with creating brochures and fliers, he is also testing safety training programs, creating new hire folders, and entering PTO for employees. Most exciting to King, however, is that he is now recruiting for open positions. Since his ultimate goal is to one day become a talent acquisition manager, this was the prime opportunity he needed, not only to gain relevant work experience, but also for the reassurance in his own mind that this is something he will be happy doing for the rest of his career.



Taking Life By the Horns – No Bull

Micky Jones '07

BY MAUREEN TOMEY

Micky Jones grew up with dreams of someday owning and operating a father and son business – a dream that he and his father shared and had discussed many times over the years. After attending a festival and seeing a bungled mechanical bull ride, a light bulb went off in his head, and he knew in that moment that he could do better. After initial research, Jones decided that running a mechanical bull business had the potential to be a fun and unique venture as well as an enterprise with low overhead. Since it was primarily a weekend business, it would not affect his full-time job.

With a background in business development and marketing, Jones had a

unique advantage over his competitors. He quickly became the only mechanical bull business fully licensed and endorsed by the PBR (Professional Bull Riders) in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

By the Horns has grown its fleet of bulls from one to three and has become the number one rated mechanical bull rental company in the area, a feat which brings Jones immeasurable pride. However, it hasn't always been a smooth ride. As Jones points out, "When you start a business, there is always pressure to do everything right and grow without sacrificing quality and service. As we grow, so do the obstacles and costs, and we are certainly not immune to them."

According to Jones, the biggest obstacle he currently faces is labor because By the Horns LLC operates mainly on weekends. Jones is very careful about who he selects to run his crews, and this comes at a monetary premium. In his mind, this meticulous selection is well worth every penny to ensure a polished and seamless operation. He feels truly fortunate to have a hardworking and trustworthy team of top-notch professionals.

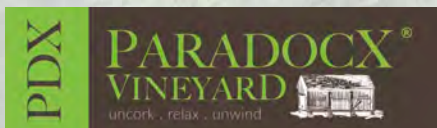
Jones feels strongly that the knowledge and business confidence he gained at GBC not only helped to propel his professional career, but also enabled him to take the leap and start his own business. He believes that GBC's 'real-world approach' to business provided him the ability to navigate obstacles and solve problems that commonly arise when starting a business.

When asked about his fondest memories of GBC, Jones reminisces about being a scholarship athlete and winning a conference championship while on the Men's Cross-Country Team. "We had an absolutely amazing squad," he recalls. "And with the help of Rob Netta, Brad Paski, Matt Lang, Keith Miller, and myself, we were able to have an unstoppable season and win our Central Athletic Collegiate Conference (CACC) championship. Being part of a great team with such talented individuals really helped shape who I am as a business owner. You are only as strong as the team you have around you."

In addition to running By the Horns LLC, Micky Jones works as the marketing director of Jade Scientific Inc., a laboratory supply distributor in Westland, MI.

Visit By the Horns LLC at:
www.bythehornslc.com





Lightning Strikes the Vineyard

The Alumni Association introduced its newest signature event on June 22 at Paradocx Winery in Landenberg, PA. The GBC community enjoyed live entertainment by the band Best Kept Secret while networking, dancing and sampling local wine and beer on a gorgeous summer evening in the family-friendly atmosphere of the vineyard.



Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks

Alumni, family and friends enjoyed prime seating in two adjoining luxury suites on May 10 at Frawley Stadium to watch a Wilmington Blue Rocks game. Guests also took in a spectacular array of fireworks after the game.

Don't miss out on the next opportunity to attend Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks in 2020. This is a prime opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances while networking with new ones.



Pictured above: 1. Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D., Barry Keith, Greg Lawville '95, C.J. Wood '17, Kathy Lawville '94; 2. Bryan Perrera '10, '12, Barry Keith, Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D.; 3. Daniel Dunlap '17, William Brady, Esq. '91, Debra Brady, Daniela Dunlap; 4. Daniel Dunlap '17, C.J. Wood '17, Bryan Perrera '10, '12; 5. Chris Mannering, Sue Mannering '01; 6. Eric Johnson '17; 7. Amy Diamond '06, '10 and Terry Kling. Photo credit: Maureen Tomey

Innovators in Application Development

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

Apple icon Steve Jobs says, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." Well, if that is true, these fast-moving, young entrepreneurs are born leaders. Goldey-Beacom College alumni Chahin Aghrim and Artur Zvinchuk are driving their innovative ideas into the world of mobile application development.

Their GBC degrees in information technology and finance, respectively, have helped prepare them for this highly-competitive field.

They have already launched one app and are on the cusp of launching their current project. They both say, "We are two lucky guys," but it's probably not so much luck as it is hard work and dedication.

SmartStudents

Their first app, SmartStudents was launched in August 2017 while both were on the GBC Men's Soccer Team. Developed from a sense of necessity, Aghrim says, "SmartStudents is a mobile marketplace that enables students to trade all kinds of stuff on campus. This simple idea of communicating with other students to purchase textbooks for an average purchase price of about \$30 per book was the inspiration for this app."

"We believe in using technology to connect college students across the country," Zvinchuk said. "Together, we can achieve our full potential."

Goldey-Beacom College was the test site for SmartStudents. Now, Aghrim and Zvinchuk partner with many other institutions including Rowan University, Drexel University, University of

Pennsylvania, Jefferson University, Temple University and Rutgers University to help other college students buy and sell textbooks and other items.

Aghrim and Zvinchuk have been best friends since they attended Friedrich-Ebert High School in Germany. Both were stand-out high school soccer players who each received a soccer scholarship to attend GBC. Turns out, attending GBC was one of their best decisions ever. In 2017, the College's Men's Soccer Team won the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) championship.



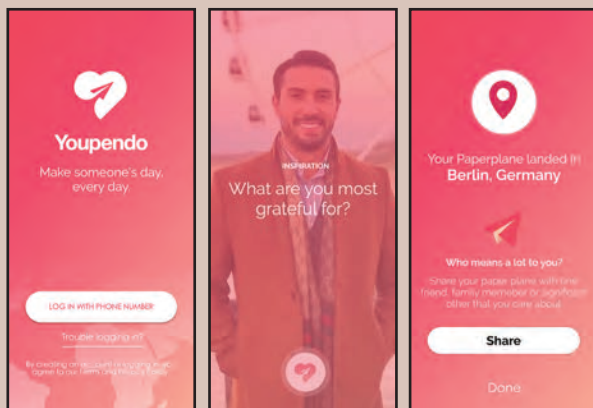
"We are two lucky guys," say Chahin Aghrim and Artur Zvinchuk. These young entrepreneurs are developers of two apps – SmartStudents and Youpendo.

entrepreneurial spirit to develop their latest app – Youpendo.

Youpendo allows the user to send and receive heartwarming messages in the form of snaps from anywhere around the world. How does it work? "Log on, read the inspirational question (perhaps "what advice has changed your life"), and respond with a short video," said Zvinchuk. "The video is sent like a "paper plane" and then viewed by people around the world who can comment and thank the sender."

"Everyone is asking us – what does Youpendo mean?" Zvinchuk said and they both smiled. "I was combining random words one night, then came upon the Swahili word for love – upendo. This became Youpendo. Simple."

In January 2020, they plan to launch the first version. If you want to experience the feeling of a paper plane, visit www.Youpendo.com and sign up.



Youpendo

Ironically, the same qualities that earn championships also determine success. "Trust and discipline are important," Aghrim says, "you just need small ways to add large value to other people's lives." Driven by their interest in application development, marketing and information technology, the pair have combined their innovative thinking and



Student-Athletes Bring Home Third Place for the 2018 NCAA Division II Award of Excellence

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO and DEREK CRUDELE

How often do young college students want to spend time with residents from a retirement home? Well, it's the norm for Goldey-Beacom College student-athletes who began visiting residents at The Summit retirement community on Limestone Road over a year ago.

What began as a service project through GBC Cares, the Department of Athletics' community service branch, quickly became a heart-warming, mutual friendship based on – believe it or not – shared familiarities. Since most of the College's student-athletes are international students, and almost all veterans have spent time overseas, it made for great conversation since many of the veterans had been stationed in small European towns where the students had either grown up or visited.

After listening to the veterans' stories, students would return to the College after each visit so happy to have made new friends – despite the generational gap. It's no surprise that they came up with the idea of interviewing their new friends and retelling their stories in a book.

Veterans of The Summit: Stories of Service chronicles individual stories from

over 40 veterans from The Summit. "We could not be more proud of our students," Associate Athletic Director Jeremy Benoit said. "I brought this idea to our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Lightning Studio (a multimedia student organization) last year and they hit the ground running. This project is the essence of community engagement." Benoit worked closely with The Summit and student-athletes to conduct interviews and transcribe these stories to honor the veterans' military service. Primarily led by Lorenzo Busra Ribeiro da Gama from the Men's Soccer Team, Geoff Stone from Lightning Studio and Benoit, other partners included GBC Lit (a literary student organization) and members of the Athletics and Development departments.

In November 2018, the GBC family joined The Summit residents and their families for a Veterans Day breakfast to honor the men and women who gave so much through their military service.



Residents at The Summit celebrated Veterans Day with family, friends and GBC student-athletes.

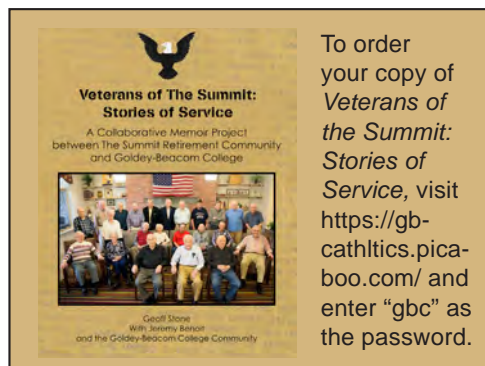
News of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) award came a few months later. In January 2019, Goldey-Beacom was presented a \$1,000 check at the NCAA Convention in Orlando, FL for their third-place finish. The NCAA gives this award annually to a Division II school for an event or activity that exemplifies any of six Division II attributes: learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion and service. The project then went on to receive the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Community Engagement Award in July, earning another \$1,000 which brings the current fundraising total to nearly \$3,000.

Having visited a nursing home every week as a child, Benoit is deeply committed to the veterans and to this project. "Every dime that is raised from this project (including the \$1,000 from the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence) is going to be donated to the Fisher House for the Families of the Fallen," Benoit said. "This amazing organization provides temporary housing to the families of fallen service men and women as their loved ones return stateside at the Dover Air Force Base en route to their final resting place."

To learn more about the Fisher House, visit www.fisherhouse.org.

"Every dime that is raised from this project (including the \$1,000 from the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence) is going to be donated to the Fisher House for the Families of the Fallen."

Jeremy Benoit



To order your copy of *Veterans of the Summit: Stories of Service*, visit <https://gb-cathletics.pica-book.com/> and enter "gbc" as the password.

Meet . . . Colleen Perry Keith

BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

After an exhaustive presidential search, in February 2019, the greater Goldey-Beacom College community announced the appointment of Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D. as the institution's fourteenth president. We didn't know what to expect, after all, Dr. Keith was bringing two major firsts – first female president and first president from outside of Delaware.

In fact, one of our first questions was – why Delaware? We soon learned that Dr. Keith wasn't really looking to leave her post as president at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, but she had one major life goal in mind – being closer to family. Her adult son lives in Washington, DC and her parents live north of Syracuse, NY. So, it didn't take long for Dr. Keith, her husband Barry and their two dogs Daisy and Bailey, to pack up and head to Delaware. Keith says, "Delaware positioned me much closer to both of those 'tugs on my heart', so when I was made aware of the opening at Goldey-Beacom, I felt I owed it to myself to check it out."

"It's very rare," she continued, "when a challenging professional position, especially one for a college president, can dovetail with a personal goal. Being the president at Goldey-Beacom College allows me that professional challenge and fulfillment while also bringing me closer to family." I should mention that she also whispered the word – grandchildren.

It was a pleasure to engage with Dr. Keith's sense of humor and her relaxed approach as she talked about her home next door to the College and her plans for the coming year and beyond. Her enthusiasm was contagious and her ideas were so compelling, but when the conversation turned toward serious issues affecting the College, a strong, confident leader emerged from the laughter. This is why I have to share our conversation in her own words.

1. Describe how you felt walking onto campus on your first day.

"I felt very lucky, blessed and excited. Prior to my first day, I had walked around the campus several times on daily walks. I was quite taken with the obvious care that Goldey-Beacom has for its facilities. Our campus is in great shape! While under construction, some sidewalks have to be temporarily closed but because GBC cares, we had built new sidewalks to care for the needs of our campus community. Many places would have just put down mulch walkways – we actually paved new walkways. That may seem like a mundane or inconsequential thing, but to me it demonstrated care for our campus community. It's a little thing that subconsciously speaks volumes."

2. What are you most looking forward to?

"Ever since my first experience with the Presidential Search Committee, I have been looking forward to the creativity that is inherent with helping a college to envision, plan for and implement its plan to claim a bright future. Leadership at GBC should be a fun experience, and both personally and professionally fulfilling. We have some long-term leadership who bring historical knowledge, and I am especially eager to tap into their strengths and insights."

3. How about your new on-campus home? Have you always lived on a college campus?

"This is my third – and I am hoping my last – college presidency. I did not live on campus at Spartanburg Methodist College but did at Pfeiffer University. There are pros and cons to both. For Barry and me, we love the on-campus experience because we can get to know our students better and see them at their very best and sometimes at their very worst. It's fun to have the informal interactions, and our dogs are student magnets when we walk them on campus. I believe living on campus creates closer relationships with students and enhances the student experience."

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4. You've only been here a few weeks. What are your initial thoughts about the opportunities that lie ahead?

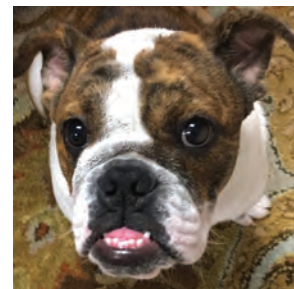
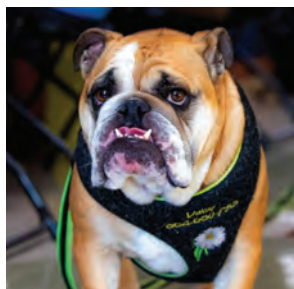
"When I think about the College during its historical time, I am reminded that we all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. I am deeply indebted to Presidents Baldt, Ilyas and Wirt for their work at Goldey-Beacom. Without those gentlemen bringing their unique gifts to the College, I would not be able to use my gifts to move us to the next level. To use a football analogy, each president before me moved the ball down the field. It's now my job to use my gifts to move that ball even further. Another series of first downs! We have a strong financial and academic foundation thanks to their work. Now we need to create our vision and goals collectively, from the 'bottom up,' with all stakeholder voices involved. That's our first big opportunity."

5. You are a two-time sitting president. If you had to finish the sentence, "I'm certainly happy that I am bringing my experience with how to" How would you finish the sentence?

"I am certainly happy that I am bringing my experience in planning and execution of those plans to GBC. We have a good strategic plan in place, but it's a bit too operational at this point. We need to set a bold goal and vision that answers the question, 'to what end do we do what we do?' From there, we can plan and budget toward that goal and that vision."

6. Tell me how community partnerships and community engagement will help shape GBC's future.

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back and relax and do nothing. We need to set a clear and strong vision and put a strategy in place that gets us to that vision. We will address any threats to our place in the higher education environment through sound planning, smart decisions based on realistic assessment of the data we collect and focus on the strategic implementation of our plan.

Not surprisingly, our best asset to move GBC ahead is our people. We have employees at GBC who have served here for decades. While sometimes long-term employees can be resistant to change, I am finding that our employees are ready to embrace change in the context of planning for a future that builds on our strong past. They have said we can't remain the same college we were in 1970 or 1980 or 1990. We have to be a college that is relevant in 2020 and 2030 and 2050 and beyond. Our human capital will move us ahead. I'm counting on them!"

8. Other top issues being discussed nationally are affordability, student and campus safety and security. What are your plans to address these issues?

"We are looking seriously at both issues. To address affordability, we have a study underway to review our tuition rate: is it too high?

About right? Too low? GBC has had a long-standing commitment to offering an affordable education, which has served to decrease the average loan indebtedness for our students.

Many colleges, even state-assisted colleges, have seen increased loan indebtedness, so we have some bragging rights there. Between 2011-2012 and 2018-2019, we decreased the number of students – both undergraduate and graduate students – from taking loans by 25 percent with the College's Affordability Assurance Award. This award brings the actual undergraduate tuition down to just over \$10,000. Our net cost to families is amazingly low compared to our competition.

The topic of student safety is something that keeps all college presidents up at night. I know I speak for my colleagues when I say we worry about this even when we know we have taken every possible precaution. At GBC, we have been fortunate that we haven't had any major issues. We know this reality could change at any moment. We have an extremely active security force 24/7, who make regular rounds and monitor our cameras. They respond quickly and effectively and, if needed, place a call to our armed colleagues with Troop 6 of the Delaware State Police, who can respond quickly. Still, we are considering our current practices and managing any potential risk. We will soon make a decision about possible changes to our security operation going forward.

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goals will have a positive impact in Pike Creek, New Castle County, the City of Wilmington and the state of Delaware. We are absolutely stronger when we work with the institutions and agencies in our community for the collective good. By working together, we will all maximize financial resources and drive economic development as well as attract and retain strong students, faculty and staff. By partnering, our college, community, city, county and state stars can rise!"

7. Education Dive is a leading industry publication operated by Industry Dive that provides original analysis on the latest happenings in the education industry. They tracked more than 80 nonprofit colleges and universities that experienced closures and consolidations from 2016 to present (not including for-profit colleges). Tight budgets and small endowments factored into announcements. A 2016 report from Ernst & Young affiliate, the Parthenon Group, found 800 colleges vulnerable to "critical strategic challenges" due to their small size, compared to a much smaller share of colleges with enrollments over 1,000. The report lists several risk factors for small colleges amid the current environment of consolidation in higher education including enrolling fewer than 1,000 students; the absence of online programs; tuition increases greater than 8 percent

and discounts higher than 35 percent; and depending on tuition for more than 85 percent of revenue.

While other Colleges are facing major issues and closing at an unprecedented pace, does GBC face any of these issues, and if so, how will you address them? What is GBC's best asset to move it forward?

"The current higher education environment is challenging. The Parthenon Group report is spot on and enrollment challenges are only going to increase. For the past 15 years, the number of high school graduates has been stagnating, which means colleges and universities need to broaden their student base in terms of geography, age and life experience. Then, the pool of high school graduates is more diverse than ever, and colleges need to be accepting of this if they hope to attract the traditional-aged undergraduate.

Some of the other risk factors identified by the Parthenon Group are easily identified here at GBC as well: we don't have on-line programs and our tuition discounts are high. What GBC has, however, as a hedge against these factors is an incredibly strong endowment of \$150 million and strong enrollment in our graduate program. We will not be facing closure. Our endowment gives us some breathing room to plan our future and then move forward. We cannot, however, sit

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The topic of campus safety, though, is far broader than arming campus security personnel. We must plan, train and make sure that all members of the College community know what to do in the event of any emergency. GBC has a collegewide committee that annually reviews our policies and procedures related to emergency management, and plans and implements regular training for all employees and students. I'm a new employee and I know the plan – and I am grateful we pay close attention to training. While no one can ever anticipate everything, I feel equipped to take action in the event I ever need to."

9. What will success look like in the future?

"I think that the changing demographics are going to force colleges to adapt in ways that we can't even imagine today. The population is shifting away from majority white, people are moving to the Southern states and birth rates are in decline. I don't have a good feel yet for what success will look like for GBC, but I suspect it will include delivery models that include more on-line learning and more partnerships with other institutions or corporations to offer training. It will probably include quality, shorter-term programs that offer focused career skills and an active role in research and development so that GBC and colleges like us can remain competitive and stay on top of the

trends. Successful colleges will be the most agile ones; the ones most willing to embrace change."

10. Tell me about your goals for your first 100 days.

"As I write this, I am 31 business days into my first 100 days. In the 69 days I have left, I hope to meet and talk with as many of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees and community members as I can to hear their GBC story. I want to understand their perceptions so that as we move into a comprehensive planning process, I can be sure that we focus on our successes and correct where we may have come up short. I want to welcome our largest incoming undergraduate class in at least the last decade and welcome back our returning students. I want to get to know my new GBC family and friends so that in my second 100 days, we can all work well together."

12. Rumor has it that two, four-legged children rule the roost. Is this true? Who's calling the shots here?



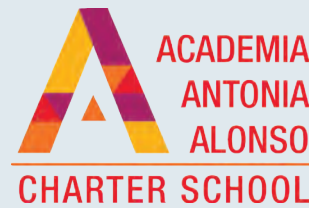
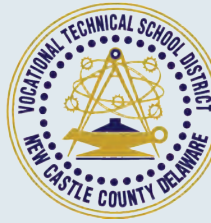
"Oh goodness yes! Barry and I have always had dogs: boxers, miniature schnauzers and English bulldogs have been part of our family over the years. Currently, we have Daisy, who is two and a half and Bailey, who is 24 weeks old. Both are English bulldogs and both are the sweetest girls we've ever had! We are excited to introduce them to the GBC community . . . and Bailey is the one who calls shots!"



Top photo: Dr. Colleen Perry Keith with husband Barry Keith and their dogs, Bailey and Daisy.

Bottom photo: Back left, Dr. Colleen Perry Keith with Executive Director Mercedes Alonso from Academia Antonia Alonso with students. Photos on pages 18 and 19 courtesy of Janine Sorbello.

Goldey-Beacom College Partners with New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District to Outfit Academia Antonia Alonso Cafeteria



BY JANINE G. SORBELLO

On July 10, 2019, her tenth day as Goldey-Beacom College president, Dr. Colleen Perry Keith welcomed a team of New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District (NCCVT) workers who loaded more than 30 cafeteria tables and 100 chairs from the College's Lightning Café, then headed to Academia Antonia Alonso (La Academia), a dual-language charter school in Wilmington. Four trucks delivered enough furniture to outfit two teachers' lounges and a parents' section in the cafeteria.

Community engagement is important to Dr. Keith. "I am delighted that Goldey-Beacom College partnered with New Castle County Vo-Tech to make this donation of furniture happen for Academia Antonia Alonso," said Dr. Keith. "To know that this furniture will have continued use in a multicultural setting to support the education of young people makes us proud and underscores that partnerships will make great things happen in our community."

"Often overlooked, café furniture plays such an important role in the aesthetic tone of a school," said Executive Director of La Academia, Mercedes Alonso. "For La Academia, it will certainly enhance life and eating by providing an opportunity to relax and socialize at all meal times. What a great start to our year!"

The College is committed to engaging the community it serves and will find new homes for all items in good condition. So far, donations from the renovations have included desks, chairs and other furniture.

The College recently outfitted more than five classrooms in the NCCVT School District with 160 sleigh desks. District superintendent Joseph M. Jones, Ed.D., was happy to pay it forward and offered the district's trucks to transport the cafeteria furniture to La Academia. "It's important for us to support one another for the betterment of students," he said. "What a great example of a cross-organizational partnership!"

Bottom row, left, Director of Facilities, Meezie Foster and President Colleen Perry Keith, both of Goldey-Beacom, with a crew of custodial staff from NCC Vo-Tech high schools.



HALL OF FAME DINNER

On Sunday, April 28, the Goldey-Beacom College Athletics Department held its third annual Hall of Fame awards ceremony at Deerfield Golf Club. The Lightning inducted Stephanie Topolie '02 and the 2005-2006 Golf Team during the ceremony. More than 300 athletes, their families and College staff and faculty celebrated with the honorees.



GBC Athletics Inducts the Third Class of Student-Athletes into the Hall of Fame

2018 - 2019 Athletic Awards

Men's Soccer

Legacy Award: Suhail Bismilla
Highest Team GPA: Suhail Bismilla

Women's Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Cliona Crammond
Coaches Award: Sophie Greenwood
Highest Team GPA: Rose Benjamin

Volleyball

Comeback Player: Lindsay Przywara
Most Valuable Player: Olivia Florence
Highest GPA for Female Student-Athletes: Lindsay Przywara

Men's Cross Country

Most Valuable Player: Jono Hooper
Coaches Award: Ronald Prescott
Highest Team GPA: Jono Hooper

Men's Track & Field

Most Valuable Player: Khalil Lau-Dickinson
Coaches Award: Aaron Easter
Highest Team GPA: Jono Hooper

Women's Cross Country

Most Valuable Player: Mary Ann Jones
Coaches Award: Chelby McCall
Highest Team GPA: Mary Ann Jones

Women's Track & Field

Most Valuable Player: Kayla Cook
Coaches Award: Alexia Cheriza
Highest Team GPA: Cara Jones

Men's Basketball

MVP: Corey Taite
Coach's Award: Mahir Johnson
Highest Team GPA: Corey Taite

Women's Basketball

Most Valuable Player: Tanner Turner-Rush
Coach's Award: Alanna Speaks
Highest Team GPA: Amanda McGrogan

Baseball

STRIKE Award: Brandon Abdul
STRIKE Award: Jake Trejo
Highest GPA for Male Student-Athletes: Trevor Jump

Softball

Most Valuable Player: Taylor Beres
Rookie of the Year: Kaisey Reed
Highest GPA for Female Student-Athletes: Dianna Gatto



2005 – 2006 Golf Team

The 2005-2006 Golf Team has made major contributions to the department's history. The team was in its third year as a full NCAA Division II member when the Lightning ran away with the NCAA East Regional championship, becoming the first team in school history in any sport to win an NCAA Tournament event. The last of the squad's three victories that year saw GBC go wire-to-wire in the three-round event, winning by 24 shots. That squad was highlighted by 2017 GBC Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Michael Tobiason, who won the regional with an 8-over-par 221 that included a 3-under-par 68 in the final round. Tobiason, a participant in the 2011 United States Open, won five titles in 2005-2006 and averaged 74.83 for the season. Steve Cutler also was a major part of that team by sharing the CACC individual title with Tobiason at 144. He averaged 77.40 that season over a personal-best 30 rounds, eventually closing with a 78.07 career average over 83 rounds and a school-best 136th national ranking in 2006-2007.

Women's Tennis

Team Leadership Award: Manuela Cornejo
Most Improved Player: Ksenija Markovic
Highest Team GPA: Catarina Zheng

Men's Golf

MVP: Braden Wheeler
Coach's Award: Corbin Babyak
Highest Team GPA: Shea Murphy

Brian Conley Award Presented by NovaCare:

Lindsay Przywara

President's Award: Manuela Cornejo

Female Most Valuable Player: Cliona Crammond

Male Most Valuable Player: Corey Taite

41 Student-Athletes Earn CACC Academic Honors

The GBC Athletics Department honored 41 student-athletes who attained status on the 2018 – 2019 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Academic Honor Roll at a celebration breakfast.

“Our student-athletes continue to perform at a very high level in the classroom, and we hold this breakfast as an annual opportunity to celebrate their academic achievement,” Director of Athletics Dr. Thomas Brennan said. “Considering the great lengths they go to support our student-athletes, it was a great moment to be able to celebrate them, as well.”

In the fall semester, the Lightning saw 13 of their student-athletes notch a 4.0 GPA for the semester (the same number as the fall of 2017) and had 65 percent of their student-athletes end with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. GBC also sports a 3.198 GPA among its student-athletes, higher than the College’s GPA among non-student athletes.

To be eligible, each student-athlete must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA, be at least a sophomore and have been at the college at least one full academic year.

Men’s Soccer

Chahin Aghrim
Suhail Bismilla
Callum Flynn
Nicholas Ladeira
Levi Maruca
Sergi Varona

Women’s Basketball

Jill Latanowich
Amanda McGrogan
Tanner Turner-Rush

Women’s Track & Field

Juana Henao
Mary Ann Jones
Sophie Woods

Women’s Cross Country

Brittany Delgado
Juana Henao
Cara Jones
Mary Ann Jones
Chelby McCall

Volleyball

Autumn Keller
Lindsay Przywara
Megann Santiago
Women’s Tennis
Manuela Cornejo
Alma Garcia Valle
Anna Hortelano Pey
Silvia Hortelano Pey
Ksenija Markovic
Catarina Zheng

Women’s Soccer

Rose Benjamin
Cliona Crammond
Sophie Greenwood
Line Kristoffersen
Lauren Larmanis
Kelly Mejia
Taylor Owen
Sophie Woods

Men’s Cross Country and Track & Field

Jono Hooper

Baseball

Cole Collins
Mitch Guerrieri
Trevor Jump
Jake Kinsell
Jake Trejo
Tre Wilson

Softball

Dianna Gatto
Zoe Lockwood
Kylie Quirk



Softball – Stephanie Topolie ‘02

Stephanie Topolie never competed in softball prior to arriving at Goldey-Beacom College, but she played four strong seasons making an indelible mark primarily as a center fielder. Topolie set the bar by graduating first in school history with 212 hits, 108 RBI, 10 home runs, 22 triples and 123 runs. She was second with 48 doubles and seventh with a .414 batting average. Her marks for hits, RBI, triples and runs remain school records. Topolie’s effort in softball helped her to be named a 2000 NAIA Scholar-Athlete, 2001 All-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and to the 2001 CACC All-Tournament Team. She was instrumental in the 2001 unit ending second in the league and winning 17 conference games, both of which remain school records. Topolie guided the 2000 squad to the CACC Tournament for the first time in team history. She was part of the first women’s basketball season in school history, averaging 12.1 points and 3.6 rebounds during the 2000-01 campaign. She also competed in volleyball for three seasons, being named All-CACC and to the CACC All-Tournament Team in 2000. While no known statistics can be found, many people say that Topolie never came off the court.



Track and Field Closes Its Season at the CACC Championship

Last spring, Goldey-Beacom College continued to show growth in its Athletics Department with the addition of Men's and Women's Track and Field, bringing the number of programs to 13. Soon after launching the program, the College didn't have to look far for a new head coach. Andrew Shearer, who has served as the Cross Country coach since 2016, quickly took the reins to also serve as the head coach for the Track and Field teams.

Both teams closed their inaugural season at the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championship in Lakewood, New Jersey. The men's team finished ninth, and the women's team closed 12th.



Meet Corey Taite

Student-Athlete * Leader * Team Player

(CSF) in Indianapolis last June. Hosted annually by the NCAA, the CSF is a four-day educational event which brings together two hundred selected students and student-athletes to learn about careers in sports, with a primary focus on intercollegiate athletics. It is designed to assist student-athletes in charting their careers in the business, giving them the opportunity to network and learn from current athletics professionals.

Second Team CCA All-East Region

Alumnus Corey Taite has amassed what would fill a trophy case of awards during his time with Goldey-Beacom College. His most recent honor was being named second team Conference Commissioner's Association Men's Basketball All-East Region.

During his senior season, Taite continued to show his prowess as one of the nation's top players after being picked first team All-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and to the league's All-Tournament Team, both for a second straight year. He has consistently demonstrated his skills as a strong shooter, passer and defender. This honor came one year after he was selected as the CACC Player of the Year, first team All-East Region by both the CCA and NABC in addition to making the league's

All-Tournament Team. Taite also landed on the Top 100 Watch List for the Bevo Francis Award.

Taite's statistics prove his worth. He ended ranked 45th in the nation with 20.5 points per game, 16th with an .899 free throw percentage, 20th with 161 free throws, 64th with 574 points, 64th with 35.5 minutes per game, 70th with 1.82 steals per contest, 78th with 51 steals and 90th with a 1.95 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Taite scored in double figures 26 times this season, including a season-best 40 points against Caldwell in the CACC quarterfinals, and netted at least 20 points 14 times. He also poured in at least 35 points on four occasions, including that amount in the regular-season finale against Wilmington (DE).

All of this has been valuable for Goldey-Beacom which closed second in the CACC South Division and advanced to the conference semifinals for the second straight year.



BY JANINE G. SORBELLO and DEREK CRUDELE

This award-winning, dynamic basketball player has quickly become the most dynamic men's basketball player in the NCAA Division II region. This Sayreville, New Jersey native is a standout player on the court and academically focused when the clock is not running down.

NCAA Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship

The NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee recently awarded Taite the NCAA Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. He will receive a \$10,000 nonrenewable award to be used during the 2019-20 academic year as a full-time graduate student in a sports-related program.

As a scholarship recipient, Taite attended the 2019 NCAA Career in Sports Forum



Dan Frick Named CACC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year

Women's Soccer Head Coach Dan Frick has been named Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons. Frick is 39-15-3 in his third year and has seen his team make the conference tournament each season. Accomplishments for the Lightning (15-5, 11-1 CACC) include breaking the school record for most wins, most conference victories, most home wins with nine and a team-record 63 goals.

In the 2018 season, the Lightning won their first six games both overall and in the conference for the best starts in team annals and recorded their third straight season of double-digit wins for the first time in program history. They also marked the first time Goldey-Beacom played in the CACC semifinals in consecutive years. The 4-0 quarterfinal triumph over Nyack also marked the first time in program history it had won a conference tournament game in back-to-back seasons. Goldey-Beacom's 39 victories under Frick's leadership is a school record for a three-year period.

Meet New Head Coaches Tommy Ellison and Kareem Bryant

New eras are underway for two of Goldey-Beacom's athletics programs with Tommy Ellison named the new head coach for golf and Kareem Bryant getting the top spot for women's tennis.

TOMMY ELLISON – Ellison has served as an assistant coach at Goldey-Beacom since 2017. He currently serves as the head golf pro at Ed Oliver Golf Club.

Previously, Ellison was the head golf pro at Brandywine Country Club and an assistant pro at Sussex Pines Country Club. He has also been an assistant coach for seven seasons at his alma mater, the University of Delaware.

A 2009 graduate with a B.A. in European History, Ellison played four years at the University of Delaware. He earned team MVP honors in 2008 and the Sportsmanship Award the year prior. He ranks seventh on the career scoring list with a 75.1 average, pacing the Blue Hens in scoring both in 2007-08 with 74.85 and 2008-09 with 74.35.

KAREEM BRYANT — Bryant previously served as the executive director at the Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association. He worked with the board of directors, developed resources for fiscal responsibility and handled community outreach through the directors.

Since 2006, he has been a national coach and middle states zonal coach for the United States Tennis Association. He coached many players in the junior ranks, developed plans for player improvement and traveled with both the players and their families to national tournaments.

Bryant also has been the director of Neighborhood-Based Programming for Legacy Youth Tennis and Education since 2012. He has designed, implemented and improved these programs by creating a manual for the tennis curriculum. Bryant also nurtured partnerships with schools and the community to develop community based partnerships and worked with colleagues to sustain program initiatives.



Women's Tennis Advances to the NCAA Sweet 16

For the first time in program history, GBC Women's Tennis won their NCAA East Region bracket and advanced to the Sweet 16 which took place in Altamonte Springs, FL this past May.

Ranked third in the East Region, Goldey-Beacom was the highest-ranked among any school from the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) including 2018 CACC Champion, Wilmington University. A pair of 4-0 victories over CACC foe, Concordia (NY), and Stonehill sent the squad to Florida where they would take on the University of Indianapolis in the Sweet 16. This match marked the furthest a GBC team has survived in an NCAA tournament, regardless of sport.

Goldey-Beacom (16-5, 7-1 CACC) this season captured a share of the league's regular-season crown for a third straight year and made its 11th straight appearance in the conference semifinals. The Lightning, who have played in the NCAA Tournament eight times, also have won 24 of their last 25 regular-season league matches.



Joe Kissel, 13-year Women's Tennis Coach, Retires



BY DEREK CRUDELE

Goldey-Beacom's Women's Tennis program will have a new look for next season as Joe Kissel will retire after 13 years as the team's head coach. "Goldey-Beacom could not be more proud of the success that Joe Kissel has brought to the women's tennis program in his 13 years as head coach," said Director of Athletics Dr. Thomas Brennan. "Joe is a consummate professional who has demonstrated a real commitment to the concept of the student-athlete and who, during a highly successful career, has touched the lives of so many. His mark on the program and the College has undoubtedly been made. We wish nothing but the best for Joe and his family in retirement."

Kissel arrived in Pike Creek to a second-year program still looking for its first win. He soon turned it into a powerhouse team that competed eight times in the NCAA Tournament and twice won Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference titles – 2016 and 2017.

Beyond all the victories, the relationship that Kissel built and fostered with the student-athletes he recruited has always been his greatest success. Over the years, his squad has included more than 40 student-athletes from 18 countries. The network of Goldey-Beacom Women's Tennis alumni remains strong today because of Kissel's commitment.

"Many coaches see recruiting as the worst part of the job. I love every minute of it; not necessarily the process, but the end result," said Kissel. "Few things are more satisfying than helping a young student-athlete fulfill her dream of coming to the US to earn a college education, while playing a sport about which she is passionate. It is extremely rewarding to watch these recruits mature into young women right before your eyes, and through social media, follow this growth after they graduate. These relationships have led to weddings and continued contact as 'my girls' have children of their own. Knowing, as a coach, you played some part in helping these students kick-start their lives is one of the most rewarding aspects of the job. It doesn't get any better than that."

Goldey-Beacom's accomplishments under Kissel extend beyond championships. He and the team have participated in community service activities such as the Tennithon to benefit the Delaware Tennis Foundation, and ball people for the Delaware Wheelchair Tennis Championships. The squads have always excelled in academia, as well. At the conclusion of the 2017 - 2018 academic year, for the third consecutive year the team boasted a cumulative GPA of 3.7226 which was the highest of any athletic team at the College. In addition, most have gone on to complete their master's degrees at Goldey-Beacom or other colleges. But, perhaps more importantly, most former players are now gainfully employed in the US, and in their native countries, in their fields including accountants, international business managers, small business entrepreneurs and international soccer or tennis organization supervisors.

"Joe Kissel is a genuine, driven leader who has taken our tennis program to unparalleled heights," adds Dean of Students Chuck Hammond who previously served as the Director of Athletics. "His passion for helping student-athletes achieve more than they ever thought they were capable of on and off the tennis court is evident in his relationships with his players. To compete consistently on a regional and national level while displaying the highest level of academic success is truly remarkable. We thank Joe for his dedication to our student-athletes and wish him all the best in retirement."

Kissel's career at Goldey-Beacom represents so many accomplishments that we cannot list them all here. However, some highlights include USTA Middle States Delaware District Community Tennis Coach of the Year (2009) for his work in only four years at Goldey-Beacom; USTA Delaware District College Coach of the Year (2015, 2016); USTA Middle States College Coach of the Year (2017), USPTA Middle States College Coach of the Year (2017).

At the conclusion of the 2017-2018 season, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) named Kissel the East Region College Coach of the Year. He was also selected by conference coaches the Central Athletic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Coach of the Year four times (2008, 2009, 2014, 2017).

His latest award was presented last October, when Kissel was inducted into the Delaware Tennis Foundation Hall of Fame for his record accomplishments at Goldey-Beacom, and more than 20 years of service to Delaware tennis.



Head Coach Joe Kissel with the Tennis Team at the NCAA Tournament banquet in Orlando, FL in May 2019.



Jennifer Dempsey '19
— Recent graduate Jennifer Dempsey transitioned her role from human resources intern to human resources specialist at Southco, Inc, a leader in engineered access hardware. After working as an intern for two years, she has joined their staff as a full-time specialist.

Dempsey received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources Management from Goldey-Beacom College in 2019.

Tina Truby '17 — Tina Truby has been promoted to senior staff accountant at Cover & Rossiter CPA and Advisory Firm. Prior to joining the firm in 2017, Truby had a successful career in the chemical industry in product R&D and marketing research. She received her Post-Baccalaureate certificate from Goldey-Beacom College in 2017 and then earned her CPA license 2018. Truby enjoys mentoring current CPA exam candidates and is the treasurer of her community association. She has also served as a tax-aide volunteer with AARP.



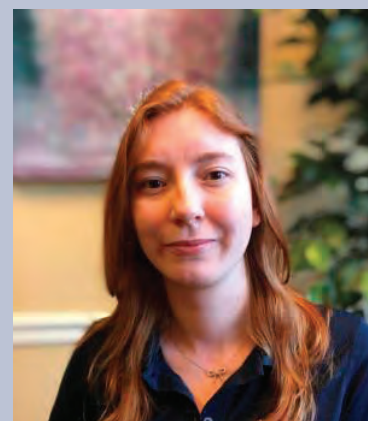
Kevin Oakes '18 — Kevin Oakes recently graduated from the New Castle County Police Academy 44th Recruit Class. Oakes earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Goldey-Beacom College in 2018.

The Goldey-Beacom College Alumni Association wants to recognize your accomplishments. Please forward news about your new position, promotions and other business achievements to alumni@gbc.edu.

Nick Wozniak '18
— Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Fox & Roach, Realtors Hockessin – Pike Creek Home Marketing Center welcomed Nick Wozniak as a sales associate who will serve the New Castle County community. Wozniak earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Goldey-Beacom College in 2018.



Jessica Heger '14
— Wheeler Wolfenden and Dwares, CPAs announced Jessica Heger as a staff accountant. Heger joins the firm with three years of public accounting experience. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Goldey-Beacom College in 2014 and is currently working toward earning her Master's Degree in Accounting from GBC as well.





In Memoriam . . .

We remember the lives of our esteemed alumni and friends, and their legacies.

Louise D. Accorsi, Hockessin, DE. Louise worked in the retail and banking industry before becoming a homemaker. She was an active member and volunteer for her church and community. For many years, she enjoyed being a member in her local garden club.

Adair, Patricia G., Bear, DE. Patricia worked for DuPont for over 30 years as an administrative professional, primarily in the Fibers Department.

Glenn P. Adams, Wilmington, DE. Glenn was a member of the Men's Class A Metropolitan Slo-Pitch Softball team for 23 years. His team compiled a remarkable record of 15 consecutive years as Delaware State Champions. In their final years, they qualified for the World Tournament and finished in the top ten.

Kathleen Anderson, Lewes, DE. Kathleen was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She was a member of the American Legion of Lewes.

Ronald Carl Ashbridge, Elkton, MD. Ronald served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He

worked for the Department of Defense as a computer specialist and retired from Aberdeen Proving Ground. He loved his family and enjoyed playing many sports throughout his life.

Joseph "Jay" Balaguer III, Newark, DE. Jay worked as an account manager for Coca-Cola for 14 years. He was active with Midway Little League and was a Phillies, Flyers and Eagles fan.

Gene W. Blades '58, Trappe, PA. Gene proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in the 107th Finance Disbursing Section which handled payroll distribution for the 82nd Airborne. After his service, Gene worked for his father-in-law at Trappe Landing Grain Company. During that time, he opened a small antique shop and was known to give his wife beautiful antiques as gifts. In the mid 80s, he opened a restaurant – "Gene's." He also worked as an office manager at Elliot-Wilson Trucks in Easton and as an office manager for Murdoch Gardens, Inc. Gene was a life member of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company and served for many years as the secretary and treasurer.

Marie McClafferty Bradley, Wilmington, DE. Marie worked as a secretary and notary public for the Tribunal of the Diocese of Wilmington. She was a lifelong member of St. Ann's Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Hannah Arieff Braunstein, Wilmington, DE. Hannah worked for DuPont and for Dravo Shipbuilding during WWII. She eventually retired in 1990 from the Delaware Department of Labor.

Elsie Mae Wilson Breeding, Phoenix, AZ. During WWII, Elsie worked for DuPont. Later, she worked for 25 years as the office manager for Kiddie World toy store. Elsie went back to school to become a realtor and associate broker and worked for another 25 years with Gunther McClary Real Estate.

Gertrude Brinton, Wilmington, DE. Gertrude worked as head of the payroll department for Baker and Anderson Works until the birth of her daughters. She then became a full-time homemaker.

Kathleen Workman Bryan, Georgetown, DE. Kathleen worked for Delmarva Power & Light until she started a family and became a full-time homemaker. She volunteered at Mount Olivet Brethren Church and was a Sunday school teacher and longtime church treasurer. She was a gracious host and loving mother.

Earl W. Burns '50, Newark and Rehoboth Beach, DE. Earl proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force in Italy from 1944-1946. He was an exceptional athlete who played, coached and refereed high school and college-level basketball. He was a member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. He was inducted into the Delaware Legends Basketball Hall of Fame and the Missouri

Basketball Officials Hall of Fame. He also was a member of the PGA and taught golf professionally for over 20 years.

Thomas E. Cheezum, Preston, MD. Thomas farmed for over 50 years, starting at Fuchs Farms, Inc. in Preston, MD. He devoted his life to his family, his farm and his community. He was a member of Bethesda United Methodist Church, serving on both the board of trustees and the administrative council. He belonged to numerous farming and agricultural organizations.

Vance L. Cole, Smyrna, DE. Vance served in the U.S. Army during World War II and served in the field artillery as a cannoneer and as a financial technical clerk.

John W. Conquest Jr., Hallwood, VA. John was a third-generation farmer with a passion for growing crops. He enjoyed raising Angus cattle as well as showing and racing horses. He played an integral role in the foundation of the Eastern Shore Agri-Fair in the 1980s and was a 4-H leader in Northern Accomack County. In the 90s, he managed the grounds maintenance at NASA Wallops Flight Facility and the Navy Surface Combat Systems Center. He was a longtime member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-06. He served for more than 30 years with distinction in various Division and Flotilla leadership positions.

Cecelia M. Conway, Wilmington, DE. In her earlier years, Cecelia enjoyed working at the former Lone Star Restaurant. Following her college graduation, she became a substitute teacher and did so until 2011.

David B. Craig Jr., Wilmington, DE. After serving with the U.S. Army, David worked as an accountant for Sloan Management for over 50 years.

Mary B. Crothers, Rising Sun, MD. Mary worked as a secretary and treasurer on Long Green Farm, her family farm. She was involved in many organizations such as the Red Hat Society and the Blue Ball Homemakers Club. She was a past member of the Calvert Grange and was involved as a 4-H leader of the Zippy Zioners. Mary was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church for 74 years and was the pianist and organist for 53 years.

Patrick Anthony Cusanelli '56, Wilmington, DE. Patrick spent two years with the 101st Airborne, First Division in Germany. He worked for 25 years at the Electric Hose and Rubber Company, first as a production scheduler, then production manager. He worked at Christiana Care as the materials department manager for 25 years until his retirement.

Francis X. Daney, Wilmington, DE. Francis proudly served his country during the Korean War with the 40th Infantry Division. He was a member of the Korean War Veterans Association and participated in many activities over the years. In 1991, he retired from DuPont after 36 years of service.

Francis Roy Dean Sr. '76, Wilmington, DE. Francis served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Constitution and the USS Kearsarge. He retired from Wilmington Trust Company in 2003 as an assistant vice president in securities clearances. After retirement, Francis continued to work for Casson and Company.

Wilbur "Mickey" M. DeGolyer, Dunbar, NE. Wilbur proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1957-1978. He began working as a computer programmer and retired as a chief petty officer. After his time in the U.S. Navy, he worked for BB&T Bank and the South

Carolina Law Enforcement Division (S.L.E.D.). He was extremely active in his community and served as treasurer for the American Legion Post #100. He was the commander of VFW for the past year.

Dora "Ann" W. Derby, Wilmington, DE. Ann enjoyed playing golf at the Concord Country Club. She also enjoyed playing bridge. She and her husband were married for 64 years and were members of Green Hill Presbyterian Church for over 50 years.

Dorothy E. DiRusso '49, Hartly, DE. Dorothy worked as a legal secretary for over 20 years in Wilmington. She was a member of the Claymont Stone School Association and the Historical Society of Claymont.

Faith Dolente, Springfield, PA. Faith worked for Wyeth Laboratories, Pennwalt Corporation, and then became a licensed real estate agent.

Barbara Doyle, West Reading, PA. For most of her professional career, Barbara worked as an executive administrative assistant at Reading Hospital and Berkshire Health Systems. For a short time, she worked as a licensed realtor for Realty World and Doyle Associates. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother who enjoyed playing the piano, sewing and smocking dresses, gardening and tennis.

Becky Dunn, Ridgely, MD. Becky began her career at Maryland National Bank in Easton, and then worked for the remainder of her career as the Postmaster in Hillsboro. She loved to travel and volunteered for the Maryland Special Olympics and Children in Youth. She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Maryland.

Anna L. Eastburn, Milford, DE. Anna worked as a bank teller for Wilmington Trust Company until she started a family. Anna and her husband operated Delaware Animal Care Center in Newark, and later in Cedarcrest Vu Farm in Clayton until retirement.

Frederick Episcopo, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Frederick's professional career specialized in transportation. He worked for several companies including General Motors, Amtrak Rail and the Cape May Lewes Ferry. He also served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Charles Nicholas Fanning '90, Wilmington, DE. Charles served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman while stationed in Texas. He later worked for Wm. D. Shellady, Inc.

Veronica B. "Ronnie" Fontana, Wilmington, DE. Veronica served in WOW (Women of War), filling positions left vacant by men who were serving during

WWII. After the war, Veronica married John B. Fontana and the two founded Fontana Bros. and Sons Construction Company. She served as vice president and CFO until retirement in 1976. From 1985 to 2016, she served as secretary and treasurer for M.W. Fontana, Inc. and from 1991 to 2016 as an accountant for John B. Fontana Jr., D.D.S. She was married to John B. Fontana for 47 loving years.

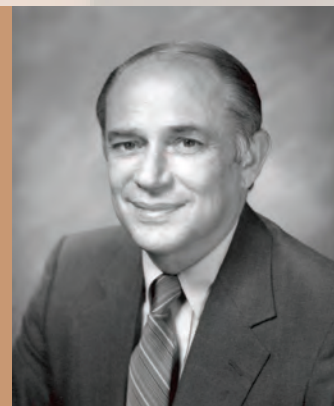
Robert C. "Bob" Forbes, Middletown, DE. Bob's professional career spanned 32 years in the insurance industry. He retired as president and CEO of New Castle Mutual Insurance Company in 1995. After retirement, he became a licensed realtor with Patterson Schwartz.

Suzanne Cecilia Franck '54, Hockessin, DE. Suzanne dedicated her life to raising her children. She volunteered time in her community and tutored gifted students in advanced reading. She was a lector and served on various committees at St. Mary of the Assumption parish. She was also the copy editor of the Hockessin Community News.

Martha Ellen Fulton '41, Snow Hill, MD. Martha worked with her parents at Nock's Snow Hill Hatchery. She enjoyed traveling, caring for others and spending time with her family and friends. She was a lifetime member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church.

Roy Clayton Mitchell Jr. '58, 1936 – 2019

Roy Clayton Mitchell Jr., Kennedyville, MD. Roy had a lengthy career of public service. He served on the Kent County Democratic Central Committee from 1962-1966. He also served as the Maryland Speaker of the House from 1987-1993. After his retirement from politics, Roy worked as a gentleman farmer, and was the director of public affairs for the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company as well as an independent lobbyist for Constellation Energy. In 2008, the R. Clayton Mitchell Jr. Kent County Government Center was dedicated to him. In 2018, the Kent Narrows Bridge was dedicated to Speaker Mitchell.



Reuben H. Garvine Jr., Port Leyden, NY. Reuben served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany from 1955-1958. Upon his return, he worked at Doeskin Products. He furthered his education at GBC and owned the local Atlantic Gas Station. Reuben later moved his family to upstate New York and worked for General Electric and Milligan & Higgins. He was a truck driver for Packers Meat Company. He enjoyed chess, fishing and playing billiards.

Elizabeth Ann Gentjeu, Wilmington, DE. Elizabeth held several positions in accounting, as well as being a stenographer for ICI America and a medical transcriber at St. Francis Hospital and the Wilmington Medical Center.

Rita Ann Giffen, York, PA. Rita retired as an optician in the Vision Center at Wal-Mart. Prior to her time at Wal-Mart, Rita was the co-proprietor of the Hoagie Hut and Gramps Corner Store alongside her husband. She took pride in being an excellent grandmother, mother, wife and sister.

James Edward Godfrey '76, Wilmington, DE. James proudly served his country in the U.S. Army including a tour in Seoul, Korea. James worked for Shellhorn & Hill, and later as a procurement officer for the state of Delaware's Division of Purchasing.

Jack Goldfeder, Hockessin, DE. Jack served in the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Chaffee, AR. He owned several businesses in Wilmington, DE until he established his career in real estate with Philip Berger, then Patterson-Schwartz. He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Masons and was active with DelVets.

James F. "Jim" Grebe, Bear, DE. Jim served four years in the U.S. Army and later in the Air National Guard. He worked for DuPont Chambers Works for 33 years in multiple roles.

Paul R. Grohol, Salem, NJ. Paul worked for years as an accountant for Genuine Parts Company. After retirement, he enjoyed taking cruises and traveling to Hawaii.

Jean M. Halloran '51, Wilmington, DE. Jean worked for DuPont and Wilmington Trust Company before raising her family. She later worked for the Troll of Scandinavia where she was known for catering to many homes in Wilmington.

Laura Jean Harden, Wilmington, DE. Laura worked for Corporation Trust Company until her retirement in 2000. She was an avid reader and historian who enjoyed gardening, interior decorating, and participating in community service projects.

John J. Harkins Jr., Wilmington, DE. After graduating from Goldey-Beacom, John had a long career with Northeast Financial Corporation and retired after 31 years.

Sarah F. Harrison, Easton, MD. Sarah was the first Talbot County Farm Bureau Queen crowned in Oxford. She was a secretary for the Terminal Warehouse, and later for Sts. Peter and Paul Church for several years.

Nancy Ramaley Hayes '58, Coatesville, PA. Nancy worked for RepForce, Inc. as a sales administrator and controller for over 40 years.

Mary Gray Heiser '44, Willow Street, PA. Mary was the executive assistant to the president and corporate assistant secretary for Sun Oil Chemical Company until her retirement in 1988 after 26 years of service.

Elbert N. Hicken '78, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Elbert served in the U.S. Army National Guard. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Joseph Ralph Hoddinott '82, Hockessin, DE. Joseph was a proud U.S. Navy veteran who was stationed on the USS William V. Pratt during the Vietnam War. He worked as an architectural consultant for Hardware Specialty Group.

Cecilia Hoopes, Wilmington, DE. Cecilia retired in 1997 from the family business, Hoopes Fire Equipment.

Walter E. Hopkins, Hockessin, DE. Walter proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked for the Ralston Purina Company in management and finance and retired in 1985 after more than 36 years of service.

Nancy C. Hurst, Middletown, DE. Nancy's family was her pride and joy. She loved raising her children and enjoyed time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, pets, birds and relaxing by the pool.

Benjamin Davis Hutchinson '58, Onancock, VA. Benjamin proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He later served as finance director for the Accomack County School Board until he retired in 1992.

Helen Janney, New Castle, DE. Helen worked as a secretary for the NVF Company until she became a homemaker after the birth of her first child. She enjoyed collecting antiques and exotic house plants.

Joan Edith Jester '65, Wilmington, DE. Joan worked for Kraft Foods for 33 years and retired in 1999. She began a second career at MBNA (now Bank of America) until her death. She enjoyed music and was a member of the Delaware Valley Chorale.

John J. Karpovich, Jr., Wilmington, DE. John worked for Verizon in the Communications Department. He enjoyed fishing, football, his dogs and cooking.

Esther F. Kenney, Wilmington, DE. Esther graduated from GBC in 1940. She worked as a secretary for DuPont for 31 years.

Thomas M. Kincaid, Naples, FL. Thomas proudly served his country in the U.S. Air force from 1951 to 1956.

Edward E. Ksiazek, Wilmington, DE. Edward proudly served his country as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Bermuda during the Korean War. After serving his country, Ed became a City of Wilmington police officer. He served the community as a patrolman, youth aide and detective before retiring as a sergeant in 1979. During his retirement, he was a bailiff for the Delaware State Superior Court.

Paul Louis Kumpf Jr., Ft. Myers Beach, FL. Paul served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He later worked in finance and sales. He enjoyed cultivating relationships and success on his terms.

June Elizabeth Love, Odessa, DE. June married William Love in 1941 and together they had three children. She was a kind and generous person who loved her family, friends and gardening.

Elizabeth Adelene Beach Lowe, Wilmington, DE. Elizabeth worked for DuPont for 15 years and later for the Brandywine School District until her retirement in 1987. She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Fiorine Matrippolito, Hockessin, DE. Fiorine was a dedicated, loving mother and homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and had an incredible sense of humor.

Angela M. Matt '83, Newark, DE. Angela worked as an administrative assistant for six years at DuPont. She also became a certified pharmaceutical technician in

the state of Delaware. She was a talented artist who loved to draw.

Anna R. McGinn '55, Cambridge, MD. Anna worked various jobs throughout her career for the state of Delaware. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church for over 60 years. She enjoyed playing bridge, traveling and playing the piano.

Sally Ann McIlvaine, Woodstown, NJ. Sally was a full-time homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and was a lifelong member of Asbury United Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing bridge and bowling.

Barbara McKee, Lancaster, PA. Barbara worked for DuPont for over 30 years. She held several positions before retiring as an administrative assistant for the vice president of information systems in 1996.

E. Christine McKenna '94, Bear, DE. Christine began her career as a teacher's aide at the Delaware School for the Deaf. She also worked for G.C. Industries as an accountant. She became an agent with the IRS and also worked for H&R Block during tax season.

Dorothy E. Medico '53, Wilmington, DE. Dorothy worked for DuPont until retirement. She took a few years off to raise her family and later returned to work at the DuPont Experimental Station. She enjoyed bird watching, the beach and singing Christmas tunes.

Judith H. Merrill, Wilmington, DE. Judith worked as an administrative assistant for DuPont for over 50 years. She was a newspaper carrier for 30 years.

John M. Mervine Sr., Greenwood, DE. John was the president and founder of Nanticoke Homes, Inc. and was elected the Sussex County

tax collector, working three different offices at one time. He enjoyed flying and golfing. He was a member of the Wesleyan Church and served on the Houghton College board, Milford Hospital board, and the Woodbridge & State School Boards.

David K. Metz Jr., Easton, MD. From 1944-1946, David served in the Merchant Marines. He later bought and operated the Queen Anne Grain Co. and Queen Anne Grain Co. Seed House.

Norris J. "Buddy" Milburn '70, Newark, DE. Norris served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at many bases throughout the country. After his service, he worked for DuPont for 40 years and held several leadership roles

before he retired in 2010.

Lillian Alberta Mink, Rising Sun, MD. Lillian worked as a secretary for the University of Delaware. She was a prolific writer and a published poet. She often wrote letters to family and friends.

Angeline McCall "Angie" Myers, Wilmington, DE. Angie worked as a secretary for Kinnamon, Taylor and Dawes insurance agency for 25 years. She was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for many years. She and her husband raised four children and spent a tremendous amount of time volunteering and helping their local community. They also took in a family from Vietnam after the Vietnam War.

Harry Morris Nelson, Dover, DE. Harry served in the U.S. Army for two years before attending Goldey-Beacom College. He owned and operated a country store and delicatessen for 23 years, then founded a computer rental company. He held several Capital School District positions as well as president of the Kiwanis Foundation. Known as the "fun uncle", he loved music and sang in several church choirs.

Carolyn E. Patterson '62, Shad Point, MD. Carolyn enjoyed working as an executive secretary for Dennis Sales Ltd. for over 30 years. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and sang in the choir.

Rebecca Abel Willey 1920– 2019

Rebecca Abel Willey '41, Wilmington, DE. On Friday, March 29, 2019, the College community lost a longtime friend and professor. Rebecca Abel Willey passed away peacefully at age 99 leaving a legacy and a residence hall named in her honor – Rebecca Abel Hall – on the beautiful Goldey-Beacom College campus.

Rebecca graduated from Elkton High School and from the Women's College of the University of Delaware in 1940 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and a certificate to teach high school mathematics and chemistry. With no openings for a teaching position available, she entered Beacom College and was offered a position. Throughout her 42 years of service, Rebecca held many teaching and administrative positions including academic dean, vice president of academic affairs and secretary to the board of trustees. She retired in 1984 with the rank of Distinguished Professor. Prior to her retirement, Rebecca Abel Hall was built and dedicated in her honor. One week later, Rebecca married Russell W. Willey, a Sunday school classmate, and changed her name to Rebecca Abel Willey.



Rebecca loved life and loved the College. Every year, the last two weeks of August she and her parents would travel the United States, starting in the New England states followed by the Smokey Mountains. Later, they were so intrigued by the West, they made three trips out that way. Even after her father passed away, the trips continued, encompassing the 48 continental states. She later took tours to Alaska and Hawaii completing her goal of all 50 states.



George Constantinou '47, 1926 – 2019

George Constantinou, Greenville, DE. On Thursday, February 28, 2019, the College lost a true friend, entrepreneur and iconic restaurateur.

Inspired by his father's expert cooking and strong business sense, George convinced his parents to open a submarine sandwich shop – "Sophie's". Shortly after the opening, he joined the U.S. Army and proudly served his country. When he returned home, he continued working at Sophie's and met the love of his life, Priscilla, at a YMCA dance. They married and worked together side by side and raised five children.

George graduated from GBC in 1947 which helped him gain exposure to the many

other facets of business learned through education. With his innate business savvy and education in hand, he ultimately created Constantinou's House of Beef on Delaware Avenue. The business continued to grow in the mid 1970's to include George's Next Door. He retired in 1986. In 1993, his son opened Walter's Steakhouse on Union Street. This allowed him the opportunity to reconnect with the legions of Prime Rib fans he nurtured.

Ellen Cowgill Peden '52, New Castle, DE. Ellen was a top realtor for Patterson Schwartz for many years. She enjoyed early morning gardening and volunteered for the Arasapha Garden Club, May Market and A Day in Old New Castle.

Ruth May Fleetwood Peterson, Seaford, DE. Ruth worked for the telephone company and Fleetwood & Wilson Pure Oil. She was an instrumental part in supporting her husband with his business ventures including O. E. Peterson Co. and Peninsula Plumbing Supply Co., which is now Penco Corporations. She was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker.

James R. Phillips III '60, Berlin, MD. James served in the U.S. Army and later became a Maryland State Police state trooper. He also became an agent for the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Agency.

Edith Lacey "Peggy" Robinson, Dover, DE. Peggy worked as a secretary for AAA Motor Club for seven years. She raised two daughters and loved to volunteer for the community gift shop and organize the holiday cookie and soup fundraisers. She enjoyed her friends in the Red Hat Society and regularly attended church services.

Jane S. Ryan, New Castle, DE. After raising her family, Jane joined the family business with her sons, First State Steel Drum. She also worked as a secretary for the Delaware State Police for five years. She was a loving, devoted mother and wife who never missed one of her son's or husband's sporting events.

Jay Rodney Schlink '97 '00, Townsend, DE. Jay proudly served his country in the Delaware Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1969-1975. From 1976-1984, he served as an aircraft maintenance specialist and

team chief in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. In 1984, he received the Air Force Medal of Commendation. Due to an industrial accident, Jay became a paraplegic. He became a role model and hero, and was an inspiration for the laws that require gas stations to provide handicapped accessibility to gas pumps.

Albert Roy Schuster, Elkton, MD. Albert retired in 1989 as executive controller from James Julian Construction. He also spent 16 years working for the Lanier Golf Club in Cumming, GA.

Carol Shrenk '82, Wilmington, DE. Carol earned a degree in accounting from GBC and was an active member of St. James of Newport Church.

James E. Shockley '58, Berlin, MD. James served in the U.S. Army for two years in Germany. After graduating from GBC, he began a career in finance. James worked in

the banking industry for over 30 years. He was a member and past president of the Salisbury Lions Club.

Robert Everett "Bob" Simmons, Lewes, DE. Bob was a self-employed commercial photographer for many years. He received his certification in photography from the Antonelli Institute in Philadelphia. He enjoyed spending time with his family, nature and photography.

Jean Simpson, Ocean City, NJ. Jean worked for DuPont before moving to Ocean City. She was an active member of the Colony Club where she acted and directed many of their drama department's theater productions.

Nelson Paul Slaughter, Wilmington, DE. Nelson worked for DuPont for 37 years as a computer operations supervisor at DuPont Chamber Works in New Jersey. Nelson was an avid golfer and a member of the DuPont Country Club for 77 years.

Joanne Hudson Simacek, Hockessin, DE. Joanne had a successful career at Hercules, Inc. and Bernard. She also worked at St. Ann's Church where she cooked for the priests.

William G. "Bill" Smith '77, Coatesville, PA. Bill served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958-1964. Following his service, he worked as a banker for 30 years in Downingtown, PA. He was a member of the Olivet United Methodist Church.

Jesse Spencer '60, Wilmington, DE. Jesse enjoyed working with horses and ponies. He worked for over 20 years giving pony rides from his property. Later, he worked at the YMCA in Wilmington.

Ritchie H. Staats, Ft. Lauderdale. Ritchie was a seaman in the Merchant

Marines and served on Liberty ships as WWII ended. He later joined the U.S. Army and served in Korea. After he completed his military service, he briefly worked for Pennsylvania Railroad and General Motors. He later worked for the Wilmington Fire Department and held positions including lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. He also served as the director for personnel and planning for Wilmington Public Safety. He retired in 1970 and worked at various racetracks. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Lois Leaman Stehr '48, Wilmington, DE. Lois worked as a secretary for the Hercules, Inc. until she met her husband. Lois was an avid golfer and wine enthusiast who enjoyed vacations and spending time with family and friends.

Ruth S. Stobin, Las Vegas, NV. Ruth was born in Rheine, Germany in 1924. She and her family were able to flee Germany in 1939, first going to England, then to the United States. Her family settled in Wilmington where she continued her education at GBC and had a successful career as a bookkeeper and secretary. She also served as treasurer of her homeowners association. Ruth was active in the senior center life and enjoyed playing canasta, bingo and knitting. She loved to travel and throughout her life, she traveled to most of the United States and 57 countries.

Barbara Studley Dietert, Salisbury, MD. Barbara worked as an administrative assistant with Blazer Financial Services until her retirement. She also helped her husband run a local antique business, Barbara Ellen's Antiques.

Irene B. Striker, Wilmington, DE. Irene worked in the administrative office at General Motors for 16 years. She later spent over

20 years working in the travel industry, and was the owner of Peregrine Travel in Mendenhall, PA.

Beverly Robinson Szameit '52, Salisbury, MD. Beverly worked for Dulany, Dresser-Wayne, Adkins Potts and Smethurst, PRMC and for 28 years as the medical director's secretary at Deers Head Hospital Center. She was a 40-year member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and was the church organist and choir director.

Filippo "Fil" Traini Jr., Glenolden, PA. Fil proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Norwood American Legion Post. He loved crossword puzzles, walking and being in the sun.

Norma D. Uischner, Wilmington, DE. After Norma graduated from Beacom College, she worked for Hercules, Inc. until the birth of her daughter. She became a full-time stay-at-home mom. Upon the death of her husband, Norma returned to Wilmington and her work at Hercules, Inc.

Virginia Banning Walls, Dover, DE. Virginia worked for Delaware State University and the State Pension Office for many years. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and volunteered at the church clothing closet as well as the hospital.

George W. Ward, Seaford, DE. George served in the U.S. Air Force and later began his professional career at Beacon Milling Company. He relocated his family to Oklahoma City to work for Caroline Foods. Ultimately, he returned home to Seaford and worked for PENCO as an accountant and comptroller until his retirement.

Frederick Albert Warwick '77, Wilmington, DE. Frederick began his

professional career as a City of Wilmington police officer. He later became the head of security at the Brandywine Race Track. He then went on to work at Wilmington Trust Company. He retired from the state of Delaware as a special investigator for the Attorney General's Office.

Jeannette H. Welsh '85, New Castle, DE. Jeannette held various jobs throughout her life, but she always enjoyed her time with the Boscov's crew. She was always kind and quick with a laugh. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

Doris V. Whitcoe, Wilmington, DE. Doris worked as a secretary at DiSabatino & Raniere Construction Company and later as a bookkeeper at Gemco Employees Federal Credit Union. She was an avid pinochle player and enjoyed playing Sudoku, solving crossword puzzles and reading.

Robin Lynn White '78, Delmar, DE. After college, Robin worked for PRMC and many doctors' offices in town as a medical transcriptionist.

Cheryl Gunter Wilson-Duer, New Castle, DE. Cheryl began her career as a part-time X-ray assistant at the A.I. duPont Children's Hospital. She later became a full-time secretary at All American Engineering. She spent several years as a secretary to James H. Gilliam, Sr. and also worked as a bartender. In 1975, she opened Cheryl's Sky Lounge at the New Castle Airport which she owned and operated for 21 years. Cheryl went to work for UPS in 1996 and retired from there in 2008. During her time at UPS she also worked part time for the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and the New Castle Historical Society.

John E. Willey Sr., Seaford, DE. John served as the president of Peninsula Oil Company, Inc. Following his retirement, his son, John

E. Willey II, assumed the presidency. The business was founded in 1935 by his father, J. Emory Willey Sr. The company began with one 500-gallon delivery truck and became a fleet of delivery trucks across the Kent and Sussex Counties in Delaware and Caroline and Wicomico Counties in Maryland. John also served in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS Cowanesque. He was discharged with a rank of Seaman First Class.

Joan Burkins Wolf, Massanutten, VA. Joan had an extensive career in the health care industry. She specialized in geriatric nursing in several capacities. Most recently, she was the director of clinical services at Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg.

JoAnn Wolfe, Quarryville, PA. During her working career, JoAnn was a professor of accounting and information technology at Goldey-Beacom College spanning 16 years. The College recognized her with the Excellence in Teaching Award. She also authored a textbook, *Fundamentals of Real Estate Mathematics*. JoAnn served as auditor of London Britain Township in Chester County for six years and was an active member of the Calvary Independent Baptist Church.

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