GIVING BACK

When Brian Heckler was a student at Shippensburg University in the early 1980s, his education was made financially possible through scholarships and work study funding. As an accounting major, he received The Crouse Business Scholarship, which helped him to focus on his education and graduate summa cum laude from the College of Business in 1984.

Heckler never forgot the generosity of the Crouses and committed himself to return the favor for future students when he was financially able. This semester, The Brian L. Heckler Accounting Scholarship was awarded for the first time to freshman accounting major Morgan Landman of Clear Spring, Maryland.

After graduation, it didn’t take long for Heckler’s career to take off. He landed a job at Peat Marwick, Mitchell in Harrisburg and continued his career with KPMG LLP in Harrisburg, New York, and Chicago. He is the National Industry Sector leader for KPMG’s Industrial Manufacturing Sector.

“There are still a lot of students out there like me—hardworking first-generation college students who are looking to better their lives—and we should support that. Ship has given me a life beyond my expectations, and I hope others can experience that.”

SU FOUNDATION BOARD NAMES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

The Shippensburg University Foundation had a successful year under new leadership. Dr. Leslie Folmer Clinton ’82 became president and CEO of the SU Foundation on October 31, 2017.

“I was very fortunate to inherit a well-run and established organization,” Clinton said. “Thanks to the talents of the foundation staff, exceptional executive committee, and a committed board of directors under the leadership of board chair, Joel Zullinger, the SU Foundation had an outstanding fundraising year with more than $6 million in charitable contributions.” This is the highest dollar total in a non-capital or comprehensive year in the history of the SU Foundation.

“Helping Shippensburg University students and the region exceed expectations will always be a priority for the SU Foundation Board of Directors and our staff. So, our work continues to advance the mission of Shippensburg University now and into the future,” she said.

“The foundation’s executive committee and board of directors were so impressed with Dr. Clinton’s educational background and work experience that we wanted to pursue her for the position of president and CEO of the SU Foundation,” Zullinger said.

Clinton served Shippensburg University for fifteen years, most recently as vice president of external and university relations and director of the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. She earned her bachelor's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University, a master's degree in public administration from The American University, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Duquesne University.

She began her career serving as a press secretary to a US Congressman for five years in Washington, DC. She then worked for the SU Foundation for more than eight years as the annual fund director and the first director of development. Mansfield University then named her its first vice president for development and executive director of its foundation.

STUDENTS ARE GETTING INVOLVED AND GIVING BACK

The SU Foundation recently established a new Student Foundation. This group of students will focus on educating campus about philanthropy and getting students involved in giving back. Students in this group will be involved with event planning, learning leadership skills, volunteer opportunities, and can take advantage of networking opportunities with alumni.

NEW NATIONAL ANNUAL FUND CO-CHAIR ANNOUNCED

A very big thank you to outgoing 2016-2018 National Annual Fund co-chairs, Ms. Judy Foglesoner ’82m and Mr. Forbes Borthwick. Under their leadership the Annual Fund exceeded its goal for 2017-2018 by raising $2,752,870. The SU Foundation welcomes David Weisgerber ’81 as the 2018-2019 National Annual Fund chair. This year, the goal is $2.8 million. Judy and Forbes provided David with four $100 bills and two $2 bills to jump start this year’s campaign. Thank you to everyone who gave a gift to the Annual Fund in support of the students, faculty, and programs at Shippensburg University.
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Focused on Student Success

With the start of fall semester, our campus has been a flurry of activity! From move-in day and Welcome Week to our annual Parents and Family Celebration and introducing our first-year students to the college experience, the entire Ship community is focused on the success of our students.

Our student support resources are now under one roof. We’ve reallocated our space in Mowrey Hall as the Student Success Center, which includes services such as the Learning Center, Academic Success Program, Department of Academic Engagement and Exploratory Studies, and International Programs and Studies. Our First-Year Experience faculty and Peer Anchors are acclimating our new students to life on campus and supporting them in reaching their academic goals. Sarah Kistner, one of our Peer Anchors, discusses her experience in the student section of this issue. This fall, we also hosted the first State System conference on student success.

We continually take pride in the quality of our programs! We recently announced the School of Engineering, which includes the departments of Computer Science, as well as Computer, Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering. Plans for the school’s new home are underway. A new Peace Corps Prep program primes students to enter the Peace Corps after completing focused coursework and experiences. We’ve developed a new online degree completion program centered on the needs and availability of our adult learners. We also are proud to see several of our students defending their dissertations in the Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Read more about the development of our doctoral programs in the feature on page 32.

A beautiful homecoming weekend provided the opportunity to welcome back alumni and share our passion for Ship! In the midst of celebrating, I was happy to join our Greek students and alumni as they dedicated time for community service at King’s Kettle Food Pantry. The homecoming committee also raised more than $12,000 for the Hound Packs Program, which provides meals to food insecure students in the Shippensburg Area School District. What a great effort!

Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni have excellent stories to share. In these pages, you’ll read about our top-ranking ROTC students and Zach Sims, a four-year scholarship recipient who has truly found a supportive family at Ship. Our alumni continually impress with their creativity and professionalism in careers such as theatre arts and unique positions in the professional sports world. Also hear how Mark Duckworth ’02 worked on the team at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia to introduce new therapy in the fight against pediatric cancer.

It’s hard to believe that it’s been a full year since I first shared my story with you through the magazine. We’ve had fun, faced challenges, and made waves at Ship and in our community. In addition to the new faces we’ve welcomed on campus, I had the pleasure of introducing Dr. Dan Greenstein, the State System’s new chancellor, to our university this fall. As my Ship journey continues, I’ve asked all members of our university family to keep student success, sharing our story, community engagement, and quality as the university’s four priorities. Together, we are charting a strong course for Ship!
MEETING THE STATE SYSTEM’S NEW CHANCELLOR

In September, students, staff, and faculty met with Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education new Chancellor Dan Greenstein, welcoming him to campus and sharing the Ship experience.

NEW PEACE CORPS PROGRAM OFFERED

Introduced during the fall 2018 semester, students now have the opportunity to apply for a Peace Corps Prep program.

Coordinated by the Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center along with the International Studies Program, Ship is only the fifth school in the state to partner with Peace Corps Prep. When the program is completed, students receive a certificate, making them twice as likely to be hired by the Peace Corps.

Students must have eligible academic, career, leadership, and work experience requirements to apply. They also must declare a minor in International Development, which includes courses from international studies along with a Peace Corps field such as education, health, youth development, community economic development, environment, or agriculture. The process requires students to complete fifty hours of volunteer, work experience, or internship experience as well as leadership experience in an organization and prepare a resume, application essay, and interview.

GREENSTEIN LEADS STATE SYSTEM AS CHANCELLOR

Dr. Daniel Greenstein became the fifth chancellor of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education on September 4. In that role, he serves as chief executive officer of the State System, which operates Pennsylvania’s fourteen public universities, serving more than 100,000 students. The chancellor works with the Board of Governors to recommend and develop overall policies for the State System.

Greenstein previously led the Postsecondary Success strategy at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he worked with other higher education leaders across the country on initiatives designed to raise educational-attainment levels and to promote economic mobility, especially among low-income and minority students. He developed and implemented a national strategy for increasing the number of degrees awarded and for reducing the attainment gaps among majority and non-majority students at US colleges and universities.

Before joining the foundation, Greenstein was vice provost for academic planning and programs for the University of California (UC) system. In that role, he oversaw system-wide academic planning and programs, including the University of California Press; the California Digital Library; the UC system’s Education Abroad Program; internship programs in Washington, DC, and Sacramento; and UC Online Education.

Greenstein has created and led several Internet-based academic information services in the United States and the United Kingdom, served on boards, and acted in strategic consulting roles for educational, cultural heritage, and information organizations. He began his academic career as a senior lecturer in modern history at Glasgow University in Scotland.

He holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and a DPhil from the University of Oxford. An enthusiastic cyclist, Greenstein and his wife, Melissa, have two children.

HOSTING THE ENGLISH ASSOCIATION

In October, all fourteen universities in Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education gathered at Ship for the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities (EAPSU) Conference. Combined as both a faculty and undergraduate student research conference for the first time, Ship welcomed State System schools as well as faculty and students from Boston College, St. Francis University, Arcadia University, and others.

Keynote speaker, award-winning author, and poet Patricia Smith also attended the EAPSU conference to host a poetry open-mic event for students and read her poetry at the keynote dinner. Participants presented research and attended student and faculty panels and presentations.
New Administrators Join Ship

Shippensburg University welcomed two new administrators to campus in August. Scott Barton assumed the role of senior vice president for administration and finance, and Dr. Sue Mukherjee took an expanded chief of staff role as chief strategy officer.

Barton comes to Shippensburg from Mansfield University, where he served as interim president since the summer of 2017. He guided significant improvements, including the opening of the municipal police academy and regional training center, and undertook an aggressive campaign to improve communication and create a more inclusive atmosphere on campus and in the community. Previously, he was Mansfield’s vice president of administration and finance.

Barton holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, and a Master’s in Business Administration from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. He is pursuing his doctorate in education with a focus on transformational leadership from The University of New England. He has nearly two decades of experience as a financial administrator in the areas of accounting and information technology. He previously worked as a financial credit examiner for the state of Colorado, a bank examiner for the state of Montana, and northwest area controller for LandAmerica.

Mukherjee joins Shippensburg from the State System office, where she served as assistant vice chancellor for educational intelligence. She provided strategic decision-support for State System stakeholders in a manner that helps with student access and success and also assisted the State System’s universities individually and collectively to increase their connection to Pennsylvania’s economy.

She worked for the Pennsylvania departments of Labor and Industry and Education, where she was responsible for development and implementation of policies, programs, and research that enhanced Pennsylvania’s education development, data quality initiatives, and workforce development strategies.

Mukherjee earned a PhD in Administrative Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is currently an agency fellow at the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University’s Strategic Data Project, and is a commissioner on Governor Tom Wolf’s Commission for Asian Pacific American Affairs.

9/11 HEADLINE

Flags blanketed the quad as the university community gathered in remembrance on 9/11. SU’s ROTC cadets and members of Alpha Kappa Psi, the coed professional business fraternity, placed the flags on campus for the memorial.

Scott Barton, senior vice president for administration and finance (left), and Dr. Sue Mukherjee, chief strategy officer (right).
**Grab good eats from 11:00AM to 1:00PM during Food Truck Fridays at the intersection of Earl and Fort streets.**

Sponsored by Shippensburg Station, the university, and the Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail Council, different food trucks set up around lunchtime during the semester. Keep up with who’s coming on the Shippensburg Station Facebook page!

**PRACTICE YOUR BEST** side arm throw, and head to Ship’s new disc golf course in the field next to Seavers Hall! Three baskets are in place, with plans to update the course to nine in the future.

**WINNING TWO OUT OF THREE,**

Ship’s SUTV earned a pair of Collegiate Emmy’s this fall, having been the only State System school to receive three nominations. SUTV won in the sports live event category for “Mansfield at Shippensburg Men’s Basketball.” Marshall Keely earned an Emmy® in the arts and entertainment/cultural affairs category as a producer/reporter for “Brass Camp.” Paige Arensmeyer was nominated in the long form category as producer/reporter for “Life in Gros Mangles.”

**ROTC CADETS RANK TOP IN THE NATION**

Four Shippensburg University Army ROTC cadets earned the Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) designation this fall. Senior criminal justice major Reilly Kline, senior psychology major Patrick Hiller, senior management major Haylie Hardy, and senior criminal justice major Johnathan Adami are ranked in the top 20 percent of all ROTC cadets from nearly 1,000 colleges and universities across the country.

The designation and ranking is determined by performance in three areas over the course of a student’s time as a cadet—academics, physical fitness, and leadership potential.

“I’m immensely proud of these four cadets. This marks the first time in several years that the Shippensburg ROTC program has multiple DMGs from a single graduating class. They are a great example to their fellow cadets and will undoubtedly make excellent Army Officers in service of their country,” said Lt. Col. Chris Morton, chair of the Military Science Department.

The four cadets will graduate and commission as second lieutenants in May 2019.

**SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS**

Over 300 students, staff, and faculty joined hands with the communities of Shippensburg, Harrisburg, Gettysburg, and the neighboring areas on September 8 for Ship’s annual Day of Service.
The Ship community came out in full force to welcome our newest students and their families in August! Students, faculty, and staff flexed their muscles to quickly get our first-years unpacked and to their rooms. Our Ship Crew 2022 got acclimated to campus during cookouts, fireworks, an ice cream social, the annual faculty/student soccer game, and plenty of other activities. Convocation provided an opportunity for classmates to gather together to launch their academic careers at Ship and to support each other knowing that in four years, they would return to the same place for commencement. **We wish our Ship Crew 2022 nothing but success!**

**School of Engineering Announced**

Previously the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the new School of Engineering debuted during the fall semester, which is now home to the departments of Computer Science, as well as Computer, Electrical, Software, Civil and Mechanical Engineering.

These departments and the School of Engineering fall under the College of Arts and Sciences. In creating the separation of these programs, Ship has increased in efficiency in regards to sharing resources and also the potential growth of individuals in each specific department.

This school was created in response to the need of engineers in the Commonwealth; these programs at Ship prepare students to acquire jobs in the field right after graduation by allowing them to blend theory with hands-on experience. The first engineering program, computer engineering, began in 2011 and the most recent, civil engineering, received approval in 2018.

Ship’s former steam plant property will be transformed into the future home of the School of Engineering.

**STUDENT CLUB EARNs AWARD**

The Human Resources Management Club through the John L. Grove College of Business recently received the 2017-2018 Superior Merit Award from The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). The award honors groups who provide superior growth as well as development opportunities to its student chapter members.

SHRM is the world’s largest HR professional society, representing 285,000 members in more than 160 countries.
FULL OF PRIDE, the Shippensburg University community celebrated the grand opening of its Pride Center in October. The new center, located on the second floor of the CUB, offers all members of the university an inclusive, safe, and supportive space. In addition to resources and events, the Pride Center provides a place to voice concerns related to the LGBTQ+ communities.

ALL TREATS NO TRICKS for neighborhood kids enjoying Halloween fun at Ship in October. Families attending the Treats No Tricks carnival on the Old Main lawn played games, did crafts, bounced through obstacle courses, and of course, filled their goodie bags. Thanks to all our volunteers for making it a fun event!

CREATING FOR A CAUSE, Professor Steve Dolbin’s art students in sculpture and 3D courses donated artwork to the Domestic Abuse Services annual art auction in September. The auction was held in October, and proceeds benefitted the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

NEW ONLINE OPTIONS FOR ADULT LEARNERS
Shippensburg University announced changes to its degree completion program this fall that will enhance opportunities for adult learners. Designed specifically to meet the needs of adult learners, the program shifts from a hybrid delivery platform to an entirely online program that can be completed in two years.

A newly developed liberal arts track joins the existing technical leadership administration concentration, diversifying career tracks for students in this program. With its focus on cross-cultural understanding, critical and creative problem-solving, interpersonal communication, intensive reading and writing, and management business courses, the liberal arts track of this degree completion program will give graduates the edge they need to succeed. For more information, visit ship.edu/pcde/PSDCP.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
Fall semester kicked off a rebranding of Mowrey Hall, which was renovated from a former residence hall to the new Student Success Center. Mowrey now houses services for exploratory studies, the Learning Center, the Academic Success Center, International Programs, the First-Year Experience, and community engagement. Other campus updates include Heiges Field House, which got a facelift in September with a brand-new floor, and a new ramp and steps at Seth Grove Stadium.
Poli Sci Major Earns Harrisburg Internship

As part of a fifteen-week internship sponsored by Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, political science major Lucas Smith is working for the state Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

Known as The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS), the program offers students opportunities in all departments of the state government while allowing them to earn a semester’s worth of credits.

Smith and students invited from other State System schools will spend the semester attending academic seminars and completing an individualized research capstone to fulfill the program’s requirements.

Since THIS began in 1989, over 600 students from the State System have participated and gained valuable insight from working behind the scenes of policy-making in state government with offices such as the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the attorney general.

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FROM THE VAULT

Mother Nature set a soggy scene for the start of the 2018-19 academic year! Warm temps and wet weather welcomed students back to campus, with September bringing in nearly 9 inches of rain, marking Ship’s fifth-wettest September on record. All that water took us back to the Flood of 1972, during Hurricane Agnes.

- Then-Shippensburg State College (SSC) requested money from the Commonwealth to repair a damaged chain-link fence around Heiges Field House costing $1,300, as well as the totaled squash courts, requiring $27,600.
- Extensive damage required that Burd Run Bridge be replaced.
- The total loss from flooding for Pennsylvania education and libraries totaled $55 million dollars.
- Twenty SSC students and faculty completed training with the American Red Cross to help local flood victims in June.
- SSC volunteers visited three centers in Lemoyne and Harrisburg to counsel flood families, dispense Red Cross funds and supplies, and help families relocate and report their hardships to the state. “When you first hear of a need for volunteers, you feel that cleanup work is the primary necessity. But then you realize there are other jobs that are just as important,” said student Kathy Fitzpatrick.
- Out of 3,950 SSC students, 2,900 received aid, totaling $3 million.
- PHEAA allocated more than $580,000 in state money, matching funds in areas where flooding was severe.

Special thanks to Shippensburg University Archives for contributing to this piece.
H. RIC LUHRS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

For more information, and to order tickets, visit luhrscenter.com, or call the Luhrs Center Box Office at (717) 477-SHOW (7469).

Tommy James & The Shondells with very special guests The Buckinghams

January 19 | 7:30PM | $75–$55

“Crystal Blue Persuasion,” “I Think We’re Alone Now,” and “Hanky Panky” are just a few hits from Tommy James. James garnered twenty-three gold records, nine platinum albums, and over 100 million records sold worldwide, in addition to his thirty-two Billboard Hot 100 charting hits.

One of the most beloved and respected Chicago bands, The Buckinghams’ live concerts pack power into 1960s pop rock. Bringing back great memories with their chart-topping 60s hits like “Kind of a Drag,” The Buckinghams include 70s favorites in their powerful sets, electrifying audiences with dynamic vocals and solid harmonies.

Chicks with Hits Tour with Terri Clark, Pam Tillis, and Suzy Bogguss

February 8 | 7:30PM | $65–$45

Three powerhouse female country singers will deliver one hit after another on the Luhrs Center stage when Terri Clark, Pam Tillis, and Suzy Bogguss bring their Chicks with Hits tour to Shippensburg!

Mnozil Brass: Cirque

February 12 | 7:30PM | $35–$20

Mnozil Brass will explore the depths of their instruments once again to entertain you in the new show “Cirque.” Entering the ring to combat the monkey business of daily life with music and humor, and transforming the stage into a musical flea circus…Come one! Come all! Listen and be amazed! Mnozil Brass are decisive and strong believers that the earth is round, humanity laughs, and the world is a circus.

Popovich Comedy Pet Theater

February 17 | 1:00PM and 4:00PM | $45–$25

The Popovich Comedy Pet Theater is entertainment for the whole family, featuring the comedy and juggling skills of former Moscow Circus veteran Gregory Popovich and his talented performing pets. His entourage consists of world-class jugglers, Diamond the Shetland Pony, and over thirty performing pets. The Popovich Comedy Pet Theater has a rich performance history, presenting thousands of shows in more than twenty countries and is currently in its twelfth season at the Planet Hollywood Resort/Casino in Las Vegas.
The Irish Tenors
March 8 | 7:30 PM | $55–$35

The Irish Tenors have been the acknowledged Celtic music kings since they burst upon the scene during a 1998 PBS special. With ten best-selling CDs to their credit, they share company with the likes of The Three Tenors and Andrea Bocelli as the biggest money makers PBS has presented. The Irish Tenors rekindled the love of all things Irish in America and opened the door for countless Irish music groups to hit the United States.

Blood, Sweat & Tears & WAR
March 15 | 7:30 PM | $75–$55

It's been five decades since drummer/producer Bobby Colomby and friends assembled Blood, Sweat & Tears, the first group to successfully blend rock and jazz into a genre-crossing sound and style. The band's second album, Blood, Sweat & Tears, topped the Billboard charts for many weeks, including hits "You Made Me So Very Happy," "Spinning Wheel," and "And When I Die." BS&T has won three GRAMMYs and was nominated over ten times.

In 1969, during anti-Vietnam America, the group carried the name WAR to spread a message of brotherhood and harmony. WAR's hits include "Spill The Wine," "Low Rider," and "Why Can't We Be Friends?".

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show
March 23 | 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM | $45–$15

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by author/illustrator Eric Carle, has delighted generations of readers since it was first published in 1969. Carle's well-known books captivated readers with his iconic colorful hand-painted tissue paper collage illustrations and distinctively simple stories. The timeless classic has made its way off the page and to the stage, featuring a menagerie of seventy-five lovable puppets, faithfully adapting four of Eric Carle's stories.

In The Mood: Twenty-fifth Silver Celebration Tour
March 31 | 3:00 PM | $32–$25

Complete with the String of Pearls Orchestra and the In The Mood singers and dancers, In The Mood is a 1940s musical revue that creates a nostalgic atmosphere transporting the audience back in time. For over two hours, this retro event will enthrall with its singers, dancers, and period costumes; fine orchestral arrangements; vocalists delivering songs from the 1930s and 1940s; choreographed dance routines; and shear American pizzazz.

HOPE Diversity Scholarship Fund Benefit Dinner & Program
Gladys Knight
March 22 | 7:30 PM | $95–$75 | VIP seating available—$200*

The great ones endure, and Gladys Knight has long been one of the greatest. Few singers over the last fifty years have matched her unassailable artistry. This seven-time Grammy winner has enjoyed No. 1 hits in Pop, Gospel, R&B and Adult Contemporary, and has triumphed in film, television, and live performance. She has recorded more than thirty-eight albums over the years, including four solo albums during the past decade. Her many years performing with "The Pips" yielded top twenty hits such as "Every Beat of My Heart," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "Midnight Train to Georgia," and many more. HOPE Diversity Scholarships are awarded to first-year students from ethnically diverse populations who demonstrate excellence in academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and SAT scores.

HOPE Diversity Scholarship Fund Benefit Dinner & VIP Concert Seating:
Dinner in the Tuscarora Room | Reisner Hall | 5:30 PM | $55
* Dinner and VIP Concert Seating (rows A, B, C, or D) | 5:30 PM | $200

*For tickets and information about the dinner or the dinner and VIP Concert Seating package, call the Shippensburg University Foundation at (717) 477-1377. To order tickets for the concert only, call the box office at (717) 477-SHOW (7469) or purchase online at luhrscenter.com.
One reason that Zach Sims chose to attend Shippensburg University was its proximity to home—he needed to keep his family close. As the finance and entrepreneurship major finishes his senior year, he’s found that his family has expanded tremendously at Ship.

Having his mom in the stands as Sims played baseball through high school meant the world to him, so he joined the Raiders baseball team knowing it was a reasonable driving distance from Middletown. “Most people want to go away for college, but I wanted my mom to be able to attend my games.”

Balancing athletics and academics was demanding, but having that student-athlete community behind him pushed him through some challenging personal moments. “The things that have meant the most to me are the relationships. I’ve experienced hardships. I’m an open book type of person—it’s my way to vent and deal with things.”

Fortunately, Sims found nothing but support on the field and in the classroom. Whether dealing with personal issues or trying to find the motivation to tackle class projects, his teammates, classmates, coaches, and professors held him up.

Sims needed that support more than ever during the summer of 2017. He was relishing one of the highlights of his college career as he returned from playing with the Raiders in the regional tournament. “Our most memorable season was sophomore year,” he said. “We were on the way home, got in late, and my brother called. My mom was in the hospital.”

Although he was concerned, he’d hoped his mom would be admitted and released the next day. Instead, doctors found a mass on her lung. She had stage 3 lung cancer. She was a smoker, but she was young. Sims wasn’t sure what that would mean going forward, but he knew he needed to be with her every step of the way.

The diagnosis was complicated. She needed chemotherapy and radiation. Doctors said she might lose weight, so Sims helped her follow a plan to stay healthy and strong. “It was hard to do. At the end of the day, it’s me and my mom. I needed to be there for her. For me, it was the least I could do for her.”

He briefly wondered if he was close enough to home, but he knew he had to stay at Ship. “I knew there was zero chance that my mom would let me not go back to school. Being successful is what was going to make her happy.”

Sims traveled to Middletown to be with his mom during doctor’s appointments, treatments, surgeries, and recoveries. Last fall, they received good news that his mom’s tumor had reduced in size and could be surgically removed. The surgery did remove the tumor, but also required removing part of her lung. It was a difficult recovery. Over winter break last year, he worked to help
his mom navigate life with an oxygen tank and build her endurance.

Today, he proudly reports that she hardly uses oxygen and is doing remarkably well. “One thing I value more than anything is my family.”

Sims knew that he could support his mom because, in turn, his Ship family was present to support him emotionally, academically, and financially. Sims is a recipient of the Gerald R. Fetrow Baseball Scholarship and the Shirley Fry Fox Scholarship. “A lot of it is about the culture here. It’s about the acts of kindness.”

Sims said he started at Ship with ten student-athletes, and they’ve stuck together. It’s a strong group who has taken the time to get to know each other personally. “It’s eye opening. You get a picture of how other people’s worlds are.”

With his final semester approaching, he is focused on a career in finance. He completed an internship with Polaris Advisers over the summer and is working with the Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center to secure a local position in his field.
Page (Heath) Brannan ’04
WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Page (Heath) Brannan is one of the most dominant women's lacrosse players in school history, having set the school record for career assists (69) and points (244) while finishing second all-time in career goals (175). She led the Raiders in scoring in all four of her seasons, including as a senior when SU went 10-5 and reached the PSAC Semifinals.

Brannan was named the 2002 PSAC Women's Lacrosse Player of the Year. She was a three-time All-PSAC performer and a three-time IWLCA All-American, earning First Team honors as a sophomore before receiving Second Team honors as a junior and senior.

Brannan was a decorated student-athlete, enrolled in the SU Honors Program as an accounting major. She finished as a three-time Academic All-American, earning First Team honors as a senior and Third Team honors as a sophomore and junior. There are only three people in history to be named an Academic All-American three times: Brannan, Brian Cozzens (basketball 1980-82), and Neely Spence Gracey (track and field/cross country 2010-12).

After graduation, she received her MBA from Loyola University in Baltimore. She is a certified public accountant and is the director of finance at Ecotone. Brannan and her husband, Mike, have three sons: Mack, Joe, and Sean.

Todd Long ’86
BASEBALL

Todd Long was a three-year starter at third base for the SU baseball team from 1984-86 after arriving from West Virginia University as a sophomore transfer. He was a consistent and productive performer who graduated with a tie for the career home run record after setting the SU single-
season home record with twelve in his debut season.

Long was a two-time All-PSAC performer (All-PSAC East in 1986, All-PSAC South in 1985) and a two-time All-Region performer. As a senior, he was named to the All-Tournament team for the 1986 PSAC Baseball Championships.

His breakthrough sophomore season featured his single-season school record for home runs and produced career highs in total bases (97), slugging percentage (.474), and stolen bases (12). His best season may have come as a senior, when he produced single-season bests in batting average (.368), hits (57), doubles (12), RBIs (55), on-base percentage (.474), and stolen bases (12).

In his three years with the Raiders, SU baseball compiled a 106-42-1 record, won two PSAC Championships, one PSAC South Division title, and qualified for three PSAC and NCAA Regional Tournaments.

Following his graduation, Long earned his Master’s in Educational Leadership from Lock Haven, having taught and coached for more than thirty years. For the last twenty years, he has taught government and American history at Swift Middle School in the Solanco School District. He and his wife, Marjean, have been married for twenty-eight years and have two children.

**Jennifer Neatrour-Kan ’89**

Jennifer Neatrour-Kan was a formative presence on the first SU women’s tennis teams to qualify for the NCAA Championships in school history. She is a three-time PSAC champion and two-time runner-up.

Nate Reider ’07–’09

**MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**

Nate Reider is one of the most decorated and talented throwers in school history, having concluded his SU track and field career with the 2007 NCAA Division II National Championship in the javelin. He finished as a three-time NCAA All-American—twice outdoors in the javelin and once indoors in the weight throw.

Reider finished his career as a PSAC place winner in four different throwing events. He won conference titles in three different throws, and was a three-time PSAC place winner in the javelin and the weight.

As a senior in 2007, Reider was named the 2007 PSAC Men’s Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year. He won the NCAA Outdoor Championship in the javelin on a throw of 217 feet, 2 inches, after winning PSAC titles in both the javelin (211 feet, 1 inch) and the hammer throw (168 feet, 6 inches).

Competing in indoor track and field as a senior, Reider won the conference title in the weight throw and went on to earn All-America honors with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

Reider graduated in 2007 as a double major in entrepreneurship and marketing. He later earned his MBA from Shippensburg in 2009. He and his father launched their Xtreme Archery business in York.
MAKE-A-WISH REVEAL //
Shippsburg University’s Athletics Department and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosted a memorable Make-A-Wish® reveal in October for local seven-year-old Liam Kepner through Make-A-Wish® Philadelphia, Northern Delaware, and Susquehanna Valley.

Liam is the son of Kristen Kepner, a student at Shippensburg University, and Josh Kepner. He is the grandson of Karen Reath, secretary for the Department of Music and Theatre Arts.

In 2016, Liam was diagnosed with medulloblastoma just two weeks after his fifth birthday. Medulloblastoma is relatively rare, accounting for less than 2 percent of all primary brain tumors and 18 percent of all pediatric brain tumors. He completed his chemotherapy treatments and has undergone a stem cell transplant at the Children’s Hospital at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Throughout his diagnosis, Liam embraced life and had a smile on his face. After being home-schooled for two years, he started public school this fall.

SAAC made the wish reveal possible through fundraising during the 2016-17 academic year. Make-a-Wish® is an official partner of NCAA Division II.
Nicole Hinkle is assistant coach for the Shippensburg University lacrosse team. Hinkle joined the team in September and has been with the team throughout fall practice. As a collegiate athlete, she competed from 2015-18 at Wingate University, working primarily as a goalie and defender. In her first three seasons, she was a goalkeeper and twice received SAC Defensive Player of the Week awards during her freshman season. In her senior season, Hinkle became a starting defender and earned All-South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Honorable Mention.

Carrie Michaels, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, received the 2018 Women Leaders in College Sports NCAA Division II Administrator of the Year Award in October.

Michaels was one of nine award recipients. Read more about her award on page 23. Michaels’ is in her eleventh year with Raider athletics and her thirteenth overall at Shippensburg University. She has served as associate director of athletics for nine years.

She is a member of the senior management team on behalf of athletics. Her intercollegiate experience includes the overall development and management of NCAA Division II athletics.

Michaels also serves as the Deputy Title IX Coordinator on behalf of the Athletics Department and as a member of the university’s Title IX Team. She is proficient in gender equity evaluation and plan development and has worked specifically with university legal counsel and the Office for Civil Rights to address compliance issues.

Julia Wise ’17 was an integral member of the lacrosse team, serving as a captain when she was a senior. Recently, Wise was diagnosed with metastatic stage 4 breast cancer that has spread to her bones and liver. She is currently seeking treatment at the Abramson Cancer Center at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The SU Student-Advisory Committee (SAAC), SU Lacrosse, and other organizations on campus have collected donations in an effort to help Wise fight the battle against breast cancer. These groups have promoted their efforts using the hashtag #WiseWillRise in support of Julia.

Jordan Jacobs was hired as SU’s head strength and conditioning coach in early October.

Jacobs previously worked at the University of Massachusetts where he served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for multiple sports—specifically men’s lacrosse, women’s soccer, men’s and women’s swimming, and men’s and women’s track and field.

He is licensed through the National Strength and Conditioning Association and holds certifications as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and a Registered Strength and Conditioning Coach®. Jacobs also holds a USA Weightlifting Level 2 certification as an Advanced Sports Performance Coach.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from Kent State in 2007 and his Master of Science in Exercise Physiology from Western Michigan in 2010.

2018 WOMEN LEADERS IN COLLEGE SPORTS // Carrie Michaels, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, received the 2018 Women Leaders in College Sports NCAA Division II Administrator of the Year Award in October.

REVISITING THE 1988 RED RAIDERS // During Homecoming Weekend, Shippensburg celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of its 1988 football team. In that season, the Red Raiders won the PSAC Western Division with a 5-1 league record and a victory over IUP. More than fifteen members of the team reunited for Homecoming at the Courtyard by Marriott Shippensburg.
It can be a challenge to sell an activity that requires additional homework, but that’s exactly what students in Ship’s BSW and MSW Research Clubs sign up to do.

Dr. Michael Lyman, associate professor in the Department of Social Work and Gerontology, serves as the advisor for both clubs—one for undergraduate and one for graduate social work students.

“Usually students are not knocking on my door to hurry and join the Research Club,” Lyman admitted. The clubs usually have three to five participants a year. But those who do participate reap significant benefits. The clubs enable social work students to gain hands-on research experience and present their findings at national and international conferences.

“The clubs enable social work students to gain hands-on research experience and present their findings at national and international conferences.”
show the positive impact a substance-free place can have on one’s recovery journey.”

Payne has extensive experience as a social worker, and is now enrolled in Ship’s graduate program. “I am tired of banging my head against the same systemic barriers. I really want to make changes. But this is hard to do without empirical data to prove your ideas.”

Payne credits the research club with helping her gain experience and confidence in her ability as a researcher. She had an opportunity to help present The Harbor research at both the National Association of Social Workers conference, and the International Association of Social Work with Groups conference in South Africa.

Lyman led a group of seven students to the conference in South Africa in June. “I love that I am able to take students from rural Pennsylvania to an international conference in a country they have never seen to present research that they designed and completed,” he said. “The experience is invaluable.”

“There’s no grade attached to attending a conference,” Lyman continued. “It’s just a relaxed environment and ultimately helps the students have a wonderful learning experience.”

According to Lyman, it is rare for undergraduate students to present at national and international conferences. Yet, he is determined to provide this experience for his students. He has taken Research Club members to conferences in Philadelphia, New York City, Texas, Kentucky, and Singapore.

“We attended South Africa partly because it’s a great country, and partly because Kruger National Park is located on the conference site,” Lyman said. “It’s the best possible conference ever.”

Kruger houses a variety of animals including elephants, rhinos, leopards, lions, giraffes, antelope, and hyenas. Between conference sessions, the group went on safaris. “We saw very big animals that could potentially eat you or stomp on you. It was frightening and absolutely incredible.”

The students also visited a nearby village and spent time with children at an after-school program. “All of the kids who attend have terminal illness or are HIV positive,” Payne said. “We did face painting with them and had a percussion lesson using buckets and sticks as drums.”

Attending the conference was not cheap, but the group managed to cover expenses through grants, a GoFundMe campaign, and with help from the College of Education and Human Services.

Students also worked at the conference in exchange for free lodging.

Lyman was no stranger to South Africa. He and his family spent most of 2009 there when Lyman completed a sabbatical at the University of Pretoria. The experience sparked his interest in social development and international social work.

The BSW Research Club was started in 2008 by Dr. Marita Flagler, associate professor and co-director of MSW. The MSW Club was added last year at the request of graduate students.

To Lyman’s knowledge, research clubs are unique to Ship. With that in mind, his next foray is a project on research clubs. Lyman wants to understand and quantify the value of Ship’s research clubs. Students will interview past participants to measure the benefits of their experience and any impact it had on their careers.

Katie (Paxson) Hammaker ’93 is the director of development and marketing for the Susquehanna Chorale and a freelance writer based in Mechanicsburg.
**IN THE WORDS OF...**

**DR. ALICE ARMSTRONG**

Dr. Alice Armstrong’s foray into computer science happened by happy accident. In October, the associate professor of computer science joined Scott LaMar on WITF Smart Talk to discuss recruiting and retaining women in the STEM fields.

**What sparked your interest in pursuing a STEM career?**

I stumbled into a computer science class more or less by accident as a freshman in college. The Russian language course I wanted was full by the time it was my turn to register, and I still needed another class. I took it on a whim because programming had been offered at my high school, but I didn’t have room in my schedule to take it. About three weeks into that course, I knew I had to change my major. I enjoyed programming more than I had ever enjoyed any class I’d ever taken. It made my brain happy.

**When the perception of programming changed in the early to mid-1980s, the field became more culturally associated with math and science.**

“looks like” an engineer and who doesn’t. It’s a hard problem to solve. Implicit bias training can help, clear and supported policies around parental leave can help, flexible policies with clear expectations can help, having women in management and C suite positions can help.

**In your time at Ship, have you seen increased interest by female students in STEM fields?**

I can’t say that I’ve seen a consistent increase or decrease in interest in STEM fields. There are some strong years and some not so strong. In the School of Engineering, we work very hard to help the women in the school connect with each other. Creating a sense of belonging is vital to retaining the women that we do recruit.

**What do you and the other female faculty in the School of Engineering do to support and encourage females in the STEM field?**

We have WIFI (a club of women interested in technology). We have three women faculty members. We have very supportive men on our faculty as well.

**The interview on Smart Talk focused on providing strong role models in STEM. What responsibilities do you have as a woman leader and role model in STEM?**

Being present and visible can be really important to students. It helps the female students see someone who “looks like them” in some aspect. It is also vital for the male students to see women as competent and valid members of the field.

**What’s the best advice that you have for young women considering careers in STEM?**

Don’t be afraid of gaps in your knowledge—you can go learn what you need to fill in those gaps.

**What are you pursuing on your sabbatical?**

I’m working on Natural Language Processing. Right now, we’re looking for a good way of grouping words by their meanings.
For someone who never imagined she’d follow this career path, Carrie Michaels certainly has excelled.

The California native joined a former teammate for a job at Slippery Rock University years ago, thinking she would make it a temporary position on the way to something else. Michaels, who is married to Director of Athletics Jeff Michaels, joined the staff at Ship in 2006 and worked her way up to the role of associate director of athletics, a position she’s held since 2010. Today, she oversees all of the athletic department budgets, supervises six sports, oversees sports medicine, serves as the Deputy Title IX coordinator, and manages the Athletic Department’s biggest fundraising event.

Her dedication does not go unnoticed. This fall, Michaels received the 2018 Women Leaders in College Sports NCAA Division II Administrator of the Year Award, a highly prestigious national honor. Michaels was one of nine women to receive the award during the annual Women Leaders in College Sports National Convention held in Atlanta, which is to receive the award during the annual Women Leaders in College Sports NCAA Athletic Department’s biggest fundraising event.

“...anytime I ever get to know the student-athletes brings me the most joy. When you can connect with them, that’s the greatest part.”

Q/ Why did you choose the field that you’re in? I feel like the field chose me, to be honest, because ever since I was a little kid I wanted to be an attorney, until I figured out I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I got a call from a former teammate who had just gotten a job at Slippery Rock, and she needed an assistant. I decided I’d go out there, I’m going to do it, I’ll do it for two years, figure something else out, and I’ve literally been in Pennsylvania ever since, complaining to Jeff about the weather regularly.

What was your reaction to receiving the award? Stunned. I had no idea. Ashley (Grimm, assistant director of athletics) knew about it, Jeff knew about it. There was this whole group of people. So essentially, a friend of mine, a colleague, her name is Janet Judge.

She’s a big name in the field. She’s an attorney and consultant, and she actually worked with our school over the years, and we’ve become very good friends and colleagues. Last April, she communicated to a handful of people who I know and said, “I’m going to put Carrie up for this award, I need everyone on board, I need letters, etc.” So it was a secret the whole time, and this is probably the first secret that Jeff has ever kept from me. …You know what the coolest thing has been? She sent me all the letters people wrote for me. To be able to have that at your disposal, from eight to ten different people, and to hear their letters that I never asked them to write, it was amazing.

What does that say to you about what you’ve accomplished? It really gives me a lot of pride. The hours in our job aren’t great. The reason I do it is because of students and their successes and possible impacts on them… Being able to read those letters and having people reach out to me, it was just really nice.

What makes our athletes stand out? They are well-rounded individuals. I think they are competing at a very high level. They are putting the time in, they are putting the effort in, and they are competitive athletes. We have national championships, we have conference championships. We have people playing at the highest level in our division. I think there’s a distinct, competitive spirit and athletic skillset. And they also are successful in the classroom. Our student-athletes do better in the classroom and graduate at higher levels than the rest of the student population. That’s a fact, that’s a statistic, and I’m very proud of that.

What experiences have you had as a female athlete? As a kid growing up in southern California, I had access to everything. I never was in a position where I thought the boys had more opportunity than the girls, because, for example, I played flag football in elementary school. I’ve been involved in sports literally since I came out of the womb. The concept of Title IX or inequity was never on my radar. It’s my expectation to be able to do anything. Going through college and beyond college and starting to learn about Title IX made me want to ensure that everyone had equal access to sports and opportunities.

In your time here, what’s a standout Ship sports moment for you? Well, field hockey winning the national championship last year was pretty special. I was actually on the last two trips. You have a first-year coach, first time as a head coach, she walks into a situation—it was a thrill to be a part of, and I know that team so well… anytime I ever get to know the student-athletes brings me the most joy. When you can connect with them, that’s the greatest part.

What’s your favorite sport? It’s totally basketball, I was a basketball player. But I really do enjoy all of our sports.
Many of us have nailed the winning shot at the buzzer, set a new world record, scored the go-ahead touchdown, or hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning for our favorite team. And then we snap out of our daydreams. The vast majority of us will never get the call that we’ve been selected to play a sport at the professional level as several Shippensburg University athletes did this year.

BY CHRIS ECKSTINE ’14

In June, Raiders pitcher Gabe Mosser ’18 and shortstop Cash Gladfelter were selected in the twenty-seventh round of the Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft. Mosser was drafted by the San Diego Padres, while Gladfelter, selected just seven picks later, was drafted by the Seattle Mariners when he was a junior. These are the first Ship selections in the MLB Draft since 2008. Later that month, their teammate, outfielder Dalton Hoiles, signed a free-agent contract with the Baltimore Orioles.

Then in August, the all-time leading scorer in Ship men’s basketball history, Dustin Sleva, signed a contract with Paris Basketball to play professionally in France.

Ship may not be known for producing top tier sports superstars, but chances to compete at the next level are possible for those willing to put in the work.

The same goes for anyone looking to break into professional sports in other areas.

Did you watch the MLB All-Star Game held this summer at Nationals Park? You may not have been aware that a Ship grad was tabbed to be the official scorer for that ten-inning affair. Ben Trittipoe received his master’s degree from Ship in 1990 and has served as an official scorer for the Washington Nationals since 2005.

In the Washington metropolitan area another Ship grad works for a pro team. Perry Mattern produces content for the Washington Redskins’ digital and social media platforms. He interviews players,
creates videos, manages livestream shows and press conferences, all while planning future content.

Mattern received his bachelor’s degree in communication/journalism in 2014, participating in WSYC, SUTV, and The Slate throughout that journey. He returned to get his master’s degree in communication studies and worked in the sports information department.

“There was never a line to be involved at Ship; I walked in to any extracurricular activity—even those outside of student media—and was immediately able to participate. You can’t do that at the bigger schools.”

Prior to being hired full-time as a digital media producer for the Redskins in 2017, Mattern was an intern for the team during the 2016 NFL season. That wasn’t his first foray in pro sports. He also worked as a broadcasting/media relations assistant for the Harrisburg Senators, the Minor League Baseball (MiLB) Double-A Affiliate of the Nationals. As a play-by-play announcer for the Senators, Mattern saw a dream come true, but he wanted to push himself to the next level.

At Ship, he learned a thing or two about being pushed, crediting Dr. Michael Drager in the Communication/Journalism Department as a major motivator. “The conversations we had outside of the classroom have stuck with me. He made me believe in my own talent while encouraging me to go outside my comfort zone.”

Mattern also recognizes Ship Sports Information Director Bill Morgal ’06–’10m as a major influence. “I've never had a more kind or hardworking boss. He remains a role model in my life who I stay in touch with often.”

That’s a sentiment echoed by Kevin Kline ’13m, who, like Mattern, worked first as a graduate assistant and later as a full-time assistant in the sports information department and now also works for an NFL team. He is the social media manager for the New York Jets and has worked in their social/digital media department since 2014.

“My primary objective is developing a strategy for and maintaining our social media accounts, while fulfilling many of our objectives on the platforms: brand awareness, fostering fan excitement and interaction, providing news and updates, executing sponsorship deals and internal goals such as ticket sales, event attendance, and merchandise.”

Kline said his on-the-job, real-world experience at Ship prepared him for his fast-paced and pressure-filled gig with the Jets.

“Because of the market we’re in, there are a ton of eyeballs and tons of attention on our organization, including our social media properties. That requires us to be very careful and deliberate in all our decisions, knowing that the critical New York media market and our savvy fan base can pick anything apart. It keeps you on your toes,” Kline said. “The attention and added pressure is a fun part of the job that those in smaller markets may not encounter. Win or lose, good or bad, all eyes are on us. And I love that part of it.”

Being under the microscope might not be everyone’s cup of tea, but Kline said it’s all about keeping things in perspective.
“At the end of the day, sports are sports—they’re meant to be an outlet for people. They’re for relaxation and leisure,” Kline said. “We’re not doctors or politicians, we work in entertainment. So when the going gets tough and the stress creeps up on you, keep that in mind. It’s sports. It’s fun.”

Lindsey Knupp ’05 discovered that same fun in her junior year during an internship with the Double-A Affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, the Reading Fightin Phils. Prior to that, the marketing major was unsure where she would end up after college, but she realized she could make a career out of working in pro sports.

Knupp first worked as an associate with the Fightin Phils for two years before moving up to Phillies’ Triple-A Affiliate, the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. She served as the director of promotions and entertainment for the IronPigs from 2007 to 2015 before becoming vice president of marketing and entertainment.

In her current role, Knupp’s daily routine includes executing marketing campaigns across all platforms; ordering and designing promotional products and giveaways; planning, scripting, and executing in-game entertainment; and managing the community relations manager, executive director of the team’s charities, the multimedia and design team, the social media director, and the promotions department.

It’s fairly well known that one of the best parts of an MiLB game is the draw, whether it’s a giveaway, an off-the-wall theme night, or a spectacle like Cow- boy Monkey Rodeo. There might not be another MiLB team with allure quite like the IronPigs.

Coca-Cola Park is the place fans have come to expect the unexpected, whether it’s the fun freebies, fireworks displays themed around anything from Beyoncé to bacon, or theme nights such as #LVWantsLeBron Night—a push to get basketball superstar LeBron James to join the team during his free agency, complete with James-inspired giveaways, activities, and a billboard detailing the campaign. Fans even have the chance to sign a one-day contract to “retire” as a member of the IronPigs.

The team may be best known for its swine-infused swagger. There are many pig products on the food menu, bacon ball caps, and even the Pork Racers—mascot characters of different cuts of pork that race on foot. The IronPigs say their annual Pig Day observance, held in the offseason, is considered to be the largest celebration of its kind in the world.

Knupp’s efforts with IronPigs’ promotions earned recognition in publications like ESPN, Sports Illustrated, and The Wall Street Journal; GameOps.com’s “Best Game Operations and Presentation” award; and Ballpark Digest’s “Promo of the Year” award. She also earned the Rawlings Woman Executive of the Year Award in 2015.

Despite the national buzz and the many recognitions, Knupp maintains coming up with new ways to get people through the gates is still one of the biggest challenges of her job. “We always want our fans thinking and asking, ‘What’s next?!’” she said.

With fans chomping at the bit each year to get a peek at the next promotional schedule, Knupp can’t help but be delighted when everything comes to fruition.

“(My favorite part about my job is) our fans and the excitement that fills the ballpark on game days. When people walk through the gates of Coca-Cola Park, they leave their worries and stresses at the door and are looking to our staff to offer them an enjoyable night with their families and friends,” she said. “I think Coca-Cola Park has been an incredible addition to the Lehigh Valley,
and the IronPigs not only entertain on the field, but we are also very engaged in the local community and offer various grants to nonprofit organizations and try to better the area in any way that we can. Being from the Lehigh Valley, that’s also very important to me and something to be proud of.”

About seventy miles southwest of Coca-Cola Park, you’ll find Clipper Magazine Stadium. That’s the home of the Lancaster Barnstormers of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. It’s also where you’ll find Edward Novakoski ’94 dressing up in crazy outfits and dancing on dugouts.

Novakoski is an algebra teacher at George A. Smith Middle School in the Solanco School District. He decided five years ago to look for a summer job. Seeing as he fell in love with the Phillies back in 1978, there was an obvious appeal once Lancaster got its own pro team.

During his first summer with the Barnstormers, Novakoski worked in fan services. A year later, he was asked to undertake a new venture, and that meant heading into the stands to mingle with fans.

“I said to (the director of business development) that if you want me to do this, I will, but let me put my own spin on it,” he said. “So, I started dressing up in crazy outfits to do the 50/50 Community Aid raffle nightly. I would wear a crazy eighties wig and huge sombrero, and it got Community Aid and me noticed. I had lots of fun, people cracked up when they saw me and donated to a good cause. We totaled about an average of $40,000 for the first three years of raising money for that great cause.”

In his third year, Novakoski was asked to start subbing as the on-field emcee.

“I loved it,” he said. “What a great moment for me to showcase my crazy teacher talents combined with DJ ideas. Yes, I am a DJ with my own company, NovaMagic Entertainment.”

His students love it as well, asking for selfies at the games and even competing in a raffle to win “A Day at the Stormers with Mr. Nova.” “People come to the Barnstormers to have a good time. And the fan experience, the positive fan experience, is what it is all about, to have people enjoy the game, or enjoy the antics, or to enjoy the fireworks, or to enjoy the giveaway, and hopefully they return.”

The Ship connection to the pros doesn’t stop in Lancaster either. There are other grads around the country, like Matt Trust ’18 with the Hershey Bears, Anthony Renz ’18M with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, and Alexa Alpaugh ’16 with the Richmond Flying Squirrels, to name just a few.

The achievements and destinations of all these “players” in professional sports might differ, but each of their journeys trace back to Ship. And while it’s easier to view the accomplishments of people like John Kuhn ’04, a recipient of two Super Bowl rings, the athletes have a lot in common with the people behind the scenes in sports. That’s because the path from Shipensburg to the pros, no matter how you’re looking to get there, is a grind.

“If you want to break into the industry, you better be willing to at least work harder than the person next to you, because there are plenty of other talented professionals who you don’t see that are willing to put in the work. Have a passion for your work,” Mattern said. “Find a way to make yourself stand out.”

Chris Eckstine ’14 is SU’s digital content producer.

Fun on the field is the aim of Edward Novakoski’s game. The 1994 grad has been hyping Lancaster Barnstormer’s fans up for the past five years.
SHIP TAKES CENTER STAGE

THEATRE ALUMNI
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE STORY AT A TIME
To the students who pursue it, there’s nothing minor about the theatre minor at Shippensburg University. Learning the foundations of acting, production, and technical theatre from the minor’s dedicated faculty have led alumni to entertaining and rewarding careers.

Dr. Paul Leitner and Professor Paris Peet revived the theatre program by establishing the minor in 1995, after the major had been cut due to funding. The 18-credit minor has mentored and shaped students over the past two decades, teaching them the importance of the performing arts locally and worldwide. Alumni of the program have gone on to work professionally in positions such as technical and artistic directors, performers, stage and production managers, theatre founders, and professors.

Many theatre alumni say they owe Leitner and Peet their careers, crediting their guidance, passion, dedication, and work ethic in the classroom and on the stage.

The minor has a history of hands-on learning, having produced a full season of shows in the past that required students to fully participate. With opportunities in technical design, set building, costuming, staging, production, house management, performing, and directing, the theatre minor used to act as a full-on theatre company run out of Memorial Auditorium. Today, the minor produces a theatre practicum show every two years.

Learning the concepts to perform as well as tangible procedures for production helped many alumni maintain a career, despite not having a degree in the field. Students also pursued master’s degrees in the arts because the skills learned at Ship went beyond those of their colleagues and professors.

Peet said the importance of the performing arts depends on the effects of storytelling. “It’s important for people to come together as a community; to be present with one another.” Theatre alumni expressed similar sentiments, sharing that the stage provides them with a chance to share their own stories as well as stories they feel need to be told.

From Storytelling to Stage

Tim Gallagher ’96, professor of theatre in the Philadelphia area, believes that storytelling dictates how we as a society live and survive. “Right now, more than ever, we need a sense of community. We lose touch with the people sitting right next to (us). I think stories are how we survive everything.”

When Gallagher attended Ship, he was a student paying his own way through college as a computer science major. He never felt like he belonged anywhere until he was dared by a friend to audition for a show at Ship. As soon as he got involved with the minor, something clicked.

After leaving Ship, Gallagher became an assistant stage manager at Delaware Theatre Company. With an interest in stage management and directing, he freelanced in Philadelphia. When Montgomery County Community College posted a job opening for the director of their upcoming theatre program, he applied and was instantly hired. In building the theatre program from the ground up, Gallagher found a passion for working with students, which he credits to

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—Tim Gallagher ’96
Peet and Leitner. “Paris and Paul were my family. They made me the artist I am today.”

Though Gallagher left Ship with plans to become an actor, he found more interest in teaching and directing, and the minor prepared him to dabble in a bit of everything before he found his niche.

When Zeb Hults ’01 graduated with similar plans to pursue acting, he realized a different passion as a technical director. Now working with a theatre department at the University of Minnesota, Hults works as a liaison between set designers and college students. As a victim of several budget cuts at various jobs, Hults believes the ever-increasing depletion of arts and theatre programs is dangerous. “We’re in danger of losing the story,” he said.

Agreeing with Gallagher, Hults believes that storytelling is one of the most significant parts of the performing arts. “It’s a storytelling method, but it’s a way to be able to communicate in the fashion in which it can kind of take you out of reality for a bit. It’s tough out there, there’s a lot of things going on. If you can sit down and escape for a while, it’s quite something.”

**Performing Professionally**

Diana Knox ’99 quickly learned the importance of ambition in the world of performing arts and production. As a stage manager touring the country, Knox has held positions in television production and education. With connections from The Blue Man Group, Impractical Jokers, the University of Massachusetts Boston, and several operas, she is now a production manager for the show, America’s Test Kitchen, and said she owes many of her skills to Ship’s theatre minor.

Knox makes sacrifices for her art, sometimes requiring her to miss birthdays, weddings, and holidays. “Professional theatre is a lifestyle. It’s something that gets into your soul and your being. It becomes a part of you.”

Though she has many connections to thank for her success in the field, she credits her time at Ship as the most valuable, especially thanking Leitner and Peet for their help in shaping the trajectory of her career.

After attending a show produced by the theatre minor at Ship called *Tracers*, Doug Durlacher ’97 found himself forever changed by the performance he had witnessed on stage and immediately enrolled in the minor. Durlacher has worked as an actor in professional theatre, children’s theatre, and at the New York Shakespeare Adirondack Company, as well as a director, and even as a fight choreographer.

Much like many other theatre professionals, Durlacher said that most of his jobs came from connections with others in the field. He said that in becoming a “yes man” of sorts, he found himself working on the most incredible projects.

Durlacher echoed Knox’s sentiments about immersing oneself in professional theatre, but said that it’s significant as a hobby as well. “Some of the most important theatre is local community theatre, filled with volunteers who are there because they want to be.”

He said that his experiences at Ship shaped him personally and professionally, helping him to focus more on the happiness he gains from the experiences and less on the paycheck. Thanks to the direction of Leitner and Peet, students learned to own what they were passionate about and, in doing so, they found fulfillment in different ways.

**Making a Difference**

Tom Reing ’94 is artistic director and founder of Inis Nua Theatre in Philadelphia. Inis Nua is an Irish theatre that produces shows from England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Reing said he fell in love with theatre when he realized he could making a living doing it.

As someone who sees stories unfold onstage every week, Reing said theatre is important because of the skills it cultivates, “Employers want individuals who critically
think, have self-esteem, who problem solve, and are team players—the arts do all of that.”

Reing found success in Inis Nua and artistic directing, but he’s clear, “I’m not doing this for fame, I’m doing it to tell stories.” He believes, without storytelling, there is no humanity.

Fellow theatre professional Brian Hull ’84 is a two-time Emmy® award winner, animator, and puppeteer. Hull had the opportunity to take the theatre major at Shippensburg, saying he learned different ways of storytelling when he wrote music and shows for a quartet while at the university. They toured the tristate and this, he said, is what jumpstarted his career as a performer for Opryland.

After pitching his famous character, The Professor Hull performed interactive shows at Opryland. This opened up positions in both animations and the National Public Library where he now works as head of a puppetry division that reaches over 100,000 children a year with their puppet shows. Since then, Hull has worked with Dolly Parton, The Country Music Hall of Fame, and puppetry companies around the world.

Hull said working with children has always been the most rewarding. “The kids want to see the truth, and you have an opportunity to share it with them. It has nothing to do with getting rich. It has everything to do with helping someone.” Hull expressed the importance of hard work and determination, noting that a career in theatre isn’t the easiest path. He compares the experience to that of Michelangelo. “You’re not gonna get there if you give up. It’s hard work, but it’s historical. Michelangelo got paid, but he still had to fight to prove he was good.”

**Storytelling Will Save Us**

It’s no secret that funding for the arts has taken a hit at all levels of education. Theatre alumni are quick to point out the value it adds to education, entertainment, professionalism, and life in general. “When you go to college, you learn how to make a living, but the arts make life worth living,” Gallagher said. Leitner and Peet taught their students that art is something to dedicate yourself to, to own, to experience, and to appreciate.

“The arts have an inhuman quality,” Hull said. Added Durlacher, “Theatre, the arts in general, are the pathways to creative problem solving, to empathy, and as soon as that starts to erode, society crumbles.”

“Arts education helps us to be better humans and understand ourselves better and understand others,” Gallagher said.

Casey Leming ’19 is an intern for *SU Magazine*. 
Khaleel Desaque fulfilled a special promise on October 29 in Shippensburg University’s Old Main Chapel. About ten years ago, he promised his grandmother that he’d earn his doctorate, and this fall, he defended his dissertation for a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. “My grandmother aspired to be a teacher and was denied the ability,” he said. “It was my calling and her dream.”

Defending his dissertation was significant personally and professionally. Desaque also completed his EdD to set an example. When he entered the program, he worked as a principal in Baltimore. Each year, he met with teachers and encouraged them to set goals and return to school to further their education. “I was feeling hypocritical. I encouraged others and was not getting my terminal degree. …It’s made me a better educator and a better educational leader.”

Defending his dissertation also was significant to Shippensburg University. Desaque is a member of the first cohort in Ship’s first doctoral program, which was approved by the State System in 2015. Jolinda Wilson earned the very first doctorate from Shippensburg this past February. Now, the program has six cohorts running.

“The dissertations are exciting for us and for them, too,” said Dr. Jerry Fowler (right), director of the program. “We have eight or nine dissertations this semester. Our students now have models, a network, and fellow students who they can call and ask questions to.”

And it won’t be long before Ship’s Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision yields similar results. The university’s second doctoral program earned approval in 2016, and a dozen students make up its first cohort.

“Having the doctorate is huge,” said Dr. Ford Brooks (right), director of the Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision. “This is an undergraduate institution. Having this program elevates it and brings about notoriety.”

Introducing doctoral programs at Ship is impacting faculty, students, and the community. Dr. Nicole Hill, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said these two programs have invigorated the college. “It adds a layer of complexity to our work. Having experience with doctoral students..."
Having experience with doctoral students expands and adds a richness to the level of education at Shippensburg University.

**Designing a Doctorate**

Developing doctoral programs at Ship is not a new concept. Brooks came to Shippensburg in 1997 and said counseling faculty has discussed it at least that long. But it wasn’t until the state lifted a moratorium on Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education offering doctoral programs that Shippensburg could pursue the option.

Fowler spent about two years developing the Doctor of Educational Leadership in partnership with Millersville University. Shippensburg already offered the Superintendent Eligibility Program for people seeking executive leadership positions in public education. Fowler said when the opportunity arose to pursue a doctoral program, they jumped at the chance.

“We were concerned that if we didn’t move forward, another institution would develop an EdD with superintendent eligibility, and we’d lose people,” he said. The question was how to stand out among existing programs in Pennsylvania. So, Shippensburg and Millersville introduced specific themes to their program.

“We were looking to become a niche program with two themes—poverty and technology. Each dissertation must involve one, the other, or both.”

Turned out, that was a great direction, as it drew a lot of interest and appealed to the state. Fowler said they also purposefully crafted the program in partnership with Millersville to collaborate with a sister university and pool resources. The program runs out of the Dixon Center in Harrisburg, providing a somewhat central location for students. Millersville faculty teach the foundation courses, while Shippensburg handles the letter of eligibility, then students move onto their research proposals.

“It’s a reputable program that brings Shippensburg and Millersville together, both of which have strong professors in the field,” Desaque noted.

Fowler said it was a challenge to design the university’s first doctoral program. “It’s like the old adage that you’re building the plane while flying it. We’ve responded to a lot of feedback to see what we can improve for them and for us.”

The Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision launched right around the time that Hill accepted the position as dean of the college. She said that having the doctoral programs is “powerful, because it’s so grounded in who we are as a college. We really prepare leaders in spheres of influence.”

The counseling program trains professionals to direct programs, enhances their understanding of clinical supervision, and provides the opportunity to teach counselor education, Brooks said. Many students in the current cohort received their master’s degrees from the program at Ship, spent a few years in the field, and returned to expand their options.

“That’s exactly what led Karen Capone-Miller back to Shippensburg. “I was feeling somewhat stagnant in my career and was in need of some newfound inspiration,” she said. “I did my graduate work in counseling at Shippensburg. The faculty was a huge motivator, as I knew how high the quality of the education would be. This degree provides me with a lot of flexibility in terms of where I would like to take my career next.”

Marcelle Giovannetti began adjuncting in counselor education programs after earning her master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling. She had a variety of clinical experiences to pull from in the classroom, but never had formal education on how to teach. “After adjuncting for a few semesters, I discovered that I love teaching and supervising counseling students. I also see being a counselor educator as a way to give back to the profession and further my contributions to the field.”

Establishing Experts

The doctoral programs are developing experts in the fields on campus and off. “When our students finish this process, it’s not just a degree,” Fowler said, “you are leaving as an expert in a particular area.”

Both doctoral programs confer EdDs, which traditionally are more hands-on and less research oriented. However, Brooks notes that they do the research regardless. Fowler said these applied doctorates build scholar practitioners.

Desaque said the doctorate in educational leadership taught him to properly conduct research that enhanced his work and added
quality to his work at a more holistic level. The niche program fit his educational background perfectly. “The poverty theme I was very familiar with—I’ve worked it, I’ve lived it. The technology was a bit of a learning curve, but it all came together.”

In October, Desaque defended his dissertation titled “An Analysis of the Impact of the Community School Strategy on the Reading and Mathematics Student Achievement of Elementary School Students in a High Poverty School District.” His research focused on the Community School Strategy as a reemerging way to meet the needs and improve academic achievement of students in high-poverty public school districts. “This is a passion of mine.” Desaque is now director of the Office of School Improvement for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. He said the doctorate gives a new level of credibility to his work, and he knows he can count on Fowler whenever he needs to. “That’s huge, and not just as faculty, but as a professional.”

In turn, Fowler already has referred peers to Desaque and his research. “We refer people to our students as experts.”

The doctoral programs also have elevated the expertise of faculty at Ship. For the Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision, Brooks said all faculty teach at least one class. “The faculty have to step up their game in another way. All the courses are new,” he said. “This is new territory, and all of us are teaching. It’s huge—there’s some status to it.”

Hill said it’s powerful how quickly Shippensburg moved meaningfully into the doctoral area, and she credits the faculty for their dedication. By supporting and encouraging work at the doctoral level, she said that knowledge and expertise trickles down and integrates into the undergraduate and graduate experiences. “We’re in a space where the faculty is challenged and growing. It’s different now how we engage with our graduate and undergraduate students.”

**Meeting Students Where They Are**

Designing a convenient format for both programs was key. Fowler and Brooks knew that courses had to be offered in a way that allowed students to balance work, family, and other responsibilities. Both are offered with a hybrid format, requiring some classwork in person, and other courses online. The face-to-face classes are held all day on Saturdays. Of their current twelve-person cohort, Brooks said all are women, all work full time, and a third of them have children. Capone-Miller said the Saturday format is ideal. “I have a small child at home. My husband and son get a day together, while I get some time away.”

Desaque said the class schedule was perfect for his situation. “I lived in York but commuted to Baltimore. The weekend format face-to-face with the online format fit my lifestyle perfectly. It was intense, but I was able to get the work done and didn’t have to physically be in the classroom during the week.”

Students also found support and camaraderie through the programs’ cohorts. “That was one of the best surprises,” Capone-Miller said. We have become so close and find such support in each other. It makes working, going to school, and caring for a household so much more manageable.”

Giovannetti said she learned a lot from her peers in the cohort. “There is a strong sense of cohesion, vulnerability, and trust that we share. We even named ourselves the ‘doctribe,’ and I very much feel the support of this ‘tribe’ of inspirational women.”

The two programs have been so well received that Fowler and Hill said they are in the early stages of developing a second doctorate in education focused on instructional leadership. “It’s a critical area for people who want to be master school teachers,” Hill said. “It’s something needed and desired.”

Fowler has spent forty-eight years in education and is preparing to retire. “I can’t think of a better way to have finished out my educational career than to work with about thirteen students on their research. It’s been exciting. It’s a change in conversation and culture in education in terms of how to proceed in the future.”

Hill recognizes the work faculty has done to move into the doctoral area and is thrilled to continue to support their efforts. “I appreciate the faculty leadership and vision,” she said. “We’re having a positive impact on the Commonwealth.”
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INAUGURAL LEGACY FAMILY PINNING CEREMONY

Starting with Ira Mellinger, from the Class of 1903, the Mellinger family boasts twenty-three Shippensburg alumni in their extended family.

The 2018 Parents and Family Celebration served as the perfect backdrop for the unveiling of a new tradition for alumni families with legacy children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews enrolled at Ship. A Legacy Pinning Ceremony recognized the Raider rite of passage that pays tribute to the past and embraces the future. It honors those who followed in the footsteps of a family member and became a Raider for life.

On September 15, over forty alumni families with their enrolled legacy students participated in this symbolic rite of passage. Parents pinned their sons and daughters, grandparents pinned their grandchildren, and aunts and uncles pinned their nieces and nephews.

Carolyn (Howe) Carns, Class of 1963, celebrated her fifty-fifth class reunion from Shippensburg this year and proudly wore her golden raider medallion presented to her at her fiftieth class reunion as she pinned her grandson, sophomore Brady Young. Alumni from every decade from 1960 through the 2000s sported their red and blue Ship gear and made memories with their legacy students.

The pinning ceremony celebrates the ties that bind our alumni families to Ship. For legacies, the pin is meant to proudly display deeply rooted family connections at Shippensburg and shared experiences in the past, in the present, and in combined hopes for the future. With the pin, legacies celebrate all that is Dear Old Red and Blue.

This distinct tradition honors alumni and their families. Shippensburg alumni have always served as our most trusted ambassadors, and there is no greater voice to the value of a Shippensburg education than that of those who have lived the experience.

Molly Lively, a 2018 Alumni Legacy Scholarship recipient, and her father, Henri ’93, a communication/journalism alumnus, addressed the audience and shared their proud family history. Molly’s great uncle, Phil Lively, served as president of the Class of 1959 and will celebrate his sixtieth class reunion during the 2019 Alumni Weekend. While Molly’s dad Henri and her uncle Tim Freisen ’86 traded their own college stories, Henri shared his hopes that as a legacy student at Shippensburg, Molly will make her own stories, make her own waves, and chart her own course.

The legacy program at Shippensburg was designed to recognize the commitment of its alumni to their alma mater by supporting and encouraging their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and siblings to consider Shippensburg University for higher education.

Legacy families make a choice to continue a family tradition by attending Ship,
Volunteer and make a difference in the futures of our Ship students with our brand-new career mentor program. **Raiders Connect 365** is a yearlong program connecting alumni and industry employers with students in their chosen field.

The Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center matches mentors and students for optimal fit and provides monthly programming to facilitate discussions between mentees and mentors in person, by phone, or via Skype. Mentors’ yearly responsibilities in Raiders Connect 365 include a minimum of one face-to-face meeting, four phone calls, availability via phone and e-mail, and the ability to introduce the mentee to resources and contacts in his or her career field. Mentees are expected to uphold the same responsibilities in addition to completing projects assigned by the mentor.

With this program, students have the opportunity to establish supportive and encouraging relationships with alumni and industry mentors, obtain feedback and advice on professional workplace situations, and learn to successfully network.

The vision of the Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center is to match every junior at Ship with a career and industry mentor. That’s almost 2,000 students. We value your help!

To become a mentor, e-mail career@ship.edu with your name, graduation year, and employment information.
Engineering a Cure
SHIP ALUMNUS FIGHTS PEDIATRIC CANCER

Receiving a cancer diagnosis is devastating, but a medical research team in Philadelphia is offering patients hope through a groundbreaking treatment.

BY KATIE (PAXSON) HAMMAKER ’93

Through immunotherapy treatment, a patient’s natural immune system is genetically re-engineered to fight diseases, including cancer.

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Duckworth is the clinical research program manager in the Division of Oncology at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s (CHOP) Cancer Immunotherapy Program, and he is part of a team that pioneered the use of this therapy in the fight against pediatric cancer.

Specifically the team, in collaboration with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, devised an immunotherapy treatment for children and adolescents with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). ALL is generally curable in children, with an 80 percent success rate using chemotherapy. But the remaining 20 percent of patients relapse or show no response to standard treatment.

When chemotherapy failed, doctors had few other options as recently as a decade ago. That began to change in 2012 when CHOP held its first clinical trial of the CAR-T (chimeric antigen receptor) cell therapy.

“The first patient was a six-year-old girl with life-threatening ALL,” Duckworth said. “Standard treatments did not work, and no other options were available. It was the first time that a cell therapy product was going to be used on a child.”

Through this therapy, millions of T-cells are collected from the patient’s blood. T-cells help fight infection and illness in the body. The cells are taken to a specialized lab and genetically re-engineered to recognize a protein that is only found on the surface of B cells. Then the T-cells can identify and destroy B cells, including the cancerous ones.

The genetically-altered cells are then re-infused into the patient’s body. Each modified T-cell can produce more than 10,000 new cells to target and kill the cancer.

The results were astounding. After the initial round of clinical trials, doctors reported that 93 percent of patients were in remission after twenty-eight days.

CHOP doctors have performed the treatment on more than 250 children with ALL since the initial trial.

“But, our clinical team never found 93 percent to be enough,” Duckworth said. “We keep asking, how can we get the other 7 percent?”

The first multicenter national test trial was held in 2014, followed by a multicenter global trial in 2015. These yielded an average success rate of 85 percent.

Immunotherapy can have a downside. Some patients suffered side effects including fever, nausea, and CRS—an inflammatory response—as the cells proliferated in the body. “When this happens, patients are immediately hospitalized and monitored. The side effects are usually short-lived. Most patients report quick relief from their symptoms.”

The long-term effectiveness of immunotherapy remains to be seen, but the original patient has remained cancer-free since her 2012 treatment.

In 2017, the Novartis CAR-T cell therapy, Kymriah, received unanimous approval from the FDA for use on children with relapsed ALL, paving the way for widespread use of the treatment.

Duckworth is quick to point out, “I had nothing to do with inventing this treatment.” As program manager, he oversees the Oncology Division’s business operations and financial management. He also coordinates the expansion of clinical trials on a national and global level.

“Mark is very humble about his work. Never does he bring it up,” said friend and fellow Ship alumnus, Todd Martin ’03. “He is a great human being, husband, and friend.”

“Ship paved the way for my career,” said Duckworth, who earned a degree in mathematics. “It grounded me, and gave me some direction in my life.”

Duckworth admitted that he was first drawn to Ship because of the location. “I chose Ship because it wasn’t too far from home, but far enough,” said the Glen Mills native.

He quickly came to enjoy the campus, especially the students. He met his future wife, Cindy (Robinson) Duckworth ’02, at Ship, and maintains many close friendships with former classmates.

Katie (Paxson) Hammaker ’93 is the director of development and marketing for the Susquehanna Chorale and is a freelance writer based in Mechanicsburg.
It was a beautiful weekend to reunite with friends and celebrate Ship during Homecoming!

Students returned from fall break to a Friday Food Truck Festival, fireworks, and late night trivia. The crisp autumn weather Saturday provided a perfect backdrop for the Ship family to support Raider athletics, then join President Laurie Carter for supper on the Martin House lawn. Congrats to our newly crowned Homecoming royalty, Tyler Rock and Bernie Schneider. The Ship community also volunteered their time to support local organizations, helping to stock shelves at King’s Kettle Food Pantry and raising more than $12,000 for the Hounds Pack Program through the Shippensburg Area School District.
ALUMNI ENJOY AFTER HOURS

Several Shippensburg University alumni working at Deloitte Consulting got together for an after work social (from left) Michael Diana ’15, Eric Wickens ’15, Richard Abel ’12, Jimmy Smith ’18, and Ruben Bourdeau ’18; (front row, from left) Crystal Evans (current student), Stacey Shadle ’09, Miguel Lugo ’15, Shanna Nally ’12, and Michelle Keller ’03.

ALUMNI IN HARMONY

Dr. Blaine Shover hosted the eleventh annual SU Madrigal Singers Alumni Reunion in Shippensburg on June 2 with (pictured) Eddie (Reeder) Adams ’73, David Clugston ’73, Joel ’74 and Vicki Cunningham, Judy (Shughart) Davis ’74, Kay (Barefoot) Dull ’72-’93, Patty (Stinson) Kugler ’74-’79, Dave Minges ’74, Bonnie (Leese) Rabenstone ’72-’75, Marilyn (Bean) Rogers ’73, Ed ’73 and Linda (Long) ’74 Rosenberry, Michael Ruch, Jeff Schuck ’73, Rick Smiley ’72-’75, and Jim Zeigler ’73.

WORK AND TRAVEL

Ship grads and JLG Industries, Inc, employees traveled to Alaska (from left) Tim Morris ’92, Chris Mellett ’93, and Chris Gambacurta ’96.
Tell us your latest accomplishments and milestones by submitting your news to Classnotes. Alumni news, which is compiled from your submissions and previously published materials, is arranged in the magazine alphabetically within each class year.

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60s

Robert A. Boggs ‘70-'74m,
Harrisburg, was elected chair of the Harrisburg City Human Relations Commission after his recent appointment to the commission. He also was elected to the board of directors of Alder Health Services.

Barbara (Alleman) Eisenhart ‘71,
Hanover, recently was honored by Guthrie Memorial Library in Hanover for her many years of dedicated service to the library and to the Hanover community.

70s

Marcia (Castelli) Guzauskas ‘71,
Gaithersburg, Maryland, was installed as the state regent for the District of Columbia, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the annual Continental Congress in Washington, DC, on June 24. The term will run until June 2020, as the leader of more than 1,100 members in the district. She has been a member of the NSDAR since 1983.

Robert A. Piotrowski ‘73
San Dimas, California, showed his Ship pride at the Rams training camp at UC Irvine.

Margaret (Uhrich) Taylor ‘74,
Greensboro, North Carolina, received the 2018 Woman of Impact Award from the Behrend Commission for Women. Retiring from Behrend as director of development and alumni relations in 2016, she has more than thirty years of experience in philanthropy, economic development, and marketing. Her career includes work in higher education, economic development, and magazine and newspaper publishing. While at Behrend she worked tirelessly to raise funds for student scholarships, department endowments, and stewardship.

Gary U. Seidner ‘75
Pembroke, New Hampshire, greeted Gabe Mosser ‘18 in Pasco, Washington. Mosser was drafted by the San Diego Padres and plays for the Tri City Dust Devils in the Northwest League.

Joe Carothers ‘76
Washington, and his wife, Sue, with their daughter Kate, a current senior, enjoyed family time this summer in Venice. He serves on the Alumni Board of Directors and represents Ship in Western Pennsylvania at college fairs in and around Pittsburgh, as well as helps host alumni events in the greater Pittsburgh region.

Nadim Ali ‘77
Atlanta, Georgia, received a Pioneer Award by the Muslim Wellness Foundation at the fourth annual Black Muslim Psychology Conference held in Philadelphia on July 23. In the field of counseling for over thirty years, he is currently a licensed professional counselor and master addiction counselor in private practice in Atlanta.

Linda (Fitz) Hoover ‘78-'79m
Pensacola, Florida, recently published the children’s book Gen. Crane, Hero of the American Revolution. John Crane, a Revolutionary War general and her sixth great-grandfather, had an illustrious military career that included participating in the Boston Tea Party, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and Valley Forge and culminated with his leading the Continental Artillery when Gen. Knox was promoted to the Secretary of War.

Gerry A. Quickel ‘78
Weedville, retired from teaching after forty years on June 4. He taught public school thirty years in Maryland and ten years at DuBois High School.

James W. Saxton ‘79
Lititz, CEO, Saxton & Stump Attorneys, has been selected to the 2018 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list for demonstrating excellence in health care and was named 2019 Best Lawyers. He has been recognized annually as a Super Lawyer since 2012. Saxton has sustained an active litigation practice for more than thirty years. He lectures frequently and is an invited speaker across the country on health care issues. He also presents to nationally prominent health care organizations.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

For more than forty years, these Ship classmates have traveled regularly to reconnect and vacation. Most recently, they visited Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada in June. (Pictured) Tricia (Erwin) ‘72 and Ron ‘73 Wallace, Betsy and Chris ‘73 Sherlock, Joanne (Faul) Dunbar ‘74, Marti (Gehr) Epler ‘74, Kay (Everhart) ‘74, and Bob Piotrowski ‘73 and Bill Pilkerton ‘73.
Dean L. Bartles ’82 plays in a cover band. Concert bands, pit orchestras, and continues to play trumpet in various ensemble and orchestra, she concert band, as well as Ship’s brass of Shippensburg’s marching and as a former member and president American Neurological Association. joined association headquarters as the Powder Mill Foundation in York. was named the first executive director of Donald M. Falcone ’80, York, was international album features thirty-one musicians. Released in August in the UK, the album, co-wrote the sixteen songs, and primarily played keyboards. Moorcock on the fourteenth Blue Oyster Cult drummer Albert California, collaborated with former Donald M. Falcone ’80, San Bruno, California, collaborated with former Blue Oyster Cult drummer Albert Bouchard and sci-fi writer Michael Moorcock on the fourteenth Spirits Burning studio album, an adaptation of Moorcock’s An Alien Heat novel. Falcone produced the album, co-wrote the sixteen songs, and primarily played keyboards. Released in August in the UK, the album features thirty-one musicians. Michael Hady III ’80, York, was named the first executive director of the Powder Mill Foundation in York. Helen (Wargny) Mack ’81, Riverton, New Jersey, retired from IBM Corporation after thirty-five years as a global project manager. She joined association headquarters as assistant executive director of the American Neurological Association. As a former member and president of Shippensburg’s marching and concert band, as well as Ship’s brass ensemble and orchestra, she continues to play trumpet in various concert bands, pit orchestras, and plays in a cover band.

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The amusing tale highlights the day Theo decides he is no longer human. In Uncertain Times. In November 2017, she delivered the TEDx talk at the Wilmington Women’s Conference, Navigating Transition Fog. She also produced the “Now What?” Transformation Clarity Card Deck, which provides information and inspiration to anyone experiencing a change at work or home. Reynolds spoke at the National Organization Development Network Conference in October in Alexandria, Virginia, and is keynote speaker at the Designed for Impact Women’s Conference in Bermuda in November.

Kathleen (Knadig) Yost ’84, retired as chief financial officer from The York Water Company.

Robin (McKendrick) Schroyer ’85, was named vice president of information services/chief information officer (CIO) at The Brethren Mutual Insurance Company.

Patricia Richards-Service ’86, Clarks Summit, received her doctorate in administration and leadership with a focus in health promotion during Marywood University’s 100th commencement in May. She received the McGowan Medal for Excellence in Doctoral Studies. She recently presented at the Society for Romanian Studies 2018 Conference in Bucharest, Romania. She is a Fulbright-Schuman grantee to the European Union, where she is conducting breast cancer mortality research in Dublin, Ireland, and Bucharest, Romania.

Eduardo Mack ’87, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is head of the Chevening Program, a post-graduation scheme sponsored by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in Great Britain.

**SHIP VISITS ALASKA**

Five members of the Class of 1975 traveled to Alaska in June and displayed the Ship flag proudly on the Alaska Dream Cruises, Admirality Dream, and at the end of the road in Denali National Park. (Pictured) Bob Smith ’75, Cyndi (Thomas) Smith ’75, Steve Rosa ’75, Judy (Waybright) Rosa ’75, and Joyce (Roberts) Bigley ’75.
Dr. Michael R. Smith ‘87M, Cleveland, Tennessee, Lee University’s professor of public relations, had the chapter “Promoting accuracy and advocacy in the age of competing voices,” published in Words and Witnesses, a book on notable Christians throughout the ages. The chapter is based on his book Fake News, Truth-Telling, and Charles M. Sheldon’s Model of Accuracy that was published earlier this year. Smith has written eight books, nine peer reviewed journal articles, seven chapters, and hundreds of articles for the popular press. He also has presented workshops in the United States and overseas, including a seminar on magazine writing for Magazine Training International. This year he will conduct focus group research in Nairobi, Kenya.

Bryon C. Black ‘88, Middletown, Maryland, recently joined the Frederick County, Maryland County Attorney’s Office as an assistant county attorney, after being in private practice for over twenty-seven years. He is focusing on the Finance Department and the Department of Public Works.

Jane B. DiGirolamo ‘88M, Annapolis, Maryland, created her own fundraising consulting firm, Creative Gratitude, LLC. She is a partner for Partners in Mission, and she provides fundraising counsel to K-8 and secondary Catholic schools. She developed her passion for fundraising when she took a fundraising course at Ship in her master’s program, a course taught by John Clinton, former executive director of the Shippensburg University Foundation.

Barrie Ann (McBride) George ‘88-‘89M, is the director of the Cumberland and Perry counties Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region. She and her husband, Joseph, write a bi-monthly fine arts review column for The Sentinel newspaper in Carlisle.

Charles A. Moran, Jr ‘89-‘97M, Carlisle, is the executive director of The Pennsylvania Licensed Beverage and Tavern Association.

TAKING TIME TO REUNITE


A GOLDEN DISNEY CELEBRATION

Ship grads traveled to Disney World in Orlando for their golden celebration fiftieth birthdays (from left) Krisaundra (Spital) Carson ‘88, Wendy (Lutz) Terry ‘89, Jeanine (Mannion) Medrow ‘90, Kimberly (Jackson) Killen ‘89, Stephanie (Carr) Caldara ‘89, Krista Strantz ‘89, Sharon (Madden) Repsher ‘89, Diannah (Ouly) Snisky ‘90, and Michelle (Bonneville) Buskey ‘89.

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Todd R. Hurley ‘90, Perkasie, Penn Community Banks chief relationship officer, has joined the board of directors of Pennridge FISH, a nonprofit that serves families in need in the Pennridge School District. FISH stands for Fellowship in Serving Humanity, maintaining a food pantry and clothing outlet that distributes donated items. FISH also receives food from federal, state, and regional programs, as well as numerous local farms.

Jeffrey S. Hyle ‘90, Lancaster, is the principle owner and manager of the public accounting firm of Rottmund, Cheek, Hyle & Co LLC (RCH-CPA). The firm focuses on tax and accounting services for individuals and businesses in the Lancaster area.

Jeanine (Mannion) Medrow ‘90, Yardley, received the 2017 Outstanding Educator Award from the Bucks County Association for The Education of Young Children at the Fall Conference October 2017. She teaches at the Crossing Cooperative Nursery School.

Benjamin “Aaron” House ‘95 married Emily Kavin on July 12. The couple lives in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

James Wisdom ‘95, Downingtown, leads award-winning marketing for large brands, earning two Webby awards and ten other honors in the past decade. He is proud to have led the largest philanthropic social media marketing campaign, raising over $1 million for pediatric cancer. He serves as vice president of digital marketing for Randstad, the second-largest staffing firm in the world.

Zina (Serafin) Clayman ‘93, Denver, was promoted from vice president of Madison Risk Group Client Services, to partner. Clayman is a certified construction risk insurance specialist (CRIS) and has twenty years of experience managing the risk management programs for many of the largest construction firms in the Philadelphia area. She oversees the Client Services Division, which handles contract bid and specification review and analysis, coverage and premium negotiation, insurance program structure, client advisement, and day-to-day servicing.

Ronald Showaker ‘92, Biglerville, was appointed controller and secretary of The Beistle Company by its board of directors.

Marisol (Sicairos) Craig ‘96-‘00M, Mechanicsburg, received her Doctorate in Education in June and is a principal in the Harrisburg City School District.

Kevin Snow ‘98-‘05M, Dunmore, is assistant professor of counselor education and clinical mental health director at Marywood University in Scranton. He was appointed as the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Starkoski is currently assigned to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

Michele M. Orner ‘92M, Parkesburg, was appointed to a five-year term as superintendent of the Octorara Area School District in Atglen.

Kevin F. Gill ‘93, New Cumberland, was named CEO of the Harrisburg Police Athletic League, a mentoring program for youth in the greater Harrisburg area that uses athletics and other activities, in cooperation with local law enforcement, to prevent crime and develop young people into productive citizens.

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chair/president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Counseling Association for a two-year term and to a seat on the executive council of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association in his new leadership role.

Chad Baker ’99-’11, York, recently was re-elected as chair of the Democratic Party of York County. He also was elected as vice chair of the south-central caucus of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, and was elected to a seat on the executive committee for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party.

Lucinda (Howell) Schaeffer ’99, Sinking Spring, is adjunct professor in the Education Department at Alvernia University in Reading.

William Ziegler II ’99 and his wife, Elizabeth, Lancaster, welcomed a son, William Michael III, on January 16.

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Alyce Baker ’00, Lock Haven, earned the status of full professor at Lock Haven University. Baker is a member of the English Department and serves as secondary English program and assessment coordinator.

Michael C. Parker ’00, Hummelstown, a former reporter and weekend co-anchor at ABC27, left his position to take on the role as communication director with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in Harrisburg.

Heather (Seich) Spence ’00, Alexandria, Virginia, is a marketing specialist at Shirley Contracting Company, a leading provider of comprehensive transportation and heavy civil construction services in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

April (Wadell) Bailey ’01-’04, Belleair Bluffs, Florida, joined the faculty of the Muma College of Business at the University of South Florida. Bailey is an instructor of marketing and the director of the business honors program.

Richard Etter ’01, Pittsburgh, is a partner in Fox Rothschild LLP firm’s labor and employment practice.

William “Chayne” Gregg ’01, Wilmington, Delaware, has started his own production company, FreshFly, after ten years in film and TV production. FreshFly completed a documentary film, WYETH, for the PBS series American Masters. Visit AndrewWyethMovie.com, or go to iTunes and Amazon for more.

Alann D. Schmidt ’01M, Orbisonia, co-authored September Mourn: The Dunker Church of the Antietam Battlefield. The Dunker Church is one of the most iconic structures of the American Civil War. The Dunker Church can finally take its place alongside the Alamo and Shiloh churches as one of the most notable houses of worship in American military history, and this book gives the full story of the monumental battle and the community who lived through it.

Dennis J. Little II ’03, Carlisle, won the 2018 Forty Under 40 awards from Central Penn Business Journal for his commitment to business growth, professional excellence, and community service.

Maggie Funkhouser ’04 and Kevin Mickley, Ogden, Utah, welcomed a daughter, Edith Rae Mickley, on June 22.

Anna Carlen ’05 married Brandon Hanulak on May 11. The couple lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jessica (Kalbrosky) Johnson ’05 and husband Chris Johnson Jr. ’05, Philadelphia, welcomed a son, Miles Oliver, on April 18.

Alyssa (Sellers) Feher ’06 and husband Ryan Feher ’06-’11M, Boiling Springs, welcomed a son, Vincent Frank, on May 22. He joins big brother RJ, and big sisters Lexie and Ally.

Eric Fischgrund ’06, Hoboken, New Jersey, is the founder of FischTank, which provides marketing, media relations, and digital strategies for companies of all sizes, spanning multiple industries and verticals. His belief is that clients should count on the firm as more than just a vendor, but rather a partner that understands their business and applies a unique skillset to amplify their messaging and achieve results.

Allison (Bollinger) Miller ’06 and husband Nils, Silver Spring, Maryland, welcomed a son, Felix Bollinger, on July 7. He joins big brothers Oliver, four, and Arthur, two.

Krista Parker ’06, Tampa, Florida, was promoted to managing consultant, Berkeley Research Group.

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Barbara C. Banz ‘08, Dingmans Ferry, was awarded Outstanding Oral Presentation for her presentation at the first Yale University Postdoc Symposium held on June 8. The focus of her presentation, “Drinking Symptomology and Attentional Processing Limitations During Driving Simulation,” was her current research mimicking distracted driving in sober young drivers in order to study potential effects of drinking. The mission of the DrivSim Lab is to understand the neural basis of driving behavior and risk processes during adolescence and emerging adulthood, and to develop individually tailored interventions to promote safe driving.

Lindsay (Snyder) Stein ‘08 and husband Michael ‘08, Red Lion, welcomed a son, Jacob Michael, on April 2016, and a daughter, Ellis, in March. He was promoted to audit manager at BDO USA LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, in August 2017. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Amanda (Gilbert) Wright ‘10 and husband Matthew Wright ‘10, welcomed a son, Trapper John, on July 29. He joins big brother Bucky, two. The family lives in McClure.

Danielle (DiPerina) Bryan ‘11 and husband Michael, Poland, Ohio, welcomed a daughter, Aubrey Mae, on August 31, 2017.

Emily M. Smith ‘14, Hanover, graduated from Temple University on May 10 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Alyssa M. Hicks ‘15, Nazareth, joins Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, as a law clerk with the firm. Hicks joins the labor and employment practice group. She will represent companies in employment-related litigation and handle administration matters before the EEOC and PHRC. Hicks earned her JD, cum laude, from Widener University Commonwealth Law School in 2018.

Alex P. Courtney ‘16, Hagerstown, Maryland, was promoted to senior associate at Smith Elliott Kearns. Courtney provides individual and business tax preparation, accounting services, and financial statement preparation services.

Brendan E. Courduff ‘17, Beijing, China, accepted a position for one year with the RYB Schools in Beijing teaching English as a second language to kindergartners.
Alumni spent the morning at Gettysburg Goat Yoga enjoying sunshine, goats, laughs, and good company. Jessica Richardson '17 and Lori (Taylor) Smith '95-'00, director of alumni relations, joined in the fun. With special thanks to Joe Carothers '76, the Alumni Relations Office hosted a Ship in Pitt tailgate with members from the Alumni Board living in the Pittsburgh area. Alumni and players’ families were joined by members of the marching band, their families, and a student fan bus, including Rachael Henderson '18 with Sue and Doug '82 Harbach, Ashley (Barton) Chludzinski '06, Mark '96, and Amy '94 (Kerr) Casciola, Kenneth Minefield '87, and Scott Hershberger '07, and family and friends of Red Raider Football Coach Mac '92-'96 and Tricia '98-'05 (Koons) Maciejewski.

It was an awesome turnout at Ship Night with the Harrisburg Senators on City Island this summer. Carol Verish '99 and family posed with Big Red, President Laurie Carter threw out an amazing first pitch, and Matt Lissner, military science instructor, with daughter Jessie, enjoyed cornhole. Members of the Alumni Board of Directors participated alongside the freshman class at the annual Ship Serves day. Posing for a morning photo with Big Red are board members Kenneth Minefield '87, Mike Parker '00, Paula (Biesecker) Alcock '92, Dave Thompson '69, Josh Lang '13, Tim Bream '87, Steve Thomas '04, Tim MacBain '03, Melissa (Wilbur) Morgan '06-'08M, Stephanie (Jacobs) Ponnett '93, Johanna (Williams) Jones '92-'00M, and Michele (Gegg) Legge '88. Josh Lang '13 jumped right in to operate the heavy equipment. Carol Verish '99, Holly (Oughton) Lubart '99, Melissa Morgan '06-'08M, and Bobby Sisock '05-'06M volunteered at the Shippensburg Area Intermediate School, and Alumni Board of Directors Kenneth Minefield '87, Lynne (Highsmith) Daley '83-'84M, and Joe Carothers '76 have a little fun with items they found while volunteering for cleanup in the basement of Christ United Methodist Church.
FREE CAFFEINE BOOST

If you time it just right, you might score a free cup of coffee! Making sure our students are awake and energized to continue their hard work, our gracious President Laurie Carter often foots the bill!

KEEP CALM AND DRINK Coffee

Stop sending me this, Ship. - Big Red

#TWINNING
IT’S A COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Our beloved Big Red is not, however, a parrot. He is a Red-tailed Hawk, and he’s not afraid to correct you.

ALWAYS THE FINER DINER

Siri, show me the finer things in life.

SHIP HAPPENS AND LOVE BLOOMS

You guys clean up nice! Cheers to Mr. and Mrs. Bloom on tying the knot. You and your crew are always welcome to bring the party back home to Ship!
REMEMBERING DALE KANN, A LIFELONG LEARNER

The Shippensburg University Foundation lost a longtime supporter and friend, Dale E. Kann, a 1963 graduate of Shippensburg University, who passed away on November 8, 2017. Dale shared his invaluable experience and insights as a member of the SU Foundation Board of Directors for thirty-four years.

A native of Shippensburg, he began his career at Eli Lilly and Company and rose through the ranks until retiring as vice president of Corporate Information Systems in the Material Planning and Purchasing Division in 1988.

Dale volunteered countless hours of his personal time to the SU Foundation and provided leadership to advance its mission for the betterment of Shippensburg University. He served on various campaign committees, including the Steering Committee and the Campaign Management Team for the Navigating into the Future comprehensive campaign. He also was a member of the SU Foundation’s Honor Society and a 1990 recipient of Shippensburg University’s Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was a respected business and community leader who supported the university and foundation through the Annual Fund, the construction of the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, the Wisman Endowment for the Investment Management Program, the Charles H. Diller Jr. Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Innovation, and joint faculty/student research in the College of Education and Human Services.

Dale further demonstrated his commitment to education and his generosity by establishing two endowment funds designed to enhance learning and knowledge. The Dale E. Kann Joint Faculty/Student Research Fund is awarded annually to collaborative research projects in the John L. Grove College of Business. He designed this endowment to help faculty and students in the college to stay abreast of information technology and problem-solving techniques in the business world. The second endowment, The Dale E. Kann Education Improvement Fund, is designed to bolster the expertise of primary and secondary teachers to improve the quality of instruction for K-12 students.

Dale’s legacy of generosity and love of learning will continue in perpetuity through these endowments. For those who had the honor of knowing him, he will be remembered for his fierce loyalty, which created lifelong friendships, and his devotion to his wife, Rosalyn, three children, and eight grandchildren.

Like Dale Kann, many alumni and friends have provided annual funds year by year and also helped to build a permanent financial foundation through the Shippensburg University Foundation for the benefit of Shippensburg University.

Of all forms of private giving, endowments offer one of the most influential of investments in higher education by creating self-renewing, living legacies that span generations. An endowment is an investment in the lives of those to come, a promise without end, made by today’s donors to the future.

If you would like more information on establishing an endowment, contact the SU Foundation.
For registration or additional information, visit ship.edu/alumni, e-mail alumni@ship.edu, or call (717) 477-1218.

**CARLISLE**

Ship Alumni Night at Grand Illusions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6; 5:30–7:30PM**

Join Ship after work at Grand Illusions Hard Cider and Wine Bar in Carlisle! Enjoy “Pennsylvania Craft on Draft” with a variety of ciders, beers, wines, and sodas in a unique atmosphere. Dr. Chad Kimmel, associate professor of sociology at Shippensburg University, opened the craft beverage business earlier this year. Sport your Ship gear for a chance to win Ship swag!

**CHAMBERSBURG**

IceFest Alumni Hospitality Suite

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 11:30–1:30PM**

Take the chill off and join fellow Ship alumni for hot cocoa and cookies while you stroll the streets and view the sparkling ice sculptures during Chambersburg’s IceFest. Bring your family to the first floor conference room inside the Heritage Center located on the square, 100 Lincoln Way E., Chambersburg.

**SHIPPENSBURG**

ShipMates Valentine’s Date Night

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15; 6:00PM WINE AND CHOCOLATE PAIRING, REISNER DINING HALL; 7:00PM MOVIE, ORNDORFF THEATRE; $10 PER PERSON**

Over the years, Ship has played cupid to nearly 8,000 alumni! Rekindle your old flame on campus, and join us for a very special ShipMate’s Valentine’s Day event! Begin the evening in the Tuscawora Room with a chocolate and wine pairing presented by Nick Iula, Shippensburg University’s director of Dining Services. Then head to Orndorff Theatre to view The Notebook for the ultimate Valentine’s date night. Movie includes popcorn and beverage.

**VIRTUAL**

Webinar: Leading with Clarity and Confidence

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16; NOON–1:00PM**

With Amazon’s best-selling author Brenda (Kline) Reynolds ’83

Are you craving help navigating the “fog” that rolls in with the disorder, confusion, and emotions of change? Do you find yourself asking “now what?” Then this webinar is for you! Learn about pitfalls to avoid in uncertain times, practical strategies for successfully navigating change, and one major “aha” about change that will make it tolerable. You will quickly be on the road to clarity and confidence.

**ALUMNI WEEKEND 2019**

**FRIDAY, MAY 31–SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**SAVE THE DATE**

DIY Alumni Event

Not seeing any alumni events near you? Have a space you want to showcase for an event? We can help! Speak to our coordinator of alumni events to determine the feasibility of the event. You do the planning, and we’ll market your event via e-mail and social media (personal follow up and marketing is highly recommended). The Alumni Relations Office also will send your group giveaways and publications to make your event an extra special Ship gathering. Whether you want to host a happy hour at a nearby pub, hold a reunion at a local park, or participate in a special activity, your Alumni Office is here to support you!

Don’t forget to take a selfie with our Ship ice sculpture!