SHIP CONNECTIONS: ROBERT AND MIRIAM (MIMI) GOODLING

Bob Goodling ’55 grew up in a small town in Juniata County. His father, aunt, and cousin were teachers and encouraged Bob to follow the same profession. He graduated from Shippensburg, but after one year of teaching, he decided to pursue his passion in the construction business. He led a construction crew for Dr. Ralph Scefford, whom he met at Ship. Over the course of his career, he built houses, townhouses, government buildings and mobile home parks.

Years ago, Bob received a call from a student volunteer asking him to make a gift to the SU Foundation. He said the student shared what the impact of his gift would be, and so Bob gave his first $100.

When the SU Foundation launched the “Navigating into the Future” campaign, Bob’s fellow tennis player, Dr. John Rogers, shared that SU planned to build a performing arts center on campus. John connected Bob and his wife Miriam (Mimi) with Dr. Leslie Folmer Clinton, then director of the center, and the couple supported the Luhrs Performing Arts Center through that campaign. They continue to support the Luhrs Center annually through the SU Foundation Annual Fund’s Circle of Friends and with a planned gift.

The Goodlings believe the center fills a need in the region for affordable, high-quality performances. They also support Annual Fund scholarships such as the Outstanding Student Scholarship and the HOPE Diversity Scholarship because they believe in providing access to higher education.

Bob and Mimi have been supporting students and the arts faithfully ever since.

“Tamara was the kind of person who would give away her last dime and the shirt off her back in order to help others in need.”

THANK YOU!

Tamara Ojevera was a student-athlete, holding school records for SU Women’s Track and Field in the indoor/outdoor shot put, discus, and hammer throw. She won numerous track and field meets and conference championships in addition to trips to the Division II NCAA National Championships throughout her collegiate athletic career. She earned Second Team All-American Honors. Tamara passed away suddenly in December 2017.

During the spring semester, the SU Men’s and Women’s Track and Field teams and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) raised money for a scholarship in memory of Tamara through the SU Foundation’s “Launch Ship” crowdfunding platform.

Midway through the crowdfunding scholarship campaign, an anonymous donor offered to match every dollar donated up to $5,000. Fellow students and student-athletes, parents, coaches, and fans contributed over $5,000 through this initiative, reaching the $10,000 goal with the match. You can still make a gift to the Tamara’s Ojevera Memorial Scholarship by visiting SUFoundation.org/give-now.

DR. THOMAS AND SUSAN HOFFER COLLEY THEATRE ENDOWMENT

In 1985, Professor Tom Colley, then-director of theatre at Shippensburg University, was organizing a production of Macbeth when he received funds from then-President Anthony Ceddio to cast a professional actor in the lead role. Tom knew his students could watch and learn from the actor, but did not anticipate the full impact of the visit. “We gave him a meal ticket, so he could get meals in the dining hall,” he said. “He would sit down to eat with the students and they would grill him with questions and get advice from him. It was such a positive experience.” That kind of interaction can’t be replicated in the classroom, he noted.

When Tom and his wife, Susan, sat down years ago to outline plans for their estate, Susan suggested making a provision in their wills for a gift to the Shippensburg University Foundation. Upon learning of the SU Foundation’s “Charting the Course, Lighting the Way” Campaign, they officially notified the SU Foundation of their intention. From there, the Dr. Thomas and Susan Hoffer Colley Theatre Endowment was established. Their gift is intended to establish an artist-in-residence or guest artist program within the Department of Music and Theatre Arts.

Tom taught at SU from 1968 to 1991. “The students and the theatre department were such a big part of our lives for so long,” Susan said. “I thought it would be a nice way to honor Tom and, at the same time, benefit the students and faculty in the department.” The Macbeth guest artist visit “was such a positive thing,” Tom said. “I thought if we could extend that type of thing to students and faculty in the future, it was worth doing.

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FRONT COVER, Dr. Pablo Delis, professor of biology, talks to a snake during a class at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station in Wallops Island, Virginia. Photo courtesy of Chincoteague Bay Field Station.
By the Numbers: Ceddia Union Building

1971 Year Cub opened

108.5 Hours per week the Cub help desk is staffed

15,000 Attendees at APB events last year

2005 Year the building was renamed from Cumberland Union Building to Ceddia Union Building to honor President Emeritus, Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia

8 Movies shown in Orndorff each year

1,650 Water bottles saved monthly because of the Cub’s filling stations

Letters Welcome: We encourage letters to the editor involving issues on articles or topics, the university, or those of general interest to our readership. Letters should be no longer than 400 words and may be edited for length and clarity. Unsigned letters will not be published.
Remembering Jeffrey W. Coy—Alumnus, Advocate, and SU Trustee Chair

Jeffrey W. Coy—alumnus, avid supporter, and sitting chair of the Shippensburg University Council of Trustees—passed away June 4. Coy served as a state representative from Pennsylvania’s 89th House District for twenty-two years.

Chairman Coy was one of our most distinguished alumni and one of the strongest supporters of Shippensburg University. His service and contributions to the campus and community shall live on, and we are forever indebted to him,” said President Laurie A. Carter. “On behalf of the campus community, we extend our sincerest condolences to Chairman Coy’s wife, Jo Anne.”

A Shippensburg native and 1973 graduate of the university, Coy made a tremendous impact on his hometown, alma mater, and across the state over his lifetime. Elected as chair of the SU Council of Trustees on June 9, 2017, he also served on the Council of Trustees from 1975-1982, including serving as chair for three years, and the State System Board of Governors from 1985 to 2005. Coy graduated from SU with a bachelor’s degree in government administration in 1973. In 1974, he was recognized by Shippensburg Jaycees who named him Young Man of the Year. He received an honorary Doctorate in Public Service and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Shippensburg University.

“Jeff was an incredible friend to the university and to many of us, especially my family,” said President Emeritus Anthony F. Ceddia. “He will be remembered as someone who was instrumental in the development of the university he loved so much. As an alumnus and a legislator, he was many things to many people, but most of all, he was a great friend.”

During Carter’s inauguration in April, Coy spoke on behalf of the Council of Trustees, welcoming Carter to her new role at the university. “I am overjoyed to be here today for the celebration of this new chapter in the life of this fine institution,” said Coy during inauguration. “The university and its president and the chairman of the council of trustees have a unique relationship to follow. The Council of Trustees are different in the role they play, and as such, it is important that they work as a cohesive team. This requires a trusting relationship, and it helps if you like each other. Well I’m proud to say that I like Laurie, and Laurie likes me.”

He was elected to the state House of Representatives from the 89th Legislative District in 1982, serving eleven terms. Coy served as Minority Caucus Secretary, the fourth-highest leadership position in the Democratic Caucus. He served in House leadership since 1993, when he was first elected as Majority Caucus Chairman.

In the House, Coy served on the Ethics and Rule committee and was treasurer of the joint State Government Commission, a research arm of the General Assembly.

A strong supporter of public education, Coy led the fight for quality preschool education, full-day kindergarten, smaller class sizes in the early grades, and safer schools. He was one of two state House members who served on the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, which oversees the state-owned universities.

When he left the House in 2004, he was named a commissioner on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, retiring from the board in 2010.

Coy remained active in his community. Most recently, he served as right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He served on the board of directors of Orrstown Bank for thirty-four years.

Previously, he was president of West End Fire and Rescue in Shippensburg, served on the board of directors for WITF, and was named honorary chairman of the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter during a transition in management. He was fundraising chairman of Friends of Memorial Park Pool. He also was an adjunct professor of government at Wilson College.

Coy and his wife were active members of Memorial Lutheran Church in Shippensburg, where he served as church organist for more than forty years.

“I am thankful to have this platform through which to share with the entire SU alumni family my heartfelt gratitude for everything the Shippensburg University community has done for me and for Jeff’s family. They stood by Jeff during his illness and provided overwhelming support when he passed away. I would like all alumni to know that ours is a caring, giving, and supportive alma mater. I can’t thank SU enough.”

—Jo Anne Coy

Jeffrey W. Coy received the honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Shippensburg University during winter commencement in 2004.
Celebrating Inauguration By Making Waves

“Education has the power to transform lives. And that is what we do at Ship. We transform lives.”

On April 20, Laurie A. Carter officially and enthusiastically took on the role as seventeenth president of Shippensburg University. After a nationwide search last year, Carter was appointed to the position in August by Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education’s Board of Governors. Prior to coming to Shippensburg University, she was the executive vice president and university counsel for Eastern Kentucky University. Before her time at EKU, Carter was vice president for arts education at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

During inauguration, she acknowledged the challenges ahead, but said, “I am not daunted because I stand on the shoulders of all who came before me. The men and women who laid a strong foundation for this great university, and those who mentored me, coached me, pushed me, and educated me so that I would be prepared for the challenges we face here.”

In her speech, she focused on student success and elaborated on the “Make Waves” inauguration theme. “All Ship students deserve a high-quality academic experience that prepares them for success, not just in a career, but also in life. So we are going to make waves. Waves that take us places, carry us to new heights, and are powerful enough to break down barriers.”

Dr. Anthony Ceddia, president emeritus, and Craig Turner, chair of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents, served as guest speakers during inauguration. The ceremony included an a capella arrangement by James Martin, assistant professor of music at Dickinson College and Carter's former student.

The week prior to inauguration, Carter invited the entire university and Shippensburg community to join in her celebration with a week of activities ranging from an event.

“Ship students deserve our best. They and their families have entrusted us with not only their education. They have entrusted us with their futures.”
Fighting for state funding, Ship students joined forces with students and faculty from the fourteen state schools for the #Prepared4PA advocacy event in February.

The #Prepared4PA campaign rallies support for Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education and its students. Students met with state legislators in the Capitol to voice their thoughts and concerns.

» TRAINED AS JOB COACHES THROUGH THE NEW HIRE ME PROGRAM, Ship students gained valuable work experience while helping high school students with disabilities land their first job. Thirty-five Big Spring and Shippensburg high school students secured jobs through the program, working about five hours a week. Positions ranged from food service to office work. Ship students cited the valuable relationships and educational opportunities the program offers.

» STUDENTS TRAVELED THE GLOBE to gain knowledge of Jamaican culture and to educate poverty-stricken students at the Galloway Early Childhood Center and the Llandilo Special Education School. Early childhood education and special education majors attended the service-learning trip and used their classroom skills to assess the elementary students’ performance levels.

The annual Minds@Work conference in April provides a unique opportunity for students to present the creative work and research that they’ve accomplished throughout the year. More than 400 undergraduate and graduate students representing an array of disciplines shared their work with attendees through poster sessions, oral presentations, and panel presentations organized by academic departments.
You made it—congrats Class of 2018! Thanks for letting us share in your challenges, trials, joys, laughs, and accomplishments at Ship. We’re proud of all you’ve done and can’t wait to see what you’ll do. Best of luck, and remember, you’ll always have a second home at Ship!

222 degrees awarded to graduate students
881 degrees awarded to undergraduate students
NEW YORK CITY OPENED DOORS FOR STUDENTS in Ship’s Investment Management Program and gave them the opportunity to network with financial leaders and other students from across the nation. At the Quinnipiac Global Asset Management Education Forum, these students were able to gain valuable knowledge through hands-on workshops, receive career advice, and debate their outlooks for the future of the industry.

ESTEEM WAS HIGH as area seventh-grade girls attended the annual Cumberland Valley ESTEEM (Exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Earth Science, and Mathematics) event on campus. Ship faculty, students, and alumni hosted workshops for this hands-on career awareness program in May.

NOTHING IS BETTER THAN kids and animals! In May, kindergarteners from Shippensburg Area schools visited the SU Campus Farm to learn more about sustainable living from Ship’s geoenvironmental majors, visit with farm animals, and taste fresh produce.
PA SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFF EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD WELCOMES JIRARD

This winter, Gov. Tom Wolf appointed Stephanie Jirard, JD, professor of criminal justice, to the Pennsylvania Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, through the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Program, provides certification and re-certification training to all active sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the commonwealth. The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board determines the training the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs need and provides for the administration of these training programs.

“I am humbled to be chosen by Gov. Wolf to serve on the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff’s Training and Education Board,” Jirard said. “I look forward to serving with professionals dedicated to preparing the men and women who serve their communities to perform their law enforcement duties at the highest level. It is an honor to represent Ship and my fellow criminal justice educators.”

Jirard took the oath to serve in front of Cumberland County Magisterial District Judge Jonathan Birbeck and immediately began her three-year term.

1992
FROM THE VAULT

In 1992, Bill Clinton moved into the White House and NASA successfully launched the Space Shuttle Endeavor from the Kennedy Center in Florida. Closer to home, Ship’s campus experienced plenty of activity and expansion.

• Campus renovations included Stewart Hall and Kriner and Reisner dining halls. The biggest renovation included the CUB expansion that doubled the original size of the building. The CUB was revamped with a larger bookstore, the relocation of the Career Development Center from behind McCune Hall to the CUB, and expanded seating in the Raider Room.

SU Fulbright Scholars Make History

For the first time in the university’s history, two students, a faculty member, and an administrator recently have been invited into the Fulbright Program.

Students Hannah Logheed ‘17 and Shelby Coghill ’15 are two of less than 2,000 individuals selected for the Fulbright Program and will be conducting research, teaching, and providing expertise abroad.

Logheed will work as an English teaching assistant at the University of Brazil, and Coghill will head to Colombia to put her three years of teaching experience to use for English-language learners. Both Logheed and Coghill are focused on working with students to help further their success. Coghill said, “I hope to accomplish a deeper understanding of how to best advocate for Latin American immigrants in our educational system upon my return to the United States.”

Dr. Agnes Ragone, professor of global languages and culture, earned a Fulbright grant for Benin to research the relationship between the local West African language and Haitian Creole.

Ragone will head to Benin in the fall of 2018. She will study the influence of Fonbé, the language of the Fon people, a major ethnic and linguistic group in the Nigeria-Togo region, in the development of Haitian Creole as well as its influence on the dialect of French spoken in Benin. Upon receiving the grant, Ragone said, “It is a humbling honor to be granted the scholarship, vetted by many, and I am truly looking forward to immersing myself in this project.”

Additionally, Mary Burnett, associate dean of students and director of International Programs, will travel to Germany to attend an International Education Administrators seminar. During the two-week seminar Burnett will have the opportunity to learn about the host country’s education system as well as establish networks with US and international colleagues that will enhance her service to international students and prospective study-abroad students.

“I have had the privilege to advise German international students studying at Ship and also to prepare Ship students to study and travel within Germany. Being selected for the International Educator Administrators Fulbright will provide me greater awareness and insight into the German system of higher education as well as the opportunity to experience German culture first hand,” she said.

• American Civil Rights activist Jesse Jackson spoke in Heiges Field House about drugs, racism, voting, and hope.
• An optional plus and minus grading system was implemented on campus, which strayed from the previous letter grades and made the weight of grades different when calculating GPA.
• An on-campus dance club named Cutters Cove opened in the CUB Multipurpose Room. Equipped with a disk jockey and non-alcoholic beverages, it became a hit weekend spot.
• Steve Spence ’85 qualified for the 1992 the USA Olympic team and placed twelfth in the marathon at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.
• The Men’s Swimming team sent twelve members to compete at the national championship meet.
FOREMAN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

When Brad Foreman applied to Shippensburg University, it had been almost six years since he had failed out during his first attempt at college. Foreman graduated this May as a physics major with six minors and earned Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for academic excellence.

Foreman transferred to Ship with many general education requirements already under his belt. Some of his minors include chemistry, military science, and Spanish. Foreman even started the first Spanish radio program at Ship.

Last semester, he took twenty-two credits and maintained a 4.0, all while juggling his responsibilities as a parent to his young daughter. Having graduated, Foreman will begin active duty in the US Military and start training this fall as an intelligence officer.

Foreman said he is proud of what he has accomplished with his second chance at success. He is grateful to the university and the community, saying it truly speaks to the supportive culture of Shippensburg. “All of the things I’ve been able to do here, I wouldn’t have been able to do anywhere else.”

NEW CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM APPROVED

The first civil engineering program in Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, and fifth engineering program at Ship, received approval from the Board of Governors in May.

The program will prepare students for careers in the design, inspection, and management of structures, transportation systems, and environmental systems.

Civil engineering is one of the most in-demand fields in the state, and Ship’s program will address that need. By blending in-class theory with hands-on experience, students will be well prepared for the workforce upon graduation. Transfer agreements help the program to stay affordable and accessible, including courses offered at many State System institutions and regional community colleges.

“Students in the program will gain experience working in interdisciplinary engineering teams, and will have opportunities for internships and practical hands-on applications,” said Dr. Tom Briggs, professor of computer science and engineering.

The program launches fall 2018. To learn more about engineering at Ship, see “Challenge Accepted” on page 20.

STUDENT NAMED NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW

Junior geoenvironmental studies major Caylyn Hall earned recognition as a 2018 Newman Civic Fellow in March. She is one of 268 students nationwide selected to participate in the fellowship offered through Campus Compact, which recognizes students who address challenges in their communities.

Through undergraduate research opportunities, Hall became interested in environmental issues, especially those related to agriculture, food production, and sustainability. She began an independent research project as a sophomore, investigating methods for producing and growing food with biochar soil amendments.

She then wrote an undergraduate research grant and obtained funding to purchase the materials to build her own biochar kiln. She presented her research at the university’s spring Minds@Work conference.

Hall is president of the SU Campus Farm Club and is a member of the SU Marching Band.

As part of the fellowship, Hall will have opportunities to develop the skills needed to serve as an effective agent of change in the community. This includes access to in-person and virtual learning opportunities, networking events, and mentoring.
calendar of cultural events
A complete calendar of events is available at ship.edu/events/.

EVENTS

Parents and Family Day
September 15

LECTURES

Day of Human Understanding Lecture with comedian and author W. Kamau Bell
September 26, 7:00pm, Luhrs Performing Arts Center

Recent Work—Ben Culbertson: A Sabbatical Leave Exhibit
October 1–25

Scholastic 144
November 7–17

EXHIBITS

Kauffman Gallery, Huber Art Center.
For more information, call (717) 477-1530.

Net/WORK
August 29–September 27
Featuring sculptures by Sean Derry and metals by Sharon Massey

The Fashion of Fiction from Pamela to Gatsby
Through April 2019

SU HOSTS ANNUAL CHILDREN’S FAIR
The annual Children’s Fair fosters a nurturing and progressive relationship between the university and Shippensburg community through healthy and engaging activities for children and their families. In April, Ship’s First-Year Experience Program and the Community Engagement Center sponsored the event with the help of Target, Shippensburg Kiwanis, Phantom Shadow, and the Student Government Association. This year’s event took place in Heiges Field House and included carnival games, bounce houses, an egg hunt, and giveaways.

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).

LUHRS CENTER
H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center
Shippensburg University

Kansas
August 16 | 7:30PM | $75–$55
Performing hits from their collection of fifteen studio albums and five live albums, Kansas is coming to the Luhrs Center! With eight gold albums, three sextuple platinum albums, one platinum live album, and two one-million selling gold singles, the iconic 1970s rock band continues touring and making music.

Roots and Boots 90s Electric Throwdown Tour with Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin, and Collin Raye
September 14 | 7:30PM | $70-$55
Three voices that defined 1990s country music and shaped the genre we know today are now touring together as one band! Combined, the three artists—Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin, and Collin Raye—have an array of accolades and awards, and over forty top ten radio hits. Together these three musicians will wow you with their 1990s Electric Throwdown.
The John Denver Estate presents:
The Official John Denver Celebration Concert
September 28 | 8:00 PM | $55–$39

Flatley Presents Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games
October 6 | 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM | $75–$55
Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games premiered at the iconic London Palladium in 2014 to mark the twentieth anniversary of Michael Flatley becoming an international sensation. The show continues to thrill audiences worldwide with dance, music, and special effects that fuse traditional with contemporary, showcasing the exceptional talent of the cast. Let the dance take you on a journey filled with energy and passion.

Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood: The Scared Scriptless Tour
October 20 | 7:30 PM | $45-$25
From the US and British versions of the iconic improvisational comedy show Whose Line is it Anyway? Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood are coming to share their comedic talents at the Luhrs Center. Unscripted and hilarious, the comedians rely on nothing but their sharp wit and the audience in front of them. The show is entirely based around the suggestions and participation of the audience, so be ready for an interactive performance!

Shippensburg University Community Orchestra Fall Concert
November 18 | 3:00 PM | Free
The Shippensburg University Concert Choir and the University-Community Orchestra will join forces for a performance of Georg Fredrick Handel’s classic masterpiece, Messiah. The concert will be conducted by Dr. Mark Hartman, associate professor of music. Professional soloists will include the choir’s director, Elizabeth Schoenfelt, soprano. Additional soloists to be announced.

Celtic Woman: The Best of Christmas Tour
November 29 | 7:30 PM | $105-$85
Celebrate this holiday season with the celestial voices of multi-platinum Irish singing sensation Celtic Woman as they present The Best of Christmas Tour accompanied by a live symphony. The show features music from the all-female ensemble’s most favorite Yuletide songs performed by them over the years. Prepare for a festive evening filled with mesmerizing music, performance, and holiday cheer.

TOTO: 40 Trips Around the Sun
November 10 | 7:30 PM | $75–$55
Few ensembles in the history of recorded music have individually or collectively had a larger imprint on pop culture than the members of TOTO. As individuals, the band members’ performances can be heard on 5,000 albums. As a band, TOTO has sold over 40 million albums, with hits including “Hold The Line,” “Africa,” and “Rosanna.” With over thirty-nine years together and thousands of accolades, TOTO remains one of the top selling touring and recording acts in the world.
Sometimes you have to step outside your realm of comfort and challenge yourself to explore new ideas before you can secure a true sense of growth and direction in life. Rachel Shaffer, a senior chemistry major, came to this realization with the financial assistance and academic opportunities provided to her through the Reber-Offner Research Grant.

Shaffer was the first recipient of the grant in spring 2016 and received a $5,000 stipend to participate in a ten-week research project last summer.

Vera Reber, a former Ship professor and Honors Program director, and her husband John Offner, also a former Ship professor, endowed the research grant several years ago. Their hope for the annual grant was to ease the financial burden for a female honor student majoring in math, physics, chemistry, or computer science, so that they may immerse themselves in their studies.

“I was going to do research over the summer with no monetary backings. It was nice to find out that we actually had some money to conduct the research and for me to stay (in Shippensburg) to do a longer project than I originally anticipated,” Shaffer said.

Shaffer partnered with Dr. John Richardson, professor of analytical chemistry, for her fully funded summer research project, and together they explored the spectroelectrochemical qualities of heavy metals such as lead and zinc on Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) coated glass. These heavy metals are common components of gunshot residue, Shaffer explained. The duo approached their research from a forensic angle by analyzing the composition and properties of gunshot residue in a solution on the glass slides.

By exposing herself to electrochemical and analytical concepts that diverged from her biochemistry concentration, Shaffer cultivated applicable skills and gained an appreciation of the strenuous process that goes into scientific research.

“One big thing that I needed to learn in doing this research before doing any other research was essentially how to try and fail at things,” she said. “A lot of research is trial and error, especially when you are fairly new at it. You have to learn to take those failures and say, ‘Okay, how do I have to modify a procedure to get the result I am looking for?’”

But Shaffer gained more than problem-solving skills by the conclusion of her research project. She also landed an internship at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).
The research she conducted during her summer project at Ship was rooted in the same information gathering techniques that NIDA interns use, giving Shaffer an advantage over other applicants. While at Ship, Shaffer studied a substance’s composition on a micro-scale with glass slides. At NIDA, she conducted an in vivo study looking at drugs like cocaine in the brain of a rat.

“Because I did this analytical research, especially with the electrochemistry, the PI (Principal Investigator) at NIDA found my application in the database, and that’s one of the reasons why he chose me to be his intern. It gave me a good foundation to do the work that I was doing there,” Shaffer said.

After Shaffer paid the summer expenses from her research, she had the opportunity to use the remaining money to fund her travel to the American Chemical Society National Meeting in San Francisco. While there, she networked with other students and chemists and presented her research during the undergraduate session.

Before Shaffer was awarded the grant, she planned to be a clinician and attend medical school. However, the experiences that stemmed from her grant research opened her eyes to new interests and opportunities.

“Both this project and all the projects I have gotten to do have shown me that I’m not ready to give up any kind of research in my career,” she said.

Shaffer now plans to take a gap year to participate in a post-baccalaureate program with NIDA, where she will be able to work with professional scientists to conduct biomedical research.

“Taking a gap year is something that I didn’t realize was important until I actually had these research opportunities where I met post-bacs and realized how important they are if you are unsure,” she said. “With the way the medical cycles go, I didn’t feel like I had a lot of time to make a decision. I didn’t want to go into (a program) and not be happy with the choice I made.”

Molly Foster ’19 is an intern for SU Magazine.

spotlight on

DUSTIN McCORKLE ’19

Hometown: Shippensburg | Major: Geo-Environmental Science with Sustainability minor | Year: Senior

What sparked your interest in building a tiny home, especially in a bus?
D: (Holly Helm and I) were tired of paying rent, tired of excessive bills, and that kind of thing. We were thinking about an RV but... RVs are incredibly expensive, and they’re built out of the cheapest material possible, so that they can just be cranked out commercially. We were looking at RVs and thinking about gutting it and rebuilding it how we wanted, but then we’re generating a lot of waste. Honestly it’s just easier to start from scratch.

So was the bus totally stripped when you bought it?
D: No, not at all.
H: We took the seats out. We had to take out the original flooring and the ceiling as well, the walls—everything.
D: Yeah, it was a regular bus—you know, metal everywhere—so we had to get rid of all of that.

Where do you want to go once it’s finished?
H: We want to go everywhere, anywhere that we can. I want to drive it through Canada and up to Alaska... We definitely plan on taking it out west.
D: I’ve done a lot of traveling, so I just want to go where she wants to go. We do plan on looking for property as we travel, and if we find a town or an area we really like, then maybe we’ll make that our new home.

So what has been the most fun or rewarding part of building the bus?
H: I think all of it is kind of fun. It’s definitely challenging. We do things more than one time usually, which is frustrating, but at the end of the day, we get it done the way we want it.
D: We have no construction background, so it’s been tough.

Well it looks great for having no experience! What has been the biggest challenge?
H: We didn’t think we were ever going to get the original floors out of here, because there were those metal tracks in it, and it took us probably a month-and-a-half just to figure out how to get them out.
D: And the new flooring, I think we took that out and redid it about seven times, because it kept separating and bubbling with the temperature changes.

I know you have solar panels. Tell me about the sustainability of the bus?
D: Well, it is a huge expense up front, but eventually it will be free. Also, solar energy is just so much more practical than a generator, for example, which you have to refill every, you know, two hours. So, we have 1020 watts of solar, we have ten-deep cell batteries, and those will provide plenty of power.

Do you have any advice for anyone else who’s trying to build tiny homes?
H: If you want to do it, just do it. Jump on it.
D: We were saving up a lot to try to buy an RV, and we just weren’t finding it. We found this bus that was a good size, a good price, and we flew to Florida the next week and bought it and drove it home.

Does the bus have a name?
H: We don’t necessarily call the bus anything, but we call us and the bus project The Sasquatters.

Follow Dustin’s progress on Instagram @sasquatters!
Speaking to the award’s prestige, only ten individuals in the history of Shippensburg University have been awarded NCAA postgraduate scholarships since it began fifty-four years ago.

This spring, however, the honor came full circle.

Madison Scarr, senior field hockey player and Student Government Association president, became the tenth SU honoree in March. An accounting major, Scarr was actively involved in the John L. Grove College of Business. She graduated summa cum laude in May with a 3.83 cumulative GPA.

At this year’s commencement ceremony, Scarr shared a moment with Dr. Tony Winter, recently retired associate dean of Grove College. Winter was SU’s first NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient in 1976, and he went on to study at Arizona State University.

The two interacted often throughout their time at Shippensburg, especially during Scarr’s sophomore year when she served as the Grove College senator for the Student Government Association.

“Dr. Winter was always ready to talk business, but not a meeting passed without him asking about how the field hockey team was doing. Especially for our big games and in the playoffs, Dr. Winter always sent me an e-mail to give his luck to the team. He was not only a huge supporter of me, but to many students. His sense of humor and kind heart never goes unnoticed, and is greatly appreciated by many.”

Scarr, who is working on her MBA, will use her $7,500 scholarship toward her continuing education at Shippensburg. After that, she plans to sit for the CPA exam.

“The athletic scholarship I received during my undergraduate career helped greatly, but no longer receiving that made me question how I was going to cover the additional costs of graduate work. This scholarship relieved a lot of uncertainty that I had when debating whether or not I could afford the expenses.”

“It’s not only a financial help, but an honor,” Scarr added. “To be awarded with the same scholarship as nine other phenomenal Ship athletes is beyond humbling. This honor will carry me through graduate school and motivate me when the waves are rough.”

Whereas the scholarship offers the possibilities of a bright future for Scarr, it also offers Winter the opportunity to reflect.

“It is certainly quite evident to see how blessed I was to have had so many individuals at Ship who cared about and supported me during my educational and professional journey,” Winter said. “The influence and impact of these individuals and many others not only helped to pave the way for my professional career, but also planted the seed in me to ‘pay it forward’ during my memorable thirty-nine-year career at Ship.”
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“Since Linda, my girlfriend and now my wife of forty years, had visited Arizona State to see a childhood friend living in Tempe a year before I graduated from Ship, and because Coach Mark opened the door on a potential assistantship with Coach Frank Kush, I decided to become a Sun Devil and pursue my MBA at ASU,” Winter said. “I had a tremendous experience during my two years at ASU both in the classroom and on the football field. You see, if it wouldn’t have been for caring and committed individuals at Ship like Dr. Knerr and Coach Mark, I would have never found my way to ASU, which began to lay the foundation for my career in higher education.”

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Winter added, “The people at Ship are truly what makes it the same special place it is today, and what it was when I first arrived on campus forty-five years ago as a transfer student from Lebanon Valley College worried about finding my way at Shippensburg State College. Perhaps Madison, our most recent scholarship recipient, will complete her business studies and one day return to Ship as a young professional to impact the lives of future Ship students.”

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WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD // Shippensburg won its ninth straight PSAC Outdoor Championship in 2018, claiming a fifty-eight-point victory over host Slippery Rock.

Shippensburg scored in nineteen of the twenty-two events at the meet, only coming up short of a podium finish in the 200 meters, 800 meters, and high jump. Twenty-five different athletes spanning individual events and relays contributed to the Raider team score.

SU won five PSAC titles. Redshirt-senior Danielle Sciremammano won the long jump and the 100-meter hurdles, while senior Kiana Tucker won the 400 meters, redshirt-junior Abby Wagner won the triple jump, and senior Crystal Hartman won the javelin. Sciremammano was named the 2018 PSAC Outdoor Championships Most Valuable Athlete; she contributed to an All-PSAC finish with the 4x100-meter relay (twenty-six team points) in addition to her conference championships.

SU had six entries in this year’s NCAA Division II Championships: junior Morgan DeFloria (javelin), Hartman (javelin), senior Kali Hepner (pole vault), Sciremammano (long jump and 100-meter hurdles), and Wagner (triple jump). SU totaled one All-America First Team honor (Wagner placed eighth in the triple jump) and two All-America Second Team honors (DeFloria placed twelfth in the javelin; Hepner placed twelfth in the pole vault).

SU broke three school records: freshman Ali Wyland in the 100 meters (11.96), Sciremammano in the 100-meter hurdles (13.71), and Hepner in the pole vault (12-11).

For the second consecutive year and the third time in PSAC history, Shippensburg achieved a “Triple Crown” by winning the conference championships in men’s cross country, men’s indoor track and field, and men’s outdoor track and field in the same academic year. This edition of the Raiders joins the 2016-17 and 2010-11 squads in achieving the feat.

Shippensburg scored in twenty-one of twenty-two events, only missing the awards podium in the pole vault, an event in which the Raiders did not have an entry. SU won four conference titles: senior Tra-C Davis in the high jump, senior Bryan Pearson in the discus and hammer throws, and junior Johnathon Stiles in the 400-meter hurdles.

For the second consecutive year, Pearson was named the Most Valuable Field Athlete. He totaled twenty-five team points by placing fourth in the shot put in addition to his two conference titles.

Also for the second consecutive year, senior Austin Shupp was named the Most Valuable Athlete of the PSAC Outdoor Championships. He finished second in the 110-meter hurdles, third in the 400-meter hurdles, sixth in the long jump, and contributed to a second-place finish on the 4x4 relay and a fourth-place finish on the 4x1 relay—a total of thirty team points.

SU had three entries in this year’s NCAA Division II Championships. Pearson finished fifth (All-America First Team) in the discus, sophomore Ben Hurda took ninth (All-America Second Team) in the javelin, and Davis tied for twelfth (All-America Second Team) in the high jump.

School records broken this season include freshman Austin Padmore in the 800 meters (1:51.28) and Pearson improving his own school and conference record in the discus (182-10).
BASEBALL // Shippensburg ended with a 28-24 record, finishing fourth in the PSAC Eastern Division. The Raiders finished as PSAC Championships semifinalists (2-2 record), posting defeats of Gannon and eventual regional champion Mercyhurst in the conference tournament.

Four players earned 2018 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings NCAA Division II All-Atlantic Region honors: senior outfielder Dalton Hoiles, redshirt-sophomore starting pitcher Zack Sims, junior shortstop Cash Gladfelter, and senior starting pitcher Gabe Mosser. Hoiles and Sims are First Team honorees, while Gladfelter and Mosser are Second Team honorees.

Hoiles and Sims are consensus All-Region award winners, and were selected as Second Team honorees by both the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) and the region’s sports information directors through the D2 Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) balloting.

Six Raiders were named to the All-PSAC Eastern Division Teams: Hoiles and Sims were picked to the First Team, while senior catcher Drew Bene, senior second baseman Nick Spangler, Gladfelter, and Mosser earned Second Team honors.

Two players—Sims and junior catcher Jack Goertzen—were named to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District Division II Baseball Team as sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors Association of America (CoSIDA). Sims maintained a 3.67 cumulative GPA into the spring semester as a biology (pre-dentistry) major and a business minor.

SOFTBALL // Shippensburg finished with a 22-19 overall record, reaching the PSAC Championships as the Eastern Division’s number two seed. The Raiders went 1-2 at the PSAC Tournament.

Senior outfielder Tara Bicko and sophomore second baseman Kayla Bonawitz earned 2018 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Atlantic Region Second Team honors.

SU had six All-PSAC Eastern Division award winners. Infielder/pitcher Courtney Coy (right) was named the 2018 PSAC Eastern Division Freshman of the Year. Coy was named to the All-PSAC East squad as an At-Large selection. Junior starting pitcher Taryn Wilson, Bicko, and senior utility/pitcher Chloe Collins also were recognized, with Bicko and Collins being honored for the third consecutive year.

Bicko was named to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District Division II Softball Team as sponsored by CoSIDA. She entered her final semester with a 3.8 cumulative GPA as an exercise science major.

LACROSSE // Shippensburg finished with a 7-10 overall record and a 3-9 mark in conference play.

Junior defender and tri-captain Valerie Hertz (above) concluded a record-setting season with selections to the 2018 Intercollegiate Womens Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-Atlantic Region First Team and the 2018 All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Lacrosse First Team squads. She set a single-season school record with fifty-one caused turnovers, and ranked among the Top 5 players in Division II this season statistically in both caused turnovers per game (3.0) and groundballs per game (4.47).

Hertz also was honored as a 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District 2 Women’s At-Large Team for Division II athletics as selected by CoSIDA. She maintained a 3.98 cumulative GPA as a marketing major through the spring semester.

Defender Makenzie Magnotta (right) was selected to compete in the 2018 IWLCA Senior All-Star Game. Magnotta finished her sixty-three-game career ranked fourth in SU history for caused turnovers (83) and seventh all-time in groundballs (148).

TEennis // Shippensburg completed its 2017-18 season under new coach Lindsey Tennis (right), who was named to the position in January. The Raiders finished with a 1-16 overall record, notching a non-conference victory over Holy Family in March.

Hannah Coath was honored as a senior in SU’s final home match of the year. Coath participated in thirteen singles matches and eleven doubles contests on the year, posting five victories.

Sophomore Daisy Rundio (right and below) paced the squad with five singles victories, including a 3-2 record at the number three singles flight. Rundio and junior Kaylin Gallagher led the team in appearances, each competing nineteen times in singles and twenty times in doubles.
Engineers are natural problem solvers. Sometimes, those problems are pretty hefty. Dr. Carol Wellington teaches her students to celebrate each small victory on the way to their end goal by encouraging them to shout “WOOHOO!”

“The harder it is to get something to work, the bigger the rush,” she said. “Our students get that. We teach them that there’s this big complicated thing, but there are a thousand victories along the way. You have to celebrate those.”

Thanks to Wellington and the Computer Science and Engineering Department, Ship can shout a collective “WOOHOO” for its thriving engineering program. Under Wellington’s direction as the first chair of the department, Ship tackled the “big complicated thing” of launching the first engineering program in Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education.

In May, the university received approval for civil engineering, the first in the State System and the fifth engineering program at Ship (see page 11 for more details). The university currently offers ABET-accredited computer and software engineering programs as well as electrical and mechanical engineering.

From developing water sensors that help NASA to measure and analyze sea level rise to working alongside engineers at Volvo, students and faculty have accomplished amazing victories in the relatively young engineering program.

Being the problem solvers they are, about a decade ago faculty in the department recognized a need for a more affordable and accessible engineering program in Pennsylvania. A population of students in the state aspired to be engineers, but cost prohibited them from pursuing the profession, Wellington said. “There’s a mission to this, as a department.”

Drawing on the strengths of a nationally-accredited computer science program and the university’s rigorous math and physics programs, Ship launched its computer engineering program in 2010. At the time, no other higher education institution in Pennsylvania offered computer engineering at tuition rates as low as Ship.

In addition to developing an affordable engineering program, Wellington said they increased accessibility by focusing on student preparedness. Students who want to pursue engineering but do not meet the program’s math requirements can enter the Future Engineers Program. This way, they are able to declare the major while they work to improve their math placement.

“We did a study in 2014 looking at math placement and how well students did in class,” Wellington said. “Math placement predicted if you would succeed in the program.”

Wellington said they discovered it was a preparedness issue, not a math issue. To address it, the department reaches out to incoming students who need to improve in math. “We’re being honest with them. If you can fix the math issue before you get here, you can graduate in four years,” she said. “If not, we provide them with the path they need.”
Students get admitted to the Future Engineers Program as engineering majors. “Our department is very clear—we want them to be part of our department and be one of us,” she said. “I’m proud of the commitment of our faculty.”

These students take one additional course to fix their math placement, then enter the engineering program of their choice, proceeding at the same rate through the program as their peers.

The program’s focus on practical education coupled with dedicated faculty also help prepare students for an in-demand field. “You’re going to engineer while you’re here. You don’t have to wait until you graduate,” Wellington said.

That method works, as Ship’s engineering students are sought out regularly by employers. “When our students go to job interviews, the conversations they can hold with a recruiter are at another level because of the things they’ve done.”

Students troubleshoot alongside engineers at Volvo, applying what they learn in the classroom to the field. “Ship does a very good job of staying at the forefront. We get to pull from that knowledge,” said Michael Foreman, senior electrical engineering major.

Mike MacDonald, principal engineer at Volvo, said he only wishes he knew to come to Ship sooner. “It turns out Shippensburg University students were an ideal match. They were troubleshooting the problems; they were fixing the problems.”

Wellington also is proud of the program’s interdisciplinary focus. The students and faculty frequently collaborate with other departments on research and university projects. “It attracts a different set of students, but more important than that, it also adds new skills,” she said. “When we do things, we add another focus to other disciplines.”

Their work with water sensors at NASA’s Wallops Island in Virginia is in partnership with the Geography/Earth Science Department. Engineering students lent their skills to the Biology Department two years ago to construct an actograph to measure the sleep patterns of mosquitos, which can help to determine if the mosquitos are carrying the Zika virus. This past April, Wellington worked with students to engineer a custom cookie mold on the 3-D printer ahead of President Laurie Carter’s inauguration for the first ChocolateShip Cookie.

“We do this for the good of the institution,” she said. “As a culture, we are, ‘OK, let’s do this,’ sort of people.”

It’s this attitude and example that allows Ship to continue to churn out sought after engineers. “When we do a job, we don’t just do what is asked of us.”
IN THE WORDS OF...

DR. CHAD KIMMEL

Dr. Chad Kimmel is living a double life—associate professor of sociology by day, owner of Grand Illusion Hard Cider and Wine Bar in Carlisle by night. It’s been a dream of Kimmel’s to pursue a craft beverage business for over a decade, and after plenty of research, he saw that dream come to fruition earlier this year.

How did you get involved with this? My wife and I wanted to do some kind of wine bar, café concept a while ago. I started doing a lot of research—reading and listening and talking to a lot of people. What happened in 2010 is HACC opened up an oenology program, which is a wine making program. I was on sabbatical. I was doing some research but I had some time, so I thought, I’ll take these two wine classes. It’s that program that showed me to be really successful, it’s going to be hard in Pennsylvania. And, you either need a ton of money or a ton of experience. I didn’t have either of those… So I went back to the drawing board. And then in 2012, cider blew up.

How did you determine your focus? We wanted to create a tasting room that was unlike any tasting room you’ve ever been to… We’re working on the backs of that craft brewing phenomenon. So I was looking at what was happening in the United States and cider bars were starting to pop in New York, Seattle… Here’s a chance to do a version of that with some Pennsylvania stuff in kind of a small town… The audience is here, the market is here, Millennials are a hot demographic for cider and for upscale alcohol. People are going to spend a little bit more for something they don’t have that’s interesting.

What feel were you going for? I wanted upscale casual, like Herman Munster meets Johnny Depp, and maybe a little Edgar Allen Poe. I wanted dark colors but not black, so I went with purple, which is my wife’s favorite color. So, purple and gray. I wanted that more intimate feeling. The branding was a big piece—the image of the owl with the magic and what magic represents, which is kind of wisdom, but dark and mysterious.

Tell me more about the products. We have one of our ciders on tap, and fourteen other ciders from Pennsylvania, five Pennsylvania beers, and six Pennsylvania wines. We’ll probably grow to about five of our own lines, but keep about ten others on tap. Right now, we have our blueberry lavender cider.

Do you hold events? We’ve had some music. We had a yoga and cider event an hour before we opened. We’re going to do a meet-the-maker cider series with cheese pairings. Monday nights are Magic Mondays. We have a house magician from 6:00 to 8:00pm doing table magic—it’s very kid friendly.

How long does all this take? You’re teaching a full course load? Yeah, four courses! I was on sabbatical in the fall and did research and sent some stuff for publication, but was able to work here a lot, too. It’s a juggle. I remember sitting down with the gang here, and I wrote out my schedule on the chalkboard upstairs and said, this is when I’m teaching, this is when my office hours are, I have to be in the car to get to my office hours at this time… It’s certainly been a little draining, but we’ve got a great staff. I do a lot of behind-the-scenes.

faculty briefs

STEVE DOLBIN, professor of art and design, had two sculptures, “Speaking Tube” and “Tripod Mortar” selected by noted juror Paul Sacardiz for the Delaware Art Museum’s Juried Craft Exhibition. The exhibit will be on view from October 20, 2018, through January 27, 2019.

DR. JAMILA A. CUPID, assistant professor of communication/journalism, presented her paper “Raise Your Hand If You’re Black: The African Diaspora and Blackness on HBCU Campuses” and served as the public relations chair of the Black Caucus, at the National Communication Association 103rd Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas, in November. In the paper, Cupid discussed her classroom pedagogy for teaching the diversity in Black identity at a historically Black university. She also conducted the webinar “New Tools, New Rules for Communicating Your Way to Professional Success” for Boston University in December.


In Memoriam:

WILLIAM C. HARRELL, retired associate dean of admissions, March 10, 2018

CAROL ANN HOLTRY, retired department secretary, April 28, 2018
Ten years after Kelly Waltman-Spreha '05M earned her master's degree in criminal justice from Shippensburg University, she returned to campus to pursue a different role.

Housed in Horton Hall is a valuable resource for the statewide juvenile court justice system. The Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) was founded as a partnership between the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and Shippensburg University, and has been located at Ship for over thirty years. The center provides training, graduate education, balanced and restorative justice, and secure detention monitoring programs for more than 3,000 juvenile probation officers, juvenile court judges, and other juvenile justice staff.

“Anyone who works in juvenile probation in Pennsylvania is familiar with JCJC,” Waltman-Spreha said. “As I was looking at careers, I always thought it would be interesting to work for JCJC—and I have a soft spot for Shippensburg.”

Waltman-Spreha initially accepted a position as the coordinator of the center's training and graduate education programs. Today, she serves as the center’s first female director.

In addition to daily administrative work, she oversees the center’s Information Technology Division. The IT Division develops and maintains the statewide online juvenile case management system, along with other essential applications used in the processing of juvenile court records. The center is responsible for compiling and publishing the statistics for juvenile court records throughout Pennsylvania, which are used to analyze the function of juvenile courts and plan for the future.

Waltman-Spreha intends to enhance the center’s research agenda and partner with Ship faculty. She said her position allows her to maintain unique perspectives from both the practical side and the more academic side of the job. “I see what is truly going on in the system.”

The juvenile court system is complicated. Children or teenagers who commit a crime often realize that they’ve done something wrong, but their brains are not done developing yet, Waltman-Spreha said. “There are a lot of dynamics—family, neighborhoods, schools. We need research to guide (how to work with juveniles).”

When balanced and restorative justice became a focus in the mid-1990s, the juvenile court system started looking at the person who committed the crime as well as other components, such as the impact on the victim and the community, she said.

“Over the last ten years, we’ve been working to emphasize the importance of evidence-based decision making. One example is the implementation of a standardized risk assessment. We need to focus on the high-risk kids who need certain services,” she said. “What services make the most sense, and what can you do to repair the harm to the community… We have to talk about what is helping and not harming, and talk about choices.”

As director of the center, she works with criminal justice professors to review the Master of Science in Administration of Juvenile Justice at Ship. While the graduate program has been offered through Ship for over thirty-five years, it was recently updated. The inaugural class of the new master’s degree will begin in fall 2018. This partnership is unique because it is a scholarship-based cohort program for juvenile justice professionals, and, based on funding, JCJC pays tuition and fees for those going through the program, she said.

Each year, JCJC hosts an annual conference, which Waltman-Spreha helped organize last November. The two-and-a-half day James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice attracts about 900 juvenile justice professionals statewide and nationally.

Workshops during the conference focus on practices, programs, and initiatives that represent best practices in the field. A youth awards program honors winners of the Creative Expression and Outstanding Achievement contest. Last year’s theme was Positive Thoughts Lead to Positive Actions.”

Looking ahead, Waltman-Spreha hopes to advance research through the center and expand partnerships with departments on campus for a truly interdisciplinary approach. She foresees students completing more internships and research projects with JCJC.

“We are the best-kept secret on campus. JCJC is rife with possibilities for research in areas like criminal justice, social work, and education.”
From the moment new students step foot on campus for orientation in June, orientation leaders greet them with an infectious enthusiasm and willingness to answer any questions. When they return in August to begin their first semester at Ship, Fall Welcome Week activities help first-year students take their initial steps in their college careers. BY MOLLY FOSTER ’19

Some students thrive when they are let loose to discover their interests and career aspirations through their classes and participation in clubs and organizations. Others may feel unprepared and struggle to find the resources they need to succeed.

The First-Year Experience (FYE), which will be introduced into the curriculum for all incoming students in fall 2018, will employ new teaching techniques and make university-wide strides toward student success—even more than it does already.

“It’s kind of like students in high school are being asked to come to campus and they’ve never driven. And now we’re giving them all sports cars and saying, okay, drive! But they don’t know how to drive, where to drive, or what driving looks like,” said Richard Zumkhawala-Cook, an English professor who will teach two First-Year Seminar courses next semester.

“And at the same time (there are) all sorts of opportunities, so we give them big roads, too. But I think the First-Year Experience class will help guide them. Some students get here and they say ‘I don’t want to drive,’ but that’s what you’re supposed to
do here. Or they’ll say, ‘I don’t know where to drive.’ Well, we will help you.

**From Idea to Reality**

An FYE program isn’t a new idea on college campuses. Several colleges and universities in Pennsylvania have these types of programs, such as King’s College and Edinboro University. It isn’t a new idea for Shippensburg University, either.

“For almost thirty years they have talked about introducing a First-Year Seminar, but it really took new life with the hiring of President Laurie Carter,” said Dr. Steven Burg, chair of the History and Philosophy Department and FYE co-coordinator.

“She had both been someone who had a First-Year Seminar when she was in college, and I think that she had also seen what a First-Year Seminar could do for students while at Eastern Kentucky University. So for her, it was one of her top priorities when coming in as president of Shippensburg.”

In order to make room for the new First-Year Seminar course, University 101, the general education curriculum needed to undergo some changes.

“When this (idea) came along, one of the things that the History Department decided to do was—because of the value of First-Year Seminars—we made a significant change to what we do as a department,” Burg said.

Instead of History 105 being offered for first-year students during the fall semester and History 106 in the spring, the History Department faculty will now focus on teaching the First-Year Seminar in the fall. This means students will be required to only take one general education history course instead of two.

“For me and my department, this is something we believe is a good thing for the university—a good thing for students—and we are deeply involved in this.”

Once the new course fit into the freshmen curriculum, Burg and Dr. Laurie Cella, English professor and FYE co-coordinator, as well as other program administrators had to figure out how to get the ball rolling in a short period of time.

Some measures that followed included constructing the FYE curriculum, and recruiting and training peer mentors and faculty.

**All Hands on Deck**

While the developmental process of the FYE was by no means effortless, there was a significant amount of support across campus, and individuals stepped up to fill the empty roles quickly.

“My sense is that there wasn’t a single person who had one person come up and say ‘Will you teach this class?’ It was something that was in the air that we’re breathing. It was coming from so many different levels. It was coming from Old Main, it was coming from the departments, it was coming from the faculty leadership and university leadership,” Zumkhawala-Cook said.

Since the First-Year Seminar will be a required course for all first-year students, there will be more than sixty-five sections. Each will be capped at twenty students so that the class sizes remain small and manageable. Of the numerous sections, about forty-four professors from a variety of departments will teach the course, and some have volunteered to instruct two sections.

While the professors have some flexibility in the application of material within their sections, the introductory course will focus on four main things—cultivating academic and scholarly success, engagement...
with the university community, fostering personal development and wellness, and promoting an understanding of diversity and social responsibility.

These concepts will be built upon in general education classes in the following semesters, including Introduction to Human Communication, Writing Intensive First-Year Seminar, and Introduction to Academic Writing. Students will intentionally take these courses with the same group of twenty or fewer students that they did in the First-Year Seminar class, so the peer connections made in the classroom will grow into lasting bonds.

In addition to the relationships built among fellow first-year students, each course of the First-Year Seminar will be equipped with a student mentor who carries the title “Peer Anchor.”

“They’re going to be essential because there are many times that my students are afraid to come to me for a variety of reasons the co-coordinators and campus leaders are still exploring.”

“Every institution is different, so we don’t want this to be Clarion’s or Harvard’s or Georgetown’s First-Year Seminar. We want this to really be something that reflects what’s unique about Shippensburg University,” Burg said.

With the tendencies of Ship students in mind, the FYE curriculum will monitor and address the weekly development of first-year students as they adjust to college life.

The first two weeks on campus are considered the “honeymoon,” when everything is new and unfamiliar to students. During these initial weeks, professors will strive to make students feel welcome and supported. Following the “honeymoon” is week three and four, “culture shock,” which is when students begin to have their initial doubts. It is essential for them to develop a sense of purpose and connection to the university.

Weeks six through nine approach “the initial adjustment and growth through experience” phase. Students finally begin to relax on campus and gain the confidence to step outside their comfort zones. Around the midterm at weeks eight to twelve is the time of “mental isolation or evolution,” which calls for reassessment and strengthening skills and study methods.

When the final weeks of the semester come to a close, students are met with “acceptance and integration.” During this time, the workload and intensity are high while students are prepping for final exams, but they also begin to feel closure and at home on campus.

“We want this to really be something that reflects what’s unique about Shippensburg University.”

By discussing these phases in the classroom and encouraging students to speak with their professor or Peer Anchors for additional support, these issues will be addressed and students will receive the guidance they need.

Cultivating Skills for Success

Like many FYE professors, Jirard will approach the progression of these phases and the curriculum themes of success, community engagement, and diversity with creative teaching. She will require Frankenstein as a reading in her class because it conveys a series of themes that are especially engaging for first-year students.

“We’re going to start with the novel and then branch out on those themes—criminal justice themes, deviance, society’s acceptance,” she said. “All of these are things I plan to relate to our current world in an academic way.”

Students will research the themes by reading related articles and completing.
assignments that will prompt them to further analyze their findings. After the concepts are cultivated in the classroom, students will be encouraged to apply them to their lives and the lives of others by attending events on campus and participating in service learning.

"Instead of it being about product, the students will become skilled in reflective practices and experience. It’s going to require them to be tapped in on everything that is going on around campus," Zumkhawala-Cook said.

First-Year Seminar professors will encourage students to attend activities paid for by their tuition, then cater discussion around those events in class. Each class also will take part in two service experiences in the community during the semester.

"There are a various ways to make this connections happen through the First-Year Seminar. Some faculty and Peer Anchors may choose our fall day of service, others may choose a trip to a museum, or a musical, or partnering with a nonprofit agency to do a service-learning project," said Javita Thompson, director of FYE and community engagement.

These experiential components of the course will work to foster connections that exist both on and off campus for students.

**Future Focused**

While the core of the FYE program will have the greatest impact on first-year students, the ripple effects of campus connectivity will not stop at the first semester or the first year. The hope is that rethinking the framework for first-year students will lead professors to evaluate teaching practices of all courses.

"We’re thinking about building a more strategic and purposeful teaching and learning series for the next year and hoping that would grow into a center of teaching and learning," Cella said. "I want to think of this as a really exciting opportunity to think more critically about our teaching strategies and how we can continue to grow them, and foster a sense of a community of scholars thinking about how their teaching is impacting students."

Considering how the additional resources and mentorships provided through the FYE will better acclimate first-year students, the program will likely become a stepping-stone for improvements across campus. However, with this fall being the first year for FYE on campus, in many ways it will be a trial and error experience that will help shape its future.

"This is always going to be a work in progress. We’re committed to doing this to the best possible extent that we can," Burg said. "We’re going to be doing a lot of assessment and reflection to keep trying to make it better. We haven’t even offered the seminar the first time, and we’re already planning for the second time."

Burg and other FYE administrators have noted that first-year students are not the only students who are faced with struggles when adjusting to college life. Transfer students, non-traditional students, and veterans are all groups that they hope to include in FYE in future years with a similar course, such as University 201.

This is only one of the many possibilities for the FYE, and the opportunities for growth are plentiful because of the campus-wide dedication to student success.

"The energy is different than I’ve seen in a long time here as far as doing something new and feeling good about what we’re doing," Zumkhawala-Cook said. "We're going into it with all of our energy forward, so (the future) looks very optimistic."

Molly Foster '19 is an intern for SU Magazine.
Teaching oceanography at a landlocked university is next to impossible—Dr. Sean Cornell, professor of geography/earth science, has tried it elsewhere. Thankfully, a fifty-year partnership with the Chincoteague Bay Field Station (CBFS) in Virginia allows Ship students to experience the ocean and all that comes with it.

“I never had the chance to take students to the ocean, but here I can put them on a boat in the ocean. They can feel the sand, taste the salt water. You can’t get that from a textbook.”

Located in Wallops Island, Virginia, the field station has served thousands of students as an environmental education center since 1968. Partner schools, including Ship, take advantage of the field station’s educational and research opportunities that provide hands-on learning and access to equipment, facilities, marine life, and more that is not accessible on their campuses.

Dr. Nathan Thomas, associate professor of biology, has taught classes at Wallops Island since 2010. This past June, he again offered a three-week on-site ornithology class. “Students see how it works, see the information, feel it, and we talk about it,” he said. “It’s getting dirty, that’s what it’s all about.”

This October, the field station will celebrate fifty years of its continued collaboration with partner schools. In a time when these partnerships are dwindling nationwide, Cornell said the anniversary is a recognition of the last fifty years, but also an opportunity to look forward to the next fifty.

“We’re building new bonds and new relationships,” he said. “This is an investment in experience and research.”

Developing Partnerships
In the late 1950s, President Dwight D. Eisenhower ushered in a scientific revolution, tasking American scientists with advancing the world, Cornell said. “When he said this, there was an explosion of research. In Pennsylvania, universities were trying to figure out how to prepare students for those jobs.”

Ten years later, a summer program started at two locations—Cape May, New Jersey, and Lewes, Delaware. By 1973, the operation moved to Wallops Island, Cornell said, and at that point, the organization partnered with NASA. The location is a launch site...
for NASA. A consortium was established to create collaborative programs and fund resources. Eleven of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education universities are partners with the field station. Faculty and students use the facility for field trips, research, and classes, working with educators across disciplines and from sister universities.

“A lot of these projects wouldn’t happen if we weren’t collaborating,” Cornell said. “The goals and strategies of the campuses are to come together for the common good.”

Pulling together a consortium without knowing if it will succeed, surviving location changes, and tweaking programming is a testament to how many people are invested in the field station, Thomas said. Nationally, a program like this is unusual, he added. “It’s a lot of hard work, but it’s well worth it,” she said. “Ship is an outstanding example of how dedicated faculty are to the field station.”

Sarah Bartles ’13–’16 was first introduced to the field station while conducting undergraduate research with Cornell. Recently, she joined the CBFS as its university and research coordinator. She works with State System universities and others to plan field trips and classes so faculty and students can use the field station’s equipment, labs, and research vessels.

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Lasting Impressions

It’s not unusual for someone to stop Dr. Pablo Delis, professor of biology, when he wears his CBFS t-shirt. In Florida, a man stopped Delis after recognizing his shirt and asked if Delis was from Pennsylvania. “This has been linked to the history of Pennsylvania for fifty years or more,” he said. “I meet a lot of people. The experience of their education and the intellectual growth with the consortium helped them find a love of nature.”

Bartles worked with Delis as an undergraduate to study what types of snakes, turtles, and amphibians lived on Wallops Island. “The field station was my first research experience, and I absolutely loved it,” she said. “That’s what I’ve done for ten years, and just started with the field station.”
In addition to undergraduate research, Delis teaches zoology and coastal herptology courses at CBFS. He said these classes would be impossible to teach elsewhere. “I’d have to use lab specimens from a jar. This is the most hands-on experience. It’s field biology. When you catch a fish there—catch it alive—and it’s jumping up and down in your hands, it allows students the first contact with their profession.”

Teddy Them ’08 credits Cornell with getting students in the field and sparking his own love for field work. Them is completing his post doc in Florida and has a professorship set up in the fall in South Carolina. “Field experience is so important when applying for grad school,” he said. “When you experience it, it makes it so much better. You bring the classroom experience to the field, then bring the field experience back to the classroom.”

**Firsthand Coursework**

As an exercise in one of his classes at the field station, Cornell provides students with GPS coordinates from about ten years prior and charges them with finding the location. After walking around for some time, students follow the coordinates to the shoreline. Perplexed, they claim they can’t find it, so the coordinates must be wrong.

“Well, it’s been eaten (by shoreline erosion),” he said. “Those are the kinds of impactful moments. It’s scary, but it’s also real.”

Cornell has championed the field station since he began work there in 2006. In fact, he accepted an offer to teach at Ship over another university because of the partnership with CBFS. At his previous university, his only resources were video, textbooks, and a waveless pool. At the field station, he can do lab activities on-site, identify live organisms, study sediments, sample pH levels, or explore different coastal environments.

“About a third of my students have not seen the ocean,” Cornell said. “It’s not the beach experience with the boardwalk and the saltwater taffy. It’s going to see the environment without disturbance.”

Additionally, the field station offers faculty and students an opportunity to work with more than $600,000 worth of equipment that isn’t available on their campus. “They learn a powerful boat is important,” Delis said. “We’re traveling twenty, thirty, forty miles off shore. They learn the logistics and equipment necessary to plan that trip.”

Dr. Adrienne Oakley, assistant professor of geology and marine science at Kutztown University, said these experiences are huge for her students. “This is not equipment we have on campus. This is hundreds and thousands of dollars of equipment they get to use as undergrads,” she said. “It’s hands on, in the field. They get to manipulate data, do amazing dives, and take quizzes underwater.”

These experiences are significant to students as they see classroom concepts come to life. For one class, Oakley’s students collected specimens from flooded streets. “It’s meaningful because they can connect it to the real world. We were dragging nets through the road catching eels and fish during spring tide,” she said. “Hey, that’s sea level rise and climate change.”

Climate change was a national focus in the early 2000s when Them attended Ship. His hands-on classes with Cornell allowed him to touch organisms and see how they...
were affected by the earth. "We put our hands in the sand or mud, went kayaking in the bay. It’s a necessary component."

And it’s a component he now uses in his own classes. In his history of geology course, he takes students camping. “It’s really nice having students who have never gone camping before. You see the light bulb go off. They think about things they hadn’t considered before.”

**Working Together**

There are fifteen students in Thomas’ field class—the max who can fit in a van for transport—from several universities. In addition to Ship students, the classes includes people from Millersville, East Stroudsburg, Kutztown, and Bloomsburg, to name a few.

“I actually had experiences here as an undergraduate from IUP,” he said. “The research experience shaped me. I worked as a field assistant. …That attracted me to Ship.”

CBFS provides students with classes that might not be offered at their home institution, creating opportunities to network and research with faculty and students from other campuses. “Having an experience with a faculty member who is so passionate about a subject while they’re in the field is big. Students feel the same thing—it’s contagious,” he said.

That’s how Oakley and Joao Silveira Meyers, a graduate student in geoenvironmental studies, started their research collaboration. Silveira took a class at the field station last summer and stayed on for Oakley’s course, working with her to develop a thesis. Oakley co-advised Silveira Meyers’ work with Cornell.

“As he created his thesis, he approached me with a plan,” she said. “I get to experience students from other universities and get to collaborate with faculty while doing the research (at the field station).”

Silveira Meyers earned his undergraduate degree in petroleum engineering in Brazil. He said he did work in oceanography, but there wasn’t a facility like CBFS.

“Most of my work was in class and in theory. I wanted to learn how to do field work and how to collect samples.”

Much of the research occurred at CBFS, but Silveira Meyers also traveled to Kutztown to meet with Oakley. When Silveira Meyers presented his research at the end of spring semester, Oakley traveled to Ship to watch it. “It was a great advantage to partner with students and faculty from another university,” he said. “It would not be possible without this partnership.”

**Looking to the Future**

In October, the field station will invite alumni, faculty, and stakeholders to Wallops Island to celebrate the fifty-year partnership. Bartles is in the process of organizing a weekend of events.

“We want them to come down and see what we do at the field station. We’ll highlight our professors and take people out on guided tours at sites or on boats,” she said. “They’ll see what we’re working on at the field station and why it’s important.”

The field station’s significance cannot be overlooked. “We need to be unique,” Thomas said. “In a challenging world where we’re competing for students on a regular basis, this gives us an opportunity to be unique.”

The opportunity for this level of field work as an undergraduate is unparalleled, according to Oakley. “There are tons of field stations throughout the country, but almost all are associated with research universities and almost all are grad focused. The fact is, 90 percent or more of this is with undergraduates,” she said. “The benefit to current students is almost unquantifiable. Our students are so far ahead of even students situated on the coast, because most of that work is for grad students.”

The CBFS attracts students and faculty to State System schools, she added. “I came from the University of Hawaii. It’s why I came to Kutztown. It’s why Sean (Cornell) came to Shippensburg.”

This partnership is about the future. “Education is never about short-term outcomes. It’s about long-term outcomes, successes, and values,” Delis said. “We have to invest and support this institution now in order to see the tremendous and valuable return on our investment.”

“We’re going to get that investment back tenfold.”
Maximizing the educational experience is the reason students frequently cite as why they pursued honors classes at Ship. The rigor of each course, collaboration among classmates, and dedication of faculty lead to a profound and diverse learning environment.

To continue that effort, it should come as no surprise that the Shippensburg University Honors Program has progressed and evolved over the years. This past spring, the program officially elevated its status to the Wood Honors College. More than a name change, this effort will provide new opportunities to students in the program.

“This change is going to bring greater visibility to the program at Ship,” said Dr. Kim Klein, director of the college. “As the Honors College grows in size, we’ll be able to offer more classes. It will elevate our profile and attract more students to the university.”

Kelsey Mengle ’15 credits her honors experience with getting her into the University of Michigan, a top science and engineering school. Now halfway through her doctoral program, she found she was just as prepared as her peers from Stanford or MIT. “We know how great honors is, but this name change will help future graduating students.”

Gaining College Status

Ship’s Honors Program officially started its transition to Wood Honors College this spring. To take on college status, the program worked to fulfill thirteen characteristics established by the National Collegiate Honors Council. These characteristics address recruitment and admissions, cocurricular and residential life opportunities, graduation distinctions, alumni affairs and development, and assessment.

“We’ve been operating as an honors college,” said Cody Olson ’18, honors marketing and management major. “But this will provide it with a more substantial identity.”

The upgraded name might be relatively recent, but the transition from program to college has long been in the making. Klein saw the program’s promise when she took on the director’s role in 2003. “As I learned about the program, I saw its potential. We had amazing students and could do far more than we were doing.”

After reviewing honors programs at other colleges, Klein developed the program with a focus on the National Collegiate Honors Council characteristics. Those standards provide best practices for honors education.

During her first summer as director, she reinvigorated the honors faculty advisory board in an effort to address issues such as recruitment, coursework, research, and collaboration across disciplines. Klein said the key
to honors coursework is its interdisciplinary nature. “We need to compete and prepare for problems in the twenty-first century, which requires cooperation across disciplines.”

Describing herself as “extremely persistent,” Klein said she always considers the long-term goal. When she heard the university had plans for new residence halls, she pushed for honors housing. “We were the first living-learning community. We piloted an LLC in Seavers,” she said.

Dr. Alison Dagnes, professor of political science, has taught honors classes since 2003. She lobbied for honors housing alongside Klein. “She always has a vision for what it could be. She is constantly engaged in this. She saw the honors residence hall as a possibility,” Dagnes said. “It takes such dedication.”

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As the program grew, it offered students new opportunities for research, activities, and service. Students present research regionally and nationally, the student-produced honors newsletter frequently earns awards for its content and design, and an ongoing service-learning project in the Dominican Republic provides students with an opportunity to serve on a global scale, Klein said.

The honors curriculum under the new college status will be revised by fall 2019, coinciding with the thirty-fifth anniversary of honors education at Ship. Honors students will benefit from a national honors network, gain professional development opportunities, and can take advantage of other year-round honors experiences.

“This will enhance our recruitment efforts,” Klein said. “The name is important.”

Small Classes, Big Rewards

Intense is one way to describe the first semester freshman honors seminar. Dr. Christine Senecal, associate professor of history, kicks off the honors experience with a ten- to twelve-page historical research paper.

“I was dreading (Dr. Senecal’s) class with the beast of a paper,” said Jake Gillespie ’18, communication/journalism major. But Senecal helped Gillespie shape his paper into a topic tied to his discipline. He ended up writing fifteen pages on Ancient Egyptian sports.

This experience is typical in the honors program. Gillespie said the small class sizes allow students to connect with their professors. “Every professor knows your name, your field, and your background.”

When Olson came to Ship, he thought he was prepared for the honors program. Then he failed his first three quizzes. “I was not reading the text,” he admitted. “But I built great relationships with the honors professors. They gave me advice on how to do better in class.”

Although freshmen honors students can get a bit psyched out by their initial assignments, Senecal said the challenge sets them up for a successful academic career. For her research paper, they make connections across disciplines, work with primary and secondary sources, and develop a persuasive thesis. “They come in worried, but I feel like I’ve successfully broken down the stages of this project,” she said. “We’re making something that they can connect with. It’s a unique opportunity.”

“Chrissy has laid the foundation for undergraduate research,” Klein said. “Students embrace the opportunities honors offers.”

The small honors classes provide an atmosphere for enlightening interaction. Dagnes’ political science courses aren’t lectures from the book. They are centered on rich and illuminating dialogue about current events. “It’s a nicer place to start. We can have a conversation that’s more interesting and can move in different directions.”

The structure of the program creates tight bonds among students that lead to greater engagement. “The honors courses included many familiar faces,” said Curtis Rabe ’16.

Reach Out is the most outstanding example of honors students’ engagement and service learning at work. Started in 2009, the project was designed to provide honors students with a service opportunity on a global scale, Dr. Kim Klein said. At the time, she tasked students to develop a new service project that was interdisciplinary, international, and sustainable.

The literacy and leadership initiative provides curricular materials and support to Pathways of Learning School in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, and involves service in the local community for one week over winter break. The first trip went down in 2010.

Cody Olson ’18 worked on the group’s public relations committee and traveled to Santo Domingo twice. “I developed a larger global perspective,” he said. “I learned that the American way to do things isn’t necessarily the right way to do things. …I got a better understanding of a different culture and gained empathy.”

Elizabeth Karper ’17 also worked on the PR committee, advertising the group’s ten annual events and fundraisers through social media. As a marketing project for class, she researched how Reach Out can sustain itself through its fundraisers.

The year Karper traveled down, honors students developed a teaching manual for a class on sustainability and helped to clean the neighborhood streets. She enjoyed working with the children, ranging in age from daycare through sixth grade, and said it was neat to interact with neighbors as honors students provided service to the community.

“It was my first time out of the country. It was a very unique, surreal experience… It makes you appreciate what you have.”

The honors program just recently helped Pathways break ground for a new school. Thanks to a connection with an honors student’s parent, Reach Out received building supplies as donations or at cost. Reach Out will continue fundraising for this project and help with construction on their next trip.
“That was great, because I could get to know the other students well and quickly.”

Dr. Sharon Harrow, professor of English, has taught honors literature and seminar classes since 2012. She appreciates the interdisciplinary nature of honors courses. Professors collaborate on unique course topics, such as an honors seminar on science and religion. And students in the program represent different majors, she noted. “They bring different perspectives from other disciplines.”

Mengle took a seminar course on history and disease that was cotaught by a biology and history professor. “The classes are interesting topics,” she said. “We come from all sorts of majors and are studying subjects that are not normally put together. It’s cool to be in an environment with varying backgrounds having discussions and debates you wouldn’t normally have.”

These class experiences lead to research, presentations, and scholarship opportunities. Klein said 100 percent of honors students who have submitted projects to the National Honors Council Conference in Atlanta have been accepted, and three students will present this fall. Several honors students received Fulbright scholarships and, last year, Ship had its first Goldwater Scholar. Rabe received a Fulbright in 2016 in Germany and recently had the appointment extended. “This is the thing I was most proud of. I sat down with Dr. Klein and looked at what it means to be an honors student,” he said. “We are so diverse. But honors students want to make a difference.”

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Making a Difference

Each year, qualified students are invited to join the honors program. There are 170 students currently accepted into the honors program at Ship. They represent diverse disciplines in all three colleges. The have different interests, talents, and passions. Many are student-athletes. But they feed off their differences and value the opportunities to learn from new perspectives.

“The honors students never fail to amaze me,” Klein said. “Their backgrounds are all different. They are in honors because they want to make the most of their education.”

It can be a challenge to pinpoint what characterizes an honors student. Dagnes said her honors students are very inquisitive and provide illuminating conversation in class. Senecal said they take their passion and work ethic as far as they can. Harrow describes honors students as incredibly engaged. “It’s wonderful and impressive,” she said.

Determining the makeup of an honors student is exactly what Gillespie focused on for his honors capstone class. Gillespie said his communication/journalism major gave him the skills for his project, while honors provided him with the means to apply his skills in the real world.

“They challenge each other and support each other as well. It’s inspiring.”

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celebrate homecoming at Ship on October 19 and 20! Return to campus to reconnect with friends and enjoy festivities, including the annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction on Friday afternoon.

Friday, October 19
12:30 PM—SU Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon
4:30 PM—Eleventh Annual SU Homecoming Service Project
6:00–7:30 PM—Ship Is It Homecoming Kick-off Social, Courtyard by Marriott Shippensburg
   Kick off this year’s Homecoming festivities during the Alumni Social at the Courtyard by Marriott. Enjoy the expansive outdoor patio, inside lounge, and bar area. A cash bar is available. The Courtyard by Marriott is adjacent to campus behind Seth Grove Stadium.

Saturday, October 20
9:00 AM—Thirty-ninth Annual SU ROTC 5K or 10K Run, Pre-registration (by October 8): $25/5K, $35/10K; Same-Day Registration (opens at 6:30 AM): $30/5K, $40/10K.
   Show us what you’ve got in this 5K or 10K run on a scenic, well-marked course along country roads. Proceeds benefit Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness and the SU Military Science Department.

10:00–11:00 AM—Divine Nine Sororities and Fraternities Reunion
10:00 AM–3:00 PM—Raider Zone—SU Tailgate, Behind Seth Grove Stadium; red and blue Alumni tent
   Tailgate with the Alumni Association under the red and blue Alumni tent! Score Ship alumni goodies, register for door prizes, and enjoy food and refreshments while supplies last. Reconnect with academic departments and student organizations in the tent tailgate area.
   • Fan Zone
   • BYO lawn games
   • DJ 10:00 AM–1:00 PM
   • Hot dogs, hot chocolate, and lemonade sponsored by the Alumni Association

1:00–4:00 PM—Red Raiders vs. Kutztown
   It’s a “Red Out!” Sport your Ship red and show your Raider Pride. Homecoming royalty will be crowned at half time.

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Are you prepared to conquer an interview for your dream position?

Ship alumni employers shared their opinions via LinkedIn on the top interviewing mistakes of recent graduates.

Mark MacDonald ’89, president and CEO at Hero K12, said, “Too many recent graduates are focused on telling a potential employer all about what they want and would like to do. Although that is important on your journey, a company will be focused on filling their needs and finding someone who wants to work in their current open role.”

According to Kim Reinboth ’00, manager of customer programs at Iron Mountain, “Expectations are too high. (Recent graduates) don’t see the value in an entry-level position and what they can learn about the company and themselves.”

Mike Lambert ’88, center director for learning solutions at Defense Acquisition University, agrees with Reinboth. He said, “Some wish to land high job responsibilities and corresponding salaries right after graduation that can take a decade or more to earn and achieve. Graduates need to enter the job market keeping the ‘long game’ in mind, and not focus solely on instant gratification.”

Finally, Lori Baker Pizzarro ’95, owner and creative director at Design Department, and Tim Smith ’91, president of OnPoint Consulting, agree that a big mistake is not doing research about the company and the position. According to Smith, “Not understanding the company that you’re interviewing with is a huge mistake. If candidates aren’t willing to do something that in today’s world is so simple—like finding the history of the company, recent news, names of their executives—then why would I think they are going to work hard if I hired them for the job?”

If you need assistance so that you don’t make these interviewing mistakes or others, contact the Alumni Relations Office to schedule a practice interview at alumni@ship.edu.

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- Register early—limited tailgate spots are available.
- Tailgating parking passes are $10 per pass.
- Parking passes will be mailed in the order they are received the week before Homecoming with additional details.
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Join President Laurie Carter after the football game for a casual picnic supper. Enjoy some favorite Ship foods while catching up with alumni and friends!

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Known for their work on the show Whose Line is it Anyway?, Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood improvise new material every night based on audience suggestions and participation. For more information, see page 13, or visit luhrscenter.com.
A GOLDEN CELEBRATION

Ship grads traveled to Key West to celebrate several fiftieth birthdays over St. Patrick’s Day weekend: Max Scannapieco ’91, Chris McFadden ’90, Tina (Ciavaglia) Scannapieco ’91, Nicole (Lalic) Delson ’90, Jenny (Mitchell) McFadden ’90, Chris Scannapieco ’91, Kim (Schonauer) Ingersoll ’90, Hilary Scannapieco, Sherri (Angle) Sullivan ’90-’96, and Aleta (Mann) Kammerer ’90.

ALPHA SIG WEEKEND

Alpha Sigma sisters from the Classes of 1991 and 1992 met in Charlottesville, Virginia, for a weekend of wine tasting and catching up. (From left) Gina (Angelozzi) Lowe ’92, Janene (Farrell) Kling ’92, Bonnie Voltz ’91, Kim (Zeeeman) Davies ’91, Lisa (Baum) Betts ’92, and Wendy (Coughlin) Kirby ’92.

DELTA RHO FIFTIETH REUNION

Delta Rhos from across the country converged on Shippensburg the weekend of April 21 to celebrate the sorority’s fiftieth anniversary and alumnae reunion. Just over 160 women from the Classes of 1968 to 1992 attended, including three of the fourteen founding members. Sorority sisters experienced a weekend filled with “Honesty, Truth, and Loyalty,” the Delta Rho motto, and lots of fun while reminiscing. They also incorporated service into the celebration, donating over $50 nonperishable food items to the University-Town Food Pantry, $350 to the American Cancer Society (the charity Delta Rho has supported for over two decades), and $2,500 for a medical fund established for sorority sister Terry (Spengel) Belk ’79. Highlights from the weekend included a campus and community scavenger hunt, a cocktail reception at the Courtyard by Marriott, and a memorial service. Congratulations Delta Rhos!
HONORING OUR ALUMNI

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI—Three young alumni received recognition for outstanding work in their field and community during undergraduate commencement: Allison (Shirley) Cotter ’08, Philadelphia, manager of direct store delivery supply chain, Wawa; Scott Hershberger ’07, Cranberry Township, director of tourism services, VisitPITTSBURGH; and Shelley (Imes) Mastrella ’00, Mechanicsburg, manager for recruitment, Penn State Health.


EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE—The service award thanks the unselfish efforts of alumni for the betterment of the university: Marsha Hoy ’89, Palmyra, controller, Hoffman Ford; and Mickey Nye, Shippensburg, general manager, H&H Chevrolet Cadillac.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT—This award recognizes lifelong career achievements and personal commitment: Edward Buchanan IV ’71, Chambersburg, retired partner, Smith Elliott Kearns & Co.; Sue Ann Hoke ’84, Austin, Texas, retired IT auditor in business intelligence technology, IBM.

ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD—In recognition of his impact on the diversity and cultural experience of students on campus, this award was presented to Marvin Worthy ’87–’89, Chambersburg, president and CEO, Worthy Consulting.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS—Each year, Shippensburg University presents awards to its alumni for their outstanding contributions to the university, the community, and their career. Please nominate alumni you feel are worthy of the above awards. For additional information, visit ship.edu/alumni. The deadline for all award nominations is November 1. Recipients will be selected in February 2019.
Inspired to Act—Improving Health in Kenya

Shippensburg University steered Lindsay Bingaman ’12 toward a new chapter in her life, although it wasn’t through the traditional route. Bingaman earned a degree in history and secondary education from Ship, but her studies ultimately led to a career in improving the health of some of the world’s poorest children.

BY KATIE (PAXSON) HAMMAKER ’93

It started with a world geography class that inspired her interest in traveling. Later, a European political studies seminar sparked her fascination in different cultures.

“My studies at Ship ignited a social justice flame inside of me,” said the Greencastle native. “It taught me that we should be global citizens and think outside of the comfort of our lives in suburban Pennsylvania.”

Last March, she began working for Evidence Action as a senior associate for the Deworm the World Initiative in Kenya, Africa. Evidence Action is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and lives of people in Africa and Asia.

“Kenya is an amazing place full of extremely hard working people,” Bingaman said. “Unfortunately, there are large populations here who cannot overcome poverty due to disease.”

Parasitic worm infections, while virtually nonexistent in developed countries, remain endemic in many of the world’s poorest countries. The infections can lead to malnourishment and pose a serious threat to a person’s long-term health.

Children are particularly vulnerable, because malnourishment can stunt their growth and development. More than 836 million children are at risk of parasitic worm infections worldwide, according to a 2016 report by the World Health Organization.

Deworm the World partners with local schools, governments, and health-care systems to administer treatments to school-age children in several countries.

Bingaman helps coordinate and supervise deworming efforts throughout Kenya, working closely with the Kenyan Ministries of Health and Education. Her team is currently planning for a new round of deworming to take place in several remote regions of the country this year.

Bingaman also coordinates closely with other Evidence Action offices worldwide to ensure they are carrying out the most effective program possible.

“All of our programs and decisions are based on rigorous research,” she said. “We want to make sure we are using lessons learned to make our work as efficient as possible.”

The deworming treatment is simple and cost effective. It consists of a pill, available in chewable form for children and costs less than 50 cents per child per year on average.

In Kenya alone, Evidence Action has provided deworming treatment to 6 million children.

“I am excited to see the advances that Kenya is making. It’s possible that parasitic worm diseases could be eliminated within
our lifetime, and it’s amazing to be a part of something that has real impact on children.”

This is not Bingaman’s first experience in Africa. Two years ago, she lived in Kenya while working for a USAID project devoted to building peace and stability in Somalia.

“I fell in love with Kenya and its people,” she said. “Every day is different, which is what I love about this work and living here.”

Her day typically begins with a morning run, much like her time at Ship. As a member of the Ship track team, Bingaman made All-American in 2012 with the women’s distance medley relay at indoor NCAAs, placing in the top eight nationally. She also completed a minor in coaching for track.

She then rides a bicycle two miles to her office, often stopping at a favorite roadside stand for breakfast.

After work, she frequently climbs at a gym with friends. She climbs for fun, and to quench her continual thirst for adventure. Bingaman recently completed an eighteen-hour, eleven-pitch climb on Mount Ololokwe in Kenya.

“When you are on the side of a cliff, you can see the world from a different point of view,” she said. “It’s unreal to have birds soaring past your head, and you think to yourself, ‘Wow, I am not supposed to be up here, but how cool is it that I am doing it anyway?’”

Her dream is to open a climbing gym in Africa someday and teach the sport to a new generation of children.

“So much inequality exists in the world. I want to do as much as I can to ensure that children all over the world have access to equal opportunities.”

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

According to the Pew Research Center, the US workforce now spans five generations for the first time. Millennials (ages twenty-one to thirty-six) make up more than one-third of the workforce. That’s around 56 million Millennials working or looking for work, as recorded by Pew Research in 2017.

Did you know that Shippensburg University can help you develop the skills you need to land your dream job? Connect with Ship and receive individualized career counseling appointments online.

You can conveniently meet online with Lorie Davis ’98M, director of professional mentoring and development, for career counseling appointments. During these appointments, Davis can help you update your resume and cover letter, plan a job search, or organize networking efforts. Using Zoom, an online conference system, you can hold discussions via chat or phone while Davis reviews and suggests changes to your materials with a screen share tool.

Sign up for an online counseling appointment between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, August 1, at ship.edu/alumni under the events calendar. Contact Lorie Davis directly for individualized counseling at LADavis@ship.edu or (717) 477-1218.

The Ship experience is more than four years—it truly lasts a lifetime. Let us continue to help you build your dream career!
Ronald E. Keener ’62, Chambersburg, supplied the financial support to purchase the raw materials for a sculpture to honor his beloved wife, Linda. Art and Design students created and installed the sculpture in her memory. Pictured are Keener and Ivory Stitt, lead student sculptor. Student Dylan Yoos was assistant sculptor.


Richmond H. Gentzler Jr. ’71, Gallatin, Tennessee, authored An Age of Opportunity: Intentional Ministry By, With and For Older Adults, published in 2018 by Discipleship Resources. As with his previous books, Gentzler engages church leaders with knowledge and information about our aging society and the need for churches to re-imagine congregational vitality through intentional older adult ministry. Following his retirement from the General Board of Discipleship and the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church, he serves as the director of Encore Ministries for the Golden Cross Foundation of the Tennessee Conference. He also is president of the Board of Directors for the Council on Aging of Middle Tennessee.

Frederick A. Reddig ’73, Carlisle, earned recognition as Government Leader of the Year by the Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce at its recent Catalyst Awards ceremony.

Ken Shur ’75-’81 completed his fourth consecutive Boston Marathon in April 2018.

Stephen J. Wildemann ’82, Wayne, owner of Advanced Staging Productions, earned the 2017 Philadelphia Small Business Person of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia. His business is an event technology management company based in West Chester that provides audio, video, and lighting production services for corporate meetings, university events, foundation galas, and special events both regionally and nationally.

Troy B. Shaffer ’85, Bedford, Texas, is a senior trade advisor with Akerman LLP, a top 100 US law firm serving clients across the Americas. Shaffer uses his twenty-nine years of federal law enforcement experience to assist domestic and foreign corporations with US export regulations, export compliance programs, audits, voluntary disclosures, and corporate training programs. Previously, he served as a senior special agent for the Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security enforcing US export laws. In 2015, he was named the department’s Special Agent of the Year, and he maintains a Top Secret-SCI Security Clearance.

Lisa (Campbell) Thorwart ’86, Harrisburg, received the Outstanding Teacher Award in the Central Dauphin School District at the Celebration of Excellence hosted by the Panther Ram Foundation.

Michael R. Smith ’87M, Cleveland, Tennessee, published his eighth book, Fake News, Truth-Telling and Charles M. Sheldon’s Model of Accuracy, in honor of his wife, Barbara, who died of cancer in early 2017. They were married thirty-six years. Smith began his newspaper career in Shippensburg and now works as a professor.

Andrew M. Ellis ’88, Phoenix, Arizona, was appointed to the board of directors of Phoenix Girls Chorus (PGC). Since 1981, PGC has provided exemplary choral music education to thousands of girls between the ages of seven and eighteen. Its mission is to cultivate, inspire, and empower young women to find their voice through world-class music education and performance.

Jodie (Floray) Daubert ’92, Mechanicsburg, will lead AAA Central Penn as its new president and CEO. Daubert is the first woman to take the role since the local automotive club was founded in 1907. The local club operates eleven offices in nine counties and has 290 employees.

Johanna (Williams) Jones ’92-’00M, Camp Hill, is head counselor at Carlisle High School.
Headquartered in Paris, SUEZ is one of the largest environmental companies in the world and helped construct the SUEZ Canal. SUEZ in North America operates water and wastewater systems across the US and Canada with over 3,350 employees dedicated to environmental sustainability. The Pennsylvania Operations Administrative Office is near Harrisburg. Working for SUEZ are (from left): John Miller ’09, engineering project manager, SUEZ Pennsylvania Operations, Sam Stearly ’14, data analyst, SUEZ Pennsylvania operations, Michael Watkin ’91, director of finance, SUEZ Mid-Atlantic Division (Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Southern New Jersey operations), and Bob Manbeck ’77, public affairs manager, SUEZ Pennsylvania Operations.

Zina Clayman ’93, Denver, was promoted to partner with Madison Risk Group in King of Prussia. She is a certified construction risk insurance specialist 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.

Dr. Wendy (Mitchell) Kubasko ’94, and her husband John ’97, Mechanicsburg, moved back to Pennsylvania in the fall of 2017 after spending twenty years in the Phoenix, Arizona, area. She accepted a position as an assistant professor in the Educational Leadership and Special Education Department in the College of Education and Human Services at Ship. She earned her master’s degree and EdD from Arizona State University.

Michele (Campen) Long ’94, Tafton, is executive director of Pike County Conservation District, the agency responsible for protecting the county’s soil, water, and natural resources.

Jason S. Kirsch ’95, Harrisburg, is a senior counselor with PRworks. He brings to the role more than twenty years of strategic public relations and marketing experience and holds the Accredited in Public Relations (APR) credential, a mark of distinction in the profession.

Khalid N. Mumin ’95, Reading, will serve a second term as superintendent for Reading School District.

Maria (James) Thiaw ’96, Camp Hill, received the Art of Protest Prize for Poetry from the Center for American Literary Studies at Penn State University for poems from her first play, Reclaiming My Time: An American Griot Project. The play was presented in partnership with the Harrisburg Chapter of the Links, Inc., and Highmark BlueShield. It was performed to sold-out audiences at the Capital BlueCross Theatre at Central Penn College in March.

Maria (Terrana) Hataier ’98m, Bayville, New York, received her EdD in Adult Learning and Leadership from Teachers College, Columbia University, in May. She also received a Master of Art from Teachers College in May 2012.

Jane (Hlavati) Bolalin ’99 and husband Derek, Hagerstown, Maryland, welcomed a daughter, Olivia Lynn, on March 23. She joins big brothers AJ and Adam.

Kimberly (Seidel) Guyer ’99m, Mechanicsburg, received her Doctorate of Education from Immaculata University in May.
Dr. Jennifer Venditti ’01 and husband Kevin Roadarmel, Bloomsburg, welcomed their second daughter, Gianna Madelyn, on January 9. Gianna joins big sister Sophia. Venditti is an associate professor of biological and allied health sciences at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Jason A. Green ’03, Greencastle, is executive director of the Allison-Antrim Museum.

Liz (Vargo) Kemmerly ’04 and Mark ’02, Carlisle, welcomed a son, Daniel Mark, on November 9, 2017. He joins big brothers Thomas, six, and Benjamin, four.

Ryan J. Servant ’05 and wife Emily, Baltimore, Maryland, welcomed a daughter, Magdalyn Grace, on January 8.

Meagan (Arnold) Kyle ’06 and husband Matthew, Cameron, North Carolina, welcomed a son, Dawson Matthew, on November 10, 2017. He joins big sisters Gracelyn, five, and Ainsley, two.

Jillian (Zeigler) Atkins ’10 and husband Justin ’10m, Waynesboro, welcomed a daughter, Caroline Paige, on November 12, 2017.

Ryan D. Good ’10, Huntingdon, received his master’s degree in college student services administration from Oregon State University on June 15. He has accepted a job in Seattle, Washington, as associate director of international education outreach and marketing with Shoreline Community College. This position will help to define, plan, and evaluate enrollment strategies and recruitment activities in target markets to help meet the college’s international student enrollment goals.

Eric C. Koch ’10, Hackettstown, New Jersey, is completing his PhD in English at the University at Albany, SUNY.

Jessica (Barkley) Lorance ’10, Nipomo, California, received the San Luis Obispo County Top 20 Under 40 in 2018, the Congressional Recognition for Community Service 2017 and 2018, California State Assembly Recognition for Community Service 2017 and 2018, and California State Senate Recognition for Service 2018. She was nominated for the Women of Distinction award 2016/2017, the Women’s Hall of Fame San Luis Obispo County 2017 and 2018, and the Women of the Year 2017 and 2018: Commission on the status of Women SLO County. She has been accepted and started taking courses at Liberty University for her Doctorate in Business HR.

Megan M. Breski ’13, Lancaster, received her PhD in Human Genetics from the University of Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh during December 2017.

Erin K. Varley ’13-’15m, Mechanicsburg, is in her third year at Dickinson Law School. She was named Law Student of the Year by the National Jurist. She is one of twenty future lawyers recognized nationally and is the only law student from Pennsylvania.

Joshua S. Rudley ’14, Irvine, California, received his MBA from West Chester University on May 12. He accepted a position as media/marketing manager at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Irvine.

Chelsey M. Seger ’14, Baltimore, Maryland, graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree on May 22 and will be sitting for the Maryland Bar Exam on July 24 to be certified to practice as an attorney. She plans to pursue a career as a prosecutor. Over the past year, she has worked at the Baltimore City State Attorney’s Office reviewing police body cameras and assisting in investigating and identifying victims of child sex trafficking. She is certified in human trafficking for law enforcement from the US Attorney’s Office, Baltimore Police Department, and Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice. She also is certified in training in Trauma-Informed Care, “Trauma and the Brain: The Developmental Impact of Trauma in Childhood,” at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

In Memoriam

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Alita (Thomas) Kane ’43
Edith (Wise) Kegg ’44
Raymond E. Kegg ’46
Mildred (Wiest) Sierer ’44
Jean L. Bietsch ’45
Loomis E. Hales ’50
Armeda (Shipley) Leiby ’52
William B. Wyrick ’52
Eleanor E. Hancock ’54
Dr. John J. McDermott ’55
Dr. Cecil R. Trueblood Jr. ’55
Kathleen (Tarras) Earley ’56
Vance C. Bolan ’59
Lowell C. Heefner ’59
Charles R. Klingler ’59
George R. Fickinger ’60
Kenneth C. Albright ’61
Donald B. Beaver ’63-’69m
Glenn E. Wise ’63
Sandra (Hall) Bell ’65
Rose R. Carstetter ’68
Charles T. Lucas ’68-’71m
Carlyn (Bosi) Radcliffe ’68
Tom J. Ruby ’68-’73m
Dennis L. Wingert ’68
Robert J. Hoesten ’69
Alice Barnett (Dorezas) Mahoney ’69
James I. Newcombe Jr. ’69m
George C. Porter ’70m
Imants (Monte) Krauze ’71
Bertha (Finney) Barnes ’72m
Patsy (Moul) Bortner ’72m
Gail M. Olson ’72
Russell M. Weer Jr. ’72m
Col. Raymond D. Wood ’72m
Jeffrey W. Coy ’73
Betty Fahnestock ’74m
Col. Robert B. Evans ’75m
Col. Howard R. Guffey ’75m
Col. Homer C. Pickens Jr. ’75m
Virginia D. Ward ’76
Audrey (Cramp) Aarhus ’77
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Debra (Stamer) Allen ’78
Richard L. Bates ’79
Thompson ”Tim” M. Young II ’79
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Col. Richard H. Esau Jr. ’80m
Donal D. Mitchell ’82m
Sharon F. Byron ’83
Virginia (Minger) Conner ’84
Joan F. Fulghum ’84m
Col. John V. Ridick ’84m
Lennie Whitcomb ’84
James W. White ’85
Michael A. Zerby ’85
Yvonne J. Belt ’86m
Ann Marie Escher ’86
Robert J. McGee ’89
Philip C. Luckenbaugh ’92-’98m
Robert C. Pollard Jr. ’92m
Richard E. Snell ’95-’99m
Marcus P. Snyder ’96m
David P. Weekley ’96
Jason C. Bush ’98
Shawn M. Carr ’99
Mark A. Maholick ’99
Matthew T. Delisanti ’13
Christi N. Fraker ’15m
Lucas R. Lapole ’16m

Shippensburg University Alumni (from left) Kurt Dunkel ’98-’04m, Jason Craig ’10, Kristofer Cole ’05, and Christopher Weishaupt ’09 spent time visiting the Indigenous Embara Tribe of Panama this past March.
At the Philadelphia Flower Show, alumni were welcomed by President Laurie Carter and the chief of the flower show, Sam Lemheney, a proud parent of a Ship student. In attendance were Deborah Harvey ’77, Catherine Young ’93, and Michelle Green ’77; Kathy (Weller) Gelwicks ’94 and Shelly (Lohr) Grove ’83 joined friends Laura, Alice, and Jenny; Toni (Woll) Donley ’95-’09 and Carolyn (Plesnarski) Reiber ’73 with Janet. Alumni braved the conditions for an adult egg hunt at Broad Mountain Vineyard with proprietor Derrick Michael ’03. Taking part in the fun were Richard ’62-66 and Lois ’90 Lamarca with family; and Stephanie (Jacobs) Ponnett ’93 with her mother. The annual alumni hospitality suite at Chambersburg’s IceFest was a great way for alumni to step inside from the cold and grab a hot chocolate. Stopping by were Erin (Meyer) Pryke ’96 with daughter; and legacy family Phyllis Butler ’66, Gloria (Bucher) Arnold ’61, and Becky Arnold ’94. Premiershippensburg was at The Oaks Theatre in Oakmont. What a great way to welcome alumni and introduce prospective students to the Ship family. Enjoying the show were Shawn Wiley, assistant dean of admissions, Lisa (Contestabile) McGough ’92, and Matthew Kearns ’81-85; and Ashley (Barton) Chudzinski ’06 and husband David with Elana DiPietro ’09. Students took a day during their spring break to participate in job shadow programs with alumni. Participants included Paul Pepi, junior history major, with George McElwee ’98, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC; Abbie Todd, junior criminal justice major, who spent two days with Bobby Sisock ’05-’06 at the Pennsylvania Criminal Courts, pictured with Honorable Judge Tully; and Paul Pepi on a second shadowing with Toni Marchowsky ’05-’06 at the Harrisburg Capitol. Preston Rice ’17 (second row center) organized a networking night for Ship alumni living and working in New York City so they can stay connected to Ship and each other.
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SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
March 22 ·

According to our resident weather guru, Dr. Tim Hawkins, the official campus snowfall total from yesterday's storm was 14.3 inches. Thanks to our facilities crew for their hard work cleaning up during and after the storm!

A SNOWY SPRING SEMESTER

It seemed the Snow Miser hijacked our spring semester this year, dumping 14.3 inches of snow on campus March 22—marking the fourth-largest March snowfall at Ship since 1932. The snow continued falling as late as the first week of April! Although we’re glad the sun has since warmed up campus, the beautiful snow photos brought back some great memories.

Ship Mom Moment

One of our favorite mom moments at Ship—a proud Carter Walker Robinson presented the medallion to his mom, President Laurie Carter, during her inauguration at the Luhrs Center on April 20.

SUMMER MATTERS AT SHIP

A Ship education doesn’t end in May! Follow #MyShipSummer on Twitter and Facebook and check out all the ways our students, faculty, and staff continue to learn through research, travel, internships, professional development, and more over the summer months.

MAKING MEMORIES

Don’t miss Ship’s great moments from the 2017-18 academic year! Open your Facebook app and search QR code reader, then scan to view a wrap-up of all the great things that happened on campus this year. And while you’re on YouTube, check out Ship videos on student life, campus events, inauguration, commencement, and more!

Ending the semester with a <pew pew> on May 4! Hope you all enjoy the summer!

IF YOU DON’T LOVE ME at my most awkward… The awkward stairs live on in the world of Instagram! 

› 2020s kids will never understand
› omg! Hardest steps to navigate ever!!
› haha the worstttt
› Should have never gotten rid of those stairs
› Out of all the travels I’ve done, those steps were the worst! 2001
› Freshmen will never understand…
› wwww these kids are spoiled now a days
› some kids will never know
› RIP AWKWARD STEPS

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A GIFT OF EDUCATION—TIMES FOUR

Ken and Ginny Gill spent much of their careers in education. Ken taught math, served as business manager for the Shippensburg Area School District, and was bursar and finance officer for Penn State University’s Mont Alto campus. Ginny taught math for thirty years at Greencastle-Antrim Middle School. There she guided many Shippensburg University education majors in their practicum and student teaching requirements.

Ken earned his BS in math and history in 1965 from SU to prepare for secondary education, then joined the US Navy. He later earned his MBA at Ship in 1972, made possible in part by a campus residential graduate assistantship. Ginny earned her teaching degree in 1973 from Trenton State College.

Ken and Ginny each worked to pay for their higher education degrees. They know that many students today also work one or more jobs and obtain loans to afford an education.

To provide an incentive and ongoing support for several students, the Gills established four undergraduate scholarship endowments—two for education majors, one for students preparing for a career in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) field, and one for business students.

They established these endowments through a blended gift, including jointly owned stocks and his IRA required minimum distributions over several years. They also each made provisions in their wills for a substantial portion of their estates to go into the four endowments.

To Ken and Ginny, a blended gift made perfect sense and provided income tax benefits. Plus, they know that these scholarships will help Ship students become exceptional teachers, scientists, medical professionals, technology specialists, engineers, mathematicians, and business leaders.

WHAT IS A BLENDED GIFT?

A blended gift is a combination of current and future giving—a major gift now and a planned gift later. Here are just a few options:

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If you have been inspired by the Gills’ story and are interested in making a blended gift to the SU Foundation for the benefit of Shippensburg University, call (717) 477-1377. Visit SUFgift.org to learn about other planned giving opportunities.
alumni on the road

For registration or additional information, visit ship.edu/alumni, e-mail alumni@ship.edu, or call (717) 477-1218.

SHIPPENSBURG
Adams, Franklin, Cumberland, and Dauphin Counties
Day of Service
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Volunteer alongside first-year students and faculty at alumni hosted sites across the region for our Ship Day of Service. For volunteer sites and to register, visit ship.edu/alumni, Alumni Calendar of Events.

Gettysburg Goat Yoga
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 10:00AM
It really gets our goat that bad weather caused us to cancel Goat Yoga—but we’ve scheduled another date at a new location! After our private goat yoga session, enjoy a picnic-style social hour with light refreshments from 11:00AM to noon. Bring your own beverage and blanket (alcohol permitted). Remember, class size is limited, so register early.

HARRISBURG
Ship Night at Al’s of Hampton/Pizza Boy Brewing Co.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5:00–7:00PM
Join Ship alumni after work for pizza, beer, and networking! Enjoy over 100 craft beers on tap, including Pizza Boy Brewing Co.’s own brews, and indulge in homemade pizza, bolis, calzones, and more. Sport your Ship spirit for a chance to win Ship swag! Stop in between 5:00–7:00PM.

READING
Ship Volunteer Day at the Greater Berks Food Bank
SATURDAY, JULY 28, 9:00–11:00AM
Bring your family (ages twelve and up) to pack boxes of food for local shelters during Ship Volunteer Day. We hope to provide fifty volunteers. The food bank is located at 117 Morgan Drive on Route 724 in Sinking Spring.

VIRTUAL
Career Counseling Appointments
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 9:00AM–4:00PM
Get individualized career counseling appointments online! Update your resume and cover letter, plan a job search, or organize networking efforts. See “Did You Know” on page 41 for details. Sign up for an online counseling appointment August 1, between 9:00AM and 4:00PM.