THE WORLD AS YOUR CLASSROOM

When Don and Debbie Zeigler, both Class of 1973, were courting at Shippensburg State College, they never went on a date. “We went on field trips,” Don joked. Don was a geography/earth science major and Debbie was an English and library science major. They loved exploring the Cumberland Valley and beyond in Don’s car, which he had special permission to have on campus.

Don described himself as a very enthusiastic student of geography who loved getting out in the field. “If you want to really learn, you have to make the world your classroom.” That is why he and Debbie have established the Zeigler College of Arts and Sciences Travel Endowment. Funds generated through this endowment can be used for field trips, field research, academic excursions, and conference expenses for undergraduate students pursuing a degree program within the College of Arts and Sciences.

“I liked the idea of knowing that a student might be doing or designing field research or presenting at a conference because of this endowment.”

Don taught geography at Old Dominion University for thirty-seven years before retiring in 2006. Now, he enjoys traveling to see the places he studied and taught about for years.

INVESTING IN RESEARCH

When Dr. Irma Hunt invited the students in her managerial communications class to join her in a research project, then-senior Logan Wein was quick to respond. As a dual communication/journalism and business minor, he had a passion for one of her research topics.

“The research project consisting of analyzing the online communications strategy of SU’s MBA degree program interested me for a number of reasons. I had spent the last five months managing the Communication/Journalism Department social media and had completed multiple internships in communications. While I’m not in the MBA program, I care a lot about Shippensburg University and how it is portrayed online,” said Wein, who also served as president of the university’s Student Government Association.

Wein applied for and received the first award from the Mr. and Mrs. Bryan P. Wright Endowment for College of Business Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research. Bryan Wright ’88, senior vice president and CFO at Exelon Generation in Baltimore, is a long-time supporter of the John L. Grove College of Business and chair of its advisory board.

“Similar to an internship, undergraduate research allows students to further develop certain skills, such as communications, problem solving, and time management, that will be important in their future career success,” Wright said. “It also helps students to sharpen their talents in the areas of project management, analysis, and critical thinking. Again, these will all be beneficial to their future careers.”

Wein graduated in May and accepted a position at University of Arizona as a marketing and communications specialist on the Research, Discovery, and Innovation team.

PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

Jim ‘76M and Madelyn Massey raised their two sons to understand the importance of continuing one’s education. In keeping with this life philosophy, the couple established the James Massey Jr. and Madelyn Massey Scholarship for Education to help students in the Philadelphia area attend Shippensburg University.

Madelyn was born and raised in Philadelphia, and Jim worked with the city in his role as administrator for food programs through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The two met when Jim was on staff at the US Army War College in Carlisle. Madelyn received her bachelor’s degree from Dickinson College and returned there as a faculty member after earning her master’s degree in library science.

“Madelyn wanted to expand her horizons and so chose a college outside her hometown. We believe this scholarship will provide that experience for students from the Philadelphia area,” said Jim, who earned his MBA from Shippensburg.

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HAPPY 105TH BIRTHDAY MARTHA!

Martha Eastep, Class of 1939, recently celebrated her 105th birthday with family and friends! The red and blue cake was courtesy of the SU Foundation.
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Life is stressful, especially with all the newness that comes with college life. The university’s wellness initiative aims to achieve a healthy campus physically, mentally, and emotionally so that students (plus faculty and staff) can excel at Ship.

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Launching a restaurant, taking on the family bakery, or acquiring an ice cream parlor weren’t, for the most part, what these alumni thought they’d be doing professionally. But today, their dedication and determination has led them to a delish destination. (Jot these joints down, and stop by for a bite!)

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In August, more than 1,300 students unpacked their belongings and accepted Ship as their second home. A special exercise that was part of Fall Welcome Week provided a glimpse into who these new Ship students are and what makes them tick.

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FRONT COVER, Grab a beautifully crafted drink and good conversation at Denim Coffee in Carlisle, courtesy of Matt Ramsay ’08.
Focusing on Health—Body, Mind, and Soul

After some time away from campus this summer to relax and rejuvenate, our students returned full of energy and fervor for the new academic year!

Our entire campus community joined efforts in August to welcome back returning students, celebrate the arrival of our new students, and lend a hand to families during move-in. The fall semester kicked off with new programs to help us make our community better and stronger. We launched a campus-wide wellness initiative to support the overall health of our students, faculty, and staff. This comprehensive effort—a collaboration between the Office of Student Affairs and our fraternities and sororities—offers fitness activities, healthy eating options, and plenty of opportunities to relieve stress in healthy ways. Read more about our focus on wellness in the feature on page 24.

Move-in Day launched our Fall Welcome Week activities, which provided new and current students with the chance to mingle, hear about our important campus services and resources, and get to know each other. Between cookouts, giveaways, and fireworks, our new students shared a very personal glimpse into who they are as individual members of our campus community during the Dear World photography project. These images and stories, shared on page 32, give a truly phenomenal representation of the students who make up the heart and soul of our university.

Speaking of welcoming people to campus, we had a great turnout for Homecoming in October! Our alumni returned to remember the joys and traditions of their glory days, show their school spirit, and experience all of the new efforts on campus. Congratulations to our newly crowned Homecoming royalty and recently honored Athletic Hall of Fame inductees! Please read more about their accomplishments on page 16.

Plenty of activity continues to improve our beautiful campus! Stewart Hall’s renovations as our new Alumni and Welcome Center are nearly complete. McLean and Mowrey halls received updates this summer, and the former Steam Plant will soon begin renovations as future lab space for the School of Engineering. The activity of the fall semester always makes the time fly by! As we are striving to do on campus, I hope that you have taken opportunities to invest in your health, your relationships, and your personal growth.

President Laurie A. Carter
Transfer Agreements Create Smooth Transitions for Students

Shippensburg University is making it easier for students to transfer from community colleges like Reading Area Community College (RACC) and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC).

Daniella Angelo, a psychology major who studied at RACC, said the process to transfer to Shippensburg was easy. “All the classes I had taken at RACC transferred to Ship with no problem.” That process will become even more seamless thanks to the signing of a new comprehensive articulation agreement between the two schools. The agreement ensures a smooth transition of coursework from RACC to Ship, saving students from losing credits, time, and money.

“My plan was to attend Ship all along and the transition was easy. I’m enjoying all of my classes, and the professors here are great,” Angelo said.

In addition to streamlining the transfer process, the agreement also opens the (continued on next page)
workforce in the region surrounding RACC to new educational opportunities in supply chain management, Ship’s School of Engineering, and 100 additional academic programs.

This new partnership engages the Shippensburg and RACC staff and faculty in creating advising and credit transfer processes through intentional program-to-program articulation, reverse transfer, and general education seamless transfer. Students who have completed an associate degree and intend to complete a baccalaureate degree will benefit from the mutual cooperation between the institutions. Full-time students intentionally advised for a parallel program at Shippensburg University will start as a junior and be able to complete their baccalaureate in four semesters.

Additionally, President Laurie A. Carter and John J. “Ski” Sygielski, EdD, president of HACC, signed an articulation agreement this semester that reaffirms the seamless transfer of coursework for HACC students seeking to transfer to Ship.

Students who transfer to Ship before earning their associate’s degrees at HACC can still be awarded a two-year degree after completing their requirements at Ship as they work toward their bachelor’s degrees.

Hayley Anderson and Justin Fuller can attest to the strong partnership between HACC and Shippensburg University. Fuller, a criminal justice major, said he’s adjusting to “a bigger atmosphere” but that the move between schools was smooth.

“It was pretty easy to transfer. When I went to orientation, they sat down with me… It was a step-by-step process. It was nice.”

Anderson said both schools made the process easy. “I couldn’t have done it without Damian in (Shippensburg University) Admissions. And HACC’s staff helped me transfer over and met with me privately.”

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Wellington Earns WhitaHER Honor for Women in STEM

The Whitaker Center in Harrisburg recognized Dr. Carol Wellington, director of the School of Engineering and professor of software engineering, for her impact in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Wellington received the Legacy “WhitaHER” Award at the Whitaker Center’s Women of Impact: Celebrating Women in STEM Awards Luncheon. The award honors a woman with a track record of long-term achievements and accomplishments in STEM who also has proven to be a superior leader.

Wellington fits the award description well, given her more than thirty years of work that has included predicting if chemicals cause cancer in rodents and developing telecommunications software that provides redundancy for 911 systems. She also earned a software patent in 1987.

The awards luncheon took place in September at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg.

Celebrating those recognized at the Women in STEM Awards Luncheon were (from left) Megan Silverstrim, Sarah Joseph, Alexandra Wellington, Dr. Carol Wellington (award winner), and Carrie Bean. Joseph, Wellington, and Bean are alumni of the program.

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A WEEK OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

In October, Shippensburg University celebrated a Week of Human Understanding with poetry slams, writing contents, and special dinner menus at Reisner Dining Hall. Featured speaker Eli Saslow took the stage at the Luhrs Center Wednesday night to discuss his book Rising Out of Hatred. He spent time with students before the event and autographed copies of the book at the end of the night.
Ship Ranks Among the Best Colleges

Shippensburg University (SU) earned a spot on the Best Colleges list published by U.S. News & World Report.

In the 2020 rankings, SU is ranked 100th in the Best Regional Universities in the North. The university also was ranked twenty-seventh on the Top Public Schools in the North list. Additionally, the report recognizes strategic growth for the university in core areas.

- Students in the top 25 percent of their high school classes who choose SU increased by 2 percent.
- SAT scores for incoming first-year students increased up to 30 points.
- Student/Faculty Ratio decreased from 19:1 to 18:1.
- Graduation Rate exceeds the predicted rate by 3 percent.
- Classes with fewer than twenty students increased 8 percent.
- Classes with fifty or more students decreased by 1 percent, comprising 2 percent of total classes offered.

According to U.S. News & World Report, the magazine’s ranking model uses “only thoroughly vetted academic data from our surveys and reliable third-party sources [when calculating] each ranking factor.”

“We are delighted that Shippensburg University’s excellence is recognized in the U.S. News ranking model,” President Laurie Carter said. “Although rankings cannot fully capture educational experiences and opportunities, the university’s demonstrated growth is a testament to the dedicated efforts of our faculty and staff to provide an unparalleled educational journey.”

“It is rewarding to see Shippensburg University earn national prominence,” added Tom C. Ormond, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “Our growth in the national ranking landscape reflects the dedication of our outstanding faculty and the university’s deepening commitment to excellence and access. We are proud that an increasing number of top-performing high school students recognize our passion and choose Ship for advancing their academic and personal growth.”
Worth a Runner’s World mention,

Steve Spence, SU cross country head coach, continued his amazing streak. Spence has run a mile in under five minutes for forty-three consecutive years and hopes to reach his forty-fourth in 2019. Spence’s feat was mentioned in Runner’s World Issue 3 of 2019, beside a blurb about Olympic great Carl Lewis.

SNIP THAT HAIRCUT OFF YOUR TO-DO LIST—Ship Cuts has officially opened its location in McFeely’s café. The new barber shop offers students on-campus haircuts by local barbers and stylists. Walker Barbershop provided its services to Ship Cuts for three days at the beginning of the semester, with other businesses scheduled.

LAUNDRY IS A LITTLE MORE BEARABLE when it’s free! Students received a special surprise at the start of the semester when President Laurie Carter declared that those living in the residence halls will no longer have to pay for laundry services.

9/11 REMEMBERED—A sea of American flags displayed in the quad honored the victims of September 11, 2001. Shippensburg University ROTC planned the display and held a campus memorial service on 9/11.

STEAM PLANT RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY FOR FUTURE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The steam plant located on North Prince Street will be the future home for Ship’s School of Engineering lab space, serving mechanical and civil engineering students. The steam plant served as a way to heat the university. Now, the building will be refurbished to feature more space for engineering students. The new space will have labs, conference rooms, manufacturing areas, a fabrication lab, and energy-efficient lighting.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Look for a newly renovated Stewart Hall (right) to open on campus in 2020! Construction will wrap up on the Alumni and Welcome Center at the end of this year. Keep watching for updates and events! In addition, Mowrey Hall (below) got an upgrade for graduate student housing over the summer. A brand-new community kitchen and lounge greeted students at the start of fall semester.
CLUS Celebrates Thirty Years with Conodoguinet Creek Watershed

The Center for Land Use and Sustainability (CLUS) at Shippensburg University celebrated thirty years of leadership by the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association (CCWA) on issues affecting the health and welfare of the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed.

To commemorate this anniversary, CLUS and CCWA launched a new interactive map and video project called, “A Long Way with Many Bends.” The project is a visual story of Pennsylvania’s Conodoguinet Creek and Watershed, the Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail, and the CCWA. The story includes educational materials about the region’s waters, geology, and agriculture. It highlights stunning images taken from the air and interviews with people working on the ground to protect, preserve, and promote the watershed. “A Long Way with Many Bends” is the cumulative result of thirty years of CCWA-inspired watershed partnerships and another product of 150 years of high-quality student learning experiences at Shippensburg University.

The project was made possible by support and grant funding from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the work of CLUS, which provides hands-on learning experiences for Shippensburg University students through various interdisciplinary and collaborative research projects. Dr. Scott Drzyzga, GIScience director for the CLUS, led the project.

OFFICE OF CONNECTION AWARDED PLCB GRANT

Shippensburg University’s Office of Connection Drug and Alcohol Services was awarded a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board grant for $19,300. This funded programs that focus on proven strategies to discourage and reduce both underage and dangerous drinking.

The grant kickstarted a student-led initiative to create relatable content and programming that educates peers on the consequences of drug and alcohol use.

AWARD SEASON RECOGNIZES STUDENT MEDIA

Shippensburg University Television received one Student Production Award Crystal Pillar for live sports, the collegiate version of an Emmy®, from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

SUTV had the only two nominations in the college/university student production sports live event category. The student media group won in the same category in 2018 for “Mansfield at Shippensburg Men's Basketball.”

The Slate, Shippensburg University’s student-run newspaper, won three Keystone Press Awards. Managing editor Molly Foster won one award for her profile piece, and Meghan Schiereck won two awards for photography.

ALL ABOARD FIRST FRIDAY AT THE SHIPPENSBURG STATION

Food, friends, and entertainment took over the event space at Shippensburg Station the first Friday of each month this past summer and fall. This regular community event features a rotation of food trucks, drinks from Appalachian Brewing Company, music, desserts, and a great location to gather with friends. The Cumberland Valley Railroad Museum and Sculpture Path also are open and available. The festivities will ramp back up with the warmer weather next spring.
DEFENDING ITS TITLE as the 2017 Campus Challenge champion in the Mid-Atlantic region, the Ship community proved once again that it’s tight with Mother Nature. The AORE Campus Challenge kicked off mid-September, encouraging campuses across the nation to get outside and get active. For four weeks, Ship logged lunchtime walks to weekend camping trips to destination hikes, and once again, came out on top! Read more about it on page 26.

FIRST FRIDAY’S TICKET TO DOWNTOWN gave new students another great reason to explore Shippensburg at the start of the semester. During Welcome Week, nearly three dozen businesses shared discounts and prizes to student participants who ventured off campus to check out local stores and restaurants. The Ticket to Downtown takes place in conjunction with First Fridays each month.

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY SENIOR MARCUS HUERTAS was named to The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) this fall. THIS offers students firsthand experience in state government at the policy-making level. Huertas, a US Marine Corps veteran and political science major, is one of eleven students selected from universities in Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education. He is interning in the Office of the Speaker of the State House, Rep. Mike Turzai.

What else was going on in 1969?

• On February 28, members of the Shippensburg State College faculty visited the Cape Kennedy Science Center. Dr. Anthony J. Miklausen, director of development, and Dr. Lloyd A. Trinklein, associate professor of science education, were invited by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to witness the launch of Apollo 9 and get a tour of the center. The SSC faculty was invited because of their past efforts to train educators in the space sciences.

• The late Jack Heberlig ’57 was one of the original members of the Space Task Group that developed Project Mercury and then the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston according to The Sentinel. “We had many young professionals transferring in from all sorts of jobs in industry, the university system, and in government. Apollo was successful because of the dedicated team effort. That program was fueled by many young professionals with the energy and longevity to carry it through,” Heberlig said.

• On the subject of outer space, a letter to the editor published in The Slate, complained that the parking lot was full of potholes. Larry R. Doherty suggested the “craters” be sold to NASA for study, or stocked with trout for recreation.

• According to an article in The Slate, the student-run Shippensburg newspaper, President Ralph E. Heiges announced basic fees at SSC would increase $90 for a nine-month academic year due to cuts in the budget of the college by the state of Pennsylvania. The basic fee became $165, room and board was $240, and the student activity fee was $18 dollars.

• Student enrollment reached a record high, at the time, of 4,750 students, of which 3,650 were undergraduates and 1,100 were graduates.

WELCOME TO SHIP! Welcome Week festivities kicked off in August with a carnival and ended with a fireworks display as a celebration to welcome the Class of 2023.
PROFESSORS WORK WITH STATE TO CONTROL INVASIVE SPECIES

Dr. Sara Grove and Dr. Michael Moltz, professors of political science, have been working behind the scenes as Pennsylvania combats threatening invasive species. Invasive species are those not native to an ecosystem that cause, or are likely to cause, harm to the environment, economy, or humans. This includes the spotted lanternfly, a major reason for a $4 million Pennsylvania Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account that was part of the Pennsylvania Farm Bill signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf in July.

Through a project funded by a grant of nearly $15,000 from The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Grove and Moltz conducted research to provide a better understanding about legislative and regulatory efforts to control invasive species. They took a closer look at how the Commonwealth has historically sought to control invasive species, but they also researched national and international efforts such as those of Canada and the United Kingdom.

“Our report highlights several successful efforts implemented in other states, which may be useful for Pennsylvania. One such example is from my home state of Nevada, which has successfully managed the spread of invasive quagga mussels in Lake Tahoe, via mandatory boat inspections,” Moltz said. “Moreover, this research would not have been possible without the center’s support and the invaluable help from Chris Wonders and the Institute for Public Service and Sponsored Programs in securing the grant.”

Grove and Moltz identified several policy considerations following their work, including the development of a funding mechanism that supports early detection and rapid response.
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).

RENT 20th Anniversary Tour
November 20 | 7:30PM | $59–$79
Inspired by Puccini's La Bohéme, RENT follows a year in the lives of seven struggling artists who are determined to not give up on their dreams. RENT inspires us to remain joyful and hopeful in the face of fear. This musical celebrates creativity and friendship, also reminding us that love is the only thing that truly matters above all else.

Swan Lake
November 30 | 7:30PM | $43–$63
With music by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Swan Lake tells the story of a heroic young prince determined to release a beautiful swan maiden from an evil spell. The renowned National Ballet Theatre of Odessa features fifty-five of the most talented ballet performers who bring this beautiful and romantic tale to life.

PJ Masks Live!
December 7 | 2:00PM & 6:00PM | $29–$49
PJ Masks Live!, the hit live musical production from Entertainment One (eOne) and Round Room, is back with an all-new show, “PJ Masks Live: Save The Day!” Based on eOne's top-rated animated series on Disney Junior, the new show features preschoolers’ favorite preschool superheroes and familiar songs from the popular show along with brand new music and a whole new adventure.

EXHIBITS
Kauffman Gallery, Huber Art Center.
For more information, call (717) 477-1530, or visit ship.edu/art/gallery.

Scholastic 144
November 2–November 16
Senior Exhibit
November 23–December 11
Pace Prints
January 22–February 26
Senior Exhibit
March 28–April 8

Fashion Archives and Museum.
For more information, call (717) 477-1239, or visit fashionarchives.org.

Fashionable Dances and Dancing Fashions
Fall 2019
Color Me Fashionable
Spring 2020

PLANETARIUM SERIES
Dibert-Roddick Planetarium, Franklin Science Center. 7:30PM, $1, children 50¢.
For reservations and information, e-mail dibert-roddick@ship.edu, visit ship.edu/planetarium, or call (717) 477-1491.

The Fall Children’s Star Show
November 20
The Winter Sky
December 4
Special Event: Stars
December 11
The Winter Sky
January 22
Special Topic: The Greenhouse Effect
February 5
The Spring Star Show
February 26 and March 4

A Magical Cirque Christmas
November 29 | 7:30PM | $49–$125
The producers of Broadway’s smash hit The Illusionists have brought together the world’s greatest entertainers for a spell-binding and incredible new holiday production—A Magical Cirque Christmas! Experience the magic of Christmas with jaw-dropping cirque acrobats and performers, accompanied by your favorite holiday hits played live. Bring the family to this unforgettable performance that will surely get you into the spirit of the season.

A complete calendar of events is available at ship.edu/events.
Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis ▲
December 8 | 3:00PM & 7:30PM | $55–$85
Founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, Chip Davis celebrates the thirty-fifth anniversary of his annual Christmas concert tour—the longest-running consecutive concert tour in history! Experience the world’s favorite Christmas music artist and hear the entire album that started it all, live—Mannheim Steamroller Christmas!

Lewis Black: The Joke’s On Us Tour 2019 ▼
December 12 | 7:30PM | $55–$85
Lewis Black, also known as king of the rant, uses his loud, comedic voice and animated finger-point to skewer anything and anyone that gets on his nerves. His comedic brilliance lies within his ability to make people laugh by calling out the daily nonsense we all experience, stemming from topics like current events, social media, and politics. Black has received critical acclamation across the world as a stand-up, actor, and author. He appeared on two specials for HBO, had a regular feature on two seasons of Inside the NFL, and played the character “Anger” in Academy-Award-winning Pixar film, Inside Out.

The Bachelor Live On Stage
March 31 | 7:30PM | $69–$150
The most successful reality TV romance series comes to Shippensburg this spring! The Bachelor Live On Stage official tour provides all the drama, gossip, and romance fans want. Some of your favorite Bachelor and Bachelorette stars will be hosting the event, and eligible hometown ladies from the audience could meet a local bachelor for a chance at love. Come join all the drama, and see who will win the final rose at The Bachelor Live On Stage!

Michael W. Smith’s “Christmas”
with symphony and special guest Marc Martel
December 15 | 6:00PM | $35–$75
As a multi-Platinum artist, best-selling author, and acclaimed actor, Michael W. Smith lives his best life. He continues to release new music regularly and performs to sold-out crowds across the globe. Smith has sold more than 15 million albums and received three GRAMMYs, forty-five Dove Awards, and an American Music Award. He gives back by raising funds toward the AIDS crisis in Africa; starting Rocketown, a safe haven for young people in Tennessee; and remaining heavily involved in Compassion International.

The Tap Pack
February 9 | 3:00PM | $35–$55
The Tap Pack is a tribute to the Rat Pack era, when entertainers captivated audiences with high-energy performances, unbelievable dance moves, smooth vocals, live swing jazz bands, and witty on-stage humor. The five-member group enthralls audiences from beginning to end, and their pace never slows nor skips a beat. Come see a cool, fresh performance that will surely get you tapping your feet.

The Stylistics ▲
March 13 | 7:30PM | $39–$49
Formed in Philadelphia in 1966, The Stylistics began after members joined from other musical groups: The Percussions and The Monarchs. The group was then approached by Bill Perry, leading them to record their first hit, “You’re a Big Girl Now.” The song became a No. 1 hit in Philadelphia before moving on to other cities. Bill Perry eventually contacted Avco Records to set a record deal, allowing The Stylistics to create their first album, The Stylistics, containing hit songs like “Stop, Look, Listen to Your Heart,” and “You Are Everything.” The group today is comprised of two original members, Herbert Murrell and Airrion Love, along with Jason Sharp and Barrington “Bo” Henderson.

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Shippensburg University-Community Orchestra Spring Concert
April 19 | 3:00PM | Free
Dickinson College professor Blanka Bednarz joins Shippensburg University-Community Orchestra to perform the famous Chinese violin piece, The Butterfly Lovers Concerto. The concert will include other inspiring pieces from the Far East. Don’t miss the opportunity to experience this masterful musical performance.
It can be challenging to quench a thirst for wanderlust when finances get in the way. Thankfully, Samantha Smith can study abroad without that burden. The junior international studies major earned the Freeman-Asia Scholarship that allowed her to spend the fall semester in China.

The Freeman-Asia Scholarship encourages more American citizens and residents to experience and understand Asian culture and people. Smith earned the $5,000 scholarship and will complete a service project during her semester there.

If she had not devoted the time and effort toward securing the scholarship, she would not have been able to travel abroad. “I would not have been able to get the rest of the funding I needed to go on this trip. The Freeman-Asia Scholarship is very competitive and took a lot of work and time with my advisor to edit my essays so that they would be competitive,” Smith said. “When I received the e-mail that I had been awarded the scholarship, I was beyond excited. It is truly a dream come true to be here right now.”

Smith is participating in a fifteen-week Accelerated Chinese Language (ACL) program where she is taking classes like Accelerated Intermediate Chinese I & II and Intercultural Communication and Negotiation. ACL is set up so Smith can take both language classes at once in less than three hours, for three days a week. She has a quiz every day and a test every week.

According to Smith, the students were told that they are being taught one year’s worth of Chinese in one semester.

“I have definitely learned a lot in the past two-and-a-half weeks of classes. This class is nothing like I have taken in the US. It truly is an accelerated course.”

Although the classes are accelerated, Smith found that the professor in her Intercultural Communication and Negotiation class answered all of her questions, no matter how simple they may have seemed.
“We are allowed to ask any questions that have come to mind from our observations of the Chinese people around us,” Smith said. “It is very informative as to the cultural differences that we need to know in order to fit better into Chinese society.”

Smith has been immersed in the language. She is paired with a roommate fluent in Chinese, and her classes are in Chinese, with the exception of Intercultural Communication and Negotiation.

“I am hoping to become fluent in Mandarin in reading, writing, and speaking. I would also like to be able to share the culture with others,” she said. “My roommate is amazing and has been helping me so much with my Chinese. We are learning from each other, which I think is the best part.”

One of Smith’s favorite parts of her experience in China is getting to know the people. She has met and interacted with people from the Council on International Educational Exchange program, those hailing from other countries, and those from different areas of the US. “In addition to Chinese people, I get to make connections with people from all over the world, which is an opportunity most people do not get.”

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Smith educated herself on Chinese culture before the trip, but admits she was not sure what to expect—especially because this was her first trip abroad.

“Adjusting to the time zone was really hard at first, especially when trying to keep with my parents’ schedules. I am a full twelve hours ahead,” she said. “It is definitely not easy, but we are making it work.”

Even though the time difference can be challenging, Smith said this is a great experience to have firsthand. “There are definitely things I was not taught while in school in the US, and I feel those things can only be learned through firsthand experience.”

Smith is finding the travel abroad experience is crucial to her educational and personal goals.

“This trip is so important for me. I wanted to become fluent in Mandarin, and what better way to do so than coming to China to study. Yes, we can be taught a lot from teachers in the United States, but there are just some things that you cannot learn from a book—they have to be learned through experience.”

“I have learned a lot in just the three weeks I’ve been here. I cannot express how important it is for students to be able to completely immerse themselves in the language and culture they are studying.”

Olivia Riccio ’20 is an intern for SU Magazine.
Curt Evans ’95

MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

Curt Evans is the Shippensburg University outdoor school record holder in the pole vault at 16 feet, 7 inches—a mark that has remained unblemished for twenty-four years. He was an outdoor All-American in the pole vault as a senior in 1995, placing eighth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships held in Kansas.

Shippensburg won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Outdoor Championship, and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Championship in all four of Evans’ seasons of competition, of which he was team captain for two years. He was a four-time PSAC place-winner in the pole vault, a three-time PSAC place-winner in the triple jump, and an eight-time outdoor conference place-winner overall.

As a senior in 1995, Evans won the PSAC outdoor championship in the pole vault and the ECAC Indoor Championships in the pole vault. He also finished second in the triple jump at the ECAC Indoor Championships.

Shortly after graduation, Evans married fellow Shippensburg track and field standout Wendy Clark. The couple lives in North Carolina with their three boys, Cameron, Spencer, and Drew. Evans volunteers as a pole vault coach to local high school vaulters, including two of his boys, Spencer and Drew.
FOOTBALL

Chris Gicking is the 1999 PSAC Western Division Offensive Player of the Year and a three-time All-PSAC performer who started as quarterback for the Red Raiders under head football coach Rocky Rees from 1998-2000. Gicking spent his freshman season at Villanova before transferring to Shippensburg.

Gicking rewrote the passing record books at Shippensburg, despite playing just three seasons. At the time of graduation, Gicking held more than ten school records, including career passing yards (6,365), career passing touchdowns (65), career total offensive yards/game (189.4), and single-season total offense (2,631 in 1999). To this day, Gicking remains third all-time in career passing yards.

His banner season came as a junior in 1999. Gicking set single-season school records with 2,832 passing yards and twenty-five passing touchdowns. His passing efficiency rating of 161.36 also set a school record and paced the PSAC Western Division. He completed 56 percent of his passes and threw just five interceptions over 294 attempts.

After graduation, Gicking became a teacher and high school football coach. He has spent the last five seasons as the head football coach at his alma mater, Marple-Newtown High School. In 2015, Gicking was appointed athletic director and dean of students at Marple-Newtown.

WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

Kelly (Frick) Herrmann is a two-time NCAA First Team All-American and a PSAC Champion in the javelin, finishing in third place at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in 2004 and 2005.

Herrmann is one of three Raiders in school history to achieve two All-America First Team classifications in the javelin, along with SU Hall of Famer Kate Poust ’89 and current school-record holder Morgan DeFloria ’19.

As a senior, Herrmann won the PSAC championship with a victorious throw of 147 feet, 9 inches that is just one foot off her own school record set the year before. Her personal-best throw of 148 feet, 9 inches came as a junior at the 2004 NCAA Championship and stood as the SU school record in the event for more than a decade.

After graduating with a degree in business management, Herrmann has spent the last fourteen years working in the long-term care industry. She is currently the human resources manager at Wesley Enhanced Living in Doylestown, a position she has maintained for the last four years. Herrmann and her husband, Craig, have three children: Elsie, Lucas, and Nolan.

WRESTLING

Bob McCurdy is one of just three NCAA Division I All-Americans in wrestling in Shippensburg University history, having placed eighth at 177 pounds in 1985 as part of a standout four-year varsity career.

Overall, McCurdy was a two-time NCAA Division I qualifier (1985 and 1986) and a two-time NCAA Division I East Region Champion (1985-86) at 177 pounds. He went 21-9 as a freshman with a team-high of nine pins. He went 26-8 with six pins as a sophomore, concluding the season with his All-America classification.

As a junior, McCurdy went 31-5, was the runner-up at 190 pounds at the PSAC Championships, and competed for the second time at nationals. Overall, McCurdy was 85-24 with twenty pins spanning the 177 and 190-pound weight classes. The majority of his competition was spent at 177.

McCurdy has worked for the last twenty-five years as a first-grade teacher in the Shippensburg Area School District. He served fourteen years as the treasurer of the
The Raider Academic Center (RAC) opened to student-athletes for the first time this academic year.

The center, which is spearheaded by Madeline Mulhall ’18, director, is designed to bring student-athletes together to be successful athletically and academically.

“This place is the one-stop shop for student-athletes,” Mulhall said. Mulhall helps students by coaching them one-on-one. She uses these sessions to evaluate the needs of the student, and from there creates an individualized plan of action. She also takes into consideration the course load and demands of the students’ athletic season, depending on the semester.

Mulhall is a liaison and activist for the students. She directs student-athletes to existing resources, such as the Learning Center or Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center.

When it came to developing the academic center, Mulhall said she sat down with the coaches to discuss what students needed to academically succeed. From there, she began speaking directly to teams to get them interested. Prior to launching the RAC, she visited Division I schools to see what services they offered student-athletes. Ship students academically compete with bigger schools such as those she visited.

Mulhall said that student-athletes from Shippensburg generally hold higher GPAs than non-athletes. “That doesn’t mean we stop or get complacent. We want to be better and provide the resources that will help them be even more successful in the classroom.”

She isn’t an outsider to the struggles of being a student-athlete. She graduated from Shippensburg University in 2018, majoring in political science with a minor in coaching. She was a member of the softball team, which gives her a better perspective on the issues student-athletes face.

“I very much get the life they live.” Mulhall said that student-athletes have challenges beyond the regular student. “I think there’s a common misconception that so many of our student-athletes slide through the system, and that is by no means what happens. They still have to pass their classes like every other student, on top of their practices, on top of lifting, on top of their conditioning, on top of meetings.”

She said the RAC would not be possible without Shippensburg University’s focus on student success.

“This is a great example of an administration that understands our student-athletes, sees the lives that they live, and is willing to come alongside them and encourage them.”

The center is open Sunday through Friday and allows students to stop between classes or during lunch.

Jonathan Bergmueller ’20 is an intern for SU Magazine.

A PSAC Scholar-Athlete maintains a 3.25 cumulative GPA while competing in an intercollegiate varsity sport. SU’s PSAC Scholar-Athlete total, which includes 104 women and 62 men, marks the seventh time in the last nine years that Shippensburg has matched or surpassed a new record total. Thirty-five percent of the Raider student-athletes were deemed PSAC Scholar-Athletes, maintaining last year’s rate.

The full list of 2018-19 Raider PSAC Scholar-Athletes can be accessed at shipraiders.com.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING // Shippensburg University Athletics hired Dennis Kerstetter as its head strength and conditioning coach. Kerstetter is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), Level-1 Sports Performance Coach (USAW-L1), and a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

He arrived at Shippensburg after working the 2018-19 season at King’s College. He was King’s first sports performance coach and worked hand-in-hand with the twenty-seven athletic programs sponsored by the Monarchs.

At King’s, Kerstetter focused on coaching student-athletes on proper technique, form, and posture while also creating and establishing lifting routines. He emphasized the technical application of weightlifting, powerlifting, and plyometric techniques to aid resistance to injury and develop core strength.

Kerstetter completed his graduate studies at Saint Francis University. With the Red Flash, Kerstetter was the head of programming for tennis, golf, cross country, bowling, football, and track and field. He earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2014.

DIRECTOR NAMED FOR RAC // Shippensburg University has hired Madeline Mulhall ’18 as the director of the Raiders Academic Center (RAC) for student-athletes. The RAC is housed in Ezra Lehman Memorial Library. As director, Mulhall will play a role in retention and academic success for Shippensburg’s student-athletes.

Mulhall’s position provides academic support and programming to ensure that all student-athletes are connected with appropriate resources that support their success. Her regular tasks include the development and coordination of year-round programs and activities designed to support student-athletes’ academic success, retention, and graduation. She collaborates with SU’s Learning Center faculty and staff to coordinate tutoring services and academic workshops for student-athletes.

Prior to her appointment as the director of the Academic Center for Student-Athletes, Mulhall served as the graduate assistant in the SU Political Science Department and as an intern and event manager for the SU Department of Athletics.

PRESIDENT’S MEDAL // President Laurie Carter (far right) recognized the Shippensburg University Department of Athletics with the Presidential Medal at the annual campus-wide meeting to start the 2019-20 academic year at the Luhrs Performing Arts Center.

In her speech recognizing the Athletics Department, Carter cited the excellence of the Raiders in the form of a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC)-best eight Dixon Trophies, three consecutive NCAA Division II Field Hockey National Championships, and eleven consecutive PSAC Men’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships, among many other accomplishments.

“These members of the Ship family have worked tirelessly to make Shippensburg University a better place,” Carter said. “Through exemplary work ethic and dedication, this group has brought the university national attention.”
From birth to five years, children are clay in the hands of their educators. “There is so much brain development that happens during that timeframe,” said Dr. Jennifer Pyles, assistant professor of teacher education with SU’s College of Education and Human Services. “We want to be more effective with children.”

Pyles will have a direct impact on early childcare education and standardizing childcare programs across the state. Shippensburg University is the lead institution for an $11.8 million statewide initiative that will increase student learning outcomes by standardizing and improving professional development in the early childhood education workforce. Pyles is spearheading the grant that combines the services and expertise of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning with Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

Gov. Tom Wolf announced the grant in October. “It’s imperative that we support early childhood workers with career training and advancement opportunities,” he said. “For their own fulfillment, to retain skilled employees and, most importantly, to provide the youngest Pennsylvanians with the very best start on their educational and developmental journey.”

The grant, which provides $5.9 million annually for two years with the option to renew for three additional years, will fund six Early Care and Education Professional Development Organizations. The goal is to standardize certification for childcare workers in Pennsylvania that will lead to a Child Development Associate certification, with opportunities and support to further their educations for associate’s or bachelor’s degrees.

“Early childhood is a crucial period of life during which children learn so much about themselves, their world, and others,” Pyles said.
“Pennsylvania’s legislators, business leaders, and state early childhood organizations recognize a potential 13 percent return on investment for comprehensive, high-quality, birth-to-five early childhood education. Early care and education can provide one of the most effective economic development tools for states, and Pennsylvania is leading the way in major funding streams for the professionalization of the field through apprenticeships and the Professional Development Organizations that will give the ECE workforce the skills and knowledge they need to offer high-quality early childhood programs for Pennsylvania’s children and families.”

—Dr. Jennifer Pyles, assistant professor of teacher education with SU’s College of Education and Human Services

Shippensburg will work with Lock Haven, East Stroudsburg, and Edinboro universities to design, deliver and coordinate credentials for childcare professionals across the state. The universities will customize the delivery of coursework to meet the needs of working students in each region. This is significant, Pyles said, as childcare professional often work all day long. Courses will be offered face-to-face and online, as well as through convenient venues like community colleges and organizations. Other plans include apprenticeships, transfer agreements, and tuition packages. All courses will meet requirements through the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

“This is a significant achievement for the State System. It unites us in a new and holistic approach to meeting the early childhood education needs of communities throughout the state,” said Dr. Tom Ormond, Shippensburg University’s provost. “I applaud the vision of Dr. Pyles in creating a statewide, collaborative approach to the field of early childhood education in service to this vital, and oftentimes overlooked, student population. We are proud to play a leadership role in preparing the next generation of students by assessing and improving their foundational experiences through enhanced preparedness of early childhood educators.”

In a field that experiences high turnover, this initiative invests in and supports early childcare professionals, Pyles said. “We’re providing children with more education and committed teachers in the field who understand their needs. We’re providing a more robust educational environment that will prepare children for the rest of their educational journeys in a sound way.”
STEVE DOLBIN
Since its expansion through campus, the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail has opened up new opportunities for the university and local community. For Steve Dolbin, professor of art and design, that included a chance to engage sculpture students in outdoor and environmental art.

What is the goal of the sculpture path? We have multiple goals and objectives. First, to bring art out of the closed, sometimes intimidating, space of a gallery and put it in a natural place where all people can have access. Sometimes, people feel afraid to go into a gallery, so we want bring the art to them. Anyone who loves to walk, run, bicycle, or just play can now enjoy it. We also want to make it a draw for our community and the university. People who bike or hike may visit when they hear we have sculpture on the trail, then they may tour the campus.

Can you tell me about the new sculptures on the rail trail? The newest ones are farming, railroad, and bicycle themed. All are welded steel. “Ode to Railroading” is constructed of oxidized steel materials and objects used or associated with tracks and trains. “Ode to Farming” is constructed in a very similar fashion, but with parts of old farming equipment and steel tools. Both sculptures refer to two industries that helped to form our community’s history. Farming is still a huge part of our existence here today. Of course, the railroad is directly connected to the former use of the rail trail. One very interesting part of the railroad sculpture is that it has an old engineer’s signaling light. We replaced the oil wick with a solar-powered light bulb, so it glows all night. The bicycle-themed one is named “Windmill” and is kinetic. That means parts of it move. The main student sculptor on this piece, Emily Noe, came up with a way to turn the three top bicycle wheels into windmills by putting wind-catching material on the spokes. They work beautifully.

How many sculptures are permanent? We will soon have six permanent ones. Our temporary environmental ones vary; they are in different states of construction and entropy. That is, we build them and then they break down and return to the earth. The temporary, environmental ones are all made of natural materials such as vines, leaves, and branches.

How do you determine what to focus on? The students carefully record concepts in their sketchbooks. We walk the trail and observe the natural environment as well as the visitors and how they interact with the trail. And, we also look for opportunities in regards to materials we can use.

How are the sculptures woven into your classes? The projects are perfect for using the skills developed in our foundation 3D and sculpture classes. Others are created in our advanced sculpture class by small groups or individuals.

What skills are students learning? Many concepts—principles of design, composition, working with form, carving, fabrication, welding, forging, all kinds of constructive techniques, and of course, how to visualize. They also get a great opportunity to engage in public art and environmental art where they can learn about weather, recycling, and working with other students and the community.

What are your plans for the future? We are very ambitious about our wishes for the trail. As long as we have the support from the Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails Council, the community, and the university we will continue.
On a fall day like the one during his interview—barely kissing 70 degrees, sunshine, and a breeze—Jerry George, grounds manager, said everyone wants his job. They forget, though, that the tradeoff is shoveling snow and melting ice in two months.

Whether sun, rain, or snow, George is tickled to do what he loves. “This is one of the best, if not the best, opportunities in my field,” he said of his position at Ship.

George has managed grounds at Ship for nearly twenty years. Ever since his early days working a local golf course in high school, he said he had his eyes set on joining the university grounds crew. Having grown up in Franklin County (fun fact—his seventh-generation grandfather was the founder of Chambersburg), he said working at the university was a dream come true.

As grounds manager, George oversees a team of ten employees who cover everything from landscaping to snow removal to special events on the 210-acre campus. His employees specialize in different areas, but George makes sure they are exposed to all responsibilities on grounds.

“We are called on twelve months a year, and we’re always ready for company,” he said.

When asked about his job, it’s clear that George enjoys it in its entirety. The crew plans for major annual events, like Move-In day and Commencement. They prepare fields for athletic events. They manage an annual landscaping plan. And, of course, they try to stay ahead of the weather reports in the winter.

“It’s hard hitting,” he said. “Our team is required to be responsive. It’s a lot. They gear up for everything.”

George is very complimentary of his staff. There is always work to be done, and they are willing to sacrifice to get the job done right. That might mean working until 2:00 a.m., starting work at 2:00 a.m., or even sleeping over on campus to clear parking lots, sidewalks, and roadways in bad weather.

“The toughest piece is that you’re making predictions on predictions. You’re trying to get ahead of a storm, plan for it, and execute that plan. You’re only as good as the information you have.”

One of the more visible parts of the job is regular landscaping. From tree maintenance to flower beds in front of the entrance sign, the grounds crew keeps Ship looking sharp. Visiting parents and students often cite the beauty of campus as one of the reason’s they fell in love with the university.

George insists that he simply works to maintain what Mother Nature provided. “SU is in a gorgeous setting, from the hills framed by mountains to the buildings themselves. It’s all about what we can do to enhance that beauty.”

Hearing those compliments about campus is humbling to George, who credits the tremendous efforts of his staff. “That’s the icing on the cake,” he said.

Although there’s never as much time as he wishes he has to be creative with his landscaping plan, he does all he can to play with and present new ideas. George hasn’t been to many arboretums or gardens—he simply looks to his natural surroundings for inspiration.

The campus community likely knows George best from his travels across campus on bike. Since his early days working at Ship, George has relied on his bike as a great way to get around and an easy way to maintain landscaping. Working on grounds crew is “an absolute balancing act,” George said, that couldn’t be done by one person. “It’s a collective team, from the director all the way through.”

In his twenty years, plenty has changed with management, staff, and campus. But one thing that has remained constant is the support from the university community. “The cooperation we receive—I have been extremely fortunate. I work at a place of business that provides so much opportunity and freedom to work within my field, and with a lot of great people.

“Twenty years later, I still feel like this is a grand opportunity.”

JERRY GEORGE
Grounds Manager

“SU is in a gorgeous setting, from the hills framed by mountains to the buildings themselves. It’s all about what we can do to enhance that beauty.”
Everyone experiences stress, but college students who are adjusting to life on campus, new academic expectations, and the financial responsibilities of higher education can be especially susceptible. The university’s new wellness initiative seeks to help students and the entire campus community effectively manage stress and achieve overall good health. BY KATIE (PAXSON) HAMMAKER ’93
“Student success, our number one priority, is best achieved when students are thriving,” said Dr. Donta Truss, senior vice president of enrollment management, student affairs, and student success. “We want to ensure our students have all the resources they need to thrive in mind, body, and spirit.”

Marsha Bonn, director of recreation and wellness, said there is no single or best strategy for achieving wellness. “Wellness is personal, and it looks different for each person. One student may want to focus on physical health and walk more to lose weight. Other students may have anxiety issues and need to focus on improving their mental well-being.”

Bonn is heading up a new Wellness Committee of students, faculty, and staff members who are brainstorming ideas and planning events for the initiative.

Members of Ship’s Greek community have taken a lead role in the initiative. They were inspired by a presentation made by President Laurie Carter to the Panhellenic Council last spring.

“We care about our campus and its students,” said junior Nick Tarr, president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. “We want to give back to the community.”

“Much of the work our fraternity and sorority community already does is connected to aspects of wellness, so bringing them together as part of this initiative positions them to contribute greatly to the Ship community,” said Kyle Miller, director of fraternity and sorority life.

Tarr and others who are serving on the Wellness Committee have rallied support from Ship’s fraternity and sorority members to participate in and volunteer at wellness events. The committee kicked off its efforts during Fall Welcome Week with a 5K race around campus. Nearly sixty students and faculty ran to raise money for student scholarships and the Student Emergency Fund.

Faculty and students battled it out in a soccer match, and eighty participants attended yoga class on the quad.

The Wake Up with Wellness Walk, an early-morning walk/run along the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail near campus, attracted a smaller, but dedicated crowd. “Getting any college students up by 7:30 a.m. was quite an accomplishment,” said senior Cedric Adams, president of Ship’s Interfraternity Council and a member of Phi Delta Theta.

After Welcome Week, students were encouraged to continue their fitness journey at ShipRec, the campus fitness center, and beyond.

The Wellness Committee is working with ShipRec to offer new options and classes. Students can work out with Zumba, JumpFit, Spin class, and POUND (drumming). The instructors might entice some students more than the classes themselves. Carter was a guest instructor for Spin class in September, and has agreed to teach one class a month.

“We encourage students to try a new form of fitness, and to set their own goals,” Bonn said. “One student may not be capable of running a 5K, but can set a goal of walking 100 more steps a day. Another student may have mastered a 5K and want to train for a 10K.”

Bonn said the committee continually surveys students and tracks the data on fitness offerings to ensure that
“Social media meets the environment,” is Dr. Sean Cornell’s best description of the Outdoor Nation Challenge.

Cornell, associate professor of geography/earth science, coordinated Ship’s participation in this nationwide competition among colleges to get students outdoors and active. The challenge, organized by the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE), lasts four weeks through September and October.

Ship accepted the challenge, earning first place in the Mid-Atlantic Region and fifth place nationally. The university defended its rankings from 2017, the last time the challenge was held.

Participants registered on the AORE website, downloaded the free app, then logged their activities to accrue points. Activities must be outdoor, and last for thirty minutes at a time. Participants can log up to five events daily. The school with the most points wins.

Ship kicked off the challenge with a midnight hike on the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail near campus. That afternoon, students were invited to join in outdoor games on campus. Other eligible activities included running, biking, climbing, caving, camping, equestrian, skateboarding, kayaking, canoeing, and yoga. Birdwatching, fishing, stargazing, and tending a garden also qualified.

Even “hammocking,” (simply lounging in a hammock) earned points. Hammocks are available outside of Harley, Naugle, and Seavers residence halls, and they are popular homework and resting sites for students on a nice day.

More than 350 students, faculty, staff, and alumni participated.

“This event promotes such great interactions between students and faculty, and the students themselves,” Cornell said. “Students learned about all the cool places they can go around campus. Some students have been at Ship for three years and just learned that the Appalachian Trail is only fifteen minutes away.”

Cornell believes that the use of a social media platform helps increase student participation in the challenge, but ironically, it’s the use of devices that has led to a decrease in outdoor recreational time among youth. One recent study found that teenagers spend an average of nine hours a day online, and less than an hour doing outdoor activities.

“In the classroom, we see the effects,” Cornell said. “There are students today who have had very little exposure to natural environments, for example a mountain hiking trail.” It sounds simple, but students who have spent time observing flowing water in nature learn about its movement, where it comes from, and where it goes. Students can later build upon that knowledge in class and apply it to more abstract concepts.

Teachers from multiple areas of study are recognizing the benefits of being outdoors. Cornell cited a math professor who encourages students to walk before taking an exam, because studies have shown that time spent outside can actually improve test scores.

GET INVOLVED! Ship plans to keep the winning streak going in next year’s Outdoor Nation Challenge. Alumni are invited to participate. For more information, visit the AORE website at oncampuschallenge.org.

Numerous recent studies have shown a correlation between the amount of time spent on devices and a person’s physical and mental health. Overuse of devices can cause eye strain, bad posture, neck and back pain, headaches, and even obesity. Teens who spent significant time on devices were more likely to report feelings of anxiety, loneliness, and depression.

Bonn is not against the use of devices, but she hopes to help students find a happy medium.

“We want to embrace technology and use it in a way that promotes wellness,” Bonn said. For example, she encourages students to download their favorite music for working out, and to track their steps and overall fitness program through a variety of apps.

The use of devices can also inhibit a student’s ability to make friends. Senior Julia Bullard, president of the Kappa Delta Phi sorority and a member of the Wellness Committee, has noticed a need to encourage student interaction.

“Some students are shy, and uncomfortable initiating conversation,” said Bullard, who volunteered for Welcome Week. “So, maybe you break them into groups and ask them to discuss fun questions like, ‘Pepsi or Coke’, or ‘early bird or night owl’, just to get them talking.”

Bullard believes that if students can make meaningful connections with others early on, they are more likely to stay on campus and ultimately succeed in college. “I see it in my Greek brothers and sisters. We have such strong connections. Ship is our home, and we are family.”
MEETING STUDENTS’ NEEDS

Wellness is very holistic. “Most people immediately think of the physical aspect, but mental and emotional health are also important,” Bonn said.

Adams is keenly aware of the need for mental health support services. Suicide prevention is the chosen philanthropy for members of both Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Delta Phi.

“Our fraternity banded together behind suicide awareness after we lost one of our brothers to this in 2013,” Adams said. “Then, I lost a friend from high school to suicide last year. It sparked the flame for me. I want to let students know that they are not alone. Support is available.”

Through the university Counseling Center, students can receive counseling for depression, drug and alcohol abuse, relationships, and other issues. Stress, anxiety, and depression are the top afflictions affecting the academic success of today’s college students, according to Dr. Tomoko Grabosky, a licensed professional counselor with the university’s Counseling Center.

The cost of college weighs heavily on the minds of many students. Technology also contributes. “We live busy lives,” Grabosky said. “We are all wired all the time, with no time to rest our minds.”

“We have become a nation of instant gratification,” she continued. “But, some things happen in life that cannot be fixed immediately.” As a result, some students lack even basic coping mechanisms to deal with things that go wrong, such as a bad test score.

The Counseling Center offers programs to help students manage stress and build resiliency, hopefully before issues arise. The programs and services are not all new, but significantly more students are in need of them, Grabosky said.

Bonn said the Wellness Committee wants to build upon these programs and reduce the stigma that is sometimes attached to using them.

New equipment and classes—such as Spin—are offered at ShipRec this semester in conjunction with the wellness initiative.

EARLY IN THE SEMESTER, the committee organized a joint evening open house between the Counseling Center and the Etter Health Center, both located in the Wellness Center at Naugle Hall. Students were invited to learn about the services offered at each. More importantly, Bonn said, they hoped to remove the fear of visiting either center if needed.

In addition, the Wellness and Counseling centers offered a series of workshops across campus.

Cultivating Calm and Koru Mindfulness classes provided skills to manage feelings of stress and anxiety.

“Through mindfulness, we try to teach students how to just be,” Grabosky said. “Not evaluating ourselves, or going and doing all the time.” Grabosky is a certified instructor of Koru Mindfulness, which was developed for college students and young adults.

New this year, the Counseling Center offered mindfulness sessions through the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. “Some of the social distress these students experience is unique,” Grabosky said. “Political issues, microaggressions, and racism. We wanted to offer the program in a place where they are comfortable.”

In addition, massage therapists and Reiki healing instructors came to campus several times during the semester for informal sessions to help students relax and de-stress.

JUST THE BEGINNING

The Wellness Committee is just getting started, and members are eager to initiate more programs in the coming months. For more information or to find out how to support the initiative, contact Marsha Bonn, director of recreation and wellness, msbonn@ship.edu or (717) 477-1755.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES of the Wellness Initiative

1. By accepting personal responsibility for wellness, each individual establishes the foundation and potential for greater health, quality of life, and overall well-being.

2. Each individual is capable of improving some aspects of his or her well-being regardless of current health conditions.

3. Well-being is fostered by exploring and learning about the many aspects of wellness and putting the learning into practice with intention, dedication, and commitment.
Maybe it’s a family tradition, a happy accident, or the realization of a lifelong dream—plenty of our alumni have found success in the kitchen. Many Ship grads have launched successful restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, bars, and ice cream parlors in the region, the state, and beyond.

By Katie (Paxson) Hammaeker ’93

For most of the hundred or so alumni working in the food and beverage industry, this was not the career they planned to pursue at Ship. Something along the way, though, led them down this path. In some cases, owning a restaurant is a joint venture with a spouse or other family members who works alongside them.

The type of establishment and menu items vary, but the determination, hard work, and a passion for their products are the main ingredients for success.

Chaps Taproom
EAGLEVILLE

Running a successful restaurant depends on many factors. For Chaps Taproom in Eagleville, it depends partly on how well Philadelphia’s pro teams are playing.

Chaps, co-owned by Kathy (Walker) Bono ’86 and her husband, Michael, is a sports-themed bar and restaurant located just west of the city. “We see that with our business,” said Bono, a native of the area.
“More people come out to watch games if the Philly teams are doing well.”

Chaps prides itself on its broad beer selection. They offer thirty-four taps, including seasonal and craft beers. They also have a full menu of salads, soups, sandwiches, wings, burgers, wraps, and entrees.

Bono left a successful career in corporate accounting to help launch Chaps with Michael in 1998. The couple purchased a vacant property and built the business from the ground up. “My husband previously owned a restaurant with his family and wanted to do something on his own,” she said.

The restaurant is named in honor of Michael’s father, Charles “Chap” Bono.

Bono continues to use her accounting skills in running the restaurant. She also does marketing and helps to plan the menu, events, and live entertainment.

Restaurant competition can be fierce, especially in the Philadelphia area. “We have our niche here,” Bono said. “We have lots of staff who have been on for a long time, which keeps the consistency.” Chaps employs forty-five full- and part-time staff.

“We have lots of regular customers who are also our friends. We’ve been very lucky,” Bono said.

Chaps offers a private catering room, a unique feature for a bar. They host birthday parties, showers, and community events. In November, Chaps will host a regional gathering of the Ship Alumni Association. Bono is very excited. “I reached out to my college roommates in the area. There are seven of us who keep in close touch.”

Chaps remains a family business. Their son, Charles, works as a manager and also promotes the business on social media.

When asked what it is like working with her husband, Bono laughed. “Well, we keep a clear separation of duties. He has his tasks, and I have mine. We consult on things here and there. We’ve gotten into a groove, and it has worked out.”

**When You Go**

**HOURS:** Monday to Saturday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM, and Sunday noon to 2:00 AM

**Popular Items:** Prime rib, roast beef, sandwiches, and Philly cheesesteaks

**chapstap.com**

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Denim Coffee

CARLISLE

A part-time job at Ship’s coffee shop led Matt Ramsay ’08 to a dual career in ministry and as the owner of a successful coffee business.

Ramsay worked the night shift in a coffee shop at the CUB. “Students would come in alone in the evening. Why? Because many of them were lonely,” he said.

Ramsay intentionally engaged customers in conversation and tried to make meaningful connections. “I loved meeting students and listening to their stories. I saw it as both a ministry and a coffee shop.”

Ramsay enjoyed the interaction, but not the coffee. “To be honest, the coffee wasn’t that good.”

He became fascinated with learning about the coffee industry and how to make the perfect coffee. “I started roasting coffee beans in my dorm room, making coffee on a popcorn popper that I bought on eBay for $20.”

After college, Ramsay accepted a position with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at Juniata College. He and his wife, Kristin (Hatch) Ramsay ’08, additionally worked in a nearby coffee shop where he continued to learn the business.

Two years later, the couple returned to Shippensburg. Matt continued his work with CCO on Ship’s campus, and was looking for a second job. With Kristin’s support, he decided to launch a coffee business.

It was not an easy road. After multiple rejections from lenders, Ramsay finally secured a loan and purchased his first roaster, or at least half of it. Unfortunately, the manufacturer went bankrupt before the remaining machinery was delivered. “I was having serious doubts,” Ramsay said. “I had no customers, half a roaster, and a mountain of debt.”

Ramsay finally secured the remaining machinery, and formally launched his business as a coffee wholesaler in December 2011. Five years later, Ramsay opened Denim Coffee Shop in Carlisle.

He opened a second shop in Chambersburg last year.

“We see coffee as an affordable luxury, like denim,” Ramsay explained. “Everybody wears denim. You can get a good cup of coffee for $2. You can’t do that with wine or steak.”

In addition to coffee, Denim serves sandwiches, soups, smoothies, baked goods, and specialty teas. Denim coffee is sold nationwide through mail order. The company has twenty employees.

While Kristin provides moral support to Matt and occasionally works at Denim, she maintains a separate career as a financial planner. “Kristin made a lot of sacrifices to make this business a success,” Ramsay said. “I couldn’t do this without her.”

Ramsay is frequently a guest speaker for business and ethics courses at Ship. He also consults with others who dream to open their own coffee shop. “We love to help people get started. It might create competition for us, but I want the world to have good coffee shops.”

**When You Go**

**HOURS:** Monday to Saturday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Motto:** “Find some better beans, and make some better coffee.”

**denimcoffeecompany.com**
Goose Brothers
Ice Cream

Growing up, brothers Andy Ulmer ’97 and Matt Ulmer ’04 worked at a family-owned ice cream shop in their hometown of Montoursville.

“We had a great experience and learned a lot about the business,” Andy said. “We often joked about opening our own ice cream shop.”

The dream became a reality sooner than either of them planned. Just after college, Matt and Andy were asked to mentor a friend who had recently retired and wanted to open an ice cream shop in Shippensburg. The business was successful, but the stress of running it proved too much, and in 2008 he sold it to the Ulmers.

Goose Brothers features up to twenty-four homemade flavors at a time, including up to ten seasonal or specialty flavors.

Corn Muffin, a butter pecan ice cream with pieces of corn muffin, is produced in honor of Shippensburg’s annual Corn Fest in late August. Ship Ahoy, a tribute to their alma mater, is chocolate ice cream with chocolate chip cookies. Hog Wild, coffee-flavored ice cream with bacon, was a customer favorite, as was the Maple Bacon ice cream.

The ice cream contains locally sourced fruit and other ingredients as much as possible.

“We try to keep it simple,” Andy said. “Ice cream is what we know and focus on.” Customers can purchase cones, milkshakes, and sundaes, or grab quart and half-gallon sizes to go.

Coming up with a name was not easy. “Matt and Andy’s sounded too much like Ben and Jerry’s, and the Ulmer Brothers was not catchy enough,” Andy said. As a child, Andy was nicknamed Goose. Younger brother Matt quickly became Baby Goose, and the names stuck.

Matt, a marketing and management major, continues to work as the business manager for a school district. Andy is additionally employed as a high school English teacher.

The Ulmers maintain close ties to campus. Goose Brothers holds several fundraisers a year with various student groups. Matt and Andy also have shared their experiences with business and entrepreneurial majors at Shippensburg.

So what is it like to be in business with a sibling? “We’ve found a balance and handle different parts of business that complement each other,” Matt said. By his admission, Andy is more creative when it comes to making the flavors. Matt handles the accounting and business matters.

“Everyone warned me you have to be careful getting into business with a relative,” Matt said. “But, we have a good foundation in family. Andy and I get frustrated with each other at times, but at the end of the day, I wouldn’t have wanted to go into business with anyone else.”

When you go

 Hours: Weekdays 4:00 to 9:00pm, weekends noon to 9:00pm, April through December

 Popular items: Raspberry and Cookie Monster (blue vanilla with cookies) ice cream flavors, homemade waffle cones

 goosebros.com
Mellow Minded Café

HARRISBURG

Mike Keller ’05–’06M went out for breakfast with his family to celebrate his fourteenth birthday. He noticed a “Help Wanted” sign at the restaurant, applied, and began working as a busboy the next week. He has been hooked on the restaurant business ever since.

“I like working with my hands and being on my feet,” Keller said. “I also like the instant gratification of getting a thank you from customers who enjoyed the food.”

Keller majored in Spanish, with thoughts of working as a translator. But while working toward a master’s degree in organizational development and leadership, he prepared a business plan for a restaurant that he intended to open right after graduation. Funding for the project fell through, and Keller took a position at an insurance company.

Keller never forgot his ambition. He missed working in the restaurant industry, and took a part-time job at the Mellow Minded Café in Harrisburg. In 2016, he purchased the business.

Mellow Minded is known for its variety of fresh, locally-sourced healthy menu options served in a friendly, relaxed environment. The café offers soups, salads, sandwiches, smoothies, and dinner entrees. Gluten-free and vegetarian options are available.

The menu changes seasonally to offer the freshest foods possible. With few exceptions, Keller personally selects all of the food served. “I shop for our products daily to assure freshness and to have better control over the ingredients and unwanted preservatives and additives.”

He also prepares much of the food. His parents both worked in the food industry. They taught him to cook at a young age, and he has always enjoyed it.

Keller continues to work full-time in insurance, while additionally operating the restaurant. Time management, a skill Keller learned in college, is critical. He is up at 4:00 a.m. to open the restaurant and returns over lunch and in the evenings, in addition to his full-time insurance job. He also works weekends at the café.

“I am tired most days, but it’s still fun. I enjoy it.”

WHEN YOU GO

HOURS: Monday and Tuesday 11:00AM to 4:00PM, Wednesday and Thursday 11:00AM to 8:00PM, Friday and Saturday 9:00AM to 9:00PM, Sunday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

POPULAR ITEMS: Turkey avocado sandwich, and grilled cheese and tomato bisque

mellowmindedcafe.com

H.F. Hornberger Bakery

BENSALEM

The bakery business was not a career choice for Kimberly (Heagy) Hornberger ’78—it’s just part of her DNA.

She owns and operates HF Hornberger Bakery in Bensalem. The business has been in her family for over a century. “I was born into the bakery business. I started working in the bakery at the age of twelve.”

Hornberger majored in psychology at Ship, but continued to work in the bakery business throughout college. “When we went to look at the campus, my dad looked in the kitchen, came out and said, ‘I got you a job in the bakery,’” Hornberger said. “That meant I had to go to work at 5:30 a.m. Thanks Dad!”

It was a valuable learning experience, and, among other things, taught Hornberger how to interact with and manage all types of people. “My employees say that I know every customer’s name,” Hornberger said. “My customers are like family.”

WHEN YOU GO

HOURS: Monday and Tuesday 7:00AM to 2:00PM, Wednesday to Friday, 6:00AM to 5:00PM, Saturday, 7:00AM to 2:00PM, closed Mondays

POPULAR ITEMS: Cream cheese pound cake dipped in fudge, and hand-cut butter cookies in fun and seasonal shapes

hfhornbergerbakery.com

She also met her future husband, Michael ’78, who worked as a banquet manager on campus.

Hornberger did not intend to take over the family business. After college, she worked at a medical practice and then in retail. But everything changed when her mother was diagnosed with cancer. “She wanted me to take over the bakery. I guess it’s in my blood. You can’t do this job unless it is.”

Hornberger’s sells cakes, cheesecakes, cinnamon buns, coffee rolls, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, puff pastries, donuts, pies, and muffins.

All items are made from scratch. “There are so very few scratch bakeries left across the country. We use recipes that were passed down from my grandparents.”

The bakery has a dozen employees, including Hornberger’s oldest son who works as the head baker. Her younger son opted out of the family business, at least for now. “He wanted to see what the real world is like. Maybe he will come back some day,” Hornberger said.

(Above) Kimberly Hornberger ’78 took the reigns of the family bakery business, offering delectable treats in Bensalem.

(Katie (Paxson) Hammaker ’93 is the director of development and marketing for the Susquehanna Chorale and is a freelance writer based in Mechanicsburg.)
“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity,” Albert Einstein once said. And opportunity is exactly what Donna Gross, dean of students, and Diane Jefferson, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, saw as co-chairs of Shippensburg University’s Civility Committee.

In a country marred by political discord, civility—that polite and humane way of treating and accepting others—often gets lost in our daily interactions. Article after article bemoan the death of civility and respect, particularly in the Digital Age, when it’s easier than ever to judge someone from behind a screen. Those online interactions can then resurface in person, turning into arguments and fights.

Gen Z has grown up with their phones in hand, and knows this situation all too well. In working with students at Shippensburg, Gross and Jefferson recognized similar interactions happening on and around campus. “The Civility Committee was developed to examine what was occurring and respond to it,” Gross said.

The committee of students, faculty, and staff began meeting last fall and developed several ideas. “There were lots of different perspectives, especially student perspectives, which were very valuable,” Jefferson said (above). “Students, in general, wanted to know more about each other and share their experiences.”

The committee discussed what it means to be a Raider and how civility is lived out at Ship. Members defined six values—respect, community, leadership, kindness, responsibility, and friendship—that shaped activities for Civility Day held during Fall Welcome Week. In addition to service projects, outdoor initiatives, and discussions, incoming students participated in Dear World, an interactive experience...
that connects people through meaningful stories and stunning photography.

“The core of this was looking at interactive ways to stimulate students to embrace these Raider values,” said Gross (right). “We can be proud. It worked—better than a lecture—and we really saw students interact.”

Dear World has become a powerful and emotional visual tool to express what can only be captured by photography. The Dear World group has shared stories from Boston Marathon bombing survivors, Syrian refugees in Jordan, and survivors of the Pulse night club shooting in Orlando, among others. At Ship, the activity presented an opportunity to share and better understand the individual stories of those who make up our wider campus community.

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Noah Steinfeldt ’22
Chase Slenker ’23
Morgan Banks ’23
Tonji Bell ’22
Jarrot Scott ’23
William Dodge ’23
Students, faculty, and staff chatted with Dear World staff to share their personal stories, memories, motivations, and more. Dear World staff wrote words on participants’ bodies that related to these stories, then photographed each person. The results were displayed live to the larger group when they reunited at the end of Civility Day.

“This day was probably a highlight for me. It was a privilege to witness it,” Gross added. “What a great way to welcome our students to campus.”

The results show a stunning representation of our student body, and made a powerful impression on those who were photographed.

Sophomore Megan Painter said Dear World was a great way to bring campus together and share each person’s story with the incoming class. “Some of their stories were more emotional, or harder to tell, and I think it was really neat to be able to create that sense of, this is a safe place and somewhere you can feel trusted. You can share that part of your story. It’s a place for everyone.”

“You never know what someone is going through,” added sophomore Jordan Newsome-Little.

To freshman Chase Slenker, it was a chance to learn more about his new Ship family than just their majors or where they are from. “I was able to learn what truly defines who you are and something really personal that breaks down a lot of barriers between communicating with other individuals.”

Gross and Jefferson couldn’t have imagined a better start to the academic year. Civility Day and the Dear World project brought that respect, community, and kindness to the start of the academic year that defines what it means to be a Raider.

“What a phenomenal way to get to know our students,” Jefferson said. “We can do this. We are this—we are diversity.”
Meet Our New Members

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD FUN FACTS

This summer, the Alumni Association welcomed a new president and board members. To start their term, many of our twenty-five board members shared fun facts and Ship memories.

Caryn (Long) Earl ’98, president
Chambersburg | Married to Matthew ’97, and mom of three boys

Favorite thing about Ship: For academics, it was my wonderful academic advisor and friend, Dr. Mary Stewart (English Department). Mary is a gifted teacher and caring mentor, and I’m so fortunate to still have her in my life. Socially? It’s definitely my amazing Alpha Phi sisters. They truly are my sisters for life!

Two interesting things about you:
1. Ship runs in the family. My mom, dad, brother, husband, and mother-in-law are all Ship grads.
2. Long before I was enrolled in college at Ship, I attended nursery school in Rowland Hall (SU’s former lab school).

Robert Sisock ’05-’06M, president-elect
Enola | Deputy court administrator—criminal, Dauphin County Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts | Married to Toni ’05-’06M, and father of one son

Two interesting things about you:
1. My wife (Toni Marchowsky) and I met in Shearer Hall in Dr. Ronnie Tucker’s Introduction to Public Administration class in fall 2002. I proposed to her in the same classroom a few years later (2009) and Dr. Tucker performed our wedding ceremony on 10-10-10 (he is also an ordained minister).
2. I also have the pleasure of being able to come back to campus and serve as adjunct instructor for the Political Science Department.

Most memorable Ship experience: Tough one... perhaps being able to serve Ship as Student Senate vice president my senior year. During my time in Senate, I was part of the group who helped design ShipRec. Though I never got to enjoy it as a student, it’s nice to come back to campus and see the project from design (blueprints) to construction and now used by students.

Board of Directors

DeAngelo Harris-Rosa ’13
Philadelphia | Policy paralegal/community engagement liaison, Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office

Favorite thing about Ship: The college bond you experience with the people you meet at Shippensburg. To this day, I am still able to contact former professors who I have encountered who have helped me through my career transition, and who have prepared me to continue my education.

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Combating Poverty with Quality Education

One child, with the help of strong mentorship, made it out of poverty by working hard. Now, he’s determined to mentor over 18,000 underserved children.

BY JONATHAN BERGMUELLER ’20

Khalid Mumin ’95 grew up in Logan, Philadelphia, and as superintendent of the Reading School District, he is determined to push education as the end-all cure for poverty.

In the world of education, Mumin barely needs an introduction. He was named to the 2015-16 Superintendents to Watch list of honorees. This summer, Shippensburg University recognized him with the 2019 Jesse S. Heiges Distinguished Alumnus Award. As quoted in the Reading Eagle, Auditor General Eugene D. DePasquale said the changes in Reading’s audit under Mumin’s leadership were “nothing short of miraculous.”

With Mumin’s direction, the failing Reading School District has done a complete 180 degrees and is on its way to delivering students to the doorstep of a quality education. This is how he did it.

Just Getting Started

Mumin found his passion for learning when Dick Smith, his high school English teacher, tricked him into reading Shakespeare. He loved it and from there wanted to share his love with everyone he could.

He eventually decided to pursue English and attended Northeastern Christian Junior College to earn his associate’s degree. When it came time to earn his bachelor’s, he visited several State System schools before falling in love with Shippensburg. By first impression, Mumin said it was the cleanest campus in the State System. What won him over was a conversation with a basketball coach who shared the undergraduate experience at Shippensburg and the resources available to students.

Mumin said Coach Roger Goodling broke down the statistics of college athletes and graduates. “I was sold after the visit,” he said. “I looked at him, and I said, ‘I wanted to be part of the 33 percent who make it through.’”

The Ship Experience

For Mumin, Shippensburg was close enough to be manageable, but far enough away to keep him on his toes. “I didn’t have that angst to run home when I came up against a barrier. I was able to hang in there, fall back on those supports, and get a dynamite education,” he said.

Most of all, Shippensburg offered Mumin a chance to grow—a chance that he readily accepted. He was able to focus on having structure, being on the basketball team, and taking 15 credits a semester.

“It really gave a young boy an opportunity to become a responsible young man,” he said. “There were times where I hit a wall, or I was beat down a little bit, because it was tough, but Shippensburg really taught me to pluck up on through
and have courage and confidence to see it through to the other side.”

Mumin, and plenty of the classmates he bonded with, had only one goal in mind: Defy the odds of being community college transfers who didn’t graduate from the four-year school. “No, no, no. We put our noses to the ground, and we graduated.”

Mumin learned two main things at Shippensburg. The first—nothing comes easily. “You work hard, you surround yourself with great people, and you’re definitely going to do great things,” he said.

“The second thing I learned is that no one is bigger than reaching out for support. Everyone could use some support; everyone could use a team member. Learning to be able to reach out to supportive people, it really helped me. As a leader, there’s no way I can run the district by myself and have credit for the success. It takes great team member. Learning to be able to reach out to supportive people, it really helped me. As a leader, there’s no way I can run the district by myself and have credit for the success. It takes great leadership along with good team members with a plan to move the needle. I learned those things at Shippensburg, and they stuck with me through my career.”

**Vision for Success**

After Mumin left Shippensburg, he became a secondary English teacher at the Scotland School for Veterans Children just up the road from his alma mater. He moved around to Central York, Manheim Central, Centennial, New Hope-Solebury, then back to Centennial. He became the superintendent of Caroline County Public Schools before he finally moved onto Reading School District.

“If I want to make an impact on the greater good, this is where I want to go,” Mumin said of his move to Reading. “I was passionate about wanting to lead school systems. I started my doctoral research at University of Pennsylvania, and I saw that education administrators in Bucks County did not get to the central office in sixteen years of experience on average. I made that leap in twelve years.”

Entering the position of superintendent of Reading School District was like strolling into the warm-breathed, wet-tongued maw of an irate lion. He had five predecessors in four years. There were eight unsettled budgets. In a district of around 18,000 students, 93.3 percent were economically disadvantaged, 18.2 percent were English language learners, and 16.1 percent were special education learners. Demographically, the student body was 90.7 percent Latino, 9.3 percent black, 6.9 percent white, and 2.5 percent multiracial. Mumin had his work cut out for him. But friends and mentors had his back.

He recollected Dr. Carol Saylor, the chief recovery officer for York City School District, saying, “Khalid, well, damn. If anybody can do it, you can. I believe in you.”

Dr. John Deflaminis, a retired superintendent of thirty years, told Mumin he had what it takes. David P. Blatt, a superintendent of twenty years, cheered him on as well, according to Mumin.

As far back as his undergraduate years, SU professor of etymology Jim Harlon knew Mumin had great potential, Mumin said. But it all really began with that high school teacher that tricked Mumin. “I had great mentors who instilled confidence in me. (There are) lots of challenges, but things really fell into place. That’s what led me here—it was really having the confidence to want to take on a tough job to do the greater good for the kids.”

Today, the Reading School District unites together as One Reading under the #RSDProud hashtag.

On Mumin’s watch, the district resolved all eight of the outstanding budgets. And what’s more, Mumin said his mindset and leadership has matriculated throughout the entire district. He has pushed that education is the end-all solution to poverty, and through his initiative, he has built a community that wants to successfully drive students past high school and out of poverty.

Mumin has been named a change agent in the world of public schools, and many other districts look to his leadership as an example of what their districts could be. Jonathan Bergmueller ’20 is an intern for SU Magazine.

**MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS**

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**Most memorable Ship experience:** When the Shippensburg football team made it all the way to the NCAA division finals. That year, I was able to see the camaraderie our student body had for our sports teams and dedication we had to say that we were all Raiders.

**Stephen Latanishen ’12**

Lititz | Liaison for boards and commissions, Office of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf

**Favorite thing about Ship:** The faculty of the Political Science Department. Their passion for teaching and the close relationships they forge with every student is something that inspired me to continue in public service.

**Two interesting things about you:** Ø I transferred to Ship from Penn State halfway through freshman year and am thankful for it every single day. Ø I get to work for the Governor of Pennsylvania, which is pretty cool!

**Julie Perez ’91**

Frederick, Maryland | Educator, Washington County Maryland schools

**Favorite thing about Ship:** The fact that, even many years later, I still feel like I’m “coming home” to Ship every time I return. The lifetime friendships that I have, and the new ones that I continue to make, are priceless.

**One thing readers should know:** Homecoming and Alumni Days are great events that everyone should come back and experience. There are many opportunities as alumni, to still enjoy the university, to give back, or to get involved.

**Hayden Rigo ’16-’17M**

Harrisburg | Government relations associate, Greenlee Partners

**Favorite thing about Ship:** I would have to say the family atmosphere.

**Two interesting things about you:** Ø I’m an ordained minister (been involved in two weddings: one being between two Ship Raiders), and Ø I’m a former two-time Shippensburg University football captain.
Sun and fun greeted alumni and friends as they reunited at Ship for Homecoming Weekend in October!

From a slate of student activities during the week, to the Raiders shutting out Millersville 27-0 on Saturday, there were plenty of opportunities to show our Ship pride. Congratulations to newly crowned Homecoming royalty, Eliza Eames and Ramses Ovalles, both juniors. And a big thank you to all who contributed to the annual fundraiser—this year’s Homecoming court raised nearly $11,000 and donated 238 hours of service to Shippensburg Produce and Outreach. Don’t be a stranger! We’re always happy to have you visit campus.
DID YOU KNOW?

from the alumni association

The Raider Ready Professional Dress Closet at Shippensburg University offers lightly worn professional clothing to students as they prepare for job interviews, internships, job shadow programs, career fairs, and more.

The closet is housed in and managed by the Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center (CMPDC), and is operated collaboratively with the Women Leaders of the John L. Grove College of Business.

Any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate Ship student can take advantage of the closet for no charge. CVR Uniforms, in downtown Shippensburg, offers discounted dry-cleaning services to students who use the closet. The goal is to help students make their best impression and feel confident during a professional meeting without the added concerns of costly clothing.

Alumni can contribute gently used, professional clothing items, such as suits, dress pants, dress skirts, dress shirts, blouses, neckties, and bowties. Shoes are not accepted. Clothing may be brought or mailed directly to the Career, Mentoring, and Professional Development Center, Shippensburg University, 1871 Old Main Drive, CUB 108, Shippensburg, PA 17257. Clothes will be sorted, examined for damage, and made available to students. Rejected clothing items will be donated to local/area clothing charities.

The Divine Nine, nine historically black sororities and fraternities at Ship, volunteered at the Raider Ready Professional Dress Closet during Homecoming 2019. To organize a volunteer effort, or for questions, contact Alix Rouby, CMPDC, at AJRouby@ship.edu or call (717) 477-1484.
50s
Richard K. Ocker ’59-’64M-’73M of Carlisle won a silver medal in the 100-meter dash at the Penn Relays, held at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. He also won gold in the Pennsylvania Keystone Games at Kings College. Ocker is the sprint coach at Messiah College and is in his sixtieth year of coaching.

60s
Frank Burtnett ’62 of Springfield, Virginia, released the second edition of Career Errors: Straight Talk about the Steps and Misteps of Career Development. The guide examines the career development encounters that people experience across their lifespan and lays out eight phases that must be understood for career satisfaction and success. Conducting an effective job search, dealing with job loss or termination, and striving to prosper in the workplace are among the subjects mentioned. Burtnett sets life-work balance as a paramount goal and outlines strategies about how to achieve this elusive goal and outlines

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FAX: (717) 477-4071

E-MAIL: alumni@ship.edu

ONLINE: sumag.org and click on “Contact”

Robert L. Handwerk ’69M, Lebanon, authored the non-fiction book Muses to Sustain the Thoughtful Life II, which is the second in a series.

70s
Donald E. Edmiston ’70, Chambersburg, retired on January 31 from KPMG as a director for career development, state and local government. Previously, he was senior government advisor with Deloitte Consulting LLP and BearingPoint. Prior to his consulting career, he was state director of financial management with the Latrobe School District as superintendent. He lives with his wife, Rose, and dog, Charlie.

Herbert E. Moore ’71M of Windber, received a plaque from the PIAA on August 10, honoring and recognizing him for over five decades of service officiating. He was honored along with twenty-two other qualified recipients across the state. Moore has been licensed and just completed fifty-four years of officiating high school basketball and forty-five years of officiating high school baseball.

Natalie (Butler) Miller ’73, Cameron Park, California, was named Administrator of the Year in the superintendent/principal category by the Association of California School Administrators. Miller accepted the award in November 2018 at ACSA’s Leadership Summit held in San Diego. She just began her sixth year with the Latrobe School District as superintendent and principal.

Gary Seidner ’75 of Pembroke, New Hampshire, retired in May after working as a supervisor in Community Mental Health in Concord, New Hampshire. Gary and wife, Susan, are pictured with their granddaughter, Tahal, at their family Donaghey Christmas Tree Farm.

Stan L. Bowie ’76, Knoxville, Tennessee, recently was promoted to full professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Social Work. Bowie also has his MSW from the Atlanta

TEE TIME


SWEET HARMONY

The twelfth annual SU Madrigal Singers alumni reunion was hosted by Dr. Blaine Shover on June 1. (From left) Eddie (Reeder) Adams ’73, Kathy Baylor ’72-’82M, David Clugston ’73, Joel ’74 and Vicki Cunningham, Judy (Shughart) Davis ’74, Brenda Kiser ’71-’72M, Patty (Stinson) Kugler ’74-’79M, Dave Minges ’74, Bonnie (Leese) Raubenstine ’72-’75M, Marilyn (Bean) Rogers ’73, Jeff Schuck ’73, and Jim Zeigler ’73.
Joe Carothers ’76 with wife, Susan, and daughter, Kate ’19, proudly represented Shippensburg University while on vacation at The Cliffs off the southern coast of Portugal.

Patricia (Downey) Myers ’76, Biglerville, retired from West Shore School District in June. Previously, she was at Gettysburg Area School District, for a total of twenty years in public schools.

Richard J. Linderman ’77 of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, joined Prospect Medical Holdings Inc. as the corporate director of labor productivity and benchmarking. Linderman will be responsible for implementing the company’s new labor management system as well as training and gaining operational improvement at the company’s twenty hospitals.

Virginia (Cumby) Gladstone ’79, Midlothian, Virginia, retired from Chesterfield County Public Schools as a library assistant.

James W. Saxton ’79, Lititz, was recognized as a 2019 Super Lawyer for his work in Civil Litigation—Defense. Saxton has been recognized in the twenty-sixth edition of The Best Lawyers in America 2020 for his work in Litigation—Health Care. Saxton has represented doctors, hospitals, and other health care professionals in state and federal courts throughout his thirty-plus year career. Using his experience as a litigator, he advises hospitals and physicians on risk mitigation and counsels health care professionals on trial techniques and methods to move toward clinical best practices. He serves as an active member of many professional associations, including as a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a prestigious nomination reserved for less than .5 percent of the lawyers in the country, a fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and board member for SE Healthcare Quality Consulting.

Jean M. Scott ’81m of Santa Cruz, California, and Nina Shover ’82m connected for a reunion thirty-eight years later in Santa Cruz.

John T. Adams ’83, Mohton, Bucks County District Attorney, received the Law Enforcement of the Year honor at the Crime Alert Berks County awards in April. Under his leadership, his office has contributed more than $158,000 to Crime Alert since 2008. Adams said that his office contributed $100,000 this year to the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse to assist drug-addicted individuals.

Jeffrey L. Taylor ’83–’88m, Biglerville, retired June 1 from the Upper Adams School District after thirty-five years of teaching middle school science. He has been involved with the high school baseball program for thirty-three years, serving as head coach for twenty-two years, and he continues to do so. He also coached junior high boys basketball for ten years.

Joe Carothers ’76

Dr. Barbara Davis-Pyles ’86, Everson, Washington, celebrated the release of her second picture book, Stubby the Fearless Squid, published by Little Bigfoot. It’s the tale of a scaredy squid who makes the brave decision to ask for a pen pal, but gets a frightening clam.

Dr. Michael Ray Smith ’87m of Waynesboro, will be the distinguished visiting professor of journalism at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania for fall 2019. Smith will speak at the Novomedia Forum in November in Kyiv, Ukraine, on feature writing, conducting hard-to-get interviews, and working in student media at faith-based universities. He will represent The Media Project, an international organization that unites journalists, particularly reporters of faith. In May, Smith earned a master’s degree at Penn State in media studies. He teaches online classes for Regent University and is on the graduate faculty in communication.

Traci Lower ’88–’96m, Gettysburg, who writes suspense and historical fiction under the pen name Jessica James, received her third John Esten Cooke Award for Southern Fiction and was a finalist in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards contest. She released her tenth novel in June.
Harry J. Friel Jr. ’89 of Phoenixville, is running for the republican nomination for US House of Representatives in Pennsylvania’s Sixth District in 2020. Friel was class president junior year at Shippensburg University and vice president in Sigma Tau Gamma.

90s
Patricia (Wallace) Sibbach ’90 and husband Bryan ’90, Harrisburg, recently opened their second strength and fitness studio, Precision Training Concepts LLC, in Mechanicsburg. Their teams specialize in providing clients with private personal training and education on proper form and technique to minimize risk of injuries.

Duane Maun ’91, Greencastle, was promoted to chief operating officer at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in July. He will continue to carry the title of chief financial officer. Prior to joining the university in 2006, Maun spent nearly fifteen years in public accounting and consulting. He also served as the full-time interim director of budget and finance at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. He managed all financial aspects of the university, including developing and maintaining internal controls and external financial reporting.

Kerry Smith ’91, New York City, New York, joined Eisner LLP as a partner in the firm’s New York and Los Angeles offices. Over the course of her nearly two decade-long career, Smith has focused her practice on television and film production, representing companies producing a wide variety of programming, including the producers of the Primetime Emmys® and the Tony Awards. She also represents writers, directors, and on-air talent. Most recently, she is the head of the television and film group in New York for Greenspoon Marder LLP. Smith previously served as a television agent at Artists Agency in New York and later as the director of business affairs at ABC Entertainment.

Dr. Michael S. Brown ’92-’97M, Clarksburg, Maryland, recently received a Fulbright grant by the Fulbright Foreign Service Board. The grant will fund Brown’s research over the summer at the General Tadeusz Kosciuszko University of Land Forces in Wroclaw, Poland.

John Niedzwiecki ’92 of Nashville, Tennessee, recently was promoted to full professor at Belmont University in Nashville. Niedzwiecki teaches genetics, animal behavior, and biology, as well as a tropical biodiversity class in Costa Rica and a first-year seminar class based on the power of the scientific method to challenge assumed beliefs.

William McClain ’99, Reading, received his CPA license in 2018 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and was promoted to supervising senior tax analyst at Global Tax Management Inc. in Wayne.

Kara (Chellis) Rahn ’99, Ridley Park, was appointed deputy county administrator for Chester County Commissioners in November 2018. She supports County Administrator Bobby Kagel in the supervision and direction of all county government programs and administrative operations. She also will undertake the duties of chief clerk for Chester County.

00s
Shashawn Dial ‘00M, Columbia, Missouri, was named to the newly created position of director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Stephens College reporting directly to the Office of the President. A former member of the Stephens College Alumnae Association Board, Dial will serve as an advocate, advise Human Resources, plan and execute cross-campus training programs, oversee assessments of campus climate, serve as the Title VI (Civil Rights) officer, and ensure college policies and processes are consistent with best practices related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Zachary A. Keenan ’02 of Allentown, is one of twenty new partners promoting at the leading advisory, tax, and assurance firm Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP (Baker Tilly). Keenan has been with Baker Tilly for more than sixteen years with more than twelve years of public accounting experience with comprehensive experience in financial statement analysis and auditing.

Brad Kunzwiler ’02, Saint Petersburg, Florida, joined Raymond James Financial in St. Petersburg as compliance senior manager.

KICKIN’ IT ▲
Men’s soccer alumni and their families gathered for a long weekend in March at Deep Creek Lake, Maryland. (From left) James Thompson ’02, Aaron Bush ’05, Jacob Deininger ’05, Michael Zackon ’04, Matthew Broskey ’05, and Brett Hofstrom ’03.

FOOTNOTES

Five alumnae roomed together in the 1990s and celebrated their fiftieth birthdays with a reunion in Aledo, Texas. (From left) Renee (Johnson) Goodenough ’91, Andrea (Rich) Shearn ’90, Lonna (Derstler) Hoffman ’91 (cutout), Margaret “Maggie” (Fitzpatrick) Guenther ’90, and Michelle “Shelli” (Rhoe) Gest ’91.
Ashley (Barton) Chludzinski ’06-‘11M, husband, David, and two-year-old son welcomed a daughter to the family in the summer. They live in Pittsburgh, where she is director of corporate relations at Carnegie Mellon University’s Tepper School of Business.

Ashley (Hess) Maurer ’06 and husband John ’06 of Elizabethtown, welcomed a daughter, Gracie Mae, on July 24. She joins big brother, Carson, who is two.

Brooke Wiker ’07M married Brian Buttari on June 10. The couple lives in Mechanicsburg. In July, Brooke joined The American College of Financial Services in King of Prussia as executive director of alumni relations.

Jason R. Filer ’09 and wife, Lisa, of Shippensburg, show their son, Parker, sporting his first Shippensburg tee. Parker’s Aunt Luann Filer ’10 is also a Ship alumni.

Jennifer (Nichols) Kelly ’09-‘10M and husband, Christopher, of Walkersville, Maryland, welcomed a daughter, Isabella Joy, on April 11.

Kristin Mack ’09, Willow Grove, graduated from Holy Family University in May with an MSN in nursing education.

Melissa (Mathewson) Reid ’09, Herndon, Virginia, was promoted in January to managing director of global sales at CBRE—Data Center Solutions.

10s

Caley (Tate) Smith ’10 and husband, Travis ’11, of Glen Mills, welcomed a son, Jace Emmitt, on April 19.

Rachel Flores ’11-‘13M married James Mwombela on March 30 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The couple lives in Durham, North Carolina. Rachel is the communications specialist at Duke University School of Law in Durham.

Anne (Whiteley) Ness ’11, Columbia, Maryland, a tax manager at McKonly & Asbury in Lancaster, is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Lancaster. The Leadership Lancaster program challenges participants from diverse backgrounds to assume effective, more active volunteer roles in addressing community needs. The goal of the program is to support graduates become active participants for positive change in the Lancaster community.

Olivia (Vendetti) Catalano ’12 and husband, Michael, of Geneva, New York, welcomed a son, Theodore, on March 31. Olivia graduated from Drexel University on June 14 with a master’s degree in health administration.

Scott A. Henry ’12-‘13M, Carlisle, was promoted to manager at Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz. Henry has over five years of public accounting experience and specializes in providing audit and review services to governmental and nonprofit organizations at the Camp Hill office.

Victoria (Marthouse) Snively ’13, Chambersburg, posed with her bridesmaids and fellow Shipmates (from left) Katilyn Leverentz ’13, Victoria (Marthouse) Snively ’13, Leah Shellenberger ’12, and Amelia Bressler ’13. It has been ten years since they met in Harley Hall, and they’ve remained best friends since then.

Justin M. Eberly ’14 of Mechanicsburg, received the designation of chief training officer by the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Eberly became one of six in Pennsylvania and 139 nationwide to receive this professional designation.

Lucinda Kauffman ’15 and Christine (Gonzales) Shifflet ’14 both graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry as doctors of optometry on May 23.

Lindsay (Wilson) Bellissimo ’16M and husband, Don, of Hershey, welcomed a son, Owen Christopher, on January 17.

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A RUN TO REMEMBER
Jeff Harper ’85, Harrisburg, and Wayne Blatt ’85, Womelsdorf, flew into Eugene, Oregon, a.k.a. Tracktown USA, in April to run the Eugene Marathon. Blatt, who was a star track athlete and SU Hall of Famer, finished under five hours. Harper completed his seventh full marathon.

In Memoriam
Dorothy J. Cressler ’43
David H. College ’50
Harry G. Luker ’51
Charlott L. Motter ’51
Ned M. Witmer ’51
John A. Bonitz ’54-’64M
Beverly (Smith) Kaiser ’54
Glendora (Reichard) Moul ’54
Glanford L. Biddle ’55-’66M
Edward J. Nugent ’56
Sara (Bookwalter) Childs ’57
John R. Johnston ’57
Phyllis (Benner) McCloud ’57
Edward M. Stoken ’57-’62M
William R. Herigan ’58-’66M
Mary (Desendi) Horley ’58
Sandra (Stewart) Naill ’58
Dr. Roy C. Claypool ’59
John H. Mellott ’60
Dorothy (Boose) Trostle ’60-’65M
Wayne A. Weaver ’60-’69M
Elven L. Chronister Jr. ’61
Cynthia (Lindsay) Porter ’61
Larry A. Rhone ’61-’72M
Barry J. Basom ’62
Ronald E. Keener ’62
Bernice (Frick) Cornel ’63
Roger B. Dillmuth ’63
Paul Nevin Markle ’63
Richard B. Montgomery ’63
David S. Runk ’63
Susan (Dougherty) O’Brien ’66
Wilda (Hendry) Rodibaugh ’66M
William R. Kimmich ’67-’68M
Harold V. Webber ’67-’70M
Maretta (Krantz) Schmidt ’68-’72M
Jon P. Galley ’69M
Joseph V. Gardner ’69
William H. Logan Jr. ’69
Mary J. Trager ’69M
John D. Zales ’69
Ester (Crist) Daetz ’71M
Dreher L. Richards Jr. ’71M
Col. Thomas H. Spence (Ret.) ’72M
Joann (Wagaman) Wampler ’73
Ina (Hering) Warner ’72
Mary R. Fay ’73M
Kathleen F. Lentz ’73
Bonnie (Bixler) Yurcaba ’73
Mary Lou (Beidel) Eisenhowers ’74-’85M
Carroll R. Schloyer ’74-’76M
Timothy P. Miller ’75M
Robert J. McClintock ’76
James C. Books ’77
Kevin P. Staschiat ’77
Randall C. Aldrich ’78
Charles W. Hendrix ’78M
Daniel R. Blouch ’79
Arthur L. Rhoads III ’80
Lt. Col. Todd M. Wheeler (Ret.) ’86M
Kelly (Snively) Klein ’87
Peter N. Rinehuls ’88M
Tina (McDonough) Moore ’89M
Michael L. Weaver ’93
Matthew J. Martin ’01
Benjamin T. Woodward ’13

CAREER CORNER | CAREER READINESS SKILLS

According to the National Association of Colleges of Employers (NACE), “Career readiness is the attainment and demonstration of competencies that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace.”

As part of a nationwide survey of employers, NACE shares the following eight top competencies:

1. Critical thinking/problem solving
2. Oral/written communication
3. Teamwork/collaboration
4. Digital technology
5. Leadership
6. Professionalism/work ethic
7. Career management
8. Global/intercultural fluency

The career center knows it’s imperative for students to graduate with these eight soft skills, often known as career competencies. The center works these skills into classroom curriculum, for example, in the Business 101 classes, as well as through different leadership opportunities with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and NCAA athletics programs.

Share with the Career Center whether you agree that these soft skills make a successful transition to the workforce. Let us know how you think students can be best educated on these competencies. Contact career@ship.edu to share your feedback and ideas.

Shippensburg University Magazine

Vincent Harper ’18, Harrisburg, post-masters, has been named principal at Bishop McDevitt High School. Harper will work in collaboration with the school’s new president in providing overall direction for the high school. He will be primarily responsible for academic and curriculum management, faculty development, and student services. Harper reports to the board of directors and the superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Kevin W. Bushong ’19 of Lancaster, joined the Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz team as an audit/tax staff accountant in the Hanover office.
Paula Alcock ’92, Stephanie Ponnett ’93, and Bobby Sisock ’05-’06 from the Alumni Board of Directors hosted alumni at Generation Axe in Harrisburg. Alumni, friends, family, and staff enjoyed Ship Night at the Senators on City Island for the second year. Pictured: Steve Bucher, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, Pam (Martin) Bucher ’97, and daughters Hannah and Abby enjoyed the game; Our future Raiders with Big Red; Bobby Sisock ’05-’06 and Toni Marchowsky ’05-’06. The Office of Alumni Relations hosted its annual Senior BBQ with the alumni crew to celebrate our newest alumni! Working the grill outside the alumni house, Dave Thompson ’69, Alumni Board of Directors member, and Steph Swanger, Alumni Relations, cook up burgers and dogs for the seniors.
SHIP DOES HALLOWEEN

We’re creepy and we’re kooky, mysterious and spooky! Whether parading down King Street, hosting a community Halloween carnival in front of Old Main, or acing a Ship pumpkin carving, we know how to do Halloween.

AMAZING ALUMNI

Ship interviewing celebs ahead of a movie premier? Check! Ship representing in the World Series? Check! Wherever you are, we’re proud of your accomplishments!

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE
CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER GIFTS

Dr. Harold M. Sollenberger ’62 enjoyed a long and noteworthy career in academia. He served as a member of Michigan State University faculty for more than forty years in the Broad College of Business. While he holds an MBA and DBA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, it’s Shippensburg that keeps his allegiance.

“If Shippensburg wasn’t there, I could not have gone to college. I could not afford tuition at other universities, and it was convenient to live at home. It really was the birthplace of my academic career,” he said.

In appreciation of the “tremendous opportunity” he received at Shippensburg, Harold has made significant gifts to the Shippensburg University Foundation through Charitable IRA Rollovers.

“All the money is pre-tax,” he explains. “If I personally take money out of my IRA and I give it to the Shippensburg University Foundation, I pay tax on that money. The charitable IRA rollover is the only way to avoid the tax by giving the IRA distribution directly to the Shippensburg University Foundation.”

Harold designated his gifts to support three funds in the John L. Grove College of Business: Dale E. Kann Faculty/Student Research Fund, John L. and Cora I. Grove Endowment for Faculty, and Norman E. King Fund, which benefits accounting faculty.

“Most people like to give to scholarships, but I understand the importance of providing resources to faculty, particularly research support, which is essential to attract and retain high-quality faculty,” he said, adding business faculty are especially difficult to attract. “As a faculty member, I spent a lot of time raising money for research.”

The funds honoring Dale Kann ’63 and Norman King are especially meaningful to Sollenberger. He and Kann were lifelong friends, even sharing a wedding anniversary. The two couples created many memories together.

King was an influential faculty member for Sollenberger. “Norm King was committed to pounding accounting into us,” he recalled. “He took us on field trips to businesses in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia, and opened my eyes to a world of opportunity.”

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**HARRISBURG**

Convo with Carter

Alumni Mixer

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6; 5:30–7:30PM**

Join alumni working in the fields of public administration, government, and government relations for a meet-and-greet with President Laurie Carter. Learn what's new at Ship, share your thoughts, and meet fellow alumni working in and around the state capital. The mixer is held at Greenlee Partners, with special thanks to our alumni hosts, Hayden Rigo ’16–’17, alumni board of directors, and Matt Steck ’83, university Council of Trustees. Greenlee is located near the Capital on State Street.

**SHIPPENSBURG**

Cocoa and Cookie Decorating with Big Red

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7; 4:00PM, $5**

Get into the holiday spirit! Bring the kids to campus for a private Ship alumni and future Raiders event. Let festive imaginations run wild at a DIY cocoa and cookie decorating station. Then, make a new Ship holiday tradition by getting your photo with a holly, jolly Big Red! Each person takes home three decorated cookies.

Register on the alumni events calendar at ship.edu/alumni.

**RALEIGH, NC**

Ship in Raleigh—Family-Friendly Alumni Lunch and Adults-Only Evening Social

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020; TIMES BELOW**

Kick off the day at the home of Robin (Kubinak) Driskill ’88 and Ian Kubinak ’17 with a lunch social for the whole family from 1:00–3:00PM. Reconvene Saturday evening for a special 21 and older Ship social in downtown Raleigh!

*Watch your inbox and social media for details.*