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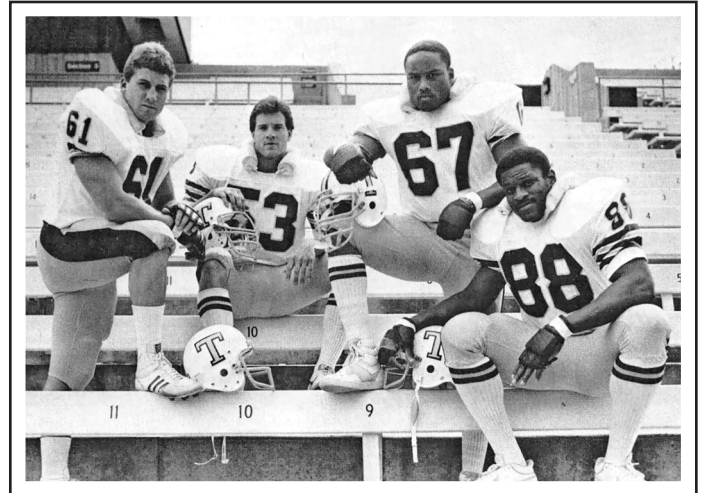
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CAPTAINS CRUNCH

The 1984 football team was all business. Captains Mike McCabe '85, Allen Argent, Terry Brooks '91 and Sheldon Nelson (pictured above from left to right) would go on to lead the Tigers to their first-ever Division II playoff win that year. McCabe gave us the scouting report on his teammates. "Terry was a coach's dream kind of guy. Argent was pretty skinny for a linebacker, but the guy had awesome technique. Sheldon had been in the Marines. He was a man. It was a good, hardcore group."

The same can be said about this year's team, so much so that four captains weren't quite enough. Pictured from left to right, Zane Ventimiglia, Diondre Wallace, Matt Kauffman, Zain Harps Upshur and Monty Fenner helped spearhead a 4-1 start that landed TU in the top 25.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



“Some people with disabilities don’t have the strength or the voice to speak up—but I do.”

ADVOCATE FOR ACCESSIBILITY

For four years, Kaylee Davis '18 has zipped around TU's 329-acre campus on a snazzy red mobility scooter. A heavy-duty scooter provides the speed and maneuverability she needs to cover the distance between classes.

Riding in style may look like—and sometimes is—fun, but the Rockville, Maryland, native says it hasn't always been easy. A self-described “little person,” Davis anticipated some of the challenges she'd face as a college student.

Determined to push herself, the graphic design major spent her TU career exploring a variety of opportunities. She took photos for the TU women's ice hockey club and worked part-time for the campus photographer. She traveled to the United Kingdom for a graphic design internship, and completed another with Disabled Sports USA, an organization that supports people with disabilities who want to play adaptive sports.

“I woke up excited every morning,” Davis says. “I knew my work at DSUSA benefited somebody like myself who needed resources to play sports.

“If you're disabled, you have to be outspoken,” she says. “Some people with disabilities don't have the strength or the voice to speak up—but I do.”

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A half century ago, TU's student newspaper, *The Towerlight*, suggested that perhaps the school should employ a new motto: "As We Grow."

How that small footprint became the university we know today is the central focus of the Special Collections and University Archives' newest exhibit, which will be on display on the fifth floor of the Cook Library through January 28.





“Diversity in our classes and on our campus better prepares Towson University students to lead in a global economy and culture.”

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Opportunity abounds among our incoming class. Not only is Towson University’s class of 2022 the largest and among the most academically prepared in TU history, but it is also the most diverse. Of the nearly 3,000 incoming freshmen gleaned from nearly 13,000 applications, 46 percent identify as minority and 25 percent are African-American—the most for an incoming class ever. Diversity in our classes and on our campus better prepares Towson University students to lead in a global economy and culture. We are indeed proud of this diverse and talented class.

Something else to be proud of—nearly one in five of our incoming freshmen is a first-generation college student. These students are making family history as they come to Towson University to conduct innovative research, produce award-winning arts performances, and take part in life-changing internships and experiential learning.

Our world-class students, faculty, staff and alumni do all this and more.

In the past several months, English Professor Leslie Harrison was named a finalist for the 2018 National Book Award. Biological sciences professors John LaPolla and Faith Weeks won a \$730,000 National Science Foundation grant to discover new species of ants and mealybugs. Swimmer and business management major Jack Saunderson ’19 earned a coveted spot on the USA Swimming national team. And after founding their organic sauce company Tessemæ’s less than a decade ago, alumni Brian and Matt Vetter, along with their brother Greg, now ship more than 1 million cases a year to retail outlets and households across the nation.

These members of the Towson University community are nationally recognized leaders in business, science, humanities and sports. They are forging paths for the next generation of Tigers.

There is much to be proud of at Towson University, and there are truly great things ahead!

Kim Schatzel, Ph.D.
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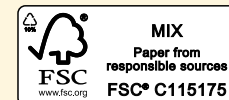
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MATH Matters

“You matter.”

This is the philosophy fifth-grade mathematics teacher Florence Falatko '03 keeps in mind as she fosters learning among her Cromwell Valley Elementary students.

“The students matter, the teachers matter, we all matter,” she says.

For 15 years Falatko has found ways to help her students reach their potential as learners. Her diligence—and her success—were recognized in July, when she won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Math is a subject that many find intimidating—even Falatko struggled with it when she was younger. Her students, however, quickly learn that they have nothing to fear. Activities like managing mock stock portfolios, creating Lego robotics, and even tracking the NCAA Tournament and World Series help Falatko’s students turn abstract concepts into something real.

“You’re still teaching the standards,” she says, “but it’s real. And we all know if it’s real and it matters to us, it makes a difference.”

Perhaps the most interesting part of Falatko’s journey is where it began. Having majored in economics as an undergraduate, she began her career as a financial analyst managing

a hedge fund before taking time off to raise her two sons. When she volunteered at their elementary school, her talent was clear to the school’s principal, who suggested that she consider becoming a teacher.

Falatko was receptive to the idea. “The big thing that attracted me to [teaching] was the interaction with children and seeing what children understood,” she says.

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—Florence Falatko '03

In 2003, she completed Towson University’s Master of Arts in Teaching program. Falatko got her job at Cromwell Valley Elementary—which has a magnet program for STEAM education—right out of grad school.

“This is my only experience as a hired teacher,” Falatko says. “The environment is very creative and supportive.” Finding inspiration in such a positive setting has allowed Falatko to create a learning experience that applies to the world outside of the classroom.

“I love the learning from the children, I love the learning with the children,” she says.

That passion is evident in Falatko’s classroom. Cromwell Valley principal Cathy Thomas says Falatko brings much to the table, not just as a teacher, but as a mentor. “[The other teachers] value and respect her expertise,” she says. “She is very dedicated to equity for students.”

That commitment earned her the prestigious Presidential Award, the highest recognition that a kindergarten through grade 12 mathematics or science teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. She is one of only 104 teachers this year to earn the honor.

Falatko will receive a presidential citation, a trip to Washington for a White House awards ceremony, and the opportunity to participate

in discussions led by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation. She also gets a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, which coordinates the program for the White House.

Thomas couldn’t imagine a more worthy winner.

“There’s no question in my mind—and I don’t think in anyone’s—that she was definitely the right person to choose.”

—Mindy Weber

STELLAR STATS



1 BIG APPLE BOUND |

The Towson University Marching Band will participate in the annual New York City Veterans Day Parade on November 11. Produced by the United War Veterans Council, the parade is the country's largest. In addition to saluting veterans and the military, it raises awareness for organizations working to serve their needs. The band, directed by John Miliauskas, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this season.



2 AMICABLE SEPARATION |

Communication studies—long part of the Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies—is now an independent academic department. In addition to a major or minor, students may choose a combined major in political science/communication studies. The department offers study abroad and internships, as well as a new Public Communication

Center. The major is now available at TU in Northeast Maryland (TUNE).



3 PRESERVING THE PAST |

The TU Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) has launched an oral history project designed to capture the institutional memory developed by long-serving faculty members. The project committee consists of retirees Don Forester, former TURFA president; Fran Bond, TURFA president; Ellie Hofstetter, librarian; and Peggy Benner, Reading Clinic. Once they are produced, the videos will be stored in the University Archives and Special Collections.



4 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR |

Linda Cooper, professor of mathematics and co-director of Towson UTeach, received a 2018 Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Mathematics Educator Award in July. David Vanko,

interim provost and dean of the Jess & Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics, praised Cooper for an "excellent job of strengthening ties with local public school systems and developing a program that provides an unusually rich experience for pre-service teachers."



5 REACHING OUT |

In August, 100 TU freshmen and transfer students volunteered for Project Serve, a three-day community-service experience in Baltimore and Baltimore County. Sites included non-profit hunger-relief organizations Moveable Feast, Beans and Bread, and the Franciscan Center, as well as the Gunpowder Falls Conservancy and the Irvine Nature Center. Last year TU's Project Serve volunteers contributed 2,340 hours, providing economic impact of more than \$56,000. Lisa Hill is coordinator of community service in TU's Office of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility. "I get so much energy seeing all the work our students do," she says.



6 NEW B.S./M.A. PROGRAM |

The College of Business and Economics is offering students a chance to earn both a bachelor's degree in project management and business analysis and a master's degree in supply chain management through a new combined B.S./M.S. program that provides a seamless transition to graduate school for CBE students. Most can complete the program and earn both degrees in five years.



7 REGENTS RECOGNITION |

Susan Willemin, director of Disability Support Services (DSS), received the University System of Maryland (USM) Regents Staff Award—the highest honor for USM staff—for her efforts on behalf of students with disabilities. "The award is an affirmation that our work—both my work and the work of the entire DSS staff—is highly worthwhile and appreciated," Willemin said.



Tim Ervin/National Park Service

TATTOO You

No, Towson University President Kim Schatzel didn't emerge from the August 11 tattoo ceremony at Baltimore's historic Fort McHenry sporting any permanent body ink. But she did leave with a smile that she won't soon shed.

Schatzel was the guest of honor at the annual changing of the guard event—called a Navy tattoo ceremony—in which reenactors (including three TU students) portrayed the Fort McHenry Guard inside the fort's parade grounds. She presided over the ceremony with the fort's superintendent, Tina Cappetta, who said Schatzel was being recognized for her distinguished career in higher education and her service to the Baltimore region.

During the Battle of Baltimore in September 1814, Baltimoreans helped defend the fort against a British invasion.

QUICK FACT

According to the National Park Service, the fort's history began in 1776 when the citizens of Baltimore Town feared an attack by British ships. An earthen star fort known as Fort Whetstone was quickly constructed. The fort, like Baltimore, was never attacked during our first conflict with England.

The courageous stand inspired Francis Scott Key to pen "The Star-Spangled Banner" while held captive aboard a ship offshore. More than a century later, TU alum Charles Linthicum helped make the song the national anthem. Schatzel spoke about the brave soldiers and thanked those who work to share the fort's history with the public today.

"It's in that same spirit of pride and love for the city that Towson University has built its BTU partnerships at work for Greater Baltimore," she said. "BTU stands for Baltimore/Towson University, but if you're familiar with science you may also recognize it as a unit of energy. And that's exactly what it is—talented Towson University students and faculty putting their energy into lifting up the communities in Greater Baltimore."

RANK AND ROLL



TU was 12th among public Regional Universities in the North

Joined UMD and Johns Hopkins as the state's Best Colleges for Your Money



Placed in the top half of 650 institutions surveyed for its America's Top Colleges list

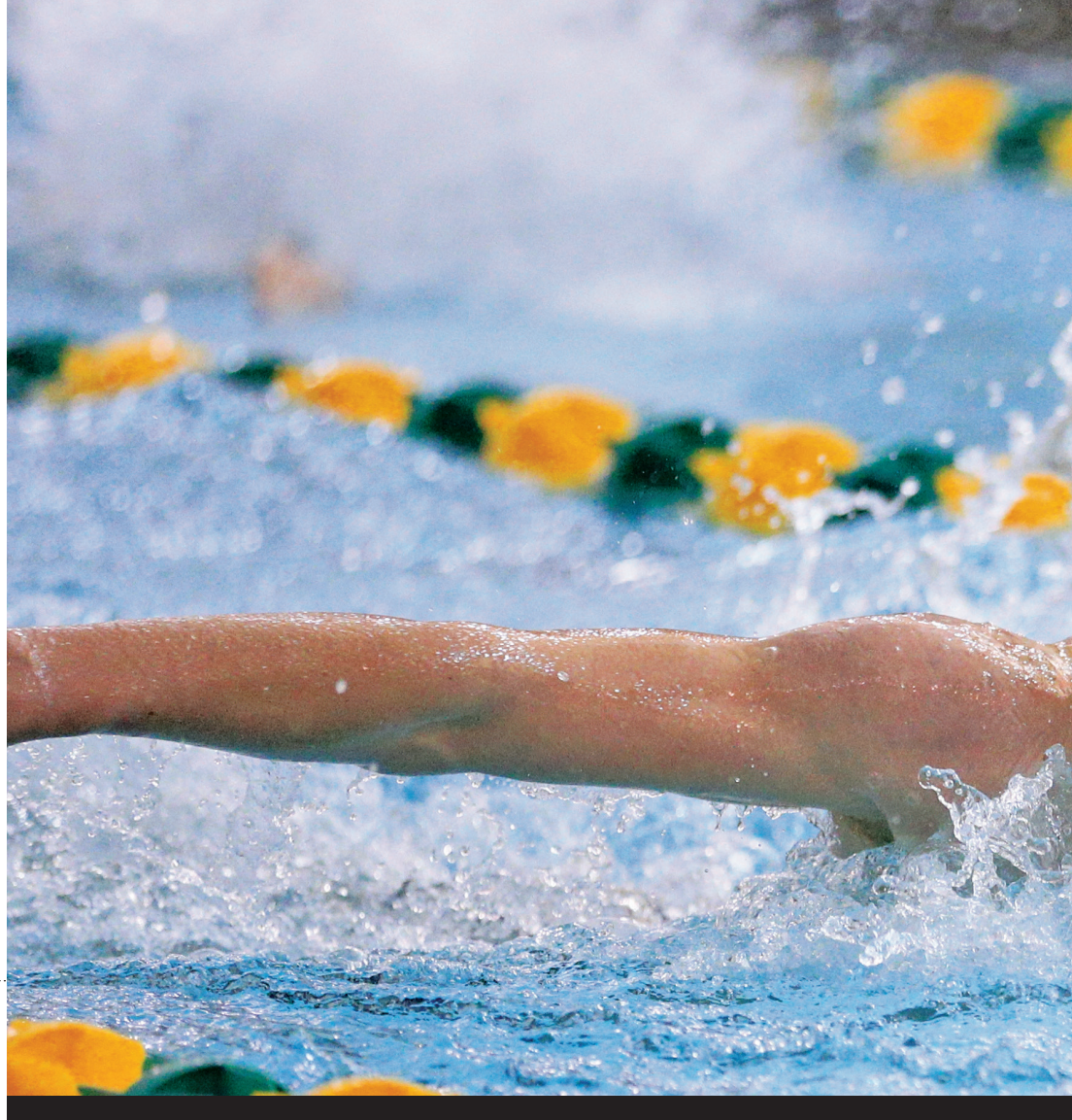


Ranked in the top third among the 150 colleges surveyed for its Master's category



Included TU among its Best Colleges: Region by Region list

SPORT SHORTS



SWEEP |

The Blue Hens didn't stand a chance. Women's volleyball kicked off its Colonial Athletic Association schedule with a resounding 3-0 sweep of long-time rival Delaware on Sept. 21 at SECU Arena. The Tigers hit for .229 in the match, including a stout .308 in the deciding set. TU picked up the sweep thanks to set wins of 25-19, 25-20 and 25-22. The Tigers were big at the net, coming up with 17 block assists on the night.



HITTING THE BOOKS |

TU had 249 student-athletes named to the CAA Academic Honor Roll for the 2018 spring semester. The CAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll gives special recognition to student-athletes who have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in the athletic arena. Student-athletes who were members of a team in a CAA sport and achieved at least a 3.0 grade-point average based on semester/quarter performance or cumulative GPA were honored.



COACHING FOR COUNTRY |

Men's basketball director of student-athlete development Parfait Bitee was selected to serve as an assistant coach for the Cameroon National Team. "It is an honor to be asked to coach a national team," Bitee said. "A chance like this is always exciting when you have the opportunity to represent your country as an athlete or a coach." Bitee played on the Cameroonian team that won the silver medal at the FIBA Africa Championship in 2007.



NO PLACE LIKE HOME |

For the third straight year, the women's cross country team opened the 2018 season with a win at the Towson Invitational. Senior Abby Gauthier led the way at Oregon Ridge State Park by taking first with a time of 15:56.84 to secure the title. TU had six runners in the top 10. Morgan State came in second, McDaniel took third and Gallaudet finished fourth.



POOL Party

After a summer in which he burst into the national swimming spotlight, Jack Saunderson '19 could be forgiven if his mind is occasionally distracted by thoughts of medals, podiums and national anthems.

But Olympic visions are taking a back seat to goals Saunderson considers even loftier.

"I just want to focus on my senior year," the business management major says. "That's much more important right now."

Not many athletes with legitimate Olympic hopes would put their quest for the games on the backburner to concentrate on collegiate goals, but Saunderson has always put team first. When asked about his stirring performance in the 100-meter butterfly at the Phillips 66 National Championships in July, where he clocked the fifth-fastest time in the world this year to put himself on the Tokyo 2020 radar, he politely steers the conversation toward the team on which he was voted a captain.

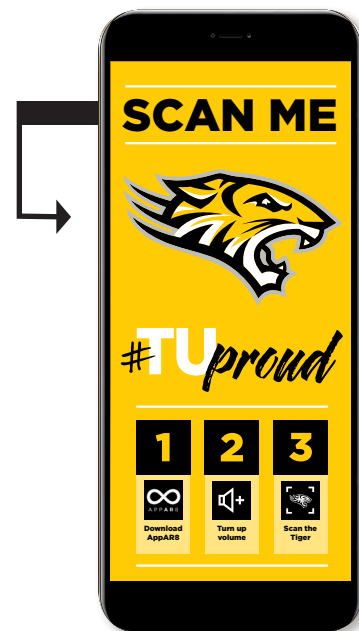
"I want to be a leader for Towson and help us improve from third place [in the Colonial Athletic Association] last year," he says.

If Saunderson is able to boost his performance from last season, the Tigers' outlook is bright. After winning three individual gold medals and helping two relay teams earn medals at the CAA Championships, Saunderson was named the Men's Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet for the second year in a row. He qualified for the NCAAs, where he earned Honorable Mention All-America status in both the 100- and 200-meter butterfly.

His blazing time in a preliminary heat at the national meet qualified him for the U.S. national team.

"When he is pushing himself he can make swimming look effortless, a very hard thing to do in his best stroke," TU coach Jake Shrum says. "However, I think what allows him to continue to get faster is that he never has any inhibitions about trying to go faster in practices."

Faster? That's a thought that should send shivers down the spines of swimmers throughout the CAA and, increasingly, throughout the world.



POCKET Doc

Doc has gone digital, and anyone with a phone can quickly and easily get a little more of the Tiger mascot in their life.

TU partnered with BaltiVirtual to develop an interactive augmented reality version of Doc. Once the app scanner finds the two-dimensional image—in this case, the Tigers' athletics logo—it then generates a three-dimensional character atop the scanned image. Within seconds, a realistic Doc appears on the phone screen and is available to be shared on social media.

It works on most images of the Tiger head logo—including the one above this story—both in color and in black and white.

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HOME SWEET HOME

WE ASKED

Matthew Chambers

why it's becoming more difficult to
attain the dream of homeownership.

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SALE**



FACULTY Q&A

Matthew Chambers, chair and associate professor of economics in the College of Business and Economics, is a recipient of the college's Outstanding Teaching, Research, and Service awards. His areas of expertise include macroeconomics, risk and insurance, computational economics, and housing. Since joining the Department of Economics faculty in 2003, his work has been published in several top journals, including the *International Economic Review* and the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, and has been supported by organizations including the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE FOR A HOUSING CRISIS? |

Homeownership in the U.S. went from 45 to 65 percent after World War II. It got as high as 70 percent but has slipped to around 63. There are lots of reasons why it's more difficult to buy a first home nowadays, beginning with the fact that it's a seller's market and prices are now nearly as high as they were before the Great Recession. It's a tight market—and a very seasonal market.

WHY HAS IT BECOME SO DIFFICULT TO FIND AN AFFORDABLE HOME? |

Homeowners aren't selling, for one thing. There's construction going on, but these new homes often exceed the price point for first-time buyers. Builders make more profit on the expensive properties; there's not much incentive to build "starter" homes. Maryland is a coastal state, so land costs are also a significant factor. In the greater Baltimore area, most of the affordable land is to the north in places like Harford County or across the Pennsylvania line. This problem is further complicated by the fact that prices, including home prices, are rising faster than income.

WHAT ABOUT RETIREES HOPING TO DOWNSIZE? |

They're being squeezed, too. They can't always find buyers who can meet their asking price. They face competition from younger buyers for smaller homes in the areas where they want to live. Then comes the classic phrase "location, location, location." Older adults aren't buying urban condos in colder climates, so cities like Baltimore with a housing overcapacity aren't an option for them.

IS IT GETTING HARDER TO QUALIFY FOR A MORTGAGE? |

The economy is doing well and interest rates are still historically low, although they'll likely rise as the Federal Reserve targets higher interest rates in the near future. Younger buyers have student loan debt that now totals over \$1 trillion nationally. That's taken into consideration when they apply for mortgages, and it can hurt them.

I suspect the problem for most buyers is raising the 20 percent down payment for a conventional 30-year mortgage. For example, a median-range \$240,000 house in Baltimore requires \$48,000 down and a roughly \$1,100 monthly mortgage payment. Given the current rents in the area, \$1,100 per month is not an intimidating number in this example.

ARE THERE PROGRAMS THAT HELP FIRST-TIME BUYERS? |

In Maryland one of the biggest tax benefits is the waiving of transfer taxes for first-time buyers. Maryland charges a transfer tax of 0.5 percent of the house price on real estate transactions that is typically split between the buyer and seller. If the buyer is a first-time buyer, their portion of the transfer tax may be waived. In addition, the Department of Housing and Community Development offers a menu of programs that can aid some first-time buyers. Some federal programs can help first-time buyers. Most of these programs are used to help buyers get over the hurdle of the 20 percent down payment. Buyers with lower credit scores can seek out a FHA-backed mortgage, which can be done

with as little as a 3.5 percent down payment. Through their banks, buyers also may have the option of having their mortgage guaranteed through Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac and enter the mortgage market with as little as a 3 percent down payment. In these cases the buyer will be paying mortgage insurance until reaching a certain amount of equity in the house. There are also special programs through the VA and USDA that could help certain first-time buyers.

ANY TIPS ON HOW BEST TO SQUIRREL AWAY THAT DOWN PAYMENT? |

I'm all for teaching personal finance from an early age. I tell my students that they have to make tough calls about what they need vs. what they want. They also have to be realistic about what they can and can't accomplish right out of college. It's not easy, but it's doable. If you have a decent salary and can save as little as \$400 per month, that's nearly \$5,000 per year.

SHOULD BUYERS CONSIDER RELOCATING? |

Lots of people want to live on the East and West coasts, but that's where housing is the most expensive. Those who are flexible may want to consider cities like Dallas or Atlanta where housing is more affordable. There are still affordable housing markets in this country—it becomes a matter of personal preference and things to consider when investigating job opportunities.

IS THE AMERICAN DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP SLIPPING AWAY? |

The American Dream has been part of our psychology and political agenda for decades, but it may not be right for everybody. Everyone doesn't need to own a home. I think some of the pessimism about being able to achieve homeownership may have to do with the current generation growing up in a more impatient world than their parents and grandparents. ■

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FOOTBALL'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

IT HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN AN EASY RUN, BUT TIGER FOOTBALL HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE ITS BIRTH

BY MIKE UNGER
PHOTOS COURTESY OF TU ARCHIVES

In the summer of 1968, Towson University's football team lacked some key elements—chief among them players and a coach. The school had started the program in the spring, but faster than a Terrance West juke, the man hired to build it had resigned. Lacrosse coach Carl Runk was among those tasked with filling the position. "They needed a coach and I was on the selection committee," he recalls. "So I was selected."

He had but one assistant, whom he'd gotten to know while both were teachers in Arizona. Together, Runk and Phil Albert set out to find some ballplayers.

"We had a bunch of names on three-by-five cards, and we started calling those guys and seeing who was serious," Albert says. "Actually, 100 guys showed up, but it quickly got down to about 40. Some guys thought they wanted to play—it sounded like a good idea—but about 60 percent decided they were going to redirect their energies."



1969
Inaugural win, a 53-16 drubbing of Frostburg State

1970
Defeats Gallaudet 29-0, the first of 34 shutouts over 50 years

The Tigers played a hodgepodge schedule against jayvee teams and two-year programs in preparation for their first NCAA-sanctioned season in 1969. The roster was peppered with players like John Yingling '71, a safety who had transferred in from a junior college.

"It was a great adventure," he says. "Every day was different. The first year [in Division III] our record was 4-4-1, and we lost those four games by a total of 13 points. It was baby steps, but we moved forward."

Fifty years later, the baby is all grown up. Today, TU football is almost unrecognizable as compared to its humble beginnings. It competes in an elite conference in the NCAA's second-highest division. Its games are played in a gleaming on-campus stadium named for a golden-armed football hall of famer. It's won conference titles and played for national ones, sent 10 players to the NFL, and produced professionals in business, education, law enforcement and countless other fields.

Like any 50-year-old, there have been bumps along the way. Until recently funding has been a seemingly constant struggle. Wins and losses have ebbed and flowed, and fan support has not always matched the dedication of the players, coaches and staff.

But those days seem like ancient history to Coach Rob Ambrose '93, who is just the fourth man to lead the program. That's a staggering record of consistency in a college football landscape that churns through coaches with unsentimental fervor.

Ambrose doesn't often stop for moments of reflection or contemplation—he's got film to break down—but during homecoming last year he found himself looking out a window in a stairwell of the football complex as he made his way to the field.



Carl Runk actually was TU's second head football coach, but he was the first to coach the team in a game.

"I saw thousands of alums having a great time, tailgating, loving life, proud to be here, and it was heartwarming," he says. "That's what this school is growing toward."

We should all envy TU football. At 50, its best days still lie ahead.

MOVIN' ON UP

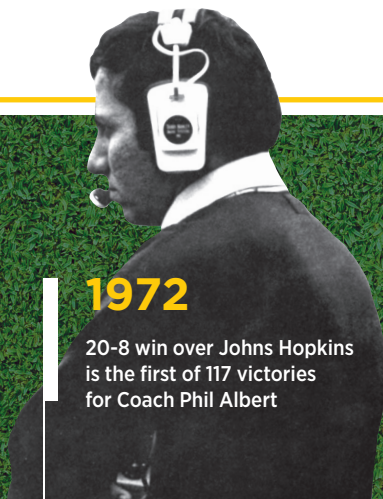
One has a hard time imagining living legend Nick Saban, coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide, doing his team's laundry, but cleaning the whites was just one of the chores Runk and Albert slogged through during those early years at TU.

"It wasn't like we had somebody else to do it," says Runk, 82, who's not complaining. "We had to mark the field, cut the grass. We were responsible for everything."

In addition to their coaching duties, both men were faculty members who taught physical education courses. The team practiced and played its games on a field just south of

Burdick Hall, near where the University Union now stands. Its first win was a 53-16 thumping of Frostburg State, and after going .500 in its inaugural season, it posted a 6-2 record in 1970. Among the players on that team was a scrappy defender named Gordy Combs.

"I've got a picture of him in my mind when he's a little pigeon-toed bugger standing



1972

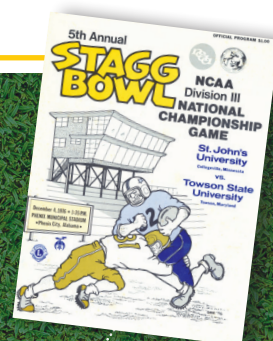
20-8 win over Johns Hopkins is the first of 117 victories for Coach Phil Albert

1974

Finishes 10-0, the program's only undefeated season

1976

Division III runners-up



1978

Home sweet home. Tigers go 5-0 in new Towson Stadium

there with his fists down, and he's got them very intense eyes," Runk recalls. "He's ready to knock the heck out of somebody. That's the kind of youngster you want. It never hurt him to work hard."

After a disappointing season in 1971, Runk stepped aside to focus on lacrosse. (His 262 Division I victories in the sport rank 15th all-time.) Albert took over and started constructing a program with an eye toward the future. With no recruiting budget, he drove his own car all over the state, sometimes visiting as many three schools in a day.

He began signing the kind of players who would fit the Towson mold for years to come. Overlooked and underestimated, they were overachievers who played unselfishly.

Success came sooner than expected. In 1974, TU—for the first, and to this point last time in program history—didn't lose a game.

"We started talking about what we can do, not what we can't do," Albert says. "I just continued along on those themes of just believing. I don't think there was a guy on the team who if you asked him when the season started, or even midway through the season do you think we'll go undefeated thought that would happen. It was just a bunch of guys working together—and bingo! We had an undefeated season."

Two years later the Tigers played for the Division III national championship, losing the Stagg Bowl to St. John's University on a last-second field goal. In 1978, TU went 5-0 in the new Towson Stadium, and the following season the program moved up to Division II. Fruitful years followed, as the Tigers qualified for the NCAA playoffs—which featured just eight teams then, as opposed to 16 today—in 1983, '84 and '86.



“WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO, NOT WHAT WE CAN'T DO.”

—Coach Phil Albert

Hernando John Mejia '84 was a typical Tiger in those days. A native of Queens, he migrated down I-95 to a place he knew little about, and hasn't regretted the decision for one minute since.

"All the guys in New York used to say, 'Towson who?'" he says. "But we began to develop a name for ourselves. We were always the underdog. We always had a chip on our shoulder."

Now a businessman and television host in Florida, Mejia still can hear Albert barking his catch phrase—"great day to be alive"—during 100-degree practices in August.

"When you play for someone like Coach Albert, who cares about the players and loves the players, it instills a lot of strength and character," he says. "You don't realize the lessons during the times there, but it's always a source of strength and foundation to refer back to in everyday life when things aren't going so well."

TU jumped divisions again in 1987, this time to its current I-AA (known today as Football Championship Subdivision). Its first win over one of the big boys was a memorable 17-14 upset at Maine.

"They were ranked two or three in the country at that point in time," says Rodney Smith '90, a nose guard on that team. "After the game we snuck out and went to a club. We faced the heat for that, but that was kind of a Super Bowl moment for us. We lived like rock stars for half a night."

That Smith even set foot in New England is a minor miracle. Despite being a Maryland native, he'd never even been to Ocean City.

"Towson opened up a whole different [world] for a young black kid from inner-city Baltimore, from *The Wire*," says Smith, who works in human resources. "People like me wind up in jail or dead. And I've got a lot of friends that are like that. For some reason Towson saw something in a lot of us like that. Towson gives people like us a chance."

Over the next few years wins were few and far between. While schools could award a maximum of 63 scholarships at the I-AA level, TU only handed out around 35, Albert says. It was a predicament he likens to "making bricks without straw."

Rumblings around campus that the administration was considering dropping football began getting louder. A November 1990 story in *The Towerlight* recapping a 17-7 victory over Howard captured the embattled feeling surrounding the program perfectly.

"With the football program facing the possibility of future suspension and the defense playing without its two leading tacklers and starting cornerback, the Tigers faced up to adversity—and gave it a kick in the pants," assistant sports editor Mat Schlissel wrote. "I never forget what (victory) tastes like," said TSU coach Phil Albert. "Psychologically, it (possible suspension) has been hard on our players. They needed to look at each other and rally." The Tigers also sported a new look on their uniform. They removed the 'T' from their helmet and replaced it with STF—Save Towson Football—a slogan that speaks for itself."



1979

First season in Division II

1982

Sean Landeta becomes the first college player ever named First Team All-American as both a punter and kicker

1984

Notches first playoff win in D-II, beating Norfolk State 31-21

1985

Records 100th program victory, 28-10 over Shepherd College





Tigers ball! TU recovers a fumble during a home game in the mid-1970s.

1987

Defeats Maine
17-14, first
Division I-AA win

1992

Gordy Combs
takes over as
head coach



1996

Beats Marist in
program's first
overtime game

After another lean year in 1991, Albert returned to the faculty and the reins were handed to one of his assistants, the man whose eyes and attitude Coach Runk finds so hard to forget.

NEW HOMES

The clock displayed all zeros, and the scoreboard favored the other guys. With apologies to Yogi Berra, TU's 1992 game against Northeastern really was over.

Or was it?

A back-and-forth battle had come down to the last play. After Northeastern took the lead with only a few seconds left, it kicked off to TU, which proceeded to execute a series of laterals in a desperate



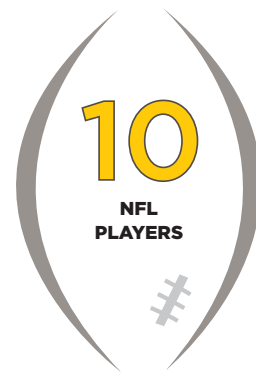
attempt to score a touchdown with no time left. But when Northeastern's players prematurely ran onto the field, the referees threw a flag and awarded TU one untimed down.

"It was trips right, and I had Mark Orlando as a single receiver to the left," says quarterback Dan Crowley. "We were going to let Mark beat his guy on a slant route, but when the ball was snapped the position of the cornerback changed and Mark ran a fade to the corner. I lobbed the ball back in the corner, and that was it. I got smacked in my teeth, looked up and everybody's celebrating."

The win, covered on ESPN, was one of the biggest in Gordy Combs's debut season as head coach. The first former TU player to coach the Tigers, he led the team to a 5-5 record that year before posting back-to-back 8-2 campaigns.

Crowley was responsible for a lot of those early wins. Lightly recruited out of high school, he chose TU because it offered the best chance to play immediately. One of the two other schools that was interested in him—Northeastern—ended up going with another QB.

An All-American in 1993, Crowley left school early to pursue what became a successful professional football career in Canada and Italy. He earned his degree in 2001, and now works as TU's senior associate director of athletics.



Following his departure, TU dropped football scholarships before joining the Patriot League, which awards aid based on need, in 1997. It wasn't until 2004, when the program moved to the Atlantic 10 (now the Colonial Athletic Association) that it became fully funded.

Along the way there were signs that brighter days were on the horizon. In 2002, Baltimore Colts great Johnny Unitas was on hand to christen the new Towson Stadium, which had undergone a \$32 million renovation. (No one could have known that a week later he'd pass away, or that the stadium would soon bear his name.)

Following the 2008 season, Combs '72 '75, was relieved of his duties. He'd played two seasons for TU (and redshirted another), served as assistant coach for 19 and head coach for 17.

"Not many people can go through that path at one school for 39 years," says Combs, who's been doing color commentary for Tigers' radio broadcasts since 2013. "The players made the program. We had so many, not just good players, but good people."



Dan Crowley threw for 81 touchdowns during his illustrious career.



2003

Stadium dedicated in honor of Johnny Unitas

2005

Record Unitas Stadium crowd of 10,778 watches the Tigers down Delaware 35-31

2009

Rob Ambrose becomes head coach

FORWARD PROGRESS

After two seasons, new head coach Rob Ambrose, Dan Crowley's former backup, had a grand total of three wins.

"I remember thinking, 'Are we ever going to win again?'" says Spiro Morekas '83, the Tigers' play-by-play announcer. "We didn't look like we were getting any better."

But amidst the losses, Ambrose saw glimmers of hope. In the wreckage of a 1-10 season in 2010 TU lost a squeaker to No. 7 James Madison. Despite the heartbreaking defeat, Ambrose could sense his team's increased competitiveness. Picked to finish last in the CAA in 2011, the "Turnaround Tigers" won the conference title to become the only school in NCAA history to participate in the Division I, II and III playoffs.

TU opened the 2013 season with a 33-18 victory over Connecticut—the school's first and lone win over a Football Bowl Subdivision team. But the best was yet to come.

Aided by a veteran offensive line that cleared huge holes for him all season, running back Terrance West led the nation in rushing with 2,509 yards. The Tigers rolled into the playoffs, beating Fordham and Eastern Illinois in a snowstorm to clinch a spot in the semifinals. On the red turf at Eastern Washington, backup quarterback Connor Frazier '15, replacing injured starter Peter Athens '14, orchestrated a last-second comeback to clinch a 35-31 victory and a spot in the championship game.

While a title was not to be, the team's stirring run through the tournament has left a lasting impact on the program. It can be seen



Terrance West notched 115 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the 2013 FCS semifinal win at Eastern Washington.

on fall Saturdays, as thousands gather to grill brats and toss around the pigskin in parking lots before the games. It's evident in the talent of the players that Ambrose, through his magnetic personality and unmistakable love for the institution, has been able to recruit. And it's apparent in the satisfaction former players and coaches take in seeing the growth of a team they helped build.

"I'm proud to see how far they've come," Runk says. "We fought like hell those first years to get where they are now. We're all a part of the program, and it's a beautiful situation." ■



2011

Picked to finish last in the CAA, the Tigers win the conference; TU becomes first school to compete in the Division III, II, and I playoffs

2013

All-American Terrance West leads the nation in rushing; TU plays in the FCS title game

2018

Kick returner extraordinaire Shane Simpson helps the Tigers start the season 4-1

L.A. STORY

The compassion of MaryLinda Moss '86 ensured that a hostage situation didn't have a more tragic ending

BY MIKE UNGER

First she heard the chilling sounds of a serious car crash: the squealing of brakes, the screeching of tires, the slamming of metal.

Next came the wail of sirens. That was quick, MaryLinda Moss thought in the fleeting moment before the eruption of gunfire. Too quick.

When the shooting started, she instinctively dropped to the floor behind a counter in the Trader Joe's where she had stopped to grab a snack. A Type 1 diabetic, her blood sugar was low, so she'd eaten a few dried bananas on her way to the checkout.

From her crouching position she called her 14-year-old daughter, who was waiting in the parking lot. "Stay in the car," Moss pleaded. The call was dropped before she finished talking, so she tapped the number again. Voicemail. Now the shots were getting louder. She tried a third time. Ellis answered.

"Hide in the bottom of the car. There's a shooter in the store."

Moss's brain began to process the situation. She was safe from any bullets coming from

the front of the store, but if the shooter moved deeper inside, she was exposed. As she debated whether to move, and if so to where, she noticed a man lying in front of her.

"I see blood saturating his back and dripping onto the floor," she recalls. The injured man wasn't a shopper or Trader Joe's employee.

He was the assailant.

What happened next is the only part of the ordeal—in which she played perhaps the critical role in deescalating—that Moss says she doesn't remember clearly.

"I don't know whether he asked for help or whether I just offered help," she says. But help she did. He was hit on his lower arm, so she took off a shirt she was wearing over a tank top and began wrapping it around the wound. As she worked, she realized he was still clutching his handgun—which was aimed at her.

"I asked if he could point it away because it was making me uncomfortable," she says.

"Sorry," he replied as he lowered it.

She wouldn't learn his name until hours later.



MaryLinda Moss, left, and Lynne Westafer outside the Trader Joe's where they were held hostage. (Allen J. Schaben/Los Angeles Times)



A memorial sprang up outside the Los Angeles Trader Joe's where 27-year-old Melyda Corado was killed. (Frederic J. Brown/AFP/Getty Images)

July 21, another sunny, perfect Southern California Saturday, started much differently for MaryLinda Moss and Gene Atkins.

As she embarked on a day of back-to-school clothes shopping with her daughter in the trendy Silver Lake neighborhood north of downtown Los Angeles, he allegedly got into a dispute at his grandmother Mary Madison's south L.A. home. After shooting the 76-year-old multiple times (a bullet also grazed his 17-year-old girlfriend), he led police on a 14-minute high-speed car chase through the city that ended when he crashed outside the grocery store in which Moss was shopping.

In the ensuing shootout, 27-year-old Melyda Corado, the store's manager, was caught in the crossfire. She died after being struck by a bullet from what later was determined to be a police officer's gun. When Moss, 55, came to the aid of Atkins, 28, she had no knowledge of these events.

A theater major at TU, Moss is a sculptor and installation artist who now works procuring fine art works for her interior designer clients. She's battled demons of her own. Sober since the age of 18, she credits various forms of counseling, including art therapy and energy healing, that she both received and studied with helping her find her way in life.

Her background would prove vital during the standoff that unfolded during the next three hours.

"I believed him when he said he didn't want to hurt us, but I knew we all needed him to believe and remember it. I was very conscious of what I was doing. I reached over and put my hand on his heart. I said, 'I know you have a good heart and I know you don't want to hurt anybody.'"

That Atkins was wounded before he came into the store was "a game changer," Moss says.

"He was weak, he needed us, and he was open for what I was eventually able to offer him."

With Atkins shivering most likely from shock, Moss set out to find him a jacket. It was on this mission that she discovered Corado lying behind the manager's station, near a rack of Trader Joe's sweatshirts. She convinced Atkins to let shopper Mike D'Angelo and another man carry Corado out.

There were about a dozen people in the front of the store, including D'Angelo, who had fulfilled his promise to return. (Unbeknownst to Atkins or Moss at the time, dozens more were hiding in closets, bathrooms and food storage areas in the back.) Before he allowed a man whose two young children were in the car to leave, Atkins took the man's phone, which the police then called to begin negotiations.

Holding the phone, which was on speaker, Moss slipped into the role of intermediary. When the LAPD officer on the other end started demanding that Atkins release the remaining hostages, she could sense him becoming agitated, and interjected.

"I would say, 'hold on,' 'let's slow down,' 'pause for a minute,' 'stop,'" she says. "I was able to calm things down as he was getting amped up."

As the SWAT team arrived Moss began to fear that what she thought was a somewhat stable situation had a greater chance of turning violent. After Atkins saw a sharpshooter on the roof of a cheese shop across the parking lot, he began yelling at the sergeant on the phone.

"Somebody else is going to be killed and it's going to be your fault just like it was with that other woman!"

It was among the scariest moments of the entire day, Moss said. Eventually, the police removed the sniper, which temporarily diffused the situation. Despite disagreeing with some of their tactics that day, Moss does not judge the police. She knows she had what they did not possess and could not get: Gene Atkins's trust.

In the early moments of the standoff, Atkins told Moss, "I'm in for life. I shot at a cop," to which she responded, "There's always hope." Much as she perceived that he didn't want to commit any more violence, perhaps he sensed the truth in her words.



While inside the store MaryLinda Moss exchanged text messages with her husband, Richard, and daughter, Ellis.



"It's not like I went in there one person and walked out another," she says. "Who I was in that situation was very much who I am, but it was heightened. Later on, during the course of negotiating with the police he said to me, 'I just needed somebody to talk to. I wish I had met you earlier.' I felt compassion for him, and I said, 'I'm sorry.'"

At one point Atkins allowed Moss to text her husband, Richard.

"I am safe. It's complicated," she wrote. Then: "Stop texting." "It's ok." "I can't text anymore." To the end of that line she added two heart emojis.

After police played a recording of his girlfriend for Atkins, he began to plan his surrender. By this time Moss had convinced him to release all but four of the hostages—herself, D'Angelo, and two Trader Joe's employees. Still, Atkins was holding his 9 mm gun and did not trust that the police wouldn't shoot him.

He asked for a pair of handcuffs, an idea Moss called "brilliant." But he wanted to walk through the back of the store, where he couldn't be seen, out to the front, a plan she vehemently opposed.

"I turned to him and I took his face in my hands and I said, 'You have to know that that scares the shit out of me.' I'm 55, I've been around a little bit longer. You need to believe me."

Tired, despondent and resigned to his fate, Atkins allowed Moss to cuff his hands in front of him. She put the gun in a reusable Trader Joe's bag, the kind usually filled with organic green tea and cauliflower-crust frozen pizza.

"I know a lot of people who had horrible, tragic things happen in their lives, things they have done that they have terrible guilt over, and have turned their lives around and found a way to find grace in their lives," she says.

"Self-forgiveness can lead to a way to give back to the world. So I said to him, 'I know people who have been in prison who have ended up finding a life for themselves. I'm going to find you and I'm going to talk to you again. I'm not just saying that, I am. Will you do me a favor, will you promise me that you won't give up until we get a chance to talk again?'"

He said yes.

Atkins, shackled, and his four hostages then walked out of the store together and were immediately swarmed by the SWAT team. Moss tearfully embraced her husband and two children, who were waiting at a staging area nearby. She

says she plans to honor her word and speak with Atkins, who is facing 51 felony charges and life behind bars, again.

"His actions that day led to a lot of people being hurt, and that's on him," she says. "But I know that I haven't processed it all. The outpouring that I've gotten from people has been overwhelming and beautiful and

"I reached over and put my hand on his heart. I said, 'I know you have a good heart and I know you don't want to hurt anybody.'"

heartwarming and a little disconcerting. I did what I did because it made sense to me in the moment. When people say, you're a hero, or, oh my god we're so lucky that you were there, it's hard to take in. This is humbling because it doesn't feel like I did something special. I feel like I was able to do what I did because of all of the gifts that I've gotten in life. I just did what made sense, and I did what I feel like we all have the capacity to do. No matter what you go through, if you find a way through it and use it as an opportunity, there's always a gift that you're going to get. That's how I try to live my life."

Because of that, others in Trader Joe's on that fateful Saturday in July will get to live theirs. ■

Growing

WITHOUT PAIN

A half century ago, Towson University's student newspaper, *The Towerlight*, suggested that perhaps the school should employ a new motto: "As We Grow."

Actually, those three words would have been as relevant 100 years ago as they are today.

Building, so it seems, is a part of TU's DNA.

BY FELICITY KNOX '94



IN 1913, THE STATE OF MARYLAND PURCHASED 88 ACRES OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF TOWSON

for the construction of a new campus for the Maryland State Normal School (prior to that the school was housed at various locations around Baltimore after its founding in 1866). The property was composed of five farms, and was surrounded by orchards, stately summer homes for well-to-do Baltimore families, and yes, more farms. How that small footprint became the university we know today is the central focus of the Special Collections and University Archives' newest exhibit, called, with a nod to *The Towerlight*, "As We Grow." It will be on display on the fifth floor of the Cook Library through January 28.

At the time of the sale, various structures were already in place, including Glen Esk, which served as a home for the school's presidents from 1915 until 1970. When campus was finally completed in 1915, three new buildings opened: Stephens Hall, the Power Plant and Newell Hall. For the next 30 years, the school would add one building per

decade: Richmond Hall in 1923, Van Bokkelen Hall in 1935, and Wiedefeld Gymnasium in 1942.

An influx of male students after World War II sparked a need for dormitories for men, so Ward and West halls were constructed in 1951. The rest of the decade saw the addition of the Media Center, which was originally the library, and Prettyman Hall, a dormitory for women.

When the school transitioned from a teachers college to a liberal arts one, enrollment skyrocketed. More than 2,500 students enrolled in the fall of 1963, and by 1968 that number had grown to 6,473. By 1973, the student population topped 11,000.

To keep up with that tremendous growth, it was imperative that the physical campus expand. The state purchased additional land for the school, bringing campus to its current 329 acres. Between 1963 and 1973, the campus added 10 new buildings, which meant that older structures had to make way for progress. Wiedefeld Gymnasium was demolished to create space for the current

- 1 The first panel of the Special Collections and University Archives' newest exhibit, "As We Grow."
- 2 Completed in 1942, this gymnasium was the first constructed on campus. When it opened, it hosted not just intramural games for the students, but also was the setting for performances and dances. Exams and class registration were held there. In 1968, Burdick Hall, a new gymnasium with more amenities, was opened. The old Wiedefeld Gymnasium was torn down to make way for the current Albert S. Cook Library. 3 Originally known as Waveland, this summer house was built for a former state's attorney for Baltimore County. For 50 years it was used as a residence, provided extra classroom space and sometimes served as the health suite. But eventually, it stood in the way of progress. The house was razed in 1964 to make space for the new science building, Smith Hall.
- 4 Twelve years ago the construction of the College of Liberal Arts (pictured next to the Center for the Arts) kicked off another round of expansion.



When it opens in fall 2020, the new science complex will be the largest academic building on TU's campus.

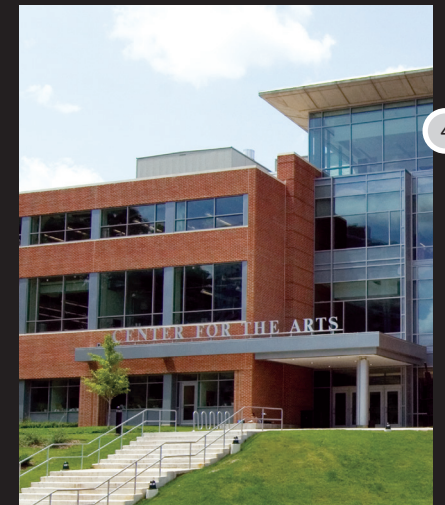
Cook Library. The Cottage, a beautiful but outdated house, was razed so construction on Smith Hall could begin. The Maryland and Pennsylvania railroad, which had run through campus until 1954, was abandoned and eventually removed.

By 1977, the school had finished this period of intense growth, and construction of new buildings slowed.

Twelve years ago, the construction of the College of Liberal Arts kicked off another round of expansion, one that continues to this day. Since 2006, 15 buildings have been constructed, other standing buildings have been improved, and Towson University has extended its reach beyond its campus to the city of Towson and Bel Air, through a collaboration with Harford Community College.

Progress continues with the current construction of the new science building, scheduled for completion in 2020, and the University Union expansion, set to debut in 2021.

Growth always has been, and seemingly always will be, part of the Towson University story. ■



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WELCOME TO TIGER CONNECT

Over the summer, the Office of Alumni Relations transitioned from the Tiger Tracks alumni website to Tiger Connect, the brand-new online community for TU alumni.

Tiger Connect is the easiest way for alumni to update their information and to communicate with their peers. To join the community, follow these simple steps:

- Visit alumni.towson.edu and click the "LOGIN" button at the top right.
- Click "Not a Member?" and fill out the profile information.
- Click "Sign Up."
- Once confirmed as a TU alum, you will receive an email prompting you to create a password, giving you full access to the community.

If you previously had a Tiger Tracks account, you will still need to follow these steps to create a new account in Tiger Connect. Once you create your profile, our system will automatically update your contact information in the TU database.

Tiger Connect is exclusively for verified TU alumni and provides easy access to engage in the following activities:

- Update your information
- Connect with classmates from around the world
- Join groups pertaining to your interests/industry
- Find and register for events
- Earn badges through a fun gaming component
- Keep up with the latest campus and alumni news
- Access exclusive alumni/member benefits inside the community

Questions about Tiger Connect? Please reach out to the Office of Alumni Relations at tigerconnect@towson.edu.

CHEERS TO 50 YEARS

Members of the Class of 1968 spent two fun-filled days in April reliving their time on campus. The weekend began with a cocktail reception Friday evening at TU's Auburn House, where classmates toasted to five decades as alumni. Saturday, the group had a luncheon in the Minnegan Room during the men's lacrosse game against the University of Delaware. After taking a class picture, the group boarded a bus for a campus tour to see how much growth has happened since their student days. The class also came together to make a generous gift to the James R. Saxon '68 Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. To date, they have raised \$56,329.



1 John DiLaura, Maureen DiLaura, Dennis Patton and Jane Patton | 2 Members of the Class of 1968 after a tour of campus.
 3 The class presents a check for the James R. Saxon '68 Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.
 4 Kathryn Knutsen, Susan Eshleman and Bonnie Shipley

THE BIG EVENT

Every year more than 2,000 TU students, faculty, staff and alumni take part in the Big Event—Towson University's largest day of community service. On April 21, TU alumni joined forces to beautify Bear Creek Park in Dundalk, Maryland, as well as the surrounding area. Just one of over 200 Big Event project sites, the stream cleanup was led by Clean Bread and Cheese Creek, a nonprofit started by John Long '92. The volunteer group nearly filled a large dumpster with trash and debris.



1 Sharon Anaba, Michelle Anaba '16 and Devin Johnson

FERRANTE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

More than 50 Alpha Omega Lambda brothers, friends and donors teamed up April 28 to present the Joseph Ferrante Memorial Scholarship to this year's recipient, junior lacrosse midfielder Jimmie Wilkerson. The scholarship, established in 1998, honors the late Joseph Ferrante '77. The Tigers went on to defeat the Fairfield Stags 8-7.



Domenic and John Ferrante, Steve Willett '79, and Thomas Ferrante present a scholarship check to Jimmie Wilkerson.

POTTERY SALE

Alumni took part in a special celebration to kick off the 45th annual Spring Pottery Sale on May 10. Alumni had an opportunity to preview and purchase handmade ceramics crafted by TU students and faculty. The sale, organized by professor Richard Holt '96/'00, gave students a chance to not only create art but also to experience the gratification (and challenges) of selling pieces.



1 Jerica Root '14 | 2 Shanna Casey '16 | 3 Professor Richard Holt '96/'00, Volker Schoenflies '74 and Brad Blair '09



2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND DEANS' RECOGNITION AWARDS BANQUET

The TU Alumni Association honored eight exceptional alumni May 24 at the Distinguished Alumni and Deans' Recognition Awards Banquet.

1 Distinguished Alumni Award

Michael C. Ford '80, vice president of global diversity and inclusion for the Boeing Company, was named a Top Executive in Diversity by *Black Enterprise* magazine in 2011 and 2016. He is a member of the Executive Leadership Council and the Council of Global Diversity and Inclusion Executives for the Conference Board.

2 Distinguished Young Alumni Award

Patrick McAvinue '11 is regarded as one of the most innovative fiddlers in the industry. He received the International Bluegrass Music Association's Fiddle Player of the Year in 2017, in addition to its 2015 Momentum Instrumentalist of the Year award—an honor reserved for emerging virtuosic artists.

2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Deans' Recognition Awards honor alumni from each college.

3 College of Business and Economics

Alla R. Kashlinskaya '96 is a director with KPMG LLP, the company she has worked for since graduating. She has been on the TU Accounting Advisory Board for over 15 years and has previously been named TU Department of Accounting Outstanding Alumna.

4 College of Education

A. Karen Blair '74 spent 42 years committed to Towson University and its students. She served in 11 different positions across four decades, including assistant dean of the College of Education and director of the M.Ed. in Reading Education program.

5 College of Fine Arts and Communication

Judith Dolan '70 has designed costumes for productions in numerous companies in the U.S. and abroad. She received a 1997 Tony Award and a 1995 Drama Desk nomination for her work. In 2014, she was awarded the Ruth Morley Design Award for her career accomplishments in leadership and design.

6 College of Health Professions

Rear Adm. Susan Orsega '90, chief nurse officer, leads the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Nurse Professional Affairs. She received the NIH Director's Award in 2002 and the distinguished Uniformed Services University Graduate School of Nursing Alumni of the Year award in 2015.

7 College of Liberal Arts

Ray Brusca '80 is a nationally recognized expert in human resources, employee benefits, executive compensation and mergers and acquisitions. He is the chief human resources officer at Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd., a \$6 billion global manufacturer of power tools, hand tools, outdoor equipment and floor care products.

8 Jess & Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics

Georgeine Smith '86 is a surgical physician assistant at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, which has repeatedly been listed in the top 10 hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. She has evaluated and procured more than 1,200 livers and kidneys for transplant in addition to over 100 hearts and lungs for research.



SAGAMORE SPIRIT

Baltimore's state-of-the-art waterfront whiskey distillery, Sagamore Spirit, hosted young alumni on June 7. Guests enjoyed tours and tastings in addition to delicious appetizers. It was a great night reconnecting with friends and learning about the history of rye whiskey in Maryland.

1 (Top row, left to right) Conor Reynolds '15, Alumni Association VP Brittany Larkins '10 and Amy Smith; (Bottom, left to right) Jade Petersen '18, Ashena Sparrow '18 and Erica Green '09

2 Emily Dauses and Briana Snyder '12

3 Jordan Harris '18 and Savannah Giova

4 Kathryn McGuire '18, Jill Norris '18, Yashira Velez '18 and Seetha Kartholy '18



NEW STUDENT SEND-OFF COOKOUTS

Over the summer the Alumni Association hosted several regional cookouts for incoming TU students, alumni and their families. Taking place in Maryland's Howard, Prince George's, Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties, in addition to Long Island, New York, the events provided an opportunity for new students to meet future classmates and gain insightful tips from veteran Tigers. The cookouts were filled with lots of laughter, great food, even better company and a ton of TU spirit.

- 1 Incoming students mingle at the Prince George's County cookout.
- 2 New students meet alumni on a gorgeous day.
- 3 Faith Oguche wins a door prize (with Margaret Paulson '11).
- 4 Alumni Association Board member Luis Arellano '01 welcomes new students Jerry Zhou and Mehir Uddin.



HARRY POTTER IN CONCERT

July 12 was a magical night of wizardry at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, where alumni enjoyed a big-screen showing of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* accompanied by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's performance of the whimsical score. Guests enjoyed a pre-show reception featuring enchanting treats inspired by the popular movie franchise.

- 1 The show is about to begin.
- 2 Tyreas Ball and Aerick Hairston '16
- 3 Evan Danz and Patricia Danz '17
- 4 Valerie Raynor '16 and Dotty Raynor '86
- 5 Jennifer Gomez '13 and Ivan Calderon



BIRDLAND TAKEOVER

The ballpark turned black and gold August 24 as the Orioles hosted Towson University Night at Camden Yards. TU alumni enjoyed a bullpen-area picnic before watching the O's take on the New York Yankees. Guests received a special-edition, co-branded O's cap in TU's signature colors and enjoyed postgame fireworks.

- 1 Alumni cheering on the O's.
- 2 Fans enjoying the pre-game cookout.
- 3 Joanne Beers '84 and Mike Beers '83
- 4 Pre-gaming in the bullpen picnic area.





“The potential of our university extends far beyond the geographic boundaries of our campus, and I am confident our achievements can be limitless.”

Though I've only been working at Towson University for a short while, it didn't take long for me to understand what makes this university so special. TU boasts a talented and visionary faculty and staff who champion academic excellence. The student body is strong, committed and inspired to contribute to the public good. Our institution's illustrious past has led us to a pivotal moment in TU's history, and I truly feel honored to play a significant role as we move ahead into an exciting and ambitious future.

As director of the annual campaign, my primary focus is to promote TU's hallmark of providing opportunities. Doing so will require our philanthropic efforts to reach unforeseen heights, ensuring our students,

faculty, and staff continue to succeed in every endeavor. It's clear the potential of our university extends far beyond the geographic boundaries of our campus, and I am confident our achievements can be limitless.

I firmly believe in the power of participation, so I encourage you to join us in supporting and advancing Towson University and its mission. With your support, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of many. To support our areas of greatest need, please give to the Towson Fund at www.towson.edu/GiveToTowsonFund.

Go Tigers!

Nkiruka (Nky) S. McGinnis, Ph.D.
DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Your IRA Rollover Helps You and TU

IF YOU ARE AGE 70½ OR OLDER, YOUR GIFT CAN PROVIDE A TAX BREAK EVEN IF YOU DON'T ITEMIZE.

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows donors to make charitable gifts directly from an IRA without recognizing it as income. The donor gifts part or all of the required minimum distribution (RMD) to a qualified charity like Towson University and avoids paying tax on what otherwise would be considered income.

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“I directed part of my RMD to the Osher Sustaining Fund, which saves me taxes and helps out Osher at Towson University,” says Ruth Spivak, CPA, a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at TU.

Under the new tax law, your RMD can provide a tax break even if you don't itemize by making a charitable gift. For more information, please contact your financial adviser or Kathleen Hider, director of planned giving and major gifts, at 410-704-6287 or khider@towson.edu.



To learn how you can redirect some of your tax dollars to benefit your family, your community and Towson University through a planned gift, go to www.towson.planmylegacy.org, or contact Kathleen Hider, director of planned giving and major gifts, at 410-704-6287 or khider@towson.edu.

Foundations of Success Through Literacy

READING CLINIC HONORS THE TUBMAN FAMILY'S LEGACY OF SERVICE



The magic of reading may seem elusive to those struggling with literacy. However, clients of Towson University's Reading Clinic learn otherwise. Graduate students in the Reading Education Master's program intern at the clinic, where they design individualized instructional plans to reach each client's literacy goals and improve confidence. Client concerns range from meeting grade-level expectations to combating dysgraphia and dyslexia. Demand for services is extremely high.

"We are only able to accept as many clients as we have graduate students. This semester, we have only 16 interns, so we can only accept 16 clients, and spots are filled within the first hours of the online application opening," says Shelly Huggins, director of the Reading Clinic and the TU Literacy Center. Huggins's heartbreak over turning away students in need led her to create the Literacy Center, which expands clinic

services off campus to reach more students in the Towson community.

While clients of both the clinic and the center pay little to nothing for the services they receive, Huggins has struggled financially to meet clients' changing needs. For the past 10 years, Huggins has relied on the Tubman Family Literacy Endowment to provide funding for what she describes as "our most impactful literacy tools and resources," such as specialized technology for those battling dysgraphia and the engaging Bee-Bot sequencing robot.

Members of the Tubman family created the endowment to honor the matriarchs of their family who served as educators. "Harriet Tubman's legacy of perseverance, determination, bravery and service held a special meaning for the Tubman sisters. She inspired Vernadine (Tubman) Brooks, Bernice (Tubman) Johnson, and Barbara



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(Tubman) Davidson to dedicate their careers to literacy. Believing in the transformational power of education, they shared the gift of learning with thousands of students and provided students struggling to read with the foundation to succeed through literacy," says Mrs. Brooks's daughter.

The College of Education honored the Tubman family with a room dedication in April. Hawkins Hall room 102A within the Reading Clinic now displays a plaque honoring the Tubman sisters who were "Lifelong Champions of Readers."

To support the Tubman Family Literacy Endowment, visit www.towson.edu/GiveToTubmanLiteracyEndowment or call 1-866-301-3375.

Remembering Your Alma Mater

ALUMNI REMAIN LOYAL TO TU IN THEIR GIVING

Giving to your alma mater even once is worth celebrating, but remembering to give year after year is a remarkable feat. Meet three alumni who have each given to Towson University for more than five consecutive years. Each has his or her own reason and purpose for giving; all remind us that it is possible to support your alma mater while growing your career and family.



Kendra Caruso, a 2003 graduate of the theatre program with a psychology minor, is an IT supervisor for the Social Security Administration who supports the needs-based Supplemental Security Income Program. Caruso and her partner, Jason Tilghman, welcomed their son, Devin, last November. For eight consecutive years, Caruso has given to the Honor Elizabeth Wainio Communications Memorial Scholarship to remember the life of Honor Elizabeth Wainio, a passenger on United Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Elizabeth (Lizz) was a close family friend of Caruso, who says, "Although nothing can lessen the pain of losing Lizz, there is meaning in being able to contribute to a scholarship that embodies Lizz's values and passions, gives opportunities to numerous recipients, and aids them in enriching their lives and following their dreams. It is such a beautiful legacy for Lizz and her family and one that I am honored to be a part of."



Audrey Dineiro, a 2008 graduate of the speech pathology and audiology program, works at Med-Star Good Samaritan Hospital on the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit as a speech language pathologist with a clinical specialty in dysphagia (swallowing disorders). She and her wife, Leslie Joyce, have a two-year-old daughter, Mia. Dineiro has given loyally to TU for six consecutive years. "Towson University provided so many opportunities to me as a graduate student that I feel more successful due to the experiences I had. My graduate assistantship at TU made my education much more affordable, the program provided additional coursework opportunities, like learning about tracheoesophageal punctures/laryngectomies, which made me more marketable, and externships facilitated community connections that allowed for an easy transition into a clinical fellowship. By giving back to TU, I can help other students to have the same benefits I did. I also met my spouse at Towson University, so in a sense our family really started there."



Todd Paradise is a 2000 graduate of the business administration program. He is a partner at WPG Financial Group, a financial planning and wealth management firm. Todd lives in Baltimore City with his wife Kim Paradise '92, three-year-old daughter, McKenzie, and dog, Levi. For eight consecutive years, Paradise has supported his alma mater. He often reflects on the personal and career success he gained at Towson University. "My degree in finance enabled me to get a job right after graduation doing what I love. I also formed many lasting friendships with my fellow lacrosse teammates. Having had so many positive experiences is why I want to give back and hopefully provide future Towson University student-athletes with the same opportunities."

To make a gift to Towson University, visit www.towson.edu/giving or call 1-866-301-3375.

Glen's Got Your Goats

DONOR SUPPORT OF THE GLEN ARBORETUM HELPS REVITALIZATION



The Glen Arboretum, a serene expanse of woodland that stretches from behind the University Union to Stephens Hall, has existed in various states of revitalization since 1913. The Glen's most recent rejuvenation began in 2013, fueled by a grant from BGE to support English ivy removal and restoration projects. BGE's first grant encouraged a dramatic increase in student participation with nearly 200 students engaged in activities. BGE has continued its grant support over the past five years, aiding in the removal of invasive species; the planting of 189 trees, 153 shrubs, and 1,320 perennials; and allowing for 705 volunteers to participate in Glen restoration projects.

Since the fall of 2014, the Glen has also been abuzz with activity every fall thanks to some visitors, a herd of goats from Harmony Church Farm. (Unfortunately,

their visit was rained out this year.) After swarms of ground bees kept student volunteers from clearing tree growth, James Hull, professor emeritus and director of the Glen Arboretum, suggested hiring goats using part of the BGE grant. The goats have been incredibly successful in removing invasive shrubs and vines, but they may be most successful in raising interest around the Glen restoration efforts. Hull was surprised by the surge of student and media attention around the goats. "There is no question that the goats have contributed to public and campus awareness. Faculty try to plan their courses around the arrival of the goats, and students simply love them," Hull says. He estimates that the goats have encouraged more than \$45,000 worth of media coverage opportunities, reaching 69 million people. The attention also contributed to the Glen

Arboretum Fund seeing a more than 340 percent increase in donor support last year.

With the help of BGE, other donors—and the goats—TU has made significant progress in revitalizing the Glen and ensuring it continues to be an important educational and cultural component of the community. However, maintaining the health and vitality of the Glen is an ongoing effort. Hull reports that 99 percent of tree vines and 50 to 75 percent of invasive plants have been removed, yet he cautions, "We have to go back to the same area for at least three years to be rid of the plants that were there, and new introductions occur continuously."

To support the Glen Arboretum Fund, visit www.towson.edu/GiveToGlen Arboretum or call 1-866-301-3375.

FANTASTIC FEAST

Seventy-five alumni and their guests joined the TU Alumni Association September 14 for an all-you-can-eat crab feast at Jimmy's Famous Seafood in Baltimore. In addition to the Maryland crustaceans, the group dined on a buffet featuring fried chicken; pit beef, ham and turkey; BBQ pulled pork; soup; salads; sides and assorted desserts.



1 Alumni and their guests received a TU crab mallet and bib. | 2 The guests of honor.
3 Nadine Hall '03 and Quinten Hall | 4 A happy table of Tigers.

DOROTHY BUCKINGHAM LOWMAN '32

celebrated her 105th birthday in June. Born in Winfield in Carroll County, Maryland, she and two younger brothers were reared by an aunt after their mother died in a flu epidemic. After graduating high school, "Dot" enrolled at the Maryland State Normal School (now TU). She taught fourth or fifth grade for 40 years, first in her hometown of Winfield and later at Mount Airy Elementary. In 1941 she married Lester Lowman, who died in 2002. "Dot" has an assisted-living apartment at Homewood at Williamsport, where she amazes observers by walking to the dining room three times per day and reading a daily newspaper.

1950

FRANCES BOND '55, '60, along with 39 other honorees, was inducted into the 2018 Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame on October 25 at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

1970

ROBERT FRISBY '74 received an MA in history from National University in May 2018. A practicing dentist for the past 40 years, he plans to retire in two years and teach/tutor history for the love of it.

LESLIE HEIDEL JOHNSON '76 retired from Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) on July 1. She began teaching in St. Mary's County in 1977 and returned to Baltimore County in 1980. From 2000 until her retirement, she served as secondary mathematics resource teacher in the BCPS Office of Mathematics.

ROXANNE RUSSO '77 taught first grade in the same classroom at the same school for 41 years. In June she retired from Middleborough Elementary School in Essex, Maryland, with congratulations and best wishes from colleagues and pupils.

JOHN REISINGER '79 wrote *The Secrets Behind the Structures*, detailing the inside stories of famous and not-so-famous buildings and bridges. A retired civil and structural engineer, he has written a dozen history books and appeared on *Mysteries at the Museum*.

DON SAGER '79 is the author of the illustrated/rhyming children's book *Sylar and the Sycamore Leaves*, about a young child who learns a valuable life lesson in his grandfather's treehouse. Sager lives in Nitro, West Virginia, with his wife, Betsy, and their dog, Luke.

1980

RUSSELL L. BAUKNIGHT '80, a founder and shareholder with Bauknight Pietras and Stormer, P.A. (BPA), has been named to the Word Board of Prime-Global, on the five largest associations of independent accounting firms in the world.

GERARD FLEURY '80 has been appointed to the position of chief financial officer at Paragon Bioservices, the leading private equity-backed contract development and manufacturing organization. He previously was the CFO of Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.

JUDITH HALL SIMON '80 has published her second book, *Secrets Revisited*, now available on Kindle and in paperback. Described as "an inspirational survival story," the book is "a rare reflective revelation of what happens within an alcoholic family and the lifelong effects."

KIMBERLY BOOKER ZACCAGNINI '81 was named Teacher of the Year for 2018 at Sacred Heart School in Glyndon, Maryland.

BEN FOWKE '82, Xcel Energy's chairman of the board and chief executive officer, was elected to Securian Financial's board of directors at the company's June meeting. In addition, *The Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal* honored him as its 2018 Executive of the Year.

MICHELE HAUER '83 joined the Baltimore-based continuing care retirement community Roland Park Place as its new director of community life. She has an extensive background in health care-focused nonprofit organizations.

DAVID M. SLAUGHTER '83, president of M. Luis Construction and M. Luis Products Companies, has been appointed chairman of the Central Maryland Red Cross board of directors. He also serves on the governor's Commission of Service and Volunteerism.

WILLIAM BURNHAM '85 was appointed an administrative law judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings. He received his JD degree in 2005 from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

GREG F. AMANTE '87 won the 2017 national Emmy award for Outstanding Sports Journalism for his ESPN documentary, *The Dictator's Team*. The piece followed the Syrian national soccer team as it attempted to qualify for the World Cup in the midst of Syria's civil war.

KAREN K. DAVIS '87 is the associate vice president and chief nursing executive for the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York. She earned her MSN and PhD at The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

TOM O'BRIEN '87 has been named head coach for the men's soccer team at Carroll Community College. He previously was assistant coach of the men's soccer team at Stevenson University. He and his wife live in Eldersburg, Maryland.

STEPHANIE VERNI '87 is a novelist whose work was featured in #ReadLocalDC Blog Hop. Now a professor at Stevenson University, she is the author of *Beneath the Mimosa Tree*, *Baseball Girl*, and *Inn Significant*.

MITCHELL WEINSTEIN '89 is awaiting a heart and kidney transplant in Miami, Florida. Those wishing to contribute to his fundraiser can do so via HelpHopeLive, Two Radnor Corporate Center, 100 Matsonford Rd., Ste. 100, Radnor PA 19087, 800-642-8399. Donations should be marked "in honor of Mitchell Weinstein."

1990

TERRENCE CASEY '90 was named the Alfred R. Schmidt Endowed Chair for Excellence in Teaching at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he serves as a professor of political science.

CAROL MARCHANT GIBBS '90 released her first book, *Who Do You Say I Am?*, a collection of life stories shared by the LGBTQ community.

CHANNING "CHIP" HARWOOD III '90 was recently named chief financial officer at AmeriCU. A CPA, Harwood carries more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry.

LINDA SOOKMAN '91 joined the healthcare team at Mopace Inc. As a quality and accreditation consultant, Sookman will work to expand the group's client base.

TODD M. ABRAMOVITZ '92 has been named the inaugural dean for the Arts and Humanities Division at Harford Community College.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Maggie
Gourlay '10



THE INTRUDERS

ARTIST DEPICTED INVASIVE SPECIES IN EXHIBIT
AT THE NATIONAL ZOO

Let's face it. Bugs bug most of us.

But Maggie Gourlay '10 turned stink bugs, gypsy moths and other creepy-crawlers into works of art in her solo exhibit, "Adaptation/Migration in the Anthropocene."

Her hand-drawn prints and installation pieces were on display during last winter's ZooLights at the Smithsonian's National Zoo as part of Cultural DC's Mobile Art Gallery, a modified shipping container that has traveled throughout Washington for the past two years.

The unusual venue served as an inspiration for Gourlay, whose art for the last 10 years has focused on the overt and secretive ways places we call home exert influence over us.

"I took into consideration how and why a shipping container would suit my work," says Gourlay, who installed shipping pallets as framing devices for her work because they transport not only goods but also pesky insects that hitch

a ride, and then adapt and thrive without natural predators to keep their populations in check.

Her choice to include invasive plants—Golden Pothos and English Ivy—not only maintained the theme of climate change, but also lent a more optimistic note to the exhibit, since while they can choke out native plants, they also help remove toxins from the air.

Gourlay is an artist and part-time faculty member in the art department at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland. A semifinalist for the Janet and Walter Sondheim Prize in 2015, she has also received numerous grants and awards. She has exhibited at the Creative Alliance, Maryland Institute College of Art, Towson University and Notre Dame University of Maryland, among other venues. Through November, she will be part of the exhibit, ALLLLLLL NATURAL, at School33 Art Center in Baltimore. ■

—REIKO GALLO '18

JENNIFER DAWSON WHITLOCK '93 was promoted to principal at Mercer. She's the communication leader for Mercer Marketplace 365 Retiree.

ANDREA DWYER '94 was appointed president and chief executive officer of Sagepoint Senior Living Services in La Plata, Maryland.

WILLIAM L. KING III '94 was named Rouse Properties' managing vice president of leasing. He will lead two of its largest mixed use redevelopment projects in Burlington, Vermont, and Eatontown, New Jersey.

EUGENE BROWN '96 was listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the area of construction litigation. He is a principal at the Maryland law firm of Kramon and Graham.

NEIL BLUMBERG '97 won the Ann Rayner Academic Support Services Award, given to someone who exemplifies innovation through collaboration at Walden University, where Blumberg is an academic adviser.

LEROY "BENNY" HERMAN '97 joined Williams Benator and Libby, LLP, as an assurance senior manager.

JACK MONELL '97 published a chapter titled "A Preliminary Examination of Hegemonic Masculinity" in the *Handbook of Research on Black Males*.

NICOLE AYERS '98 has been appointed as supervisor of special education in the Department of Special Education in St. Mary's County Public Schools.

GLENNA EDWARDS '98 is now principal at Margaret Brent Middle School in St. Mary's County. Previously, she was principal at Piney Point Elementary School.

MARILYN LUEKING '98 has written a children's book, *Mikey & Tom Cat*. The book illustrates the importance of being kind and sharing.

J. PATRICK MILES '98 was elected to the board of directors of The Arc Baltimore. He is senior manager and assistant vice president—enterprise marketing services at T. Rowe Price.

RUTH ROBERTS '98 was named vice president of human resources at United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

DAVID DIAZ '99 launched the Baltimore chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals for America. He is the vice president of finance at Constellation.

KARL MALICDEM '99 returned to Maryland this summer to oversee the opening of the newest For Eyes store in White Marsh Plaza. He earned his doctorate from New England College of Optometry in 2006.

DWANE ANDERSON '92 assumed the role of associate vice president and executive director for the Campaign for San Jose State University.

IVONA BANHAM '92 has joined the Carroll Health Group as a certified physician assistant. She will see patients with orthopedist Dr. Mark Blue in Westminster, Maryland.

IAN C. BURDETTE '92 has been named senior managing director and head of trading and risk at Tribal Capital Markets, LLC.

BRETT S. LININGER '93 was named chair of the American Bar Association Business Law Section's Government Affairs Practice Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Helen G. Turner '26
August 2, 2018

Pauline D. Carico '35
August 29, 2018

Julia R. Over '38
July 3, 2017

Dorothy V. Rowe '39
May 22, 2018

Charles B. Chilcoat '42
June 27, 2018

Dorothy S. Herold '42
August 1, 2018

Charlotte S. Jeschke '42
July 16, 2018

Florence R. Clower '43
June 2, 2018

Morton M. Krieger '43
May 22, 2018

Catherine C. McConnell '45
October 20, 2017

Jean A. Hopkins '46
August 20, 2017

Barbara H. Ridout '46
April 7, 2018

Mary Lee Willon '48
July 11, 2018

Elizabeth L. Alexopoulos '49
August 8, 2018

William M. Edgett '49
July 11, 2018

Marian E. Ellis '51
April 30, 2018

Virginia C. Hopwood '51
May 25, 2018

John V. Lowe '51
September 15, 2018

Betty S. Schlesinger '51
June 4, 2018

Mildred I. Garrett '52
June 15, 2018

Anna M. Knauer '53
March 21, 2018

Lorraine E. Rocklin '53
July 25, 2018

Nancy A. Coutros '54
June 12, 2018

Joyce M. Padgett '55
July 25, 2018

Barbara B. Crouse '55; '63
September 5, 2018

Robert Colburn '56
May 20, 2018

Robert S. Gist '56
August 25, 2018

Elizabeth E. Kreller '56
August 4, 2018

Hyatt A. Duke '57
April 6, 2018

John F. Lynch '57
September 14, 2018

Joyce B. Archer '58
July 23, 2018

Morton S. Pruice '58
April 30, 2018

Peggy A. Royston '58
August 7, 2018

Carol H. Bailey '59
May 4, 2018

Walter A. Eden '60
March 31, 2018

Audrey Lane Noellert '60
May 2, 2018

Donald P. Vetter '60
August 22, 2018

Harriet N. Feinberg '61
December 14, 2017

Loretta L. Basler '62
April 12, 2018

Raymond Potocki '62
August 4, 2018

Antonia Keane '64
April 17, 2018

Margery L. Pohlner '64
June 1, 2018

Joyce E. Routzahn '64
June 13, 2018

Charles F. Steinmetz '64
June 30, 2018

Louis M. Winkelman '64
February 5, 2018

Carol L. Daihl '65
April 29, 2018

Michael J. Vicari '65; '75
July 15, 2018

Dick Edell '67
May 2, 2018

Carol A. Miller '67
April 27, 2018

Bonnie W. Reiff '67
June 30, 2018

Marian S. Freeman '68
April 1, 2018

Doris P. Hoffman '68
February 26, 2018

James M. Richardson '68
July 29, 2018

Richard Lee Rubin '68
April 30, 2018

Gene Brynmor Benjamin '68; '90
March 9, 2018

Virginia M. DeMeike '69
April 8, 2018

Juanita Ridgway '69
May 9, 2018

David M. Scaggs '69
January 25, 2018

Janice M. Lane '70
June 8, 2018

Joseph F. Marino '70
May 24, 2018

Joy A. Shoemaker '70
January 24, 2018

Lou E. Jordan '71
June 18, 2018

Charlotte L. Rynerson '71
April 17, 2018

Linda L. Taylor '71
June 18, 2018

William T. Beach '72
August 27, 2018

Stephen M. Cupit '72
August 27, 2018

Marylee J. Felton '72
June 8, 2018

William R. Hall '72
June 26, 2018

Helen D. Heck '72
April 17, 2018

Barbara S. Knox '72
July 1, 2018

Donald J. Rosenblum '72
June 5, 2018

Andrey A. Steelman '72
June 26, 2018

John O. Wineke '72
June 19, 2018

Esther S. Settembrini '73; '82
September 10, 2017

Roosevelt L. Hobbs '74
June 13, 2018

Pamela T. Nickerson '74
June 9, 2018

Vicki L. Sjolander '74
May 12, 2018

Nell B. Eastridge '74; '81
November 30, 2017

Barbara M. Lipman '75
August 14, 2018

Christopher J. Saunders '75
September 21, 2017

Michael L. Bowers '77
May 18, 2018

Richard E. Duel '77
July 6, 2018

Martin E. Pridgeon '77
August 13, 2018

Sharon H. Sykes '77
July 3, 2018

Leonard P. Widra '77
March 9, 2018

Carol A. Kingsmore '78
September 14, 2018

Mary A. Jakubowski '79
July 18, 2018

Laura S. Shelton '79
July 22, 2018

Donna S. Walsh '79
April 10, 2018

Alan W. Block '80
December 26, 2017

Dorothy S. Lowe '80
July 27, 2018

Kathleen E. Tallent '80
June 15, 2018

Mariana M. Childs '82
August 26, 2018

Marlene V. Kluge '82
July 31, 2017

Dennis M. Tully '82
July 26, 2018

Donald R. Lassiter '83
June 26, 2018

Louis M. Doroba '84
July 14, 2018

Carol L. Frank '84
June 21, 2018

Blair E. Bolton '87
August 4, 2018

Brooks Gracie '88
September 4, 2018

Stanley Gerald Waite '88
April 7, 2018

Joseph Louis Haber '89
July 2, 2018

George E. Barnes '91
September 1, 2018

Joyce B. Bertuzzi '91
February 15, 2018

John Henry Davis '91
April 11, 2018

Jean M. Johnson '91
July 7, 2018

Carl P. Beernink '92
July 2, 2018

Richard W. Colton '92
November 28, 2017

Steven P. Dorsa '92
February 14, 2018

Brian K. O'Neal '92
August 27, 2017

Kragg Kysor '94
June 30, 2018

Angela C. Picciani '95
February 19, 2018

Louis Sadler '95; '01
April 24, 2018

Alison B. McDonough '96
August 9, 2018

Marion J. Stern '96
August 8, 2018

Lacey K. Finneyfrock '97
July 20, 2018

Adam A. Bardoff '99
August 20, 2018

Toni Colleen Talbott '99
October 6, 2017

Owen W. Norris '04
July 8, 2018

Joyce M. Hammock '05
July 10, 2018

Gregory W. Samuels '05
August 31, 2018

Kevin Tremaine Stoddard '05
February 28, 2018

Gerard Therrien '07
August 30, 2018

Bennie H. Rutherford '08
May 27, 2018

Nicole Reichard '09
June 23, 2018

Amy Caprio '10
May 21, 2018

Thomas John Burger '13
July 11, 2018

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John R. Alexander
April 15, 2018

Ruth Conard
August 20, 2018

Barbara A. Goodhues
July 13, 2018

Marvin P. Herl
April 9, 2018

Abolmajid Hojjati
September 16, 2017

Thomas G. Kruggel
March 31, 2018

Michael L. Mark
May 10, 2018

Joy A. Pillsbury
September 27, 2017

Kenneth W. Volk
May 25, 2018

Alexander W. Vlangas
October 8, 2017

JEFF MARGESON '99 was promoted to senior vice president of member experience for Northwest Federal Credit Union.

ELIZABETH "BETSY" REEDER '99 published *Madam's Creek*, her first novel.

2000

MARY CATE GATES '00 presented her spoken word poetry on June 10 at Evil Grin, a monthly poetry slam event at the Annapolis Bookstore.

JEFF BRAZIER '01 is the new vice president of franchise development for Kiddie Academy, a childcare company with franchises in numerous states.

CLASS NOTES

BRIAN LEVIN '02 screened his work at Baltimore's Charles Theatre in March. Originator of the online *The Post Show*, he has written for Spike TV, Comedy Central and wrote and produced *Flock of Dudes*. He is pursuing funding to produce movies in Maryland.

CHARISSE HODGES MONTGOMERY '02 is the first lay member of the editorial board for *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. A former teacher, she is president of the Patient and Family Partnership Council at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and author of the *Super Safe Kids* books.

BRENDAN GALLAGHER '03, a Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences teacher at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center, was named the STEM Educator of the Year by the Maryland Tech Council.

MIKE KRALEC '03 was promoted to vice president of technical operations and deputy chief technology officer of Sinclair Broadcast Group.

JASON BERLIN '04 recently finished editing the first season of *Mad Dog Made* on Discovery. He lives in Long Beach, California, with his wife and son.

KATIE DETHLOFF '05 is the new assistant vice president of consumer lending at First Capital FCU.

LAURA DUGAN '05 wrote a new adaptation of *Little Women* for Open Stage of Harrisburg, a professional regional theater in Pennsylvania. She also has had several articles published in *The Burg*, the Harrisburg area's community magazine.

DORY SITKO '05 recently accepted the position of senior project manager with Berry Consultants LLC, a statistical consulting firm focused on innovations in health care.

ANN-MARIE COBB '06 was recently awarded a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. She works full time at Adfinitas Health and part time at Kidney Medical Associates, both in Maryland.

MICHELLE ROSENHEIM '06 was named executive director of The Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant, a continuing care retirement community in Ellicott City, Maryland.

STEVEN LESSNER '07 has been promoted to associate professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College, where he has been a faculty member since 2015.

SEAN MILANI-NIA '07 has been promoted to partner at Fox Rothchild LLP. He represents clients in the areas of construction law and government contracts.

BRANDI WALKER '08 was named strength and conditioning coach for the University of Miami's women's basketball team.

ROCHELLE BROWN '08 was selected as a participant of the 2018-2019 Kansas Society of CPAs Leadership Program. She is a tax manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.

LINDSAY BAUBLITZ '09, vice president in SC&H Capital's business valuation practice, was named a 2018 Very Important Professional by *The Daily Record*.

BRAD HENNESSIE '09 is CEO of NextStep Robotics.

JORDAN TICE '09 performed in June with his band, Horse Company, at a bluegrass music festival as part of the Summer Concert Series in Dummerston, Vermont.

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JEREMIE GUY '10 published the novel *The Second of Seven*.

GARRETT ANDERSON '11 works as a financial adviser and was recently named to NAPA Net's list of Top Retirement Plan Advisors Under 40. He is married to **BETH ANN JANCUSKA '15**.

DANIELLE CRAIG '11 is an adjunct professor of women's studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey and William Paterson University. She created a course called Women in Social Media.

KEVIN DUNN '11 sold more than \$18 million of WWE stock in July.

NELLIE GLOVER '11 played the role of Marlow in the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's production of *She Stoops to Conquer*.

VAN BROOKS '12 was named to *The Daily Record's* list of Maryland leaders under 40. The honor is based on a person's professional accomplishments, community service and a commitment to inspiring change.

WENDY KANTER '13 is marking her 10th season as a volunteer coach with Girls on the Run of Central Maryland, a national nonprofit program that works to encourage pre-teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles.

WHITNEY BAUSMAN '14 published *Partly Sunny*, an "honest, humorous account of the transition to parenthood and the dichotomy of expectations versus reality."

MATT FRY '14 shot a 1-under par 69 to share the lead after the first round of the Maryland Open in July. He finished the golf tournament in a tie for 15th place.

JAMES MCCROBIE '14 was named the 2018 Maryland Outstanding Educator Using Technology by the Maryland Society for Educational Technology. He is a social studies/STEM teacher for Wicomico County Public Schools in the NexGen STEM Academy at Salisbury Middle School.

GUY BROWN '15 is an on-air meteorologist for WKOW in Madison, Wisconsin.

NICK FRUIT '16, ERICA FEIDELSEIT '16, and MOLLIE SINGER '14 worked on the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Fruit acted in the play, Feidelseit was the assistant stage manager and Singer was the properties designer.

KRISTEN MAYGERS '16 participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Baja. She is a science teacher at Pine Grove Middle School in Baltimore.

MICHAEL CARMEN '17 has been hired by Lee and Associates, a fully integrated commercial real estate brokerage and management firm, to focus on its industrial real estate brokerage.

MELVIN ANDERSON JR. '17 joined the Institute for Defense Analyses as a computer systems support administrator in IDA's Information Technology Directorate.

DARIA EDWARDS '18 was named assistant sports information director at Penn State Abington.

KEVIN SODEE '18 joined the tax department at Gross, Mendelsohn and Associates.

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