



# WorldStudiesXI

Eisenhower College Alumni Association ☆ Winter 2021–22

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Sept. 16–18, 2022  
**Seneca Falls**

**Charter Class  
Graduation  
50th Anniversary**  
To Be Celebrated During  
Homecoming 2022

## Letter From the Chair A Year of Accomplishments



*Dear Friends and Fellow Alumni,*

It has been quite the ride for our mighty group this past year, culminating in a fabulous weekend of fun and friendship in Seneca Falls in October. But as we begin a new year, please join me in counting our many blessings.

We should all be so very proud of what we have accomplished and, more importantly, how we have supported and strengthened each other through difficult times.

### What We Have Achieved

- The dedication of the Eisenhower College historic marker on the edge of campus bordering Route 89. See the story on page 2.
- The establishment of the Eisenhower College Legacy Scholarship Fund with the administrative support of the Central New York Community Foundation, which will award a minimum of \$6,000 in scholarship monies annually, at our direction, whenever we dissolve the Alumni Association.

- Total awards of \$8,000 from our original, ongoing scholarship fund to four deserving high school seniors planning to pursue liberal arts studies.

### Continuation of Our Online Activities

Though the days of not leaving the house have lessened, we continue to welcome alumni to the Deerhead on Friday evenings and to participate in the EC Quiz Bowl every other Sunday. The Artist & Lecture Series took a hiatus during the summer but picked up again in October. Presentations are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month.

These significant online additions to the ways we connect are more than a passing necessity and have become part of the fabric of our story. I encourage you to take advantage and take part whenever you can.

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season of peace and joy.

With warm best wishes,

*Nancy*

Nancy Fromer Wilson '78

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# Dedication of ECAA Historic Marker

On October 1, four to five dozen alumni, faculty, and friends kicked off Homecoming 2021 at a dedication ceremony for a New York State Historic Marker commemorating Eisenhower College. We met on the edge of campus, next to Route 89 and south of the main entrance. The weather was sunny and unseasonably mild. ECAA Board Chair Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 led the ceremony for the unveiling of the blue and yellow, two-sided historic marker. It features the college's seal at the top and reads:

## EISENHOWER COLLEGE

In 1965, President Dwight David Eisenhower broke ground here for a new liberal arts college, dedicated as a living memorial to his "life and deeds" and designed to instill in its students a global perspective.

From 1968 to 1983, a vibrant community of students and faculty took part in the Eisenhower College "World Studies" experience, graduating nearly 1,200 alumni.

Erected by the Eisenhower College Alumni Association on October 1, 2021, and dedicated to all those in the Seneca Falls community and beyond who made this institution of higher learning possible.

The Northeast College of Health Sciences (formerly NYCC, see page 7), which assisted us with this project, had hoped to be represented by their president and vice president. When an out-of-state chiropractic conference made this impossible, they sent their regrets—and champagne! The historic marker itself was cast by Catskill Castings in Bloomville, NY, and erected by Elderlee Inc. of Oaks Corners, NY.

The marker was made possible through donations from **Pam Romeo Havens '78**, **Steve Suddaby '76**, and **Steve Van Arsdale '81**, along with a generous donation from **Ellen McCahon Plossl '76** and **Phil Plossl '77** for installation of the marker. It is a handsome and tangible reminder of our college, its purpose, and the time that we spent there.



**Photo A:** Members of the ECAA Board of Directors: Deb Leal '76, Michael DiPietro '83, Steve Suddaby '76, Pam Romeo Havens '78, Barb Allen '83, Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 (chair), and Fran Emerson '72 **Photo B:** Barb Lyons '76, Renee Downey Hart '77, Janet Fry '76, Susan Schwartz '77, Misty Murray '75, and Deb Leal '76 **Photo C:** Elaine Mellen '76 and Tom Murphey '73.



## Eisenhower Merchandise



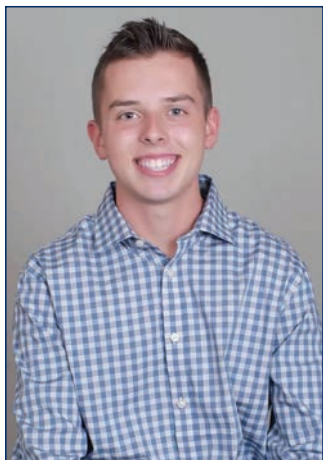
Deborah Baker '74, Judy Commerton Marsh '73, Roy Bench '72, Susanne Gillette Bench '72, and Steve Butler '72.

Watch for pop-up flash sales posted on Facebook and the EC website. Shirts, jackets, hats, surprises! But you have to be quick—they are only available for a short time. The next sale will be in Spring 2022.



Deirdre Bambrick-Oriani '79 in her five-star Generals cap.

# Scholarship Awards for Four Seniors



**Adam Bova**



**Alizabeth Erskine**



**Sarah Gill**



**Molly Pullen**

A huge thank you to everyone for your support of the 2021 ECAA Scholarship Awards. The committee was able to select four winners—Adam Bova, Alizabeth Erskine, Sarah Gill, and Molly Pullen—awarding a total of \$8,000 to these students, a \$1,500 increase over last year. The committee was able to introduce each of the students to the Eisenhower community either via Zoom or in person at several informal gatherings this past summer.

The interest in our scholarship has increased each year as indicated by the

number of applicants and the quality of the essays that have been received. We will be updating data on the scholarships and sharing this information in a future newsletter. The committee, as well as the application process, are works in progress and we will continue to share information with all of you.

The committee has compiled a list of local guidance department contacts and will begin reaching out to them early in 2022.

The application deadline is June 1, with the winners announced by July 1. We would

like to continue the tradition of introducing the winners to the membership at an informal get-together in July.

Please share the link for our scholarship with anyone you feel might be interested. The link and details can be found at [EisenhowerCollege.org](https://www.eisenhowercollege.org). Thank you for your continued support.

**Joan Ritter Barnard '79**  
*Scholarship Committee Chair*

**Frances Emerson '72**  
*Chair Emeritus*

## Legacy Scholarship Update

The ECAA has established the Eisenhower College Legacy Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to students pursuing a liberal arts education after the ECAA is no longer able to function as an organization. The fund is separate from our annual scholarship program. The Central New York Community Foundation holds and administers the fund on our behalf.

I am very excited to report that, as of November 1, the fund received pledges totaling \$123,000 toward our initial goal of \$150,000! On behalf of ECAA, I would like to sincerely thank all who have given to date for their extraordinary

generosity. If you have not yet given, please consider doing so by going to the CNYCF website (link below) or to [eisenhowercollege.org/ways-to-give](https://www.eisenhowercollege.org/ways-to-give).

Pledges can be paid over a period of up to five years. A Virtual Donor Wall can be viewed on the EC website at [eisenhowercollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Honor-Roll-of-Donors.pdf](https://www.eisenhowercollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Honor-Roll-of-Donors.pdf).

Please help us get to (or past) our goal! Visit us online at: [cnycf.org/funds/eisenhower-college-legacy-fund](https://www.cnycf.org/funds/eisenhower-college-legacy-fund).

**Steve Van Arsdale '81**  
*Legacy Scholarship Campaign Chair*



## Scholarship Awards

**Deadline for applications  
for the annual Scholarship  
Awards is June 1, 2022**

**Watch for details in emails  
and on our Facebook page**



# Together Again: Homecoming 2021

Enjoying the opportunity to celebrate again, more than 100 alumni and friends met in Seneca Falls for a late summer gathering. With the entire Gould Hotel reserved as our home

base, the weekend started with the dedication of the historic marker, and continued with a perfect-weather day at the park and seemingly endless offerings of specially selected menus. Our

group mingled while listening to “The General’s Band” provide a custom playlist, competed in a Trivia Quiz Bowl, snapped up EC merchandise, and took lots and lots of photos.



**Photo A:** (front table): Gail Cook, Bob Cook '79, and Steve Suddaby '76. **Photo B:** Jon Cook '81, John Carey '81, Diana Betler Wolgemuth '81, Howard Knispel '81, and Ken Mathis '81. **Photo C:** Jan Handley Powers '82, Suzanne Courtright Woodruff '75, Jay Woodruff '73, Joan Reffler Purdy '72, Brad Purdy '73, and Ken Luciano '82. **Photo D:** The General's Band: Alec Scott '76, Steve Nagle '75, Beth Scott, and Carol Mikoda '75. **Photo E:** Tim Harrison '76, Gould Manager Anthony Manzari, and Nick Berg '75. **Photo F:** Dinner at the Gould Hotel on Friday evening. **Photo G:** Rosemary VanOrden and Stu VanOrden '74. **Photo H:** Jim Troisi (Faculty) and Pam Romeo Havens '78. **Photo I:** Karen Munze '84 and Barb Allen '83. **Photo J:** Barb Allen '83 and Mike Tobey '77.



# Together Again: Homecoming 2021



**Photos K and L:** Jeannot Barr '74 conducting the Live Quiz Bowl at the Cayuga Lake State Park on Saturday afternoon. **Photo M:** Barb Allen '83, Linda Wolff Tompkins '83, R. Byron Breese '83, Michael DiPietro '83, David Bailey '83, and Janice DeLucia '83. **Photo N:** Colette Bombard '77, Kathy Kelly Benini '80, and Jocelyn Beard Clark '75. **Photo O:** At Buttonwood Grove Winery in Romulus, NY on Sunday afternoon. **Photo P:** Charlie Swain '76. **Photo Q:** Steve Suddaby '76 and Nancy Fromer Wilson '78. **Photo R:** Bruce Benedict '75, Jaime Castillo '75, Melanie Gehen-Benedict '77, and Lise Blanchard Ducrey '75. **Photo S:** Linda Wolff Tompkins '83, Janice DeLucia '83, Tracey Cook, Jim Cook '83, Steve Suddaby '76, and Betty Koziol. **Photo T:** Welcome Reception at the Seneca Falls Country Club on Friday afternoon. **Photo U:** Leslie Clark '75, Betty Koziol, and Michael DiPietro '83.



# Together Again: Homecoming 2021



**Photo V:** Barb Siergiej Adelsberger '76 and Ellen McCahon Plossl '76. **Photo W:** Deirdre Bambrick-Oriani '79 and Ike. **Photo X:** Steve Butler '72, Deborah Baker '74, Judy Commerton Marsh '73, Ike, Susanne Gillette Bench '72, and Roy Bench '72. **Photo Y:** Leslie Clark '75, Lise Blanchard Ducrey '75, and Jonna Hazard '75. **Photo Z:** Steve Van Arsdale '81, Jon Cook '81, Ike, John Carey '81, Howard Knispel '81, and Ken Mathis '81. **Photo A1:** Pam Romeo Havens '78, high bidder at the Silent Auction for the Eisenhower quilt, lovingly crafted by Jule Blakeley Monnens '76. **Photo B1:** The tunnel that led to the Red Barn is now closed off with rocks and a cross-walk at road level has been added. **Photo C1:** Jule Blakeley Monnens '76, Janet Fry '76, and Nick Berg '75 outside the Gould Hotel. **Photo D1:** Administration Building entranceway leading to the dining hall and lounge. **Photo E1:** Overlooking the pond toward Southside. **Photo F1:** The "yellow brick road" still exists on the tunnel floor near the library after more than 45 years!

# Mercifully Brief Summary of Recent Board Meetings and Financial Report

*Reported accurately with tongue firmly in cheek:* In a desperate attempt to justify our inflated salaries, your board of directors met five times between the 2020 and 2021 annual meetings. Since many of our discussions involved already-completed activities like Homecoming, this synopsis will deal with main themes rather than a mind-numbing recitation of who-said-what-to-whom at each meeting. (You're welcome.)

Our main discussion topics were Homecoming 2021, the Eisenhower Legacy Scholarship Fund, our ongoing scholarship program, and our new EC historic marker on Route 89. Each of these is described elsewhere in this issue, but it's worth noting how difficult it was to decide whether and when to have Homecoming this year given the uncertainties and good-then-bad COVID-19 outlooks during the year.

Here are some highlights in other areas from the board meetings:

- Our virtual programs, the Artist & Lecture Series and "Friday Night at the

Deerhead," have been extremely popular. People are forming connections and friendships through these programs that would not have been possible otherwise. Our hardworking production team was invited to Homecoming as guests of ECAA.

- Former Chair **Pam Havens '78** (aka "The Queen Mum") has been working hard on Facebook and transforming our website, including creating a virtual EC archive.
- Former Chair **Steve Van Arsdale '81** will be taking a well-deserved leave of absence from the board. Fortunately for all of us, he will become chair of our Legacy Scholarship Program.
- The 2021 ECAA Distinguished Alumni Recipients were **JR Seeger '76** and **Mindy Paticoff '76**.
- **Michael DiPietro '83** reported that the online pop-up store was in operation for the last two weeks in March. We received

\$2,334 in orders, which gave us an estimated profit of \$710 for very little work and no prior investment of funds.

## From the 2021 Annual Meeting:

- **Deirdre Bambrick-Oriani '79** and **Stephen Nagle '75** were both re-elected to three-year terms of servitude on the ECAA board of directors.
- **Kathy Lesslie** joined First Lady Mamie Doud Eisenhower as an honorary alumna of Eisenhower College. She (Kathy, not Mamie) was inducted for her work on our virtual programs during the pandemic. The surprise ceremony took place with Kathy begrudgingly wearing an EC graduation cap, gown, and hood. She became the newest (and only) member of the class of 2021.

**Steve Suddaby '76**  
Board Secretary

## Financial Report–2021 Annual Meeting Susan Wright Passmore '82–Board Treasurer

	JULY 1, 2019	JULY 24, 2020	JULY 31, 2021
<b>Operating Account</b>	\$13,226.46	\$16,979.01	\$6,720.58
<b>Savings Account*</b>	\$10,039.29	\$10,044.70	\$5,046.68
<b>Scholarship Account**</b>	\$ 3,029.95	\$ 5,760.77	\$1,193.21

\* Formerly Legacy Account, this is now a savings account, following the transfer of \$10,000 in seed money moved to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established with the Central New York Community Foundation.

\*\* This Scholarship Account is our current, active Scholarship Fund, which this year made awards totaling \$8,000. The Legacy Scholarship with the CNYCF will not be activated until the close of the Alumni Association.



## NYCC Becomes Northeast College of Health Sciences

Long recognized as a leading institution for the education of healthcare professionals, New York Chiropractic College's new name was approved by New York State on June 7, 2021. It reflects "the

transforming scope of educational opportunities offered at the college" for "an ever-more diverse variety of healthcare disciplines."



# Lives Well Lived

The Eisenhower College community recently lost two of its beloved faculty members. What follows is a composite of tributes posted to our Facebook group page.

## Remembering Peter (Slusarski) Stilton

"Peter was one of those people who saw my capabilities before I did," wrote **Pam Romeo Havens '78**. "After taking a class with him senior year, for which he lavished high praise for my final (and dreaded!) formal presentation, we were treated to his and Jill's gracious hospitality at their Waterloo home. I remember being awe-struck, viewing his work up-close, never realizing it was the tip of the iceberg that was his creative talent." Following his death, an article in the Tampa Bay Times (<https://stiltonartandchocolate.com/in-loving-memory-peter-stilton-1944-2020>) detailed his amazing career and unique, prodigious skills across multiple mediums and disciplines.

### On Facebook, other alums wrote...

**Amanda (Haskins) Christian '80**: My favorite professor at Eisenhower. My love of architecture was realized on a JIST that I took with Professor Slusarski! He was just so much fun to learn from. He so loved what he taught! What a life well lived!

**James David Audlin '75**: OMG, I was e-mailing with him... Here's the last thing he wrote to me... So good to know you are here. Brilliance if seen apart from God can utterly be destroyed in a flash. My humbling work right now is to literally

see strongholds pulled down, and it goes to the deepest foundations. I cried out to the Infinite last night and God's all power is holding me from further danger. It means so much to me that we are in touch.

**Tanya Warren '80**: Art History, History of Cinema, wonderful professor and supporter of my fledgling history museum career.

**Ellen Silverman '76**: I have very fond memories of him, like when we painted the stripes on the wall in one of the seminar rooms in the basement of the library.

**Mark Green '72**: A great friend. One of his pieces has traveled the world with me and hangs with honor over our hearth. I hope there's a Rolls and a Healey 3000 waiting for him on the other side.

**Mary Flett '75**: Holding Jill close. They were inseparable and brought out magic in each other. May his memory be a blessing and his art an inspiration!

**Linda Tiernan Kepner '78**: I never had him for a class. But I will always love him for suggesting we bring one of those "cement stools" upstairs

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Pictured Left:  
Stilton, Peter  
"Bed in the Garden,  
Dreams of Maine"  
(1999),  
Acrylic on canvas  
16" x 20"



Pictured Right:  
Stilton, Peter  
"Meeting at  
Frenchman's Bay"  
(original, 2012),  
Acrylic on canvas  
40" x 30"

In 2009, Peter wrote, "My work is a kaleidoscope of all the places, colors, and images I have experienced. Whatever appears on canvas or paper is a congruence of the past and the present moment with a tangent that points to the future. The paintings are reflections of a substantive mental world beyond the material prose of existence. Child-like trust opens doors to new vistas and imaginative juxtapositions where images change dimension and properties in uncharted ways."

Peter's wife **Jill Stilton '74** (who took Peter's portrait shown above), wrote: "In whatever style, medium or subject matter Peter employed, he saw vibrancy, joy, light, freedom, color, harmony, inspiration, beauty, happiness, humor as the true message of the arts."

"These qualities are divine Love's expression of Life, and therefore are universal and irresistible, exuberant and radiant with hope and the expectation of pure goodness. They allowed him to appreciate the familiar and comfortable yet willingly consider the different and untried, and discern the balance which promotes progress."

"This treasuring of 'nowness' and 'newness' provided a vision of a world more bright and wondrous, seen through the lens of purity and innocence. He beheld 'the child' in each of us, establishing and sustaining our well-being, and shared this message through his art."

"Thank you, Eisenhower College, for your contribution to this legacy."  
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## Remembering Ed Hosley



Upon learning of the death of Assistant Dean and Professor of Anthropology Dr. Edward Hosley, one month shy of his 90th birthday, **Nancy Fromer Wilson '78** wrote... "My heart is broken. He was my advisor, mentor, and ultimately, my friend. We had been in regular contact in recent years, and in every phone call or email, he continued to push and challenge me. We had many soul-searching talks during my years at Ike. He remembered them. He knew me.

"He continued to give me occasional assignments. When he took part in a faculty roundtable during Homecoming 2017, he worked me over the coals until we had the concept written up just right. I knew he was enjoying his never-ending role as a teacher.

"He was impressed by the way our alumni association has grown and flourished, especially this year. Impressing him was always my goal, and I have been reading his emails over and over these last hours, finding comfort that he finally got to see me living up to my potential, which was never the case at Ike."

**VJ Cole '76:** When I did my extra semester in Fall 1976, I took a Language and Culture class solely because I wanted to be able to take a class with Dr. Hosley. This is a massive loss to the EC community.

**Denise Lipman '76:** I loved having him as a professor. Always the right amount of push and kindness. I will remember him with fondness.

**Janet Fry '76:** I'm so heartbroken. Like Nancy, I kept in touch with him and even called him in times of crisis. He always had a wise perspective and a calm demeanor, with a wonderfully wicked sense of humor... which we could sorely use these days. I would not have had the same level of character, integrity, and drive I needed to get through life without him. I cannot articulate what a positive force for good it had in my life. RIP, Doc. You were the best... and thank you so much for everything.

**Harry Rosenberg '75:** I have very fond memories [of Dr. Hosley] as he was my advisor also. I was a struggling student, but he was very encouraging, which helped to instill confidence in me. He saw more in me than I was able to see at that time. I will always be grateful for the time that I knew him!

**Ellen Silverman '76:** I never had him for a class, but he was my advisor senior year. I remember going to him crying because I did so horribly on the GREs and thought my academic career was at an end before it even started. His response was "Well, there's always the Navy." He made me laugh (and I still laugh about that comment) and then sat me down to discuss other options. I very much appreciated his advice.

**Mary Flett '75:** Another giant felled. Such a wonderful and inspirational teacher.

**Pizi (Zurenda) Nielsen '73:** I am crushed. He was my scholarly mentor and hero.

**Elaine Briceland '76:** I always appreciated his humor as I saw him daily in the Office of Student Affairs where I worked. His sly smile and dry sense of humor greeted me daily. **Deb Sharpe '76** and I would regularly tease him about his "Mr. Rogers' closet," consisting of his two button-down sweaters!

**Kevin Rafferty '75:** Dr. Hosley is the one who got me fascinated by anthropology, which led to my corruption by archaeology. He truly changed my life and gave me a career and passion. I am sorry that he's gone.

**Tess (LaBrack) Marts '79:** He was a dignified, gracious human. We were indeed blessed with the most remarkable faculty there.

**JoAnn (Stephens) Forrest '77:** When I think of my professors at Eisenhower, he is one that often comes to mind. He filled us with knowledge at an incredible speed with each lecture. I am so sad to hear of his passing. He was an amazing person and professor.

**Bill Grant '75:** One of the things I most admired about Dr. Hosley was how well prepared he was for each class. A great guy. During the last few Decembers, he sent me long letters that I will treasure. He never beat around the bush but spoke the truth.

**John Austin '74:** Professor Hosley is the reason I chose anthropology as one of my majors. To this day I laugh when I think about his deadpan lecture about the Nacirema tribe (American spelled backward). Most of the class was still taking notes 15 minutes into the lecture. Knowing his humor, I caught on a bit sooner. He was my advisor and my confidant and will never be forgotten.

**Joe LoPinto '72:** I had to wait until my junior year for him to show up. Had he been with us from '68, I may have become an anthropologist, he was so interesting in the way he taught. I *wanted* to go to his classes. I was *motivated* by him. So, I settled for philosophy and psychology and went into the BAR business.

**Deb (Vivyan) Grundman '75:** He and I stayed in touch too and visited together here in the West (I'm in northern CA, he in Oregon) over many years. Having worked as an admin aide for him in the dean's office, I chuckled at his Post-It Notes on his thermos and other spots on his desk. We were of like mind in staying organized. On a deeper level, as with many of you, he always challenged me (and my sons) to be the best we could be. He would often say how much we all meant to him and for that I am grateful. He introduced me to his younger sister when we were living near her, and she and I have become friends as well. And I loved his start of many lectures, one drawing of a piece of 'material culture' to draw us into the personality of a people. He fostered my desire to travel and learn. What a blessing he was!

**Lise Blanchard Ducrey '75:** Dr. Hosley was my advisor also, letting me know in my sophomore year that International Relations (IR) was off the list of choices as a major for someone like myself, with absolutely no comprehension whatsoever of even the most elementary economics. So, I ended up declaring in... Anthropology! And had my senior year full of classes with him. He was a true educator and someone I never dared disappoint.

**David Audlin '78:** Dr. Hosley, like so many of our teachers at Ike, was a man of uncompromising intelligence and standards. The world has changed, and I look back with great admiration and gratitude for what we were able to learn from Dr. Hosley and his colleagues.



# Alumni News & Notes

"I ain't dead yet," **Walter Ayres '72** assures us.

**Michel Caurant '72** retired in 2016 and is "enjoying the San Francisco Bay area."

**Joanna Pagano '72** is looking forward to the 50th reunion for the class of '72. "Hopefully we can all travel safely by then!"

**Steve Buonomo '73** reports: "Hit by a car in November 2015. Many broken bones and a traumatic brain injury. In hospital for six months, but through much work, I can walk, drive, and speak. Before the accident, I was a sales professional at Amesbury Chevy for eight years and a professional musician. I was volunteering at hospitals, but COVID ended that. I hope things reopen soon."

**John Robert Austin '74** of Austin Wealth Management LLC has merged his practice with a fellow advisor from NDA Wealth Foundations LLC. The merger provides a business continuity plan with a named successor in the event of John's death, disability, or eventual retirement. As of now, however, John has no imminent plans to retire (nor die, for that matter... but one never knows).

"Just got out of the hospital last night," reports **Edward Hersh '74**. "Went into the ER and discovered I had a bowel obstruction and COVID! Still recovering from my spine surgery last year, but overall, it is good! Still living in Pearland, Texas, with my border collies. Plan on completing my book on my family genealogy in 2021. Best wishes to all!"

Since graduating from Eisenhower, **Catherine Jones '74** has lived in Vermont and Vail, Colorado, as a "ski bum," and eventually moved to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She earned a Master of Arts in counseling from the University of New Hampshire and has worked as a psychotherapist and a title abstractor. She finally married in 2008 to a guy who was worth the wait. She tells us: "A couple of years ago, I stumbled upon my mother's scrapbook of her time as a member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC), serving under General Eisenhower in World War II. I decided to tell her

story and wrote a book called *Quiet Courage*. She never spoke of her service and was most likely sworn to secrecy, since she decoded secret messages concerning Nazi whereabouts, first in North Africa and then in Italy. She died in 1986 at age 66. I wanted the world to know and appreciate the service of the WACs in World War II."

"I hope all my classmates and many volunteers are happy and well," writes **Dean Little '74**. "At 72 years old, I still dream of Eisenhower one or two times per month. I wonder if I'll ever be prepared for that exam, know where it is, or show up on time."

"Enjoying retirement life since January 2019," writes **Neil Kromer '75**. "I'm in a beautiful home in Canandaigua, New York, complete with a well-stocked wine cellar."

**Thomas Myers '75** has had to stay in for the last year and a half. He reports that he finally got his two COVID shots last spring at the apartment building where he lives. He says, "The building was designated as a long-term care facility, but it is really just an apartment building for seniors and disabled people. I am retired. I only go out for buying food and going to the bank and doctor appointments. I go into Boston once a week to buy a few books at Brattle Book Shop. I have a lot of them now. I like to send away for coins by mail; it's something to look forward to in the mail. I do genealogy on my computer, and one search is for "Shaw" of Carrick-on-Suir in County Tipperary of Ireland. I can go back to 1784, and I found I have a distant cousin in Toronto. He was an archeologist in Crete. I have not heard from **Bill Bakeman '75** over the last year and a half, and he is the only person I know from Eisenhower College. He was an attorney in Anaheim, California. I'm quite bored now."

**Richard Combes '76** recently retired as a professor of philosophy from the University of South Carolina Upstate.

**Katherine Alexander Newsum '76** has been working from home since March of 2020 and

writes: "This enabled us to adopt an ex-racing greyhound when the tracks closed precipitously due to the pandemic. Thankfully, greyhound racing in Florida ended permanently in December 2020 anyway. Ville blended easily into the Newsum pack, even with our cat. **Cliff Newsum '73** continues to work at the hospital. Being in the pharmacy, he is not out around patients and visitors, so he is pretty safe, and he has gotten both doses of the vaccine. Hoping that things start to get back to normal so that we can all see each other soon!"

"I have had the privilege of working on the Biden for President Committee as a volunteer since November 2019," writes **William Parshall '76**. "I also served on his Housing and Community Development Policy Committee, which mapped out some of the policy recommendations he could undertake during the first 100 days of the Biden administration. Some of those are contained in the American Rescue Plan. I continue my involvement in housing and homeless issues by serving the Board of Pathways to Housing PA, an organization that provides permanent housing for homeless persons with mental and physical health issues and for persons recovering from substance abuse."

Both **Joan Bernard '77** and her husband, Rick, are retired and report they are doing well. "We had hoped to travel more, but that will happen post-COVID. We spend time when we can with our three sons, their wives, and our five amazing grandchildren. We have a three-season place in Speculator, New York, that is our "little bit of heaven." Hope all my fellow Ikesters are doing well. I have started Zoom calls with **Nancy Fromer Wilson '78** and **Robin Fitzsimmons Meng '79** once a month. Great conversation, with lots of laughing and reminiscing, so good for the soul."

With 39 years in the field of destination marketing, including more than 21 years as CEO of Explore Fairbanks, **Deborah Hickok '77** resigned to pursue the next chapter of opportunities, effective May 31, 2021. "Sometime in

## Congratulations

### Legacy Recipients 2020

Bob Cook '79  
Mary Flett '75

### Distinguished Alumni Recipient 2020

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## HAVE ALUMNI NEWS?

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# Alumni News & Notes

the future is a move from Alaska to most likely Florida. Stay tuned. Keep in touch.”

**Garry Klink '77** is enjoying 10 years of being “gainfully retired.”

**Susan Sharcot '77** reports: “My son finally found ‘the one,’ and they were married in February 2020, just before the lockdowns. The ceremony took place with their feet in the Pacific Ocean, as water is very important to them. The tide was coming in, and one of my legs kept sinking deeper and deeper into the sand. We nearly included an impromptu baptism! The officiant hauled me out! They were here (North Tonawanda, New York) with me before and after the wedding, which took place in Los Angeles. They then fled the Buffalo winter, back to LA. I continue my volunteer work with a radio reading service (also work online), reading printed media of all kinds to visually impaired and blind consumers. If I couldn’t read, I would lose my mind. Books got me through the pandemic, although I now need to find another branch of the library, as I have read five or more per week for the past 16 months. Most are light and entertaining, but some are heavier and require more concentration. As the 50th reunion of my high school graduation grows closer, I am also immersed in tracking down classmates’ contact information to get as many as possible informed. It is sort of embarrassing to say aloud that I have been friends with some of them over 60 years, and we are regularly in touch!”

**Michael Tobey '77** tells us how he spent the 2020 quarantine and the subsequent social distancing. He explored the parks, reservations, and hikes of the shoreline north of Salem, Massachusetts. He worked on genealogy,

finding many new resources. He researched the locations of homes of his ancestors in eastern Massachusetts. He called 75 elders in his community through the volunteer group Salem Together to determine their knowledge of COVID and to determine support networks and methods to keep them safe. He took one day a month to pick up trash in his section of the city, seaside parks, and reservations. And lastly, he walked the dogs of two friends. “The dogs needed walks, and I needed beach walk therapy.”

“Still working part-time and enjoying it,” reports **Linda Kepner '78**. “Still fiction writing and enjoying it. I really like the Deerhead Friday Night sessions because we meet from all years and all geographic areas. Thanks, Nancy!”

“All is good here in Encinitas,” writes **Kathleen Brey Rapp '78** from Southern California. “Working my way toward partial retirement on December 1, 2021. Feel lucky to be in San Diego during a pandemic because we can eat and play outdoors year-round. I also have great news to share: July 2020, in the thick of COVID, I got married to Carol, a wonderful lady. We have a wonderful family, with my two twin girls (28 years old) and Carol’s son, who is 15. All three of the ‘kids’ keep us young. We enjoy cycling, walking, pickleball, and stand-up paddling. Ever so lovely to live in northern San Diego, where we can do these sports year-round when I’m not working.”

**Corinne Goodwin '81** is happy to report that Eastern PA Trans Equity Project, the non-profit that she leads, has been able to award over \$13,000 in direct grants to help transgen-

der people with legal name changes, housing assistance, and more. This year, the organization’s target is to more than double that amount.

**Donna Millis '81** has worked for Sentara Life Core for 32 years. During the pandemic, Sentara sold all their facilities to Saber Health Care, causing Donna to start over in many areas, including health insurance and benefits. She writes, “I am proud to work at an assisted living facility that has remained COVID-free. Currently, my residents enjoy communal dining, small group activities, and in-person visits with family members. This is done with social distancing and following CDC guidelines. I have witnessed many tearful reunions with loved ones after not hugging for a year.”

After retiring from United Healthcare, **Tammy Wright '83** joined the staff of Cavalry Women’s Services, where she serves as the chief operations officer. Cavalry provides transitional and permanent supportive housing to homeless women in the District of Columbia.

“Retired 21 years and loving it,” writes **Salvatore Patricolo '84**. “My wife is also semiretired at 47, and we’re looking forward to traveling once the lockdown is over. We’re staying safe and praying that everyone else is doing the same.”

“Hello students and fellow faculty,” exclaims **Frederick Bleiler**. “We are staying well and inside. We like our new home, and we are within five miles of two of our children, so life is good. Hopefully, we will be able to be together again soon!” You can reach Fred and Marion at 7244 Clarkview Drive, Lockport, NY 14094-6286.

## Remembering Stilton

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from the bottom floor of MDE Hall and pitch it through the un-openable upstairs windows to let a little air in. That was pure twinkling mischief.

**Jeannot Barr '74**: I had him for an Art of the 20th Century course. Clearly an Eisenhower professor/ student-focused discussion and interdisciplinary to the hilt—amazing professor whose greatest legacy may be by how many lives he influenced. Think that he came from UCSB. Told me stories of the great art historian Alfred Moir. RIP Professor Stilton... I am grateful to you.

**Charlie Swain '76**: I had him for Intro to Studio (or was it Drawing?) and Photography. I very much enjoyed attending those classes.

In Photography he challenged us with interesting assignments, in Studio he had us using a variety of media, drawing nature, live models, “Now draw this without looking at the paper!” trying to teach us to see. Patient, supportive, encouraging. It was a treat to be included in a group invited to his (and Jill’s) home for a dinner. I’m sad that he’s gone, but grateful that I was able to learn a little from him. One day he took the class to a creek on the east side of the lake to draw. I don’t remember if we all had to use ink and wash but I did, these have survived the purges of the last 40 years, they’re still OK I guess, definitely more meaningful to me now. My condolences to Jill and the community he touched.

## In Memoriam

*We regret to inform you of the passing of these Eisenhower friends:*

<b>Kerry Clancy '75</b> September 25, 2021	<b>Patrick Massaro '75</b> November 1, 2020
<b>Shailesh Upadhyay Dahal '79</b> September 22, 2021	<b>Robert Myers '73</b> June 21, 2021
<b>Donald Eichenhofer (Staff)</b> October 1, 2021	<b>Peter (Slusarski) Stilton (Faculty)</b> December 11, 2020
<b>Edward Hosley (Faculty)</b> December 12, 2020	<b>Mindy Patocoff Weinman '76</b> October 2, 2021
<b>Charles M. Kirch '81</b> November 8, 2021	<b>Melinda Wilkins '76</b> November 17, 2021

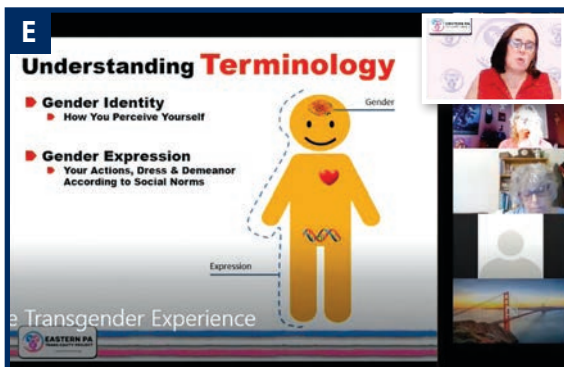
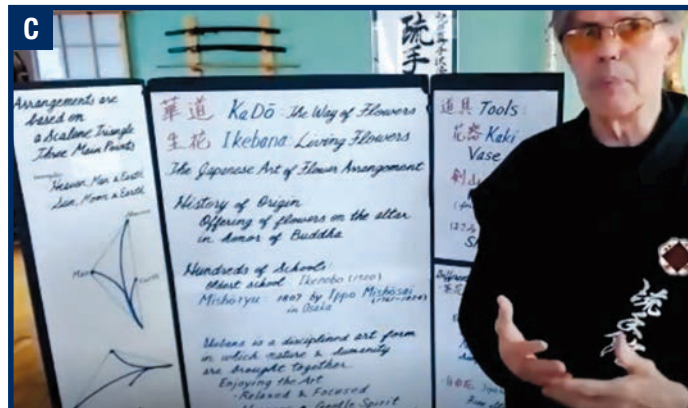
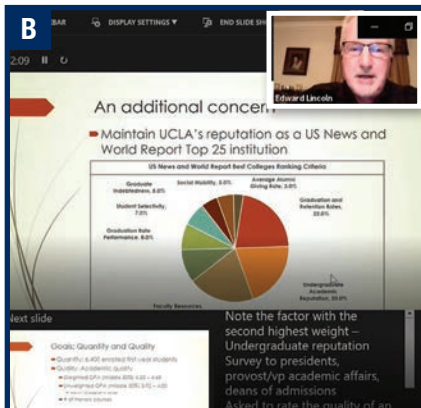


# The Artist & Lecture Series Continues



The variety of our Artist & Lecture presentations continues to draw a large number of viewers. Whether it's to learn something new or to be entertained, we certainly prove ourselves to be true liberal arts aficionados. These are a few topics that our fellow alumni shared with us this past year. If you missed any, they are all available to watch on our YouTube channel. Find the links in the Members Only section at [eisenhowercollege.org](http://eisenhowercollege.org).

**Photo A:** "Ikebana Demonstration" with Hiroko Senese and **Gerry Senese '74**. **Photo B:** "The College Admissions Rabbit Hole" with **Ed Lincoln '79**. **Photo C:** "Ikebana" with **Gerry Senese '74**. **Photo D:** "Antique Road Show" with **Jeannot Barr '74**. **Photo E:** "Understanding the Transgender Experience" with **Corinne Goodwin '81**. **Photo F:** "How the Holocaust Shaped My Life and Work" with **Janice Friebaum '83**. **Photo G:** "Collectors' Corner" with **John Carey '81**, **David Farnsworth** (Faculty), **Corinne Goodwin '81**, **Pam Romeo Havens '78**, and **Laura Spinks Marley '81**.



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