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Robert Landis
J. Barry Lawrence
Sydney Marshall Winstrom
Robert Norton
William Platt
Thomas Railsback
Anita Samonte Jencks
James R (Dick) Sampel
Walter Stevens
Edwin Weitz
Willis Winstrom
Robert B. Winter
Sue Yager Weatherley

1958
David A. Goss Jr.

1959
Carl Adkins
Mary Albrecht Cowan
Janet (Jan) Kay Ashley Bowen
Dennis Collis
Gail (Mary) Duggan
Allan R. Fisher
Ferne Hart Norris
Gretchen Virginia Hauser Pinsonneault
Catharine “Bunny” Herr Van Nostrand
Louise H. Im
Mary Jean Leisy Maedche
John McClendon
Kathleen Paasch Hunter
David Rave
Gottifried Paul Ritcher
Dorothy Swenson Frank
Jon Walker
Susan Ward Fisher
Martha Wearin Rasmussen

1960
Richard A. Arnell
Raphael D. Bloom
Patricia A. Goss
Heather Gelston Johnson
Nancy Glenicki Nordgren
Gerald Gray
Diana Kiene Myers
James D. Kimball
Theodore “Ted” Alan McConnell
Judith Mullins Gorham
S. Joseph Nassif
Robert Norris
Nancy Oelke Hillmann
Carolyn Parsons McCall
**1960 continued**
Errett Peele Schmid
John Price
Roger Smith
Bruce C. Taylor
Joe Walka
Robert Woito
C. Jacob Wolfson
Aris F. Yanibas

**1964**
David Abel
James Adelman
Susan Andresen
Miriam Bridgham Ford
Susan Carpenter Skorey
Ralph Craft
Richard Ernst
Joy Evans Patterson
Louisa Feldman Livingston
Keith Felton
David Golden
Davydd Greenwood
Bernard Grossman
Kathleen Haberman Larson
Robert Hewes
Susan Jurcheck Specker
Judith Kaufman-Burggaller
Merry Macke
William Morain
Peter Nassiff
Paul Nelson
Shirley Neuhaus Hoops
Patricia Nolan Nyhan
Joan Pedersen-Rich
Janet Ramsdell Illeni
Joan Schutz McCarthy
Lynne Simcox
John Spence
Margaret Stahl Hubbell
John Sundell
Ann Van Guilder Kelley
Willard Van Horne
J. Terry West
Stephen Wiener
Heide Woelker-Whelan

**1974**
Bradley Clompus
Kathleen Du Bois
Susan Gersten
Teel Haas
Roger Kumler
Martha Peden Bogart
Steven Larrick
Barbara Mills-Bria
Priscilla Murray

**1981**
Sarah E. Williams

**1983**
Carol Baker
Jeremy Baskes
David Furth Walker
Judith Ganley
John Haggard
Lori Leinbach McAllister
Joanne Modica
Alex W. Sachs
Anne Shelley
Timothy Smith
Janet Welsh

**1984**
Charles Adkins-Blanch
Lynn Dixon-Anderson
Eric Eidsmoe
Scott Haase
Inger Hansen Christensen
Wayne Huebener
Scott Preston
Paul Stiles

**1985**
Michele Agenlian
Mary Gardner Miller
William Garrison
Jane Gradwohl Nash
Anthony Hyatt
Steven Kaganove
Judith Kintner
Diane Oetken Van Duzen
1985 continued
Michael Oxman
Lynne Wadlinger Stryker
Amy Wolff Harcourt

1989
Richard Bart Johnston
Dawn Bernard Fritzell
Eric Dahlin
Grant Ehrlich
Jennifer Gray Proe
Trevor Harris
Larissa Hays Hautekeete
Apryl Henry
Geoffrey Hoops
Julie Huddle
Angela “Angie” Kennedy
Julie Lincoln Flannery
Kennedy Noll
Joel Shapiro
Lara Szent-Gyorgyi
Todd Troutner
Donald Whisenhunt

2004
William Blevins
Christopher Darling
Allison Dolan Griffin
Sarah Gossett
Patricia Heinz
Sarah Hornbach Sipe
Bradley Houston
David Jarvis
Bridget Lavelle
Nicholas Liebman
Hannah Phelps Proctor
Jennifer Robinson
Annie Tessar
Jessica Ward Waymouth

2008
Justin Abramson
Camila Alarcon Cordon
Timothy Billion
Thomas Christensen
Daniel Clark
Ashley Cunningham
Jaime Frankle
Liv Gibbons (& Elijah Buck)
Katherine Johnson
Amanda Keledjian
Sandra King
Suzanna Leibold Sieren
Nathan Lindsey
Alison Link
Nicholas Merklin
Jared Mattfeld-Sarbaugh
Mitchell Parks
Milan Popovic
Emily Reiersgaard
Nicole Reiner
Cassandra Sims
Sarah Smith
Lindsay Young Browne

2009
Kathryn Benson
Caroline Bowker
Elizabeth Coburn
Emily Jacobson
Maya Lipert
Illyanna Logan
Richard Luong
Matthew Montemore
Jeffrey Raderstrong
Henry Reich
Jessica Reidies
William Schwaller
Courtney Smith
Bradley Steinmetz
Brian Wermcrantz
2010
Rebecca Bernstein
Benjamin Brintz
Matthew Doers
Anna Friel
John Hereford
Katherine Howard
James Krejsa
Carly Kruse
Barbara Monaco
Rebecca Park
Nathan Pavlovic
Alyssa Penner
Mark Pharris
Lucile Reese
Chloe Sikes
Maxwell Stephenson
Amanda Underwood
Frances Bean Rakestraw 1954
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Tell us about your life: My husband and I married in Cheshire England. Evanston, IL was our home for many years before retirement and a move to Sun City West, AZ. We have two sons and six adult grandchildren. All are college grads and all are gainfully employed.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My degree in education provided excellent background for a career in Early Child Education.

Richard Booth 1954
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Hot Springs Village, AR 71909
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Tell us about your life: Married 59 years; 3 children; 7 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild. During our married life we have moved 19 times from Arizona to New York and have ended up in Arkansas.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After the Air Force went into the family business and remained there for 45 years.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Retirement activities GOLF, Travel worldwide.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Met my wife of 59 years.

Elizabeth “Liz” Barnard Brooke 1954
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Tell us about your life: Lived in Minneapolis after graduation (worked at General Mills and Star and Tribune); married 2-15-1958 and moved to Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Also lived in Medina, OH and Clinton, IA. Three sons born 1960, 1962, 1965. Moved to Vienna, VA in December 1968.
Active in many community activities, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTA, League of Women Voters, P.E.O., volunteer teacher ESOL, and Grinnell Alumni.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I liked everything I studied at Grinnell. Chose to major in zoology because I had many credits in the field and I especially enjoyed Dr. Mendoza. I did not go to grad school – worked in personnel after graduation. Raised family for 16 years. Became bookkeeper for family business (for 25 years) and part-time proofreader at US News where I remained for 34 years, advancing to Copy Editor, Deputy Chief and ultimately Copy Chief. Retired just before my 77th birthday.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Although a zoology major would not seem to have anything to do with editing, I was not hired for my major – I was hired because I had a liberal arts degree from Grinnell College. Employers do know its value! I made lifelong friends at Grinnell and am proud to be an alum. I’m happy to have time in retirement to give back – for the whole experience as well as my scholarship.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Most important in my life is my family! I especially love spending as much time with my grandchildren as possible. I remain active in League of Women Voters, P.E.O., teaching ESOL to adults (both immigrants and temporary resident in the U.S.) from all around the world, and volunteering for Grinnell. In my “spare” time I read, quilt, cook and still do some of the bookkeeping for our family business.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: There is no single one – I loved working in the Quad dining room. I was thrilled to earn an A on my very first “Blue Book” exam (I still have it!). I chose my major by spreading papers all over the hall floor in Loose and calculating how many electives I might be able to take depending on my choice! I loved working for Dr. Mendoza and knowing his wife and little boys. I knew him well enough to invite myself and several friends to his home to view Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation on their color TV.

Dick Boyer 1954
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Tell us about your life: My wife, Nancy Johnannsen Boyer ’57, and I have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. We lived in: Urbandale, IA (1957-63 as Band Director, 1963-70 as Assistant Superintendent); Creston, IA (1970-75 as Superintendent); Algona, IA (1975-88 as Superintendent); Urbandale, IA (1988-1996 as Finance Consultant for Department of Education); Urbandale, IA (1996-Retired).
Tell us about your career or vocation: Did my graduate work at the University of Colorado while in Air Force in Denver. Graduate work at University of Iowa while teaching part time. Master’s degree at Drake University. Specialist in Education from Drake University.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Met my wife at Grinnell my senior year and that changed my entire life. Any success I have had was because of her love, support and encouragement.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Being involved in church work at the local, state, and national level.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: 1. Meeting my wife. 2. Working in the Quad Dining Room with fantastic friends. 3. Choir Tours. 4. Evening vesper services in Herrick Chapel.

Thomas M. Campbell 1954
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Tulsa, OK 74114

Tell us about your life: I have 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Two small groups of us were the first Tulsans to complete President Kennedy’s challenge to do a 50 mile walk.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I worked at Cities Service Company & in Tulsa in Public Relations and Marketing.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I fondly remember my year at Grinnell and wish I could have continued.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I enjoy freelance writing. I have written 3 novels.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: The singing competition in Clark Hall. I won when I was there, singing “In the Still of the Night.”
Van Crawford 1954
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Basye, VA 22810
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Tell us about your life: I was married and then divorced in 1985. I have two children: Scott (born 1959) and Michele (born 1962). I have 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I retired from the U.S Air Force in 1984. I spent 30 years in service with assignments in Langley Air Force Base, VA; Germany; Washington D.C (17 years); U.S Air Force Academy. I attended Air Command and Staff and Harvard Business School Program for Management Development.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Air Force ROTC

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I lived in Rawson Tower senior year. “Watercloset”

Roger J. Crotty 1954
530 S. Park Street
Asheboro, NC 27203

Tell us about your life: After several years (40+ or so) in marketing and advertising for me, and many years in private school work for my wife, we decided it was time to do something else. In the late 1990s, we opted to become starving writers/artists. And a strange thing happened. We didn’t starve. I have published four novels and two short story collections (one entitled “From the Fertile Fields of Iowa”). My stuff has appeared in several other venues as well. My wife has also had a lot of success with her art (she has an Etsy shop). Every time I have something published, I am sure the late Curtis Baker Bradford rolls over gently and shakes his head in wonder.
Bobbe Sue Fletcher Palmer 1954  
1808 Ptarmigan Trail  
Estes Park, CO 80517

Tell us about your life: I served with my husband, a Presbyterian Minister, in several churches and in mission in Alaska. We adopted 4 children; I also have a step-son. I have, at present, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. I live now in a retirement complex in Estes Park, CO. My husband died in 2009.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Our 23 years serving in Presbyterian mission in Southeast Alaska, were the most exciting and challenging years of our lives. Working with Native Alaskan tribes and learning their customs and exploring the wild and beautiful areas of the state.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Having a liberal arts education enriches, influences, molds one’s life in innumerable ways no matter where one lives and works. I’m really glad to have had it.

Joan Fuhrman Jones 1954  
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Lompoc, CA 93436  
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Tell us about your life: My passion for painting began at age 10 when my grandfather gave me an easel to help pass the time while I recuperated from infantile paralysis. At Grinnell, I pursued my passion and majored in art. Later, during an 18-year, professional Public Relations career with the YWCA in Iowa, Texas, Virginia, and California and the American Red Cross in Los Angeles, I honed my graphics skills. For fun, I designed costumes for a professional theatrical company in Hollywood. When in 1972, Earl H. (Dick) Jones and I were married, I leaped at the chance to quit my job and resume painting and, for the last 40+ years, I've been doing what I enjoy most -- painting, and when I can manage it, working from live models -- the ultimate challenge as well as the ultimate pleasure, for me. The Lord has blessed me with good health, good teachers, and the support of family and friends in the pursuit of my craft. Only recently have we decided to sell our 2-story home and have already moved into a nearby condo where I've had to give up, at least for the time being, any thought of painting, so I've diverted my creative energies into jewelry design and continued my interest in slide-show production.  
http://www.youtube.com/user/JoanJones32/videos
Donald Goldwasser 1954
1811 Lakeshore Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28305

Tell us about your life: After 2 years at Grinnell, I transferred to Tulane University, where I obtained my BBA in 1954. I married in 1956. My wife Nan was from New Orleans, and we lived there until 2005. Due to Katrina we moved to North Carolina, where our daughter and her family lived. I worked at various positions with Security Van Lines in New Orleans until my retirement in 2000. Along the way I served as President of the Better Business Bureau of New Orleans for 3 years, President of the Movers and Warehousemen’s Association of America for 2 years, and President of the Kiwanis Club of Moisant and of the Movers Association of Greater New Orleans for 1 year each. My son lives in Jerusalem. I have 4 grandchildren, all in their 20s, who live in Tampa, Boston, and 2 in D.C. I was born in St. Louis and am a lifelong Cardinals fan. Every summer we visit St. Louis to see some baseball games. In the spring of 1952 at Grinnell I was President of the Students for Eisenhower chapter. Since moving to North Carolina, I have been Vice President of the Cumberland County Senior Democrats.

Kent Halsey 1954
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Saint Johns, FL 32259

Tell us about your life: My marriage has been long and wonderful. Two Children, four grandchildren. We first retired to Cape Cod and then to The Villages, FL and finally to Westminster Woods on Julington Creek.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Served two years in USAF after graduation from Grinnell thanks to the ROTC program. Was assigned to a Support Squadron at Fort Meade, MD working at NSA. Started teaching history at secondary level in 1957. About 1972 joined a group of teachers in an alternative program called a School Within a School (SWAS). Worked with an extraordinary teacher and friend and changed the way I viewed the whole educational process. The experience made teaching rewarding and fun again.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell opened the world to me. Until then I was an indifferent student. Grinnell was like sunshine on a flower.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I met a charismatic and authentic pastor and attended a church for some time that had an outreach program. An example is the standing outside a food market and asking shoppers to purchase a nonperishable item to donate to the local food bank when they came out. On Cape Cod I was a volunteer driver for the Provincetown Aids Support
group in taking patients to appointments in Boston. In Florida, Portia and I delivered lunches from a local Soup Kitchen to those who were ill, disabled or could not get the kitchen.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: The great teachers! Professors Bauman, Wall, Klausner, Knopf, Danforth, and many others.

Catherine Hampton Ditmore 1954
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Greenfield, MA 01301

Tell us about your life: After Grinnell, I received an all expense scholarship to the Harvard Graduate School, where I earned a Ph.D. in social relations, a combination of clinical psychology, social psychology, sociology and social anthropology. I later worked in clinical psychology in 3 family clinics and taught at Regis College and Northeastern University. I also married Dan Alan Ditmore, M.D., a child psychiatrist. We had 3 children, Steve, Alan and Diana. We lived most of the time in Weston, Massachusetts, where I enjoyed being a cub scout den Mother, a Religious Education teacher, a girl scout troop leader, a board member of the League of Women Voters, etc. We also enjoyed our home in Cape Cod, sailing, and our beloved dogs, cats, and ponies.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life: At Grinnell, I became more self-confident and organized and developed a love of learning that is still strong. I especially enjoy learning about wild life.

What adds meaning to your life? I try to be contributory to the various groups I belong to, including family and Church. Currently, I spend quite a bit of time with my 4 year old grandson, who lives nearby.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I loved taking courses taught by Grinnell’s outstanding faculty. I especially enjoyed zoology, genetics, abnormal psychology and genetics. I also liked the intramural program that included singing and debate, and the Barnstormers (square dancing) and Canter Club (horseback riding).
Marilyn Harrington 1954
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Kirkwood, MO 63122

Tell us about your life: Lived in Kirkwood, MO most of the time after graduation.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I worked in Washington University-St. Louis, MO, in various staff-assistantship positions for 17 years total. I worked for a company that sponsored and sold oil/gas investment drilling programs. I acquired my NASD salesperson certification. My last job was a staff position at Bryan Cave Law Firm in St. Louis. I was there for 20 years total. I worked with major clients, including Lloyds of London and an aircraft manufacturer.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I think I attained positions on the strength of my graduation from Grinnell. I was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Singing in various choral groups.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Climbing the hall walls of Mears Cottage and taking pictures of it. Riding the M&SL train into Grinnell.

Eleanor Howard Law 1954
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West Palm Beach, FL 33409
561-471-9103

Tell us about your life: My husband worked for an airline so we moved all around, including 3 years in Hawaii. Along the way, we made and retained many friends across the country. We have two children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all of whom are wonderful, of course!

Tell us about your career or vocation: For a number of years I practiced Speech Therapy. Later, by accident I found bookkeeping and opened a small business doing financial record keeping for individuals. It was rewarding and I continue to retain some clients now.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My freshman year roommate, Perky, has remained my close and dear friend through all the years. My mother graduated from Grinnell in 1923 and loved the school. Although I went on to graduate from another institution, I gained so much from my time at Grinnell and value those years greatly.
What adds meaning to your life and why? I am active in my church and have been the treasurer longer than I wish to mention. It has been an uplifting experience. I have been head of volunteers for a hospital, active in a group that cares for homeless families and other charitable activities, all of which give back more to my life than I give to them.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Spending Easter weekend on campus. The Maundy Thursday communion was beautiful and emotional, and the Easter morning service, including singing in the choir, was glorious!

Helen E. Huber Proechel 1954
168 Erie Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Tell us about your life: I was born and raised in El Salvador. I lived in Honduras and Nicaragua. I moved with my family to Iowa City from 1945-1956 and went to high school then college in Iowa City, graduating in 1956. I moved to Minneapolis, MN to work as a scientist in a lab department there. I got married and had 2 daughters and was a lab tech until 1970, when I started working in public schools until 1981. I got a degree to each science and worked until 2001.

Tell us about your career: I started at Grinnell as pre-med, but graduated from the University of Iowa (1956) with a general science degree. I took a 2 year break working at the University hospital, which convinced me I could do well in the lab. A personal crisis forced me to quit hospital based science, and I got a science teaching license for high school. During that time I used my Spanish-English bilingualism to develop curriculum for math and science in both languages. After retiring, I tutored for 8 years. Right now, I’m active with the environmental concerns and health care.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life: 1. Surprisingly, a required course in History of Christianity continues as an interest today as I participate in a new testament study group led by a local retired philosophy professor. 2. I have applied the concept of science in public affairs (a course required in my Junior year for speech and writing.) 3. Dr. Klausuees courses in logic and modern philosophy guide me to this day—especially useful for talking about religious or ideological topics.

What adds meaning to your life? Community service that creates change where needed. Hanging out with grandchildren. Studying long boring documents relating to issues of indigenous rights, bills in legislature, dockets to MN Public Utilities Commission relating to environment and summarizing these for activist organizations.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Comments professors and sometimes students made about the kinds of questions I asked in class. The beautiful campus in the spring with my roommates. The astonishment of Rudy Fishman (Biology) when I misunderstood an exercise of insect taxonomy and classified all the invertebrates in great detail, such that the “assignment” was a few days late.

George H. Kamp 1954
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Berlin, Germany 10717


Tell us about your career or vocation: I spent a life time, 40 years, as a teacher in public schools in the U.S.A. and the Federal Republic of Germany: World History, Social Studies, and German were key subjects during that time. Singing in choirs remains significantly important to me. I’ve done so since 1939. High point: Venue: Berlin – Philharmonic Hall – Verdi’s Requiem – Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra – wonderful acoustics – 5000 in attendance. My experience as a political activist continues. My lowest point politically has been the USA’s downward spiral from a constitutional republic to a plutocracy, which promotes destruction, violence, and the rule of a corporate state. Technology moves us more and more toward the control over our lives, and the loss of political and economic rights. It’s opened the door to manipulation by government and media.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell College helped me to view the world in a more international context. It encouraged me to be flexible and open to new experiences no matter where I’ve lived. The college helped me to be a lifelong learner.

What adds meaning to your life and why?

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Living away from home for the first time, experiencing a variety of personalities, with whom one had to live and study, walking to class at -20(degrees) F, having dinner with a myriad of individuals in one place each day, playing intramural football on those cold fall days, running through the countryside to train for cross-country events, tugs of war between men’s halls across a stream of muddy, slimy water and coming out wet, cold, and
muddy, singing at Herrick Chapel with an organ accompanying us, which tended to drown us out, trying to sell advertisements for the Scarlet and Black and having some success, playing bridge with the guys, enjoying the visitors of cornfields nearby, hearing the train whistles day and night as they traveled N, S, E, and West through campus and the town nearby, serenading at the women’s halls, competing in chemistry against students, who later became doctors. For a kid who went to Sunday school, was confirmed to be challenged one week by a professor, who proved (logically) that god exists and the next week another professor, who proved god did not exist really opened a brain-washed teenager’s mind.

Caroll King Heideman 1954
518 Caldy Place
Madison, WI 53711
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Tell us about your life: Married twice; second marriage - 45 1/2 years; two children, three grandsons, a great-grandson. Lived in Madison WI since 1963. Presently active in several community organizations, on boards, volunteering, etc.

Tell us about your career or vocation: A 3/4 grade teacher for 28 years; active in developing curriculum, worked to bring multi-culturalism into the schools; editing journals; presently editing newsletters.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My focus -- music and philosophy -- continued into graduate school and beyond, continues into my present life.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My volunteer activities -- helping in a senior center, serving meals in a community center, working with others on committees, on boards, editing...

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My total surprise at being elected to Mortar Board -- and then helping to choose the next "class" of MB members.
Tell us about your life: My husband, Elmer, died in April, age 87, of complications of severe dementia and colon cancer after 54 years of marriage. I adopted his 5 children. After 4 years of teaching 2nd grade, I spent many years substituting through 8th grade. Later, we traveled widely because of Elmer’s cereal consulting job. 6 and ½ years in Trinidad were a real challenge of 3rd world challenges and cultural learning experiences. I used my education to teach children in safe houses- from machete wielding men, and music training to drive a traveling choir of Trinidadians. I have 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. They are my great joy and pride. Elmer’s and my 1 and ½ years in Australia in the small town of Carowa (NSW) where I worked at Uncle Toby. Friendships endure and I treasure my learning experiences of their town and country politics, education and health system and my volunteer opportunities.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My training at Grinnell, as well as continuing education in AAUW, have led to wonderful challenges. I always wanted to be a teacher and received wonderful training from my mother and Dr. Small in the elementary department. I have taught Bible study for 40 years, tutored through AAUW and a Naples non-profit for 20 years, volunteered in Trinidad, taught young women basic finance issues, given many educational programs in finance, women’s issues and book reviews. My love of learning and history’s impact on my world came from my parents and college and have always pushed me to awareness of interactions and appreciation of world affairs.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Each year that passes makes me appreciate my “Grinnell experience” more. My first international exposure prepared me for travel and understanding cultures with an open mind. Teaching children and young adults has remained a challenge and kept me young at heart long into retirement. Music education led to light opera, directing choirs and singing until age 76. Philosophy and religion courses were an eye opener and I will always be grateful to Lou King(?) for forcing me to rethink my ideals to open my mind to other ideologies.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering in church–Bible study, teaching Sunday schools, giving to missions and working on money-making projects for missions. Learning through giving programs in AAUW, Women’s Club and community projects. I was Elmer’s caregiver for 2 years and his health advocate which has been an ongoing learning experience.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: One of them—International Club, learning about different cultures, foods, music, dance. Sunday evenings learning the dances, singing together, visiting by the hour. Taking several friends home to Albia Church—a shock to my church!

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Tell us about your life: With 5 children I kept busy. Now all are on their own with children (11 total) and now the older ones have children (6 great-grandchildren). We lived from the top of Iowa to the bottom, but only in the middle (Hwy 35 & 380). Now we are back in Grinnell and loving it. We enjoy college activities and those in town.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I chose Grinnell for the small size and elementary education program. The church has received the benefit of my teaching. I also worked doing outreach in the community. I like people of all ages.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I have done lots of teaching in many areas including schools, church, and swimming.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My faith adds meaning to my outreach to others. I love to travel to family homes and we have been to Alaska, China, and England. Right now I am very active in Mayflower, the church, in town, and I go to many college programs.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Having Gordon home from Korea and joining me at Grinnell College. Also, practical teaching. I did appreciate Mrs. Mattila and Dr. Mendoza and others.
Marilyn Landes Smith 1954
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What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering in surgical center in the local hospital and retirement home where we currently live.

Robert Landis 1954
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Tell us about your life: Married 60 years to Lavonne 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Teacher and Coach 30 years.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Very important in my career.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Church

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Graduating.
Tell us about your life: My wife and I grew up in Milwaukee, WI, but in our 38 years of marriage have lived and worked in many regions of this country: Little Rock, AR, New Orleans, LA, Bainbridge Island and Seattle, WA, and now Hendersonville, NC in retirement.


Sydney Marshall Winstrom 1954
9707 Nottingham Drive
Omaha, NE 68114
402-391-4555

Tell us about your life: As a typical woman of the 50’s, I had a brief career before marriage to my college sweetheart, then taught school in Omaha for 3 years before our first baby was born. I quit teaching to become a mom and wife fulltime. I was active in all my children’s activities and volunteered in Omaha in many areas. We have typical American family—one boy and one girl. Our children are both married and we have 2 grandchildren. We have lived in Omaha and been married 59 years, owned 4 homes here, had a Minnesota lake home for 10 years and a condo in Turks and Caicos Islands for 14 years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I retired from teaching after 3 years to become a fulltime wife and mother. Because I was available, I became a civic volunteer as well as a member of several women’s groups: Junior League of Omaha, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Bible Study, Church, Investment Club. We do a lot of foreign travelling and hope to continue to do so. We chartered crewed sail boats in the Caribbean for a period of 10-12 years which was thrilling, fun, relaxing
and carefree. Now we enjoy seeing the world, its people and cultures, from a cruise ship—it’s more “age appropriate.”

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life: I met my husband there so it has been good to me for 59 years. Grinnell gave us not only a good education, but set high standards for us morally, politically, spiritually, socially and economically. We’ve made good choices, worked hard and been blessed with good health, so we’re still here at age 81 and able to enjoy our senior years.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My friends are so important and “being there” for them gives my life purpose. I am in better health both physically and mentally than most of them so they need my attention and love.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Dinner in the Quadrangle dining room, especially Sundays and the Yulelog dinners. (All girls, of course.) We acted like ladies; we had deep but friendly conversations with our dorm friends and housemothers; we visited until everyone at our table was served before we began to eat, and we stayed at the table until the dining room was dismissed. We sang the Doxology together before serving bean. It was a special and bonding moment.

Robert Norton 1954
418 Long Reach Drive
Salem, SC 29676
864-944-1606

Tell us about your life: We have been married for 60 years having spent the first year of our marriage in the barracks which were located across the street from Darby Gym. I spent 35 years with one corporation and ten years with New York Life. Life has been good to both of us. We have eight Grandkiddos, all over the age of 21 We have lived in Illinois, Ohio (three times), Missouri, Pennsylvania and now in our seventh home in South Carolina. We continue to be very active with church work, hospital volunteers, Elementary School volunteers and with an organization helping families meet financial obligations, primarily utility bills, rent, prescriptions, gasoline and food. Happily, our calendar stays very full, a situation we truly enjoy.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I think the Grinnell experience prepared us very well for whatever the life journey would expose us to. I think we learned to control whatever we were meant to control and roll with the punches over which control was invested in a higher being. Don't sweat the small stuff, major in the majors. I don't think that one could prepare for a two military stint and not see wife and daughter for two years, but we survived and were maybe better off and able to cope with what adversity came along later.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Obviously being married during the last year of school. But, getting under the influence of John Pfitsch during two years of football and in classes greatly aid the maturing process. There are many more things, but certainly wonderful lifelong friendships put icing on the cake.

William Platt 1954
2604 Stonewall Avenue
Chicago, IL 60517

Tell us about your life: Still living is the most “significant milestone.”

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It got me into The USAF. Useful for further employment. Created greater interest in the world. It’s been a good run and I’m lucky curiosity was “honed” at Grinnell.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Trips to Marshalltown with housemother Dolly Kriuse for liquor runs and the “Elvis” and “White Spot.” The lake for midnight swims.

Thomas Railsback 1954
6725 N. Moon Drummer Way
Meridian, ID 83646
208-855-9215

Tell us about your life: 2 wonderful wives, 4 daughters, 7 grandchildren. All great kids.

Tell us about your career or vocation: It has already appeared in articles in the student paper and the Grinnell magazines.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell was wonderful. I received a fine education as did my daughter, Kathy, who also graduated from Grinnell.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Rest.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My friendships and meeting my first wife there.
Anita Samonte Jencks 1954  
4506 Cornell  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
630-971-1680

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The Liberal Arts focus has affected and encouraged life-long learning in all areas.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Life-long learning courses; Activities related to Unitarian Church; volunteer activities; AAUW activities; Ikebana Japanese Flowering Arranging.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Close Grinnell friendships developed and maintained throughout life. Excellent professors.

James R (Dick) Sampel 1954  
2909 Woodland Avenue Unit 501  
Des Moines, IA  50312

Tell us about your life: Married with two children.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Life insurance U.P.

What adds meaning to your life? My wife.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Tapped to Friars.

Walter Stevens 1954  
500 8th Avenue NW  
Austin, MN 55912  
507-433-1225

Tell us about your life: This August Pat and I will have married 60 years. We have 4 children (all Carleton grads), 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. We travel, have visited all 50 states and many foreign countries including trips with Grinnell Alums. We have done the usual community and church stuff that gets to be a boring list.
Tell us about your career or vocation: After serving in the Air Force we returned to the Chicago area. I went to work for the Continental Illinois National Bank. I went to night school and earned an MBA from the University of Chicago. Worked for a while at Universal Oil products and the in 1966 moved to Austin MN to work for Geo. A. Hormel & Co. now Hormel Foods. I was a financial officer. I retired in 1994 and have been living off the dole since. I used up my Social Security contributions plus interest in 2002 and have been receiving money from a younger generation since. Sorry for these comments but I have little sympathy for old people who complain about Social Security changes by saying "It's my money" BTW Hormel Foods is a generous company to employees and they take care of our living requirements. As a point of pride I was a much more successful football coach than John Pfitch. My youth flag football teams always won the season's title.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell made it possible for me to live a very happy life; I met Pat in the fall of 1952. That meeting made it possible to be happy. As to career and other things, I think Grinnell taught me to question or give a second thought to the excepted answer. Sometimes it made me unpopular but it did force me not to accept "that's the way it's done". Re Grinnell affecting my retirement. It has. It taught me to prefer reading to TV. Also we travelled on Grinnell sponsored trips; to China with Grinnell and 2 trips to visit Greek culture with Jerry & Dorrie. Great trips although there was a death on the China trip and a record snow in Greece. We would like to have more adventures with Grinnellians but travel isn't as easy as it once was.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My Family.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting my wife after football practice in 1952 and our first date.

Edwin Weitz 1954
5733 Harrier Hollow Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Tell us about your life: After graduation, I worked for Standard Oil Company in San Francisco as an accountant. Subsequently, I moved back to Des Moines and sold insurance, then worked with my family's construction company (The Weitz Company). In 1960 I left the company and moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa where I worked in regional sales and management for Proctor & Gamble, Lipton Tea, Bard Hospital Supplies, retiring in 1994 from Tipper Tie, Inc. My hobbies were skiing, sailing, biking, running. In January 2000 I suffered a spinal cord injury while skiing at Copper Mountain, Colorado. I was paralyzed from the neck down but recovered gradually which classifies me as an "ambulatory quadriplegic", unusual in the medical field. After fourteen years, I continue to be active riding a recumbent bike on the trails near our home, doing a lot of
woodworking in my shop and working out at a fitness center. I walk with a walker but also use electric scooters for convenience. Soon after my spinal cord injury, we moved to Omaha, NE to be closer to medical and therapy support. We returned to Council Bluffs four years ago. My wife, Diane, and I have two adult children who live in Council Bluffs, IA and Lincoln, Nebraska, six grandchildren in ages from 16 to 27. Diane, a graduate of Drake University, retired in 1998 as an elementary school principal for the Council Bluffs Community Schools.

*What adds meaning to your life and why?* My supportive family and friends provide meaning to my life. We are active members of New Horizon Presbyterian Church. Both Diane and I are Stephen Ministers and Diane is a Deacon. I have volunteered to read mail for a blind couple for the past 20 years.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Surprising my parents by graduating!

**Willis Winstrom 1954**
9707 Nottingham Drive
Omaha, NE 68114
402-391-4555

Tell us about your life: I was married to Sydney Marshall in 1955. I consider personal friends to be the most valuable asset that I have. I owned a cottage in Minnesota for a number of years. We had a condo for 15 years in the Turks & Caicos Providential Islands – we spent some time there. I personally supervised the foreign department at Pennfield Oil Company and spent a great deal of time in China, Taiwan, England, etc. We did a considerable amount of sailing; and when we became too old for that, switched to cruise ships, which I have enjoyed very much to Norway, Iceland, Brazil, Singapore and Australia.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Business Management – CEO/Owner of Pennfield Oil Company.

What adds meaning to your life? Member Board of Provident Trust Co., past member of Board of Nebraska Methodist Hospital (Chairman), was on Board of Methodist School of Nursing too.
Robert B. Winter 1954
1648 Dodd Road
Mendota Heights, MN 55118

Tell us about your life: After medical school I came to Minneapolis/St. Paul to be an intern at the City Hospital for one year. There I became a resident in orthopedic surgery at the University of Minnesota for 4 years. I married Jane Havenhill in 1957. We had 5 children. We lived in St. Paul from 1958 to the present. We have 11 grandchildren. We lost one son to cancer in 2010.


How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Superb premed education served me well in med school. Liberal arts education served me well in my teaching and professional writing.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My wife and children. Teaching my profession to others, especially internationally. I visited and taught in 51 countries.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Basketball

Sue Yager Weatherley 1954
2803 Cordry Court
Boulder, CO 80303
303-447-0522

Tell us about your life: Newly retired, but loved and still miss my work. Worked previously for Boulder County Mental Health Center. First as a therapist, later as a middle manager of family and child team, with some administrative time. Had a private practice as well. Delight in raising my 4 children (who all left and now have returned to live in Boulder) and having caring for my 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 1 year to 18 years! One delightful child was adopted from Ethiopia. Doing many hours and days of childcare currently each week.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I chose my field after working with Red Cross in my hometown, Jackson, Minnesota in about 1953. I spent 1968 living in London, England and
returned to Europe with family several times...important in spreading my vision with cultural elements. Most important event at Grinnell was living with exchange student, Grace, who returned to Grinnell 4 years ago to receive an award from the college. My days and times with Grace helped me learn through the destructiveness of segregation and prejudices.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell broaden my view of the world. It taught me to think independently, to read and write for perspective and enjoyment (I often have felt I learned to do both at a much higher level by senior year at Grinnell). It helped me with my mental health and administrative work. Living with Grace Edmondson taught me about the power of prejudices and influenced the work I later did with Spanish speaking families in Boulder.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Care daily of grandchildren- ages 1 and 3. Reading, doing a small amount of community volunteering when I can. My husband has just semi-retired from working as a psychologist so I’m enjoying time with him.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Winning the Fetler Sing at Grinnell. The year we won I was directing the group. This was a delightful competition between women and men halls separately each spring. I don’t believe it is held anymore.
David A. Goss Jr. 1958
Lake Panorama
5208 Perry Point
Panora, IA 50216
641-755-3691

Tell us about your life: See my wife Patricia A. Goss ’60 bio.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Friends and playing on the golf team.

Carl Adkins 1959
26 Sylvan Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Tell us about your life: Married Paula Kirby ’59 and lived in Michigan, Puerto Rico, Idaho and Iowa. Helped raise three children in Storm Lake, IA. All three are married and we now have five grandchildren. Was divorced in 1985 and married Catherine Foster Alter in 2001. We lived in Colorado and now reside in North Carolina.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Chose English major because C. Edwin Gilmore my freshman adviser demanded I declare a major during junior year registration and my roommate Pete Hewitt ’58 was reading THE SUN ALSO RISES when I returned from my session with Gilmore. Discovering I could get college credit for reading novels, I returned to Gilmore's office and declared English as my major. I enjoyed teaching in Shenandoah (Iowa) High School for two years as well as my teaching/coaching career of 32 years at Buena Vista College (aka University).

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Learning in an excellent liberal arts environment offered opportunities to think critically and gave me the confidence to pursue further education and employment wherever I chose. The "Grinnell Experience" truly worked for me.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering as a class agent and alum council member for GC is very gratifying. Also, working a volunteer writing coach for student athletes at UNC Asheville helps keep me alert and satisfied. Of course sharing time and adventures with my children and grandchildren as well as traveling the world with my wife provides tremendous satisfaction.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Too many to recount but certainly the comradeship found in Smith Hall as well as dances, working on the Union committee and attending athletic events plus playing intra-murals all offered fond memories, as did the gentle mentoring of professors Brederson and Cleaver.

Mary Albrecht Cowan 1959
16 Greene Road
Silver City, NM 88061

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I have long treasured my Grinnell College education but cringe often at how liberal the institution has become.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Membership: High Desert Humane Society Bd of Directors and initiator of Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop; WNMU Foundation, Chapter AG, PEO Ed Com Chair, 24 Club Scholarship Chair, HiLo Silvers women's choral group, Wreaths Across America Chair for Ft Bayard National Cemetery.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Friendships w/ students and faculty.

Janet (Jan) Kay Ashely Bowen 1959
Maumelle, AR 72113
501-803-0089

Tell us about your life: I left Grinnell after two years to enroll in Northwestern University/Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital in their nursing program. I had met Bill ’60, early in the Spring of 1957, and we maintained our courtship until graduation. We married in 1960 and he earned his PhD at University of Iowa in 1964. I worked as a nurse and had to babies while in Iowa City. Sons are Jeff, born in 1962, and Scott born in 1964. I have three grandchildren, Hunter (21), Austin (16) and Emma (13). From 1964-2001, Bill moved us around to several universities during his professional career. And I worked part-time, then full-time as a nurse. In 1975, we moved to Little Rock, AR, and I earned my Master’s in Nursing Science in 1979. I finally found myself professionally when I worked in Public Health Departments in Arkansas and Alabama.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I chose nursing as a second choice- my father was a MD and I wanted to study medicine, but he was old-fashioned that he didn’t believe in female MDs.
So I studied nursing and have been grateful for over 50 years. I was always able to get a job, wherever we lived, and didn’t have to work as hard as MDs do. As I said above, I found myself in Public Health – I strongly believe in universal health insurance/care, and it gave me a sense of philanthropy to be able to provide health care to people without access to the private medical community. In Public Health, I worked as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and provided well child care to many children; as an RN, assisted with providing maternity and family planning services, as well as communicable disease control, especially TB.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell experience has allowed me to remain connected to a wonderful college and classmates. I have always been impressed that, even though I didn’t graduate, I have been recognized as a member of the Class of 1959 and have regularly received newsletters and information about the college (of course, it helps that Bill and I regularly donate to the college). I have always been incredibly grateful that, in 1956, Grinnell waived tuition for children of all staff, not just faculty. Bill’s father was a janitor at the college and Bill didn’t even consider college until the summer after he graduated from high school. He was friends with a couple of faculty kids and found out that he was eligible for the tuition waiver. To go from janitor’s son to a PhD biologist and 37 year career in academia always awes me!

What adds meaning to your life and why? I am a very active gardener, maintaining a ¼ arce yard at my home and being involved with the Master Gardener program. Bill and I both took the MG course in 2003, and I received my 10-year pin last year. In addition, I am active in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Little Rock—currently I serve on the Board, coordinate our recycling efforts, and help to lead a Sunday morning adult discussion group. I am a member of two service organizations, ARP and Lions Club, both with chapters in my town, and I have been officers of both. I volunteer once or twice a month at a free clinic, serving mostly Hispanic persons. And last but not least, I am fortunate to have a good relationship with both of my children and their families, and we see each other regularly.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I’d have to say meeting my late husband, Bill. I don’t remember where or how we met, since it’s been over 55 years, but in a school of only 1000 students, it’s not hard to meet folks. Other than that, I’m recalling various faculty, especially Guillermo Mendoza (biology) and Alan Jones (history). And George Drake was only a couple of years ahead of me, and I can still conjure up his 20 year old face and red hair.
Tell us about your life: I found Gardon Hunt and lost him the day after his 40th birthday. Our son has been nominated 2x for a Pulitzer Prize in investigative journalism and has won several state (Ohio) awards. Our daughter was a finalist in an international architectural competition and addressed a national Defense Conference. She also won gold in Tae Kwando Reforms in her 30s and silver in combat. I’ve been on a marriage-go-round and like the unsinkable Molly Brown, got hitched yet again. He was Chicago H.S chess champion his jr. and sr. years so I hope his moves keep us winning.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My M.S in Psych Foundations and Services is from Columbia. I was grandfathered as a clinical psychologist in Illinois and was appointed by the 13th Judicial District to test whole families where abuse was alleged in custody cases. I addressed conferences on giving expert testimony. Probation officers and child protection services also used my evaluations. In 1994, I changed and evaluated disabled vets for retraining options and did that with a federal contract until 2009. I have always loved helping people and detecting what positive and destructive interactions are afoot. In my 40s I was on the women’s traveling racquetball team and have kept physically fit.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell gave me confidence and exposure to a diverse population. If you can make it there, you’ll make it anywhere. I am serving the community in retirement, which Grinnell expects- I sponsor Al- Anon and serve on a Community Justice Board. I have remained physically fit and active, and Grinnell emphasized a holistic life.

What adds meaning to your life and why? 1. I’m a grateful member of Al-Anon for 10 years now. 2. I was glad that I could treat sex abusers when other therapists would not. 3. I’m happy when neighbors and friends share difficulties or crises with me. 4. I love getting a laugh. 5. When my husband is happy, that adds meaning.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: It’s a tie. 1. I choreographed the opening number of the Whitecape show as a sophomore and when the lights and music came up the pool appeared empty. Then my partner (diving champion) Robb Madgett (???) thrust me in a straight vertical position-totally up and out so high I could pike and re-enter to start the number. 2. In my 2nd meeting as Student Council Secretary (I was trying to impress the President Hunt) when he asked me to read the minutes, I couldn’t find them. Nonplussed, he moved on to the treasure, whom I interrupted with a shriek “Oh they were in my hand along!” Some impression….
**Dennis Collis 1959**
3265 Riverplace Drive
Eugene, OR 97401
541-686-0401

Tell us about your life: I have had two marriages, this one happily for 24 years. Our children and grandchildren have blended very well and are all good friends and see each other despite living in Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I had a wonderful career in hip and knee joint replacements for 40 years. I was fortunate enough to do clinical research, to speak and to publish. At Grinnell I got to play basketball and golf, and continue a lifelong interest in both. Watching basketball and playing golf. I hope to shoot my age this year now that I am old enough. I see patients with hip and knee problems one day per week.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Obviously I was able to go to medical school because of my education at Grinnell and a recommendation from Prof. Mendoza.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Many friends, always something to do.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Basketball teammates and John Pfitsch. Golf winning the Midwest Conference Championship. Living in Smith Hall with many friends.

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**Gail (Mary) Duggan 1959**
750 Plymouth Road
Claremont, CA 91711
909-625-7107

Tell us about your life: My husband and I have spent about half of our adult lives living outside the United States in Thailand, Holland, and France. The experiences living overseas have greatly enriched our lives, especially raising our two children internationally.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching English as a Foreign Language overseas and to international students in this country. It’s a gift that I was born in an English speaking country, sharing it with others can make a huge difference in their lives.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I enjoy the continuing way in which my life intertwines with Grinnell. When we moved to Pilgrim Place, a retirement community in Claremont, CA, I was amazed to find a street named Grinnell. This is because Pomona College in Claremont is a sister college to Grinnell.

Just a week ago I went to a tamale making workshop at the neighborhood Catholic church. Much to my surprise one of the “teachers” is a mother of a current Grinnell posse student. I hope to meet her during vacation.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I am very happy living in an active senior community of mostly retired church workers. Our church and the Claremont Colleges provide plenty of activities and friendships for us.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I loved going to Grinnell because it was a family tradition. Both my parents attended Grinnell, as well as my cousins, aunts and an uncle. Following me, one of my sisters attended Grinnell. We have a bond today because of that.

Allan R. Fisher 1959
7153 Kukii Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

Tell us about your life: Married for 51 years, 3 children all married with a total of 7 grandchildren. I served for churches in Minnesota from 1963-1967, Riverside Church in New York City as a Youth Minister 1967-1969, Denomination (UCC) Staff of Commission For Racial Justice 1969-1974. Our family moved after 10 years in Manhattan to Honolulu in 1977, and we are still here. I entertained in Waikiki for 15 years as a piano-vocalist and ministry music for Windward Unity Church for 20 years. I’ve been a semi-retired minister and performer since 2008. I was the first Grinnellian to do the Fifth Year Abroad Program in Ceylon, Sri Lanka in 1959-1960. I attended Yale Divinity School from 1960 to 1963.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Professional musician from age 17 to present. Ordained in United Church of Christ in 1964. I’ve been fortunate to be able to combine ministry and entertainment in the beautiful land of Aloha since 1977. I travelled to China in 1972, just after Nixon, active in Anti War (Vietnam) Movement. My wife and I are members of the Friendship Force. I’ve also traveled to Peru, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Japan, and South Korea.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell provided me with varied experiences on a small campus. I have not maintained close contact with classmates due to travel, moving and involvement in living with a loving family through the years and being engaged with such a variety of activities each day.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Being involved with people in a variety of situation and activities such as singing in retirement homes, performing at charitable events etc. Being grateful for each day of life and for family and friends.


Ferne Hart Norris 1959
616 Broad Street Apt. B201
Grinnell, IA  50112
641-236-6407

Tell us about your life: I married a college man who was a teacher and then a travel sale man (school supplies). I raised 4 children, one died at the age of 54, the other 3 now live in Florida and Washington. I was teacher, welcome wagon hostess, president of numerous organizations, including League of Women Voters, one term state president office for the college President Bowen. I then bought a local travel agency. I travelled a lot.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Reached age 97 on December 5, 2013. I live at Mayflower Community. I’m a poet musician, property rehab (designed/built two new houses). I still read a lot and play on my computer.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I enjoyed my time at Grinnell College for the two years that I was there. I enjoyed working for President Bowen. I quit to own my own business for 20 years or so.
Gretchen Virginia Hauser Pinsonneault 1959  
6859 Langford Drive  
Edina, MN 55436

Tell us about your life: I’ve been married for 52 years. I have 3 children. Marc is an astronomy professor at Ohio State, Matt is in computers in Austin, TX, Ely is in telecommunications in Melbourne, Australia. I have 2 grand daughters, one grandson and another will be born in March. I have lived in MN, TX and NJ. I am back in MN permanently. I have been active in Democratic politics and Planned Parenthood for many years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I taught preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade for 20 years. I taught Head Start in Houston, TX. I was active in peace movements in the 60s and set up election headquarters for Gene McCarthy in Houston. He later became a friend of mine in MN. I have been active in the Unitarian Church’s social justice programs. I’m also active in the literary community in Minneapolis and DePaul.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My 2 years of liberal arts courses exposed me to a rich variety of subjects which I still draw from.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Bonding with other women in our female dorms, invaluable experience.

Catharine “Bunny” Herr Van Nostrand 1959  
14 7th Avenue N.  
Saint Cloud, MN 56303

Tell us about your life: I have one granddaughter named Julia F. Ricks who was born in 2000 to Maren T. Van Nostrand ’88 and Byron M. Ricks ’87. Our three daughters are professionally involved in music (performing, composing, arranging music events) in sign language interpreting and mentoring, and in outdoor education/expedition planning and community service.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was primarily an educator- first of music (public schools, churches), then in community education (facilitated highly-interactive community workshops). Then I morphed from to music to feminism to gender studies. During research for Masters Degree, I wrote a textbook “Gender

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I learned to write more clearly (remember “blue-book” exams?). My consciousness was raised about human rights; the “Social Gospel” movement was strong at Grinnell (service to others). I made life-long friendships including my husband of 54 years Dave ’58.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Mentoring and befriending our only grandchild. Having supportive and inspiring family members. Supporting the arts (music, theatre, visual arts). Keeping in touch with Grinnell classmates.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Walking across railroad tracks, studying under a tree, fellowship with other women in dorm, and meaningful interactions during class with professors.

Louise H. Im 1959
1 Bobrick Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Tell us about your life: Sam ’57 and I were married for 55 years before he died on June 27, 2011. We raised four children, have three grandchildren and now five great grandchildren. We lived in west central Chicago for two years after he graduated from Grinnell and except for four years in Reston, VA, we lived in Dutchess County, NY from fall 1959.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was a stay at home mom until our youngest child was in high school. Worked for several years in a church office full-time, and then part-time for a financial planner for about 11 years. The latter job was a mix of things., reports for clients, keeping track of changes in on SEC requirement, assisting in transfers of accounts for families of deceased clients, taking and making phone calls, etc. The highs come from being able to help people. The lows mostly came from some boredom with routine matters that had to be dealt with. Overall, both work experiences were more positive than negative.
Mary Jean Leisy Maedche 1959  
945 N. Pasadena Unit 59  
Mesa, AZ 85201

Tell us about your life: I moved to Mesa, AZ in 1984 and worked in the Custom Decorating Department at JC Penneys. I retired in 1998 and enjoy retirement. My son, Chris, lives in New Mexico and is employed with Cattle and Horsemans Magazines. My son, Terry, is in Montreal, Canada and is employed with Bombardier Co.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Career-wife- mother- (no financial payments). Just wonderful years! Very thankful for my good health and much less pain after major back surgery in 2012.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell will always have a special place in my memories.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I stay very busy with church activities, also very involved at the senior center with aerobics, etc. I enjoy dance classes for seniors called Mature Movers and have performed at a few city events. My real passion is hiking the beautiful trails in the mountains of Arizona. Our winters here are sunny and beautiful!!

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Dancing at the Student Union. Chapel Service on Wednesday nights. Sunday Dinner in the beautiful dining room. Marching band and being a majorette.

John McClenon 1959  
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Lynchburg, VA 24503  
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Tell us about your life: I got married graduation day. I have three children, five grandchildren. I have lived in Wisconsin, Groningen, Netherlands for 15 months on sabbatical. I taught at Milton College in Wisconsin and Sweet Briar College in VA. I lived in Santa Barbara, CA while in grad school.
Tell us about your career or vocation: I have a PhD in Chemistry and became DANA Professor of Chemistry at Sweet Briar College. I choose this field because of college. I have played the clarinet and sax since age 10. I had danced Band (15 piece) for 35 years, played in several symphonies, bands, and small groups. I still collect postage stamps, operate amateur radio, model railroad, volunteer at hospital and local health center (pharmacy) and did tax aide.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I had two great teachers. Charles Luckenbill (High School and College) and Bill Nevill (College). I grew up in Grinnell. My father was a math professor at the college so I knew many Grinnell faculty. I met my wife at Grinnell.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteer service because I can help others.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Marrying my wife and an Organic Chemistry course.

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Tell us about your life: Married in 1972 to John S. Hunter, a lifelong civil servant. Jack was a pension and welfare benefits specialist in the Department of Labor, involved in writing (which was exciting) and administration (less exciting, but demanding and essential) of ERISA, the Employees Retirement and Income Security Act 1974, regulating private and pension funds. In 1976 we adopted three siblings: Janice, age 9, Kelly age 8, and Charlie almost 7. Home life was thus exciting and demanding—ordinary parenting with the added dimension of helping all three cope with the experience of new home and new parents. Little more than a decade later, our younger daughter made us grandparents! Eventually Jack and I assumed responsibility for Michael, while teen mother finished her teens and declared independence. Since we never had done toddler/nursery school/ kindergarten, we reveled in the experience. Jack said, “We’re having it all; we’re just having it backwards.”

Tell us about your career or vocation: During college and grad school, my goal was to be a history teacher. After a year or so as a part-time “section instructor” at what now is Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, and several years in public high school, I left teaching and moved to Washington D.C. Politics! Policy! First to Americans for Democratic Action, liberal advocacy group founded by Eleanor Roosevelt and veterans of the New Deal. Then to the Historical Division of the Joints Chiefs of Staff—quite a leap from left to right. Suffice to say that it was a naïve hope that one could write history of the JCS from inside the JCS.
From time to time since plunging into parenthood and staying there over two generations, I’ve had paying jobs, but the best work I’ve done-writing and arguing- was not for money. When a local group of singers (college teachers and Washington Opera chorus members) staged small production operas, Jack and I slid into the role of writing and designing programs. And some years ago, when the DC School Board launched ill-advised plans to “downsize” the teacher corps, or failed yet again to remodel crumbling school buildings, I represented parent groups at public hearings. Being a free-lance fussbudget is fun! Next oeuvre: Breast Cancer Without (Too Many) Tears! Besides the title, I have a list of subtopics and three (count ‘em, three!) pages of prose.

All this made better—indeed, made possible—by the endless support and influence and partnership of my good husband. His current endeavor is searching for children’s poetry to present to the first-graders we work with every Friday. Life is full of things to read, to see, and to work on.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Entirely on the positive side. Besides the rigorous academic requirements, the atmosphere at Grinnell was challenging. By nature a conventional and un-rebellious kid, I benefitted greatly from being pushed to question, to disagree. It put some starch into me. Enough to offend supervisors who required worshipful behavior and unquestioning submission, or public officials whose manner indicated little tolerance of the public.

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Tell us about your life: Married Connie Buchan on September 5, 1969. I have one son named Randy Rave who was born in 1972. I lived in Sacramento, CA, Aberdeen, SD, Vermillion, SD, Marshalltown, IA and Venice.

Tell us about your career or vocation: MSW- Smith College School for Social Work 1965-1967
MLS- Brigham University 1984-1986
SD Librarian of Year 1987.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I enjoy doing genealogical research for myself and others. Enjoy teaching genealogy.
Tell us about your life: Four grandchildren: Karl’s are Elisa and Ben; Karen’s are Ilana and Anika (both female). I spent one year at the university in Gottingen, Germany in 1976-77; wife and children accompanied me. Free-lance language editor for German chemistry encyclopedia in Frankfurt, Germany in 1990-92; wife accompanied me. My family and I used these two foreign stays to travel in Western Europe. Marjorie and I have taken Road Scholar (Elderhostel) trips to Arizona, Mexico, India, and Nepal, and the Lewis and Clark Trail in the Dakotas. The Nepal/India trip was extended beyond Road Scholar’s itinerary in order to spend time with Karen and her family in India, where they lived for four years. Marjorie and I have taken trips with geologists and “cavers” to China, Slovenia, and Croatia.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have done graduate work in Inorganic Chemistry at Penna. State U (2 years) and the University of Minnesota, from which I received a Ph.D in Inorganic Chemistry. I retired from West Virginia Wesleyan College after 32 years of full-time (and a few semesters of part-time) teaching of chemistry at all collegiate levels. In addition, during Wesleyan’s January Short Term I taught Basic Math for Science Majors, Energy and the Environment three times, and Speleology (cave science) seven times. I have attended a number of workshops, chemical education conferences, and Chautauqua courses, as well as two sabbaticals to help stay current in chemical education, pedagogy, and chemistry laboratory work. I have been Faculty Chairperson for one term and have been on a number of committees at WV Wesleyan College. Avocations: caving (now, mostly reading Speleology rather than active caving), gardening, cross-country skiing, and reading.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The more notable and noticeable effects from my Grinnell experience are probably embedded in (1) my thinking critically on all sides (I hope) of a question or argument; (2) my interest in plants- especially wild plants, notably tress; (3) my interest in caving and speleology. I believe my teaching of chemistry for 32+ years reflected the teaching interests and pedagogy of Professors Danforth, Neville, and Oelke.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Two others and I founded the Buckhannon River Watershed Association in 2001, which was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2002. I spend much of “free” time with that organization as secretary or chairperson, as water-sampler, and as contact person for the state and federal agencies that fund the organization’s major
projects. The major projects address acidic mine drainage issues, and each projects cost more than $100,000.

Marjorie and I deliver “Meals-on-Wheels” lunches through our church for one week about every three months.

I follow Amnesty International’s concerns for “prisoners of conscience” and write letters of support for some of these prisoners.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: This is difficult to pin down. One enjoyable set of experiences involved a small group of us going on two to three outings with Professor Norman Russell (Biology). The various caving and 40 collembolan-collecting outings with Professor Ken Christiansen (Biology) were also enjoyable and still quite vivid in my mind. In laboratory I still remember analyzing a sample of limestone for calcium in Blair Hall, as limestone samples had been for many years in that class.

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Tell us about your life: I married Forrest Frank ’59 in August of ’59. We have one daughter, Sharon, who lives in Minnesota with her husband and 3 boys. Forrest and I spent 2 six month sabbaticals living in England. Forrest succumbed to cancer in 2012 and I am currently living in a retirement community in Bloomington, IL.

Tell us about your career or vocation: B.A. in Chemistry from Grinnell. Worked for Purdue U. preparing reagents for student labs for one year. Then worked for Great Lakes Chemical doing analysis and research. Took time out for parenting and being part time church secretary. In 1975 I brushed up on some chemistry, taking 2 classes, one of them from Forrest. Then I taught chemistry labs for 12 years at Illinois State University and/or Illinois Wesleyan University. When I reached 50 there were no more challenges to my teaching and I yearned to be a counselor. In 1990 I graduated from Illinois State with a Masters in Counseling, and had a fulfilling career for 10 years at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, retiring earlier than planned to help care for my aging parents. I spent almost 20 years involved in Stephen Ministry, both as a Leader and a Stephen Minister.
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Tell us about your life: Married 54+ years. got an MPA. became a career Naval Aviator, City Manager, 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lived in US, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, VA, FL, CA, TX, England, VietNam, NJ, TN, PA, Republic of Panama DFC award (combat).

Tell us about your career or vocation: Liked to fly planes so went through Naval Flight Training - stayed for 28 years Went into City Mgmt, adopted a boy at age 60 retired to FL and dabbled in real estate for a while. bought a Motor Home and travel each summer when son is not in school.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It provided me with a ticket to better jobs, widened my horizons and allowed me to go on for an MPA - made me appreciate education. Enabled me to ensure the kids got a chance at better educating themselves and their children. Made a few friends and moved out of the snow belts of the mid-west area.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Seeing my daughter completing her doctorate in Nursing, becoming a N.P., getting my son interested in going on to college, helping 4 grandchildren through their under graduate degree, helping one of the twins as she progresses through a Phd program in math, helping the other twin in her pursuit of the MCAT and eventual Med school experience. Living comfortably having provided for some close and dear relatives. Working as an Elder in my Church and having the best companionship with the very best friend I have ever had who has put up with me for over 54 years. Lastly for being fortunate enough to have been blessed with good health and understanding friends, relatives and God the Father Almighty.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Graduation day - after 4 years of good solid C to C+ work!!!!!
Tell us about your life: After graduation I married Darrell Fisher ’57 who became an Orthopedic Surgeon. This meant I played a major part in the raising of our 3 children. We lived in Hawaii 3 years, Rochester, MN 4 years and in Mason City, Iowa since 1970. We lived in a community where instrumental music is a vital part of life for students beginning in 4th grade. Our eldest son became a world class trombonist/euphoniumist, our daughter banker & decorator and our youngest son an investment banker. Their memories are of a happy family, traveling, a home welcoming exchange students and guest for non-profit social events.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I began supporting our family as a medical secretary while my husband was in medical school and for 15 years part time as Coordinator of Education at our Presbyterian Church. I am a Professional Volunteer. It’s my occupation. I was lucky to have begun service when organizations needed women for board members and major positions. I was the first woman Campaign Chair and Board President for United Way; served nationally on the Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry Unit of Presbyterian Church (USA); 12 years on Mason City School Board, 5 as President; founding President of the Education Foundation and Stebens Childrens’ Theatre. I chaired several major conferences on global awareness, peacemaking and Christian Education and organizations serving my children. I was Vice President of the Iowa Peace Institute which is now incorporated into Grinnell College. Currently I am a docent at our local art museum and am a public library Trustee. I chaired the committee which passed a $7.65 million bond issue referendum for library renovation. I volunteer for Grinnell College.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? As a Grinnellian, always a Grinnellian. In addition to serving my community through major events, fundraising, publicity, receptions and parties I accompanied my husband on month long medical mission trips 8 times to St. Lucia and Kenya. My skills have been in volunteer recruitment, logistics, community organization, research, speaking, writing, critical thinking, conflict resolution, peacemaking, artistic design, cultural and global understanding, parenting and grand parenting. I learned social organizing at Grinnell College. I read my resume and ask, “How did I do all this?” My husband supported my careful choices in public involvement. Stebens Childrens’ Theatre began a “Susan Fisher Volunteer of the Year Award.” I received the Grinnell Alumni Award, United Way Bob Dutcher Award and Rotary “Service Above Self” Award.
What adds meaning to your life and why? In January 2014 I received a note from a friend describing my “…abilities, non-stop accomplishments, persistence in making surrounding more beautiful and more useful…and your continued drive for more knowledge and understanding.” I feel fortunate to be seen that way by others. As a professional volunteer one never retires. Learning the phrase, “Thank you for asking, but I am currently not available” enables one to serve as one is able. I have been enriched by having offered involvement where I have the strongest skills.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My four years at Grinnell College was a complete package of fond memories. Of course, meeting my husband is one of them. While a student I worked for Alumni/Development Office and the Alumni Office. I loved working with prospective students and alumni of all ages. Working at Reunions invited me into my future as a Grinnellian. I learned the importance of keeping in touch with alums and raising money to assist students like myself. At Grinnell I learned to continue learning and it never stops.

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Tell us about your life: My husband Bob Rasmussen and I have kept our home in Fairfield, Iowa for the past 51 years that we have been married. We have a home on the lake of near Camdenton, MO. We are the parents of a daughter who is a partner with KPMG. She and her husband live in Los Altos Hills, CA. Our son is in the tech field and he and his wife live in Newport Beach, CA with our 2 little granddaughters – 6 and 9. I still own and operate the Heritage Wearin Farm in SW Iowa (1854). Bob and I have been very active in our community-he was mayor for 28 years, and I’m now on our City Council.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My political science/history major at Grinnell was certainly part of my experiences from my family. My father was a State Representative and then a U.S Congressman so there were many political opportunities. I was a page in 1960 in CA. when Kennedy was nominated – then again in Chicago. I am currently serving on the Terrace Hill Board (the Iowa Governor’s home in Des Moines). In the past both my husband and myself have been honored as outstanding citizens in our community. I have served as President of Commerce, the Library Board, my PEO Chapter, the Ouater antique group and others.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell experience has been invaluable because it gave me the self-confidence to try many avenues of interest. Both of my parents were Grinnell graduates so I always felt confidence to try many things. I spent 7 months in Greece as an exchange student and for 2 years took groups of students from Pearsons College
for 5 months. My love of travel has not waned and I’ve been to Korea, China, all over Europe and South America. I’m certain I’ll continue to travel for several years. Last year a friend and I did the Panama Canal and will do a Mediterranean Cruise this spring. I really don’t feel retired because I’m active in my farm operation and many organizations.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I hope that I’ve given back because of the many opportunities that I’ve been able to enjoy. I managed a Seitert Women’s Ready to Wear store for 25 years and have many friends from that business and enjoy seeing them in many places. At the present time I have Power of Attorney for a 98 year old who has no family and I’m still learning about some aspects of ageing. I am currently serving as Deacon in our Presbyterian Church and also have been an Elder. I’m still involved with our Public Library and have served as President of Board and also foundation Board.

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Tell us about your life: In June, I will have been married for 50 years to a wonderful woman who was a classmate of mine in medical school. We met on the first day of medical school because our lockers were next to each other. We have three children and five grandchildren. Following our medical residences at University of Iowa Hospitals we both found medical practices in Rock Island, Illinois. This was also the childhood location of my wife, and when we moved to Rock Island we were fortunate to move into my wife’s parents’ home. We have remained living in the same Victorian house, one which my wife’s grandfather built in 1895. Over the years the home has been remodeled and expanded. Following our marriage we changed our surname from Yaki to Arnell, the surname of my wife’s maternal grandparents, the ones who originally built our house.

Our daughter, Dr. Carla Arnell, her husband, Paul Lucas, and our three grandchildren live in Highland Park, Illinois. Our younger daughter, Dr. Paula M. Arnell, her husband, Dr. Vince Liu, and their two children live in Davenport, Iowa. Ours son Paul Arnell lives in Rock Island. Two of our grandchildren, ages 2 and 5, spend much of their day time hours at our house because of both parents working. I am fortunate to be able to spend a good deal of time with my grandchildren.
Tell us about your career or vocation: I received my medical degree from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1964, had a year of a rotating internship at the hospitals in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and then finished a radiology residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals in 1968.

I have been certified by the American Board of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiology and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. I joined a radiology practice in the Illinois Quad Cities in 1968. My initial practice included diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine and radiation oncology. With the many advances in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine I soon confined my practice of these two areas. For many years before my retirement I was President of Advanced Radiology, S.C. My last leadership role was Chairman of Metro MRI, ending in 2013.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? When I entered Grinnell I was considering dentistry as a vocation. One day during my sophomore year I was introduced to a visiting parent, Dr. Collis, father of my hall mate, Dennis Collis. Dr. Collis and I entered into a discussion about vocational choices. He noted that I had the academic qualifications to become a dentist or a physician. The discussion with Dr. Collins led to my further investigation into the fields of both dentistry and medicine, and with time I realized I was more suited for becoming a physician than a dentist. The meeting with Dr. Collins was a pivotal point in my life, and changed my future.

O had a wonderful mentor and friend in Coach John Pfitsch. He was my coach for football and baseball during my four years at Grinnell. He always had a very positive attitude along with being of impeccable character, wise, intelligent and respected by all. Because of him I was provided with the opportunities and advice necessary to develop self-confidence not only in sports, but in other areas of my life. We kept in close contact following my graduation and remained close friends until his recent death.

I also benefited from having two wonderful roommates. There was Minard Hulse, who received a law degree from Harvard Law School, and David Manley, who subsequently earned two PhDs. Who wouldn’t benefit from living with such erudite and upstanding roommates. They were subsequently in my wedding party.

The intellectual caliber of the Grinnell students in my classes provide me with educational challenges, and also opportunities for enhanced learning experiences. I also benefited by classes with many outstanding professors.

Grinnell’s liberal arts emphasis with its associated requirements complemented my scientific pursuits, and provided me with the necessary intellectual and ethical resources for a physician, and for involvement in the service of church and community. Over the years I’ve been President and Chairman of various groups, and I’m always proud to say I was a graduate of Grinnell College.
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Tell us about your life: I am married with two children and four grandchildren. My home is in Manhattan, New York City. I am self-employed working in investment banking.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It is always a big plus to reveal my Grinnell experience. It’s interesting how many people worldwide know of Grinnell College.

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Tell us about your life: I have four children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I enjoyed my career as a speech pathologist in Iowa schools. My background at Grinnell enabled me to continue working with professional updates from the colleges listed and A.E.A in services and summer courses. I was able to work when it was desired and spend time with my family. After early retirement I volunteered with Head Start programs and in several elementary classrooms.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering in my local church. Volunteer activities with several local women groups. I enjoy gardening, reading and playing bridge.
Heather Gelston Johnson 1960

Tell us about your life: I was married for 47 years to Gary Johnson until his death in 2008. I have three sons and two grandchildren. I have lived in Beloit and Madison, WI. I’ve participated in seven election campaigns with my husband who served in the Wisconsin State Assembly for 14 years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Teaching and music have been central to my life. I taught in elementary schools for eight years. I played the flute in Beloit Symphony Orchestra. I gave private lessons. I sang in church choirs, and served as a choir accompanist. I’m currently playing handbells and flute in parish church and singing in the choir. I’ve been also serving as an adult literacy teacher for the last six years. I enjoy travelling abroad, especially visiting my son who has lived in seven foreign countries. I enjoy bridge and scrabble groups. I also worked as an administrative assistant at a construction company for 21 years.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My education has given me an interest to learn about new places and in being involved in my community. It also furthered my interest in music which has been a constant in my life.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My religious faith and the love of and for my family are the most important influences for me.

Working at a food pantry and community meal program, teaching adult literacy, serving on governing and advisory boards, working at election polls and political campaigns provide me with worthwhile retirement involvement in the community and the companionship of other active, happy people.

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What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering and church work.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Having been raised in the city of Chicago, it was of interest to me to meet friends who actually had lived on a farm. I know it sounds absurd, but I knew nothing of rural life.
Tell us about your life: I have been married to Mary McKenney for 51 years. We have three children and 6 grandchildren. We have lived most of our life in Omaha, Nebraska.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Career was in Information Technology some with IBM and mostly with Valmont Industries. I retired 14 years ago.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I was a Board member with Goodwill for many years. I am a volunteer with my church and have been for over 20 years.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Intramural sports and presenting a key to the city for a new liquor store.

Tell us about your life: I have three stepchildren, all now retired or close to retirement age. I've lived most of my life in Chicago, where I was born, but I've traveled—Sweden and England long ago; more recently, France (Provence, Paris), Spain (Catalonia), Bulgaria, Iceland. Also Alaska, British Columbia, western states, and a Mississippi River/Great Lakes trip.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was an English major with a concentration in American Literature, courses in German Literature, and teaching certification for grades 7-12. Practice teaching convinced me that I had made the wrong choice. I returned to Chicago and found work in educational publishing that turned out to be a very productive and satisfying fit for my personality and interests. Orchestra, opera, and ballet are a great pleasure. A late-developing interest in family history has led me to some wonderful contacts with relatives in Iowa (my father's home state) and Bulgaria (my maternal grandmother's family).

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? One professor, William McKibben, really helped me rediscover the joy of learning, and occasionally I was able to explore ideas and meet my own expectations. And working in the library gave me the wonderful gift of finding pleasure and satisfaction in work. But my Grinnell experience was largely sad and isolated. My college years were a difficult time of life.
What adds meaning to your life and why? I'm still very retiring and not very comfortable with volunteering, but friends mean a great deal to me. I donate to social and environmental charities (e.g. Greater Chicago Food Depository, Doctors Without Borders, Nature Conservancy) and to animal shelters.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I had a great experimental freshman biology class. Among my fondest memories are excursions in fields north of the campus, setting traps for mice and other small critters (who were smarter than we were), counting collembola living at the level of grassroots, and collecting plants—in my case, accidentally picking a nettle because I didn't know what it was.

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Tell us about your life: I earned a degree in chemistry at Grinnell and went on to earn an M.D. from the University of Iowa. I spent four years in the U.S. Army and was awarded a Bronze Star. I then became a doctor at the Clarke County Medical Clinic in Osceola, Iowa, and later was named director of the family practice residency and emergency medicine programs at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines. I was elected by my peers as the president of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians and I’ve served on the boards of the Iowa Heart Association as well as Children and Families of Iowa. For these efforts and many others, I have received honors including the 2009 Osceola Community Service Award and Iowa State Fair’s Iowan of the Day. In 2010, I had the honor of receiving the Alumni Award.
Tell us about your life: Molly Cochran and I were married for 31 years until she died in June 2013, after a nine year struggle with ovarian cancer. The last 18 months of her life were tragic as a result of excessive chemotherapy and the failure of one bodily system after another. This has been my worst experience. I have lived in CT, PA, MA, and NY.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My graduate studies were at Yale University where I received S.T.B and S.T.M degrees. Courses taught by Professors Winston King, Paul Kuntz and William Reese were influential. In 1963, I was ordained in Iowa as a Congregational Minister. Prof King preached at the service. Following years as an assistant minister in New Britain, CT, I returned to graduate school at the Episcopal Theological School and Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. I was ordained in the Episcopal Church and served in churches in VA, PA, NY and CT. I was a religious books editor at Pilgrim Press in Philadelphia, at Seabury Press in NYC, Editorial Director of Morehouse Publishing and subsequently Grants and Distribution Director at the American Bible Society in NYC.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Former President Howard R. Bowen’s leadership in word and deed has been an excellent model to follow. Former Dean Homer Norton was also an example of unpretentious leadership. Former professor and Dean of the Chapel, Winston King, was a kind friend. During the last two years of his life, we talked once a month. His nine published books have provided me significant knowledge of world religions.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Reading fiction and non-fiction in various areas and fields. Writing and revising my sixth book manuscript for publication. Because I live in an isolated place with no major libraries nearby, my personal library of about 3000 books is necessary for study and writing. Taking care of a 12 year old German shepherd dog.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: A non-credit year seminar offered to me and Jeff Easterson by Professor H. George Apostle on Aristotle’s metaphysic. Apostle was Chairman of the Math Department. However, his great interest was Aristotle. As a Greek he had an impressive knowledge of the language, and made new translations of Aristotle’s works. He had two PhD degrees, one from Harvard and one from Laval University. He was a kind man;
generous with his time for our seminars and all our questions. His book on Aristotle’s philosophy of mathematics is a model for scholarship on that topic (1952 from University of Chicago Press).

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How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me to be open minded, to gather all facts and information before making a decision. It also taught me to appreciate a good book, to cherish friendships, to respect the environment and act to make it better now and for the future generation.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Biology, dancing, white cap performances, sit down dinners every night, especially on Sundays and Holidays. One phone on the floor and no men either! Xmas Secret Santas.

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Tell us about your life: I’m married with two children and four grandchildren. I have three homes in Iowa, NJ and Florida. I retired from 45 years as a professor and administrator, and I continue to guest lecturer.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have acquired real estate in NY state and Pennsylvania. I started up scholarships at Yale University and University of Denver, and now at Grinnell College. I have received no recognition of my work from Grinnell!!

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life?: I am disappointed in Grinnell- The campus is no longer recognizable. The curriculum is corrupted. Too much money has corrupted the college. Where is tradition? History?

What adds meaning to your life and why? I enjoy my grandchildren, friends and colleagues, some travel.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Leave it the way it was- You have corrupted the history of Grinnell College!! I am very disappointed in the college.
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Tell us about your career or vocation: I was never a good fit in the business world and knew I wanted to work with children. Became a Steiner School teacher in Gt. Barmington in 1981, and took two classes 1-8, ending in 1998. I have always considered myself a teacher. I am very proud of all my children, grand and great children. We spend time traveling frequently to Norway where they all live.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me to seek. I found my real calling late but I love Grinnell. One of my sons, Nicholas, is a Grinnellian, the fifth generation I think.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering with the community center and the local NPR station, WAMC.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Many. Great teachers (Neal Klausner, Kenyon Knopf) great fun in Dibble Hall-and great girlfriends. Found my wife at Grinnell.

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Tell us about your life: I was married on June 19, 1960. We have one daughter and 2 granddaughters. We moved to Baton Rouge, La in 1973 when my husband became one of the first professors of Veterinary Medicine in the new School of Veterinary Medicine at LSU.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I taught in the Elementary schools for 42 years. Mostly in first or third grades. The last few years I taught just the math to the third graders.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Having been brought up in Grinnell, I believe that living in the dorm with girls from all over was an effect on my life.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I have volunteered at Woman’s Hospital for several years where our daughter is head of the Volunteer program. I plan to return to this in the next few months.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest memory would be my roommate from Washington DC.

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Tell us about your life: Mac (Merritt) ’60 and I married in 1963 when I returned from teaching in Turkey and he returned from serving in the army in Korea. We have two grown children who are happily married and five grandchildren. We feel fortunate to all live in Oregon. We have lived in the Northwest in Washington and Oregon since 1963.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I majored in American Studies at Grinnell and got a teaching certificate. I planned to teach. I taught English to children in Turkey for two years. I went to Chicago Theological Seminary to study Christianity when I came back. After marriage I taught preschool and after having children I did medical interviewing for Kaiser Permanente for two years. Mac and I worked at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center for 30 years primarily in administration before retiring. I have been interested in the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator since 1984.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell emphasized learning how to learn. I have done things since college that I didn't learn to do at school but had confidence to learn to do. In retirement, I love to continue to learn and attend classes and workshops and work on using a computer.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Helping family and friends gives meaning to my life including taking care of young grandchildren. Being involved in my church as a Deacon, nursery teacher, going to retreats, taking classes, being in a Prayer Chain and having friends gives meaning to my life. Donating to charities Mac and I support is also important.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: It's hard to choose one. Singing in the Grinnell choir is first choice. Living on the beautiful campus, dialogue with professors, dorm discussions, educational challenges, making friends, and dating are a few more.
Tell us about your life: One husband (53 years), two sons, 2 grandsons. We have lived in Rochester, NY, Middletown, CT, Minneapolis, MN and Kansas City on the Kansas side as they say -- the Civil War is still going on here.

Tell us about your career or vocation: It occurred to me our junior year that I needed an insurance policy -- a teaching certificate. Much to my surprise when I did my practice teaching at Grinnell High School, I learned that I loved it and was good at it. This meant graduate school so off I went to the University of Minnesota to get an MA in American Studies. I had applied for (and received) a position as a residence counselor there which gave me in-state tuition and free room and board. So my graduate education cost me $120 tuition plus books! My, how times have changed. Upon arriving at my assigned dorm, I received a call from on high -- the U was experiencing a crisis: too many incoming freshman women and nowhere to put them. Would I agree to move to the newly established COED dorm? It took about an nanosecond's thought to agree and there my life changed. I met the fellow I married at the end of the school year. We set off for Rochester, NY where he had a position with The Haloid Company. By the time we arrived it had changed its name to Xerox. Exciting days! There I began my teaching career. A couple of years and two children later they sent us to a new acquisition purchased from Weslyan University in Middletown, CT --My Weekly Reader. We were much involved in the academic community but all good things come to an end. The next stop was Minneapolis where I continued teaching. One day a student asked me "why someone as talented as I was (to him) was teaching school?" That was the moment I mentally resigned. Soon after we moved to Kansas City and I entered the "real world" of business as the secretary to the marketing department of Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Company. I was also the assistant Garden Weasel -- if you remember that highly tv advertised product. My husband then had the opportunity to begin his own company: a direct marketing consultancy specializing in catalogs. We ultimately had 20 people working for us doing very high level stuff. I was the Corporate Basic Peon. They wanted coffee and lunch. I got them. They wanted health insurance and a pension plan, I got them. I even "invented" an accounting system which survived two IRS audits. Not a week when by that I didn't say to myself "YOU have a Grinnell education. You CAN do this!" After 10 years in retirement, I am still busy. I chair the Board of Trustees at my church. We are the legal owners of the property and responsible for it. This week I am researching hot water heaters. I am a SCORE (Senior Council of Retired Executives.) We are the volunteer arm of the SBA. My best client recently wants to start a speed dating service. I told him talking to an old fart wasn't the best way
to go, but we had a very productive meeting. My husband and I travel every chance we get. Last summer it was Russia. Next summer it will be Greece.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Totally. And most is described above.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Absolutely. And that is described above. I like John Wesley's direction which is something like: “Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, by all the means you can, as long as ever you can."

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: This makes me seem like a real nerd, which I really hope, I am not. But my fondest memory is sitting in any class Mr. Wall taught.

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Tell us about your life: Music has been central. I continued to accompany for decades (my oldest son is a graduate of the Conservatory in Berlin, Germany, and we still enjoy working together). We did a recital in Moscow, Russia, a few years ago for friends and family. I helped found an opera company in the New York suburbs many years ago; I am now a Trustee of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and my closest friends for most of my life have been musicians. I am unusual for our age demographic since I chose to re-up for family creation, marrying again and having three children with my lovely Russian wife, Svetlana, as well as Matthew from my first marriage. As many of us no doubt feel, to bring up children well, with values, humor, closeness to the family, is one of the most precious things we can do. While I lived and worked in New York and Washington, DC most of my career (my eldest son says I lived in seat 14C on the Eastern Shuttle between the two), I have travelled widely. My last fifteen years at my employer in NY (Manufacturers Hanover Bank, which became Chemical Bank, which became Chase Manhattan Bank, which became JPMorgan--I sat at my desk while the names changed on the marquee)entailed constant travel, especially to Japan, Bonn and Frankfurt and later Berlin, Moscow, and Brussels. I was the Founding Chairman of Americans for Oxford, the North American 501(c)(3) formed to extract Oxford University from its astonishing state of penury at middle of the 1980s, and did this for fourteen years, still serving on the Board. I helped to structure the group and find professional management. I was given the University's Distinguished Service Award in 2000 for my work. My father had always been passionate about education, being the first in his family ever to have gone to college, so the interest on my part in committing energy to education comes naturally. One of the true highpoints of my life was when Bob Noyce (49) as Chair of the Grinnell Board of Trustees, asked me when I was but 30 to join the Board. Those were the salad days of Board managed endowment at Grinnell, with guidance from Noyce, Buffett, Joe Wilson (chair of Lionel Edie--asset manager), Gardiner Dutton (CEO
of Sprout, DLJ's venture capital arm), and others, of course including Joe Rosenfield of Des Moines. While in law school, I formed the other most important cluster of friends in my life (apart from my musical ones), through founding of the Ripon Society, a liberal Republican policy oriented group, which was at the center of the civil rights struggle in the early and mid-sixties, and provided a number of recruits for the first Nixon administration, which had many progressive proposals along with the better known and less attractive features of that time.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My law practice was brief. I was always pulled toward public service (Grinnell could have had no influence on that, of course). I left law and went to a community development corporation in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NY. My law school work with the Ripon Society morphed into active politics. A capstone of my career was succeeding Pat Moynihan as Special Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs, and working on welfare reform and then the Nixon universal coverage, employer mandate health insurance proposal of 1971. I got interested in urban development and despaired of "demonstration" programs or "pilot" programs changing much, so I determined to go back to NY and into finance, as I was convinced that nothing of magnitude would be accomplished absent the interest of serious institutional capital. That has informed my career ever since that 1971 decision. After retiring from JPMorgan, I worked as Senior Advisor to the Institute of International Finance. I was then recruited to be the President and CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, coming on in January of 2006, and spending the next five years dealing with the financial crisis, which the FHLBs had been designed--by none other than Herbert Hoover--to deal with at the onset of the Great Depression. I have always been a hiker, a horseback rider, and a bird hunter. The outdoors in many respects is my church.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I read voraciously. I have a conscience about politics. I believe that people like us have an obligation to give back to our society, and not alone by seeking to raise our children right. I have kept in touch with my faculty friends from Grinnell until they are no longer with us. I love returning to the College in all seasons.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Keeping up on everything. Much community service (including the education Boards) and being a Trustee of the National Association of Olmsted Parks (Frederick Law Olmsted's legacy, as the founder of landscape architecture) and musical boards.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Being hauled in after having led an assault on Loose Hall with the Friars our senior year spring. We were banished for a week to the home of Bob Norris in Marshalltown, and, at the end of this disciplinary action, were joined in the Norris swimming pool by Bob's father, the Chairman of the Grinnell Trustees at that time, and Howard Bowen, the President of the College. Where but at Grinnell?
Tell us about your life: I'm retired, and living with my wife Carmen in Eagle Crest Resort, near Bend, Oregon. I consulted with the California Department of Corrections on mental health care to inmates, and worked with the federal court in San Juan, Puerto Rico dealing with mental health issues in their juvenile institutions. I continue to do drug education in local schools with the Meth Action Coalition. I finished my career in Michigan, where I was director of both forensic and correctional mental health programs. Prior to that I had directed sex offender programs for the state of Hawaii, taught at the National Academy of Corrections, directed the Forensic Psychiatry Program and Correctional Treatment programs at Oregon State Hospital, and started and operated community based drug abuse treatment programs, primarily in California. I have served on Presidential commissions on drug abuse, spoken at the Royal Society of Medicine in London, and represented the US in a conference on substance abuse sponsored by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. I have loved traveling to participate in a variety of conferences and task forces nationally and internationally.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I left Grinnell feeling like a pretty mediocre student at the end of my formal education. The father of a girl I had dated at Grinnell recommended the University of Chicago to me, and set up an appointment. To my surprise, I was accepted and received a federal grant to attend. That led me to begin a career assisting mentally ill/substance abusing and behaviorally disordered offenders. I applied for the doctoral program at UC Berkeley in criminology, and again, to my surprise, was accepted and given a grant to attend. I have had the opportunity to conduct numerous research projects, mostly on substance abuse and have published nearly 30 papers, and written two professional books. California was also the start of a lifelong love for sailing. Currently I have turned my attention to biking, and ride several times a week. I have three grandchildren and love to spend time with each of them.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Learning has been a lifelong passion for me. I read voraciously in a variety of fields. It has taken some time for me to realize the value of a liberal arts education. When I finished Grinnell, I had no firm vocational goals in mind, but followed a track which allowed me to do things that were interesting and exciting and ultimately benefited other individuals.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I continue to work in the local schools doing drug education, an activity which keeps me in touch with younger people. My children, grandchildren, and my friends are the center of my life.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: As a freshman, I enrolled in Herr Hauptman's German class, with no background in language. The first exam yielded an F. I talked with classmate Garland DeNelsky on the way out, and found out that he had also failed. We decided that we would study together and see if we could improve. We studied at least three times a week, and saw our grades improve immediately. Both of us recall that decision as a turning point at Grinnell. Both of us were from small Iowa high schools, and felt totally overwhelmed academically. Our hard work had very positive results, and gave us confidence we could manage the coursework.

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Tell us about your life: After our marriage in 1964, we traveled for internships, military service, residency and fellowship. Since 1972, our home has been in Dallas where we have raised two thriving sons.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have retired now from a practice which I opened in 1972. Presently there are four very active retinal surgeons who continue. Another longtime associate has taken a teaching position at the medical school.

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Tell us about your life: I married Ann Weiler Walka’62.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I received my MBA then went to the Bureau of the Budget (now OMB). Then became Asst. to the President’s Economy Advisor, Walter Heller, under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. I went on to Harvard for Ph.D in political economy and government. I was Executive Officer of the President staff when President Kennedy was assassinated. I witnessed M.L. King’s “I Have A Dream” speech.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Editing S&B, winning Kent Trophy 3 of 4 years, Having two classes from Sheldon Zitman and Herb Prescott.
Tell us about your life: Married & divorced; three children: Katrina, Andrea, & Brian; also a step-father, Jengis & Aaron. Big Brother to 10 African American children of single parent families: Vincent, Victor, Mark, Angelica...; Two Grandchildren, Ian(12) & Leo (10)

Tell us about your career or vocation: Via Grinnell AF ROTC I served as an Information Officer in the Air Force. One day, the radar was indicating 2000 incoming ICBM's. Khruchev was at the U.N.. Banned geese has created the blibs. In the Air Force I challenged (and was sent for psychiatric evaluation) the view that the Soviet Union was governed by "bold bank robbers.; Next at the University of California at Berkeley I challenged the view that the Soviet Union was a Leninist paradise and model for what the U.S; could and should become. Edited Vietnam Peace Proposals that challenges all combatants in the Vietnam war to end the war and accept a political process for deciding who shall rule in South Vietnam. Worked for the World Without War Council from 1964 to 2006, continuing work on their archives. Developed with others a Peace Interne program and curriculum that made ending war an unlikely but possible achievement if the United States took the needed leadership and succeeded in gaining the needed reciprocation of adversaries like the Soviet Union. Dissented from Grinnell colleagues who viewed the Soviet Union as a "people's democracy" superior to the United States' form of representative democracy and got PBS to broadcast that while the Andrea Sakarov, Nathan Shranksy, and William Orlov were under house arrest to name but three.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell awakened my intellectual curiosity, challenged my received wisdom and attempted to replace it with ideas and understanding equally problematic.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Christianity & the wonder that we now have no idea how many universes there are and why we are trying to substitute experiments with brain chemistry in denial that we have a conscience or a soul.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Al Jones history classes studying R.R. Palmer's The Making of the Modern World & Sam Baron's Plekhanov interpretation of Russian History. My unfondest is being a graduate of a college that awarded Angela Davis and honoria degree. My question as to why has never been answered. To me she is an apologist for the 3 million Ukrainist Stalin starved to death by State decree, an advisor and champion of Joneston, a celebrant of the Black Panther's slogan "off the pigs" and practice (there were more than 30 shoot-outs between police and panthers (1965 - 1975), and the notion that everyone should be
freed from American prisons because the United States is an illegitimate (because capitalist) society and the Soviet Union a utopia who everyone imprisoned was mentally ill and never might 50 million and counting murdered for nonviolent political offenses. Free speech yes, honorary decrees no. Down with violent advocates of a transformational ideology that sanctions mass murder, serial killers like John Brown and silenced those who ask if you have considered the possibility that violence, in its ability to turn a person into a think is the final, unalterable injustice.

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Tell us about your life: Married for nearly 50 years. Two fine children. Lots of travel throughout the world.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Same job forever - developing, flying, and analyzing the data from science instrument that study the Sun. Only working half time now days.

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Tell us about your life: After arriving in the USA in 1946 with my parents and brother, I attended primary school is Flint, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois and graduated from Austin H.S. in Chicago in 1956. In 1956 I started at Grinnell College. In 1961, I was drafted for 2 very educational years in Kentucky, Virginia, and Florida (2 months of Miami during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962). In 1970 I graduated John Marshall Law School and passed the Ill. Bar exam in 1970. The last 43 years, I have achieved one solo law practice, one house, one car, one wife, and one child, a daughter. My most extraordinary travel experience was in December 2013 when I journeyed to Stalin’s birthplace and museum in the Republic of Georgia

Tell us about your career or vocation: In my senior year in high school, I read about Clarence Darrow and decided to become a lawyer and a world class statesman of geopolitical dimensions. I achieved the former but not the latter.
With my Grinnell education, I was inspired to view life as an endless educational experience. My two years in the U.S. Army and my 43 years as a lawyer afforded me the opportunity to expand on the educational foundations that were laid at Grinnell College.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell experience made me more Americanized, happier, and wiser. Returning to my favorite oasis of spiritual bliss on earth, namely Grinnell College Reunions, unlike most alumni, I regret that I lack the sense of triumphalism that fills the air.

Unfortunately, despite our exemplary personal achievements, our generation along with those that preceded us and those that followed us, deserve no more than a collective F for failure to leave the world a better place than we found it.

On our watch, with our tax dollars and in our name, we have permitted evil people in high places to commit unspeakable atrocities against defenseless humanity in foreign lands, refusing to hear the cries of the victimized men, women, and children.

What is equally disturbing is that after the alleged Islamic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we act blind and deaf as if the shredding of our precious constitutional rights is not happening to us Americans, but happening to a faraway people in a distant time and history.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I envision a new world where every child is happy and every individual is financially secure. In my current five-year plan (my previous five-year plans never materialized) I hope first, to promote a Medical Rights Amendment to our Constitution that guarantees every American free health care.

Second, I hope to establish a global Uncensored Parallel University, without tuition and without exams. Finally, I plan to abolish the private banking system and insurance system and to enact a government system of banking and insurance with all profits going to the United States Treasury, thus making IRS obsolete and unnecessary.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: All my years at Grinnell College were educationally rewarding, spiritually uplifting and morally instructive. It was like four years of heaven on earth.
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Tell us about your life: One marriage, three children, seven grandchildren.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Taught economics at Mankato State College, Mankato State University, and Minnesota State University, Mankato for 36 years, following a year of part-time teaching at St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges. Served as department chair for four years. Served as Faculty Association President for four years and as President of the union that represented the faculty of the seven Minnesota state universities for four years.

James Adelman 1964
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Tell us about your life: I enjoy tennis, golf, biking, glass art & photography but most of all my family. I can become obnoxious when bragging about my five grandchildren.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I loved being a physician (neurologist) with the great honor of caring for my patients. Since 1990 I limited my clinical practice to the evaluation and treatment of headache. I have had over 50 articles published, written 3 chapters on headache related topics, been involved in numerous research studies. I have presented at national and international headache meetings and recognized as an expert educator on headache diagnosis and management. I am Board-Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology. I am also certified in the Subspecialty of Headache Medicine by UNCS. I have been honored as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, The American Academy of Neurology & the American Headache Society. I am also is a member of the International Headache Society, & the National Migraine Foundation. I am an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, Department of Neurology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. I have served as Chief of the Department of Medicine at Wesley Long Community Hospital, a member of the Board of Directors of the Guilford County Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Program.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell prepared me for critical thinking so helpful in medicine.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Making a difference in the lives of family members, friends, patients and community.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Discussing BIG issues of the day: the Cuban missile crisis, Vietnam, civil rights, segregation, etc.
Tell us about your life: I have made some remarkable transitions over the past 50 years. I went from a naïve young woman from a conservative Midwest family to a sixties radical, hippie and earth mother; I made the transition from a traditional woman to a liberated one; I evolved from a shy and retiring soul to one who has been comfortable as a facilitator, teacher, public speaker, and active team player and leader. In many ways, I am a “late bloomer.” It wasn’t until my mid-to late fifties that I blossomed as a working professional.

A benchmark experience that profoundly shaped my life direction and decisions was the two years my former husband (Bob Shepherd, Class of 1963) spent in Nigeria with the American Friends Service Committee from 1966 to 1968. This experience radicalized both of us and when we returned home we got very involved in social justice causes – racial justice, peace not war, etc. For 6 years we lived and raised our two sons in a predominantly black neighborhood in Detroit, Michigan. We were particularly involved in an inner city church in Detroit and both of us can tell our children and grandchildren that we had lunch with Martin Luther King (along with Ralph Abernathy, Andrew Young, etc.) a month before King was assassinated. Also during our years in Detroit, I got very involved with women’s childbirth experiences and in La Leche League. I was part of a group of women that advocated natural childbirth, wanted our husbands in the delivery room, wanted both to avoid episiotomies and to breast feed our babies in the delivery room, and have our newborns with us in our hospital rooms.

In 1974, fed up with the Vietnam War and U.S. politics in general, we moved to London, Ontario, Canada. It was here, where I immersed myself in the Women’s Movement. This cost me my marriage and at the same time opened up a new world of possibilities for me. I enrolled in graduate school and went to work; first as a part-time facilitator for courses specifically for women and later as a fulltime employee at Womanpower, an Ontario government-sponsored agency that supported women to re-enter the workforce.

In 1980, divorced with a newly minted M.Ed., my two children and I moved back to the U.S. to Belleville, Illinois. In 1981, I began work on my doctoral degree at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In 1984, I remarried and immersed myself into stepfamily and academic life (stepfamily dynamics was the topic of my dissertation). During this time my own career path became more focused. Specifically, I was hired by a local hospital to develop and coordinate an Employee Assistance Program for its employees.

In 1988, after both sons had graduated from high school, my husband, Paul Newell, and I moved to Springfield, Illinois. We were both hired by the Southern University of Illinois School of
Medicine to join the faculty in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. I was hired as the behavioral scientist for the Family Medicine Residency Program, and my husband as faculty with a specialty in geriatrics. Our jobs were two of the most challenging and difficult that we both have had. Though I was supported by the SIU School of Medicine to complete my dissertation and I learned some incredibly valuable and useful life lessons, we had had enough after four years. Because our children were launched and out of the home, we began an extensive search for new jobs. The search ended in the fall of 1991 when we moved south to Albany, Georgia where we were hired as faculty to develop a new family medicine residency program.

It was in Albany where we both landed in and eventually retired from the most satisfying jobs of our respective careers. They were not, however, in Family Medicine. I ended up being hired by Darton College (a two-year college in the State University System of Georgia) to develop a two-year degree program in Human Services. Paul was hired as a District Public Health Director. We both blossomed in our respective jobs. During my years at Darton College, I was able to apply the collective wisdom I had accrued over the years; I was able to really make use of educational foundations from Grinnell; and I was more than amply recognized and rewarded for my teaching and my commitment to the field of human services.

We have lived in Georgia nearly 23 years, the longest I have lived anywhere since I left home to attend Grinnell. During our time here, our three children have married and had children – to date six grandchildren. They have well-established careers, and my two sons, especially, are incredibly involved and wonderful fathers. We have navigated the difficult terrain of stepfamily life. We both retired from our jobs in Albany in 2005, and moved to Cartersville, Georgia. We have each had our “encore careers.” For me it has been as a member of the Council for Standards in Human Services (CSHSE), the national accrediting Board for human service education programs. I retired from this Board in Fall of 2012. Since then, we have been checking off the items on our “bucket list” – such as taking each grandchild on a special trip; going to the New Orleans Jazz Fest, attending film festivals, and cruising the Panama Canal.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Education following graduation from Grinnell: 1980—M.Ed. In Guidance Counseling from Elborn College at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada: 1991—Ed.D in Behavioral Developmental Processes from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I tend to believe that my experience at Grinnell has affected my life more indirectly than directly. In retrospect, I think it has been a “stealth factor” that played a role in shaping the trajectory of my life. Though I was a top student in high school, I believe I honed my critical and creative thinking skills during my time at Grinnell. I developed an appreciation for keeping an “open mind,” being receptive to new ideas and ways of thinking, and to listening carefully to others whose views are very different than mine. I also, over the years truly began to understand the importance of having “rules about changing the rules.” These skills have served me well both personally and professionally. In
addition, I believe the seeds for my interest in and commitment to social justice were planted while I was at Grinnell.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My mother once said that she “would never let housework interfere with a good relationship.” If I were to distill what adds meaning to my life it would be my relationships to and connections with others – my family, especially my husband and children and grandchildren; my friends; my human services colleagues. I love being able to be of service to others whether it involves simply listening or actively supporting them. One of the major highlights of my post-retirement life was the opportunity to marry my niece in July of 2013. This was one of the most totally unexpected tasks I have ever been asked to perform.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: For the most part, my memories of my Grinnell experience are quite vague, but there is one that stands out. It stands out because I consider it a benchmark on the arc of my career. Betty Friedan’s book, The Feminine Mystique was published in February 1963. I remember having a heated discussion with a group of my women friends at Grinnell. At the time, I was committed to the prevailing stereotype of the woman behind the man, the educated mother and housewife, etc. I strongly advocated against Ms. Friedan’s perspective. Fourteen years later I was committed feminist, huge fan of Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem etc., working for an Ontario governmental agency titled Womanpower (whose purpose was to support women in re-entering the workforce and/or going back to school), and in graduate school.

Miriam Bridgham Ford 1964

Tell us about your life: I got married in June, 1966, and took on a three-year-old stepdaughter. Two years later we had a son. I now have one step-granddaughter, who just started college. My family and I have lived in Ann Arbor, MI, Walnut Creek, CA, and Mt. Pleasant, MI. In 1976 we moved to a suburb of Birmingham, AL, and have lived there ever since. My husband died in 2008, but my two grown children still live in the Birmingham area.

Tell us about your career or vocation: In 1965 I earned a master's degree in library science. I worked for almost a year at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., before leaving to get married. I worked for two years at the Mt. Pleasant, MI, Public Library. After we moved to Birmingham, AL, I got a job as a librarian at Jefferson State Community College. I enjoyed working with college-age students. I worked there for 31 years, before retiring in 2008.
Susan Carpenter Skorey 1964
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Tell us about your life: Married once and still to James Skorey, two independent children, Beth, Lt Commander USN and Vince, pharmacist. Two grands, both girls, one 14 and one 3. Lived in St. Charles IL, Glucksburg, (West at the time) Germany and San Jose CA. Managed to become somewhat conversant in German by "throwing" the kids in the German schools and having a couple of bi lingual friends to help me along.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Didn't have desire or funding to go to graduate school. Hoped to find a job that required a logical mind and penchant for trivia. Started in 1964 on the "ground floor" of the computer industry, took time off for parenting, then ended up doing income taxes and financial statements for small businesses first as an employee of someone else and now as an "employee" of myself. Turns out all three met the original criteria and then some!

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Critical thinking skills are always in short supply and Grinnell provided me with a pretty good set. Most situations benefit from them; few have them applied.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Besides family and work, being an active member of the Roman Catholic Church. May sound bizarre coming from a liberally educated woman, but it has been and continues to be an interesting and "centering" journey.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Walking across campus one warm spring morning after the winter freeze had finally disappeared and the leaves were just beginning to show themselves. On certain days I can still feel like I am there instead of wherever I actually am.

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Tell us about your life: I was born a white male into an upper middle class family in the USA. That put me in the top one percent of the human beings born in the world in 1942. Those advantages plus my parents’ belief in education has made life easy for me. I saw dire poverty in the slums of Guayaquil Ecuador while in the Peace Corps, have seen tombstones in Arlington Cemetery of twenty year olds who died in Vietnam, and have never been touched by a serious disease. I've been happily married for 35 years, and have two fine grown boys.
Tell us about your career or vocation: Wanted to design programs that would end world poverty, but chose poli sci as a major because political leaders made the policy decisions. Got a PhD in political science in order to teach, but decided that was not a worthwhile vocation. Drifted into working with and for States legislatures in many States for 10 years, did policy and lobbying work in transportation for four associations. Finished career spending 21 years analyzing truck and bus crashes to help develop policies that cut down on highway deaths and injuries -- finally a job that seemed really useful to society.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I learned how to think critically at Grinnell, and that was very useful.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Working hard through door-to-door canvassing for Democratic candidates in Virginia; supporting three groups that lobby the State legislature on social welfare issues; watching our sons; and searching for more to do in retirement, since I didn't retire until last year.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: As a freshman with a huge social inferiority complex, being invited by our hall president to go out with three seniors (one a Rhodes scholar) and one junior to get a loin sandwich. Having these guys enjoy my company made me think, "Maybe I'm not as inferior as I think I am". This was an enormous step for me.

Richard Ernst 1964
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Tell us about your life: I married my wife, Carol Tracy, ’67 in 1967, and we spent our entire working life in Kennett Square, PA (except for a 2-year stint in Memphis, TN.) We had two children, son Chris and daughter Lia, and we adopted a son Agustin from Mexico. All three now have families, including our three grandchildren. After retirement Carol and I built a house on Lake Champlain in Alburgh, VT, (45 minutes from Burlington and an hour from Montreal) and we have thoroughly enjoyed our retirement here.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After receiving an excellent education in chemistry at Grinnell, I received my PhD in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. I then spent my entire 37-year career at Dupont Co. as a research chemist (Research Fellow). Most of that time was spent supporting Dupont's THF business (THF is the starting material for Lycra). A highlight was running a pilot plant for a new THF process, and then spending 6 months living in Asturias, Spain, helping to start up the plant based on this process.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The excellent background in chemistry that I obtained at Grinnell, and the encouragement to attend graduate school, led directly to my successful career as a research chemist. The social ethic that was instilled in me by my parents and was further developed at Grinnell led to the volunteer work that I find rewarding in retirement. And meeting my wife-to-be, Carol, at Grinnell tied the whole package together.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Carol and I became very active in a volunteer organization when we moved to Alburgh. C.I.D.E.R (Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources) is an organization whose goal is to make it possible for elders and disabled to live in their homes as long as possible (providing transportation, delivering Meals on Wheels, building ramps, and many other services). These services are particularly needed as the Champlain Islands are a relatively isolated area. I am on the board of CIDER and have served as the treasurer, and Carol and I are volunteer drivers and meal deliverers. I am also the treasurer of a group which is developing a municipal water system for our part of rural Alburgh.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: When I was looking for colleges I was not interested in schools that had fraternities. I found the hall system at Grinnell to be a real plus. The friendships that were developed and the activities that were carried out together (intramurals, Fetzer Sing, etc.) were a very positive part of the Grinnell experience. "North Younker, where one learns to take the time, now yields to South Younker, where one learns to tell the time." (A quote repeated often at the SGA convention when North Younker was nominating Scurvy Ory for SGA president.)

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Tell us about your life: Tuba City Boarding School Teacher Guidance Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist – Hawaii State Hospital & general Social Security Trust Fund Specialist ED Planned Parenthood of the Wabash Valley Admin Asst to Deputy Director Behavioral Health Administration, DOH, Hawaii Admin Asst, Keola O Hawaii State Employment Specialist, Vocational Rehabilitation Hawaii Retired 2007


How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Proved determination, adaptability and vision are enduring qualities for success.
What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteer with Unity Church of Hawaii 54 year member of P.E.O.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: The train tracks going through campus to keep us moving fast Drama activities with Peter Coyote and company.

Louisa Feldman Livingston 1964
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Tell us about your life: I'm in a small weekly peer group with a few people who also graduated from the same analytic institute. We've been meeting for 5 - 10 years and is a comforting part of my week. My husband, also a psychoanalytic and therapist, and I both have an office in adjoining suites; these are one block from our apartment. We live in Manhattan, yet go home for lunch together a couple times a week, which slows down the bustle of the big city. We've been married 20+ years now. What a different experience from what I sometimes still miss when I lived for almost 20 years with a different husband in Austin, TX at a slower pace with a yard and trees, including a yummy fig tree. I grew up mostly in Joliet, IL in the Midwest although I’ve lived in several other states and enjoyed seeing lots of different places. I loved my 2 years at Grinnell. It was great to leave home (the segregated south in 1960) and be with so many student who were also interested in learning as well as having fun. I continue to treasure one very good friend from that time - Linda Fiene Wagner. Sadly, I needed to leave Grinnell, but those two years helped me leave home and find my way, as did the Beatles soon.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I first majored in physics, but was also drawn to psychology - I'm sure as a way to try to find myself. Within a year, physics became more difficult and not so fun. Psychology was a better fit for me to help myself and others.

Keith Felton 1964
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Tell us about your life: Two marriages proved not the social choices for the long haul. But two children so produced provided lifelong satisfactions; both have become teachers; one is the subject of one of my books; the other is himself a published author....Every writer can point to some period in his life which he regards as his wanderjahr; mine took place in 1973, occupied
eight months of travel, language-learning, and writing. Experience of the world never leaves one; it is even possible to broaden one's horizons in a small Iowa town!

Tell us about your career or vocation: Seeking and obtaining an advanced degree (M.F.A.) was chosen after Grinnell precisely to provide a forum for nourishing writing skills. UCLA--along with Yale, the nation's premiere theatrical schools--was an ideal kicking-off point, leading to a journalism career of a dozen years (L.A. Times), and work in many media... Any writer cutting his teeth in Los Angeles has too many stories to encapsulate in a short space! Let us just say that the experiences which produced smiles resulted in an ongoing smile; those which produced grimaces can likewise still be observed, in facial-contorting memory!

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? To my surprise, I find that after fifty years, I am still learning how Grinnell influenced my life; it is a subject with a certain amount of mystery to it; and is, hence, an ongoing study.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Interaction with my two sons keeps my faculties active. (Note I do not say: "...keeps me young." That is, alas, not possible!--an accepted reality intervenes.)

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Two rather odd ones come to mind: (1) Following some sort of midnight prank, Norris Halls emptied into their courtyard. An upperclassman named Dick Mullins appeared, and took charge, in his nightclothes. Dick, though the normal undergraduate age, had the look of a much older man. Seeing his balding, beefy frame made me muse about youth, age, and the dividing line which, sometimes, is the collegiate experience. (2) Early in my freshman year, a senior named Bill Parsons conducted a public meeting, to introduce Andrzej Scyz, a Polish exchange student. Bill had just returned from his own year abroad, in Poland. He translated for Andrzej, and I marveled at Bill's excellent handling of a difficult language--skills given only a few months to develop. A lot of the meaning I looked for, in college opportunity, was embodied in that meeting.

David Golden 1964
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NORWAY

Tell us about your life: married Norwegian I met hiking in Grand Canyon and we have two children, one in NYC and one in Oslo. Two grandchildren. Physician at Dartmouth Hitchcock clinic in NH and then VA Medical Center. Very active in town politics of my town in NH
Tell us about your career or vocation: Helped start first rural HMO in US and taught at two medical schools.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Living situation was excellent in the dorms and the deep interest teachers had in students was excellent. Very good programs and music brought into the school. Liberal education important for any doctor.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Helping my grandchildren as a mentor with two parents who work. Hope to volunteer here in Oslo when I settle in.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Working together on the Midwest model UN and the pleasant resident hall experience.

Davydd Greenwood 1964
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How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell's liberal arts perspective made me a lifelong misfit in the world of hyper specialized, departmentalized academic commodity production and I consider the ability to resist this what I learned at Grinnell.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Holding a wake for those classmates who had to declare a major and narrow themselves from the goal of learning about everything there is to know.

Bernard Grossman 1964
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Tell us about your life: We have been married 47 years and have two sons, both college professors. After grad school, I was a post-doc and then held a two year temporary teaching position at Utica College, Utica New York. In 1974, I began a 32 year career with Knolls Atomic Power Lab, Niskayuna, NY, doing materials research for the Navy. We have lived in New York's Capital District for 40 years. Our older son, Josh, is a physicist teaching at a Maryland's 4 year liberal arts honors college, while our younger son, Zack, is an economist teaching at UC/Santa Barbara. Each son has given us two grandsons.
Tell us about your career or vocation: My teaching career ended when the economy sharply contracted in 1972. I spent a year trying to re-tool and applied to veterinary school. It's tough being told you are too old at 30. I'm proud of the fact that Chris and I are Adirondack 46r's having climbed the 46 New York mountains over 4000 feet. Many of these were done in the company of our boys. Chris and I are avid birders, and, since retirement, have taken trips all over the world to bird and experience different cultures. We intend to continue these travels as long as we are able.

Kathleen Haberman Larson 1964
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Tell us about your life: We've lived in Maryland since 1968, in our current house in Columbia, MD since 1970. Columbia is a planned community with plentiful bike and hike paths, swimming pools, gyms and other recreational facilities. With no children or close family in the area, my husband and I enjoy travel (mostly Europe), overays in London and Baltimore. For over 25 years, we've belonged to an International Dinner group where we cook the cuisine of different countries. We enjoy foreign films at the local Film Society, and I belong to 3 book clubs.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I joined the Social Security Administration in Kansas City in 1964 as a computer coder, then became a claims rep to help people retire, then a budget analyst and manager at various operational sites. I moved to the Health Care Financing Administration (Medicare) in 1987. Just before I retired, I was writing and editing the annual financial report for Medicare. I had no life plan and managed to work my way up.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I was an American Studies major and have always had a wide variety of interests and am fortunate to be a lifelong learner. Grinnell gave me a lot of basics and the first step out of my narrow world as an Iowa farm girl.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Currently I am treasurer of two literary non-profits and I'm District Coordinator for AARP TaxAides where I manage 60-75 volunteers and do 70-80 income tax returns a year. Both of these volunteer activities challenge my brain and provide social activities. I've dined with great authors like Frank McCourt and Collum McCann. And I've seen the relief on a widow(er)'s face when her tax return is done and she doesn't have to worry about it anymore. Many people are confused and helpless when it comes to taxes and other government programs and it feels very good to be able to help.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: It's hard to pick one. I enjoyed formal dinners at Main Dining Hall with its hammerbeam ceiling, sitting on the floor playing bridge with my
Tell us about your life: I met my wife at the University of Wisconsin where we were both graduate students. We got married in August 1965. In 1966 after I got an MA in history and she got an MFA in applied art, we joined the Peace Corps. We spent two years in Tehran, Iran where I taught English and she taught English and art. The 1968-69 school year was spent teaching at public schools in Waianae, Hawaii. The following year I went back to school at Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona. After graduating from Thunderbird, I went looking for a job, spending a few months in Cleveland, Ohio and became a manager trainee for Pier 1 Imports in Buffalo, New York in December 1970. In 1971 I became a store manager in Montreal, Quebec, where our first son was born. In 1973 I was promoted to regional manager of the north central region based in Chicago, Illinois, where our second son was born. In the Chicago area, we lived first in Oak Lawn and later in Wilmette. In 1976 I made a lateral move to become regional manager of the pacific north region based in Cupertino, California. While there we lived in San Jose and then Los Gatos. In 1980 I went to work for a Filipino who had a wholesale import company and wanted to open retail stores. I became general manager of Ecos Imports where I was responsible for everything but accounting. The chain grew to seven stores in the San Francisco Bay area, but when the Filipino owner (who was extremely leveraged) died in 1983, I resigned and began looking for new employment. I wrote the president of Pier 1 asking if Pier 1 might have a position which I could fill. Fortunately, they did and I became a buyer for Pier 1 in January 1984. Since Pier 1 is based in Fort Worth, Texas, we moved to Fort Worth. The job was perfect for me since I love to travel and like to shop and got paid for doing both. Approximately three months per year I was overseas. I retired in August 2006.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I still love to travel and do so whenever I can. Over the years for both business and pleasure I have visited 88 countries.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I think Grinnell helped stimulate my interest in other countries and cultures.
Tell us about your life: We have four grandchildren who are great fun and enrich our lives. Our younger son's family still lives in the San Francisco Bay Area where we lived for 23 years before we moved back to Minneapolis in 2007. We raised our family in Minneapolis prior to our move to California in 1983. Our older son and his family moved back to Minneapolis from the Bay Area at the same time we did (in 2007). Gary and I greatly enjoy traveling in our motorhome. We have traveled all over North America including 3 trips to Alaska, multiple trips to Eastern Canada including Newfoundland and Labrador, many other provinces in Canada, and all 49 states on the Continent. We love to hike and kayak. We are both long-time runners and I still run 4-5 miles 3-4 times a week. I have completed 7 marathons and countless 10Ks. However, I find that racing is no longer that important to me. I just enjoy outdoor running every place we are, and hope to run until I am very very old! I still play a little piano for my own enjoyment, and still enjoy singing. I sang in 2 choirs, Bach Society and The Minnesota Chorale, in Minneapolis for many years, but now just enjoy singing in church on Sunday. I take great pleasure in the many friendships that we came back to here in Minneapolis, and that we have developed since returning.

Tell us about your career or vocation: When I was working, I started in sales support for high tech companies, and that gradually "morphed" into delivering sales materials via the Web. I became, first, a content provider, and then I developed the skills necessary for Web design for corporate intranets. All of these jobs were in the San Francisco Bay Area for several companies related to Internet services. Early in retirement I continued Web design for a non-profit in California and for a homeowner's association. I still gravitate to volunteer jobs where writing is a component or where organizational skills are needed. I am currently involved with a non-profit in Minneapolis seeking to alleviate homelessness.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I have had active roles in my church (Board leadership), and helped found a very successful all-church fellowship group. I am also, as stated above, active in a local non-profit seeking to end homelessness in the Minneapolis/St Paul area.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting my future husband. We will have been married for 50 years this March (2014).
**Judith Kaufman-Burggaller 1964**  
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Germany

Tell us about your life: Most important experience.... video interviews for the Shoah Foundation with Holocaust survivors (in German) in Berlin, Germany interviews archived in universities and museums around the world.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Working in the dining room, we worked hard and had tons of fun.

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**Merry Macke 1964**  
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Tell us about your life: Divorced twice, clinical social worker in various settings. Certified psychodramatist. Presented at social work conference, psychodrama conference 2, group leader at MAGPS 2. Career was my life. Taught Assertiveness Training.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Had basically a negative experience at Grinnell. Overwhelmed by the work, so there was not time to explore beyond the academic tasks. Was very happy to leave for experiences in Peace Corps, travel, and career opportunities.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I volunteer at the local park, picking up trash almost daily, give classes on motivation at Life-Time Learning, work with bullies through Restorative Justice, work with Hispanics in Spanish at Arlington Free Clinic, lead a walking group, etc

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Spanish House, my Spanish teachers. Worst was the behavioral psychology course and the teaching course. There was no mentoring. Dr. Danforth said I would be married and have 5 children so not to worry about a class that I was placed in by mistake. Had not had the required Calculus and Physics for the class.
William Morain 1964
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Tell us about your career or vocation: Without enumerating a series of personal zigs and zags, I can only affirm that we do not plan our lives. We merely stumble from one serendipitous occasion to the next and opt for those opportunities that happenstance provides.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The "classical" liberal education with intense study of the humanities has been invaluable in contributing to current events and issues of public service.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Between biking, singing, golf, bike trail building, grant writing, professional editing, and a host of community development volunteering exercises, I am most intensely focused in the promotion of liberal public policy.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I was leading a well-lubricated Cowles Hall caroling party northward along the women's loggia. When we got to Loose, I said, "Okay, guys. This is the end. Let's give them a wonderful rendition of Silent Night." A hoarse, slurred voice from the back shouted, "Awright, Goddammit. Let's hear it for Silent Night!"

Peter Nassiff 1964
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Tell us about your life: Married 50 years to Melissa Hicks, '63, 3 children, all Grinnell Grads. Have lived in Boston area since 1969. Involved in education, especially in the sciences.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Got married, then Ph.D., Post doc 2 years at Southern Ill, Assistant Prof at Providence College, Boston U., Went into industry as chief international scientist, traveled worldwide. Went back into academia, then high school. Became head of science at Burlington HS, consultant for the MA Dept of Ed, teach evenings at a local community college. Still run.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Broad and accepting outlook on life. Love to read and do new things.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Service to the educational community, especially in the sciences.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting Melissa.
Tell us about your life: After medical school and residency training, I served a military obligation for 2 years. Another physician and I began a small group practice in 1975. Around the beginning of the two year Army service, Kathleen Rierden and I were married. She died in 1993 of a ruptured brain aneurysm leaving me with two wonderful daughters ages 14 and 16. Fortunately, they had learned from their mother about how to find and connect with nurturing women and also how to think, understand and write clearly. They continue to show me how it's really done. I now live with my oldest daughter, her husband and their two young sons: Leo age 5 and Eli age 3. We share the same house that Kathie and I purchased in 1975. Even though I have traveled to visit my younger daughter when she volunteered in Bolivia and when she worked on a peace development project in Kosovo for CRS, I am still a basic nerd who prefers to stay at home.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My professional career was most critically shaped by my first year of residency training. Purposely, I chose to begin at a big city, municipal or county hospital that was university affiliated. In July of 1969, I began in internal medicine at Harlem Hospital in the Big Apple. It gave me the boost necessary to accommodate, slowly to be sure, the incredible diversity that people bring to the exercise of living in community. If we could only learn how to let it grow, this diversity is the engine of our nation's future. And, my work teaches me anew, daily, the lesson plan begun at 137th and Lenox.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Thinking and writing clearly; social justice; beware of cognitive dissonance, narcissism, and nepotism; sacred goodness; emigrants came here to leave an autocratic, centralized, coercive government that controlled freedom of speech; the goodness of life is founded on relationships and the values we apply to and learn from these relationships; As I experienced and subsequently my daughters experienced at a small community liberal arts college, my own carefully considered and often disjointed life began at Grinnell. I found my niche in the basement of Dibble for two years and during one raucous year in the Annex.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Living with my family, immediate and extended; volunteering on the Outreach Team of my community's commitment to end homelessness; continue, for a while, to be present for my patient's as they encounter the natural sequence of events attached to each other's life cycle.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Receiving an A on the final written exam for Inorganic Chemistry even though I had received a C on its ridiculously difficult, for me, lab section.
Shirley Neuhaus Hoops 1964  
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Tell us about your life: Most important: Family husband Steve; sons Geoff and Dave, grandchildren Jenny (Grinnell'17), Suzie, Tommy. We've lived in the same home for 43 years but have traveled across the US and Canada in our travel trailer. We've enjoyed trips to England (once with my sister and brother-in-law and once with our granddaughters), Scotland, France, Greece, Italy, Peru, Canada.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Although I started out as a history major with a secondary teaching certificate, I acquired necessary accounting credits, passed the CPA exam and spent 25 years working for the IRS, mostly in examining Fortune 500 type companies. Such exams are by teams of tax specialist agents headed by a team leader (coordinator). I was the first woman coordinator in the mid-Atlantic region.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Oddly, the skills learned in studying history translated directly into my work as an examining agent. The major part of my job required researching, analyzing, and applying case law. In retirement, I've returned to my history roots in that I act as a docent at the Kerr Memorial Museum (a 1900's house) in Oakmont PA.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I can't imagine my life without singing. I have continued to sing in at least one group at all times since leaving Grinnell. Repertoire has ranged from Madrigals to Gilbert and Sullivan to Bach Cantatas to show tunes.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I met my husband, Steve, at a mixer in the old, oval women's gym my first week at Grinnell. He was a junior and crashed the freshman affair...for which I shall be forever grateful!!

Patricia Nolan Nyhan 1964  
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Tell us about your life: Serving in the Peace Corps in Afghanistan (1970-71) was my most powerful life experience, but my great personal accomplishment was my family life -- raising three kids, and now enjoying also four grandchildren. I have lived in Berkeley, Boston, Maine, Virginia, and now Washington, DC.
Tell us about your career or vocation: After getting my Master's in Teaching English and teaching for a year, I spent almost a year traveling solo in Europe before returning to education in curriculum development. I chose this field because of societal expectations for women of my generation. Later, I worked as a newspaper reporter -- my childhood fantasy -- and wrote three books. One of them, "Zig Zag," explores the back-and-forth between these two career paths that characterized my work life, and that of many women of our generation.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell immersed me in intellectual and social justice issues that guide my life to this day. My junior year abroad in Manchester, England, cemented an internationalist bent I grew up with and have never left behind.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Teaching English to adult immigrants as a volunteer adds meaning to my life because I remain connected to people from other cultures and help them with the thing they most need to succeed in the U.S. Whether teaching, or writing about, people from other cultures, I love helping people find their voice, or giving voice to those who don't have one.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Study breaks on the dance floor at the Union.

Joan Pedersen-Rich 1964
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Tell us about your life: I have been extremely fortunate in my life. My family has been wonderfully close. My husband Dael and I have been joyfully married for 36 years. Our two sons live nearby and we enjoy the pleasure of forming a relationship with our active 8-month-old granddaughter. We are proud of both of our sons, Paul, who is an entrepreneur owner of three Fed Ex routes and manages three or more employees, and Mike who is back in school preparing to be a history teacher. I have loved living in Denver, CO since 1970. Before that I lived for four years in Dayton, Ohio where I worked in my first job after completing graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was most lucky in my choice of career, since I did not use much data in making my decision. The role of speech-language pathologist has been perfect for me. I enjoy the various aspects of that profession, including the underlying science, the personal relationships, and the helping of people to achieve their optimum communication skills. I have had the good fortune to work in several different settings, including community clinic, inpatient and outpatient hospital, inpatient rehabilitation, private practice, home visits, and private school for children with learning disabilities. All of that variety has kept my interest for 50 years.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? At Grinnell I learned more how to think rather than to just memorize facts, and that has added a richness to my life. Even now as I am mostly retired I continue to seek opportunities to learn, either from reading or taking classes.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My life receives meaning from my relationships with family and friends and from my involvement in church activities. I sing in the church choir, participate in the knitting of prayer shawls and hats for mission projects.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I have vague and very fond memories of campus life in general, that added a wonderful context for classes and studying.

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Tell us about your life: After two years at Grinnell, I traveled to Europe for what was intended to be a summer abroad. That summer turned into 15 years of Italian life with marriage to a young Italian attorney and two daughters. In 1978 the girls and I came to the US where I finished my BA (Linguistics) and completed an MA (Communication Arts) at Western Michigan University. I spent a number of years teaching ESL at WMU and business and professional writing at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. My last 15 years in the US were as the self-employed managing editor of trade magazines for the residential construction and medical industries. In 2008 a surprise offer to come to Thailand to work with the Thai English teachers at a large private school sent me packing again. I am now retired but have made my home here in Chiang Mai, Thailand, which I find a fascinating place to call home. I volunteer with a small NGO whose mission is to help young women from Burma complete their education. Their sights are on returning to their country to become leaders in education, healthcare and government. Travel, of course, is a big part of my life with frequent trips around Asia along with visits to family and friends in the US and Italy.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My late-blooming degree in linguistics was partly for expediency and partly because of my love of languages. After living in Italy for 15 years I could easily pass a two-hour exam in Italian and gain 16 hours of credit. As a single mother of two young daughters, finishing my interrupted education as quickly as possible was essential. An MA in Communication Arts gave me the credentials I needed to teach at the college level. My recent work in Thailand involved helping the Thai English teachers improve their language skills.
along with curriculum development at primary through middle school levels. Most enjoyable, however, was teaching journalism to the 11th grade Gifted English students and guiding them through the publication of a monthly newspaper. Now in my volunteer work I mentor some amazing young women from minority ethnic groups in Burma. One in particular was invited to the UN last fall to meet with human rights organizations. She is truly an inspiration.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The friends I made at Grinnell who continue to meet and enjoy each other after all these years are certainly the most lasting way Grinnell has affected my life. Although in my two years there I surely spent more time in leisure activities rather than academic ones, I have great appreciation for the exposure to excellent professors, political leaders and world-class musicians. It's fascinating to compare a Grinnell education to what passes for education in many Asian schools where rote learning takes the place of critical thinking.

Joan Schutz McCarthy 1964
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Tell us about your career or vocation: I taught high school history until my first child was born. I really enjoyed this but was willing to give it up then. My vocation was being a serious, educated wife and mom. This is something that people smirk at today. I feel so lucky to have be able to follow this path. I was my own boss, and my work was benefiting those I loved most. I certainly used my Grinnell education to do this challenging job. Today my children are all happily married and successful at what they do. When one of them showed a serious form of dyslexia, I did a fair amount of research and did everything possible to help him achieve what he wanted. It was a long, hard process but he eventually earned a PhD. in history and is now teaching at a good college. Along the way, I became so interested in the field of children's literature that I wrote stories which were published in Cricket Magazine, taught the subject for several years at Dordt College and made a presentation at the University of Southern Maine. I was also able to help to my husband in his job as vice president for academic affairs at Dordt College. As he was setting up campus programs in Europe and Latin America, I was along and helped out by observing discussions and being a sounding board as he thought through how things were going. That was a great job. I am glad I had this choice. With grandchildren living three blocks and 40 minutes away, I am not sure one retires from this job. That's good because I still love it.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell experience taught me who I was and what I was capable to do. My main memory of Grinnell was the core program which pretty well encompassed western civilization. It framed my intellectual thinking. It gave our class a basis of discussion in what we went on to study. I am most thankful for this. It became the lens through which I saw the world. Specific facts from advanced courses did not have nearly the impact on me as the humanities and historical studies programs. I remember taking a course in
American literature at Washington University. The professor was so impressed by how I could tie what we were reading to the broader sweep of western thought that it was almost embarrassing. That, however, was the effect of the core. I am sorry for students who do not get this advantage. Our college has developed its own core. It is not as extensive as Grinnell's old program, but it has become quite popular with the students much to everyone's surprise. The profs who teach it are quite dedicated to it. The interest in history started in this program and continued under men such as Dr. Wall and Dr. Baron stayed with us. My husband and I both taught American history and became very involved with Russia and Ukraine in the 1990's setting up teaching and student exchanges. Those exchanges also had profound impacts on our thinking. It was amazing to discover how a country with modern weapons and armies could so completely collapse. I doubt that many in this country understand how it happened which is a shame. The desire to find out things and have an open mind about what I am experiencing was fostered by my parents and Grinnell. I hope I never stop learning and thinking about new facts and experiences. This has stayed with my husband and I and we have passed it on to our children and grandchildren.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I would say family continues to be the most important thing. After that we still have an active interest in the college we worked for. It is far younger than Grinnell, but has developed a solid reputation that continues to grow. Our faith continues to be at the heart of things we do.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting my husband on about my third day there. We were lined up for those strange freshman mixers and were both delighted to find someone else from St. Louis which meant we could hopefully avoid mindless attempts at conversation. We started something that night that is still going on wonderfully.

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Tell us about your life: I used to think it would be interesting to live in different places for a few years and then move on...but I didn't think I would ever really do that....but I did. Part of me is glad and part of me misses having the roots in one place that staying where you were born and raised gives one. However, since my first 18 years were on the Southside of Chicago I could probably not have stayed there this long and EVERYONE I went to school with and knew has moved away. SO I went to grad school in Berkeley, California, lived in Atlanta for a year, had my kids when we lived in Oakland, moved to Nashville, then Santa Ana, Calif., then Missoula, Montana, Seattle, Denver, Seattle, Chicago, Seattle, Billings, Seattle and Claremont, Calif. If Montana did not have such a long winter that's where I would live now. I have been divorced
forever (more than 40 years) and have two sons and one almost 5 year old grandson. Most of my
working life I was in campus ministry and then on the staff of the United Church of Christ,
serving as an Associate Conference Minister, a Conference Minister (that's like a Bishop without
the power, authority or respect), Interim Association Minister, Interim Conference Minister and
Temporary Conference Executive. I was the first woman to be president of the National
Association of College and University Chaplains as well as the first woman to chair the Council
of Conference Ministers. In seminary I took some time out and worked in the home of Martin
Luther King, Jr. as secretary to his wife, Coretta. My then husband was the SCLC staff
photographer. We also worked some with the United Farm Workers...I spent a Grinnell summer
with California Farm Workers and then later, when Chavez came on the scene.

Tell us about your career or vocation: See above. Now I live in a retirement community that is
unlike any other. Everyone here has to have spent at least 15 years working in charitable, non-
profit, humanitarian, education or religious work. There are weekly peace rallies and
demonstrations, visiting lecturers from all over the world, resident who have spent decades
overseas, professors who are still teaching everything from philosophy to physics, discussion
groups on Homer and the poetry of Emily Dickenson etc. I work in the stained glass studio and
have been making jam and jelly that they label "exotics" for sale at the Fall Festival which raises
money for the residents fund...which helps residents who have exhausted their own resources.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Hmmm. Hard to tell...it is so woven into
my life story. It certainly gives me a feeling of being part of a wider "family". But, as we share
memories as we approach the 50th I wonder where I was and what I was doing or not doing
while others were doing all the things they are reporting.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Every now and then I run into someone who has had a
life changing experience because of something I said or did. That's a humbling experienced
which I suspect I share with most of the folks in the class of '64. I cannot imagine life without
my sons. I became a single parent when they were 4 years old and 8 months old. We never lived
closer than 400 miles to their Dad or any family....usually much father, so we were pretty close.
We are still close, much closer than I ever was with my own parents. I am thankful to be
involved in their lives. My older son bought the Seattle house from me and I now live about 40
miles from my younger son. I have been spending a night and day at his place caring for young
Simon, who is almost 5 now. I never knew a grandmother so my time with him is precious.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: One single thing stands out. I LOVED being at Grinnell
and would be delighted to do it again. This time, now that I am older and wiser, I'd do things a
bit differently. Maybe Grinnell should start a one year "post graduate" offering for folks who
would like to come back and do just that.
Tell us about your life: Politically active: Vietnam years (various), on U Mass Boston Faculty (see below), in actions against the Chilean dictator Pinochet (Non Intervention in Chile) and during research years in Chile (FIN - see below), on U.S. intervention in Central America, currently on climate change issues (with 350 Massachusetts); Married to Katherine Yih two decades, our daughter Darcy currently sophomore at U Cal Berkeley, have lived in Bogota (64-65), Santiago, Chile (71-72), San Salvador, El Salvador (1993-94 on Fulbright, Brasilia 2000-2001, following residency in Santiago traveled by land back to the Caribbean.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Grinnell 5th Year Abroad in Bogota (64-65), Ph.D. Research in Santiago, Chile 1971-72 (during the Allende presidency, while in Chile member of Fuente de Informacion Norteamericana (FIN), a group that was repressed (with 2 dead) during the 1973 coup, Poltical Science Prof Univ of Massachusetts Boston (1973-2010), Associate Dean of College of Liberal Arts, (2002-2010), (at U Mass member of faculty staff union organizing committee, negotiating team and grievance committee, Chair of College tenure committee (2 years) etc. Research in Central America, Head of Hemishpere Initiatives - a research organization monitoring and reporting on Central American peace and democratization processes, 1989-2005, Resident in San Salvador with Fulbright 1993-1994, resident in Brazil and Research Fellow at Universidade Nacional de Brasilia, 2000-2001, Currently active volunteer with climate change groups (350 Mass; Climate Action Brookline).

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? All the lasting benefits an excellent liberal arts education has to offer (see most any issue of the Grinnell magazine) - however I think it did not and could not have prepared me for a year in Bogota (1964-65), and felt insufficiently prepared for the rigors of Harvard Law School. My sister Susan ('62) and I are chips; both parents class of 1938 so we were affected by Grinnell before we attended. I think growing up in the midwest and going to school in Grinnell has affected (in a good way) my adult life in Boston since 1965, giving me perspective. This past year I have been an active alum planning the 50th Reunion, and I was active for a few months following the 45th reunion with then current student activists.

What adds meaning to your life and why? The political and volunteer activities mentioned above.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I don't have a favorite. I worked for Ken Christiansen during all 4 years (though I was a history major); Zittner's intimidating, illuminating Shakespeare
Tell us about your life: I have lived in St Louis, Philadelphia area, Los Angeles, and am now back in Massachusetts on the family farm where I lived when I went to Grinnell. I have had a very rewarding and satisfying career as an Industrial Hygienist, Safety Specialist and Ergonomist. Industrial Hygiene is the identification and control of workplace health hazards so included potential chemical exposures, radiation, laser light, noise, etc. I worked at large aerospace facilities (McDonnell Aircraft, McDonnell Douglas, GE Aircraft Engines) and then a bio tech company, Genzyme Corp. My Grinnell science major was critical for my career-biology, chemistry, physics! It was interesting to end up at a biotech company when I had taken Genetics from Dr. Mendoza at Grinnell in the early 1960's. An entire field of biotech was based on the basics of that course. I was a pioneer in determining how to work safely with Advanced Composite materials in fighter aircraft and was commended by the Air Force Surgeon General's Office. My research and development of ergonomic computer accessories led to being grandfathered as a Certified Professional Ergonomist. I am fortunate to have three children and five grandchildren who are very important to me. I have had a small Morgan horse breeding program here in MA to continue a line of horses descended from US Cavalry stock. My most recent hobby is Genealogy and am having a fascinating time researching my ancestors and reading the histories of the areas and times in which they lived. My parents both came from Iowa and never knew we were descended from early Massachusetts settlers that came over with Gov. Winthrop in the 1630's and came to Plymouth, MA, in ships that followed the Mayflower.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I chose to major in Biology because it was the most interesting field available to me at Grinnell. After graduation, I taught junior high science for two years and then was able to stay at home with my children for 10 years. I was accepted into a Women in Science program funded by the National Science Foundation at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, IL. The goal of this program from the SIU-E Chemistry Dept. was to provide a year of refresher science courses to 25 women science majors who had been out of school for at least 10 years and were not working in a science field. One of those courses was Industrial Toxicology which led to my getting a MS in Industrial Hygiene. In my career, I
received many awards and accolades, most of which came as surprises. I loved the problem solving nature of the field and working with very talented machinists, chemists, composite fabricators, tradesmen and women, and even rocket scientists. I was laid off after 9/11 and after 23 years in aerospace which was actually a positive for me. My next job was at a biotech company where they needed a Safety, Industrial Hygienist and Ergonomist for a plant that had the highest accident rate in the company. I was also being interviewed for a similar position at Harvard Univ. for the same pay. I chose the biotech firm without a regret. After three years, the plant had one of the lowest accident rates in the company. The real satisfaction for me was that workers were going home safely to their families at night. The low point in my life was being laid off after 23 years at Aerospace plants. But, at age 59, it was very challenging and very good for me to be in a new industry with new problems and a new vocabulary.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It set me on a pathway to a life and career where I was able to help others and make their lives better. At Grinnell, I learned a lot from the exposure to very bright people. In my career, I found that you can learn from everyone, from the most uneducated laborer or janitor to the most respected scientists and engineers. Attending Grinnell was right for me because it was a place where learning and academics were respected. I wanted to avoid a party school, to live in a different part of the country from New England, and to be at a place small enough that I would know people's names.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I have always liked doing things for other people. I occasionally do ergonomic assessments for others who are having discomfort issues at their computers. I have done some family history research for friends and relatives and find it rewarding to provide a booklet for them on their ancestors. I have been an assistant 4-H leader for Horse Clubs in 3 states and have more recently invited 4-H Clubs to my farm for learning experiences related to their projects. I look forward to spending time with my grandchildren and am fascinated by their view of their world. I really enjoy exposing them to new ideas and activities.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I was really pleased to learn that I received a very high grade on my Biology Grad Record Exam which we took as part of the graduation requirements at the time. I was not an "A" student, so this told me that the Biology Department at Grinnell was very strong and that I had made a good decision to attend Grinnell.
Tell us about your life: I was fortunate to meet my life’s partner while in dental school at the University of Iowa. We have been married now for almost 47 years. We have 2 children and now have 1 grandson, all of whom live relatively close by. After interning in San Francisco and working on the first National Nutrition Survey, I accepted an assignment with the US Public Health Service-Division of Indian Health Service on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. I thought I would do this for 2 years and then go into private practice or do more graduate training, however, I found I loved working with the Native American people and ended up spending a 24 year career with them before retiring in 1993. I then joined Kaiser Permanente's dental program in Vancouver, WA. Their public health and evidence based dentistry practices I found very rewarding for another 14 years and retired for a second time in 2007. It did not take long after leaving Kaiser to realize how much I missed dentistry and now satisfy that itch by working at the local Free Clinic of SW Washington and the dental hygiene program at a local junior college.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was a sociology major at Grinnell and planned to attend graduate school in Minnesota in social work. I took a ski trip my senior year at Grinnell and changed my entire career plan to move west, working at Vail and in Jackson. After I married, I returned to school to get a degree in physical education. I taught briefly in SLC, Utah, before moving to Connecticut with my husband. There I had 2 children. We moved to Georgia where I returned to school and completed a master's degree in physical education. After another marriage and 2 more children, I returned to Jackson, Wyoming, and worked 20 years at C-V Ranch. I
retired in 2010 to be able to travel and visit my growing family. My youngest daughter had a baby in December so now all 4 of my children have given me grandchildren.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell provided a strong academic base for my teaching career and also provided many opportunities to develop my athletic ability which led to success in teaching swimming, dance, tennis, skiing, skating and many other sports required of a P.E. teacher. I ended my career teaching English and Science. My Grinnell general education provided the basis for this, as I never majored in either of these fields. Grinnell taught me to read and write and gave me my basic science education.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Now that I'm retired, I love being able to continue to work at the school I retired from as a substitute, both in the school and in the cottages (C-V Ranch is a residential facility for students with special needs). I also love watching my children and grandchildren grow and change. I love the outdoor activities that are available in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and the beautiful scenery of Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. I love traveling both in the U.S. and Europe. Hiking the entire Appalachian Trail is a dream I am pursuing in short segments of 1 to 2 weeks at a time. And finally I love square dancing with my significant other, Paul.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I think my fondest memory is being able to ice skate with Susan Andresen at the dedication of the former Grinnell Ice Skating Rink and then teaching skating.

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Tell us about your life: I'm a grandfather now - with three grandchildren courtesy of my two daughters (one Grinnell 1999 and the other Princeton 1995) and their magnificent husbands (one an artist and Grinnell graduate, the other a screenwriter in LA). My wife is a clinical nurse specialist and has worked her entire career in the public health and early child care end of the field. Most of our professional careers were spent in upstate New York, and before I wound up as a Director of Research at the NYS Education Department - I spent a number of years as a school board member in a very high powered suburban district called Niskayuna - also home for GE's Research and Development labs. There I learned how GE's Jack Welsh could run commercials about their commitment to "new source" pollution control (new drainage) into the upper Hudson River while simultaneously fighting all public efforts to clean up the enormous
messes they had already made. But..the schools here were great, housing was cheap, and "defined benefit" pensions were still a viable financial vehicle. Today of course, the features of a strong middle class life which I have enjoyed with my wife are disappearing. And, the strong public regarding ethos that was so characteristic of my generation has been stomped upon by ideological philistines and superseded by a trenchant private regarding ethos. But then you know all that..

Tell us about your career or vocation: Well, after Grinnell, I picked up an MSW is community organization and social policy, and subsequently a PH.D in sociology at Boston University. I shifted from social work to sociology because I realized that my real love was social science research but in applied settings. Within my state government career as a sociologist I moved from mental health (studying patients and mental hospitals) to juvenile justice (dealing with court adjudicated youth, to education..where I spend a lot of time on aid formulas to school districts. In the course of that work, I developed a variety of tools for more equitable driving of aid to districts, for evaluating the experience of nurses in NYS (Office of Professions survey of nurses - about 14,500 usable surveys), etc. I always enjoyed bringing useful tools and techniques into some kind of action mode.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I think about Grinnell frequently. I feel like the taste for social justice and fairness in life was heavily inspired by Grinnell.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I'm still figuring that out...

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Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Many friends for my lifetime!

Stephen Wiener 1964
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Tell us about your life: I lived in Cleveland, Central National Bank, I started out as the thirty second VP of rubber bands and paper clips and 18 months later left as the tenth VP of rubber
bands and paper clips; NYC, Haden Stone-Stockbroker my luck I hit the crash of 68/69 and Toledo, family business and Insurance. My son has three adopted children, a three year old son (Benji) and four month old twins (Jonah and Kaya) and our daughter will have her first (already named Zoey) in May. Gail and I will be married 40 years this March.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was President of Darlington House, Jewish home for the aged. President of B’nai B’rith District Two (an eight state district) and then on the International Board of Governors. Chairman of the Ohio Indiana Kentucky Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League and an officer of the Jewish Community Center of Toledo. I am a Senior Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual and have been with them for 43 years. I never thought of insurance as a business opportunity. We had sold the family business and the General Agent of NML woke me up one morning around 10:30AM and asked if I would like to meet him. I said I have $500,000 of Whole Life and I am single. He said he had heard that my business was sold and would I consider insurance as a profession. The rest is history. I loved sailing and raced most weekends on Lake Erie. I played in two softball leagues for 45 years. Played in several tennis leagues and took up long distance bike riding at age 64.

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Tell us about your life: Married for forty two years to Dennis J. Whelan who taught Russian language/literature at the University of Illinois, Grinnell College for four years from 1969 to 1973 and both our children were born in Iowa. We left Grinnell when I took a position teaching history with a specialty in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH in 1973. My husband also taught here and then acquired an additional law degree. We spent a good deal of time commuting between Moscow and Hanover and for more than a decade my husband lived there full time while I continued teaching at Dartmouth. My research resulted in several books and articles on the Russian Empire. I also supervised Dartmouth Foreign Studies programs in the Soviet Union/Russia, in London and in Budapest, I was the recipient of various research grants from the Ford and Alexander von Humboldt foundations which made it possible to spend a year in Marburg, Germany in the 1980's. My husband, aged 64, died of ALS seven years ago, a devastating disease. Our son graduated from Grinnell in 1993 and married a fellow Grinnellian from Shanghai, China. She practices law for a New York law firm and he is a computer engineer. They live in Annandale, Virginia and have two daughters, aged nine and seven. My daughter, a special ed teacher, lives in town and has two sons aged ten and eight. I retired from teaching in June 2013 and after forty years of teaching and grading papers and exams am currently enjoying my freedom.
Tell us about your career or vocation: I loved archaeology and history from early on and having grown up next to the West German/East German border was always conscious of the consequences of WWII and certainly the relationship with the Soviet Union. My mother's family had fled from East Prussia (now Polish and also Russian territory) and this made me interested in Russian history, an interest that was buttressed by my love of Russian literature, particularly Dostoevsky. That's how I ended up as a professor of Russian history at Dartmouth College. After my retirement though I am indulging my love of reading novels, history other than Russian, science fiction and also fantasy. Any serious scholarship has been put off for a while as I spend time maintaining my house and gardening, particularly vegetable gardening. We live a mile from the town in more rural surroundings and a brook, at spring time a raging stream, provides much entertainment from swimming, fishing for trout and looking for crayfish and watching mink and with less enthusiasm beavers. Bird watching is another hobby. My grandsons live across the meadow from me and so I see them just about every day. My travel now is limited to visiting my granddaughters in Virginia, family members and friends in Seattle and Arizona and annual trips to Europe.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The college prepared me well enough for graduate school in history. I have to admit that I spent my two years at Grinnell in a bit of a culture shock as it was so very different from student life in Germany and Europe. In 1962 there were still panty raids, pinning ceremonies, dorm hours and so on and the adjustment was not easy. The food though was absolutely amazing!

What adds meaning to your life and why? In the past we sponsored some people for immigration and I continue to be involved in my friends lives in Russia where life for older people is very difficult. Spending time with my grandchildren is a great joy for me and vests me also in the future which I see in a rather pessimistic light at this time of political discontent and dysfunction in Washington. The optimism of my younger years marching for civil rights and against the war in Vietnam and a belief that poverty could actually be eradicated has been replaced by a rather more sober mood. I try my best to stay engaged and work for a more just society.
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Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting people in the Forum cafe to talk about literature, politics, etc. Taking long walks on the train tracks into nearby farm fields. Directing plays in the Arena theatre.

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Tell us about your life: My son is a chef. Lived in Arizona for approx. 18 years, St. Louis is my home. St. Louis Women Lawyers’ Association President’s Award for my work representing women in their efforts to keep their families together.

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Tell us about your life: Married, no children. Following grad school in Indiana and then Massachusetts, work took us to various states over the years, including Westchester County in NY, southern CA, and now central NJ. Currently looking forward to retiring in SC within the next year.
Teel Haas 1974

Tell us about your life: My life seems to be about learning how to re-invent myself. After Grinnell I worked for 2 years, then went to law school. I practiced public sector law for 25 years, then decided it was time to do what I had always wanted to do—teach. I went back to school to get my teaching credentials, left my job to do my student teaching, then worked as a substitute teacher and looked for a full-time job for 8 years. Although I never found a teaching job, I met people and worked with amazing children I would never have encountered if I had remained a lawyer. Now it appears that I’m de facto “retired” and I’m once again in the process of reinventing myself. What do I want to do now? Where can I still make a difference? What makes me happy? It’s “senior year” all over again, except this time I know a lot more about myself than I did in 1974.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I’m at a place in my life where I’m trying out different kinds of volunteering gigs. For the last 2 years I have been teaching English to a young woman from Senegal; visiting with Hospice clients in their homes; and volunteering a couple days a week at an elementary school. I started creating art again, and right now that gives me great satisfaction and pleasure.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My best memory is participating in a Master Class with cellist Joel Krosnick (who is now a member of the Juilliard String Quartet). I wasn’t a great cellist, but I still remember his coaching and encouragement as I played part of a Bach Suite. He used such wonderful visual images to communicate how to play the music—“here, keep going like you’re driving an ambulance through red lights! Don’t slow down! Go, go go!” What a great experience!

Roger Kumler 1974
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Tell us about your life: Married 39 years. Living in the same house for 35 years. Comfortable. Proud of our two children.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Biology degree from Grinnell led directly to work in medical research labs at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. Gradually became more involved in the data analysis than the data collection. That, in turn, led to using the computer language APL because it was a perfect fit for the kinds of analysis we did. Changed fields to work as a programmer for Xerox for a year, then to a job with a software company whose sole...
business was with APL. After 8 years, joined a small start up (3 people, including me) developing a product for use by telephone companies. At the time, in the early 90s, most small to medium phone companies had a staff of people who had to physically type in commands to the phone switch in order to complete every customer's order. Our product was one which would collect order information, convert the billing codes and other data into the proper commands for the switch, then send all of those commands automatically to the switch. I was one of two who designed and coded the entire product. It was well received and suitably successful. The ins and outs of corporate takeovers and bad management decisions eventually led to my departure to another telecomm software company where I designed and developed a whole new product that did the same service order automation processing. That has been very successful and it is supported by a team of 5 other people who do the installations and customer support. I still do all of the development work on the product. When not working, I am usually either reading, working on some project around the house or working on some yard project. Not long after moving to our house, I finished the basement which was long used as a play room for our kids, workshop and store room. We have a nice workshop with an assortment of power tools. My wife and I both now have offices in the basement - convenient, as we both work from home. Bookcases, cabinets, tables, gifts and many other larger and small items have been created in the shop. It is currently used mostly by my wife to make bird houses that she sells when she is not tutoring high school students.

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Tell us about your career or vocation: I work for an educational consortium of 60 public school districts in the greater St. Louis metro area. I teach teachers how to integrate technology into the curriculum. I am retiring June 30, 2014.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I owe all I am to Grinnell.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My family.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Really? You've GOT to be kidding! It was 40 years ago. I can barely remember what I did yesterday.
Tell us about your life: My parents lived in Omaha during our high school and college years but all my siblings moved away and I stayed in Lincoln, Nebraska. I've been married to Janine Copple for 25 years. We have one son, Antony, who is studying at the University of Nebraska. I lived in Edmonton, Alberta, for three years while studying sustainable agricultural development and in Rome, Italy for two years. In Rome, I was able to apply my sustainability research findings at the UN Food and Agriculture (FAO) headquarters in a global campaign to counter world hunger through sustainable agricultural development.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My chosen career was in sustainable economic and community development. Worked five years with the Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development, 13 years with the University of Nebraska College of Architecture, and a variety of other housing and community development agencies. Highlights included serving as book review editor for the Journal of the Community Development Society for seven years and working at the UN World Food Day Secretariat in the 1989 campaign against global hunger through sustainable agricultural development. Twenty years later, while attending a play about the life of Rachel Corrie, the play ended with an actual 1989 film of Rachel as a young girl testifying before her state legislature against world hunger. To my chilling amazement, she was reading directly from a brochure I wrote for global distribution by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? At its best, my Grinnell has helped me think independently and to support causes related to peace, justice and a healthy environment. In retirement, continuing education is appealing.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Have long been active in neighborhood associations, Nebraskans for Peace, the United Nations Association, and other non-profit groups. My life was changed when I participated in a 5-week solitary confinement experiment in 1976. In solitary, I read 25 years of National Geographic magazines from cover to cover and it impressed upon me the beauty and fragility of our natural world. We need action for sustainability every day. One focus has been to pick up and recycle every aluminum can in sight - over 20 tons and counting. The walking/biking and bending over for cans has been great exercise.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Our Grinnell College Hockey Club was great fun. We had an ice rink on campus where the new art building is now located. A group of 15-20 guys practiced together a few times, then took on some major hockey teams like the University of Denver, Drake University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. One year, I served as goalie
and forgot to bring a protective cup to our match against Denver. In my protective mode, I gave up 12 goals, but fortunately was able to go on to father a child years later.

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What adds meaning to your life and why? Social justice work, progressive community action work.

**Priscilla Murray 1974**
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Tell us about your life: Moved from east coast to west coast in 1979. Worked, married, had two sons - spent a lot of time on the soccer field side lines. Am into gardening, hiking, cooking, sewing. Loving retirement.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Started in planning services for the elderly (related to anthropology BA and Urban Affairs MA). Branched to writing and managing Requests for Proposals and contracts for all sorts of human services. Was assigned to the implementation team for an enterprise computer system (to assure appropriateness of system for human services contracts) and decided system wide planning was interesting. Stayed on the support team until retirement, after 33 years total.
Tell us about your life: Life is good!
I am blessed with magnificent friends and family and we live in a gorgeous place, this is most important of all.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I managed a manufacturing firm for 15 years then started my own business. Better to help people than just working to make a profit for someone else. Daily Money Management-Helps elders maintain their independence.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It informed me on what a spectacular school Simon’s rock is- I had to leave to compare and contrast.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Helping people through my business (I work with the elderly quite a bit) and through my work as a hospice volunteer.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting Amy Moulton. To this day, a very dear friend.

Tell us about your life: Two godsons in California; in Europe last year over ten times on medical missions, each one successful.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Avocation: native plants (viewed all over California, Ohio, Costa Rica, France and Germany). Donated a kidney to a friend who is still thriving.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? One professor I had at Grinnell, Ilse Leitinger, who taught sociology, encouraged me to pursue learning throughout my life. I have followed her advice, and working in a library is the perfect setting to continue in this vein of being a life-long learner.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I value greatly helping others which I do at work as a library page; I also volunteer at a Women's Resource Center, and more recently I’m helping my mother who lives in California as she is aging and needs more support.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Grinnell provided me with four fantastic years of education, music, dancing, travel, language study and practice, a safe place to be wild, and wonderful summers in which I worked, relaxed, and enjoyed the amazing power of green in Iowa during the growing season. It is hard to say which was the ONE most awesome memory, I have so many good ones.

Jeremy Baskes 1983
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Tell us about your career or vocation: Professor of Latin American history. Given me many opportunities to live abroad in Spain and Mexico. Allows me to teach and write about a field I find fascinating, colonial Latin America.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Yes.

David Furth Walker 1983
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Tell us about your life: Live in Westerville, Ohio, and teaching kindergarten. My wife, Gayle Walker, is a native Grinnellian. She is a music professor at Otterbein University. Our daughter Hilary attends Beloit College, and our other daughter Kelsey is finishing high school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I teach kindergarten, and it's the best job in the world. My kids tell me I say that to everyone. A friend and I made a CD which is available on iTunes titled I'm Smart and I'm Getting Smarter, of songs for kindergarten and first grade learners.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? At Grinnell my life was really divided in thirds, athletics, science classes and the preschool with Carol Nielsen. I guess preschool won! I did get a masters in science from Berkeley and a couple of science publications before my passion for kids won out. It was a great path to take.
What adds meaning to your life and why? My job adds the most meaning, trying to meet the needs of all my students in a fun, engaging and challenging way. I play guitar and we sing a lot, and do a couple of concerts a year. Those are big highlights.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Trying to sing a valentine's song with the preschool students while Janet Welsh and some other student helpers were laughing uproariously.

Judith Ganley 1983
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Tell us about your life: Returned to school at the age of 50 to obtain a teaching credential for secondary education. Took a job teaching 6th grade social studies at Montera Middle School, an urban public school in Oakland CA. I have two really great kids. And the San Francisco Giants won the World Series -- twice. It's been a wild ride but I love every day of my life.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Loved being a staff attorney at the state and federal courts but loved motherhood even more. Teaching is simply the icing on the cake. I have never been more challenged or more engaged.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I learned to take risks and trust my judgment at Grinnell College. My experience has informed everything about who I am today.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My family, friends and my young scholars at Montera Middle School.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Grinnell Relays. Boating on the lake with Professor Moyer and his lovely wife. Professor Kintner urging me to take a math class -- I grudgingly agreed to take statistics. The night the guys on the swim team found my missing cat and returned him to me. The first snowfall my freshman year. And the first tornado. David Strickler's mother's strawberry rhubarb pie.

John Haggard 1983
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Tell us about your life: I've been married twice. In the first marriage (1985-2003), I had two sons. In the second (2005-present), two daughters. My sons DID NOT prepare me for life with daughters, but so far I have survived. My sons are old enough to have produced grandchildren,
but have their own reasons as to why that hasn't happened. I am not rushing them; they need to make their own decisions for their own reasons. I have remained in the Detroit area, first in Ypsilanti, then Redford, and now in Trenton. Life was mostly pretty "suburban" until my divorce. In 2001, I quit a computer support job to homeschool my sons, an experience that I will always treasure. They both did extremely well in that setting. But then divorce "happened". Divorce changed my life not only by marking the end of my first marriage, but also in jarring my preconceptions of who I am and what marriage is. It was a time when I discovered my emotional side in a powerful way.

Tell us about your career or vocation: From college, I stumbled into computer support via night auditing for a hotel and working as a temporary worker. Computer support suited me well for many years, because it allowed me to change directions almost annually, a lot like college. I was getting a little tired of it, though, by 2001, so it didn't take much convincing to quit in order to homeschool my sons. Unfortunately, Spring of 2002 marked a collapse of the tech industry, together with the beginning of the end of my marriage. Without any prospects in the computer world, I searched for any work and wound up stocking produce as a local Sam's Club. I realized that I was on my own, and could basically reinvent myself; so I enrolled in an Architectural program at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, MI. The income prospects of architecture grads is typically fairly bleak, however, so on further analysis, I felt I would be better off switching to their Facilities Management program. While there, I took a Project Management class and felt I had found a solid direction. I also realized it would be better to work on PM at the grad level (FM was at the undergrad level, as was the architecture program - since my GPA at Grinnell wasn't quite good enough), so I switched to a master's program in Operations Management. Unfortunately, it wasn't a well-advised choice overall, since the classes in the program required you to apply class to work and work to class; and I was still just stocking produce, which had nothing to do with anything I was studying. Due to new marriage plans, I sought out better-paying work, and drove forklifts in a Ford plant for a couple of years. We had all been hired as temps, however, and they decided to flush us all out. After a year of unemployment, I found a state program that offered training as a path to new employment, and enrolled in a program at a new school locally that taught us how to make movies. I was in the Production Management class, and have IMDb credits now as such. Unfortunately, our new governor then cut the fantastic film incentives that had drawn filmmakers to Michigan, and they mostly left. The only work available required extensive unpaid work in order to eventually be underpaid. So at the end of the second year of unemployment benefits, I went to truck driver training, and became a truck driver. Driving is enjoyable for me. (I used to enjoy driving between Grinnell and home, too.) Being gone for a couple weeks at a time, though, puts tremendous stress on the family, so I am now working at a local lumber yard delivering to customers. I have attempted to keep a finger in films. I have cowritten a script that is being shopped around between rewrites. I have worked up a budget or two as well. I am agitating some of my classmates from film school to work up some kind of production facility.
that would offer space and services to local independent filmmakers. It's still mostly in the
dream stage, but it at least has a Facebook page, called Downriver Film Factory
(DRFilmFactory). Succeeding with this project would be a dream come true, and not just for me.
My attention is a little divided also by a desire to do some Bible teaching through an independent
organization I want to set up, called the Spiritual Gifts Academy. My intent in making the
organization independent is so that I can help many churches build their communities. I also
fantasize about building a large model train layout, based on the Nintendo DS game "Legend of
Zelda: Spirit Tracks". But that's kinda' far down the list of urgency.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I read reference manuals much more
readily than almost anyone else I have worked with, especially in the computer industry. Because
of my ability to research and write, I feel I have been able to contribute strongly in all of my
jobs, even in stocking produce!

What adds meaning to your life and why? Serving and teaching at church; reading my Bible
daily; creating solutions to problems, especially through use of spreadsheets and budgets, or by
writing, or even by building or repairing things.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest memory of Grinnell involves every person I
could call friend while there. Specific people include Scott; Marisa; Steve, Karin and other
members of the Quad Breakfast Club; various roommates and floor mates (whose faces are still
available to my memory, but names are escaping me presently); and even a select few professors.
Thank you all for your part in my Grinnell experience.

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Tell us about your life: Mark and I have two grown kids. Our son graduated from Caltech. Our
daughter attends Kalamazoo College. They didn't choose Grinnell, but a nephew did, and we are
working on our niece! We have lived all over the country, but are settled back in Iowa now. We
love to travel, especially internationally, and would do that more often if our dog didn't go on a
hunger strike each time we leave her. We enjoy being active, especially riding our bikes. We are
working on visiting every national park, and are optimistic that we will live well into our 100s so
that we can accomplish that task. My other goal is living a long time so that I can win my age
group in a race, which will only happen if I am the only person in my age group.
Tell us about your career or vocation: After spending many years as a stay-at-home mom and volunteer, I now work two very part-time jobs playing with and caring for kids at our church and my beloved YMCA. It brings me great joy, although I can't say I'm putting either one of my degrees to good use.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I grew up in a family of volunteers, but Grinnell certainly reinforced the importance of giving back.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Working and volunteering with children, as well as volunteering at one of our local animal shelters, gives me tremendous joy and a sense of purpose. When I'm not working at the Y, I'm working out at the Y. Of course, watching my kids head out on their own paths is also very exciting.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest memory of Grinnell College was from two years after graduation, when I married my husband in Herrick Chapel. Grinnell will always have a special place in my heart.

Joanne Modica 1983

Tell us about your life: My husband, Ken, and I have been married since 1991. I had two births without pain medication, one in the hospital with Pitocin and one at home (planned), which just goes to show you that if a medical wimp like me can do it, it's not always the big deal they show in the media. I believe very strongly in breastfeeding & was a La Leche League Leader for 12 years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After Grinnell, I did not have a clear direction. I tried an internship in Washington D.C., but that did not work out. I decided to work with my dad in his auction and office furniture businesses. Since having children, I have worked only part-time. The auction business is a lot of fun. You never know what or who you are going to meet.

Alex W. Sachs 1983
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Tell us about your career or vocation: I have been heavily involved in Democratic Party politics since 1980 on Grinnell Campus. I was political Appointee during the Clinton Administration. I am active for LGBT Rights, including marriage equality and strong support of Transgender equality. I lived 10 years in Washington, DC and 12 in San Diego.

Anne Shelley 1983
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Tell us about your life: In a long term relationship, still like living in San Francisco, balancing part time non-profit work, volunteering at animal shelter, writing, outdoor activities.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Winding down non-profit financial and human resources management career - happy to let others do the heavy lifting.

Timothy Smith 1983
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Tell us about your life: I'll have been married 20 years this May, have 2 fantastic kids (13 and 16) who are independent, creative, and have wonderful intellectual curiosity. We settled in Burlington, Vermont in 1994 when I was teaching at the University of Vermont; we made a decision to stay when I left the University in 2002, and I began a second career in public service with USCIS, working in immigration benefits. My wife is a lawyer who came to Vermont initially because of my job, and wished to stay rather than re-locate. We love the area, enjoy our jobs, and are likely to stay with hopes to take occasional sabbaticals working in other countries to add a bit of spice to life.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I got an MA and PhD in political science from Johns Hopkins with the intention of teaching in an academic career. I taught for about 10 years, the last 8 at the University of Vermont. I always loved the teaching, but never had the same passion for the research. At the end of 8 years, I did not have the research record to attain tenure, so I made a career switch. Vermont has a large (1000 Federal employees) Service Center that provides immigration benefits, and I am now a manager working with teams trying to find more efficient ways to work and provide these benefits. I also have some responsibilities involving international students, and travel to conferences on the East Coast of the Administrative Officials (DSO's) who coordinate the international students stays in the US. I remain an avid modern fiction reader,
and now that my political science career is over, read almost exclusively excellent modern fiction that I might have read at Grinnell: Delillo, Pynchon, Roth, Auster, Murakami, etc.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It opened me up to the serious study of issues, and to the great questions of life, without taking myself or what I learned more seriously than it should be taken.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My family. My hope is to increase community service in the coming years, as it has taken a back seat to family and work concerns for too many years, and I would like to do more of it.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Talking with friends about weighty and/or bizarre topics; classes that are still the best I have ever encountered; watching David (Winston) Kreuter climb up an air vent, pop into a First Year woman's closet, and try to re-assure her with the phrase "Don't worry -- I'm a Doctor!"

Janet Welsh 1983
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Tell us about your life: I have three children, all adopted internationally, ranging in ages from 7-18.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I work in the field of prevention science at one of the premiere prevention research centers in the country. The work is interesting and meaningful as we address many public health concerns, including substance abuse, delinquency, school failure, and obesity. It's a great job and I love it.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me that I was meant to live on a college campus and that is where I have spent my entire life since then.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Friendships, many that I made in Grinnell, and others that I made in the course of my career here at Penn State.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: That would be hard because I have so many! My years in Norris were fantastic. I loved my Russian history and literature classes, working at the College Preschool, and playing racquetball.
Charles Adkins-Blanch 1984
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Tell us about your life: Married 27 years to Sara Adkins-Blanch (she was Sara Blanch at Grinnell--Spanish assistant Fall ’83 to Spring ’84). We have two girls, Tasha age 22 and Megan age 20. We have lived in northern Virginia (Washington DC metro area) for the past 28 years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Taught English in Thailand for two years after Grinnell, then went to law school at George Washington University in Wash DC. Joined the US Dept. of Justice in 1990 at the Board of Immigration Appeals right out of law school. Have worked in the field of immigration law my entire career and love it, especially asylum law. For me it represents the intersection of domestic law, international law and the human interest of how those laws affect an individual person in each case. I am currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Immigration Appeals which reviews appeals from the decisions of the Immigration Judges around the country.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I still enjoy playing tennis in local leagues and getting together with my former Grinnell tennis teammates every two years.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I have so many. A sampling: Long van rides to and from tennis matches discussing philosophy, religion, and the meaning of life with Coach Pfitsch. Spring break tennis trips. First warm day of spring, windows open, The Who blasting out of dorm rooms over the loggia.

Lynn Dixon-Anderson 1984
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Tell us about your career or vocation: I am in the field of packaging. I left Grinnell to go to MSU to get a degree in packaging. The field of packaging allows a person to be creative while still applying science to create solutions. I currently work in the pharmaceuticals industry. My job is to make sure that the newly discovered medicines are packaged in a system that provides protection to the medicine while ensuring that the patient can take the medicine. Grinnell.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The smaller class size which allowed for more interaction between the students and the professors taught me how to problem solve. The liberal, diverse viewpoints and social responsibility provided me with ability to speak openly and honestly. Two of my children applied to Grinnell because I attended.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I run the High School Swim Team Parent Booster club. I am always looking at ways to help children.

Eric Eidsmoe 1984
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Tell us about your life: Married with 2 kids. Older boy just started at the University of Chicago, the other is a junior in high school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I've worked at Dow Chemical in Midland, MI since I finished school. All of my jobs have been in the Information Systems area. I've stayed active with many sports -- tennis, biking, tae kwon do, and running. I ran the Chicago marathon in under 4 hours last year.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Tennis team road trips.

Scott Haase 1984
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Tell us about your life: My family and I have lived a pretty unassuming life in Connecticut, Kansas, Alabama, Texas, and, for the last 13 years, in Washington state following the winds of the career.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Since I was a child I was always fascinated by flight and when I got a chance to join Boeing I never looked back. In my career, I have had the opportunity to contribute to products that help keep us safe, explore the universe, transport cargo around the world, and bring people together. On the side, I chauffeur my kids, enjoy cooking, pursuing fitness in general, and, mostly, cycling. Several years ago, I ran several marathons, completed RAGBRAI in 2010, and have completed numerous century-plus rides.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell helped me be more open to and aware of the world around and appreciative of underlying implications and connections. I am thankful that I learned to write and to appreciate and trust my creative instincts.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I have held various positions as a volunteer and director for my children's swim teams and swim team leagues. After 18 years, we are now the senior volunteers, which is a bit strange.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Saturday mornings playing Edenthinar or other fantasy role-playing games. 24 hour bridge games. Getting one-on-one attention from professors. Hearing my grandmother laugh as I strutted around the stage in Lysistrata. Dance Troupe performance. Under Milk Wood and Measure for Measure. Getting hit on the football field. Spending a week on a computer project and then scrapping it and redoing it the night before it was due. Providing the right answer when Professor Stone thought I was sleeping and called on me. Freshman year, eating roast pheasant for the first time, cooked by the girls (women) in the triple down the hall, and provided by Jim Ambrose's Dad who was in town for the hunting season. Hearing that John Lennon had been murdered. Walking around the Nature Preserve. Visiting the town cemetery and seeing the headstones for a whole family who had died in the 1800s, and pondering immortality.

Inger Hansen Christensen 1984
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Tell us about your life: I am a GP in a small town at Bornholm an island in the Baltic Sea. I am married to Bjarne we have been married in 27 years. We have two boys, twins they are 24. They study both at the University of Copenhagen

Wayne Huebener 1984
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Tell us about your life: Lives alone with cat.
Scott Preston 1984
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Tell us about your life: I am married to Lan Nguyen Preston. We have three beautiful, wonderful intelligent children. Currently we live in Germantown, MD.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I work as a Medical Technologist in the Infectious Disease Department at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. I enjoy bicycling and have ridden RAGBRAI twice to date.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell Experience has provided me with a healthy disdain for the abuse of authority and the courage to ask questions when something doesn't seem right. Going to a college representing all 50 states and 50+ foreign countries taught me the ability to deal with people from all walks of life.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My family and friends.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: The people I've met and friends I've made. Especially enjoyed working at The Forum and playing rugby. RAGBRAI overnight in 2011 was awesome.

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Tell us about your life: Married with 2 children (Samantha - 20 yrs old, Brian - 19 yrs old). Attended grad school in Philadelphia area, then moved to Tampa, FL for academic position in 1995, and have been there ever since.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After getting JD (law) and PH.D. (clinical psychology), did post docs in geropsychology and mental health services at University of Pennsylvania. Currently a faculty member at University of South Florida in Dept of Mental Health Law & Policy. Currently teach legal and ethical issues and quantitative methods. Research focus on geriatric mental health services and policy as well as research ethics.
Michele Agenlian 1985
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Tell us about your life: Had my 2 children and now one grandchild; obtained my masters degree

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have a MS ED in Counseling; I worked at a state university in Chicago before being laid off; moved to Madison from Chicago; started a new career with the state of WI.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell was the most wonderful place. I was too young to appreciate how really great it was and I wasn’t confident enough to believe that I could compete academically. In retrospect, I really wish I would have completed my degree there; I had met and made wonderful friends who I haven’t forgotten after all these years.

Mary Gardner Miller 1985
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Tell us about your life: I closed my psychiatric practice after 20 years. No physicians ever question that decision. I now own a yoga studio teaching 8 classes a week. It is nice that there are no yoga emergencies. My oldest daughter is at Mizzou as a strategic marketing in the journalism school with a textile and apparel minor. My youngest will be heading to Mizzou in the fall of 2014. I couldn't sell Grinnell to either one of them. I gave a kidney to my sister two years ago. I highly recommend going through with the procedure if someone you love needs one. Tom, my husband, and I will be having our 25 anniversary this year and like most couples we are celebrating by having our 100 year roof taken off our historic home and getting a Decra roof.....goodbye any money.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Friendships that were established at Grinnell or future friendships with Grinnell grads- they are a special gift.
William Garrison 1985  
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Tell us about your life: Married to Cindy Dickinson for almost 12 years - two girls, Lucy (8) and Rose (4). A late start to parenthood, but definitely the highlight of my life!

Tell us about your career or vocation: Work 1/2 time as Curator at the Berkshire Historical Society at Arrowhead, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Arrowhead is where Herman Melville lived while writing "Moby-Dick" and other novels. Before that I worked at several other history museums and historic houses. A good fit, because I like history, and putting my American Studies major to work, but was not cut out to be an academic. No particular accolades, but I’ve avoided being fired or laid off, which counts for something. My hobby is puttering around the house.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Never underestimate the power of a great liberal arts education!

What adds meaning to your life and why? I try to be civic minded, serving as chair of the Pittsfield Historical Commission; deacon at a Congregational Church (I often think of Grinnell's religious origins); work days with Habitat for Humanity.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Living at "Periphery House" at the northern edge of town, senior year.

Jane Gradwohl Nash 1985  
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Tell us about your life: I’ll be celebrating my 25th anniversary this summer. Marrying Justin was one of the best decisions in my life (getting married can be a bit of a crap shoot, but I got lucky). We have two daughters: Hanna, who is a sophomore at Muhlenberg College and Sara, who is a junior in high school. They keep our life busy and fun. Our favorite family activity is traveling (although that wasn’t always the case—the girls used to complain a lot about our trips!) But now they are fully on board. Our trip last summer to Maui was amazing. One of the highlights was driving up Haleakula to watch the sunrise.
Tell us about your career or vocation: I’m a professor at Stonehill College in the Department of Psychology and I still love what I do. It is a privilege to work with college students who are at such a pivotal time in their development. I also have wonderful colleagues, which isn’t a given in many psychology departments (sometimes psych departments are called “dysfunctional families”).

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Working at a small liberal arts college has given me the opportunity to reflect a lot on my own college career. What I decided is that I don’t think I took full advantage of the array of activities available at Grinnell when I was there (mostly what I remember is long nights at Burling Library!) So I have been trying to go to more speakers, concerts, and athletic events at my college here. And whenever I do, I always am glad I did. I just wish it didn’t take me so many years to figure out that finding the time to attend something new and engaging is so rewarding and worth the time away from the task at hand.

What adds meaning to your life and why? This year I experienced the unexpected loss of my beloved brother. This loss turned my world upside down and really made me consider the fragility of life. It makes me want to spend more time with the people I love and do things that matter. This will be my life’s work.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest memories about Grinnell are the wonderful array of friends I met there. It is why I haven’t missed a reunion—because when I go back to Grinnell, I find the highest concentration of amazing people on the planet. And I try to soak it all up in for those few days so I can store up all that goodness until the next reunion!

Anthony Hyatt 1985
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Tell us about your career or vocation: I am a Teaching Artist developing and delivering participatory arts programs and experiences to diverse groups and individuals. Many of my programs are for older adults in care facilities, day-health programs and community settings. I also do hospital bedside music visits for pediatric and cancer patients. I could never have written in advance the script for my unconventional career path. It has its roots in the independent field research project that I completed as a Grinnell participant in the Associated Colleges of the Midwest India Studies Program. That project was about Improvisation in Indian Music and it started me on a path of experiential learning that continues today. My focus on improvisation and its role in the creative process led me to become co-director of Quicksilver, the Arts For The Aging (AFTA) senior citizen improvisational dance company. This led me to present interactive music programs for AFTA’s partner organizations. Eventually I was doing more of these then
could fit into my day job’s schedule and I chose to keep the job that paid my heart over the one that paid my bills! As Moving Beauty, I nurtured a host of additional clients. I became the leader of another performing group – The Silver Singers - a chorus of mostly Chinese singers who don’t speak English! I also started to become involved in the growing evidence based movement to enhance the role of Arts in Health Care and in Healthy Aging practices. Simultaneously I was pursuing another path as a conference presenter at international creativity conferences around the world. These paths merged, as I became a Master Trainer and Speakers Bureau member for the National Center for Creative Aging and other affiliated organizations such as Artsage in Minnesota. Now (January 2014) I am at another crossroads as I start a big project performing in a professional children’s theater production of Rumpelstilskin at the Imagination Stage of Bethesda, Maryland. It is my eventual intention to write a book sharing some of the techniques and amazing stories generated by my continuing work as a Teaching Artist. This work is tremendously joyful. Who knows what will come next?

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: We still laugh about the Moon Unit and other lighthearted pranks of Grinnell Days.

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Tell us about your life: Graduate and postgraduate training has led me to live in Los Angeles, Bloomington, IN, Richland, WA, and Midland, MI. It's been a pretty good adventure. So has having 2 kids 10-1/2 years apart in age.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I enjoyed my chemistry classes at Grinnell, and because of that I stuck with it. When I learned from other students that one could obtain a Ph.D. in chemistry without having to pay tuition out of pocked, I thought it was a splendid deal, and I went for it. It's been a good career, though I would have been better off had I made a wiser choice for a Ph.D. advisor.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It was an outstanding education in an intimate, supportive, and stimulative atmosphere. I do it all again in a heartbeat.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Family and friends.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting my wife in organic chemistry class my junior year, and playing in a band with my buddies for 3 years.
Tell us about your life: My first son is now 22. He's taking time off to re-evaluate, and I hope he decides to return to Grinnell to graduate. His brothers are 14, 10 and 9. Jonah was adopted at birth, and my other 2 at ages 11 and 9. We live happily in the liberal oasis of Yellow Springs, OH.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I see my work as a way to support what I love most, which is parenting and providing a resource to kids who need something--dinner, a place to stay for a bit, or a mom. I've had jobs I've loved (running the Antioch Gym, jobs I've learned a tremendous amount from (Parent/Therapist), jobs that changed my frame of reference (Recruiter for Truck Driver Training), and now a job I enjoy that puts me smack in the center of small town politics (Council Clerk).

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I think critically, read avidly, remember enough about Ancient Greek literature to help my kid with a great Greek night character and persona.

Tell us about your life: I lived in NYC after graduation until 1990. Since then, I have lived in Burlington, Iowa. I got married in 1990 and have 4 children: Autumn, 23, who is married and just graduated from Northern Iowa University. Savannah, 20, who lives at home. Skye, 17, a junior in HS. Ben, 14, in 8th grade. I was divorced in 2002 and remarried in 2006. I was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 2000 and have worked hard to overcome that.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I stayed home with the children until 2002, working from home selling a self-published book I wrote on childhood immunizations. Since 2002 I joined the family business (fireworks!) and have been in charge of bookkeeping. In 2013 I attended the Institute of Therapeutic Massage, here in Burlington - and will soon be a licensed massage therapist (Had to do something crazy to celebrate turning 50!)

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Mainly, it just broadened my horizons.

What adds meaning to your life and why? A strong faith in God adds meaning to my life. I'm very active at my church, volunteering to teach Confirmation classes and making rosaries.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I can't think of my fondest one, but I always remember how impressed I was seeing Quad dining hall for the first time and how I enjoyed eating in that castle-like atmosphere.

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Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Being in Iowa.

**Lynne Wadlinger Stryker 1985**  
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Tell us about your life: Married to Bob Stryker '85 since 1989. Live in St. Paul and have two rescue terriers Teddy and Brownie. Love that we have 21 restaurants to walk to from my house! Love that most of my work comes from historic house owners like myself, usually within a 2 mile radius of my home. Enjoy being creative in my garden, interiors, and taking each day to feel grateful about life.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Returned to school for a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design at the U of MN. Since 2003 have had my own kitchen and bath design business, called Spaces Into Places.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell was a great start to questioning everything! I loved the freedom to take whatever classes looked interesting. I loved the people I met, and the friendships formed.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Hanging out with Janette Funaro in the makeshift study hall on Dibble 4th - sheet hung from ceiling and mattress on the floor. Going for 4 chocolate doughnuts every morning, fresh from Sheila, and making more doughnuts when they ran out. Laughing till I cried most mornings, before even getting out of bed, with my roommate Bettie.
Tell us about your life: I lived in Ann Arbor, MI following graduation. I stayed there for 20+ years. I was married to my Grinnell sweethearts for a very long time. We divorced seven years ago and remain good friends. For the past six years, I've been with a new partner and his 21-year-old daughter. We live in San Francisco and love it.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I ran my own marketing consultancy for 15+ years. During that time, I took up cycling and became passionate about bikes. Then I moved to San Francisco and started a company with my partner called Bikes Make Life Better. We consult with major corporations on the use of bikes for transportation, wellness and sustainability. I also paint and have become a regular at Burning Man, an experience that continues to blow my circuits on what's possible.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me great communication skills. That has had an enormous impact on my life and my career.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Being creative, being active and being with friends. When I'm painting, doing something physically active and/or being with people I love, I feel very alive.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Sitting in the Quad dining hall at the end of dinner when the last winter light would filter through the tall windows, talking and laughing with friends.
Tell us about your life: Since leaving Grinnell with Heidi Johnston ('89) we have lived together in Taiwan, Chicago, Baltimore, Dhaka, Chapel Hill, Dhaka (again), Zurich, Basel, and Geneva! We hope to be more stable now, at least until Coulter (age 14) and Jasmine (age 10) finish high school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I changed tracks after Grinnell, where I had an all-humanities experience with focus on French, history, and philosophy. I ended up studying hydrogeology and environmental engineering, and becoming a specialist in drinking water quality in developing countries. After working with UNICEF on the problem of arsenic contamination in Bangladesh (and getting my PhD in arsenic removal) I moved to Switzerland to lead a research group on water quality in developing countries. Last year I made another shift, to WHO in Geneva, where I am on the team that tracks progress towards the Millennium Development Goals for water and sanitation. It's an exciting time now, since the MDGs will finish in 2015 and there is a lot of activity underway to define new global development targets for the next 15 years. I travel a lot for my work, to places like Bangladesh, Uganda, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, and Ecuador.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My grounding in humanities from Grinnell is definitely an asset, as written communication is very important for my work. And after moving to Geneva in 2013 I finally get to use the French I learned at Grinnell!

What adds meaning to your life and why? I am excited to see development in action - I see progress in water in sanitation across the world. Sometimes frustratingly slow, but especially taking a longer view, conditions are much better than they were even a decade ago. I'm optimistic about the future for Africa and Asia, though I worry that climate change will counteract much of the progress that is being made.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: There are too many! All-nighters (can't do those any more) including breaking in to Burling... Relays (when they had beer)!... Alice!... DJing classical music on KDIC, Sunday mornings (groan)... going on tour with the Singers... Hearing my first CD in Burling (Dark Side of the Moon)... partying with Koko Taylor and her band... staying up until it was time for a bakery run on a cold winter night... hanging out on Cleveland loggia... being an SA sophomore year... studying Russian history and culture with Dan ("the Man")
Dawn Bernard Fritzell 1989
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Tell us about your life: Married John Fritzell (Grinnell '89) and have two children ages 16 and 13. I am a long distance runner (marathons, half marathons, etc.) and have been running consistently for 16 years. This past summer I completed two different 200 mile relays. John and I travelled to Napa, CA for one of the relays where he worked as a race volunteer and was there to cheer me on. Of course we then spent some extra time enjoying the 'fruits' of the Napa Valley. I have a strong passion for working and supporting education and have been very involved in school organizations and activities over the last ten years. My participation in this area includes: PTA Vice President (2 years), PTA Treasurer (4 years) and Girl Scout leader (5 years). In addition, for the last four years, I have served on the Board of Directors for a local Charter School where my children have attended. I also keep busy with other school activities whenever volunteers are needed and have spent numerous weekends counting thousands of Box Tops for Education, organizing silent auctions, running craft and vendor fairs, coordinating student Presentation of Learning events, and leading other fundraising and learning activities. I also currently serve as Vice President on a religious organization Board of Directors (they assume I will take over as President next year). When not busy with the many boards on which I serve, committees I support and running many miles before daybreak, I enjoy traveling, shopping, sipping wine, and spending time with my family. Oh and I do love my job (see next question).

Tell us about your career or vocation: After graduating Grinnell, I lived in Chicago for four years and worked full-time in consulting for a then 'Big 6' Accounting and Consulting Firm. At the same time, I attended University of Chicago Graduate School of Business part-time and earned my MBA (with honors) in 1993. Soon after finishing Business School, I moved to Wisconsin and married John Fritzell. In Wisconsin, I began work for Kimberly-Clark, where I have now been for 21 years. I spent the first 14 years in Finance and then the next 7 years in Procurement, where I work currently. During my time with Kimberly-Clark, I have had the opportunity to work as part of leadership teams, travel and learn to appreciate the world of manufacturing.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me the most important rule to live by was to respect everyone's differences. I take pride in the fact that my children now have that same perspective and do a great job with respecting everyone's uniqueness. Grinnell
also taught me to be involved; if you want something to change or become 'better' then help make it happen.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: have many fond memories of Grinnell starting with my visit as a prospective student and sitting in on a Russian Literature class. The professor spent the first 10 minutes of class explaining the book Dr. Zhivago to me. The next day on campus, the professor stopped me and asked how I was enjoying my visit and if I had any questions. Let's not forget my first ever dorm party (though for some reason, I can't quite remember all of it), Grinnell Relays, spending late nights studying on the top floor of the Library, the Violent Femmes concert, bakery runs, Alice In Wonderland events, Professor Reid, and did I really move in to my then boyfriend's (now husband's) dorm room?

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Tell us about your life: I live in Portland, Oregon with my wife and two daughters, Kendrick (9) and Kate (7).

Tell us about your career or vocation: I spent the first four years after graduating from Grinnell traveling and working odd jobs. I then went to law school at the University of Oregon School of Law, and am now an attorney with the Davis Wright Tremaine law firm, where I have practiced business litigation and complex civil litigation for the past 17 years. I also have served as a pro tem judge in Oregon state court for the last seven years, hearing summary judgment motions one day a month. In my free time, I enjoy the many outdoor activities Oregon has to offer (skiing, mountain biking, backpacking etc.). As far as "unusual hobbies" go, I have worked game nights for the Portland Trail Blazers the last 15 years; I currently work 10-15 games a year running the shot clock, game clock or scoreboard.
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Tell us about your life: I sail in the summer and ski in the winter. Last summer I raced a Force 5 (2nd overall), an Ensign (1st overall at our local club), and Lightning. All 4 of my kids ski. It’s a party.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I started my current career as a patent attorney in 2007, seeing the writing on the wall for bench scientists in the region. It has been a really fun ride. Prior to joining the law firm I worked on the F119 program, which is the engine for the F22. That was really interesting. Before that I worked on fuel cells. That was really really interesting.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It was a setup.

What adds meaning to your life and why? All four of my kids are enrolled at the local Jewish day school. It is an entire life experience, spiritually and financially.

Jennifer Gray Proe 1989
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Tell us about your life: Married with two daughters, 12 and 15.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After working as an advertising executive for 10 years, I became a stay at home parent after the birth of our first daughter, a job I loved. Now that they are older, I have embarked on a second career as a freelance writer and marketing consultant. I also love singing with a 9-women a cappella singing group called Nightingale. We love to travel, and are looking forward to taking our kids to Europe this summer.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? First of all, I love meeting other people - any people - who have any kind of Grinnell connection. There is an instant and easy rapport that seems to come along with that shared experience. Secondly, I am proud to be affiliated with a college that has a long history of social justice and empowerment for all people. Every time I come back to Grinnell, I feel uplifted and alive. This was a very happy place for me.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Raising my girls and being involved in their education is my number one priority. However, I also find great fulfillment in my work as a freelance writer and marketing consultant, in volunteering at their schools, and in singing at church.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest memories are the mundane times spent just enjoying the company of other Grinnellians - at the waltz, at the Bar, going to Cunningham's for a vanilla coke, in the dining halls, watching MASH in the Yonkers Lounge, etc etc. I also have fantastic and indelible memories from Grinnell-in-London. One of my favorites was attending a costume party, which we went to by bus, at a time when Halloween was rather unheard of in the UK. The stares we got as we took several forms of public transportation to the party were priceless. I also recall sneaking into a cemetery that night and getting chased by the caretaker's dogs, which required us to scale a tall metal gate to escape. Good times indeed.

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Tell us about your life: I have a wonderful life. I'm a sailor and a ship captain, I have a job I love, breaking, fixing and learning all the time, for an organization I believe in (and in which my wife works as well). My kids go to a public school they love, a few blocks from work and I travel to Italy every summer, because my wife has family there.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I was an art major, but graduated knowing that I was a poor artist. I love boating and the sea and became a boat captain while working for Outward Bound, in Maine. I sail when I can and otherwise am just trying to keep up with life, as it spins happily ahead of me.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell was a place of kindness and compassion. I met wonderful people there and freed myself from the anxiety that came from a crack-addicted city. Grinnell has helped me understand that the best life comes from surrounding yourself with the best people.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Biking, my brother and my family. My wife and my two surprisingly most wonderful children. A dream to fall into some windfall and explore the world by boat. A dream and laughter - those two things will keep you going.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: The sensory memory of the passions I had (happiness, sadness, freedom, success, failure, righteousness, humility, love made and love lost) and the growing understanding of who I could become.
Tell us about your life: I obtained a veterinary degree and a spouse at Iowa State University. After graduation we moved to Illinois where I was employed at various mixed and small animal practice until I joined the Animal Poison Control center in Champaign, IL. During my time with Poison Control I got a master’s degree as U of I and became pregnant. Eight months pregnant and with my new degree I moved to North Carolina. Both of my children, a boy and a girl, were born in Raleigh. We lived in the Raleigh area where I worked as a consultant and associate professor before joining Novartis Animal Health. As a technical service veterinarian I received the opportunity to move to the Global office of Pharmacovigilance in Basel Switzerland. My family and I resided in Basel and adjoining Riehen for 6 years, joining local churches, singing in local choirs, going to local schools, learning Swiss German and using public transportation or bicycles to go most places. We just repatriated to the US and now live in Oklahoma where my husband has found a job and I continue to work as a for the Global Pharmacovigilance office in Basel from a home office. I anticipate travelling and moving will continue to be a big part of our lives.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently finishing up a certificate in Veterinary Preventative medicine on-line, while working full time.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell gave me a global perspective and the ability to communicate as well as analyze facts and figures which I have used throughout my career and life.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I am currently concentrating on making sure my children have a well-rounded and good education.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Hot chocolate in the dining hall after a very cold walk from swim practice resulting in frozen hair.
Tell us about your life: Lived in Toledo, OH for 3 years after graduating, then a year in San
Diego, and have been in the Twin Cities (MN) ever since. Married John in 1996, gave birth to

Tell us about your career or vocation: After Grinnell, I taught high school math for 4 years
before returning to graduate school for a degree in Math Education and public school teaching
certification in MN. After another year in a private school, I moved to a public high school until I
had my first child. Stayed with higher education after that (due to more flexible schedule). Have
been at Normandale Community College as an adjunct for 11 years. Developed and taught some
of Normandale's first hybrid and on-line math courses. Have had the opportunity to do training
of middle school math teachers about how to help their students meet the MN math standards.
Have also had the opportunity to work with a colleague who is co-author of a math text as her
accuracy checker for on-line videos and on-line text. Didn't know when I left Grinnell that
teaching would be my career for more than a few years, but I have found that I truly enjoy
working with students who may have struggled with math during their secondary education and
helping them overcome their math anxiety and beliefs that they can't do math. Yoga, Zumba,
spinning (indoor cycling), supporting parents and educators of gifted kids (am co-president of a
chapter of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented), and supporting music within the schools
(Duncan plays bassoon and tenor sax, while Delaney plays the oboe) take up much of my non-
math-education time.

Tell us about your career or vocation: College professor in chemistry department at Butler
University.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My liberal arts education prepared me very
well for graduate school and beyond. While my chemistry courses were most directly relevant
early on in graduate school, I have come to particularly value the work ethic, oral/written communication skills, and sensitivity to other people from different backgrounds that was instilled during my Grinnell years.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest memory was meeting my current spouse.

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Tell us about your life: I have lived in Michigan for approximately 10 years, after living in Chicago for 11 years. I live with Andy Poland ('87) and our two kids, Zeke and Olive.

Tell us about your career or vocation: We moved to Michigan so I could take a job as an assistant professor in social work at Michigan State. I am currently an associate professor as well as the director of the PhD program. My research focuses on cumulative violence exposure (community, family, and partner) among high-risk adolescents, and the effects on their academic and mental health outcomes. I teach theory and policy at the MSW level, and the doctoral proseminar for incoming doctoral students.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me how to write and how to think analytically. As a researcher and professor, I rely on these skills all of the time. My confidence and ease as a writer stem from my experiences at Grinnell. Additionally, several professors at Grinnell (Drs. Kesho Scott and Barbara Nowak leap to mind) have served as role models for me and continue to shape the way I approach teaching. On an interpersonal level, I developed loving friendships at Grinnell and met my SO. For me, Grinnell was an extremely rich social experience where I felt a sense of belonging that I had never experienced before (and haven't really since). The combination of intellectual stimulation and a sense of belonging that Grinnell offered me is seemingly hard to duplicate!

What adds meaning to your life and why? A question like this is difficult to answer without seeming facile.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I can't pick one or a few. I loved my time at Grinnell with the intensity of a billion stars.
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Tell us about your life: I have lived in Bend, Oregon for about 10 years. I live with my husband and two younger children, ages 9 and 10. My oldest son is finishing up his sophomore year at University of Oregon. In my spare time I love to hike, walk, travel and be outside in the sun.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After many years as a stay-at-home-Mom I returned to work in January of 2013. I work part-time as a home hospice nurse, a job that I love!

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How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It definitely has impacted how I see the world and how I interact with others in it.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My Grinnell friendships.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: John Pfitsch.

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Tell us about your career or vocation: I’ve worked mostly in politics, including serving as Chief Counsel to a US Senator. I've also been a criminal prosecutor, and I recently started my own law practice, focusing on consumer protection, crime victim rights, and personal injury law. I have developed expertise in fighting child sex trafficking. I've crafted legislation on this topic at both the federal and state level, and speak frequently on the issue. I serve on the Boards of the Oregon Consumer League, and the Oregon End Violence Against Women PAC. My main hobby is bicycling. I've ridden 8 editions of Cycle Oregon. (Not quite the same as RAGBRAI, but also a lot of fun.)
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I have many fond memories as a member of the Swimming and Diving team. I also enjoyed being active in many other campus groups and activities, such as the Rosenfield Committee, Campus Democrats, and internships in DC and Des Moines. Another big highlight was the semester in London and travelling across Europe.

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Tell us about your life: For the bulk of my post-Grinnell life I have been in the Boston area, near my parents who live on Cape Cod. I have been married since 1999 and we have three children. My son is 10 (and with me at reunion for some Grinnell indoctrination) and I have twin girls who are 7.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have worked in health care for over 15 years, in both the medical and behavioral health side of the field, focusing on quality improvement. As someone who ran away from the "family business" of science, it is a huge surprise to me that I manage a quality improvement program in a hospital and that we have several publications to our name - including one in the New England Journal of Medicine.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My "Grinnell" shows in my ability to communicate effectively in person and through writing, and in my analytic abilities. On a more personal note I feel my experience at Grinnell emerges in my activism in my town and the volunteer work I do with my children- making sure that they understand why it is important to give back.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: So many to choose from I don't think I can narrow it down. What springs to mind when I think of Grinnell is being surrounded by people I love, who challenged me and were so instrumental in shaping me.
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Tell us about your life: Married for 18 years with one son and two dogs.

Tell us about your career or vocation: 9 years as a government affairs assistant with several law firms; 12 years as a police officer, including 4 years as a homicide/violent crimes detective; currently a private investigator handling everything from personal injury cases up to criminal defense of murder cases.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell helped me build communication and critical thinking skills that have been essential in every job I've had...

What adds meaning to your life and why? Assisting defendants with understanding and dealing with the criminal justice system. I have an active pro bono practice.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: The off-campus house I lived in sophomore year was full of great people. I loved warm afternoons, playing intramural Frisbee, sitting on the loggia freshman year, the concerts at old Darby, the Pub, and some really neat professors.

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Tell us about your life: After Grinnell I went to UC-Berkeley to pursue my Ph.D. in Chemistry. My high school girl friend joined me the next year and we were married in 1992. We have three children and just sent our oldest to Emerson College in Boston to study film. After Berkeley we moved to Upstate NY where we have been ever since.

Tell us about your career or vocation: My Grinnell experience prepared me well and excited me to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry. After my Ph.D. and a 2 year post-doc at Livermore National Lab I obtained a Research position with General Electric in upstate NY. I spent 13 years and the research center where I managed a group of 22 scientists. Then 4 years ago I took on the challenge of starting a brand new business with GE. Since then we have put in a factory and are
making and selling a new battery technology all over the world. My current responsibilities involve making sure our field reliability is where our customers need it.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell was the foundation for the rest of my life. I learned many things at Grinnell but the most important was I learned how to learn new things. Since Grinnell I have never been afraid to do new things or jump into new areas but I know I can do – thanks to foundation of learning that Grinnell gave me.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Doing a lot with the kids right now - coaching and playing soccer with my teenagers - watching my daughter my bloom in college. My wife and I are very involved in our Unitarian-Universalist church (as a life-long atheist). I am President of our church and my wife and I coordinate youth camps in the summer.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: There were many but I do recall enjoying the view from the top of the Zirkle.
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Tell us about your life: Since Grinnell I have lived in 6 different states for work (IA, TN, NY, MN, IN and NJ). I have climbed up the coaching diving ladder and have become a successful Division 1 coach. I have recently purchased my first house in Trenton which I'm excited about.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Well I went into coaching right after college, I did spend a little over a year modeling which was a fun experience, but I wanted to do something with my education, so I went back to school to get my masters while continuing to coach.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell has definitely made me the individual I am today! I didn't start diving until college so there is no way I would have gotten into this sports field if it wasn't for Grinnell. I could not be happier with my decision.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I have way too many to choose from here, hopefully I can have a few down by the time the reunion comes around.

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Tell us about your life: I live in the Uptown neighborhood in Chicago with my wife, Carmen, my son, Graeme, and our 3 cats. Prior to our son's birth in 2012 we enjoyed a lot of traveling: Turks & Caicos, Alaska, Mexico, South Africa for World Cup 2010 and England/Scotland for my 30th birthday. I still play soccer a couple times a week with a couple Grinnellians, Andrew Stroup and Rachel Moskowitz.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I'm still at the same company I started with out of college. I've held a variety of positions which has kept me busy and engaged for the last 9+ years. I really enjoy the people I work for/with and wouldn't change a thing.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell taught me excellent communication skills which has helped me greatly in my work.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting and then courting my wife, the latter of which began on Valentine's Day 2001 when JP and I bought 40's for a bunch of ladies and had them delivered via the campus post office (in shoeboxes we got from the shoe store in town).
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Tell us about your life: I married Brian Griffin in February 2011 and we were so excited to have many of my Grinnell friends there to celebrate with us. We adopted our daughter Reagan born in October 2012 as well.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I started out teaching after graduation but it wasn't the right fit for me. I got into mortgage servicing with my writing skills learned at Grinnell and learned that business. 2 years ago, I found the perfect mix of my love for teaching and the financial industry in my current role of business trainer for a financial institution. I love being in the classroom and helping others learn about credit, mortgages and loans.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Spending time with my family means the most to me right now as well as the times that I get to see my faraway Grinnell friends.

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Tell us about your life: After Grinnell, I went back to China, where I studied abroad, and wandered around for a month. After that I headed to Paraguay and did Peace Corps and returned in early 2007. I moved to Vermont for a bit, then back to St. Louis to work for Planned Parenthood, then Atlanta for grad school, and now Wisconsin. I married Omar Granados in May of 2012 and after our wedding traveled to Havana, Cuba to visit his parents. No kids yet but we do have two cats, Pomby and Fanta, and are dying to get a dog!

Tell us about your career or vocation: I'm a nurse practitioner working in endocrinology for Mayo Clinic Health System. I regularly volunteer at the free clinic in town and moonlight in urgent care. I love my job and find it very fulfilling!

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The community at Grinnell is like none other. Grinnellians are some of the most incredible and inspiring people I have ever met.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: There are so many! Some include the two summers I spent in Grinnell doing MAPs, the soccer team and our shenanigans, and living in Pastel Hell with my girlfriends senior year.

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Tell us about your life: While I have no children of my own, I enjoy spending as much time as possibly with my nieces or driving on road trips with my best friend from elementary school. One of my favorite road trips was in the Summer of 2012 when my friend and I drove Route 66 from Santa Monica to Chicago and stopping at tourist attractions along the way.

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Tell us about your life: After leaving Grinnell, I earned a Masters in Middle Eastern Studies at University of Chicago. While there, I met my husband. We spent two years working for the government in Washington, DC before deciding to move to his hometown of Durham, NC. I've done a bit of work for his family's business but mostly have been working from home designing knitting patterns while raising our two sons (Sam [4] and Sean [2]). Our third child is due shortly after Reunion.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Pride and Prejudice marathons with the girls of Haines 3rd.
Bradley Houston 2004
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Tell us about your life: I lived in Maryland for a few years during grad school (see below), but I moved to Milwaukee in 2007 for a job-- and it's good that I did, because there I met the love of my life. We got married in 2010 and couldn't be happier. (Our 4-year anniversary is the Saturday of Reunion!) Along the way, we acquired a house, a vegetable garden, and a dog (of whom if you follow me on Facebook I'm sure you've seen lots of pictures).

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am the University Records Archivist at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a job which I came to via a dual degree in European History and Library Science at the University of Maryland. My decision to go into archives was actually arrived at because of an internship I completed through the CDC at the Truman Presidential Library-- so thanks, guys! I'm very fortunate in my choice of job--my work environment is excellent, the faculty and staff are (mostly) a joy to work with, and since I am also in charge of the Archives' electronic records program, I get to play around with metadata all day. (It's more exciting if you're an info professional.) I've had the opportunity to become involved in a number of the archives professional associations, including a stint as chair of the Society of American Archivist's Records Management Roundtable. Outside of the archives, I've taken up fishing (poorly), beer brewing, gardening, and riding my bike around Milwaukee's many trails. I'm still playing Magic and various other board games and RPGs, though not Dag, sadly!

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Definitely Grinnell-in-London in the Fall of 2002. An amazing city with an amazing group of Grinnellians to share the experience. (Oh, and the classes were neat too.)

David Jarvis 2004
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Tell us about your life: I am currently in transition, finishing up my PhD in Public Administration with a focus on government accountability while working on finding work in program analysis/research/policy jobs.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have always been interested in making government efficient, effective and accountable, so it was natural for me to want to go into public service. I
transitioned from politics to public administration when I discovered while working for the Oregon Legislature that I preferred policy work over politics.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell has helped broaden my interest in making the world a better place more generally. More specifically, it has made me a "systems person". That is, I see how different acts throughout a system interact the whole system, which allows me to consider the systemic impact of individual acts or actors. This gives me a broad perspective that I believe is directly attributable to Grinnell.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I work with the Portland City Club's New Leaders Council helping design and implement programs designed to encourage civil engagement among those in their 20s and 30s. I am also involved with the Oregon World Affairs Council to do similar work on engagement related to global issues.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: It’s hard to pick out one fondest memory since there were so many but I'll pick a typical one. The night before graduation most of the senior class met at the platform to do celebratory drinks and be as a group one last time before we graduated. The strong community and love we felt for each other at that moment is what I treasure most about Grinnell. Though we went our separate ways, all of us are forever part of that community and for that I am eternally grateful.

Bridget Lavelle 2004
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Tell us about your life: After leaving my home state of Washington in 2000 to attend Grinnell, and exploring the midwest (Grinnell, Ames, Ann Arbor) and east (DC) for over a decade, I have finally returned back home. Finished my PhD program (Public Policy & Sociology) at the University of Michigan in December 2012 and moved out west to Olympia, WA in January 2013. Got a great job at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services creatively using research skills to figure out how to make our systems function more efficiently and better serve Washingtonians, especially low-income ones who rely on public assistance. Got married in July 2013 to Matt, a good-humored and hunky fellow statistician (who is in the kitchen baking a pie as I write this). Now am enjoying a slower pace of life --- teaching myself how to cook (or attempting to), enjoying the natural beauty of this place, and generally figuring out what one does when the guilt of grad school starts exquisitely fading into the distance.
Tell us about your life: I divide my time between my two enduring passions - Jewish life and Music. I have been lucky to find a partner, with whom I entered into an Illinois Civil Union in 2012, and with whom I plan to upgrade to full marriage this summer thanks to recently passed legislation in our state. I pass my days now organizing events with college students, engaging in Jewish education and immersive experiences, and performing both Jewish and secular music in and around Chicago.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After working in the music booking and events industry immediately after college, I moved on to study Music Composition at Butler University where I earned my Masters in Music. While earning that degree, I picked up work in the summers organizing Jewish teens' social justice initiatives with the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs with fellow Grinnell alum Ari Hart '04. Not only was my attention shifted back to Chicago in a profound way, but to the power and richness of Jewish history and identity. After graduation, I worked with JCUA on strengthening and growing its teen program. The chance to work with Hillel, and to work with college students presented itself and I jumped at it. Along the way, I have always looked for outlets for my musical endeavors. I teach Jewish music at KAM Isaiah Israel congregation in Hyde Park, and look for opportunities in my work on campus to promote and perform music. In my spare time I work on projects with friends, including with fellow Grinnell alum, Dan Brown '05 - our electronic music project Cleveland Beach is inspired by our time at Grinnell. Finally, I've recently begun playing bass in the house band for a variety show called Making Out with Wes Perry, which goes up the last Sunday of every month at Chicago's own 'The Hideout'. Fighting for the honor and preservation of live musical performance and the continued survival and vibrance of the Jewish People is directly inspired by my days at Grinnell, where we were encouraged to fight for what we believe, and to make meaning, not just money.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Too many to put down here, but one that comes to mind is how the community rallied together after a string of suicides in 2003. Our whole community was rocked, but the love and care for each other that we all rededicated ourselves to was truly healing and inspiring. Also, playing pool in the forum with Pete Pennington '04 and Connor DiAmicco Savage '07. The highest ideals were hashed out to the strains of KDIC in those days. Now that the avalanche of memories has commenced, I'll end my comment before we're here all day. Ah Grinnell, I miss it so.
Hannah Phelps Proctor 2004  
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Tell us about your life: I just got married in September to a non-Grinnellian (met through Grinnellians). We've been together eight years, living down the street from Liz LeBreton (Jarvis '04) and family in Chicago.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have a day job but I act in various projects, most of them film, when I get the opportunity. I would still love to be able to make a living working on independent projects, but for now I do what I can. I would love to be challenged daily either by my work, or by my craft, preferable both, but for now rent and health insurance are a priority. It would also be really refreshing to have the opportunity to work on projects that do not involve the objectification of the female characters, or worse, violence against them. Unfortunately, you take the roles you are given, or you don't work. I'm hoping that I can find or create a project in the coming years where I don't have to play a victim. Beyond these frustrations, I still love acting and I’m still excited that I get to try on a new skin with every project.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Being a Townie, having a parent who graduated from Grinnell and grandparent who worked for Grinnell makes my "Grinnell experience" a little different from many, though not all of my classmates. My friends from college are still some of the most important people in my life.

Jennifer Robinson 2004  
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Tell us about your life: Recently celebrated three years of living and playing roller derby in New Mexico. Got to hike, cross country ski, and adventure around Alaska during a clinical rotation in midwife/NP school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I graduated from Ohio State University in 2010 with a master’s of science in nursing, and became certified as a nurse midwife and women's health nurse practitioner. I worked as a doula, prenatal educator, and sexual assault survivor advocate for several years before deciding to pursue midwifery. I worked as a home birth midwife for several years while also building a midwifery practice serving uninsured, monolingual Spanish speaking immigrants at a community clinic. I developed and manage a women's health
apprenticeship program for volunteers at my community clinic, and also manage the clinic's prenatal, women's health, and cancer screening programs.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The support I received from Grinnell to pursue summer research projects, internships, and travel opportunities helped instill a love of adventure and entrepreneurial spirit that I have carried with me since graduation. I have met Grinnellians in every place I have lived over the past 10 years - most of whom I didn't know during my time at Grinnell, and now consider to be very dear friends.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Jello wrestling on Mac field our senior year on a cold fall day comes to mind.

Annie Tessar 2004
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Tell us about your career or vocation: After Grinnell I moved to southern New Mexico where I completed 2 years of AmeriCorps service and later went to grad school. A few years ago I moved up to Portland, Oregon, where I now work the front desk at a community acupuncture clinic. We are a social business that makes healthcare in the form of acupuncture affordable and accessible to regular people in Portland. Besides working there, I also volunteer with our community acupuncture co-op that works to do the same thing on a larger level. I also work as a library page at Multnomah County Library. I had gone to grad school to be a speech-language pathologist, and then found it wasn't for me. I worked in the schools briefly as an SLP before leaving that field to find work where I can use my strengths and contribute in a way that feels meaningful. The last couple of years has been a process of starting over and building from the ground up... really challenging but definitely worthwhile.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Connections with people, community, gentleness, gratitude, nature, art, movement, solitude, gradual change, sharing laughter, forgetting & remembering again, growing, learning.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I can't choose just one! Lots of time spent with Anne... like the fondue party we hosted, hanging out with our Davis buddies (there were the movies and the swimming and all the usual stuff, sure, but who knew going through the car wash would be such a hit?), working on the AIDS benefit together, that day-trip to Pella, and just all the everyday things like eating at the dining hall. So many other things, too - volunteering at the Catholic Worker in Des Moines, participating in the Vagina Monologues, seeing plays and dance performances, hanging out with international students on campus one spring break, going to the
School of the Americas protest, community choir, and class with John Mohan and Todd Armstrong.

Jessica Ward Waymouth 2004
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Tell us about your life: My husband and I have a 17th mo old daughter, Hannah, who keeps us busy! We also have a quirky dog, Jack, who we rescued about 4 years ago. We've lived in Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia for about 4 years but have worked in Washington, DC since we graduated.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Finished my MBA in 2009. I've worked at the Urban Land Institute, a non-profit real estate association and think tank, in fundraising for 7 years and was promoted to Vice President, Development in summer 2013. Love to do pilates/yoga, go running, travel, and see family.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I volunteer with my daughter's school and with a community service organization called The Campagna Center, which helps children and families and encourages learning and education.
Justin Abramson 2008  
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Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I have many Grinnell memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life, but the ones that give me the most joy are those of my time spent with the baseball team. Although I retired from baseball after my first year because I would never have been good enough to earn any significant amount of playing time, the time I spent around the team calling games as the stadium announcer, going on team trips and at team parties on the weekends provided many of my favorite memories of my time at Grinnell.

Camila Alarcon Cordon 2008  
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Guatemala

Tell us about your career or vocation: BA/ Political Science from Grinnell and currently applying to a Master’s Degree in Public Policy. Upon Graduation I returned to Guatemala and worked for a year at a think tank doing political consulting, as well as taking a yearlong course on National Strategy and Development processes. Although this was a great learning experience and it forced me to get re connect with the political system in Guatemala I felt I wasn't completely satisfied. After careful self-reflection and given the environment of violence and insecurity of the country I knew I wanted to create solutions with other young leaders. Thus myself and two friends Co Founded a Non-Profit Organization called Red Nacional por la Integridad which looks to empower the most marginalized youth in the Rural Areas. Through Grass Root Organization, Community building and Educational programs we have been able in 5 years to have network of over 800 volunteers and 250 youth leaders/activist. Our main is to create new leadership that can become the future public servants as well as to close the gap between citizens and their public administrators. In 2011 a new political journal was launched in Guatemala and due to a preview column I had written in a national newspaper they asked me to be a weekly columnist. To date I have written over 100 columns ranging from various political and social issues. In 2013 I was asked by an NGO (Guatemala Visible) who works specifically to ensure the rule of law is respected to join their fundraising team given my previous success with the Non Profit. Currently I am the Director of Fundraising and continue to be the Executive Director of my Non Profit, This work has allowed me to interact with many leaders of other countries in Latin America and
consequently have traveled as a guest speaker in conferences that focus on leadership building. During my free time I volunteer as a guest speaker in the Women's Activist Group Poderosas which looks to empower women in Guatemala through Art and Dialogue. I am also a member of the group Women Empowerment from the Aspen Institute. I am a huge FC Barcelona Soccer Team Junkie as well as a Chicago Bears fan.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Aside from the Academic tool to succeed in my professional career, Grinnell changed completely who I am and my perception on life. Before attending I believed I was liberal (coming from a very conservative society) however while there I realized I was actually very close minded. Thanks to relationships I built, diversity of the people and the experiences I had, I was able to become the person I wanted, Open and Tolerant.

What adds meaning to your life and why? The work I do for the Non Profit, being witness to the sacrifice that our volunteers and coordinators do every day with minimum resources in order to change the status quo of power relations in my country.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Meeting my best friend to date Stephanie Rosenbaum freshman year and being able to build a 10 year relationship.

Timothy Billion 2008
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Tell us about your career or vocation: Following Grinnell, I worked for a few years and then went to law school, finishing in May of 2013. It's been very engaging and rewarding so far. Outside of school, I continue to enjoy brewing beer and playing golf, among other hobbies. In the summer of 2012, I embarked on a two-week cross-country road trip with Wyatt Montague and Mike Inman to attend the wedding of Sam Tang and Ha Na Park. One of the numerous highlights of the trip was a visit to Grinnell Glacier in Glacier National Park, Montana.

Thomas Christensen 2008
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Tell us about your life: Lived in China for a while.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Getting a scholarship.
Daniel Clark 2008  
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Tell us about your life: I graduated dental school at Texas A & M in May 2013 and began an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program at the University of New Mexico in June of 2013. I recently accepted a position to return to my hometown in Farmington, NM to work in public health.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I think I feel more Grinnellian now than I ever have before and I haven't made any decision since leaving without asking myself, “What would be the Grinnellian thing to do?”

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I hit a homerun on Seniors Day in our last home game.

Ashley Cunningham 2008  
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Madison, WI  53711

Tell us about your life: I live in Madison, WI with my two cats Ingrid and Gunter. I'm happy to be back in the Midwest close to friends and family.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After college I completed my medical degree at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. and am currently completing my residency in Pathology at the University of Wisconsin.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Being at Grinnell was a unique experience where I was able to meet some great people and where I could focus on building my education to reflect my personal interests and also prepare me for my future in medicine.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Volunteering at local animal shelters gives me a lot of joy. Animals have always been a big part of my life and it's nice to help the animals out, because I know they've offered me a furry shoulder/tail when I've needed it. I think it's funny that I'm not a veterinarian, but I guess this is the next best thing!

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Howling at the moon and midnight bakery runs with my fellow Grinnellians, because what else is there to do in Grinnell anyway?
Jaime Frankle 2008
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New Buffalo, MI 49117

Tell us about your career or vocation: This is my fourth year at my current school, where I teach Precalculus and Physics and coach the Academic Decathlon team.

What adds meaning to your life and why? When I lived in Chicago, I discovered Open Books, a non-profit bookstore in the city. I've been working there for the past few summers.

Liv Gibbons (& Elijah Buck) 2008
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Tell us about your life: We welcomed our daughter, Isla Sif, in June of 2013 and I am currently interviewing for senior ministry positions on the West Coast.
Elijah and I got married in July after graduation and then moved to Chicago so that I could attend the University of Chicago Divinity School. Elijah worked for the University’s Humanities Division as a systems administration.
After graduating with my MDIV, I was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and accepted a two-year position as Resident Minister at Central Christian Church in Lexington, KY.

Katherine Johnson 2008
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Tell us about your life: This past year I was lucky enough to marry the love of my life.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently working for a Chicago non-profit, Youth Empowering Strategies, doing health education and program management. I love being able to give back and make a difference in my community. In the future I hope to continue working in public health and improving preventative healthcare and our healthcare system.
How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell education helped encourage me to approach problems from many different angles and consider many perspectives.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I still enjoy playing ultimate frisbee. It is a great way to meet new people and being involved in the community.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest Grinnell memory is definitely all the wonderful friends I made. Also playing lots of frisbee on Mac Field.

Amanda Keledjian 2008  
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Tell us about your life: Living and working in Washington, D.C., on sea turtle and marine mammal science for a marine conservation organization. I chose an interdisciplinary graduate degree and enjoy applying it in my work every day.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Grinnell shaped my work ethic, my determination, and my love of learning.

Sandra King 2008  
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Tell us about your life: I am in my fifth year of the Chemistry PhD program at Yale. I work in synthetic organic chemistry, specifically natural product synthesis and methods development. I plan on finishing my PhD research this summer. I have accepted a postdoc position at MIT to begin in the fall.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? The Grinnell skills that are vital to my everyday research are time management, critical thinking, and communication skills.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: All of the experiences where my Grinnell Science Project peers became my lab partners, study groups, roommates, and lifelong friends.
Tell us about your life: In my first year of teaching, I was given the honor as head of the North High School ELL Department in Des Moines, IA. I enjoy talking to, teaching, laughing with, and learning from about 200 students who speak a variety of languages, equaling 26 throughout the school. I have the opportunity to experience new cultures every day and find the oddities in my own. I was married to the man of my dreams in 2011. He finally helped me reach adulthood by getting me to listen to NPR, since he works for Iowa Public Radio, and reading The New Yorker. Luckily, my students keep me young and active, by allowing me to gesture and jump around crazily while teaching.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My husband, family, and students add meaning to my life. Every day, I learn something new from the amazing students who speak numerous languages and have differing cultures. They help me to better understand and connect to the world. My students, talking to me in myriad languages and laughing with me, keep me young and energetic. My husband is my anchor, inspiration, and enlightenment. He has helped me grow as a person and helped me to be more understanding. Every day, I grow and love more because of him.

Tell us about your life: After Grinnell, I moved back home to Lawrence, KS to be closer to my beloved Jayhawks. In order to gain the best student seats at Allen Fieldhouse, I enrolled in law school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Associate with an expanding civil litigation defense firm representing nationwide clients in various types of litigation.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I continue to have close relationships with my football teammates from Grinnell, which usually involves 1-2 larger reunions throughout the year.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I'm involved in several legal civic organizations and a board member for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.
Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest Grinnell memories circle around providing student social entertainment on High Street including Moose Club, Block Party, and Physical Fitness Day 2007.

Alison Link 2008
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Tell us about your life: I lived in Austria (Salzburg and Vienna) for two school years after graduation, teaching English in high schools there. I also picked up some guitar, Turkish, and love of coffee while I was there!

Tell us about your career or vocation: I found my way back to Minnesota without much of a plan, started a few grad classes, and ended up with a degree and a career path in academic technology, which feels like it fits me really well! (Am still wishing I'd taken more computer science back at Grinnell, so I could do more programming these days. But generally, I'm loving sitting in the spaces between computing and education).

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell gives me the strength of a critical liberal arts lens now that I work in a research institution. It roots me in a personal and professional sense of "why education matters" for myself and my work. It means I also can't decide what course of study to pursue next--because I want to do them all! (Right now, I'm settling for dabbling in loads of open online courses.)

What adds meaning to your life and why? I've been trying to connect more with the Twin Cities tech community, do more volunteer work with kids in tech, attend hackathons and civic tech events, etc. I also started dabbling in home brewing (with the support of my old roommate Matt Johnson, '08)!

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I love that I can think back to the first day of my tutorial on European Film and Literature and all the faces around our seminar table and know that I have now seen some of those folks in places across the globe, or seen them travel broadly. I loved sitting on the roof of the Langan loggia looking at the northern lights. I loved driving to Newton every week and looking forward to poetry discussions. I loved being serenaded by the a capella groups at the library during finals weeks.
Jared Mattfeld-Sarbaugh 2008
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Canada

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Lyle Bauman

Nicholas Merklin 2008
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Tell us about your life: Ambassador for American Football in the Republic of Serbia in 2009. Completed the Camino de Santiago in the summer of 2012

Tell us about your career or vocation: I teach a private 1-12 day school in Virginia and coach football and basketball.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It has broadened my perspective on every situation I have encountered since graduation.


Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Playing football during Coach Wallace's last season coaching.

Mitchell Parks 2008
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Tell us about your life: Married to Wendy Parks (née Schreiner; B.A., Wesleyan University '08; M.A.T., RISD '11). We have been delighted to live in Providence, RI since graduating from college but are eager to see where life takes us next.
Tell us about your career or vocation: In the process of finishing my Ph.D. thesis on ancient Athenian politics and literature. The highlights of my studies have been adventures in Greece, including my semester abroad during college (spring ’07, when I met my wife) and the summer of ’11, part of which I spent teaching ancient Greek to archaeology students in Kalamata.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I have been lucky enough to teach several classes in my graduate career. Every time I stand in front of a classroom I try to think of how my Grinnell professors would answer each question I get, and I hope I sometimes come up with something close enough!

What adds meaning to your life and why? Graduate school derailed many of my passions (except cooking!), but I am glad to say that this winter I have served as dramaturge for a local theater group's production of "An Iliad," and I hope to find more ways of integrating my career goals, artistic endeavors, and community service after I finish my degree.

Milan Popovic
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Serbia

Tell us about your life: Currently living with my girlfriend for last 8 months. thinking of starting a family soon.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently attending Master in Corporate and Investment Banking at Bocconi University. Very challenging experience since it is on top of my job.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell experience shaped my core values in life and provided me with valuable knowledge and corporate culture. In addition, Grinnell thought me to be proactive and embrace diversity which helped me to be successful both as a person as well as career wise.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Sharing knowledge and being there for my family and friends when needed.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Definitely, friends and people that I met.
Emily Reiersgaard 2008
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Tell us about your life: I served with Veronique Porter ('08) and Katharine Dean ('10) in Mali with the Peace Corps. We were evacuated following the military coup d'etat in March 2012. While there, I lived and worked in a village near Ouelessebougou in the Koulikoro region.

Nicole Reiner 2008
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Tell us about your life: Married to a fellow Grinnellian :) 

Tell us about your career or vocation: Museums / Cultural Institutions

Cassandra Sims 2008
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Tell us about your life: Have lived outside of Philly since graduation. Cohabit with my boyfriend, Steve, and 2 cats.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Work as a programmer and analyst in defense planning. Last year, I got to attend NATO conferences and meetings all over Europe.

What adds meaning to your life and why? The rest of my time is spent playing rugby and crossfitting.
Sarah Smith 2008  
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Tell us about your life: James Bird '07 and I decided at the end of 2013 to get married. We are hosting a wedding in July 2014.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently pursuing my graduate degrees in Child Development at Erikson Institute and Social Work at Loyola University. I am also interning at Child Therapy Chicago as a Psychotherapist.

Lindsay Young Browne 2008 
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Tell us about your life: I met my husband, Brad, my senior year of high school back home in Kansas City. We stayed together through my time at Grinnell and he proposed senior year after Winter Waltz. We got married in 2009. We live together in Kansas City with 3 cats. I work for a great nonprofit, LINC, doing community organizing at a high school and middle school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After getting my BA in Sociology from Grinnell, I got my Youth Development Credential to help with my work with school age youth. Now I'm working on my Masters in Public Administration with a focus on nonprofits at the Bloch school at UMKC. I do a lot of reading for fun.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? An alumni who also works for LINC helped me find my job. I had my best Grinnell friends in my wedding. I continue to have an interest in learning and improving the world. Grinnell prepared me well for work and for grad school.

What adds meaning to your life and why? My family, my friends, my nonprofit work, and reading.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Senior year we lived off campus in a house with all Deborah (Kaiser) Doleshal's bridesmaids (Jo Krukowski, Ellen Lambert, Karen Gados, and myself). Our two separate apartments in the house connected through a loose board in the closet "Narnia." I got engaged the same year and had all of them as my bridesmaids. Not surprisingly, we called our house the Bridal Fortress. Jo and I had a lot of fun making Titular Head Films including the epic yearly battle between the Cross Country Team and the DAG fighters. I also
had a lot of fun bringing my Grinnell Friends home to stay with my parents in Kansas City and go to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. Jo turned 21 with Karen Gados, and I under the Eiffel Tower during our semester abroad. Soo many more.

Kathryn Benson 2009
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Tulsa, OK 74105

Tell us about your life: After a couple of rocky years post-graduation, I moved from my hometown of Tulsa, OK to Austin, TX, where I pursued a degree in information studies. I loved living in Austin, but I missed seasons (and my family), so after finishing my master's degree I moved back to Oklahoma, where I'm currently enjoying the adventure of settling into a new job and a new house in the city where I grew up.

Tell us about your career or vocation: In May 2013 I received a MSIS from the University of Texas at Austin. I focused on public libraries and youth services during my time there, but after moving back to my hometown of Tulsa, OK, I accepted a job as a Reference & Instruction librarian at Tulsa Community College. I love getting to work directly with students and introduce them to the world of academic libraries, peer-reviewed journals, and in-depth research. My other professional passion is Young Adult Literature, and it's great getting to work in an environment where people are open to my often over-enthusiastic book recommendations!

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Above all else, Grinnell taught me the importance of community, and of passionate engagement with the world around me. I'm not sure I would have pursued a career in education and public service if not for my Grinnell experience, and I certainly wouldn't have such a wonderful group of far-flung friends!

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Cooking farmer's market dinners with [goteraam] and [rosentha], spending warm spring afternoons skipping class and sitting on the Read 2nd loggia, and of course all-night paper writing sessions in the living room of Mears Cottage, punctuated by 3 am bakery runs!
Caroline Bowker 2009  
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Tell us about your life: After graduating, I have traveled extensively in Europe, lived in India as an AJWS World Partners Fellow, and lived in Greece as the Student Activities Fellow at Anatolia College.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I studied Economics and worked with a women's development organization while living in India. My career path took an unexpected turn when I became passionate about the restaurant industry and especially wine. I am now a member of the sommelier team at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House in Chicago. We have a list of 1,600 wines specializing in collectible producers and vintage verticals.

Elizabeth Coburn 2009  
220 4th Street N.  
Delano, MN 55328

Tell us about your life: I've lived a lot of places since leaving Grinnell: Minnesota; Illinois (grad school); Washington DC; Boulder, Colorado; and now Cape Cod, Massachusetts. I've had a lot of adventures, I've met a lot of great people, and I've had a great career so far. I have a wonderful partner, and we recently added an awesome puppy to the mix. Things are pretty good right now, and I have a lot of exciting plans for the future.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I went straight into a Master's program after leaving Grinnell. I couldn't really decide what I wanted to do so I went with Library and Information Science in the hope that I could do a bit of everything (or at least learn about everything). Right away I became interested in Data Curation (research data management/stewardship). I had a great mentor, a lot of opportunities while in the program, and I'm off and running on a great career path. My first job was at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution where, among other things, I had the opportunity to go out to sea on a scientific expedition for two weeks. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Now I'm a consultant with a Canadian software company that builds open source digital library (and data management) software. We'll see where that takes me. I have way too many interests.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell was one of the best experiences of my life, and I'm so happy I chose to go there. The education I received and the experiences I had while at Grinnell prepared me well for the wild and crazy life I lead.
Emily Jacobson 2009
1782 Fordem Avenue Apt 313
Madison, WI 53704

Tell us about your life: I've been in Madison, WI since I graduated from Grinnell, and I'm getting married (to a non-Grinnellian I met in my graduate program) this summer.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I'm a PhD student in Computer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Maya Lipert 2006
234 Fieldcrest Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Tell us about your life: Since graduation from Grinnell in 2009 I have been in graduate school in Ann Arbor, MI.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I majored in Chemistry (and Spanish) at Grinnell, and am now pursuing a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences. After earning my Ph.D., I hope to get a position in research and development at a pharmaceutical company.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell's academics prepared me well for graduate school. I also formed strong friendships that I hope will last forever.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: I have many great memories with the women's tennis team and of late nights in Noyce working on my chemistry coursework.

Illyanna Logan 2009
1010 W. Church Street Apt 2
Champaign, IL 61821

Tell us about your life: After graduating from Grinnell I moved out to San Francisco where I lived for three years and worked in several different bookstores in the area. In 2012 I left San Francisco to pursue a graduate career in library and information science at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign where I currently live in a very small apartment with my boyfriend and my dog.
Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently finishing my last semester as a graduate student at UIUC where I am earning my master's degree in library and information science. I work as a pre-professional graduate assistant in the Social Sciences, Health and Education Library helping students and faculty with their research and doing special projects with our large collection of children's books. Additionally, I work in the UIUC Law Library and intern at the local public library. I really love being a librarian as it enables me to help connect people to the information that they need to pursue their goals and further their own education.

Richard Luong 2009
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San Carlos, CA 94070

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Stealing dining hall plates and sledding for the first time with floor mates at Hamburger Hill near the golf course. And using prospie mattresses to sled down stairs.....

Matthew Montemore 2009
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Boulder, CO 80303

Tell us about your career or vocation: After studying physics at Grinnell, I entered a PhD program in mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder because I wanted to do scientific research with energy applications. I ended up working with a chemical engineering professor and have been studying how to design catalysts, which have a lot of energy applications.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell gave me an excellent preparation for graduate school in engineering.
Jeffrey Raderstrong 2009  
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Washington, DC 20010

Tell us about your life: Currently living with my girlfriend of almost 3 years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently pursuing my masters after spending 4 years working in the nonprofit sector, particularly in philanthropy. I hope to start a full time job soon working on building cross-sector partnerships.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? It has given me a critical perspective on all things, and helped me to analyze the problems I face in the working world in a different way than my colleagues.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Being engaged in my work and with the people around me.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Playing in Gardner lounge in a talking heads cover band.

Henry Reich 2009  
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Marine on Saint Croix, MN 55047

Tell us about your life: Since graduating I got a Masters in theoretical physics, moved to LA to work on movies, started film school, learned about Youtube, started a youtube channel, dropped out of film school to focus on said youtube channel, was an artist in residence at a physics institute in Waterloo (Ontario), and now I'm a traveling bum loosely based in Minnesota. I continue to run, cross country ski, hike, camp, play music, and enjoy cooking with friends and family.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I make youtube videos! About science! It's a sweet job and I get to meet other cool people, some of them from the internet. I guess I'm now a small business owner and I employ several people to help produce one of my youtube channels, MinuteEarth. The other (MinutePhysics) is a solo endeavor.
Tell us about your career or vocation: Following my graduation from Grinnell I went directly into a clinical doctorate program of Audiology at Gallaudet University. Within a semester I dropped out; realizing the program was not at all what I had anticipated. I worked as a temporary nobody-worker for a pharmaceutical company while living with family and it was the most ego-busting experience of my life to date. Seeing no other way out with just a B.A. in Psychology, and still feeling lingering feelings of failure, I decided to reapply to the same university but for a different program. That fall I returned to Gallaudet University for a 2-year Master's in International Development, which was taught in American Sign Language. As a final requirement for my Master's, I took an unpaid M&E fellowship with the country office of UNAIDS in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I became increasingly disillusioned by international development, and decided to try my hand at teaching English, instead. I obtained CELTA certification in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in the fall of 2012 and returned to Phnom Penh, where I was extremely fortunate to nab a very good English-teaching job at an English prep school for a local university. This is my second year teaching with this university, and I take pride in my work in a field that generally does not receive much respect. I expect to reevaluate my career plans once I've paid off the remainder of my student loans.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? As a student I somehow felt like I never quite fit in - I was too asocial, too mainstream, too religious, too rural, gay but not queer enough - and yet, five years post-graduation, I still look back on my time at Grinnell with fond nostalgia. I look at the activities I participated in and philosophical positions I held and I slap my forehead, thinking, "my god, we were so naive and acted so entitled." But I can't think of a safer, more supportive environment to start stretching the muscles of a young adult mind.

What adds meaning to your life and why? When I studied abroad in Denmark my third year of Grinnell, I noticed that my decision to live with a Danish host family profoundly affected the "Danishness" of my experience relative to the classmates who lived on their own. So four years later, as I made plans for Cambodia, I knew I wanted to try to live with a Cambodian family in order to get a sense of the local psychology and rhythms of daily life. I quickly realized there were no organized programs available to the public that matched foreigners with families, so I took the initiative to ask around for myself. Fortunately, the manager of the guesthouse where I had been staying the first week said, "Why don't you come live with us?" and so a few days later I found myself moving into a tin-roofed, three-room home with no indoor plumbing on the edge of the city, along with eight other people - all but one of whom couldn't speak any English. Over the next six months there would be many things that tested my sanity, from the cockroaches that skittered across my body in the middle of the night to having to significantly redefine my sense of privacy, but I also formed an incredible bond with this family, learned to navigate the Khmer
language, and had the privilege of seeing and living Cambodia in a way that most foreigners do not. After those first six months I told them that I think I needed to look around for a place of my own, but we remain close (a few weeks ago I gave a name to their new baby!) My relationship with my host family "grounds me" whenever I start to think that Cambodia is defined by Range Rover-driving students, or posh coffee shops filled with development workers. With my "foreigner" salary, I pick and choose what I want from both worlds, and that is an incredible perspective and a huge privilege.

William Schwaller 2009
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Philadelphia, PA 19147

Tell us about your life: I am currently living in Philadelphia pursuing my PhD in Art History at Temple University. It's been a great personal accomplishment to enter into this graduate program that will allow me to continue studying the art that I love and prepare me for a career of educating and sharing my knowledge and passion for art and its relevance to our daily lives. I love Philly for its unique offerings of art and culture, as well as its close proximity to New York and D.C., which allows me to enjoy even more art exhibitions and events. But besides moving to a few new cities, working at a few museums, and now reading art history all the time, I feel like my life is still close to as it was at Grinnell. However, I sorely miss the proximity, density, and variety of amazing friends that I once had on Grinnell's campus. The biggest milestone for me will be coming shortly when I will become an uncle!

What adds meaning to your life and why? The quality of my relationships with Grinnellians and other friends brings the most meaning to my life. I am shaped by my experiences with them. They motivate me to do what I love and to make my work as relevant and beneficial to others as it can be. These wonderful people inspire me to pursue experiences I would not have otherwise. Everything else follows from them.

Courtney Smith 2009
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White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Tell us about your life: I have two rescue dogs, Pavlov and Sheldon Cooper!

Tell us about your career or vocation: I recently graduated from Emory University's Physician Assistant program and am planning to head back to the Midwest for work in primary
Tell us about your life: I am currently married to my wife Lanai, who I met in high school and began dating while in college. We have a 2 year old daughter, Leighton, and a son “on-the-way”. We live in Winnemucca, NV where we moved after graduation.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After a year in Grinnell, I transferred to Eastern Washington University where I graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Minor in B.A. and Physics). Upon graduation in 2010, I moved to Nevada to work for a large gold mining company as an engineer. I received my Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification in 2013 and currently serve as a continuous improvement engineer. I am also currently working on obtaining a M.S. Project Management form the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Tell us about your life: I traveled abroad for about three years and now I'm back studying all day in grad school.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am a graduate student hoping (dearly and desperately) to become a professor in psychology, cognitive science, or philosophy.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I learned self-expression and self-reflection skills, particularity through the medium of writing. These skills have been and will continue to be tremendously valuable to me.

What adds meaning to your life and why? Teaching and learning.
Tell us about your career or vocation: I am currently enrolled in a Student Affairs Master’s program at the University of Maryland where I am taking a mix of higher education/student affairs, counseling, statistics, and research courses, learning more about the changing climate of higher education and how to support students from a diversity of backgrounds. I am in a cohort of 9 people from across the country and am one of only 2 students who went to a small liberal arts college. It is amazing learning with and from people who have such different relationships to higher education and who have their own thoughtful, innovative ways of supporting college students outside of the classroom. From counseling students in my Counseling Practicum, to working with student leaders in the Office of Leadership and Community Service-Learning, to facilitating the Queer Lunch program at the LGBT Equity Center, I am having an incredibly varied, meaningful experience in my program and bring my Grinnell experience with me in all sorts of ways every single day.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? My Grinnell experience has affected my life and career in countless ways. As I prepare to support college students professionally, I remember the incredible mentorship that I received at Grinnell -- from professors, student affairs professionals, upperclassmen, and more. My commitment to service and social justice was definitely made stronger at Grinnell, as was the clarity I began to gain about what made a meaningful life. Grinnell taught me that, no matter what, it is the people you surround yourself with and the relationships you build that matter. Every job, move, and major life decision that I have made since Grinnell has been because of the people. And my relationships with Grinnellians continue to be a significant part of my life -- both with friends and my partner, Erica Hauswald (Class of 2012).

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: My fondest Grinnell memory is more of a montage of memories with my closest friends. My very best friends are still from Grinnell and many of my friendships with Grinnellians have grown much stronger since graduating. I remember nights on Loose 3rd, dining hall antics, the self-congratulatory futon, GKGK, weekly friend dinners, and so much more.
Benjamin Brintz 2010
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Tell us about your life: I am currently residing in Corvallis, Oregon while attending Oregon State's Statistics graduate program. I have no children. I will be receiving my master's degree in March and continuing on with the Ph.D. program in statistics here at Oregon State.

Matthew Doers 2010
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Tell us about your life: Emily Jobe ('10) and I got married in July of last year (2013) in Madison, WI, and had many awesome Grinnellians in attendance. We took a 9-day honeymoon in California (San Francisco and Redwoods area) which was also fantastic. I am now a year and a half into medical school at MCW, with one semester of classes and the boards exam (step 1) left before I start rotations/clerkships in the hospitals.

Anna Friel 2010
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New Orleans, LA 70130

Tell us about your career or vocation: I've been living and teaching in New Orleans since I graduated. I began teaching Spanish in a public high school with Teach For America. I wasn't very happy working at that school, so after those 2 years, I started working at an elementary charter school. I'm currently a kindergarten homeroom teacher at that school.
John Hereford 2010
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Chicago, IL 60616

Tell us about your life: In February 2012, I got engaged to Elizabeth Davis '11 and will be married on June 21, 2014. We have been living in Chicago, IL for the past 2.5 years.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have been a commercial real estate appraiser in the Chicago Metropolitan area for last 2.5 years. I am nearing the completion of my certifications including my Certified General Appraiser license from the State of Illinois as well as my designation from the Appraisal Institute.

Katherine Howard 2010
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Tell us about your life: Toby Kathan '10 and I are getting married this coming August! We are both so excited to celebrate with our friends and families.

James Krejsa 2010
The Graduate College
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Tell us about your life: After graduating, received a Fulbright Scholarship to go to Taiwan for a year and teach English while studying Chinese.

Tell us about your career or vocation: After returning from the Fulbright in Taiwan, I took a job at a management consulting firm for government clients in Washington, DC. After two years I left to attend the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. I intend to reorient more closely toward international relations and politics, with an anticipated master's degree in June 2015.
Carly Kruse 2010  
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Madison, WI 53703

Tell us about your life: Shortly after graduating from Grinnell, I moved to London to complete an MSc in Reproductive and Sexual Health Research at the London School of Hygiene and Topical Medicine. Afterwards, I spent time in Chicago with the Chicago Health AmeriCorps program and worked with the Chicago Public School district in the Department of Student Health and Wellness. Currently, I am in my first year of medical school at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell is always with me. It taught me to be both critical and thoughtful in my career choices.

Barbara Monaco 2010  
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Saint Paul, MN 55106

Tell us about your life: Currently in a relationship with a pretty cool guy, I have a cat, a turtle, and a fish. I have lived in Iowa almost my whole life except for the last year and a half in which I moved to the twin cities. My current personal accomplishment is dealing with the separation of past me and trying to accept current me and moving forward. It's hard leaving that behind.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I coach, teach, and consult people all over an enormous company. I am valued for my skills and opinions and people know my name in a place that has over 25,000 people in it. I teach Lean Six Sigma and statistics and consult with project leaders regarding their use.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? I know that I am better for my time at Grinnell, I can think critically, present information better, and adapt to situations with more grace than I would have thought I could.

What adds meaning to your life and why? I'm stilling trying to figure that out...but family and friends for sure. The tough part is what to do when you don't have those around anymore.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Insert anything to do with the Neverland Players here. It was my fondest memory all the time and it is also what I am proudest to have been a part of.
Rebecca Park 2010
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Tell us about your life: I have been living in Paris since graduating in 2010. I have been partnered (PACSed) to Romain Grésillon since May 2012.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I have been working since March 2013 at Edition Photo, an international contemporary photography gallery and exhibition program founded in 2012. My tasks vary depending on the project, but recently I have curated and managed the Paris exhibition "Savannah Spirit: Une Lumière obscure" (Fall 2013), oversaw the publication of the exhibition catalogue "Certain States", and assisted with the launch of the organization's international photography loan program. I am unsure of where I will be professionally in the next few years, but I'm very excited about seeing where these experiences will take me!

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? On a personal level, Grinnell is where I met some of my closest friends, relationships that are still important to me today despite the distance that often separates us. Professionally (and geographically!), without the encouragement of professors like Jenny Anger and Philippe Moisan, I don't think I would be where I am today.

Nathan Pavlovic 2010
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Urbana, IL 61801

Tell us about your career or vocation: In the years since Grinnell, I've done quite a few different things - Grinnell Corps Namibia, volunteering in South Africa, working for an environmental non-profit back home in Indiana. A lot of my experiences seemed to be pointing me toward learning more about spatial tools like GIS (geographic information systems) and the analysis of satellite images. I believe these tools can be used to reveal and perhaps address many pressing environmental problems. To that end, I'm currently enrolled in my first year of a master’s degree in Geography at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. Right now, working on a graduate degree has been keeping me pretty busy. When I do have time to get out from behind a computer, I've been playing racquetball quite a bit and also contributing time to the co-operative house I'm living in with 13 housemates.
Tell us about your life: After graduating in 2010 I moved to Seattle and have lived here ever since. From 2010-2011 I was a member of Mennonite Voluntary Service and worked as a case manager at a Seattle non-profit that provides educational and wrap-around services for youth in foster care. In 2011, my partner Ragnar Thorisson ’11 moved to Seattle to do LVC. Our lives forever changed in December 2011 when Ragnar was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He's currently in his third year of treatment and is thankfully cancer free but life is a roller coaster! We now live together and love living in the heart of Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I earned my Masters in Social Work from University of Washington in 2013 and now work as an Academic Adviser in the Law, Societies & Justice Department at University of Washington. I initially pursued an MSW with the intent to continue my work with youth in foster care but soon re-kindled my love for higher education and educational policy when I began working as a Student Conduct Officer and Student Engagement Coordinator at University of Washington during grad school. Honestly I think my 3 years as an SA at Grinnell really shaped my professional path. I love mentoring college students and can't believe I'm now paid to do it full time as an Academic Adviser! I continue to have a strong passion for social justice and institutional equity-driven policy reform, especially surrounding college access and retention.

How has your Grinnell experience affected your life? Grinnell introduced me to the most remarkable people I've ever met--many of whom I know I'll be friends with for life. Grinnell sparked my passion for social justice, forced me to grapple with the intersectionality of my privilege and oppression, and enabled me to pursue a graduate degree in a field I adore. Grinnell also convinced me of the merits of a liberal arts education and introduced me to the possibility of a career in higher education. I also love the instant community that Grinnell brings, no matter where you live. The Grinnell community in Seattle is remarkably strong, especially among those of us who did service programs, and I love knowing that I'll always be able to build instant connections among alums.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: LooseHead Student Staff ridiculousness, Living on Haines 3rd Senior Year, Sociology SEPC, Mary B James in 2010, completing my MAP with Karla Erickson, Block Party, participating in the Iowa Caucus in 2008, finally asking Ragnar Thorisson '11 out by sliding a note over to his Burling study carrel.
Tell us about your life: Cecelia Wolter (2010) and I are engaged and will be married in August 2014. We lived together for a year in Olympia and then spent the next two years living in Brno, Czech Republic, where I earned an MA in Sociology and Cecelia taught English and proofread documents. This Summer (2013) we moved to Minneapolis, where I began the PhD program in Sociology at the University of Minnesota, and Cecelia began an Americorps program tutoring elementary school students.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I've earned an MA in Sociology, and am currently enjoying my PhD program at UMN. I work as a teaching assistant and I'm hoping to get my MA thesis published sometime this year.

Tell us about your life: I married Richard Glatz in the summer of 2010. Some of you may remember him :).

Tell us about your career or vocation: I am managing an organic vegetable farm in Kalamazoo, Michigan. We have 200 CSA members, and we are part of the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Grinnell has greatly influenced and guided my career decisions. After leaving Grinnell, I served in Illinois and Texas as an AmeriCorps member in college access. This helped me to segue into a position in admissions at a small, liberal arts and sciences university. My interests, largely cultivated at Grinnell, in resource access and education equity has led me to pursue a master's degree in Education Anthropology. Education is deeply rooted in cultural perceptions and understanding, and must situate the student within the content
and narrative. I didn't expect to enter higher education as I graduated from Grinnell, but for me the field is critical to working toward social justice, equity and radical change.

Maxwell Stephenson 2010
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Sacramento, CA 95817

Tell us about your life: I made it into medical school last year, which has been hugely impactful.

Tell us about your career or vocation: Currently I'm a first year med student at UC Davis in Sacramento. I plan to combine my passions for international health, ultrasound, and other facets of my life into a successful career as an emergency physician. Wish me luck. Grinnell played a large role in shaping the competencies and skills that I believe are some of the hardest to teach in the medical profession. My undergraduate experience has placed me miles ahead of my colleagues.

Describe your fondest Grinnell memory: Playing disc golf with friends around the campus during the spring/summer, running into others as we marched around.

Amanda Underwood 2010
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Tell us about your life: I live in Minneapolis with my partner, Rachel Walberg '09. We just bought a house in 2013 and are enjoying being new homeowners.

Tell us about your career or vocation: I started out wanting to do something communications for the museum world and I've found myself working in fundraising for higher ed for the past few years. It's been a good fit and I just took a new position as Donor Relations Coordinator at Macalester. I'm also pursuing my master’s in Strategic Communications at the University of Minnesota, a program that has been more squarely in the PR/Advertising agency world. I think I want to stay in higher ed for a while, but I do very much like the creative side of the agency world. I've been an amateur beer brewer since the fall of 2012 and the new house came with a convenient beer storage room / basement bedroom.