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Filled with gratitude

As I approach the end of my tenure as chancellor of Washington University, I am filled with an array of emotions. I am excited about this next stage of my life and the new opportunities I will have to serve the university and spend time with my family. I am humbled by and appreciative of the many individuals who have reached out to thank me for my service and inquire about my future. In my quieter moments, I reflect on what I and my colleagues have accomplished and consider the legacy we will leave. I wonder what history might have to say about our time here in 50 or 100 years. But more than any other emotion, I am filled with gratitude.

I am grateful to more than two decades of families who sent their young sons and daughters to us, confident that we would be a place that could nurture them into men and women of accomplishment, purpose and passion for their chosen paths in life.

I am grateful to those students — now our honored alumni — who came to us wanting a challenging environment and left us prepared to change the world in ways both large and small. These students changed us as an institution. We learned from them as they learned from us. They challenged us to be better, higher intentioned, purposeful and compassionate in the decisions we made about their educations and about the life of the university.

I am grateful to our donors, who have by their shared treasure helped catapult this university into the highest realms of American and global higher education by supporting our dreams and plans, our faculty and our students. Their investment, however grand or modest, has ushered in a new era for a university created in the 19th century to meet the needs of a growing metropolis. I don't believe our early great leaders — William Greenleaf Eliot and Robert S. Brookings — could have possibly imagined the Washington University that we see and celebrate today. Nevertheless, we can imagine their gratitude.

I am grateful to our faculty members, who teach and inspire our students and who creatively, thoughtfully and relentlessly bring new ideas into existence to make our world a better and healthier place. They have made enormous gains in personalized medicine and possible cures for cancer and other chronic diseases, brave advances in the understanding of the human mind and the world around us, and thoughtful works of art and expressions of lasting value, to name a few of their outstanding contributions to society. Truly, I am grateful to be surrounded by some of the very best and most passionate minds in the world.

I am grateful to my administrative colleagues, who have worked with me to sustain an environment that nourishes all who live, work and study here. I am grateful to everyone in our community — faculty, staff, students and alumni — who has insisted that we cannot be the very best university possible without also being more diverse, more inclusive and more welcoming to all who come to share their lives on our campuses.

Finally, I am grateful to my wife and partner, Risa Zwerling Wrighton, who has been a superb companion for my life and work as well as an incredible contributor to the university and to the St. Louis community.

Our university motto is “Per Veritatem Vis,” “Strength Through Truth.” It is my great desire and expectation that all who follow me will continue to seek the truth and use it to build a brighter tomorrow. As chancellor, I have been given the great honor of being the university's doorkeeper for nearly a quarter century. I can think of no other way I would rather have spent this time. I have received far more than I have given by just being in the company of such outstanding men and women. I am forever grateful.

Sincerely,



Mark S. Wrighton
Chancellor

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THE WRIGHTON YEARS BY THE NUMBERS

14th
CHANCELLOR



NOBEL
PRIZE
WINNERS

4

1,459 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED

OVERSAW TWO CAMPAIGNS, WHICH TOGETHER RAISED NEARLY

\$5,000,000,000

CONFERRED MORE THAN **85,000** DEGREES,
INCLUDING NEARLY 40,000 BACHELOR'S AND MORE THAN 15,000 DOCTORAL DEGREES

12 
NUMBER OF TIMES MARK
WRIGHTON HAS DONE
"THE DANCELLOR"

DOUBLED NUMBER
OF NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED
ON CAMPUS

363
ENDOWED POSITIONS,
INCLUDING 4 DEANSHIPS,
CREATED

ADDED
BUILDINGS

35

— MORE THAN 3 MILLION SQUARE FEET — TO
THE DANFORTH CAMPUS, DOUBLING ITS SIZE ...



WITH NO
INCREASE IN
ENERGY USE!

ADDED **23**
BUILDINGS TO
THE MEDICAL CAMPUS

EQUALING

5.1
MILLION
SQUARE FEET



12

STUDENTS SELECTED AS
RHODES SCHOLARS

FEDERAL
RESEARCH
GRANTS
INCREASED BY

\$310
MILLION



13

TOTAL NUMBER OF
DOUBLE-BREASTED
SUITS AND SPORTS
COATS CHANCELLOR
WRIGHTON OWNS

INCREASED FINANCIAL
AID ENDOWMENT BY

\$733
MILLION

x3

INCREASED
ANNUAL
UNDERGRADUATE
APPLICATIONS
THREE-FOLD
(FROM 9,379 IN
1995 TO 30,463
IN 2017)

On a Personal Note

Inspired by a selection of photos taken during their tenure, the Wrightons discuss their love story, life in Harbison House and thoughts on their legacy.



Visit magazine.wustl.edu to see the video of their conversation.

Tell the story of how you met.

RISA ZWERLING WRIGHTON (RZW): [In 1995] I read about the newly selected chancellor in the newspaper, and I thought to myself, “Why can’t I meet a guy like that? I mean, he just needs to meet me.” So I wrote him a letter. I was doing direct-mail marketing for a living at that time, so I really knew how to target my audience.

CHANCELLOR MARK S. WRIGHTON (MSW): I received many letters upon the announcement of my appointment. When I read Risa’s letter, I thought, “Hmm, what is this all about?” I thought, “Maybe she’s trying to sell me insurance.” So I asked her about her interest in the university, and she said she had none. Even so, we met for lunch two weeks after my arrival.

RZW: It was at Cardwell’s in Clayton. And it was July 15, and it must have been 115 degrees. It was extremely hot, but Mark was wearing like a 15-piece suit and had all kinds of layers on. He was cool as a cucumber, and he had his attaché case with him at lunch.

MSW: I was there first, and I saw Risa coming in. Of course, I didn’t know for sure who it was. But I was delighted to meet her. She had a great personality right from the outset and looked beautiful. And we had an easy conversation, even though she subsequently joked about my ordering a hamburger and a kir.

RZW: Yes, a hamburger, french fries and a kir. I didn’t even know what a kir was, but it seemed odd to have with a hamburger.



Describe some memorable moments at Harbison House.

MSW: That's a great photo of me! Makes me look like a professional bowler!

RZW: Well, this picture shows a bowling party. Over the years, we looked for opportunities to bring different student groups in, and my hope was that every student who came to WashU would have at least one chance in their four years to come to the house for something.

MSW: Another memorable event, and I thank Risa for this, is that we have a reception for Home Plate families and for students who are being hosted by those families.

RZW: And that's a big party, because typically we have several hundred students participating in Home Plate and lots of families, typically 50 to 60 families a year. [The Home Plate program is] the simplest concept of just opening your house and inviting a student over or a group of students over and feeding them. Over the years, we've had about 350 families in the community open their homes to students, and it's just been an incredibly gratifying program.

MSW: Risa is always a great host, and we do a variety of special events here at Harbison House. It's a wonderful place. We didn't know that Washington University would be such a great party school, not for the students, but for us and the faculty.

What would you like your legacy to be?

RZW: I do love that Andy Newman, who has done so much to support the libraries, decided to make [a study area] called Risa's Landing. Sometimes I have to pinch myself when I think about all the people I've gotten to meet. I hope my legacy is that I've added to the spirit of Washington University as being a place that's very special for students — and that students rule. This is their time. We're here for them. And just the thought of having launched so many young lives on paths of making a difference in the world is thrilling.

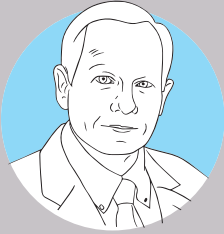
MSW: I know that people think of me as a person who has been associated with the development of a large number of buildings. And that's true. I'm proud of that. But it's what takes place in those buildings that's so important. We've created more than 300 endowed professorships, thanks to the generosity of people who care about the university. And these professorships have been awarded to exceptional faculty and people who are making a difference in their field. So that is something that I'm very proud of.

Are you ready to say goodbye?

RZW: I was an overprotective parent, a smothering academic adviser, and now, as we are going to be the former first family, I'm going to try to keep my distance. But as I say, we're just a block away in case anybody needs us. There are many, many people here who make this place the family that it is. We just got to be the ringleaders for 24 years. And it was such a thrill. So this isn't goodbye; it's just *auf wiedersehen* [German phrase that translates to "until we meet again"].

MSW: One of the things I've so enjoyed about this community is that it's not complacent. Individuals want to do more and do better, and I'm confident that this commitment will continue. People here respect each other, work with and for each other, and this collaborative spirit is going to be so important as we look to the future. The most challenging issues that we face as a society will require people of talent and dedication coming from many disciplines to address these problems. And I'm confident that Washington University — through its students, through its faculty, through its staff — will continue to bring great value to society.

QUOTED | Civic leaders and members of the Washington University community talk about what made Mark Wrighton an exceptional chancellor.



EXTREMELY BRILLIANT

“I have been at so many events where he was presiding, speaking or just moving among the crowd, and Mark comes across as somebody who is extremely brilliant. You walk away from him thinking, ‘This guy is an incredible human being.’”

— Francis G. Slay, mayor of the city of St. Louis from 2001 to 2017

ACADEMIC AUTHORITY

“Mark Wrighton’s career as a chemist is legendary, and it allowed him to lead WashU with great academic authority. He’s also transformed the university in both academic programs and physical facilities.”

— Barbara Schaal, dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and the Mary-Dell Chilton Distinguished Professor



MOTIVATIONAL

“Both Mark and Risa are known for challenging this region to stretch, to say more and do more.”

— Orvin Kimbrough, former president and CEO of United Way of Greater St. Louis



TIRELESS LEADER

“Mark has worked tirelessly on behalf of young people. His efforts to broaden the university’s educational boundaries in K–12 have improved the education for countless children, and his support of the Institute for School Partnership has helped to improve teaching across the city.”

— Victoria May, executive director of WashU’s Institute for School Partnership

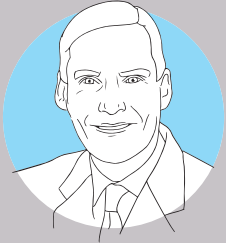


ROLE MODEL

“Mark has been a role model for me as president of a major institution of higher education. I am grateful for his mentorship and friendship. He sets a standard for presidents of leading research universities.”

— Peter Høj, president of University of Queensland, a McDonnell International Scholars Academy partner institution





TALENT AND INNOVATION

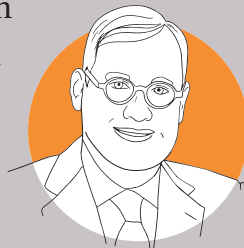
“Mark has been a visionary leader for regional growth, through both ideas and actions, including revitalizing the neighborhoods surrounding our academic medical center and creating Cortex as a technology hub that is attracting talent and innovation to our region.”

— Richard Liekweg, president and CEO of BJC HealthCare, and Washington University trustee

INDELIBLE LEGACY

“Mark took Washington University to an unprecedented level and opened doors to endless possibilities, all while ensuring we remained rooted in our core mission and values. His indelible legacy will endure for generations to come.”

— Andrew D. Martin, chancellor-elect of Washington University



GLOBAL VISIBILITY

“With Mark’s leadership and hard work, Washington University has reached a level of global visibility that is the envy of distinguished peer institutions around the world.”

— James Wertsch, the David R. Francis Distinguished Professor and former (and founding) director of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy

SITEMAN CANCER CENTER SUPPORTER

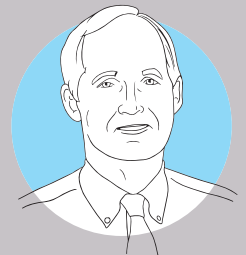
“Mark was one of the earliest and most ardent supporters of the School of Medicine developing a comprehensive cancer center. Since 1999, Siteman has grown to be one of the largest comprehensive cancer centers in the world.”



— Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center, the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Distinguished Professor, and the Bixby Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine

PERFECT TEAM

“Like most great leaders, Mark leads by example. He is a very smart guy who gives credit to others, is a tireless worker and can see issues from all sides. Risa is smart, is very funny and loves people. Mark and Risa are the perfect team.”



— David Kemper, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and executive chairman of Commerce Bancshares

What I learned from Mark Wrighton

“Steve, this is Mark Wrighton. How would you like to come work with me?”

I will never forget that day in 1997 when I got the call from Chancellor Wrighton, following an exhaustive and exhausting interview process, asking me to come work for and with him as what was then called the assistant to the chancellor. I didn't have to think for long.

“Yes, of course. When do I start?”



BY STEVE GIVENS, Special Contributor

Since that day just a few years into his chancellorship, I have worked with him, totaling more than 20 years: the first nine as assistant to the chancellor and later as assistant vice chancellor. In 2007, I began a six-year stint as associate vice chancellor for public affairs, and I continued to work closely with Mark on issues related to the media and strategic communications. I returned to the chancellor's office in 2013 as associate vice chancellor and chief of staff, knowing that he and I would both step down from our respective positions in four or five years. And here we are.

It has been the great professional honor of my life to work so closely with a leader of Mark Wrighton's caliber and integrity for so long. The question that I get asked most often about my time with him is some version of, "What's he really like?" My quick and ready answer is a

bullet-point list of the things I most admire about him, beyond his myriad and well-known accomplishments for the university.

He is, of course, brilliant. He is exceedingly kind. He has a photographic memory. He is the hardest-working person on campus with the longest hours. He is focused on the most important things and deftly sets priorities for himself and the university. He really cares about the people with whom he works and respects that they have personal lives. He will go to great lengths to help others succeed. He has a quiet, wonderful sense of humor.

And I usually end with this one, just so I can see the look on the questioner's face when I say: "And, as far as I know, he's never missed a day of work in 24 years, and I've never seen him sick." Given his nearly endless travel schedule, much of it international, it's nearly inconceivable that he doesn't routinely return home sick. But nothing slows Mark down.

We are different people in so many ways. He was a world-renowned scientist (a MacArthur "Genius Grant" recipient by age 34); I'm a kid who grew up in North St. Louis in the 1960s, who eventually made my way into the creative and administrative realms of higher education via an English degree. And, yet, we became a collaborative team and trusted colleagues, perhaps because of those very different but complementary skills and backgrounds.

Together, we have kept the Office of the Chancellor up and running (thanks to a wonderful team that requires very little management). And, along the way, we planned and celebrated some very special moments, including our sesquicentennial year in 2003–04 and four internationally televised debates under the aegis of the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD).

As we both prepare to leave the suite in North Brookings — Mark into further service

"Passion is required for the job of chancellor, but so is compassion. Mark Wrighton has deep stores of both."



Leslie McCarty

Chancellor Wrighton and Steve Givens were instrumental in bringing three presidential debates and one vice presidential debate to Washington University.

to the university and me into a life of writing, retreat and workshop facilitation (and occasional consulting for the CPD) — I find myself reflecting on what I have learned from my time working so closely with a man who is undoubtedly one of the greatest and most effective chancellors in the history of Washington University and in America today. And I keep coming back to two things.

First: You don't need to shout to be heard and respected. I have never seen Mark lose his cool or heard him raise his voice in anger or frustration. Did he have tough conversations that didn't end well? Of course. Did he need to correct, reprimand and even terminate? Yes. But

he never did those things in a manner that was anything other than controlled, humane and respectful to the other person. Passion is required for the job of chancellor, but so is compassion. Mark Wrighton has deep stores of both.

Second: You can respond only to the opportunities you have. Or, as he for so many years told the incoming class of first-year students at convocation, quoting Louis Pasteur, "Chance favors the prepared mind."

For Mark, Pasteur's wisdom is not a call to sit back and wait for opportunities. Rather, it's about getting up every morning knowing the very best you can do is give other people chances.

For him, that has meant embracing the early Latin definition of chancellor: the doorkeeper.

Mark Wrighton's job has been to open doors for others — students, faculty, staff and alumni. Every member has him to thank for the 21st-century institution that is now better prepared to educate and position them for careers, nurture their academic passions, empower them to solve problems, and more creatively reflect and communicate the intricacies of the world.

The doors of Washington University are open more widely than ever before, making a world-class university education more accessible to all who have worked hard and are ready for their chance. Mark Wrighton showed me that it's a privilege to empower others.



A Chat with the Chancellor

We had an opportunity to visit with the chancellor and talk about his great joy of leading the university and helping others succeed. On the following pages, he shares some highlights and insights.

INTERVIEW BY DIANE TOROIAN KEAGGY



Outside the North Brookings office of Washington University in St. Louis Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton, stonemasons are erecting the granite exterior to the Henry A. and Elvira H. Jubel Hall while crews ready the roof of Anabeth and John Weil Hall for solar panels. By fall 2019, the transformation of the east end of Washington University will be largely complete. There will be three new academic buildings, an expanded Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, two new multiuse facilities, an underground parking garage and a lush new park. But last November, the site was all cranes, scaffolding and tractors that go beep, beep, beep. Wrighton claims not to notice the incessant racket.

“Oh, is there beeping?” Wrighton asks with a wry grin. “I don’t hear it.”

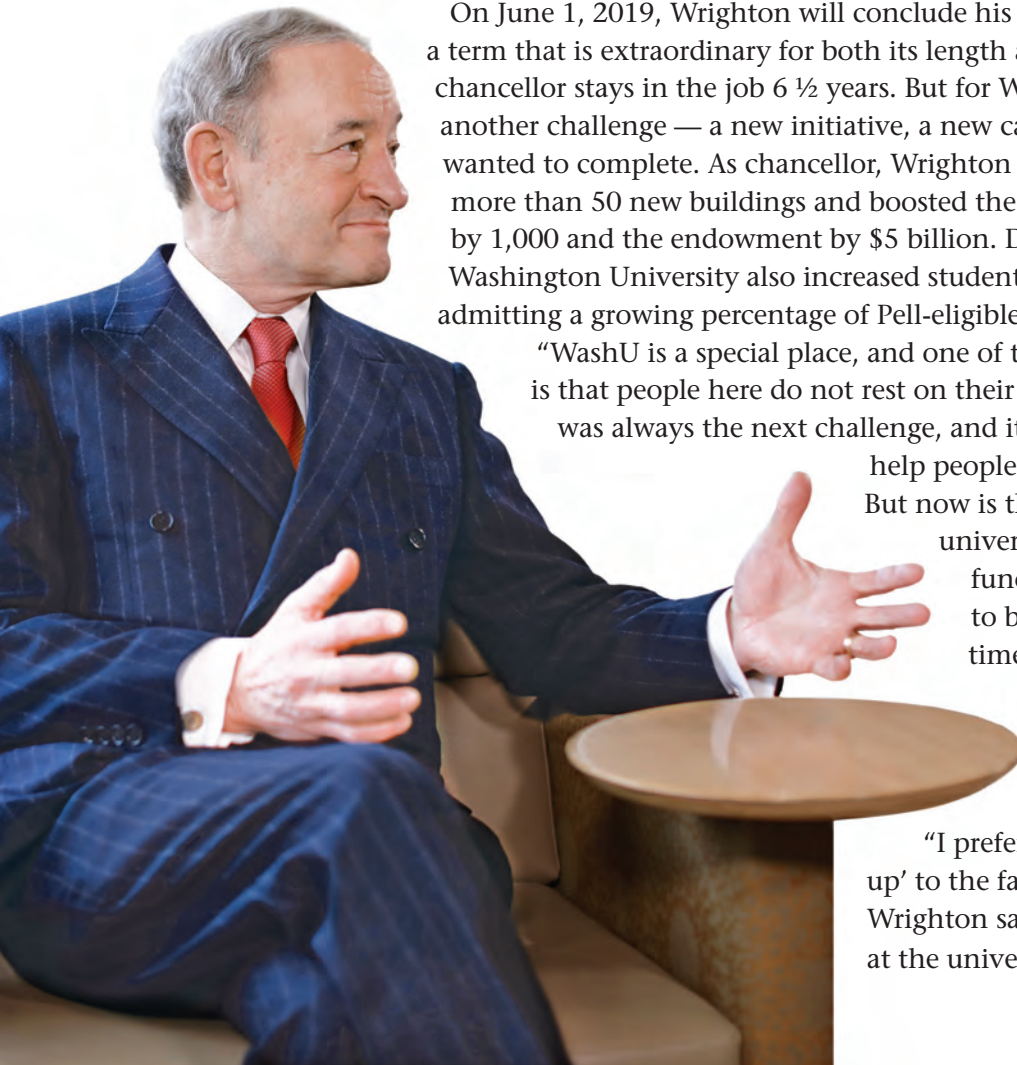
On June 1, 2019, Wrighton will conclude his 24-year tenure as chancellor — a term that is extraordinary for both its length and productivity. The average chancellor stays in the job 6 ½ years. But for Wrighton, there was always another challenge — a new initiative, a new campaign, a new building — he wanted to complete. As chancellor, Wrighton oversaw the construction of more than 50 new buildings and boosted the number of full-time faculty by 1,000 and the endowment by \$5 billion. During his administration, Washington University also increased student enrollment and diversity, admitting a growing percentage of Pell-eligible and first-generation students.

“WashU is a special place, and one of the things that makes it special is that people here do not rest on their laurels,” Wrighton says. “There was always the next challenge, and it has brought me great joy to

help people here do what they want to do. But now is the right time for me and the university. We just finished a big fundraising campaign. I’m going to be 70 years old. That’s a good time for a transition.”

Note the word “transition.” Wrighton is not retiring, and he bristles at the term “stepping down.”

“I prefer to say that I’m ‘stepping up’ to the faculty, doing some teaching,” Wrighton says. “It’s the most important job at the university.”



“ Learning and discovery are activities that sometimes involve controversy and disagreement, but it was clear early on that my high expectation for an intellectual community capable of open discourse would be realized here at Washington University. ”

Here, Chancellor Wrighton shares his earliest memories of campus, his views on our culture of collaboration, his approach to recruiting top faculty, his thoughts on the accomplishments making the biggest impact and more.

Did you have growing pains as you made the transition from provost at MIT to chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis?

In many ways, I was very well-prepared for a job like this. Having been provost, I understood financing in higher education and how to work with a diverse group of faculty. I also had some exposure to the MIT Corporation, which is the equivalent of our Board of Trustees. But Washington University had schools of which I knew nearly nothing: law, social work and, most importantly, medicine. So I felt I was on a steep learning curve. But that's also what made the job attractive, because I think it's fun to learn in areas where you have no experience.

Do you remember your first impressions of campus?

I had never visited Washington University until the search committee brought me here. It was all very secret. I think I was even registered at hotels under a different name. Jim Davis [a professor of political science, who died in 2016] arranged for Ralph Thaman [retired associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and management] to give me a campus tour. Even then, I could see the opportunity to strengthen the physical infrastructure. I saw many beautiful buildings, but I also saw Mudd Hall.

And I saw something else in the university community once I arrived:

a high degree of mutual respect, integrity and civility. Learning and discovery are activities that sometimes involve controversy and disagreement, but it was clear early on that my high expectation for an intellectual community capable of open discourse would be realized here at Washington University.

Was it hard to step into a role occupied by Chancellor Emeritus William H. Danforth, who was both respected and beloved by students, faculty and the broader St. Louis community?

Having Bill Danforth as chairman of the board and a great mentor was a huge positive. He knew everyone in St. Louis, and I knew no one. He was a sounding board and guide, and he was very generous in introducing me to people outside the university. To his credit, he never called me up and said, "Mark, you know I hear you've done this. That's really dumb."

In addition to constructing many new buildings, you also helped create an environment of collaboration, not competition. How did you help strengthen WashU's unique culture?

It comes down to people, really. I asked Jim McLeod [dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, who died in 2011] to take a leadership role as vice chancellor for students. That was one of my very best decisions. He was a tremendous person in every respect: smart, hardworking, sensitive, visionary. He's deeply missed, but his legacy lives on in very important ways. I try to reaffirm his values every convocation when I tell our new students that this is a community where we are committed to knowing each student by name and by story. I also tell them that they belong here and they should set their own goals. At some places, there is a lot of competition. Here, we have a very good environment where people are aspiring to do well but not at the expense of others.





During your tenure, Washington University has drawn even more talented students and faculty. Which came first?

We had 5,000 undergraduates my first fall. Now we have 7,000 undergraduates. To maintain a very high-quality experience, we had to expand our faculty. I believe we need to expand it again. That is one of the challenges of the future. But one thing I'm really proud of is that by building the quality of the student body, thanks in large part to

John Berg [vice chancellor for admissions, who retired in 2016], we were able to get the attention of fantastic faculty members. In my first campaign, David Blasingame [who retired as executive vice chancellor for alumni and development programs in January 2019] helped raise support for more than 150 endowed professorships. And with the campaign we just ended, we raised funds for another 150 endowed positions. Those resources are extremely important in recognizing and supporting talented faculty.

“When you ask what area has made a huge difference, I would say the development of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center has been and will continue to be hugely important. ... The research there is leading to developments that are helping people everywhere.”

What has been your approach to recruiting top faculty?

We are striving to recruit faculty who are going to do the best work in their lives at Washington University. And certain areas of academic work, like engineering and science, demand significant resources. Many people do not understand that when we recruit a faculty member, we need to provide the funding to get them off to a good start. The one-time start-up cost can be \$500,000 to \$2 million — and that's for a person who has never held an academic position before. So we are investing based on the potential we see in them. To earn a tenured position at WashU, they must demonstrate that potential and the promise for more. I'm fond of telling young faculty: “To get tenure, you have to be the best person in your area, in your cohort, in the world. And if you are, you're going to get tenure, no trouble.” The challenge is once they get tenure, they think they are all of those things.

During your tenure, Washington University researchers have made important advancements in a number of fields. Which accomplishments have made the biggest impact?

We have two schools — the Brown School and the School of Medicine — that are widely recognized as among the very best in the world. Yet each of our seven schools has a great impact. But when you ask what area has made a huge difference, I would say the development of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center has been and will continue to be hugely important. Alvin Siteman is an emeritus trustee, and he's been incredibly generous. But money isn't everything.

You also need leadership, and Dr. Tim Eberlein [director of Siteman Cancer Center and chair of the Department of Surgery at the School of Medicine] has been a tremendous leader. The research there is leading to developments that are helping people everywhere. For instance, Dr. Bob Schreiber [director of the Andrew M. and Jane M. Bursky Center for Human Immunology and Immunotherapy Programs at the School of Medicine and the Andrew M. and Jane M. Bursky Distinguished Professor] is working on immunological approaches to dealing with diseases, including cancer, and has been a pioneer in personalized medicine. We were there early, and our work has been significant.

In your inaugural address, you stated the university must serve the community it calls home. In what ways has the university impacted St. Louis?

Because we are here and we are successful, we have a huge positive economic impact on St. Louis. We attract significant funding from foundations and the federal government for our research, almost all of which is spent in our community. The secondary job creation is very significant. And our students, 90 percent of whom come from outside the region, spend significant money here on restaurants, goods, entertainment. And our student growth leads to employment growth.

But there is so much more. For instance, the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement, the Brown School and our Institute for Public Health bring us directly into the community in partnership.

And our work to support innovation and entrepreneurship has been very important. We worked collaboratively with BJC HealthCare, the Missouri Botanical Garden, Saint Louis University and the University of Missouri–St. Louis to launch Cortex, which is now home to a number of bioscience and technology startups and companies. Washington University was one of the partners of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, which is leading the way in agriculture biotechnology. St. Louis is on the move thanks to the hard work of key individuals like Hank Webber [executive vice chancellor for administration and chairman of the Cortex Innovation Community] and Provost Holden Thorp, as well as the faculty and students who are starting and contributing to these enterprises.

You also have raised our profile globally. While many universities built satellite campuses, you opted to create partnerships with the globe's leading research universities through the McDonnell International Scholars Academy. How did you launch that program?


When I arrived, there was an interest in a more proactive engagement with Asia. I thought it was a great idea. Asia has a huge population, the economy of Asia was growing, and there was an appreciation in Asia for American universities. I felt there was a compelling case to build our visibility, so we could attract talented international students. After laying the groundwork with an advisory council largely

made up of alumni, parents and friends who lived in Asia and identifying the premier universities we would like as partners, I reached out to two individuals who have made the McDonnell International Scholars Academy a premier globalization program: James Wertsch [who concluded his term as vice chancellor for international relations in 2018], who became the director of the scholars program, and Life Trustee John McDonnell and the JSM Charitable Trust, who gave us \$10 million to create the program. The McDonnell Academy provides a different kind of experience: Students learn together, travel together and share expertise. The academy has been a huge source of personal pride, and I will continue to support it.

What do you think the key was to your transformative leadership?

When I think about what's been accomplished, I need to acknowledge that it wasn't so much about what I did but what we were able to do as a team. We were able to recruit a phenomenal leadership team, deans and executive vice chancellors. And I've thoroughly enjoyed working with this great group of people, who have dramatically enhanced the quality and impact of the university.

How did your wife, Risa Zwerling Wrighton, support you throughout this process?

I was extremely fortunate to meet her within two weeks of arriving. She keeps me on course and in touch. Some people don't want to come to the chancellor when they have concerns, so they go to her, knowing she is not afraid to bring me bad news. And she was extremely effective as an adviser and through the Home Plate program and the gun violence initiative, which is now showing signs of real substance. Risa is full of good ideas and is a tremendous partner. And she is fun. I don't know that I would do "The Dancellor" or the "Peel-the-Banana" dance without her. 

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Our Fearless

First Lady

Whether tackling gun violence or connecting students to the community, Risa Zwerling Wrighton is dedicated to improving lives, making her the perfect first lady.

BY ROSALIND EARLY

Risa Zwerling Wrighton, PMBA '89, stops her car in front of a modest brick house in North St. Louis. This used to be the home of Chelsea Harris, a teenager Risa mentored for eight years, until Chelsea died in December 2014 at the age of 16. Inside, there's a poster-board display with Chelsea's name written in glitter, surrounded by photos of her, a thin African-American girl in glasses, smiling slyly, heartbreakingly young. Among the display is also a framed *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* op-ed that Risa wrote after Chelsea died. Chelsea had been collateral damage in a drive-by shooting that was aimed at her boyfriend.

"We are a great country in many, many ways," Risa wrote in her op-ed. "But we are sacrificing our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for the many who live in poor, underserved communities riddled with hopelessness and the crime that ensues."

After the op-ed came out in December 2014, members from gun-control advocacy groups reached out to Risa to see if they could collaborate on some kind of meaningful action. As the first lady of Washington University — Risa has been married to Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton since 2000 — she offered up the university as a resource with the chancellor's full support. Risa called a meeting to brainstorm with deans and leadership at the Institute for Public Health about what the university could do. The result was the 2015 yearlong initiative Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis.

Several programs surrounding gun violence have grown out of the university's efforts, and an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* about them has prompted Risa's visit to Vernell Williams, Chelsea's great-grandmother and legal guardian, who is bedridden and on an oxygen machine. January Harris, Chelsea's mother, also happens to be at Williams' home during Risa's visit.

Williams' bedroom is full of medical equipment, and a TV blares. Risa hugs Williams for a long moment, kissing the side of her head, and then apologizes for disturbing her. Williams, who sadly passed away a week later, struggles to speak, due to her illness, but says she likes company. Risa turns down the TV, pulls out the newspaper and, after a brief explanation, starts to read aloud.

The article describes Life Outside Violence, a program that offers patients who present with gun-related injuries at an area trauma hospital support to escape the cycle of violence. Another program is Stop the Bleed, which teaches people in the field — clergy, teachers, nurses, students and teenagers — how to stop bleeding at the scene of gun violence. As Risa reads, it's clear that she's proud, not necessarily of herself for getting the gun violence initiative started, but of the university that she's a part of.

"It's impossible to get any kind of ban on guns," Risa says as she puts the paper aside, "but we're making strides any way we can." For Williams, it's too difficult to speak, so Harris does. She talks about her youngest child, Janelle, who is in seventh grade at Lift for Life Academy, the same school Chelsea attended.

"I moved into the apartment complex in front of Canfield like three days before Michael Brown was shot," she says. "After that, I told Janelle, 'You can't go out. Something is always happening around here.'"

The way gun violence and childhood have become, for some, so closely stitched together, Risa says, was her main concern when writing her op-ed in 2014. "What about our right for our children to grow up and live happy lives as opposed to the right to bear arms?" she asks.

This instinct, to protect, to care for, has been predominant throughout Risa's life. It also has made her an exceptional first lady for Washington University.



Risa and the chancellor (not pictured) love to participate in Dance Marathon, a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network.

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Risa was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1948, and grew up in Queens.

Her parents had both been performers, but her mother gave it up to become a secretary. Her father, though, still played the trumpet for a living, and Risa remembers him coming alive in the nighttime, putting on his tux, pomading his hair and heading out.

"My mother wanted him to get a nine-to-five job," Risa says. But her father had grown up among Russian-German Jewish immigrants. Though his cousins had all become doctors and lawyers, they were broke growing up. He'd always had money in his pocket and didn't want to give that up.

Risa spent summers in the Catskills, where she and her family would horseback ride. After her mother died, Risa's father bought a house on the Arizona-Mexico border, where he kept horses. She says that on a trip to visit her father, Chancellor Wrighton bought his first ever pair of "dungarees," as he called them, so he could ride.

"Otherwise, he'd have gone out in a double-breasted suit," she says with a laugh.

Risa stayed in New York for university, attending Barnard College. She was a commuter student and saw all the anti-Vietnam War protesting and counter-culture up close but wasn't as much a part of it. Instead, Risa spent her time in the lab, writing long reports as she studied psychology, a program far more clinical than she had anticipated. For

money, she had a part-time job working for a fabric company to design textiles that would appeal to young people. Risa thought the work was fun, but when she graduated, it was time to move on.

"I wanted to become a social worker," Risa says, and Barnard's career center set her up with a job at Bird S. Coler Hospital, a hospital serving people with chronic diseases or injuries requiring lifelong care. Secluded on what was then Welfare (now Roosevelt) Island, Risa remembers it as an inspiring place where the patients ruled.

"So here I am with my miniskirt; I'm 22, but I look 12 years old; the whole thing was like they were raising me," Risa says with a laugh. She recalls holding group therapy sessions that "would turn into very lively gripe sessions," organizing cooking courses, and becoming friends with the social workers and patients.

This solidified Risa's career aims, and she enrolled at University of Maryland in Baltimore to earn her master's degree in social work. She took to it, doing practicums in foster care and through the Jewish Federation. After graduating in 1975, she worked at Baltimore's Sinai Hospital as a psychiatric social worker. While in Baltimore, she'd also met her husband, Robert Schmidt, a Vienna-born but St. Louis-raised clothing manufacturer. They married and moved to St. Louis in 1978.

"I thought I had fallen off the end of the earth," Risa says about coming to the Midwest. "I had Imo's pizza and went into shock over them calling

it pizza. I thought I'd made the worst mistake of my life." She laughs about it now.

She worked at Missouri Baptist Hospital as a social worker in the psychiatric unit. She had her first daughter, Anna, in 1980, and her second daughter, Leah, followed in 1984.

"I'd been so anxious to get into a clinical setting where I could work one-on-one with people, but I

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— Judy Goodman, MSW '75

burned out," Risa says. "I think when you have your own children, just keeping your family going is all the social work that you need."

It was the late 1980s, a time of rapid transition for Risa. In 1987, she enrolled in Washington University's evening MBA program and also got divorced. After graduating in 1989, Risa worked with Citicorp Mortgage in the direct-mail marketing department. She soon became assistant vice president. It is to this experience in "targeting her audience" that Risa, jokingly, attributes the success of her most famous letter.

It's 10 a.m. on a Thursday, which means that Risa is gathered with some of her closest friends for coffee. They meet weekly to discuss their families, their health, the latest happenings. But mostly they get together just to laugh.

Most of them met Risa after her days at Citicorp Mortgage, which decentralized so "everybody was out of a job," as Risa puts it. It was then she decided she wanted to go back to helping people, but not one-on-one. In 1992, she started working for Personal Performance Consultants, which created and managed employee-assistance programs. The company is now Magellan Health Services.

Today, two former co-workers, Tami Fernandez and Karen Friedman, have gathered for the coffee chat along with Judy Goodman, MSW '75, who met Risa because their kids went to the same daycare. All of

them have been friends longer than Risa has known her husband, so they were all there when, in 1995, Risa decided to write a letter introducing herself to Washington University's new chancellor, Mark S. Wrighton, suggesting that they meet.

"I wanted to get close to a genius," Risa says.

"I edited the letter," Friedman adds with a laugh. The letter was typewritten but in a cursive font, and Risa included her phone number. The letter ended up in his junk mail, but Wrighton rescued it.

"I thought maybe she was trying to sell me insurance," Wrighton says about the letter. But he



Risa joins students and other members of the community in the annual Relay for Life, a fundraiser for American Cancer Society.

called her, and when he asked, Risa told him she didn't have any interest in the university. She just wanted to meet him. "He said, 'Splendid,'" Risa says. (Wrighton doesn't remember saying that.) They arranged to have lunch.

Risa met Wrighton at Cardwell's in mid-July and remembers it felt like it was 115 degrees outside. But Wrighton looked "cool as a cucumber" in a double-breasted suit and polka-dot tie.

Risa and her friends still laugh about Risa's early dates with the chancellor, including one where she asked him to take a walk. Before the date, he went to the Alpine Shop to buy "walking shoes," which turned out to be hiking boots. (They came in handy more than a decade later when the couple went on safari in Africa.) He was formal, and she wasn't sure they were connecting.

Then tragedy struck. Her ex-husband died.

"The last thing on my mind was the chancellor," Risa says. "When I finally told him what happened, the real guy came out. All the formality and the wondering what I was up to, that all fell away. And from

then on, he was 100 percent ‘what can I do to help you,’ and he still is to this day.”

Now her friends call her “chancellorina.” But jokes aside, they are not only happy that Risa found the chancellor, but glad that the chancellor found Risa.

“Risa’s not just entertaining and fun to be with. She’s very empathic,” Goodman says. “She’s with you. She’ll laugh with you and cry with you.”

“There’s no problem that doesn’t have a solution for Risa,” Friedman says. “She lives her life that way. She faced challenges, and she adapted and dug in. She raised two kids while earning a master’s degree and changing careers. She’s fearless.”

And as things got serious with Wrighton, Risa remained fearless. She had no idea other women had wanted to introduce their sisters and daughters to the chancellor. But she got the hint when she started showing up at university functions and would be seated several tables away from Wrighton.

“I would rearrange the place cards so that Risa would be seated next to me,” Wrighton says. They took things slow. They embraced each other’s families (Wrighton has a son, JJ, and daughter, Rebecca, from his first marriage). But Risa wasn’t interested in finding a replacement dad for her daughters.

“I wanted to be [my daughters’] parent. I didn’t want to bring any other variables into it,” Risa says. The couple dated five years and got married in 2000 at Harbison House, the chancellor’s residence.

“I married a giant,” Risa says with a smile.

For a while, after getting married, Risa had two jobs. She had her day job at Magellan and her “night job” going to parties and events with Wrighton.

“It was thrilling. I felt as if I had jumped into a vat of chocolate,” Risa says, referencing an old Smothers Brothers skit.

Despite still working, Risa started Home Plate in 2002, as a way to connect the campus with the community. Her daughter, Anna, who had gone off to college in the meantime, had dined at a professor’s house, and it had helped combat homesickness. Risa wanted to replicate that at WashU and asked families living near the university to host a student or two for dinner a few times over the year. Risa recruited both students and family volunteers and did the matching.

“I started with my friends. I had 30 or 40 kids that first year or two,” she says. The program grew, and now she gets about 350 kids per year to match.

By 2006, Risa was ready to retire from Magellan, but she wasn’t sure what she’d do next. She was home one afternoon when James McLeod, former vice chancellor for students and dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, called her and asked if she wanted to be a student adviser. She agreed.

Stephi Blank, AB ’10, was in Risa’s first advising cohort and looked up her adviser on the university website. Nothing popped up.

“I don’t fully remember having an attitude,” Blank says. “But I guess I had a little bit of one about how I had this new professor and she wasn’t going to know anything.” Blank showed up to their first meeting in basketball shorts, and another advisee in the group was shocked. “Don’t you know whom we’re meeting?” the other girl asked. Blank did not, but she soon found out.

“We immediately clicked after that,” Blank says. “She was my go-to for everything.”

Risa helped direct Blank toward her major, film and media studies, and was always available

Students become family

Harita Shah, BS ’11, remembers being interviewed by Risa for the Danforth Scholars Program. When Harita received the scholarship, she reached out to Risa to thank her. The two became close, and Harita even invited the Wrightons to her wedding.

“She has an enthusiasm for life that’s very contagious,” Harita says. “She always made me feel at home at WashU.”



Courtesy/photo



Joe Angeles

In 2018, the Newman family honored Risa by naming a study area in the Newman Tower of Collections and Exploration in Olin Library, Risa's Landing.

for a chat. They would often have lunch together or take walks. "She was a confidante," Blank says. "I didn't have to go to my parents or to a professor who maybe wouldn't understand. She was this person who existed in both worlds yet always wanted what was best for me."

Risa immediately enjoyed advising. "I wasn't a very good social worker because I would mother my clients instead of intervene therapeutically," Risa says, "and all the training in the world couldn't beat that out of me. And that's exactly how I went about my advising. They all became my children, and by extension, I really started considering all 7,000 kids my very large family."

Risa became a fixture of student life. She kept office hours, and students who weren't her advisees would stop by, usually to try to indirectly get some information to the chancellor. But they also came by to talk or for knitting lessons that evolved into a knitting circle.

She would attend Diwali and Mx. WashU, a student-organized fashion show and fundraiser. And Risa and the chancellor were regulars at Dance Marathon, a student-run dance fundraiser put on for Children's Miracle Network. For it, Risa invented "The Dancellor," which pays tribute to Wrighton's affinity for cufflinks and double-breasted suits.

"She's the most positive and upbeat human being I've ever met," Blank says.

"Mark and I feel very confident letting our child go. We know WashU will be very well cared for."

— Risa Zwerling Wrighton

Risa exceeds at making people feel at home.

This is clear at one of the last major galas under the Wrightons. It is to celebrate the end of *Leading Together: The Campaign for Washington University*, which raised \$3.378 billion, and to celebrate the Wrightons' legacy.


Accolades pour in for Wrighton and Risa, including building namings — Lab Sciences will be named for Wrighton and College Hall for Risa — scholarship namings, a portrait and a new street named Wrighton Way on the east end of campus. It's honors from a university that Risa felt lucky to serve.

"We've been the ones who have been so wonderfully taken care of," Risa says.

Risa had been talking, several days before, about how she was struggling to write her remarks for the gala. She commented more than once about the crowd size, more than 1,200. But when she steps to the podium, she is poised and calm, and her husband never leaves her side, helping her keep her pages in order as she talks.

Her talk is peppered with jokes: "The Beatles were right: all you need is love." She hums a few notes. "And \$3.4 billion."

She compares their stepping down from their role to sending a kid off to college. "Mark and I feel very confident letting our child go. We know WashU will be very well cared for," she says. "But nervous parents that we are, we bought a house across the street from the university. And in case any of you get homesick, come on over for dinner."

She laughs, and the crowd laughs with her. But we actually are all invited to the Wrightons' table. Risa wouldn't have it any other way. 

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Building community

Chancellor Wrighton's leadership sets the tone for the student community. He conveys that WashU is a place of academic rigor but also a supportive environment by participating in student activities, attending sporting events and inviting students to Harbison House.



Washington University Archives

LEADER MENTOR VISIONARY FRIEND

Chancellor Wrighton has described his highest role as “doorkeeper” – one who opens pathways and makes connections. Over the years, he has assumed countless roles in service to the university. Take a look at his work building community, encouraging exploration, honoring achievement, leading our most ambitious initiatives and more.

BY TRACY COLLINS, ROSALIND EARLY AND TERRI NAPPIER



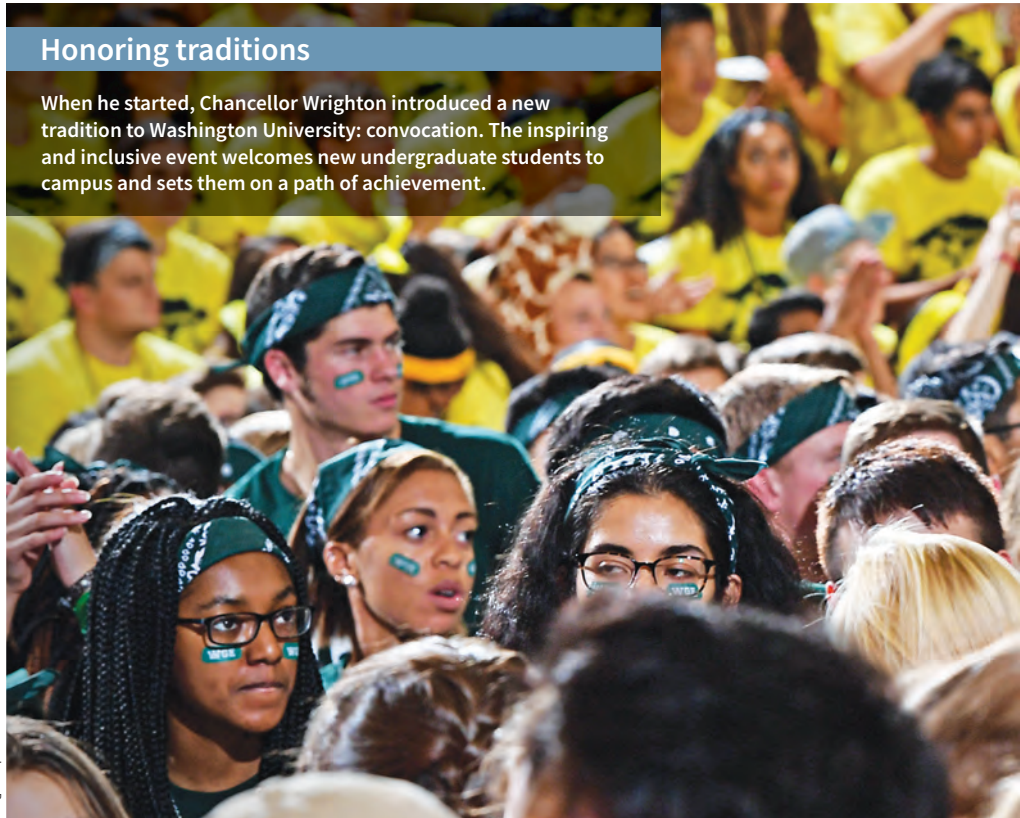
James Beard

“There is no greater reward than that associated with charting new territory for humankind. When this university was founded, St. Louis was the gateway to America’s West. Today, learning and discovery represent our contributions to providing gateways to a brighter 21st century.”

— Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton, from his inaugural address, 1995

Honoring traditions

When he started, Chancellor Wrighton introduced a new tradition to Washington University: convocation. The inspiring and inclusive event welcomes new undergraduate students to campus and sets them on a path of achievement.



James Beard

Championing sustainability

Washington University acquired its first LEED-certified building under Chancellor Wrighton, who has long been a champion for campus sustainability. Recently, he signed a global commitment to reduce the university's carbon footprint.



Encouraging exploration

As a former chemistry professor at MIT with more than 300 scholarly articles and 16 patents to his name, Wrighton continues to inspire faculty to push the bounds of discovery. But when St. Louis school kids come to visit campus to learn about science, they meet Magic Mark, who amazes them with his chemistry demonstrations.



Bringing the world to WashU

Whether to participate in a presidential debate, serve as a Commencement speaker, receive an honorary degree or act in another capacity, the world and its leaders come to Washington University. In 1997, Chancellor Wrighton welcomed former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to campus to give the Founders Day address.



DAY OF DISCOVERY & DIALOGUE - 2016

A FOCUS ON INCLUSION



Opening dialogue

The chancellor has worked to foster dialogue both on campus and in the community. In 2015, after the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, the university launched a forum, Day of Discovery & Dialogue, an ongoing series of events and actions focusing on diversity and inclusion issues.



Celebrating milestones

At the Chancellor's Dinner and Senior Gala, Chancellor Wrighton acknowledges the diligence and sacrifice that have led all to this moment — and he even hops in the selfie booth. Wrighton celebrates other milestones as well. For example, capping off the latest campaign, he danced to Kool & the Gang at a gala for university supporters.



Recognizing excellence

Maintaining academic excellence with top-notch faculty is a chancellor's key directive. To do this, Chancellor Wrighton works to create professorships and deanships to honor outstanding faculty.



Honoring achievement

Conferring degrees is certainly the chancellor's best known (and perhaps happiest) task. After receiving their degrees, WashU graduates go on to cure diseases, start businesses, hold government positions, help the planet and change the world.

Breaking new ground

During his tenure, Chancellor Wrighton has broken ground on more than 50 new buildings at the Danforth and Medical campuses, creating new opportunities for learning and research.





Leading transformation

Chancellor Wrighton's vision and leadership were instrumental in the most ambitious construction project in the university's history — the transformation of the east end of the Danforth Campus. The project includes three new academic buildings, an expansion of the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, two new multiuse facilities, an underground parking garage and the expansive new Ann and Andrew Tisch Park. Substantial completion of the transformation will be realized this summer. More than just a construction project, this endeavor furthers the university's mission, setting the course for the next era of academic excellence and service to society.

[Open to explore the timeline >](#)

The university has witnessed many memorable highlights and noteworthy achievements during the Wrighton era. Discover just a few of them inside.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1995

MARK S. WRIGHTON BECOMES 14TH CHANCELLOR, JULY 1



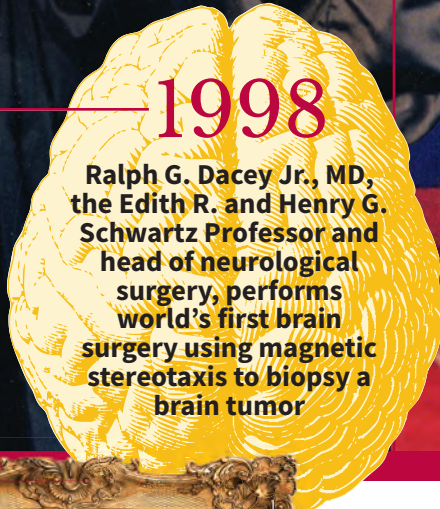
2000

WashU hosts presidential debate with **George W. Bush and Al Gore** (one of four debates hosted during Mark Wrighton's tenure)



1998

Ralph G. Dacey Jr., MD, the Edith R. and Henry G. Schwartz Professor and head of neurological surgery, performs world's first brain surgery using magnetic stereotaxis to biopsy a brain tumor



1997

School of Law hosts Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Sept. 26, 1997

Margaret Thatcher delivers Founders Day keynote speech Oct. 24, 1997



2001



\$25 million gift

from Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company establishes Enterprise Rent-A-Car Scholars Program

Robert D. Schreiber and colleagues publish the first conclusive evidence that the immune system helps prevent tumor formation

1999

Former President George H.W. Bush delivers Founders Day keynote speech

ALVIN J. AND RUTH SITEMAN GIVE \$35 MILLION to cancer care, establishing the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine





2002

MEDICAL SCHOOL
SEQUENCES
HUMAN GENOME

Thanks to a 5-year, \$218.4 million grant to the School of Medicine in 1998 — the largest grant in university history — from NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute, to sequence the human genome

2004

\$1.55+ billion

The Campaign for Washington University raises more than \$1.55 billion and endows some 165 professorships and 11 faculty fellowships

Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service is formed (now the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement)

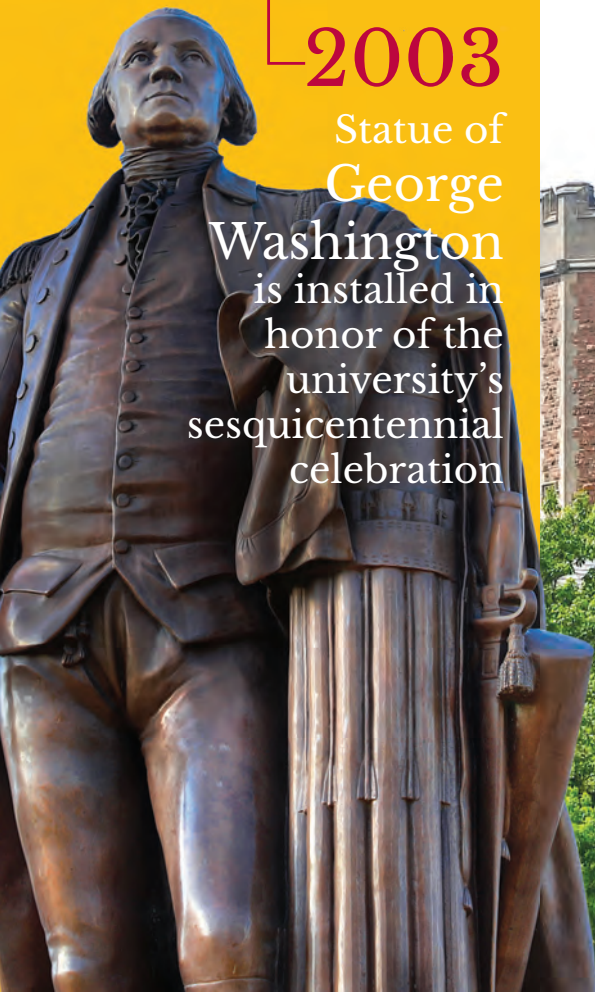
2005

McDonnell International Scholars Academy is formed



2003

Statue of George Washington is installed in honor of the university's sesquicentennial celebration



2006

Hilltop Campus is named and dedicated as Danforth Campus

Sept. 17, 2006



2009

First two LEED-designed residence halls — South 40 House and Umrath House — open

Danforth Foundation gift establishes John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics

2007

Alzheimer's Disease Research Center is named after Charles F. and Joanne Knight



ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH



CHANCELLOR WRIGHTON NAMED 2007 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

by St. Louis Post-Dispatch

2011

Institute for School Partnership is formed

Washington University in St. Louis
INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



2008

DANFORTH UNIVERSITY CENTER OPENS



Institute for Public Health at Washington University is established through a partnership of Siteman Cancer Center, Washington University School of Medicine and the Brown School

Washington University and the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center are awarded \$35 million from Department of Energy to conduct research on novel energy initiatives

2010

Thomas Jefferson's books are discovered in University Libraries

The Human Connectome Project is an effort led by Washington University School of Medicine and University of Minnesota's Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, to generate a map of all major circuits in the human brain

2012

NASA rovers, Spirit and Curiosity, land on Mars:



Ray Arvidson, the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor, serves as WashU's lead investigator

Super-TIGER breaks endurance record for heavy-lift scientific balloons, after circling Antarctica for more than 55 days



2013

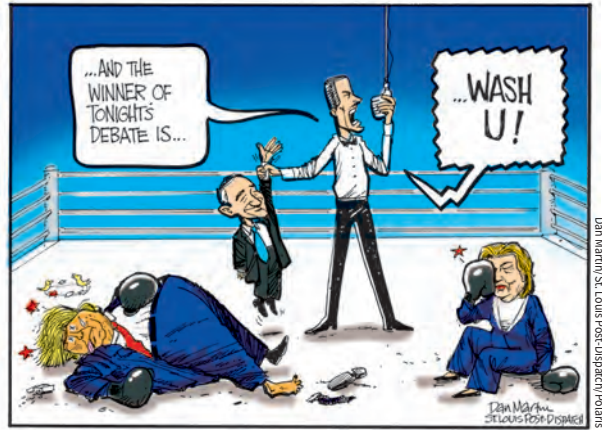
University announces it will anchor a **\$73 million**

laboratory and research facility in the CORTEX bioscience district

Fluorescence goggles help surgeons see cancer cells

2016

University hosts presidential debate between Hillary R. Clinton and Donald J. Trump



Campus Next

Transformation

of the **EAST END DANFORTH CAMPUS**

East End Transformation begins: Jubel Hall, Kemper Art Museum Expansion, McKelvey Hall, Schnuck Pavilion, Summers Welcome Center, Tisch Park and Weil Hall

Gary M. Summers Recreation Center is dedicated

2015

LEED-PLATINUM THOMAS AND JENNIFER HILLMAN HALL IS DEDICATED

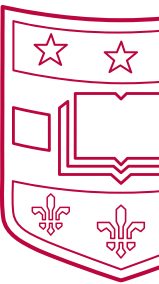


2018

University celebrates successful end of *Leading Together: The Campaign for Washington University*

\$3.378 billion

- \$591 million for scholarships and fellowships
- \$1.502 billion for academic programs
- 153 endowed positions



Olympic Ring 'Spectacular' is installed at WashU by the Francis Field gates







On Nov. 12, 2011, the Bears beat the University of Chicago 38–20 and regained possession of the Founders Cup, which commemorates the first football game played between two University Athletic Association schools. To date, the two universities have played each other 37 times, with the Bears leading the series 25–12.

BEAR BELIEVER

The Washington University athletics program has many fans, but none bigger than Mark Wrighton.

BY TERRI NAPPIER

“Some call them scholar-athletes. I like that they are scholar-champions!”

So tweeted Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton Feb. 20, 2017, as a banner was hung in the Quad recognizing the women’s soccer team as the 2016 NCAA Division III National Champions.

Whether tweeting affirmations, giving pep talks, cheering at the games or hosting championship celebrations, Chancellor Wrighton has been one of Bears sports’ biggest fans. And over the years, he’s had many opportunities to appreciate and acknowledge Washington University’s amazing athletes and their triumphs.

“There are some aspects of the university that have been really fun for me,” Wrighton says. “One is athletics. I’ve enjoyed the spectator sports, and we’ve had tremendous success.”

During his tenure, the Bears won 170 UAA championships and 18 NCAA Division III championships, with both women’s volleyball and basketball capturing five national titles apiece. Volleyball now has a total of 10 championships to its credit. Further, 19 student-athletes and three relay teams have won a combined 28 individual NCAA championships in their respective sports.

“John Schael was director of athletics for 36 years and now has been succeeded by Anthony Azama,” Wrighton says. “We’ve had great teams, outstanding coaches and staff and, of course, amazing students whom we call scholar-champions.”

Wrighton is keen to recognize the scholar side of the “scholar-champions” equation. Tweeting on Sept. 14, 2017, he applauded the women’s track and field team’s academic achievement: “Thanks to the scholar-champions of Washington University. Our newest champions had a cumulative 3.55 grade-point average.”

Truly, these students leave it all on the field and in the classroom. While Wrighton

has been chancellor, 97 scholar-champions were recognized with Academic All-American honors. And several garnered additional impressive honors: Brad Klein, BS ’98, a star linebacker, for example, received the prestigious Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award in 1998; women’s basketball center Alia Fischer, AB ’00, won the Jostens Trophy for the premier DIII student-athlete in 2000; Brandon Roberts, MD, BSBME ’03, was named the 2002 Healthsouth Draddy Award Recipient, which is referred to as the “Academic Heisman” for college football; men’s basketball star Troy Ruths, BS ’08, was named *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Player of the year in 2007 as well as the Jostens DIII Player of the Year and Final Four MVP in 2008; Liz Phillips, BS ’12, who held a 4.0 grade-point average as a biomedical engineering student as well as the indoor mile and outdoor 1,500m records, earned the 2012 NCAA Woman of the Year award; and women’s soccer goalkeeper Lizzy Crist, BS ’17, was named the 2017 NCAA Woman of the Year.

“The Washington University Athletics Program is what it is today because of Chancellor Wrighton’s incredible wisdom and leadership,” John Schael says. “He has been a tremendous advocate for athletic values and how they enhance the educational experience of the young women and men of the university, as well as for Title IX and facility enhancements, coaches and more. In my years as director of athletics, I could not have had a better teammate.”

Competing in the University Athletic Association conference in Division III — a conference that prioritizes academic achievement — these scholar-champions do not play in front of sold-out crowds in megavenues, but the enthusiasm of their devoted fans is no less evident.

And one of those most devoted has been Chancellor Wrighton.

“We have a tremendous program,” he says, “and I’m looking forward to following athletics as I continue the next phase of my career.”





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- 1 On March 22, 2008, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton joined the student spirit organization, Red Alert, to support and cheer on the men’s basketball team. The team defeated Amherst College, 90–68, to win its first Division III National Championship.
- 2 Chancellor Wrighton took part in “cutting down the nets” after the men’s basketball team’s victory over Amherst.
- 3 On Sept. 2, 2017, Anthony J. Azama, the John M. Schael Director of Athletics, and Chancellor Wrighton recognized all student-athletes from the previous year during halftime of a football game — an annual fall ritual. In turn, the athletes presented the chancellor with the trophy for WashU’s second-place finish in the Division III Learfield Directors’ Cup standings.
- 4 Athletics held a “Celebration of Champions” special event in the Fieldhouse April 15, 2009, to applaud outstanding athletic achievements of the women’s and men’s basketball teams and the track and field and swimming and diving teams. Above, Chancellor Wrighton helps the women’s basketball team raise its trophy for finishing as runner-up in the 2009 NCAA Division III championships.

An amazing record of developing champions

Division III National Championship Teams

Volleyball*: 1995, 1996, 2003, 2007, 2009
 Women’s Basketball: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2010
 Men’s Basketball: 2008, 2009
 Men’s Tennis: 2008
 Women’s Cross Country: 2011, 2018
 Women’s Soccer: 2016
 Women’s Indoor Track & Field: 2017
 Women’s Outdoor Track & Field: 2017
 (*previous championships: 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994)

Division III National Individual Champions

Emily Richard, Outdoor Track & Field - 5,000m, 1998, 1999
 Michael Slavik, Swimming & Diving - 50 Freestyle, 2006
 Eric Triebe, Swimming & Diving - 200 Freestyle, 2006
 Morgan Leonard-Fleckman, Indoor Track & Field - Pole Vault, 2008
 Alex Beyer, Swimming & Diving - 400 IM, 2009, 2010
 John Watts, Tennis - Singles, 2010
 Dan Davis, Outdoor Track & Field - 110m Hurdle, 2011
 Tyler Jackson, Indoor Track & Field - 60m Hurdle, 2012
 Adam Putterman, Tennis - Singles, 2013
 Michael Lagieski, Swimming & Diving - 100 Breaststroke, 2014
 Anna Etherington, Outdoor Track & Field - Pole Vault, 2014
 Lucy Cheadle, Outdoor Track & Field - 3,000 Steeplechase, 2014, 2015
 Lucy Cheadle, Indoor Track & Field - 5,000m, 2015
 Reed Dalton, Swimming & Diving - 100 Butterfly, 2015, 2016
 Mike Sullivan, Alex Bastian, Deko Ricketts, Josh Clark, Indoor Track & Field - Distance Medley Relay, 2016
 Daisy Ogede, Indoor Track & Field - 200m, 2016
 Rebecca Ridderhoff, Kelli Hancock, Daisy Ogede, Emily Warner, Indoor Track & Field - 1,600m Relay, 2016
 Amanda Stadermann, Swimming & Diving - 200 Butterfly, 2016
 Audrey Western, Kelli Hancock, Ashley Knudson, Alison Lindsay, Indoor Track & Field - Distance Medley Relay, 2017
 Deko Ricketts, Indoor Track & Field - 800m, 2017
 Brandon Lum, Swimming & Diving - 200 Butterfly, 2017
 Rebecca Ridderhoff, Outdoor Track & Field - 400m Hurdles, 2017
 Deko Ricketts, Outdoor Track & Field - 800m, 2017
 Paige Lawler, Cross Country, 2018



Joe Angiles

GOING GLOBAL

BY ROSALIND EARLY

From the beginning of his tenure, Mark Wrighton set out to put Washington University and its students and faculty **on the map.**



Mark Wrighton introduces then-UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the students of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy during a 2016 trip to the United Nations in New York.

In 1995, when Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton gave his inaugural address as the 14th chancellor of Washington University, one of his key themes was making the university a global leader.

“Washington University will remain among the leading educational institutions only if we are preparing our students to live and work in an increasingly internationalized world,” he said. He had a vision of developing “strategic relationships with institutions in other countries,” particularly in Asia, and he emphasized the importance of bringing the world to Washington University by attracting the best international students and scholars.

Ten years later in 2005, Chancellor Wrighton, along with former Sen. John C. Danforth and Life Trustee John F. McDonnell, DSc '06, MBA '14, former chairman of the board of McDonnell Douglas Corp., were together in the Overseas Press Club in New York City to announce the university's new global initiative, the McDonnell International Scholars Academy.

The academy would build partnerships with leading international universities, and through these, Washington University would attract top-flight international scholars to a program designed to make them world leaders. The partnerships would also broaden the scope, reach and collaborative potential of the university's research.

“This initiative ... is one of the most farsighted undertakings I have seen,” John F. McDonnell said at the announcement. “It integrates the internationalization of research and education with the ascent of Washington University among the world's leading universities.”

“Most academic connections are developed along the lines of narrowly defined intellectual interests,” said James V. Wertsch, the David R. Francis Distinguished Professor, who served as founding director of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy and as vice chancellor for international relations before stepping down in 2018. “In contrast, the McDonnell Academy brings together a ready-made network of universities and top minds from many areas to talk about world problems. Just as technology has become globalized, so have our challenges.”

When it started, the academy had 15 partner universities all in Asia. Now it boasts 34 partner institutions around the globe.

In May 2007, the McDonnell International Scholars Academy held its first international symposium, which gathered leading scholars from partner institutions to discuss issues regarding energy and the environment. The academy continues to host symposia biennially, and it has broadened the number of topics discussed over time. At the most recent symposium in Beijing in 2018, topics included population aging, air pollution, energy, the environment, agriculture and climate change. Developing more sustainable campuses was also a key topic. While there, 21 member institutions signed the University Campus Sustainability Declaration, pledging to reduce their carbon footprints.

The world has come to Washington University as well. When Wrighton made his inaugural address, the student body represented 45 nations. Today, that number has more than doubled, and international students represent 19 percent of the university's enrollment.

Looking to the future, Washington University is committed to deepening its engagement in Africa. To lead this endeavor, the university hired Benjamin Ola Akande as senior adviser to the chancellor and director of a new Africa initiative.

“The vexing problems and challenges we face are ones that are multidisciplinary in character,” Wrighton said in his first address, “requiring concerted, synergistic effort from many intellectual perspectives. Some areas of contribution will involve improving human health, sustaining the environment, developing economic strength, fostering world peace and enhancing the quality of life. No important problem is too complex or too difficult to tackle ... Our work awaits us. Let us begin.”

His commitment inspired faculty and researchers across Washington University to think and act more globally, reshaping the way people live around the world. On the following pages are just a few of the university's many global projects.

A GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

Around the world, Washington University researchers are working at the forefront of new knowledge to transform lives. This is just a sample of the many research projects the university has in its global network. For more, go to global.wustl.edu.

North America & the Caribbean

Helping moms and children

Lora Iannotti, associate professor and associate dean for public health, and Patricia Kohl, associate professor and associate dean for social work, teamed up in Haiti to create a parenting intervention program. It offered families eggs for 12 weeks and brought moms together to discuss sanitation, hygiene and the importance of animal-sourced foods for kids. "What we're learning in Haiti is applicable to impoverished communities in the U.S.," Kohl says.

Understanding animals

Jonathan Losos, the William H. Danforth Distinguished University Professor, has traveled the world studying animals and biodiversity, with a focus on Caribbean *Anolis* lizards. He is also the founding director of the Living Earth Collaborative, a center for biodiversity. Joining the efforts of Washington University, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Saint Louis Zoo, the Living Earth Collaborative will have field projects all over the world to study and save the plants and animals that sustain life on Earth.

Central & South America

Battling cancer

As the Larry J. Shapiro Director of Washington University's Institute for Public Health, William G. Powderly, MD, the Dr. J. William Campbell Professor of Medicine and co-director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the School of Medicine, has made a huge impact on medicine around the world, particularly in the field of HIV/AIDS, where he has been conducting research for 30 years. Recently, Powderly began a new initiative funded by USAID to install radiotherapy equipment in Guatemala that will help diagnose and treat cancer patients.

Understanding ancient climates

Bronwen Konecky, assistant professor of earth and planetary sciences, and Sarah Baitzel, assistant professor of archaeology, both in Arts & Sciences, are studying climatic and environmental change in the high Andes Mountains as a backdrop to pre-Hispanic human activities. Their reconstruction of past climate and cultural shifts at a newly discovered archaeological site at Lake Sibinacocha, Peru, is supported by the National Geographic Society and Washington University's International Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability (InCEES).

Europe

Protecting human rights

Leila Sadat, the James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law at the School of Law and director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, wrote the world's first global treaty on crimes against humanity, addressing their prevention and punishment. The draft treaty, available in seven languages, is being debated by the UN International Law Commission and governments around the world.

Building connections

In addition to exploring the broad social transformations taking place in the worldwide Muslim community (with field sites across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa), John Bowen, the Dunbar-Van Cleave Professor in Arts & Sciences, is also leading the Trans-Atlantic Forum, a collaboration between Washington University scholars in the social sciences and graduate schools in Paris and Amsterdam.

Africa

Developing new diagnostics

Testing blood for malaria can be expensive and challenging in developing countries. Audrey Odom John, MD, associate professor of pediatrics and director of the pediatric infectious diseases fellowship program, is developing a breath test for malaria, by collecting breath samples from children in Malawi.

Battling childhood malnutrition

In 2001, world-renowned doctor and researcher Mark J. Manary, MD, the Helene B. Roberson Professor of Pediatrics, was in Malawi field-testing a nutrient-rich, peanut butter-based food that restored malnourished children to health. Since 2004, his Project Peanut Butter has treated more than one million malnourished children in Africa.

Improving women's reproductive health and girls' access to education

Throughout his career, L. Lewis Wall, MD, the Selina Okin Kim Conner Professor in Arts & Sciences and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the School of Medicine, has worked in Africa to improve the health and lives of women. Now, he has started Dignity Period to help girls in Ethiopia get access to menstrual pads and menstruation education. Typically, girls stay home from school during their menstrual periods because they lack proper supplies, a practice that contributes to higher dropout rates.

South Asia

Clearing the air

In India and other energy-impooverished regions, people still use solid fuels (wood, charcoal, crop waste) to cook their food, which can release dense, black smoke into the home. Pratim Biswas, assistant vice chancellor of international programs and the Lucy and Stanley Lopata Professor, and Rajan Chakrabarty, assistant professor of engineering, both in the James McKelvey School of Engineering, went to rural parts of India to study the impact of cook-stove emissions. "Traditional cook-stove burning is one of the largest sources of pollutants in India," Chakrabarty says. "We found it's a really big problem, revising what people knew for decades."

Treating the gut

Jeffrey I. Gordon, MD, the Dr. Robert J. Glaser Distinguished University Professor and the director of the Edison Family Center for Genome Sciences & Systems Biology, has used his groundbreaking studies of the gut microbiome to help malnourished children in developing countries. His research in Bangladesh showed that children suffering from malnutrition possess gut microbial communities that fail to assemble normally. His studies have catalyzed efforts to develop new microbiome foods directed at repairing the problem.

East & Southeast Asia

Advancing global food security

Barbara Schaal, dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and the Mary-Dell Chilton Distinguished Professor, is an internationally renowned evolutionary biologist. Her research has helped make staple food crops such as rice resistant to genetic mutations, able to withstand floods and less vulnerable to insect attacks. A recent study took her to the remote rice farms of Thailand. "It's fun working on something where everything that you do ... contributes to a larger effort to produce more food for the world," she says.

Helping families save for children

Michael Sherraden, the George Warren Brown Distinguished University Professor and founding director of the Center for Social Development (CSD), studies inclusion and asset building. His policy ideas have led to many countries starting child-development accounts that help families save for their children. Recently, Li-Chen Cheng, PhD '95, a former student of Sherraden's, helped develop a child-development-account policy in Taiwan, after working closely with Washington University's CSD.

Earning high honors

The university currently has three faculty members who have earned the Chinese Ministry of Education's highest award for an individual in higher education, the Yangtze River Scholar Award. (An alum as well as another faculty member who earned his Yangtze River Scholar Award through another school were also honored.) It is rare for a U.S. university to have even one such scholar, let alone three.

Middle East

Helping children through savings

Michal Grinstein-Weiss, the Shanti K. Khinduka Distinguished Professor at the Brown School, helped get a child savings account program for all newborns passed in Israel's parliament in 2015.

Showing mobile banking works in areas of conflict

Tarek Ghani, assistant professor at Olin Business School, conducted a study in Afghanistan to see if mobile banking could facilitate a default-savings program. The country has seen a proliferation of mobile-phone subscriptions, but it still lacks a financial infrastructure. The study showed that the default-savings program worked and was easily scalable.

Australia

Improving legal education

As director of Washington University's Criminal Justice Clinic, Peter A. Joy, the Henry Hitchcock Professor of Law and vice dean for academic affairs in the School of Law, supervises student-lawyers who provide direct legal representation to clients. Joy's expertise in clinical programs led him to co-author the book *Australian Clinical Legal Education* and recently took him to Monash University and University of Melbourne, both in Melbourne, Australia. He delivered talks on legal ethics, another of his areas of expertise.

Antarctica

Unlocking the universe ...

The Earth is constantly being bombarded by cosmic rays, high-energy particles from beyond the solar system. Brian Rauch, research assistant professor of physics in Arts & Sciences, launched SuperTIGER in Antarctica, which could reveal the origin of these rays. This was not SuperTIGER's first flight; its previous flight, led by Robert Binns, research professor of physics, lasted 55 days.

and the Earth

Due to melting ice, the bedrock in Antarctica is rising at one of the fastest rates ever recorded. Douglas Wiens, the Robert S. Brookings Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences, is studying the phenomenon. The findings so far mean that up to 10 percent more ice has disappeared from the region than previously thought.

News of fellow alumni

We want to hear about recent promotions, honors, appointments, travels, marriages (please report marriages after the fact) and births, so we can keep your classmates informed about important changes in your lives.

Entries may take up to three issues after submission to appear in the magazine; they are published in the order in which they are received.

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40s

Lee Spetner, EN45, is proud to announce that his great-granddaughter was married last summer.

John O. Sutter, BU48, GR48, celebrated his 70th Reunion at WashU last year. A founding board member of the Center for United Nations Constitutional Research in Brussels, he also is an active board member of two other civil-society organizations.

50s

Jerry Young, LA55, DE58, and his wife, Dorothy, are DIYing a passive solar house in Collinsville, Ill., that will have no conventional HVAC and will be net neutral with the electric grid. The couple expects to complete the five-year project late this year. See their progress at diygreenbuildingwithjerry.com.

blogspot.com. Ever advocates for sustainability, the Youngs founded the Southwest Illinois chapter of the Wild Ones, which promotes landscaping with native plants.

Jerry Ann (Wheatley) Piontkowski, NU57, recently celebrated her 25th anniversary as a travel counselor at the I-64 Welcome Center in Indiana, eight miles west of Louisville, Ky. Through the years, she has met many traveling WashU grads and occasionally relied on her nursing skills to assist sick or injured travelers.

Jack J. Schramm, LW59, was tapped for the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who. His memoir, *Passionate Purpose: A Global Governance Journey* (New Insights Press, 2017), highlights his work as a public servant and his conviction that good will can succeed in making politics work.

60s

Susan (Grossman) Alexander, LA63, self-published her third novel, *Red Diana*, last year. The book relates a mother's efforts to find her young daughter's kidnappers after the girl is returned unharmed with a threatening note pinned to her T-shirt. Alexander's earlier books are *A Quicker Blood* (BookSurge Publishing, 2009) and *Jealous Mistress* (CreateSpace, 2011).

Shripad N. Agashe, GR64, published his autobiography, *Life, Experiences and Higher Studies in the USA*, in which he mentions his experiences as a student at WashU. His earlier books include *Pollen and Spores: Applications with Special Emphasis on Aerobiology and Allergy* (2009).

Carol Diaz-Granados, FA64, GR80, GR93, a research associate in WashU's Department of Anthropology, published her fifth book, *Transforming the Landscape: Rock Art and the Mississippian Cosmos* (Oxbow Books, 2018). The volume's senior editor, Diaz-Granados also co-authored two chapters. Her second book, *The Rock-Art of Eastern North America* (University of Alabama Press, 2004), won an Outstanding Academic Title Award.

Nancy (Kauffman) Holder, LA64, SW66, tutors young immigrant students in a Baltimore program called Adelante Latina. Holder supports the students through high school and helps them apply for college. Previously, she worked in administration at a private school in Baltimore and was involved in philanthropic efforts for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Jane Rigney Battenberg, GR65, penned her second book, *Change Within, Change the World* (Balboa Press, 2018), which is described as "an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime

journey to authentic change — inside and out."

Diana (Hosley) Burchfield, FA65, an elected member of Audubon Artists, received the Frank Webb Award in Aquamedia for her painting titled *Composition* at the organization's 76th annual show last fall.

Carolyn Bracken, FA66, wrote and illustrated *Mr. Owliver's Magic at the Museum* (Schiffer Publishing, 2017) after many years as an illustrator of children's books. Through the adventures of the main character, an owl who works as a night watchman at an art museum, the book introduces young children to fine art while keeping adult readers amused with visual puns. Bracken is working on a second book about Mr. Owliver: *Missing at the Museum*.

Paula Asinof, LA68, co-authored a second edition of *Be Sharp: "Tell Me About Yourself" in Great Introductions and Professional Bios* (CreateSpace, 2018), which guides readers in creating personal introductions that will make lasting impressions.

Dwight Stevens, LA68, has directed 31 medical mission trips as president of Missions of Mercy, Inc., since 1988. His most recent mission was to the Andes mountains of Ecuador last summer. Stevens has been senior pastor of Paramount Church, Palm Beach, Fla., which he founded, for 24 years. His 2017 book, *Atheist Doctor to Palm Beach Minister* (CreateSpace), tells the story of his calling from private practice into public health and the ministry.

Joy Passanante, LA69, who has been publishing in three genres for five decades, scored the 2017 Silver Winner for Biography in the #ForewordINDIES Book of the Year Awards for her latest book, *Through a Long Absence: Words from My Father's Wars* (Mad Creek Books, an imprint of The Ohio

Listening with purpose, leading with heart

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton has relied on insights from alumni to help him guide the university. His partnership with the Alumni Board of Governors has provided an important forum for listening to and engaging with the university's biggest champions: its graduates.

Chancellor Wrighton has demonstrated a deep commitment to fostering connections between the university and the alumni community since his first days on campus. In addition to meeting regularly with alumni at annual events such as Reunion, Founders Day and Eliot Society Family Night, the chancellor has participated in countless alumni dinners, receptions and award ceremonies on campus and across the country to recognize their achievements. Further, he has addressed the Alumni Board of Governors (ABG) twice a year and held an annual meeting with its executive committee, receiving invaluable ideas directly from a rotating group of dedicated alumni invested in the university's future success and growth.

We asked former chairs of the Alumni Board of Governors to share their thoughts about Chancellor Wrighton as they reflect on his legacy.

ON HIS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ABG

"Chancellor Wrighton has always been readily accessible to the ABG and the larger alumni community. During his 24 years of service, he has listened to suggestions and has been willing to modify the university's approach toward alumni relations. As a result, our alumni association is much stronger."

— Deborah Grossman, EMBA '91
Chair, Alumni Board of Governors, 2011–12

ON THE KEY TO HIS SUCCESS

"The thing that makes Mark so great, in addition to preserving tradition, is how thoughtful he is. When his retirement was announced, he sent an email to all the leaders who were no longer with the university: former deans, vice chancellors, all those people who had worked with him since he had become chancellor. He did it right after the board heard the announcement but before it was publicly announced, and this was very thoughtful. Mark was always a good communicator. There were never surprises. He always made sure that everyone was informed."

— Barbara Feiner, MBA '83
Chair, Alumni Board of Governors, 1995–96



Sid Hastings

From left: Henry Warshaw, AB '76, MBA '79; Steven Segal, BSBA '82; and Deborah Grossman, EMBA '91, all former chairs of the Alumni Board of Governors, meet with Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton during an alumni event.



Joe Angeles

Barbara Feiner, MBA '83, a former vice chancellor for finance and CFO of Washington University, was also the ABG chair from 1995 to 1996, when Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton was inaugurated. Above, the chancellor speaks at Feiner's retirement party in 2015.

ON HIS LEGACY

"Chancellor Wrighton will be remembered for taking a great national university and transforming it into a great international university. His leadership has aligned students, professors, administration, alumni, foundations and friends of the university to bring our institution to the world stage. His ability to bring disparate groups of people together to advance the mission of the university has been central to his long-term success."

— Robert Mullenger, BS '89
Chair, Alumni Board of Governors, 2016–17

"Chancellor Wrighton has raised money, professorships and a generation of future leaders in our graduates. He has shown us what is possible for the university. It is up to us to live up to his legacy."

— Deborah Grossman, EMBA '91
Chair, Alumni Board of Governors, 2011–12

State University Press, August 2017). The awards recognize the best books published by small, indie and university presses.

70s

Eugene Goldstein, LW70, recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, Association of International Educators (Region X) for his 45 years of dedication, service and leadership in advancing the course of international education. Goldstein's law firm concentrates on immigration law, particularly as it affects international students, exchange visitors and international education personnel.

Janet (Wibbenmeyer) Semsar, LA72, recently received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The annual award recognizes more than 100 educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area — from kindergarten teachers to college professors — for their achievements and their vital role in shaping students' lives.

William A. Frazier III, GR73, received the 2018 Chancellor's Award for Innovation and Entrepreneurship last October. In 2006 he co-founded a St. Louis biotech company, Vasculox, rebranded as Arch Oncology, to develop humanized antibodies. The company has offices in St. Louis and San Francisco

Mohammad Iqbal, SI73, was elected to the Kane County (Ill.) board from District 19 for a term through November 2022.

Clara E. Rodríguez, GR73, professor of sociology at Fordham University's College at Lincoln Center, explores what happens when people who grew up on American television decide to come to the United States in her latest book, *America, As Seen on TV: How Television Shapes*

Immigrant Expectations Around the Globe (New York University Press, 2018).

Howard Birnberg, GB74, has published a second novel, *The Mastermind* (W & B Publishers, 2018), launching his Catherine Fox Mystery Series. His first book, *The Clone* (W & B Publishers), appeared in 2017.

Donald G. Tye, LW75, SW75, a founding partner of the Boston law firm Prince Lobel Tye LLP, earned the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MLCE) Scholar-Mentor Award for his contributions to continuing legal education and volunteer activities with the MLCE.

Terry J. Martin, UC76, SW77, was invited to speak at the upcoming International Mental Health/Sleep Congress in Vienna to discuss his latest research on PTSD and veterans. He wrote a book, *The Journey Home from Trauma: A Study of Complementary Treatment* (Outskirts Press, 2016), to help clinicians and victims make decisions about the best available options for treating PTSD and anxiety.

Larry Moore, LW76, a professor of business law in Fogelman College at the University of Memphis, is actively involved in his hobby of making independent movies. His movies include *Top Models Are Deadly*, which won four awards or nominations; *General Sessions*; *Somerville*; and *Cold Steele*.

Pat Purcell, LA76, director of Purcell Tennis Enterprises, LLC, was recently inducted into the United States Tennis Association Missouri Valley Hall of Fame Class.

Nancy Shute, LA76, was named editor in chief of *Science News* Media Group. *Science News* was founded in 1921 by E.W. Scripps to improve the quality of science news coverage. The media group also includes the Science News for Students website and the Science News in High Schools

program. Shute, who previously worked as an editor and reporter for NPR, lives with her family in Bethesda, Md.

Allan Trautman, LA76, performed last summer at the O2 in London in *The Muppets Take the O2*. He also performed as a screaming gopher in an Ariana Grande video, *God Is a Woman*.

Tracy Smith, LA77, is owner of The Jack Tracy Company, LLC, which offers inventive works of music, art and film for the enjoyment of the arts.

Bruce E. Friedman, LA78, of the Clayton, Mo., law firm of Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal, P.C., was recognized by Best Lawyers in the practice area of family law. His practice focuses on divorces and pre/postnuptial agreements.

Wilbert (Bill) Markovits, LA78, was reappointed as chair of the Antitrust Law Section of the Ohio State Bar Association for 2018–19. A founding partner of the Cincinnati law firm Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC, he focuses on complex civil litigation with an emphasis on securities and antitrust cases.

Paul McNeill, GL79, retired from the United Nations after a career in peacekeeping missions in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. He is often called on to play his bagpipes at diplomatic and church events.

80s

Elliott Blevins, UC80, is a member of the board of directors of the Modern American Dance Company (MADCO) and chair of its governance committee. MADCO is the professional dance company in residence at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Walter R. Bosch, EN80, SI83, SI90, an associate professor of radiation oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, was elected a fellow

of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine for his contributions to the field.

Mark Platt, LA80, was inducted into the United States Tennis Association Missouri Valley Hall of Fame Class. He founded Beginner's World Tennis, a program geared to beginning tennis players.

Nathan Byers, EN82, is managing principal at Sider + Byers Associates Mechanical Engineers in Seattle. He and his wife, Page, have two daughters: Hallie, 24, who works for Northwestern Mutual in Los Angeles, and Harper, 20, who is a junior at Colgate University.

Glenn E. Davis, LW82, was recognized by Best Lawyers as a Lawyer of the Year for Antitrust Law in the St. Louis area. Davis, a partner in the firm HeplerBroom, handles business and appeal matters, including antitrust, securities and corporate disputes.

Gary M. Feldman, LW82, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2019*. Feldman, a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., was selected for his practice in employment law and litigation-labor and employment.

Nina Needleman, LA82, PMBA88, is using her business skills as a consultant to nonprofits and women entrepreneurs. Previously, she was a financial planner.

Juergen Ploehn, GR82, was awarded membership in the Order of Saint John, the German Protestant branch of the Knights Hospitaller, the oldest surviving chivalric order, generally considered to have been founded in Jerusalem in the year 1099 AD.

Steve Gorin, LA83, LW86, who practices tax law in St. Louis at Thompson Coburn, LLP, was named a Lawyer of the Year in *The Best Lawyers in America 2019*.

Rob DeSalle, GR84, a curator in the Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics and

Pushing the culture forward

Morgan DeBaun, AB '12, and her co-founders named their media startup after a phenomenon they

observed while they were students at Washington University.

“Blavity” — a combination of the words “black” and “gravity” — describes how black students from across the university were drawn together during lunch every day to share stories, support each other and enjoy each other’s company.

“It was just this beautiful space where everybody was welcome,” DeBaun says. “No conversation was off limits. People could be vulnerable, people could laugh, people could cry. It was a space where I felt as if I could be my full self.”

And now Blavity.com has filled that role in cyberspace.

In 2014, at age 24, DeBaun co-founded Blavity, a news and entertainment website featuring stories told from a black point of view. She and her co-founders — fellow alumni Aaron Samuels, BSBA '11; Jeff Nelson, BS '10; and Jonathan Jackson, AB '13 — decided to target the underserved black millennial audience.

“There is so much creativity and innovation, and there are so many voices within the black community, particularly in this new generation,” says DeBaun, CEO of Blavity, Inc. “But there was no place for us to connect with each other, to read each other’s ideas and thoughts.”

Blavity brought in \$6.5 million in venture capital in 2018 and is growing quickly. The Los Angeles–based startup opened a satellite office in Atlanta in 2018. With 55 employees and some 100 contractors, the company doubled in size last year, and DeBaun expects it to double again this year. She says the Blavity flagship news site now reaches more than 1.8 million unique readers each month.

In June 2018, the company branched out to include other brands: 21Ninety, a beauty and wellness site for multicultural millennial women; Travel Noire, a black travel platform; Shadow and Act, a black entertainment and film news site; and AfroTech, a website for black entrepreneurs and innovators. The company also has frequent in-person events, including two annual conferences: AfroTech, in Silicon Valley, and Summit21, a women’s conference in Atlanta.

Before she was running a booming startup, DeBaun was a product manager at Intuit in San Francisco. She liked her job but felt something was missing.

“I asked myself, ‘What do I want to be doing with this? How am I helping to change the world?’” she says. “And then, at the same time, Mike Brown happened.”

DeBaun, a proud St. Louis native (“I’m a St. Louis girl 100 percent.”), felt helpless after the fatal police shooting of black teenager Michael Brown in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Missouri.



Rob Brown

Morgan DeBaun, AB '12, and three other WashU alumni founded Blavity, a news and entertainment website featuring stories from a black point of view. Today, DeBaun is CEO, using the varied skills she learned at WashU.

“I wasn’t going to fly back to St. Louis and protest, so how was I going to contribute?” she says. “What was in front of me was my laptop, along with my knowledge of how to get information around and build products.”

The shooting was the tipping point that pushed her and her co-founders to launch Blavity. “It really was that moment that made me take a leap of faith,” she says.

That leap paid off, thanks in part to skills she learned at Washington University. Drawn to the university because of its flexible curriculum, DeBaun was a political science major with a double minor in education and entrepreneurship. She also was Student Union president as a sophomore, which taught her leadership skills like how to run meetings, speak up and argue her point. This flexible and entrepreneurial ecosystem is a result of university priorities established during Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton’s tenure.

“I use so much of what I learned at WashU every single day at Blavity,” she says.

DeBaun, named to the *Forbes* 30 under 30 list in 2016, sees a bright future for the company born around a lunch table at the Mallinckrodt Food Court.

“I want to make sure we continue to build a strong new publication and media brand for the black community,” she says. “The vision is to be a brand that people trust — and also to push the culture forward. That’s ultimately what we are trying to do.”

— Julie Kennedy is a senior content editor in Public Affairs.

PROFILE Ryan Lawson, BFA '04

Daring design

Interior designer Ryan Lawson, BFA '04, finds beauty in contrast. “I look at things all day, every day,” says Lawson, who draws on his deep background in art history for his work. “Whether I’m shopping for furniture, for art, I’m constantly making connections between things.” And these connections might include an 18th-century carpet, a table from 1920s Italy, a living plant, a modern lamp and a desiccated plant, all in the same room. In his own former apartment, Lawson explored a rustic, cabin-like feel inspired by his Arkansas upbringing, while playing on its bustling Manhattan locale.

His projects have appeared in *Architectural Digest* and *Elle Décor* and include the New York City apartments of friends and clients; a beach house in the Hamptons; a desert house in Palm Springs, California; and an 88-foot yacht for a client who spends time between New York and Florida. He helped conceptualize the look of the Faherty Brand clothing stores, co-founded by his friend Mike Faherty, BFA '05, and his brother, Alex. Currently, he is working with another WashU alumnus, Eric Scroggins, AB '01, on a home in St. Louis' Central West End.

“I had the chance to see his work while living in NYC,” Scroggins says, “and I knew he’d find a way to weave together contemporary, vintage and antique pieces that would resonate in our early 20th-century home in a way few others could do. It’s beautiful, functional and interesting all at once.”

At the heart of Lawson’s practice are relationships. He explores clients’ goals and helps them distinguish between “good, better and best.” Making each project personal also means taking time to find offbeat things that work together, a process more circuitous than linear. “My business is strange in that a client has to buy a lot of stuff, for months or sometimes a year, and not see results until it all comes from a warehouse and is placed. You’re asking for a lot of trust when you ask people to do that,” Lawson says.

One particular project — an enormous lake house in Minnesota — began as a request to design the bedroom furniture and then grew into a complete home renovation that lasted seven years. “The client went on this journey with me, and it turned out beautifully. But it couldn’t have been done in one year. It wouldn’t have looked as good.”

Even from an early age, Lawson was passionate about interior design. His first “commission” came at age 12, when his next-door neighbor hired him to decorate her house for the holidays. While he attended what was then Washington University’s School of Art, Lawson was influenced by “the critique,” where students hang up their work so others



Seth Caplan

Ryan Lawson, BFA '04, is an interior designer who as a student switched from studying architecture to art. He says that Chancellor Wrighton took a keen interest in his choice because Lawson was a student during the early planning phases of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.

can discuss its merits. “That really is the basis of my work today,” he says. “I present things to clients, they present things to me, and we work through them and decide how to go forward.”

A highlight of his WashU experience was getting to know Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. After meeting at convocation, the two kept in touch. “The chancellor was always curious about how I was doing. And he was interested in my notion of switching from architecture to art, as the university was in the early phases of planning the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. [The idea] was exactly what I was doing in practice — studying both and being successful.” Lawson also enjoyed getting to know Risa Zwerling Wrighton and going bowling at the Harbison House. One summer, Lawson returned to the university from Arkansas with a huge bushel of peaches that he left on the Wrightons’ back doorstep with a note. “They were so amused,” he recalls, “and I think they had to throw parties to have people over just to give all the peaches away.”

Today, Lawson enjoys getting to know his clients and deciphering their needs. He places a special emphasis on furniture in accentuating clients’ lifestyles. “Furniture functions like people in a room,” Lawson says. “You can be surrounded by a table and some chairs, a counter and a sofa, and they’re kind of your friends in that room. The thing is, you want interesting friends that are offbeat and that are not like those everyone else has. That’s what I bring to my projects.”

— Ryan Rhea, AB '96, MA '01, is a senior editor in Public Affairs.

professor at the Richard Gilder Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History, co-authored *Troublesome Science: The Misuse of Genetics and Genomics in Understanding Race* (Columbia University Press, 2018).

David Honig, LA84, recently discussed the current U.S. trade war and negotiations with China as a guest on NPR's *All Things Considered*, PBS's *PBS NewsHour* and MSNBC's *Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell*. Honig is a shareholder with Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C. Further, he is an adjunct professor in negotiations at the Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University.

Rory Cunningham, FA85, is now the owner of Bill Hargate Costumes in Hollywood, Calif., after working there for more than 21 years. The company is known in the entertainment industry for its quality work on super heroes and accurate re-creations of historic fashions.

Jeffrey Altman, LA86, earned the Chicago Dermatological Society's Practitioner of the Year Award for 2018 for his exemplary service as a practitioner of dermatology. Altman is a past president of the 117-year-old professional society.

Victoria (Vicki) Day, BU86, completed master's-level certification in movement analysis with the Laban Institute of Movement Studies in 2017 and received a license for professional counseling for Missouri in 2018. She offers body-based mental health counseling in her practice with Lawrence, Oliver and Associates in Columbia, Mo. (www.embodimentllc.com).

Bill Kuehling, EMBA86, was named a Lawyer of the Year in *The Best Lawyers in America 2019*. Kuehling, an attorney with

Thompson Coburn, LLP, practices in land use and zoning law.

Mark Vogel, SI86, was one of 100 global employees honored by CommScope during the company's 2018 Innovators in Action Summit. Vogel was recognized for his work to bring innovation to the wired and wireless industries the company serves.

Sharon Weintraub, LA87, and her husband, Fred, are enjoying their third international assignment in 10 years. After living in Chicago, London and Houston, Sharon is head of BP's Asia oil supply and trading business, based in Singapore.

Lesley Malin, LA88, LA88, performed in the role of Mrs. Hardcastle in the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's fall production of *She Stoops to Conquer*.

Joseph Ganem, GR89, a professor and chair of physics at Loyola University Maryland, wrote *The Robot Factory: Pseudoscience in Education and Its Threat to American Democracy* (Springer, 2018). In his book, Ganem exposes the dangers of pseudoscience in the hands of decision makers, educators and students, and he advocates for an authentic science education for every child.

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Pedro Jaime Torres-Díaz, BU91, was named a 2018 Top Latino Lawyer by *Latino Leaders* magazine for his leadership in his workplace and dedication to the Latino community. Torres-Díaz is a principal at Jackson Lewis, P.C., which has offices in Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Stacey Hightower, BU92, was promoted to CEO of Omnicom Specialty Marketing Group, a practice area under the parent company Omnicom.

Terri Libenson, FA92, the internationally syndicated cartoonist

of *The Pajama Diaries*, is also a children's book author and the creator of two middle-grade graphic novels: *Invisible Emmie* (Balzer & Bray, 2017) and *Positively Izzy* (Balzer & Bray, 2018). A recent article in *Cleveland Magazine* (August 2018) detailing her career noted that "Libenson has brought a unique voice to the funny pages" and is "helping preteen girls find theirs as well."

Anthony Rodio, GB92, president and CEO of YourMechanic, an on-demand car-repair service, expanded his business internationally. The company will also build out additional services for rental, rideshare, corporate and government fleet managers.

Brad Smith, LA92, was recently named the medical director of the home campus of Rogers Behavioral Health. Based in Oconomowoc, Wis., Rogers is a national leader in evidence-based mental health services. Smith is continuing in his role as medical director of eating-disorder services for Rogers.

Jaimeen Arora, LA94, is in private practice as a clinical psychologist working in the field of trauma. She resides in the San Francisco East Bay area.

Paul E. Benedict, EN94, SI95, was named to the board of directors and appointed president of McMahon, in Neenah, Wis. Paul and his wife, **Heather**, EN96, reside in Appleton with their two children.

Ryan Chao, AR94, was named president of the Center for Civic Sites and Community Change at the Annie E. Casey Foundation by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's board of directors. The organization focuses on connecting trail networks that provide access to safe places to walk and bike while linking economic, educational and housing programs that strengthen families and communities.

Li-Chen Cheng, SW95, helped craft a national child-development account policy in Taiwan that President Tsai Ing-wen signed into law. Cheng has spent decades in testing antipoverty measures and advising government officials in Taiwan.

Robin (Dickey) Hackney, BU95, and **Chris Hackney**, BU97, have been living happily in Atlanta for 15 years and have two children, ages 13 and 11. Robin is chief marketing officer for a health-care company, and Chris completed the sale of his company to TrendKite and is integrating the two companies. TrendKite works with the big branding and media companies to generate, amplify and measure the impact of their earned media.

Hunvey Chen, AR96, was named the regional leader of health care for HOK's Los Angeles practice. In her dozen years at HOK, Chen has played a vital role on major health-care projects such as Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Advanced Health Sciences Pavilion, Scripps Memorial Hospital's Prebys Cardiovascular Institute, and the Ventura County Medical Center's Hospital Replacement Wing.

Carissa (Smith) Krane, GM96, a professor of biology, recently completed a three-year term as the inaugural Schuellein Chair in the Biological Sciences at the University of Dayton. During her term, Krane worked to promote institutional support for convergence science at the university and nationally.

Jamey Gordon, PT97, PT07, opened Pro X Athlete Development for skill training and rehabilitation for athletes of all sports. He is the director of athlete development at the 60,000-square-foot facility in Grand Park, Ind., and oversees all training.

Joshua Dorkin, LA98, co-authored his first book, *How to Invest in Real Estate: The Ultimate*

Beginner's Guide to Getting Started (BiggerPockets, 2018). Fourteen years ago, he founded BiggerPockets, an online community, podcast and publishing business dedicated to helping democratize real estate investing information.

Francis Kamau Njoroge, GR98, recently received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The annual award recognizes more than 100 educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area — from kindergarten teachers to college professors — for their achievements and vital role in shaping students' lives.

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Peter Corsale, LA00, a shareholder at the law firm Polsinelli and president of the Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis, was named a 2018 Diverse Business Leader by the *St. Louis Business Journal* for his efforts to promote diversity in the St. Louis region.

Tesa Rigel Sexton Steele Hines, LA01, who earned a doctorate in public and social policy from Saint Louis University, is a clinical instructor of American politics and public policy at Purdue Northwest University.

Michelle A. Purdy, LA01, GR03, penned *Transforming the Elite: Black Students and the Desegregation of Private Schools* (University of North Carolina Press, 2018). Purdy is an assistant professor of education in Arts & Sciences at WashU.

Stephanie Peters, LA02, was promoted to chief operating officer at InterMed, responsible for all aspects of primary and specialty care, as well as ancillary services. She joined the company as director of primary care in 2015. Earlier, she held manager- and director-level positions at MaineHealth, the state's largest health-care system.

Natalea Simmons-Beaudean, EMBA03, a Merrill Lynch wealth management adviser, was recognized by *Working Mother/Shook Research* as a Top Wealth Advisor Mom for 2018. Beaudean sits on the boards of St. Louis Forum and Brazen St. Louis, and is co-chair of the advisory council for the St. Louis Women's Foundation. She has three sons and lives in St. Louis.

Cheng Huang, GM03, was promoted to associate professor and chair of the Department of Biology at McDaniel College, a liberal arts college near Baltimore, Md. He writes that he completed his doctoral dissertation in molecular genetics under the guidance of Kerry Kornfeld, the best mentor he could have had.

Lora Ivanova, LA03, is co-founder and CEO of myLAB Box, the first nationwide at-home STD testing-to-treatment service. The service is designed to allow people to take control of their sexual health by removing the stigma, cost and inconvenience of physical testing.

Peter Jaslow, EN03, who is in the Business and Finance Department at Ballard Spahr LLP, was elected partner in the law firm's Philadelphia office.

Jason Kley, GB03, was named director of financial planning for Carlson Capital Management. He is also president of the Financial Planning Association of Minnesota.

Scott Neuberger, BU03, launched a private equity fund focused on investments in late-stage, private-venture-capital-backed enterprise technology companies.

Kristina Olson, LA03, was named a 2018 MacArthur Fellow, an award that included a \$625,000 stipend for work of her choosing. Olson runs the Social Cognitive Development Lab at the University of Washington, where she is an associate professor of psychology.

She created the TransYouth Project, the nation's largest longitudinal study of transgender children.

Wendy Thomas, SW03, has been working with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians for eight years as its social services director. She trained and participated in several races in 2018, including the Lilac Century, a 66-mile bike course; the Benewah Medical Center Sprint Triathlon, a 206-mile, two-day course; and the Coeur D'Alene Olympic distance triathlon.

Walker Deibel, GB04, wrote *Buy Then Build: How Acquisition Entrepreneurs Outsmart the Startup Game* (Lioncrest Publishing, 2018). The book outlines the process that Deibel designed after acquiring seven businesses in 10 years and provides a method for engineering increased safety into an otherwise risky career as an acquisition entrepreneur.

Brian D. Hirsch, LA04, was elected partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, where his practice focuses on corporate real estate.

Kevin A.S. Croker, EN05, earned a doctorate in physics from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. His thesis developed a novel approach to the dark energy problem of cosmology that resolves long-standing theoretical ambiguities and leads to observational consequences. Croker is continuing his research there with a postdoctoral fellowship.

Christopher LeGrand, LA05, recently received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The annual award recognizes more than 100 educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area — from kindergarten teachers to college professors — for their achievements and vital role in shaping students' lives.

Jessie Rymph, LA05, married Zach Nostdal in October.

Trisha Wallis, SW05, earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from California Southern University and became a licensed psychologist in California.

Brittany Burch, SW06, opened a private practice, Autumn Counseling, in Houston. The practice specializes in trauma recovery, addictions and couples therapy. Previously, she worked for nine years in a community mental health clinic in Houston. Burch writes that she is grateful for the amazing education she received at WashU.

Sara Morgan, AR06, and her husband welcomed a daughter, Zoë, in August 2017.

Brittany Packnett, LA06, was honored at the 2018 BET Awards with the Shine a Light Award, which recognizes outstanding community activists. Packnett is vice president of the National Community Alliances for Teach For America.

Karl Riley, LA06, an attorney with Snell & Wilmer in Las Vegas, was awarded the On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyers Award by the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division last summer.

Felicia Williams, LA06, LW10, was elected to partnership at Thompson Coburn LLP. Williams represents clients in complex commercial litigation, including mass tort actions, class actions, contract disputes, business torts, unfair business practices and loan-related disputes.

Laura Ponte Chauvin, GR07, received Vanderbilt University's Distinguished Alumni Award during 2018 commencement ceremonies. In her address to the graduates, she spoke of her work to bring microenterprise, health, education and empowerment to women and girls in the developing world. The founder of the first 100 percent biodegradable sanitary-pad production facility in

Of research and results

James McCarter's ambitious entrepreneurial energy was first kindled as a student at the School of Medicine, when he co-founded Washington University's Young Scientist Program. His aim was to expose kids from disadvantaged backgrounds to careers in science. In the process, McCarter learned a lot about how to establish and run a new organization.

During his medical studies, McCarter, MD/PhD '98, also encountered outstanding research that wasn't transitioning into patient care; this led him to reconsider his own path. "I wanted to translate those discoveries to the marketplace, so I shifted my emphasis from academic researcher to entrepreneur," he says.

After graduating in 1998, he founded his first company, Divergence, which used genome-sequencing information (much of it discovered at WashU) to find new ways of treating parasitic infections in humans, animals and plants.

"Both Chancellor Danforth and Chancellor Wrighton have been enormously supportive," says McCarter, who got to know both men while serving as a graduate-student representative to the Board of Trustees. "Chancellor Wrighton has really built Washington University into a place where research can be translated into products that reach patients."

In 2011, Divergence was acquired by Monsanto, and McCarter became an entrepreneur-in-residence for both Monsanto Growth Ventures and Biogenerator, the venture capital arm of BioSTL (an organization that champions bioscience in the St. Louis region). In his role at Biogenerator, McCarter advised several startups, and at Monsanto, he researched hundreds of start-up investment opportunities.

He discovered Virta Health and was impressed by its mission to go beyond conventional type 2 diabetes approaches (toward disease management) and achieve disease reversal. McCarter joined Virta's founding management team in 2015 and conducted clinical trials that provided the foundation for Virta's approach.

"We now have data to prove type 2 diabetes is entirely reversible in most cases," says McCarter, who serves as Virta's head of research. Approximately 30 million Americans have diabetes, mostly type 2, which is regularly linked to diet and health choices; Virta offers personalized remote care and nutritional advice to patients working to regain their metabolic health. "We do that through cell phone-based monitoring and biomarker tracking, as well as in-app text messaging," McCarter says. "Patients have a health coach and physician at their fingertips 365 days a year."

So far, the results have been remarkable. Among Virta's patients, 94 percent who use insulin either reduced or eliminated




James McCarter, MD/PhD '98, whose entrepreneurial spirit was nurtured while a grad student, has built his career on translational research.

usage after a year, and 60 percent reversed their type 2 diabetes altogether (reversal being defined by particular biomarker levels and medication cessation). And these positive results have caught the attention of employers and health-care providers, especially since the average annual cost of treating someone with type 2 diabetes is around \$16,000. Today, Virta is working with Purdue University, Activision/Blizzard gaming, U.S. Foods, and Concordia Plan Services, to name a few, and is positioning itself to work with insurers and health plans more broadly.

Based in St. Louis, McCarter continues to work with the university by serving on the School of Medicine's National Council, advising on entrepreneurship and teaching as an adjunct professor in genetics. Further, McCarter is working with Eric Leuthardt, MD, professor of neurological surgery at the School of Medicine, on a new venture, Neuroolutions, to develop brain-computer interface technology that facilitates stroke rehabilitation.

And the Young Scientist Program? It is now in its 28th year, and has connected with more than 10,000 students. Many have gone on to careers in STEM fields, including Reyka Jaysinghe, the current co-director of the program and a doctoral candidate in molecular genetics and genomics at the School of Medicine. McCarter recently made a generous gift to enhance the program's success for years to come.

"The program continually reinvents itself," McCarter says. "Over the past 25 years, I have seen the program improve and iterate with each new generation of student leadership." 

— Ryan Rhea, AB '96, MA '01, is a senior editor in Public Affairs.

the United Republic of Tanzania, Chauvin also advises nonprofits and philanthropists on how to increase their impact.

Joey Clarke Jr., LA07, was one of five winners of the 2018 Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting for his screenplay, *Miles*. Almost 7,000 scripts were submitted. Each fellowship winner will receive \$35,000 and guidance from academy members in completing a feature-length screenplay.

Joyce Yang, LA07, completed her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Washington and is a postdoctoral fellow conducting research in mental health equity at Stanford University.

Jagjeet Gill, GB08, was named to partner at Deloitte Consulting LLP in August 2018. Gill is a principal in the firm's strategy practice, based in the San Francisco Bay area.

John S.K. (Keoni) Kauwe, GM08, was promoted to full professor and appointed as chair of the Department of Biology at Brigham Young University.

Patrick Burden, LA09, presented at the Aging and Social Change Eighth Interdisciplinary Conference, where he received the International Award for Excellence for his article, "Seeing Healthcare through a Social Work Lens: Tackling Disparities and Inequalities for the Elder African American Male."

Stefanie (Klein) Cohen, LA09, and her husband, Darrin, welcomed their first child, Gavin Reid.

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Haines Eason III, GR10, and his wife, Joni Lee, welcomed their first child, Jack Randal Eason, in August. Eason began work last April at the University of Kansas as a communications coordinator.

He published a book of poems through the Poetry Society of America in 2009; recently published his first magazine story in the *Montanan*, the principal publication of the University of Montana; and helped relaunch *Bear Review*, the Kansas City-area poetry journal.

Chris Farmlett, LA10, is a systems engineer at Northrop Grumman on the firm's ground-based midcourse defense program, the primary counter to intercontinental ballistic missiles. Previously, he was at Lockheed Martin and worked on a program to counter short- to intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

Lauren (Downing) Peters, LA10, earned a doctorate from the Centre for Fashion Studies at Stockholm University and joined the faculty of Columbia College, in Chicago, as an assistant professor of fashion studies. In her doctoral dissertation, Peters traced the history of the plus-size fashion industry in the United States.

Roy Nelson Williams, LW10, was elected to partnership at Thompson Coburn LLP, where he represents employers in litigation.

Jill B. Delston, GR11, recently received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The annual award recognizes more than 100 educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area — from kindergarten teachers to college professors — for their achievements and vital role in shaping students' lives.

Tiffany R. Ellis, LW11, GL12, was awarded the 2018 F. Scott Baldwin Award by the American Association for Justice (AAJ).

The award is given to one or two lawyers annually who have made a significant contribution to the AAJ's New Lawyers Division and attained one or more outstanding trial verdicts. Ellis is an attorney with Seikaly, Stewart & Bennett, P.C. in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Namit Gaur, SI12, is a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Bordeaux (France).

Rachael Holley, LA12, is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work.

Daniel Burke, GR13, recently received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The annual award recognizes more than 100 educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area — from kindergarten teachers to college professors — for their achievements and vital role in shaping students' lives.

Mike Chudy, EMBA13, moved to Austin, Texas, to join Spalk as vice president of sales. Spalk created the Virtual Sportscasting Studio, enabling live sports broadcasters to provide multiple commentary options for their audiences.

Kareem Farah, BU13, a math teacher at Eastern Senior High School in Washington, D.C., received a Standing Ovation 2018 Award for Excellence in Classroom Innovation. Farah created an alternative to traditional lecturing: instructional videos that students work through at their own pace. In response to the positive feedback he received, he launched a nonprofit, The Modern Classrooms Project, to help implement the method in classrooms. Learn more at www.modernclassrooms.org.

Yuan Rao, MD13, is an assistant professor of radiation oncology and director of brachytherapy at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Luke Terrell, LA13, celebrated the nationwide release of his feature documentary, *Gabe*, in September after four years of production with a team consisting almost exclusively of WashU alums. The film follows Terrell's WashU friend and classmate Gabe Weil, born with muscular

dystrophy, as he navigates through college graduation and beyond. Weil, who earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2013, passed away in August 2016. Terrell's film is available on every major video-on-demand platform.

Lucy Montgomery, BU14, was a 2018–19 recipient of the Stanford Graduate School of Business USA MBA Fellowship. Montgomery will receive up to \$170,000 in tuition and fees over two years to use toward educating business leaders to solve society's most pressing problems. The terms of the fellowship require her to return to the Midwest region within two years of graduation in a professional role that contributes to the region's economic development.

Joe Sutherland, LA14, moved to Atlanta with his wife, Sarah, and launched a technology consulting company, Peachtree AI, that leverages artificial intelligence to boost a company's revenues, increase efficiency and decrease costs.

Heather Annis, OT15, married Andrew Linkugel, MD17, in October, becoming Heather Linkugel. The couple, who met and started dating at WashU, recently bought a home in St. Louis.

Willie Pudvah, BU15, joined Gateway Bank as a universal banker in the Edina, Minn., office.

Justin Phillip Reed, GR15, won the 2018 National Book Award for Poetry for *Indecency* (Coffee House Press, 2018), in which he explores inequity and injustice, and critiques the culture of white supremacy and the dominant social order.

Derek Schwartz, LA16, was appointed program associate for the New England Foundation for the Arts National Theater Project. The project invests in the arts to enrich communities in New England and beyond.

Andrew Glantz, BU17, was recently named to the *St. Louis*

Business Journal 30 Under 30 list, the youngest person to receive this recognition. Glantz also is the youngest-ever associate member of the WashU Alumni Board of Governors, and as a member of the Skandalaris Center Eliot Society Committee, he is the youngest person to serve on an Eliot Society committee. Glantz founded and is CEO of GiftAMeal, a mobile app that provides a meal to someone in need when a user takes a photo at a partner restaurant.

Yuchen Song, GA17, is a designer in San Francisco, currently working on Google Campus Development.

Calvin Brinkworth, LA18, is a customer strategy and activation consultant in the development program at 84.51°. The Cincinnati-based company specializes in personalized marketing strategies to ensure the best experience for customers of Kroger and more than 300 consumer-packaged-goods companies.

Alexandra Symes, LA18, is pursuing a master's degree in counseling psychology for clinical mental health at the University of Denver Morgridge College of Education.

In Memoriam

1930s

Jules P. Guidry, DE38; Nov. '18 • **Guy C. McMillan**, LA39; Oct. '18 • **Leo I. Miller**, LA42; Oct. '18 • **Sylvia (Trattner) Ehrlich**, BU43; Oct. '18 • **Estelle (Bachmann) Yeager**, LA43; Sept. '18

1940s

Klaus R. Dehlinger, MD44; Nov. '18 • **Helen (Cannady) Haff**, LA44; Dec. '18 • **Alexandra (Tourkakis) Kamakas**, LA44; Nov. '18 • **Wilbur I. Christopher**, BU45; Nov. '18 • **Ann (Rosenblum)**

Edelberg, UC45; Nov. '18 • **Lillian (Karsh) Hendin**, BU45; Sept. '18 • **Clemens H. Jacques**, EN45; Nov. '18 • **Bernard B. Eder**, BU47; Nov. '18 • **Harvey W. Veit**, LA47, MD51; Dec. '18 • **Dorothy (Allen) Wiegelman**, BU47; Sept. '18 • **Henry H. Bauer**, AR48; Dec. '18 • **Paul Mendelson**, LA48; Nov. '18 • **Richard A. Moore**, LA48, GR50, GR53; Oct. '18 • **John L. Nolte**, EN48; Nov. '18 • **Arthur L. Beck**, EN49; Sept. '18 • **William L. Bernard**, EN49, SI50; Oct. '18 • **Charles E. Carleton**, MD49; Oct. '18 • **Donald G. Carter**, EN49; Oct. '18 • **Frederick K. Conrad**, BU49; Sept. '18 • **Ralph J. Koesterer**, EN49; Dec. '18 • **Marie (Prange) Oetting**, LA49; Oct. '18 • **Rudolph E. Torrini**, FA49; Sept. '18

1950s

Gerald L. Behrens, LA50, MD54; Oct. '18 • **Stanley Goldblatt**, BU50; Oct. '18 • **Ruth (Adams) Kitchen**, LA50; Nov. '18 • **Louis M. Kohn**, LA50, LW52; Nov. '18 • **Ralph W. Rice**, BU50; Nov. '18 • **Arthur J. Silver**, BU50; Oct. '18 • **James B. Strachan**, LA50, MD52; Sept. '18 • **Oscar C. Zink**, LA50, MD54; Nov. '18 • **Joan (Conrey) Bass**, FA51; Dec. '18 • **Melvin C. Engelman**, LA51; Sept. '18 • **Jack Frohlichstein**, UC51; Nov. '18 • **William J. Hail Jr.** GR51; Dec. '18 • **Charlotte E. Hockenberger**, NU51; Nov. '18 • **John F. Hynes**, LA51, UC67; Oct. '18 • **William R. Schneider**, EN51; Nov. '18 • **Donald Steele**, LA51; Dec. '18 • **Arthur L. Stern**, LA51, GR52; Dec. '18 • **Patricia (Barnhart) Burridge**, LA52; Oct. '18 • **Conrad E. Coffield**, BU52; Nov. '18 • **Robert Diers**, BU52; Nov. '18 • **Nejdet I. Evin**, SI52; Sept. '18 • **Joseph H. Fischman**, BU52; Oct. '18 • **John M. Kissane**, MD52; Oct. '18 • **Lloyd O. Lohaus**, EN52;

Oct. '18 • **Howard L. Rapoport**, BU52; Sept. '18 • **Robert E. Trampe**, EN52; Sept. '18 • **Robert W. Butcher**, MD53; Oct. '18 • **Margaret (Roberts) Hase**, UC53; Sept. '18 • **Rudolph J. Joenk**, LA53; Nov. '18 • **Edwin M. Osborne**, LA53; Sept. '18 • **Russell C. Saphian**, LA53; Sept. '18 • **Allyn J. Aach**, BU54; Dec. '18 • **Ann (Heckemeyer) Beckemeyer**, LA54; Oct. '18 • **Thomas W. Chamblin**, UC54; Dec. '18 • **Nancy L. Marks**, GR54; Oct. '18 • **James G. McDonald**, BU54; Oct. '18 • **Gurpreet Singh**, GB54, GL87; Oct. '18 • **June (Schoknecht) Dewey**, NU55; Nov. '18 • **Erv Dunkel**, BU55; Nov. '18 • **Sandor Korein**, LA55, LW 56; Sept. '18 • **Joseph Oppenheim**, FA55; Nov. '18 • **Robert G. Winkler**, EN55; Dec. '18 • **Earl C. Beaty**, GR56; Nov. '18 • **Terry K. Donk**, LW56; Nov. '18 • **Robert W. Frye**, BU56, GB57; Sept. '18 • **Walter W. Landgraf**, UC56; Oct. '18 • **David S. May**, BU56; Dec. '18 • **Virginia (Hansman) Pollard**, LA56; Sept. '18 • **Beverly (Koch) Simpson**, NU56; Dec. '18 • **William J. Conway**, BU57; Nov. '18 • **Mary (McKinley) Dilts**, LA57; Dec. '18 • **Jean P. Dubail**, EN57; Oct. '18 • **Herman A. Hampel**, EN57; Dec. '18 • **John R. Janssen**, BU57; Sept. '18 • **Steven I. Plax**, LA57, HS64; Sept. '18 • **Walter A. Seeger**, FA57; Nov. '18 • **Norman F. Kenck**, DE58; Nov. '18 • **George J. Leontsinis**, BU58, LW61; Nov. '18 • **Carol (Mussler) Poe**, LA58; Nov. '18 • **Milton H. Riemer**, GR58; Sept. '18 • **J. Cooper Riley**, AR58; Sept. '18 • **Elbert W. Segelhorst**, GR58; Sept. '18 • **Norman B. Werner**, EN58; Sept. '18 • **Maxine (Reis) Bamberger**, LA59; Oct. '18 • **James A. Briggson**, EN59, GB61; Sept. '18 • **Farrell M. Calton**, MD59; Nov. '18 • **Don G. Chaney**, GR59; Sept. '18 •

Jeremiah G. Crise, BU59; Nov. '18 • **Marjorie (Hagel) Gregory**, BU59; Oct. '18 • **Edgar B. McDonald**, LA59; Sept. '18 • **Alfred H. Osborne**, LW59; Dec. '18 • **William J. Thomas**, EN59; Oct. '18 • **Louis A. Von Till**, EN59; Oct. '18

1960s

Robert M. Lang, GR60; Nov. '18 • **Yale H. Mock**, BU60; Oct. '18 • **Rosalind (Farris) Neuman**, LA60, GR74, GR81; Sept. '18 • **Mary (Harrison) Neumann**, BU60; Nov. '18 • **Edward G. Perkins**, EN60; Oct. '18 • **Ronald L. Pohle**, LA60, SW64; Oct. '18 • **Elaine (Offerjost) Sattler**, LA60; Nov. '18 • **Sara (Williams) Sieger**, LA60; Nov. '18 • **Joseph L. Wyland**, EN60, SI62; Dec. '18 • **Milica (Ebenspanger) Banjanin**, LA61, GR70; Dec. '18 • **Kenneth E. Chandler**, UC62; Sept. '18 • **Jay E. Cohn**, UC62; Sept. '18 • **Donald E. Eriksen**, DE62; Nov. '18 • **William R. Henning**, UC62; Dec. '18 • **Clement E. Igel**, UC62; Dec. '18 • **James M. Neidorf**, LA62; Oct. '18 • **Daniel J. Rogaczewski**, UC62, UC73; Oct. '18 • **Barrett W. Taussig**, BU62; Oct. '18 • **David A. Williams**, MD62; Dec. '18 • **David L. Bourisaw**, UC63; Dec. '18 • **Cecile (Williamson) Cary**, GR63, GR69; Dec. '18 • **Patrick H. Crowe**, GR63; Sept. '18 • **John B. MacKenzie**, LA63, GR68; Nov. '18 • **Glen D. Pittman**, MD63, HS67; Oct. '18 • **Timothy F. Ruddy**, LW63; Oct. '18 • **Albert L. Schulte**, BU63; Dec. '18 • **Jacqueline (Stewart) Sutter**, LA63; Dec. '18 • **William L. Yancey**, GR63, GR67; Oct. '18 • **Gerald E. Hamilton**, UC64, SI68; Oct. '18 • **Peter M. Hirsch**, GR64; Sept. '18 • **Ronald E. Ring**, EN64; Oct. '18 • **Raymond F. Roth**, GB64; Sept. '18 • **Mark A. Viets**, AR64, AR66; Sept. '18 • **Douglas E. Puls**, EN65; Dec. '18 • **Benjamin J. Kalhorn**, EN66;

Dec. '18 • **Allen B. McCoy**, DE66;
Dec. '18 • **Walter D. Stevenson**,
MD66; Nov. '18 • **Susan B. Charnas**,
LA67; Nov. '18 • **Bonnie L. Holland**,
LA67; Sept. '18 • **Trentis R. Laws**,
UC67; Oct. '18 • **Fred H. Wenzel**,
GB67; Oct. '18 • **Rebecca**
(Williams) Paule, SW68; Sept. '18 •
John C. Fleming, GR69; Nov. '18 •
James R. Green, UC69; Oct. '18 •
Gary L. Krauss, UC69; Nov. '18

1970s

John F. Burns, TI70; Nov. '18 •
Robert W. Eckles, GB70; Sept. '18
• **Sharon (Greene) Fenlon**, GR70;
Dec. '18 • **Stephen M. Hall**, DE70;
Nov. '18 • **John B. Mitchell**, LW70;
Dec. '18 • **David W. Sammons**,
GR70, GR76; Oct. '18 • **William T.**
Shearer, MD70; Oct. '18 • **Herman**
V. Wood, SW70; Sept. '18 • **Sheila**
(Poletsky) Glazer, LA71, GR75;
Oct. '18 • **David H. Pendley**, UC71;
Sept. '18 • **Stephen L. Bickel**,
UC72; Sept. '18 • **John B. Ellison**,
SW72; Sept. '18 • **Thomas C. Hill**,
MD72; Nov. '18 • **Monica**
(Stelmachowicz) Johnson, FA72;
Oct. '18 • **Charles F. Shield**, MD72;
Sept. '18 • **Christine (Grossheider)**
Carter, LA73, GR76, SW93,
Dec. '18 • **Juan L. Garcia-Tunon**,
GB73; Sept. '18 • **Robert M.**
Levine, LA73; Oct. '18 • **Dorothy**
(Bartling) McLellan, GR73;
Nov. '18 • **Ben A. Rich**, LW73;
Sept. '18 • **Marilyn T. Schneider**,
GR73; Nov. '18 • **Dennis**
Nishimine, DE74; Dec. '18 • **Lenzie**
L. Stewart, LA74; Sept. '18 • **Dale**
N. Thuline, MD74; Oct. '18 •
William M. Chapman, LW75;
Nov. '18 • **Raoul J. Gagne**, LW75;
Oct. '18 • **Patricia J. Kampsen**,
SW76; Dec. '18 • **George J. Peters**,
SI76; Oct. '18 • **Harrison B. Scott**,
UC76, UC78; Oct. '18 • **Marie K.**
Grzesiowski, UC78, UC83;
Oct. '18 • **John C. Sommerer**,
EN79, SI79; Sept. '18

1980s

Stacey M. Reines, LW80; Oct. '18 •
Ann (Manry) Rynearson, GR80;
Sept. '18 • **David R. Sanderson**,
EN80; Oct. '18 • **Charles J.**
Pogorelac, TI81; Nov. '18 •
Elizabeth (Denolf) Faust, GR82;
Sept. '18 • **Dale F. Martin**, EN82;
Nov. '18 • **Philip A. Durham**, AR83,
GA85; Sept. '18 • **Laurence L.**
Spitters, LW83; Nov. '18 • **Karen**
(Haig) Thebeau, GR83; Dec. '18 •
Mary (Perkinson) Autrey, OT85;
Sept. '18 • **John R. Sachs**, LA85;
Nov. '18 • **Rebecca (Knight)**
Copeland, HA86; Sept. '18 •
Enrique E. Velez-Rive, LA87, HS;
Sept. '18 • **Elizabeth (Kowalski)**
Mitchell, GR88; Nov. '18 • **Donna**
(Taryle) Tepper, UC88; Oct. '18

1990s

Heidi K. Bowles, LA94; Sept. '18 •
Paul A. Wappelhorst, PMBA94;
Nov. '18 • **Patty A. Maher**, GR95;
Oct. '18 • **Matthew M. Cuaycong**,
LA97, GR99; Dec. '18 • **Cheryl R.**
Massa, GR98; Oct. '18 • **Douglas D.**
Trimble, SI99; Sept. '18

2000s

Edward H. Rasp, LW07; Oct. '18

2010s

Aaron S. Belkin, LA13; Oct. '18 •
Kyle T. Martin-Patterson, BU15;
Sept. '18

2020s

Chad Miller, LW20; Oct. '18

In Remembrance

Charles D. Churchwell

Charles D. Churchwell, former dean of Washington University Libraries, died Sept. 19, 2018. He was 91.

Churchwell worked at Washington University from 1978 to 1987 and instituted a number of innovative initiatives, including the creation of an endowment to

fund technological advances. He also hired graduates of St. Louis County's Special School District as shelvers and established a "friends of the library" group.

J. Russell Little

J. Russell Little, MD, professor emeritus of medicine, died Aug. 18, 2018, following a long illness. He was 87.

Little joined the faculty at the School of Medicine in 1964 and became a professor emeritus in 2005. He also served as chief of infectious diseases at what was then Jewish Hospital from 1967 to 1996.

Little had a distinguished career during which he helped characterize the structure of antibodies. In 2017, the Division of Infectious Diseases established the J. Russell Little Award for Excellence in Teaching in his honor.

Marie Prange Oetting

Marie Prange Oetting, a longtime volunteer with the university and former chair of the Alumni Board of Governors, died Oct. 9, 2018. She was 91.

Oetting, AB '49, organized all her class reunions every five years starting with her fifth in 1954. She also served as the overall reunion chair for the university for many years. From 2001–02, she was chair of the Alumni Board of Governors. Oetting served on many other committees as well.

Oetting received many awards from the university, including Arts & Sciences Dean's Medal in 2013.

William T. Shearer

William T. Shearer, MD '70, a former trustee, alumnus died Oct. 9, 2018. He was 81.

Shearer joined the medical school faculty in 1974 but left in 1978 to join the faculty at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. There, he gained worldwide attention for treating David Vetter, or

"bubble boy," so called because his weakened immune system required he live in a sterile bubble. In 2000, Shearer received Washington University's Alumni Achievement Award and in 2007 was elected to the university's Board of Trustees.

Bob Smith

Bob Smith, professor emeritus in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, died Sept. 22, 2018. He was 92.

Smith joined Washington University's faculty in 1965. In 1972, he started Create Studio, a professional graphic design firm staffed by senior art students.

James C. Warren

James C. Warren, MD, professor emeritus and former head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine, died July 21, 2018. He was 88.

Warren, who joined the faculty at the School of Medicine in 1971, made many important contributions to his field, including determining the significance of progesterone, a hormone that is an essential part of birth-control pills. He was president of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation.

Richard Yang

Richard Yang, professor emeritus of East Asian languages and cultures in Arts & Sciences, died Oct. 12, 2018. He was 93.

Yang joined the faculty at Washington University in 1964 and became emeritus in 1988.

He served as the president of the American Association for Chinese Studies and authored several books.

The university established The Stanley Spector and Richard Yang Undergraduate Student Awards to support travel for undergraduates interested in East Asia.

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The Emma Showman Memorial Scholarship — established in 2002 through the estate of Winfred Showman, MD '21, and Emma Thompson Showman — honors her memory by providing support for students majoring in education in

Arts & Sciences. To date, 30 Showman Scholars have benefited from this generous bequest.

The Norvell C. Brasch Memorial Scholarship — established in 1974 by Jerome F. Brasch, EN '44, SI '47, and Rosalie Brasch — is one of seven founding scholarships in the James McKelvey School of Engineering. Endowed through the assets of a charitable life income plan, the scholarship will continue to benefit engineering students for generations to come.

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A new era in engineering

During a Jan. 31, 2019, ceremony in Whitaker Hall Atrium, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton announced that the School of Engineering & Applied Science would be renamed the James McKelvey School of Engineering in honor of trustee and distinguished alumnus Jim McKelvey Jr., AB '87, BSCS '87, who has made an unprecedented and transformative investment in the school. Below, McKelvey and his wife, Anna, enjoy the balloon drop during the naming event.

McKelvey Engineering is on a strong trajectory as a leader in research and innovation. The extraordinary generosity and leadership of the McKelvey family enable a major leap forward for the school and unleash the possibilities for even greater impact in tackling the world's great engineering challenges. (Photo: James Byard)



ENDURING INSPIRATION

Undergraduate art student Maddy Mueller sees the chancellor as a classic and traditional icon. In her illustration of Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton, Mueller uses the bust composition and symbolic imagery to communicate a feeling of timelessness. “His clothes and his expression are meant to indicate a traditional symbol of academia as well as evoke a sense of ‘graduation,’ moving on and looking forward,” Mueller says.