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James Llewellyn '87 and his wife, Deborah, enjoy visiting campus during his 30th reunion.



## Real-World Applications

James C. Llewellyn '87 remembers when Campus Drive became Campus Walk, when the Underground used to be The Pub, and when he sat in GW Hall making calls to ask Mary Washington alumni for Phonathon pledges.

A lot has changed in the last 31 years, but James' love and respect for Mary Washington continues to grow. "I majored in psychology, ran cross country and track during my freshman and sophomore years, and did work study all the way through," he says. "I was grateful for financial aid and very aware of the close connections and one-on-one support we received from our professors."

James and his wife, Deborah, returned to Fredericksburg in 2017 for his 30th reunion. They enjoyed meeting President Paino and attending events in the new University Center. Deborah especially was impressed that professors remembered James and could recall things he did or said as a student. James was not surprised. "When I was a psych major, the largest class I had was about 30 students, so we had lots of direct interaction with our professors and plenty of opportunities to ask questions and get feedback," says James. "Looking back, I can appreciate the Mary Washington learning environment as superior to what other students experience at larger universities with giant lecture halls."

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## Real-World Applications *(continued from page 1)*

This experience was especially apparent to James as he pursued his master's degree in psychology from Old Dominion University. "At Mary Washington, I learned to think critically, to solve problems, to write and convey thoughts in an orderly manner, and to confidently stand up in front of a room to present an idea," says James. "I definitely attribute my graduate school and career success in large part to my Mary Washington education and experiences."

James continues to use these skills in his current role as a vice president of human resources at Masonite International Corporation, a global manufacturing organization headquartered in Tampa, Florida. "All these skills translate to the real world," says James. "And my psychology background applies perfectly to human resources, especially in terms of understanding how people learn and communicate, and in finding effective ways to help managers motivate and lead."

A few years ago, James and Deborah became members of the UMW Heritage Society when they named the University as a beneficiary of a specific percentage of their estate. Since then, they also strategically utilized a matching gift program available through Deborah's employer to endow the Llewellyn Scholarship in Psychology for UMW students.



President Troy Paino presents a BOV resolution establishing the James C. '87 and Deborah S. Llewellyn Scholarship.

"I always thought if I ever had the means and opportunity, I would create a need-based scholarship with an academic requirement to help students attend Mary Washington and get the same excellent education I did," says James. "UMW remains an important influence in my life, and I continue to tell people choosing Mary Washington was one of the best decisions I ever made."



## Philanthropy is Timeless

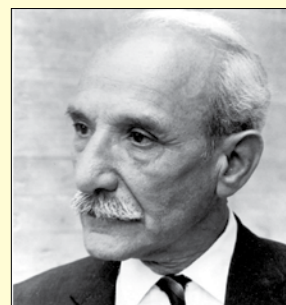
Margaret Sutton 1926 and Alfred Levitt were artists and friends in Greenwich Village. Decades ago, they made gifts and other contributions to support art and higher education at Mary Washington. Today, students like Martha Keegan '18 benefit from the thoughtful planning of these two valued members of the UMW Heritage Society.

Martha, the recipient of the Alfred Levitt Memorial Scholarship in Art, recently showcased some of her art during the 2018 Donor Appreciation Luncheon at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. She is majoring in studio art and elementary education. In the fall, she will return to Mary Washington to pursue a master's in education. Her goal is to teach and incorporate art into her lessons so students can learn to think creatively and with open minds.

Martha says the Studio Art department at Mary Washington has taught her many things, but most importantly, determination. "With each piece that I work on, there are struggles and problems to overcome," she says. "My wonderful professors have taught me the importance of persistence and that, with determination, your goals can be accomplished."

In 1990, Margaret Sutton passed away, and Alfred Levitt later gifted to Mary Washington more than 3,000 works of art, including Sutton's. In 1993, Mary Washington presented Mr. Levitt with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. In honor of his 100th birthday in 1994, the Alfred Levitt Exhibition premiered at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, featuring more than 40 of Levitt's paintings. He passed away in 2000 at the age of 105, and – through his trust – the Alfred Levitt Memorial Scholarship in Art was established at Mary Washington.

Much like treasured works of art, philanthropy continues to work its wonders generation after generation.



Alfred Levitt was a well-known artist and member of the UMW Heritage Society.



Martha Keegan '18 showcases her art, "Diamondback and Sidewinder."







## Find Your Sweet Spot

Much like choosing candy from a box of chocolates, there are numerous ways to offer your support to Mary Washington. The key is to find one that works best for you.

If you make annual gifts to support the Fund for Mary Washington or other vital UMW programs, departments, or activities, we truly value and appreciate your support. If possible, consider one of the giving options below to ensure your support continues in the future:

- Consider adding a gift in your will to endow these annual gifts so your support and your legacy will continue into perpetuity.
- If you have an IRA and are 70½ or older, make arrangements to rollover a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to support Mary Washington students and programs important to you.
- Make a single gift to fund a charitable gift annuity. You can receive fixed payments for life and benefit now from tax savings.
- List Mary Washington as “payable on death” beneficiary on your investment, checking, savings, or retirement accounts. Ask your account manager/provider for information.
- Create a charitable life estate. You can convey your home to Mary Washington, while continuing to reside there and benefiting from tax savings.

The UMW Office of Gift Planning is happy to help you make the choices that are best for your individual circumstances.

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## Wrap Up Your Life Insurance

If you like the idea of turning small investments into big results, then life insurance is an incredibly efficient way to provide for your family or build a charitable legacy in your name.

Due to competition in the industry, there are plans and policies available to fit almost any situation, and many are available at lower premiums than before. Here are two basic ways life insurance can work as part of your estate plan:

### **For your family**

Life insurance is an effective way to provide for your family, because they receive the full benefits you designate for them. In most cases, life insurance payouts are tax free.\*

### **To support your favorite charitable organization**

You can designate a charitable cause, like Mary Washington, as the beneficiary of your life insurance. For even greater tax benefits, gift the policy to the charitable organization, so it becomes the owner and beneficiary. If you have a paid-up policy you no longer need, you also may gift that policy directly to a charitable organization of your choice. The value of the gifted policy would also be tax deductible.\*

For more information about giving through life insurance, complete and mail the enclosed card or call the Office of Gift Planning at 540-654-2064.

*\*Consult your financial advisor for tax advice specific to your situation.*



# Reflections of Value

Carolyn Eldred '66 knew from an early age that she would pursue a higher education. "College was in the history of our family," she says. "It was always an expectation that I would attend." She remembers touring colleges several hours away from her hometown of Morristown, New Jersey. "We started when I was 15, and made it a family affair with my parents and my grandmother all along for the ride."

Carolyn chose Mary Washington and began classes in the fall of 1962. Initially, she listed math as her major, but later migrated to psychology. "I like things that are intriguing and have a certain order," she says. "There actually are similarities between the two disciplines, and math is very much a part of social science research."

Carolyn received a master's degree and a Ph.D. from George Washington University, and spent more than 35 years as an applied research psychologist in both public and private sectors in the D.C. area, New York, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Her work encompassed the evaluation of social interventions; survey research, especially with disadvantaged and other hard-to-reach populations; and policy- and management-oriented studies that informed the design and administration of social programs.

In 2015, Carolyn relocated to Stafford County, Virginia, to be closer to her alma mater. "It's nice to have a center to my life," she says. "I take classes through Elder Study, I go to theatre performances, and I enjoy attending the annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon to hear students talk about their research projects. Since the Class of 1966 has celebrated its 50th reunion, I also am a member of the 1908 Society. This enables me to correspond with a student through the



Carolyn Eldred '66 looks forward to opportunities to engage in Mary Washington activities.

1908 Society letter project, attend special dinners and events, and march with the 1908 Society during Commencement. There is always something to do or see at Mary Washington."

Along with these activities, Carolyn also established an estate plan to create the Carolyn Anne Eldred '66 Scholarship. "I wanted to be intentional in the distribution of my estate and have it reflect my values," she says. "So, I narrowed my contributions to two universities, Mary Washington and George Washington, as well as organizations that support the natural and built environment, our animal friends, and the pursuit of knowledge and justice."

Carolyn recently donated a family heirloom, which now hangs at Brompton. "My grandparents had a mirror that depicts the marriage of Pocahontas to John Rolfe," explains

Carolyn. "As a child, I can remember napping on a couch underneath it. After downsizing, I wanted it to be properly displayed and appreciated, so I contacted Jan Clarke. He found a conservator who restored it, and then arranged to have it displayed at Brompton. I feel I did right by my grandmother and my parents. I also have given UMW rights of first refusal to the contents of my house."

Upon reflection, Carolyn says she remembers Mary Washington as a nurturing environment for inquiry, questioning, and learning. "I am satisfied with the progression of my professional life," she says. "I appreciate and value what Mary Washington offered me, and I am happy to support its liberal arts mission for future generations of students."



One of Carolyn's family heirlooms now hangs at Brompton.



The historic mirror depicts the marriage of Pocahontas to John Rolfe.

# Words to Live By

A Mary Washington alumna recently sent a very special THANK YOU message to one of her former professors. It wasn't a Hallmark® card, nor did it have photos of flowers or cute little puppies. The expression of appreciation to her beloved professor was in the form of resolutions establishing two endowments in the name of Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English Donald E. Glover.

Dr. Glover retired from Mary Washington in 1998 after 37 years of service. When Dr. Gary Richards – current chair of the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication – visited Dr. Glover at his home, the former professor was surprised and extremely honored. Dr. Richards explained the purpose of the two endowments and told him of the significant estate gift that was behind the naming honor.

The donor, an alumna from the Class of 1971, wishes to remain anonymous in her giving, but she wanted to let her professor know how important his teaching was to her during those formative years. She recalls that Dr. Glover was light on lectures, yet strategically led his students to understand and appreciate works of literature by asking questions to stimulate critical thinking and discussion. She says students learned for themselves as they came to realize the full meaning and importance of what they had read. She also credits Dr. Glover for her love of the sometimes challenging, but always rewarding, Henry James.

During his tenure, Dr. Glover was a widely respected member of the faculty. He began teaching English at Mary Washington in 1961 and served as department chair from 1970-73. He also was the founding director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program and was instrumental in establishing Mary Washington's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1976, Dr. Glover became the fifth recipient of the Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching; in 1988, he was named one of Mary Washington's first Distinguished Professors.

The Donald E. Glover Scholarship in English will help encourage and inspire students to develop a love for literature and critical thinking. The intention behind the Donald E. Glover Faculty Award is to reward, preserve, and enhance what the donor sees as one of Mary Washington's most distinguishing characteristics: quality of faculty and the exceptional educational experience they provide. Overall, she hopes the English faculty can follow in Dr. Glover's footsteps, while having a positive and lasting impact on students' lives.

*The UMW Office of Gift Planning respects and honors requests for anonymity. If you have any questions about estate planning or the giving process, please call Jan Clarke at 540-654-2064 or Michele Collins at 540-654-2067.*



Dr. Gary Richards (left) presents Dr. Donald Glover with two named gift resolutions.



**90% of Americans have cellphones**

**75% of Americans use Facebook**

**60% of Americans have smartphones**

**50% of Americans have a will**

## Translate Your Wishes into Text

Under most state laws, if you are incapacitated or pass away without a will or estate plan, someone else – possibly a judge – will determine how your assets are distributed. Do you trust a stranger to determine your intent and interests?

One of the most important things you can do right now, is to start a plan to provide for family and to support the causes that mean the most to you. Make your wishes known, and put them in writing. It's easier than you might think.

Complete and return the enclosed card or contact the UMW Office of Gift Planning at 540-654-2064 to request your free WILLS kit. These publications can guide you through the planning process by helping you ask the right questions and gather the information necessary to create your customized plan.

Be sure to notify the University if you include Mary Washington in your estate plans, so we can ensure your gift goes to help students and programs that mean the most to you.







Lee Hall

## Heritage Society Recognition

There are many ways to plan your estate so that your legacy continues in a manner that pays tribute to you and your loved ones, while supporting the next generation of students at Mary Washington. The UMW Heritage Society has more than 500 members. If you have already made arrangements to include the University in your will or other estate plans, please contact the Office of Gift Planning so that you can become a member of the Mary Washington Heritage Society today.



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