

Subject: W&M Classical Studies Homecoming invitation and updates

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Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that we are already a month into the new school year. As always, there is a lot going on in Morton Hall. Let me take a moment to share just a few items with you.

On a beautiful spring afternoon last May we welcomed 13 students into the ranks of classical studies graduates. The group, as talented and accomplished as ever, included a Fulbright Scholar, a Latin teacher, grad students in theology and law, and a biological researcher. We'll miss their talents and enthusiasm but we're confident that they are well prepared to make a real difference in the world and we are proud to welcome them to our ever-growing body of classical studies alums.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/graduation-2013.php>

For four weeks this summer ten W&M students studied and traveled in Greece as participants in our inaugural Summer Program in Athens and Nafplio. Led by our own Bill Hutton, students traveled extensively and conducted research on topics both ancient and modern. The trip was a great success and was made even more memorable by Professors Oakley, Paga, Panoussi and Spaeth, who generously shared their expertise with the group while conducting research of their own in Greece. The plan is to offer this experience in alternate summers with the Rome/Pompeii program. Our goal remains not simply to transport the traditional classroom experience to a foreign location but to use the sites and museums of Greece and Italy as a giant classroom in which students can encounter ancient culture in its original physical environment. We'll have plenty of images from the trip to show at our Homecoming Reception (see below) but meanwhile you can take a peek here:

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/ancient-greece-comes-to-life-in-the-2013-athens-nafplio-summer-program.php>

Finally, Homecoming is just around the corner. This year we would like to welcome all of you to our third annual reception to be held in Morton 340 on Saturday, October 26, from 10 am to noon. It will be a great time to catch up and renew old friendships:

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/homecoming-reception.php>

If you plan to attend, please let Joyce Holmes (jrholm@wm.edu) know by Oct. 19.

And do keep the alumni news coming . . . as always, we are delighted to hear from you.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/alumni/sendnews/index.php>

Best wishes,

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