

From: W&M Classical Studies
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Dear Friends:

At our recent Convocation to open the academic year, keynote speaker Ted Dintersmith '74 reminded the incoming Class of 2018 that they will be remembered "not for their grades but for their skills and passion, and for accepting the challenge to become the right person."

Two recent events in our Department have confirmed the truth of Mr. Dintersmith's words. We have been lucky enough to witness the "skills and passions" of one group, our 2014 graduates, as they move on to their next stage; and of another group, our Post-Baccalaureate students, as they begin a new chapter with us.

This past May we welcomed 17 students into the ranks of our ever-growing body of classical studies alums. Grad school, teaching, travel, and work are just a few of their destinations. We'll miss their talents and enthusiasm.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/graduation-2014.php>

At the same time, we welcome five new Post-Baccalaureate students to our Department. They come from various places (University of Richmond, Mount Holyoke, Lehigh, Christopher Newport, and William and Mary) united in their interest to pursue Latin and Greek for graduate study or teaching. We look forward to helping them achieve their personal and professional goals.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/postbacs-2014.php>

Two more items of note . . . Lew Leadbeater, who taught in our Department for 36 years before retiring in 2001, died earlier this year after a brief illness. A master of the Socratic teaching method, Lew was an inspirational teacher and mentor. In his retirement years, he became something of a local celebrity as a columnist for the Virginia Gazette, where he won several awards for his thought-provoking essays on education, culture, and local politics. I include a link to the obituary notice, below:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailypress/obituary.aspx?pid=169270100>

Finally, Homecoming is just around the corner. This year we would like to welcome all of you to our fourth annual reception to be held in Morton 340 on Saturday, October 18, from 10 am to noon. It will be a great time to catch up and renew old friendships:

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/alumni/homecoming>

If you plan to attend, please let Joyce Holmes (jrholm@wm.edu) know by Oct. 14.

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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