



# ***The Four Columns***

## *Hood News is Good News*

*Hood Alumni E-Newsletter, winter 2023*

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Hello Hood alumni, family and friends:

We are thrilled to present this first issue of *The Four Columns: Hood News is Good News!* Congratulations to our newsletter-naming contest winners Holly Cashman '94 (The Four Columns) and Carla Halfast Nay '96 (Hood News is Good News), who have won fabulous Hood swag bags. Thank you to all who participated in the naming contest on social media for such wonderful and creative ideas. The following stories are the kind of "good news" that the Hood family is making all the time, and we can't wait to share more of them with you.

Stay warm!

Kellye Greenwald '86, director of alumni and constituent engagement

Michelle Burnett, assistant director of alumni and constituent engagement

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Winter is here.  
But summer is coming...



# Reunion is June 9-11

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***"Find a way to make a living doing what you love."***

**Bonnie Kern, gallery director at Hood**

The latest exhibit in the Mary Condon Hodson Gallery, titled "Neuro Land," features large fabric and paper diorama installations based on enlarged microscopic images of "biological neural networks," and portray "nano-scale landscapes" of the human brain. The artist, Michael Gavish, is a former scientific researcher-turned artist who illuminates the aesthetic collision of art and neuroscience.

Like Gavish, Bonnie Kern, gallery director in the Department of Art & Archaeology at Hood, knows a thing or two about starting in one direction professionally and finding your way to another. . . .

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## ***A Hood-to-Work Network Story***

How Judith Lubkin Apshago '93 helped Jack Wilder '22 supercharge his job search and launch a career



When Jack Wilder reached the spring of his senior year at Hood, he felt prepared for a job in the information technology field, but he wasn't sure if the world of IT was prepared for *him*! So he went to the spot that attracted him to Hood in the first place—the Career Center—and found the alum connection he needed to power his transition from computer science student to IT professional.

Judith Lubkin Apshago '93 is vice president, digital technology at Amtrak. She also serves on Hood's Board of Associates (BOA) as chair of the Career Center Committee. Judith works closely with the Career Center to help find ways to connect students with alumni who can advise and assist them in their careers and job search. When Jack asked for help, she became a perfect example of that connection. . . . ([MORE](#))



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## *Meet Your Alumni Executive Board Member*

**Elaheh Eghbal '13, M.A.'21, C'21**

Elaheh Eghbal has been on the Alumni Executive Board (AEB) since 2013. She chairs the Alumni & Student Engagement Committee, forging pathways between current students and the alumni who are rooting for their success. . . .([MORE](#))

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### **Upcoming Alumni Events:**

- Sunday March 12: Alumni Brunch in Bradenton, FL
  - Monday March 13: Alumni Afternoon Tea in Boca Raton, FL
  - Saturday March 25: Black Alumni Brunch in Washington D.C.
  - Wednesday April 5: Alumni Reception in Philadelphia
  - Thursday April 27: Alumni Open House at the University Gear Shop (on campus)
  - Saturday April 29: Bring A Broom, sponsored by the Downtown Frederick Partnership
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# *Keeping the Tradition Alive*

**Melanie Muscar '04, MBA'07, M.A. '18 pays it forward one Hood Ring Scholarship at a time**

Melanie Muscar is admired for many titles: Foreign Affairs Officer with the State Department, Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserves and a three-time Hood degree recipient. Melanie is also a member of both the Alumni Executive Board and Board of Associates and was inducted into the Hood College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. Less well-known may be her role as faithful financial supporter of Hood's Legacy Ring and Scholarship program, which gives junior and senior Hood students... ([MORE](#))

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**If you want to see a story in *The Four Columns*, send your idea to [alumoffice@hood.edu](mailto:alumoffice@hood.edu) to be considered for future editions.**

## *Pergola Politics*



President Chapdelaine attended the swearing-in of The Honorable Jessica E. Fitzwater, M.S.'10 as Frederick County Executive on December 3, 2022. Congratulations to Ms. Fitzwater and all our alumni and friends who recently ascended to public elected office. See them all [here](#).



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