

## Join Us For A Virtual Wine Tasting This Friday!



Looking for the perfect wine to complement your holiday meal? Join us for our Virtual Wine Tasting via Zoom this Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. (EST)! Alumna **Karen Dromie Becker '77** and her husband, Don, are here to help! The two are amateur wine makers and have been for more than 30 years. They have entered their wines in numerous amateur wine making competitions, winning awards on the state and national level. Both have also served as past presidents of the West Jersey Chapter of the American Wine Society.

During our virtual wine tasting, Karen and Don will walk you through the process of picking the best wine to pair with your holiday meal, no matter what you're serving. They will also discuss alternatives to buying expensive sparkling wines for your New Year's Eve celebration.

Registration for this event is FREE. Click [here](#) to sign up to receive the Zoom link for the event. Then, all you need to do is purchase your wine (listed on the registration page) and [download our wine tasting sheet](#) where you can rank your selections!

But, that's not all! After the wine tasting, you will have the chance to network with Shenandoah graduate students, if you wish.

To register for the event, use the red "REGISTER HERE" below. Registration closes at noon (EST) on Thursday, Dec. 17!

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### Learn About The FREE Professional Development Webinars Offered In January

Start 2021 off right with our FREE Professional Development Webinars! In January we will have three webinars, which will discuss leadership and wellness based on books from three amazing authors. Be sure to visit <https://alumlc.org/su/archive> to view all of our past webinars and check out what you may have missed in earlier months!

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### Shenandoah Professor Earns Recognition For Classroom Excellence

Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies Adela Borrallo-Solis, Ph.D., received the 2020 H. Hiter Harris, Jr. Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award on Nov. 5. She is one of three faculty recognized for the award by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges' (VFIC) consortium of schools. The awards recognize an individual's dedication to higher education and student success.

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### A Message From Susan Wyatt Helsley '76, '85

Happy Holidays!

I hope you and your families are safe and well during this holiday season.

I drove by campus this past week and all was quiet. The fall semester has ended. For many, the spring semester won't begin until February 1st.

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### Check Out The Shenandoah University "Holiday Wish List"

If you're still looking for that perfect gift for a loved one, please consider a gift to Shenandoah in their honor. [Shenandoah University's "Holiday Wish List"](#) has many options to peruse! If you are interested in granting any of Shenandoah's wishes this year as a Christmas, Hanukkah or birthday gift for someone else (or even as a gift to yourself!), please contact Assistant Vice President for Advancement Greeley Myers, Ed.D. at 540-665-4936 or [gmyers2@su.edu](mailto:gmyers2@su.edu) or you can give directly online at [su.edu/wishlist](http://su.edu/wishlist).

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### Meet Your New Alumni Board Member: Brianne M. Casey '16

Brianne Casey (N '16) attributes much of her career success and the person who she is today to the time that she spent at Shenandoah University studying to become a nurse: "I owe them my career." Casey worked as an ER Nurse for Winchester Medical Center for several years and said that it was very influential to her personally and professionally.

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## Additional University & Alumni News



### Shenandoah & Washington Justice Team Up In New Esports Partnership

Shenandoah University has entered into a partnership with the Washington Justice, the professional Overwatch League team representing the DMV region (D.C., Maryland, Virginia), that will provide real-world internships and learning opportunities for students.

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### Health Professions Students Excel On Licensure Exams

Shenandoah University's health professions students are achieving perfect or near-perfect pass rates on their national licensure exams.

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### Successful Alumni Profile: Kelly Walsh Botta '09, Physician Assistant Studies

Botta is now a certified physician assistant (PA) and the owner/founder of SMARTYPANTS MEDICINE. With her business, she provides a new model of healthcare that focuses on personalized primary care for patients via a monthly membership.

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**Featured Class News Of The Month:** Dorothy Kelly (C '18), as a part of her duties as Miss Virginia 2019, will promote healthy choices and substance use prevention to students in Virginia elementary schools as part of a Virginia ABC education and prevention program. [READ MORE](#)

