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Hilary Green '99 and her father, Nathaniel Green '73, both live in the south—Hilary in Alabama and Nathaniel in South Carolina—but they share a love for the same beautiful, leafy campus up north where they each spent their undergraduate years, 26 years apart.

“You know, it wasn’t going to be F&M for me,” Hilary remembers, even though she had been to visit F&M at least once each year with her parents while she was growing up. “I thought I’d go to Dartmouth. My dad was happy when I ultimately chose to go to F&M. And it turns out I met lifelong friends as soon as I got there; I felt like I was coming home!”

Her father says the same thing. He enjoyed playing varsity baseball and felt F&M provided him a good experience, both academically and all the way around, but he notes, “... my favorite thing about my years at F&M was the friends I made!”

Nathaniel is retired, having spent most of his professional life in retail in the Boston area. Hilary remembers attending alumni events in Boston and visiting the campus in Lancaster that boasted a main entrance on College Avenue and the “new” Steinman College Center. Today, she is an assistant professor of history in gender and race studies at the University of Alabama. In April, Fordham University Press published her first book, “Educational Reconstruction: African American Schools in the Urban South, 1865-1890.”

Both Greens consider giving back to be an important responsibility of every F&M graduate; they both support the Franklin & Marshall Fund each year. Annual giving like theirs sustains and improves F&M.

“My father always told us, from the time we were young, that whenever you go to college you always give back,” Hilary recalls. “He would say, ‘always talk about the school, and be a good servant.’"