Happy New Year!

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER B. HOWARD

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our parents newsletter, a publication created with you in mind. It is our hope that you will find this information helpful as well as providing you with a broader understanding of our programs and events. Parents are valued members of our community, so it is important to us that you feel informed. After all, you have entrusted us to educate your greatest gift, your son.

I am pleased to convey that we opened the 2010-11 academic year with an enrollment of 1052, which included welcoming 316 men into the Class of 2014. Kudos to Anita Garland and her staff…and to all the faculty and staff of the College whose endeavors to connect with our upperclassman were so successful in retention.

We have begun the preliminary work on a new strategic plan. The first meeting of the campus planning group in October was successful. This group includes members of our Board of Trustees, faculty, senior staff, the student body president, and the co-chair of the Parents Council. This group will be led through a process that will build from asking each constituent group of the College – students, faculty, alumni, parents, staff and friends – to identify: 1) the initiatives that would best serve their interests in the next decade, and 2) the five initiatives that are most vital for forming the good man and good citizen in the twenty-first century.

We’ve had a very successful Fall semester and we all look forward to continued success this Spring. I look forward to our conversations about how best to succeed in our historic mission and in our continuing efforts to build a better world, one Hampden-Sydney man at a time.

Go Tigers!

P.S. To view excerpts from the Inauguration of Dr. Christopher B. Howard, twenty-fourth President of Hampden-Sydney College, visit www.hsc.edu/President/Inauguration.html
Welcome from our Parents Council Chairs
PATTI AND TERRY HALL

Another year in our son’s college experience is already half over as they return to the classroom for the start of the second semester. We hope your son is enjoying great success on “The Hill.” It has been a busy and successful year for the Hampden-Sydney College Parents Council. The year kicked off with the opportunity to welcome new freshmen parents on Matriculation Weekend, and continued with a busy fall that included hosting an afternoon reception followed by a wonderful brunch at the President’s home on Parents Weekend and then a tailgate in the Founder’s Lot during Homecoming. We hope many of you were able to enjoy these events and we look forward to many more of you attending future Parents Council events.

As the activities described above indicated, one of the roles of the Parents Council is to act as a partner to Hampden-Sydney College experience. Parents Council members serve as a conduit between the Hampden-Sydney College parent community and College administration. Parents Council activities promote increased interaction among the H-SC parents to share common experiences, as well as provide an opportunity for parents to interface with college administrators directly to exchange ideas and concerns. Please plan to attend these valuable events whenever possible.

In addition to serving as liaisons, the Parents Council members also serve as ambassadors for the College both in the community and, more specifically, with prospective students and their families. Parents Council members are active partners with the Admissions Office in communicating with prospective students and their families addressing questions and promoting Hampden-Sydney. The enduring success of the College is dependent upon its continuing ability to attract exceptional men of character and conviction. The entire Hampden-Sydney College parent community plays a vital role in that selection process when talking with our friends and acquaintances whose sons are considering college choices.

A list of the Hampden-Sydney Parents Council members is included in this newsletter and can also be found on the College’s webpage under the “Parents” tab. The members of the Parents Council would be delighted to assist you wherever possible or direct you to the appropriate College Administrators.

In closing, we would again like to encourage you to be engaged in your son’s college experience through participation in events “on the Hill” whenever possible. Best wishes for a successful completion of the Hampden-Sydney College school year.

Patti and Terry Hall
Parents of Trace ‘11

The Class of 2011 Scholarship Campaign
honor Anita H. Garland, Dean of Admissions

Join us in honoring a valued member of our staff who has personally welcomed, inspired, and mentored each member of our student body for thirty years!

To help support the Class of 2011 Scholarship, visit the Hampden-Sydney Foundation website at https://secure.hsc.edu/development/gifts/ and designate your unrestricted gift as “In honor of the Class of 2011 Scholarship.”

“Welcome to the Family!”

BAXTER VENDRICK ’98, PAST PRESIDENT, AND TOMI ROSEKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE, HAMPDEN-SYDNEY CLUB OF SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS

These words cheerfully welcome each new class of Hampden-Sydney parents in South Hampton Roads. As their sons are being welcomed to the College at send-off events and parties, this local club makes sure that parents know that they, too, are a part of the family. For the past two summers, the Parents & Friends Committee of the Hampden-Sydney Club of South Hampton Roads has organized a “parents only” summer send-off to welcome new parents and let them know that the Hampden-Sydney Family extends beyond students and alumni.

In 2008, the club established the Parents & Friends Committee to ensure that no parent ever feels “on the outside looking in.” Every local parent from the incoming class was invited to share some fellowship and have an opportunity to meet other parents and ask questions of those who have already sent their sons off to “The Hill.” What began as a “new parents” event quickly expanded to include all parents of both current and past students. The 2010 invitation stated, “We will honor all Hampden-Sydney parents and welcome the parents of the class of 2014.” In 2009 a handful of local club members and alumni welcomed 26 new parents. In 2010 the numbers soared! In addition to alumni and more seasoned parents, 47 new parents were welcomed to the Family!

The magic of H-SC does not just happen to her sons on “The Hill”; indeed, it teaches and enriches all members of our Family. Another tradition has been born…. The annual “Parents Only” summer send-off event.

The Office of Academic Success
CHRISTA FYE, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We provide general academic support services to the entire student population, including general academic advising and instruction on developing effective academic skills. We also provide support for students on academic probation or warning, as well as special support to students with learning difficulties in classroom settings. The services of our office are available to all students; in fact a third of the student body visited our office at least once in the past semester. Visit our website at www.hsc.edu/Academics/Academic-Success.html to learn the details.

As parents of a college student, you surely want the same thing we do to see your son succeed in reaching his academic goals and becoming an independent learner. There are many ways you can support and assist us:

• Encourage your son to take advantage of the support services available on campus. Through academic advising, his professors, tutors, the Writing Center, and our office, there are many opportunities for him to learn strategies for success.

• Ask your son to review his course syllabus with you. Ask him what he’s reading for his Western Culture class. Ask him how that Statistics test went.

• Be a coach and an advocate. Remember that you can’t do this for him and that part of college is learning from the scrapes and falls along the way. You can encourage him and point him in the right direction. Hint: often the right direction is to the library!

We have confidence that your son can succeed at Hampden-Sydney College. Please feel free to contact me or our Academic Counselor, Lisa Burns, at (434) 223-6586.
Calling Parents of our Accepted Students
We continue to appreciate your willingness to call the parents of our accepted students (and even the students themselves) to talk with them about Hampden-Sydney College. Your input to our families makes a real difference to them. This year at H-SC, but I am proud to say that he has turned each of them down. He has also extended a hand but open to new thoughts, so instead of lecture and regeneration, it is truly dialogue. He has also extended a hand to his fellow classmates to achieve their potential, as well. My son has many points” will also be sent. We found that this paperless format worked well last year, so we will continue that.

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Dear H-SC Faculty and Staff,

I am writing to you with both admission and admission. Over the past semester when brochure after brochure arrived from H-SC, it was relegated to the “possible” pile, but was definitely not a top choice in either my son’s or our minds. We always kept H-SC as a backup plan, but it was never plan #1. In April of this year we made a long road trip to, at least, visit the campus to assure our guilt and reinforce our decision to make H-SC a Titan school. During that visit we were met with such enthusiasm, school spirit, and hospitality, it felt like home.

The remaining concern was that, perhaps, the niceness disguised a mediocre academic curriculum or student life. My son has only been at H-SC since August of 2010 and ravés about the quality of the staff, faculty, and the “family” atmosphere that inspires him to do his best. He states the faculty is challenging but open to new thoughts, so instead of lecture and regeneration, it is truly dialogue. He has also extended a hand to his fellow classmates to achieve their potential, as well. My son has many points” will also be sent. We found that this paperless format worked well last year, so we will continue that.

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We hope that you all had a very wonderful Thanksgiving. We certainly did and hope you did, too.

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We hope that you all had a very wonderful and safe holiday season. It is existing to have “the boys” back with us now!
Office of Alumni Relations
MARK MEITZ ’95
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

As valued members of the Hampden-Sydney community, we invite you to attend the local club events in your area. To view upcoming events in your area, visit The Network, Hampden-Sydney’s online community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Select your member type, Parent. If you are also an alumnus, follow the instructions on searching the directory. If you aren’t an alumnus, select SIGNUP as a new user. Enter your registration information and click REGISTER.

Once your request has been approved, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from the site administrator within 2 to 3 business days.

To View Club Events
As a registered member, you now have access to club event information. To view, select ALUMNI CLUBS on the toolbar and select your city or geographic area. Events and programs are updated on a regular basis.

Tiger Athletics
DAVIS YAKE ‘08
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Soccer
The 2010 Soccer season was a year of ups and downs, but in the end the Tigers lived up to the expectations. H-SC reached just their second ODAC Tix game at the #7 seed before falling to Lynchburg.

Despite the rocky start, the Tigers closed out the regular season with a 5-0-1 record to earn the #7 seed in the tournament.

The Tigers prevailed over Roanoke in penalty kicks in the first round, and then secured the program’s second trip to the ODAC Championship with a come-back 2-1 win over Washington & Lee. The Tigers ultimately fell to Lynchburg College in the finals.

Six Hampden-Sydney soccer players were named to the All-ODAC team. Bryon Wharton and Nick DeProspero made it on the first team. Earning Second Team honors were Brandon Blackwell, and Sam Turner. Chris Whiteside and safety Steven Fogleman. Tight end Andrew Prizzia. Earning Second Team honors were Matt Hampton, Curran Vance, safety Bill Doody, offensive lineman Clay Parker, safety Thomas McDonald and safety Steven Fogelman. Tight end Andrew Prizzia and defensive lineman Andrew Bailey were named Honorable Mention.

Tiger Athletics

Career Development for Parents

RUCKER SNEAD ’81
DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Well, you’ve been raising your son for 18 or so years, and now he’s off at Hampden-Sydney. We are happy that you’ve helped your son choose a strong liberal arts education, but you might be wondering, “what’s he going to do with this degree?”

That’s why our motto is, “You can do anything with a degree from Hampden-Sydney College.” Based on the stories of our alumni and the initial destinations of our students, they can do—and are doing—everything.

We encourage our H-SC men to explore and take full advantage of the wide variety of academic and other opportunities available at H-SC during his four years of college. Our goal is to assist him in developing options for his senior year so that he has choices about which directions to go in life after graduation.

Ultimately, though, it is up to each H-SC man to take the initiative, make choices, and take responsibility for his decisions in order to prepare him for success in life in the 21st century.

We educate Hampden-Sydney men in career exploration; acquaint them with job search skills and appropriate resources necessary to reach their career goals; assist them with obtaining experiential learning opportunities (internships); and help them help themselves by finding the campus opportunities and resources needed for success.

Thanks to the successful efforts of the Parents & Friends Committee of the Hampden-Sydney Club of South Hampton Roads, the College is expanding our outreach and coming to a city near you!

Charlotte, NC February 24, 2011
Washington, DC March 24, 2011
Winchester, VA Spring/Summer 2011
Lynchburg, VA Summer 2011
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SPRING 2011 SEMESTER

January
9 Sunday New and transfer students report
11 Tuesday All students report
12 Wednesday Classes begin
19 Wednesday Last day of Add Period

February
23 Wednesday Deficiency reports due in Registrar’s Office

March
4 Friday Last day of Drop Period
4 Friday Spring break begins after classes
14 Monday Classes resume
15 Tuesday Rhetoric Proficiency Examination
17 Thursday Beginning of registration for the fall semester
29 Tuesday Close of registration for fall courses

April
26 Tuesday Last day of classes
27 Wednesday Study day**
28 Thursday Study day
29 Friday First day of final examinations

May
1 Sunday Study day
4 Wednesday Last day of final examinations
8 Sunday Graduation

FALL 2011 SEMESTER

August
20 Saturday Freshmen and Transfers report
23 Tuesday All other students report
24 Wednesday Classes begin
31 Wednesday Last day of Add Period

October
5 Wednesday Deficiency reports due in Registrar’s Office

November
11 Friday Close of registration for spring courses
22 Tuesday Thanksgiving break begins after classes
28 Monday Classes resume

December
6 Tuesday Last day of classes

* For students who wish to remain on campus, residence halls will remain open and meals will be provided.
** Rhetoric 101-102 final examinations will be scheduled on the first study day each semester.