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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



This issue of *The Record* features stories about the vitality of our College's educational program, the accomplishments of our students, the work of our dedicated faculty and staff, and the talents and devotion of our alumni. All of these stories reflect Hampden-Sydney's commitment to living into, and living out, its mission "to form good men and good citizens." And, no story better reflects this commitment than the tribute to the life of Walter "Shorty" Simms, one of the finest Hampden-Sydney men of all time.

The following pages also include examples of the College's ongoing momentum toward ensuring access to a Hampden-Sydney education for future generations of young men and strengthening the College's academic and co-curricular programs. Since the last issue of *The Record*, Hampden-Sydney has been blessed to receive a generous grant from the Carpenter Foundation for need-based financial aid endowment, as well as a remarkable gift from Bill '72 and Shireen Kirk to endow our athletic program. Both

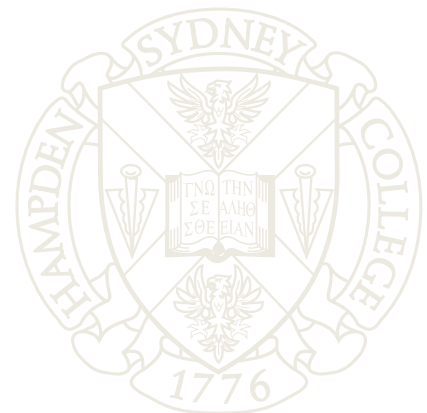
gifts come with the requirement that the College raise matching funds, so we are asking alumni, parents, and friends of the College to follow the example set by these generous benefactors.

The College has received some noteworthy accolades over the last few months, including recognition by *The Wall Street Journal* as one of the nation's top-ten schools for career preparation. Our high score in this category reflects the hard work of faculty mentors and the College's Ferguson Career Center staff. It also underscores the value of a Hampden-Sydney education and the return students and their parents can expect to receive from their investment.

The *Wall Street Journal* rankings were derived from a survey of college students nationwide, and Hampden-Sydney received additional high scores in the areas of student satisfaction and inspiration based on two very important questions. One of these asked, "If you could start over, would you still choose this college?" while the other asked, "Does your college provide an environment where you feel you are surrounded by exceptional students who inspire and motivate you?" On this latter question, we narrowly missed the "top ten," and I am very proud of our score on this important dimension because it reflects so positively on our academic program and the ideals of brotherhood and camaraderie we seek to foster at Hampden-Sydney. Please share Hampden-Sydney's great scores on all three of these ranking items with prospective students and their families, guidance counselors, and teachers in your area.

It is my hope that Hampden-Sydney's recent recognition and fundraising success will inspire you to even greater levels of devotion to and pride in our great College.

Dr. Larry Stimpert  
President, Hampden-Sydney College





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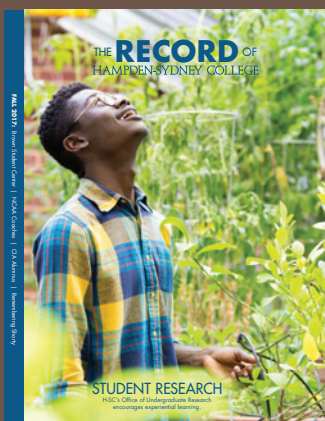
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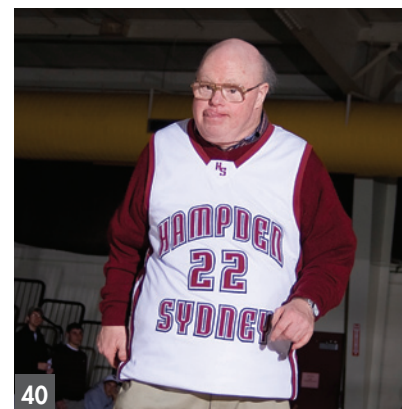
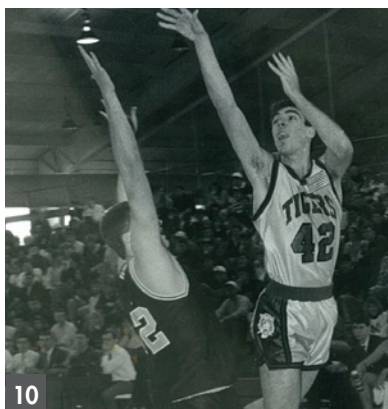
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Senior biology major **Persus Okowuah**  
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# TIGER INN







# BROWN STUDENT CENTER

On November 3, 2017, the Hampden-Sydney College community gathered to dedicate H-SC's latest campus addition, the Brown Student Center, which has quickly become a community hub for students, faculty, staff, and campus residents alike.

A need first identified in the College's 2012 Campus Master Plan—a centralized space for student services, activities, and casual common areas—has come to fruition in the \$11-million student center. Construction began on the 26,000-square-foot facility, located on the site of the former Eggleston Library, in February of 2016 and was completed on schedule this summer. Services such as the post office and career education moved into the new building in June, but it was the return of students for the fall semester and the grand opening of the Tiger Inn on August 18 that brought Hampden-Sydney's Brown Student Center to life.





Featuring classic red brick, white trim, and a Greek-Revival portico, the Brown Student Center's Via Sacra entrance maintains the traditional look and feel of the Hampden-Sydney campus. Situated just inside the front entrance are two of the College's flagship programs: the Flemming Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation on the right and the Ferguson Career Center on the left. Relocating the two centers from separate academic buildings to the Student Center makes their services even more accessible to students. The first floor flows seamlessly into more casual space at the building's rear—an overlook of the two-story stone fireplace on the ground floor; hang-out spaces to play pool, pingpong, or video games on the big screen TV; meeting rooms for clubs and organizations; locker storage space; and more.



The Fleming Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation was established in May 2017 with a \$1-million gift from **Todd Fleming '85** and the Fleming Foundation. The Center's new facility features a "flex office" for students to collaborate with faculty and visiting entrepreneurs—even the walls function as whiteboards to foster creativity. A state-of-the-art economics classroom, a conference room for the Tiger Fund, and offices for the Center's Director and the newly-endowed Entrepreneur-in-Residence complete the space. According to Interim Director **Justin P. Isaacs '95**, "The facility gives students the opportunity to think, reflect, and develop their ideas for new ventures in a space that is both functional and conducive to collaboration. The fact that students are always walking through the building provides a high level of energy, as well." To learn more, visit [hsc.edu/entrepreneur-in-residence](http://hsc.edu/entrepreneur-in-residence).







A wide stairway to the second floor leads to the Office of Student Affairs and Student Government offices. Dean of Students **Robert Sabbatini** notes, “The Student Court room symbolizes the very essence of honor and decency for the entire Hampden-Sydney community. Here, our students uphold the Honor Code and the Code of Conduct, which have formed the foundation of the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood for more than 200 years.” With its paneled walls, wide tables, and stately leather chairs, the new Student Court room provides a fitting setting for Hampden-Sydney’s symbol of self-governance.





A brick patio with ample outdoor seating and solar charging stations forms the eastern entrance, and two-story windows fill the ground floor with natural light. Comfortable seating areas flanking the stone fireplace—its mantle constructed from a circa-1822 beam from Cushing Hall—have quickly become favorite spots for students to work or relax. The post office features additional seating areas and echoes the feel of Graham Hall with classic brass post office boxes. Design elements like a reclaimed-wood wall, floor-to-ceiling windows, and wood-burning fire pits overlooking Chalgrove Lake update the Tiger Inn, while large-screen televisions, leather couches, and a wood-and-brass bar retain its classic pub vibe.





**GOOD MEN, GOOD CITIZENS, GREAT COACHES**

# H-SC

KAREN E. HUGGARD





In the midst of growing scandals that would eventually rock the college basketball world and take down one of the NCAA's most powerful coaches, not one but two Hampden-Sydney men received national recognition for their character and leadership in collegiate basketball. **Russell Turner '92** and **Ryan Odom '96** were named finalists for the 2017 Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award, presented annually by *CollegeInsider.com* to a Division I head coach "who achieves success on the basketball court, while displaying great moral integrity off of the court, as well."

That two Hampden-Sydney hoops players from the same era would go on to successful careers in the high-stakes world of Division I athletics is, of course, impressive—there are only 347 head coaches in all of Division I men's basketball. But equally impressive is the manner in which these Hampden-Sydney men have carried the College's mission into that world, passing on the lessons they learned about honor and excellence as Hampden-Sydney Tigers some twenty years ago.

## THE BIG TIME

Both Turner and Odom pursued careers in coaching immediately upon graduation from H-SC, but each took a different path to a head coaching position. For Turner, currently in his eighth season as head coach at the University of California-Irvine (UCI), the journey included assistant coaching positions at almost every level of competitive basketball: high school, college, and the NBA. In six seasons at Wake Forest University and four seasons at Stanford University, he made a total of seven visits to the NCAA Tournament and two appearances in the Elite Eight; six seasons with the NBA's Golden State Warriors saw two rounds of postseason play. And as a head coach, Turner was named Big West Conference Coach of the Year in 2014 and led UCI to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 2015.

Odom, on the other hand, has spent his entire career in collegiate basketball, almost exclusively at Division I universities. Seven years as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech and another five at UNC-Charlotte included two rounds in the NCAA Tournament; in his one year as head coach at Division II Lenoir-Rhyne University, he took the team to the Elite Eight. Now entering his second season at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC), Odom was named the nation's top first-year Division I head coach in 2017 by *CollegeInsider.com* and led

UMBC to its first three postseason wins in school history at the CIT Tournament.

After a year assisting legendary coach **Tony Shaver** at Hampden-Sydney (where he coached a young **Durant "Dee" Vick '94** and an even younger Ryan Odom, helping lead the Tigers to the Division III Sweet Sixteen), Turner spent six years at ACC powerhouse Wake Forest under Odom's father, three-time ACC Coach of the Year Dave Odom. With that experience came the opportunity to develop one of the most decorated players to emerge from Wake Forest: future NBA-great Tim Duncan. Turner's time with the Golden State Warriors brought a similar opportunity to coach NBA-superstar Stephen Curry. "Not too many people have been lucky enough to work with two guys who have been two-time NBA MVPs," notes Turner. "Tim and Steph are both grounded with values that I admire, and that contributed to them being great teammates and successful people. Both are men of incredible character who have great minds for the game, a passion for basketball, and a focus on improvement."

Turner calls his time in the NBA "the most exhilarating and exciting of my life." He continues, "Coaching at that level was an amazing learning experience. The players are the most driven and committed I've ever seen, and they're appreciative of coaching." He left the NBA to return to collegiate athletics, however, believing that was where he could make a difference. "People ask me, 'What's it like in the big time?' I truly believe the big time is where you are. For me, if it's important enough for young athletes to engage every day, to work to improve, to accomplish something as a team, to work for something bigger than the team—that's big time."

## CHARACTER COUNTS

For Odom, the initial draw to a graduate assistant job with the University of South Florida's basketball team was a chance to remain connected to the game he loves. "I wasn't ready to give the game up when my time playing at Hampden-Sydney was done," he says. And as the son of a now-retired basketball coaching legend, he was familiar with the profession. What began as a way to extend his time on the court quickly morphed into a calling, though. Odom explains, "First I loved seeing the other side of the game, then I began to understand the impact coaches can have on these kids at a meaningful time in their lives. That's not something I take lightly, and that's why I'm still coaching today."





*"YOUR CHARACTER DEFINES WHO YOU ARE, AND YOU CAN'T BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR INTEGRITY FOR SHORT-TERM GAINS."*

—Ryan Odom '96

In fact, it was character development that drew Turner back to collegiate sports after his six-year foray into the NBA. He explains, "Mentorship is a huge part of why I do what I do—but the NBA is a business that's entirely about winning. College sports are different; we're coaching guys at the time when their character and leadership qualities are developing. It's fun to help build qualities that will lead to more success, but it's also rewarding to teach guys to be resilient when they face a lack of success. More than wins and losses, what matters to me as a coach is to see improvement in the people I'm working with."

"Setting high expectations to be the best version of yourself you can be, upholding strong values—it's easy to argue that there's not enough of that in the world today," says Turner, who has incorporated aspects of the Hampden-Sydney tradition into his program, specifically the Honor Code. "It's a rather anachronistic idea in 2017, but I can't stress enough the importance of Hampden-Sydney's Honor Code, which I've carried over into my own program. Every week, my players have to sign an honor statement that directs them clearly toward our values. That practice comes directly from my experience at Hampden-Sydney."

At UMBC, Odom is also building a values-based program. "Competitive sports are a great teacher: our players learn to work well with others, contribute to

an overall team, practice humility, and deal with adversity," he says. "We attack one of our six core values each day, and we as coaches try to live them out in our daily lives. We try to model thankfulness, humility, servanthood, passion, accountability, and unity for our student-athletes." This approach has led to success on the court, with UMBC earning the second-most wins in school history during Odom's first season as head coach.

But a winning record only matters if it has been achieved the right way. "Your character defines who you are, and you can't be willing to sacrifice your integrity for short-term gains," Odom says. Talking about recent allegations of corruption and bribery in NCAA basketball, he notes, "I'm in this profession to mentor kids so they're ready for life after basketball, but unfortunately not everybody is. Like any profession, there are people of integrity who do things the right way, and there are others who don't." Odom continues, "We need to band together as a coaching profession to make sure we're all in it for the right reasons, because we're in charge of these kids at a time in their lives when we can really make a positive—or negative—impact."

## **A BASKETBALL BROTHERHOOD**

A conversation with either Odom or Turner about their own coaching philosophies will inevitably return to one name: Tony Shaver. According to Turner, Shaver "created an environment where everyone was challenged to grow," and that growth wasn't on the basketball court alone. "Coach Shaver had a tremendous influence on me as a man and a leader. Basketball is what initially drew us together, but even more so were the values he shared with us: integrity, excellence, and a commitment to family," says Turner.





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*Russell Turner's six seasons with the NBA included the opportunity to coach two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry.*

Former H-SC teammates Dee Vick and **Scott "Griff" Aldrich '96** have also continued Shaver's legacy in the coaching profession: Vick, Shaver's assistant coach at William & Mary for five years, is now head coach at Hampden-Sydney, while Aldrich serves as Odom's head of basketball operations at UMBC. Turner calls Vick "a difference-making coach" and "an integral part of the fabric of Hampden-Sydney College"; Odom says Aldrich plays "a vital role in developing athletes on and off the court." He continues, "I want coaches on my staff who have integrity, who will mentor the guys, and whose values and character I respect—Griff is all of that."

Noting the number of Hampden-Sydney men from the Shaver era who are making an impact in the profession, Odom explains, "It all goes back to Coach Shaver. We love the game because of the experience we had playing for him at Hampden-Sydney and the values he instilled in us." Now, as peers in the coaching world, both Odom and Turner remain in close contact with Shaver. "There are certain people in your life that you rely on for counsel as a man and as a professional," says Turner. "Coach

Tony Shaver is one of those people for me." Odom says he talks to Shaver about once a month, and enjoys seeing him on the road occasionally: "He and my father [Dave Odom] were my role models and really shaped the man I've become. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to honor them now by how I coach."

## **BRAINS AND BRAWN**

Asked how relevant his Hampden-Sydney education is to his coaching career, Odom responds without hesitation: "Do I use it every day? Absolutely." He explains, "The discipline that it takes to earn a college degree—to be on top of things, to be organized, to do it every day—shapes who you become later on. At Hampden-Sydney, I was challenged off the court academically and on the court athletically, which gave me the discipline and focus that I needed to be successful." Odom applies that discipline and focus as he juggles the demands of a head coach: mentoring and developing players, managing a coaching staff, building a team culture—all while traveling near and far for competition and recruiting.





He also appreciates the College's rhetoric program, which he puts into daily use, as well. "Not a lot of colleges or universities have a program like Hampden-Sydney's to teach students how to write and speak well, yet those skills are so important in the professional world," Odom says. "As a coach, I communicate every day with players, boosters, university administration, and the press—and I can't risk being misunderstood or sending the wrong message. Hampden-Sydney students may not enjoy the rhetoric exam, but there's no doubt the program teaches them to communicate effectively and helps them after graduation."

Turner agrees: "There's no disputing that a liberal arts education, with its focus on critical thinking, is valuable. But the way Hampden-Sydney presents that education is particularly valuable because of the focus on writing and communication. What I do absolutely requires critical thinking," he says, "but the most important skill in my profession is the ability to communicate effectively."

At Hampden-Sydney, Turner was a standout in the classroom as well as on the hardwood: with a double major in Economics and English, he graduated *magna cum laude* and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. "I was just a country kid from Roanoke, so Hampden-Sydney was a tremendous growth experience for me," says Turner. "I had never

experienced teachers who could capture my interest enough to sustain high-level performance. The professors at Hampden-Sydney brought subjects to life and engaged my attention, though; that excited me and had an impact on my life." Turner's career has been spent at institutions with strong academic reputations—like Stanford and Wake Forest—which has only increased his appreciation for his own education. "I've often said I would stack my Hampden-Sydney education up against what's available at any school I've worked at, and I've been a part of some pretty good schools," he says with understatement.

Hampden-Sydney alumni often look back at their formative years on the Hill with nostalgia, and these coaches are no exception. "It's hard to express the amount of appreciation I feel," says Turner. "Hampden-Sydney has been a tremendous part of my journey." Odom echoes the sentiment. "I'm appreciative of the time and energy that the Hampden-Sydney community invested in me: the professors were caring, the coaches were influential, and the friendships are lifelong. I loved every second of my time at Hampden-Sydney."

Turner's and Odom's success in the coaching profession speaks to the power of a Hampden-Sydney education, and their recent nominations for Man of the Year are proof that the College's enduring mission to "form good men and good citizens" continues to spread far beyond our gates—even on the hardwood. 🏀

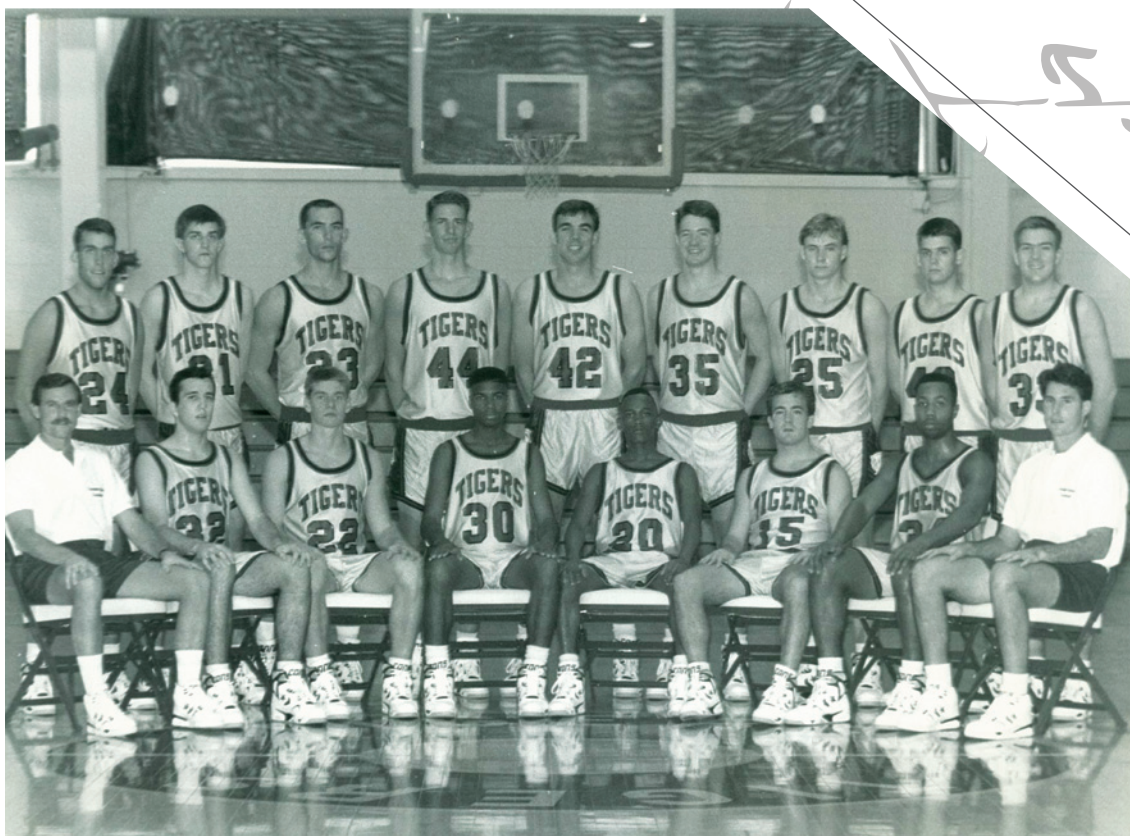




L to R: Team captains **Brent Schneider '96**, **Nate Schwab '96**, and Griff Aldrich hoist fellow captain Ryan Odom during the 1995-1996 season. Odom still holds H-SC's record for most three pointers in a single season.



In between recruiting trips this fall, Russell Turner (left) returned to the Hill to visit his former teammate, H-SC head coach Dee Vick (right).



The 1991-1992 Tiger basketball squad included Dee Vick (24, back left) and Russell Turner (42, back center). Coach Tony Shaver (front left) led the team to H-SC's first Sweet 16 appearance. With 2,272 career points, Turner remains the top scorer in H-SC history.



# PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE SHADOWS TREY LACKEY '86

KAREN E. HUGGARD





A quick Google search for **Hal V. “Trey” Lackey III ’86** yields almost no hits—surprising in this age of instant information and social media interaction, especially given the H-SC alumnus’ successful career as a public servant.

In fact, Lackey has returned to the College frequently over the years as a member of the Wilson Center for Leadership Board of Advisors, but he notes that “for the longest time when I was on campus for a lecture or a panel discussion, I really couldn’t talk about what I did, or even where I worked.”

This September, however, Lackey was able to acknowledge his 25 years with the Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency when he gave the keynote address at the Wilson Center’s 9-11 commemoration. Although the former operations officer cannot give specifics about his work with the CIA, broadly speaking he ran operations across multiple regions and in three conflict zones throughout Europe, South Asia, and the Middle East.

The CIA website describes an operations officer’s job as “clandestinely spotting, assessing, developing, recruiting, and handling non-US-citizens having access to foreign intelligence vital to US foreign policy and national security decision-makers. Operations Officers (OOs) build relationships based on rapport and trust using sound judgment, integrity, and the ability to assess character and motivation. All OOs address a highly diverse and dynamic set of intelligence requirements on country- and region-specific issues, as well as transnational issues such as counterterrorism, counterproliferation, and cyber [security].”

It is a job that Lackey was well-prepared for with his Hampden-Sydney degree. “It’s difficult to think of a better preparation for the job than a liberal arts education,” Lackey claims. “What makes a successful operations officer? Strong interpersonal and communication skills, the ability to assess situations and people, and intellectual curiosity—a trait I certainly didn’t have when I arrived at Hampden-Sydney, but had really developed by the time I graduated.”

His background as a history major proved vital to Lackey’s success, as well. “Professors like Ron Heinemann, Jim Simms, and John Brinkley taught me how to put things in historical context,” he says, “and when you’re in South Asia or the Middle East, it’s much easier to understand what’s going on in the moment if you have that sense of history.” He also found inspiration from one of the College’s most revered presidents, General **Samuel V. Wilson**. “I wanted my work to be intellectually substantive, and General Sam Wilson was

a great example of that,” says Lackey. “Wherever I went, I got to know the culture and language, developed close relationships with the local people, and really threw myself into it intellectually.”

Although the bulk of Lackey’s career was spent overseas, his few domestic assignments included a year at the White House on the National Security Council staff—spanning the final months of George W. Bush’s presidency and the first months of Barack Obama’s presidency—as well as 14 months at the FBI as then-Director James Comey’s national security liaison. He calls both experiences fascinating, but in the fall of 2016 he made the decision to retire from government service and transition to the private sector. He is now an executive in the homeland security group at CSRA, an information technology and cybersecurity firm where he works with fellow H-SC alumni **Donald Robinson ’02** and **Tom Doheny ’07**.

Speaking to the Hampden-Sydney community about “Re-imagining a Safer World” on the 16th anniversary of the September 11th terror attacks, Lackey laid out what he feels are the most significant geopolitical and domestic challenges facing the nation, ranging from North Korea to the opioid crisis. Although the solutions are complex, he says an active and engaged government that utilizes both hard and soft power is vital, as is the involvement of the business sector, nongovernmental organizations, and mission groups.

In addition, Lackey encouraged Americans to rediscover the national unity that he feels has frayed over the last decade. “In times of crisis like 9-11 or Hurricane Irma, Americans come together and support each other well,” he explains, “but in recent years there has been an exploitation of our differences rather than an emphasis on our unity. We need to rejuvenate our sense of civic unity and develop institutions that bind us together beyond the times of crisis.”

Lackey ended his address by challenging Hampden-Sydney students to think critically and creatively, to push their personal boundaries and leave their comfort zones: “Looking back on my career, I traveled the world, worked closely with two presidents, met world leaders—and I was just an average, small-town Virginia guy at Hampden-Sydney. The lesson is to take chances, think unconventionally, and push yourself to do something you never imagined.” 🇺🇸



# WELCOME CLASS OF 2021

Meet the newest Tigers by the numbers:

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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY MEN

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EAGLE SCOUTS

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NAMED WILLIAM

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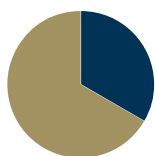
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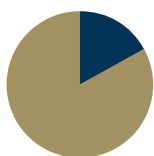
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PRESIDENTS OF THEIR STUDENT GOVERNMENTS



33%

CAPTAINS OF VARSITY TEAMS



17%

STUDENTS OF COLOR

1

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTOR TO BBC, CNN, AND FOX NEWS

2

BORN IN GUATEMALA CITY

1

STATE CHAMPION BASS FISHERMAN

12

GRANDSONS OR GREAT-GRANDSONS OF ALUMNI

1

PROFESSIONAL SKATEBOARDER

18

SONS OF ALUMNI

1

SET OF TWINS

17

BROTHERS OF ALUMNI

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2017

Freshmen and transfer students participated in a weekend of welcome activities before classes began on Monday, August 21.



**Friday:** New students rang the bell to signal the start of their first year at H-SC before saying goodbye to their families.



**Saturday:** Students gathered at Chalgrove Lake for live music and a picnic catered by a local favorite, The Fishin' Pig.



**Monday:** After their first day of classes, new students joined President and Mrs. Stimpert for an ice cream social at Middlecourt.



## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mr. **Eric E. Apperson '85** is the president of Armada Hoffler Construction Company. After working at Hampden-Sydney College as an assistant dean of admissions, he began his career with Armada Hoffler in 1987, holding various positions before becoming president of Goodman Segar Hogan Hoffler Construction in 1997. Because of his wide range of management experience, in 2000 he was appointed president of Armada Hoffler Construction, where he is responsible for the overall management, strategic growth, and financial health of the company.

Apperson sits on the Cape Henry Collegiate Board of Trustees and is a former member of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association Board of Directors. Since 2007, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of Bank @lantec, a division of Dollar Bank, serving as its Chairman since 2010. He also sits on the bank's Virginia Advisory Board. He and his wife Lynn live in Virginia Beach and have two children: Brooks, a senior at Hampden-Sydney, and Virginia, a freshman at Santa Clara University in California.



Mr. **Robert K. Citrone '87** is the founder, managing member, and sole principal of Discovery Capital Management, LLC. He has been advising and managing portfolios focused on global and emerging market investments since 1990, first at Fidelity Investments, where he built and ran the Emerging Market Fixed Income and Currency Group, then at Tiger Management, where he was responsible for strategic investment recommendations on currencies, fixed income, and equities. Citrone formed Discovery Capital Management in 1999; he is the portfolio manager for the Discovery fund structures: Discovery Global Opportunity Funds, Discovery Global Citizens Funds, Discovery Global Focus Funds, and Discovery Global Macro Funds (the "Funds").

Citrone holds an MBA from the Darden School at the University of Virginia, where he graduated as a Shermet Scholar (top 10 in his class). He was the valedictorian of his class at Hampden-Sydney, earning his bachelor's degree with honors in math and economics. He and his wife Cindy have four children.



Mr. **John Claiborne "Clay" Sifford '94** is the founder and CEO of LASSO, a privately-held workforce management software company dedicated to helping companies manage their project-based, mobile workforce. Prior to LASSO, Mr. Sifford was founder and CEO of OVATION, a privately-held, technology-enabled company that delivers end-to-end creative strategy and solutions for complex live events all over the world. Both companies are based in Nashville.

Sifford is a past board member of the Llwala Community Alliance in Kenya and an active member of Young Presidents Organization (YPO), where he has served in numerous positions over the years. He currently serves as co-chairman of the YPO London Business School Program for fast-growing companies. He and his wife Dorothy live in Nashville with their three children, Claiborne, Alexander, and Caroline. He enjoys running, biking, fishing, snowboarding, and skiing.





**The Wall Street Journal ranks Hampden-Sydney tenth in the nation for career preparation.**

## INTERNSHIPS TAKE H-SC STUDENTS AROUND THE GLOBE

Paid internships at Fortune-500 companies, volunteer work at non-profits, and alumni-sponsored internships in multiple sectors took H-SC students from Africa to Asia, proving that a Hampden-Sydney education extends far beyond the confines of a classroom. Below is just a snapshot of the diverse opportunities the young Tigers pursued this summer. It's no surprise that in its 2017 rankings, *The Wall Street Journal* named Hampden-Sydney College number ten among top schools for career preparation.



Find additional Hampden-Sydney student summer stories at [hsc.edu/student-summer](http://hsc.edu/student-summer).

Economics and business student **Josh Katowitz '18** landed an internship with IBM Transformations and Operations at Research Triangle Park in Raleigh, North Carolina. In his work gathering and analyzing contract information for the client services procurement team, Josh had the chance to work with IBM's Watson supercomputer. He says, "I got real-life experience working at a Fortune 500 company, collaborating with people across the globe and enhancing my people skills." Josh will continue to put those skills to work for IBM after his graduation from Hampden-Sydney—at the end of his internship he received and accepted a job offer to be an IBM procurement professional in June 2018.



**Sam Fleming '19**, also an economics and business major, took a break from the business world to compete with the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, a position he secured after three competitive auditions. Playing the snare drum in the 150-member drum corps, Sam performed for crowds ranging from 5,000 to 25,000 people; the corps' three-month, national tour of over 30 cities included stops in Orlando, Boston, and San Antonio. Sam and his teammates capped off the summer with a bronze medal at the world championship finals, held August 12 at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts and site of the 2012 Super Bowl.

Interning with a small non-profit in South Africa, **Austin Hays Hardman '18** put both of his majors to work: foreign affairs and religion. Austin's internship with Abba's Pride, which partners with churches to provide primary education in rural South Africa, taught him first-hand about non-profit organizations, sustainable development, and African culture. He was even able to formulate and implement his own project, a playground he built for preschool children in a rural area of the Limpopo Province. Austin calls the opportunity "the experience of a lifetime—one that would have been impossible without Hampden-Sydney's internship scholarship program and committed professors who go above and beyond." Austin is pictured with preschool children enjoying the playground that he built.







**Kyle Burns '18** and **Thomas Carswell '18** learned the value of H-SC's alumni network at internships sponsored by **Bartow Morgan, Jr. '94**, CEO of BrandBank and a Trustee of the College. Working in the Atlanta bank's credit department, they completed both individual and group projects and presented them to the BrandBank Board of Investors. Kyle calls the internship "a superior educational and networking opportunity that offered valuable experience in the banking and business fields. Mr. Morgan even hosted a large number of business and community leaders at his home to enhance the interns' networks." Thomas (left) and Kyle (right) are pictured with the famous Coca-Cola Bear at Atlanta's World of Coca-Cola.

**Wesley Kuegler '18**, a computer science and biology student, landed a paid internship at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, where he developed a simulator platform for rapid testing of atmospheric instrumentation to be used on the Mars 2020 rover's descent vehicle. "While it was exciting to work on a project that would directly impact a Mars exploration mission," he says, "what impressed me most was the massive scope of the projects. NASA has an almost singular ability to direct the intellectual power of its tens of thousands of employees towards advancing human space exploration, and I was genuinely awed to be a part of it." On the right are Wes and the other NASA interns and fellows at Langley.



H-SC sophomore **Colin Penn '20** spent the summer as a customer care intern at the headquarters of Hooker Furniture in Martinsville, where he enjoyed learning about the furniture business and customer relations. He interacted with Hooker Furniture's corporate office, distribution facilities, and manufacturing facilities in both Virginia and North Carolina. He also participated in the employee sale, with all proceeds benefiting the local Boys and Girls Clubs and SPCA. Colin's internship connected him with **Ronnie E. Fultz III '12**, the assistant manager of supply chain operations at Hooker; in the photo, Fultz (left) and Colin (right) show their H-SC pride. Colin is also the recipient of the Hooker Educational Scholarship.

**Duncan Alexander Keefe '19** traveled to France and Luxembourg as a production assistant for American Rifleman Television, helping film a series about American soldiers who fought in the First World War. The job gave him the opportunity to visit a number of World War II battle sites as well, including Utah Beach, Omaha Beach, and Point du Hoc in Normandy. Duncan says, "It was an experience I'll cherish for years to come. I learned what goes on behind the scenes, giving me a new perspective on how TV shows are crafted and shot." On the right, Duncan and historian Martin K.A. Morgan look down on the Verdun battlefield, where more than 300,000 French and German soldiers were killed in 1916.



**Zane Moody '18** traveled across the globe to work alongside Ivy League law students at an international law firm in Singapore this summer. The prestigious internship at White and Case—sponsored by **Barry Wall '78**, a partner at the firm, and arranged by Dr. **David Marion**, director of the Wilson Center's Public Service Program—confirmed the government major's desire to pursue a law degree upon graduation. He spent the five-week internship researching the energy business sector, ascertaining the viability of mergers and acquisitions, and putting his rhetoric training to work as an editor. Wall (left) and Zane (right) shake hands at the White and Case Singapore office. Visit [hsc.edu/zane-singapore](http://hsc.edu/zane-singapore) to read more.



# Student Research SPOTLIGHT

"At Hampden-Sydney, we are working to provide experiential learning opportunities for our students," says Dr. **Michael Wolyniak**, director of the College's Office of Undergraduate Research. "Our summer research program is experiential learning in its purest form: students take what they've learned in class and apply it independently to a problem. In the process, we see them develop their own ideas and really flourish." The College sponsored 32 student research projects on campus this summer in both the humanities and the sciences. In this issue, *The Record* spotlights the research of two seniors, both biology majors and chemistry minors, who hope to pursue graduate work after Hampden-Sydney.


**SEAN WALDEN '18** tackled a problem that poses a significant economic threat to the beer industry: fungal infections in *Humulus lupulus*—the common hop plant. In recent years, several H-SC students have studied hops and the downy mildew that attacks them, but Sean was particularly interested in studying the plants' own defenses as a potential fungicide—a natural alternative to current fungicides that seep copper into the soil and groundwater.

His research focused on the essential oils found in hops cones, the source of beer's distinct flavor and aroma as well as a natural defense against pests and other threats. After reading a study on the anti-fungal qualities of other essential oils, Sean wondered if the hop plant might produce an essential oil to combat infection. Its application could extend well beyond hops to other commercial crops threatened by fungus—a potentially lucrative discovery.

Sean's eight-week project established an essential oil profile for the Citra hop varietal. The process involved flash freezing hops cones with liquid nitrogen, pulverizing the frozen cones, placing them in a hexane solvent, then distilling the essential oils. He used the College's gas chromatograph mass spectrometer (GC-MS) to identify the molecules in the distilled essential oils.

As he works toward earning biology departmental distinction, Sean will continue his research throughout his senior year, testing if the specific essential oils he identified this summer stunt the growth of fungal cultures. Although developing a commercially viable fungicide would take years of research, Sean hopes he's laying the groundwork for future essential oil-based fungicides.



A young man with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and teal shorts, is sitting on a wooden stool in a greenhouse. He is smiling and holding a small potted plant with green leaves. The background shows various plants and the structure of the greenhouse.

**PERSUS OKOWUAH '18** studied native plants and invasive species, inspired in part by the landscape he passes through between campus and his home in Northern Virginia. "Everywhere you look as you drive south, you see fields of native clover, which will eventually disappear if we don't find a way to control invasive plants," he explains. He is particularly interested in combating invasive species without resorting to pesticides, which damage native plants and seep into groundwater.

A field study of the Farmville area turned Persus' attention to the invasive *Centaurea stoebe* (knap weed) and the native *Lespedeza capitata* (bush clover), which share similar root structures and compete for soil resources. His experiment, conducted in the greenhouse behind Gilmer Hall, involved 128 plants grown from locally harvested seeds.

The research has several immediate applications. In particular, Persus found that disturbed soil, like that found on construction sites and near road work, benefits the invasive weed to the detriment of native plants; the introduction of clover, however, keeps the knap weed in check and helps other native species survive, as well. Understanding and adjusting to that dynamic early can prevent the development of a large-scale problem like the current invasion of kudzu in the southeast.

But Persus found another, unexpected application for his research a little farther away from home. Noting that invasive species thrive in soil with few nutrients, Persus thought of recent experiments with Martian soil: "NASA has tried to grow plants like lettuce in Martian soil, but found that the produce lacks nutrients. Why don't we terraform the soil by having these invasive species come up first, thus changing the soil composition?"





### H-SC HIRES NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Hampden-Sydney's new director of athletics joins the Tigers after 25 years working in collegiate athletics, as both a coach and an administrator. **Chad Eisele's** career has included stints at a variety of institutions—public and private, large and small, urban and rural—all of which have prepared him to take the helm of Hampden-Sydney athletics.

Several of Hampden-Sydney's unique attributes drew Eisele to the College, especially its sense of history, athletic legacy, and enduring mission. "There wasn't going to be another opportunity to serve at one of the oldest colleges in the nation," notes Eisele, "and the mission to form good men and good citizens has clearly stood the test of time. From the moment I arrived on campus, it was clear that Hampden-Sydney's mission statement isn't just a slogan on a bumper sticker. Everyone I spoke with—from Trustees, to professors, to coaches, to students—has bought into it completely."

That distinctive mission creates a campus environment that Eisele calls refreshing. He says, "Our students are engaged and confident. When you walk through a lot of other college campuses, students don't look up from their cell phones or take out their ear buds. At Hampden-Sydney, they stop and say hi, shake hands, and introduce themselves."

Eisele comes to H-SC from his own alma mater, a small liberal arts college in Illinois that shares many similarities with Hampden-Sydney. One distinct difference between Knox College and H-SC, however, proved to be another draw for Eisele. "Because Hampden-Sydney is an all-male institution, we get to fully concentrate on just ten teams," he explains. "That frees up a lot of time to invest in the student-athletes' lives, travel with the teams, attend more home games—and not just the high-profile sports like football and basketball."



Twenty-one of Eisele's 25 years in higher education have been spent at Division III schools, and his passion for Division III athletics is clear. "In a non-scholarship program, students participate for the love of the game and to be part of a team," Eisele says. In addition, he appreciates the balance that Division III student-athletes can achieve. "Athletics are an important part of our students' lives, but not the only part. They can still join a fraternity, a theater production, the student senate—they can enjoy all aspects of the college experience."

A key goal for Eisele's first year at the College is to thoroughly evaluate the athletics program—both current use and future needs—focusing on budget, staffing, and facilities. He is impressed with the athletic facilities H-SC boasts: "I would argue that our football and baseball stadiums are some of the top Division III venues in the country, but updating the field house, built almost 40 years ago, is a top priority." And Eisele's ultimate goal will please all fans of Tiger athletics. He says, "I want all ten of our teams to compete for the ODAC Championship, year in and year out."

Eisele's 17 years as a football coach include head coaching positions at Knox College, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and Lake Forest College, where he took the team to the NCAA Division III playoffs and was named Midwest Conference Coach of the Year in 2002. His collegiate coaching experience extends to baseball and tennis, as well; as head coach of men's tennis, Eisele led Lake Forest to a conference championship. In 2006, Eisele became the athletic director at Knox College, a position he held for more than a decade. During that time, he was appointed to a four-year term on the NCAA Division III Football Committee, an eight-member national committee responsible for evaluating Division III football teams, assisting in the selection of top teams, and creating the national championship bracket.

Eisele holds a master's degree in sports administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Knox College, where he competed in track and field, baseball, and football, earning All-Conference distinction three times as a defensive back. 🏈

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# A CAPTAIN'S ROLE

## PAT KLINE '18 EMBRACES SHORTY'S LEGACY

BY AARON KURZ '18



PHOTO BY HUDSON ELMORE '19

*At Hampden-Sydney, our sacred Saturdays are sacred for a reason: we love to celebrate, and we love tradition.*

Yet merely two days before the 2017 football opener, the College community was dealt the loss of perhaps the purest embodiment of the spirit that brings so many people through the gates each fall when **Walter "Shorty" Simms** passed away.

As Shorty made his departure—presumably on his bike—we faced an uneasy transition. How could the Hampden-Sydney family accurately understand his impact? How do we properly celebrate his life and his contribution to the Hampden-Sydney football tradition?

The season opener comes, and the conditions are challenging. Tailgaters wear warm, waterproof boots and fans fill the stadium under the protection of umbrellas and raincoats as kickoff time approaches. The scoreboard flickers, the harsh weather interrupting the power supply. Senior tight end **Patrick Kline '18** is one of the captains who strides across the saturated field to meet Averett at the 50 for the coin toss.

For Pat, this moment is the product of years of preparation. His time on campus didn't begin freshman year during summer workouts like most of his teammates', though. "My dad was class of '87," he says, "and I grew up coming to football games with my family. He was one of Shorty's favorite players, so we would always stay with the Simms family."

He continues to explain that his father, **Rob Kline '87**, was close friends and teammates with **Bradley Simms '85**, the son of Shorty's brother, **J. Scott Simms '61**. "They were like brothers. When Brad died in a hunting accident, my dad kind of became another son to Scott."

The Kline family's close relationship with the Simms family was a quality quickly instilled in Pat. To his disappointment, though, Pat's first year on the team was the same year that Shorty transitioned into assisted living. Although he wasn't on the sidelines, Shorty had already managed to give Pat an idea of his unconditional love for Tiger athletics. While Pat was in high school, he and his father came to campus for an official football visit. They were given a thorough tour of the campus, much of which was unfamiliar to Pat, who jokes that he basically grew up in the football stadium and in the Kappa Alpha front yard.

When they got to the dining hall, however, they found a familiar face. "We ate lunch with Shorty, who was so happy to see me and my dad that day. He started reciting all my dad's stats from 30 years ago. Yards, touchdowns—you name it."

Although Shorty never got to see Pat take the field as a Tiger, it's safe to assume that he would have been thrilled to cheer for another Kline.





*Scott Simms and his wife Scott Tucker-Simms gather with Pat Kline and his teammates to honor Shorty's memory on the eve of The Game.*

Moving forward, the Hampden-Sydney family need not worry about the legacy that Shorty left behind. The man who took Saturday football games on the Hill and turned them into family gatherings is the same man who took such joy in watching Rob Kline play all those years ago—and his spirit lives on in Pat Kline and the next generation of Hampden-Sydney Tigers who played in honor of Shorty on September 2nd.

The story might have been drastically different if Shorty hadn't been the foundation of such a tightly-bound program. "Hampden-Sydney always felt like home," Pat remembers, "and the Simms were always like family. It was such an easy decision to make, coming here, knowing that there's people like that on your team."

It turned out to be a decision that Pat was glad to have made, too, even as the unseasonably cold rain and driving winds persisted throughout the day.

We won, 20-17. Though the power outage temporarily prevented the tradition of keeping the scoreboard lit throughout the night, our first win following Shorty's passing was hard-fought—a fitting tribute to Shorty and his legacy at H-SC. 🏈





### Major Gifts Support Scholarships and Athletics

Hampden-Sydney College announced two \$4-million gifts this fall, part of on-going efforts to increase scholarship funds, strengthen Tiger athletics, and grow the College's endowment to \$200 million by the 2020-21 academic and fiscal year.

In September, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation awarded the College \$4 million for the creation of a scholarship endowment to support need-based financial aid for academically qualified students. Then, in October, **John W. "Bill" Kirk III '72** and his wife Shireen pledged \$4 million to support the endowment of the Hampden-Sydney athletic program.

"The Latin motto on Hampden-Sydney's gates translates to, 'Enter as youths so that you may leave as men,'" said President **Larry Stimpert**. "The education offered here is transformational, and ensuring access to future generations of Hampden-Sydney men is among our highest institutional priorities. The Carpenter Foundation's generosity will enable many highly qualified young men to experience that transformation. Athletic competition is another critical element of the Hampden-Sydney experience," Stimpert continued, "and Bill and Shireen's support for our athletic endowment strengthens the foundation of our program and ensures a promising future for the young men who don the garnet and grey, as well as the talented staff who coach and mentor them."

Both gifts involve a matching component that will allow the entire H-SC network of alumni, supporters, and friends to be partners in the effort. The Carpenter Foundation's grant will be paid in four annual \$1-million installments contingent on the College raising \$4 million in cash for each \$1-million portion of the Carpenter funds. The Kirk gift will be leveraged as part of a challenge to other Tiger athletic boosters to offer

support for the endowments of the athletic department and individual programs. The challenge component requires that two dollars be raised for each dollar of Kirk's pledge.

"The strength of the Hampden-Sydney community and the loyalty of its alumni are two of our strongest qualities, and it is fitting that the full realization of these exceptional gifts will require the support of our entire network of alumni and friends," said Stimpert. With the matching funds, the Carpenter grant will raise \$20 million in scholarship endowment, while the Kirk pledge will add \$12 million to the athletic endowment. Endowing these programs enables the redeployment of operating budget resources to other key College priorities.

Kirk said his belief in the transformational power of a

Hampden-Sydney education in general, and Tiger athletics in particular, inspired his \$4-million pledge. "Hopefully this will inspire many other alumni to give back to the College, as well," he added.

During an October visit to campus, Kirk told current Hampden-Sydney students to make the

most of their time at H-SC: "You will grow here. You will be challenged to learn, to think, to reason, to make decisions with maturity—and it will take you very far in this world." He continued, "The four years I spent here laid a firm foundation for growth for the rest of my life. I don't think I'd be where I am today if it weren't for my experience at Hampden-Sydney."

The College has a longstanding relationship with the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, founded by **E. Rhodes Carpenter**, a 1929 graduate of Hampden-Sydney. Bill and Shireen Kirk have been generous supporters of the College and Tiger athletics for many years; Bill currently serves as the vice chair of the Board of Trustees. 🏡

"Hopefully this will inspire many other alumni to give back to the College, as well."

—BILL KIRK '72







## 1950s

Patrick Henry Society  
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

The Hon. Dr. **CLARENCE A. HOLLAND '52** was the subject of an August 2, 2017, article in *The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper highlighting his 53-year career as a family physician, as well as his political and community service over the years. In recognition of his strong support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Dr. Holland was the 2017 honoree at the Virginia Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Pipeline for a Cure gala.



DR. CLARENCE A. HOLLAND '52

## 1960s

Patrick Henry Society & Class of '68  
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

**KENNETH WAYNE COOK '64** retired from Loudoun County Public Schools after 16 years as a mathematics teacher. Earlier, he retired from Fairfax County Public Schools after 32 years as a math teacher and football and baseball coach. He plans to watch his four grandchildren, the latest born on June 12, grow up.

**SCOTT HARWOOD '65** and his wife Susan recently spent a week hiking around Santa Fe, NM. Scott (far left) and Susan (fourth from left) are pictured at the top of Chimney Rock.



SCOTT HARWOOD '65

**GORDON D. SCHRECK '65** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* for his work in admiralty and maritime law at Womble Carlyle in Charleston, SC.

**CHARLES L. WILLIAMS, JR. '67** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* for his work in environmental law at Gentry Locke in Roanoke.

**G. FRANKLIN FLIPPIN '69** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* for his work at Gentry Locke in Roanoke.

## 1970s

Classes of '73 and '78  
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

**T. DARNLEY ADAMSON III '72** has been re-elected secretary of the board for Jackson-Field Behavioral Health Services in Jarratt. He owns and operates Green Solutions, LLC, with his son.

Dr. **CLIFFORD A. NOTTINGHAM III '74** has been recognized as Roanoke's top family-medicine physician by *Roanoker* magazine, based on a survey of more than 6,000 nurses and other health professionals in the Roanoke Valley.



He has received the honor for the past 25 years—as long as the magazine has been rating top doctors—a distinction that placed him on the cover of the July/August edition of the magazine.

**W. DAVID PAXTON '76** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* for his work at Gentry Locke in Roanoke.

**GERALD W. "TREY" FAUTH III '78** has been nominated by President Trump to the National Mediation Board, an independent federal regulatory agency that coordinates labor-management relations in the railroad and airline industries. Trey is president of G. W. Fauth & Associates, a transportation consulting firm in Alexandria.

## THETA CHI REUNION

Fifty-four Theta Chi brothers returned to Hampden-Sydney for their fraternity reunion in early August. They enjoyed a BBQ dinner with President and Mrs. **Larry Stimpert** at the Theta Chi house, tours of the new Brown Student Center, and a golf tournament at the Manor Golf Course, where **Mike Tiller '69** won the trophy. Dinner Saturday night in the Board Room at Settle Hall included a presentation by **Lee King '94**, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, about the establishment of a new Theta Chi Scholarship to help brothers attending the College.

(left to right) Cheri Early, **Jay Early '66**, **Mark Chinn '66**, Sally Chin, Harriett Hinton, **David Hinton '66**.





## 1980s

Classes of '83 and '88

Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

**JAMES SELDEN HARRIS, JR. '80** was the recent guest of the Shi'a Muslim Community of Mosques in Dearborn, MI, where he was the keynote speaker at the Islamic House of Wisdom. Sel's address was based on two of his recently published articles in *Islamic Horizons* magazine, entitled "The Roots of Modern Islamophobia in America" and "An Islamic Approach to Western Christianity." A retired pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Sel serves as a consultant for Shi'a mosques in the U.S.



JAMES SELDEN HARRIS, JR. '80

**GREGORY J. HALEY '81** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* for his work at Gentry Locke in Roanoke.

**BARRET NORMANN '82** and **TUCKER BULLEIT '15** recently competed in the 2017 South Central Regional Sporting Clays Championship at Providence Hill Farm in Jackson, MS.



BULLEIT '15 & NORMANN '82

Mr. **CHARLES E. AGEE III '84** recently retired as director of corporate citizenship at Altria Group in Richmond after nearly 33 years with the company; he started at Altria as a summer intern during his H-SC years. In recognition of his many contributions to the community, Mayor Levar Stoney proclaimed July 11, 2017, "Charlie Agee Day" in the city of Richmond.

**C. BURKE KING '85** has been promoted



to oversee Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's national large-group business segment. Most recently, he was president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia.

**GEORGE B. CARTLEDGE III '86** has been named to the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute's advisory board. He is president of Grand Home Furnishings, a Roanoke-based company with 19 stores throughout Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee.

**MAURICE JONES '86** has been appointed to the University of Virginia Board of Visitors by Gov. Terry McAuliffe. A graduate of UVA's School of Law, Maurice previously served as Virginia's secretary of commerce and trade, deputy secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and publisher of *The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper. He is now president and CEO of Local Initiatives Support Corporation in New York.

**FRANK W. FRIEDMAN '88** was elected mayor of Lexington on November 8, 2016, and began his term on January 1, 2017. Frank leads CornerStone Investment Services, a division of CornerStone Bank in Lexington.

**JOSEPH M. SPOSA '88** has been appointed the recruitment and retention officer for Powhatan County Fire and Rescue, where he will create and implement a new program funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant. Joe has worked in the industry for 32 years, starting as a volunteer firefighter during his Hampden-Sydney days, then rising through the ranks of several city and county fire departments. He recently retired as deputy chief of the Spotsylvania County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management. Joe's work in Powhatan was the subject of a *Richmond Times-Dispatch* article on June 22, 2017.

**BRYAN L. BRENDLE '88** has been named director of policy and legislative affairs for the American Horse Council. Bryan has more than 20 years of legislative and government relations experience in Washington, DC.



BRYAN L. BRENDLE '88

**PETER NEVILLE '89** is a professor at National Defense University in Washington, DC, where he teaches national security strategy, acquisition, and resourcing.

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# CLASS NOTES

## 1990s

Classes of '93 and '98

Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

### THOMAS CONNELL "T.C." WILSON '90

is the chief investment officer of The Doctors Company, the nation's largest physician-owned medical practice insurer, based in Napa, CA. Prior to assuming this dedicated CIO role, he served as the company's external investment consultant for 17 years as a member of The Optimal Service Group of Wells Fargo Advisors based in Williamsburg.

**J. DAVID EWING '91** recognized a fellow backpacker on the Four Pass Loop in Colorado this summer: H-SC President **Larry Stimpert**, who made the 26.6 mile trek with his son Connor. Pictured below are David and President Stimpert with the Maroon Bell peaks in the distance.



**J. DAVID EWING '91 (LEFT)**

**ROBERT W. "BOBBY" HINKLE, JR. '91** has been working with at-risk youth for the past 26 years, spending the last seven years as the principal of Rivermont School-Rockbridge, which serves children with developmental, learning, behavioral, and emotional difficulties. The school's recent purchase and remodeling of a vacant school building provides outdoor athletic fields, a gymnasium, and classroom space that will allow Rivermont to serve even more special-needs students. The building's dedication was featured in the *Lexington News-Gazette*.

**STEPHEN SATCHEL '91** was appointed to the board of directors of University of Maryland Shore Regional Health in July. He is a senior vice president and financial advisor at the SRVP Group of Baird Private Wealth Management in Easton, MD.

**ERICH N. DURLACHER '93** was named president of Burr Forman in January 2017. In this role, he serves as strategy partner, collaborating with each of the legal firm's practice group leaders. He is also managing partner at the firm's Atlanta office, a position he has held for nearly a decade.



**BARTOW MORGAN '94**, a Trustee of the College, has been named to the Board of Councilors for the Carter Center, the non-profit organization founded in 1982 by former President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter.

**MATTHEW RAY ADKINS '95** has been a sales representative for Rockydale Quarries in Staunton since January 2012.

**JAMES A. CROWELL IV '96** has been appointed chief of staff to the Deputy Attorney General. James has served in the Department of Justice since 2001, most recently as the criminal chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland, where he oversaw the work of over 85 assistant U.S. Attorneys.

Dr. **ANDERSON "ANDY" LOCKETT MARSH '98** was promoted to full professor of chemistry at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA, in September. In 2015, he was named to the Vernon & Doris Bishop professorship in chemistry.

Lt. Col. **GREGORY R. FOXX '99** took command of the 5th Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne) on May 25, 2017. The battalion is responsible for all psychological operations in the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM).



**GREGORY R. FOXX '99**



## ALUMNI IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Alumni representing local and national law enforcement agencies returned to the Hill to speak to students about careers in law enforcement. The Saturday morning panel, hosted by the Wilson Center, gave H-SC students the opportunity to hear first-hand experiences and network with alumni from the FBI, NCIS, and local sheriff and police departments before the second home football game of the 2017 season. Afterward, the alumni enjoyed tailgating and cheering on the Tigers from the Wilson Center lawn.

Back Row (left to right): **Baxter Stegall '04**, **Marcus Payne '13**, **Cary Scardina '92**, **Scott Foster '15**; Front Row (left to right): **Fitz Cantrell '92**, **Jack Carter '00**, **Tyler Carver '13**, **Peter Chiglinsky '16**.



## 2000s

Classes of '03 and '08

Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

**DEMAS BOUDREAUX '02** recently received a Master of Arts in Music degree with an emphasis on choral conducting from Lynchburg College. He is the government relations manager for the Virginia Housing Development Authority in Richmond.

**JOHN '02 and HOLLY DOZIER** welcomed a daughter, Julia Grace, on November 8, 2016.



**JOHN DOZIER '02 FAMILY**

**BENJAMIN "BEN" FARMER '02** has been promoted to business banker at First Citizens Bank in Richmond, where he provides financing and deposit-related services to local businesses. Most recently, he was a financial sales



manager at First Citizens. The promotion was featured in the August 28, 2017, edition of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* "On The Move."

**WILLIAM HARPER, JR. '02** has joined Sun Trust Bank's central Virginia commercial team as a relationship manager working with middle-market companies. Prior to Sun Trust, he worked with an equity research platform in Richmond.

**DAN HARTZOG, JR. '02** was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* for his work at Cranfill, Sumner and Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

**JONATHAN D. "JON" MEEKS '02** was featured in the August 9, 2017, edition of *The News & Advance*. The article, entitled "Coachspeak: Why I Coach Football" focused on Jon's 16 years coaching high school football, most recently as head coach at Brookville High School in Lynchburg, where he has posted a 25-11 record since taking over in 2014. Jon says his goal as a coach is to "make a positive impact on the lives of the young men I am fortunate enough to coach [that] will extend beyond the realm of the playing field and last much longer than their playing days."

Dr. **BARRETT W.R. PETERS '02**, **MEADE G. STONE III '04**, and **G. McKITTRICK SIMMONS, JR. '98** went fly fishing on the Madison River in Cameron, MT.



**STONE '04, SIMMONS '98, PETERS '02**

**JOSEPH K. "JOE" PIERCE, JR. '02** has been named vice president of sales at John Guest, an English manufacturer of fittings used in plumbing systems and various OEM applications. He is responsible for the company's sales organization throughout the Americas. Joe resides in Atco, NJ, with his wife Debbie and son Joey.

**CHARLES "TREY" '03 and JAMIE GREGORY** welcomed a son, Langston Palmer Gregory, on May 19, 2016. He joins big brothers Brandt (4) and Shelton (2).



**CHARLES "TREY" GREGORY '03 FAMILY**

**DOUGLAS HOGAN '03** was named vice president of business operations, global sales, and marketing for SkyTouch Technology. He lives with his wife Moira and their five children in Phoenix, AZ.

The Rev. **ALAN T. COMBS** was appointed lead pastor of First United Methodist Church in Salem, VA, in July 2017.

**WYTHE '05 and CASEY HOGGE** welcomed a son, Patrick Michael, on July 20, 2017.



**WYTHE HOGGE '05 FAMILY**

**WILLIAM W. HORNER '05** has joined Palladium Registered Investment Advisors as the firm's chief financial officer. He and his wife Jess recently welcomed the birth of their second daughter Katie, who joins big sister Millie. The family resides in Norfolk.

Dr. **DACRE KNIGHT '05** is currently deployed to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, covering the ICU and inpatient wards at a U.S. Air Force combat trauma hospital.



**WILLIAM '07 and JOANN BOLTON** welcomed a son, James William Bolton IV, on August 18, 2016. His proud grandfather is **Jimmy Bolton '76**, pictured on the left.



**WILLIAM BOLTON '07 FAMILY**



# CLASS NOTES

**ANDREW BOYETT '07** has joined Southwest Airlines as senior manager of customer experience strategy, where he is responsible for instilling the company's brand throughout each customer's travel experience.

**ALEX C. CROUCH '07** has been promoted to managing director of the North and South Carolina offices for Commonwealth Commercial Partners, LLC, a full-service commercial real estate firm.



**CLIFF '07 and MEGAN EDAHL** welcomed a daughter, Margaret Virginia, on June 1, 2017. The family resides in Alexandria.



**CLIFF EDAHL '07 FAMILY**

**COREY B. MILES '07** completed his Master of Public Administration degree at Old Dominion University in August 2017. He has moved to Richmond to enter the Ph.D. program for public policy and administration at Virginia Commonwealth University's L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs.

**STEVEN NEWCOMB '07** recently joined Audubon Companies as a project manager. He lives in the Houston area with his wife and their three boys.



**STEVEN NEWCOMB '07**

**JOSH PARSLEY '07** has been named vice president of truckload brokerage with Estes Forwarding Worldwide in Richmond. The move was featured in the June 3, 2017, edition of *Richmond Biz Sense*.

**JARROTT PATTESON '07** has been promoted to senior vice president and market president with BB&T in Fredericksburg.

**THOMAS A. EGELAND, JR. '08 and TIFFANY A. BATTERTON** were married on December 3, 2016, at the Sanctuary on Kiawah Island, SC. Tom is a land use planner for Burns & McDonnell, while Tiffany is a pediatric nurse at the Medical College of Virginia. The couple resides in Richmond with their faithful dog, Teddi.



**EGELAND-BATTERTON WEDDING**

**ANDREW WILLIAMS PATTERSON '08** has accepted a position with Motley Rice LLC as a staff attorney. He works with the occupational disease team and focuses his practice on asbestos-related diseases.

## 2010s

Class of '13

Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

**HUNTER HOPCROFT '10** was featured on *Richmondmag.com* for his work with the Richmond Grange Project, a new social enterprise created to fund local farms through community-financed microloans. The project combines



his background as a financial research analyst and his work as a partner at JM Stock Provisions, a specialty grocery store and butcher. The article, entitled "Macro Possibility," ran on June 23, 2017.

**SCOTT '10 and MCKINZIE JEFFERSON**

welcomed a daughter, Jill Taylor Jefferson, on July 15, 2017.



**SCOTT JEFFERSON '10 FAMILY**

**DAVID TAYLOR '10** is a postdoctoral research associate at Yale University in the department of molecular, cellular, and developmental biology, after earning his Ph.D. in genetics from Cornell University in August 2016. David married Esther Briscoe in June of 2010, and they welcomed their son, Zachary Liam, in April of 2015. The couple met in a Spanish immersion course in Valencia, Spain.



**DAVID TAYLOR '10 FAMILY**



**SHAWN P. ROBINSON '11 and RACHEL SWARTZ** were married on September 17, 2016, at the Brody Jewish Center at the University of Virginia. In attendance were **Walker Beauchamp '11, Jim Hindman '11, Nick West '11, Charles Peebles '10, Frankie Sharpe '11, Jimi Lancaster '10, Corey West '11**, and best man **Justin Hebert '11**. The couple resides in Philadelphia.



**ROBINSON-SWARTZ WEDDING**

**LAWSON OLSON '12 and SAMANTHA UECKER** were married on November 12, 2016, at Jefferson Lakeside Country Club in Richmond. In attendance were **Rich Foley '84, Josh Shelton '13, Cole Faulkner '09, Frasher Bolton '12, Alex Lemieux '12, Kevin Besserer '12, General Jenkins '12, Charlie Parrish '12, Brinson White '13, Wesley Morck '13, Connor Winstead '12**, and **Jack Olson '19**. The couple resides in Houston, TX.



**OLSON-UECKER WEDDING**

**RICHARD PANTELE '13** received a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Virginia on May 21, 2017. In July, he was named associate dean of students for student engagement and judicial affairs at Hampden-Sydney. In this role, he will work with student-led organizations and fraternities as well as advise the student justice system. This will be Richard's fifth year of employment in H-SC's Office of Student Affairs.



**CONNOR RUND '13 and SARA VIRGINIA KNOX** were married on May 27, 2017, at Foxhall Resort and Sporting Club in Douglasville, Georgia. Groomsmen included **Tanner Knox '13**, cousin of the bride; **Jon Pace '82**, uncle of the groom; **Jack Pace '18**, cousin of the groom; **Brinson White II '13**; and **Nathan Marshall '13**. Also in attendance were **Brinson White '77, Jon Mastropaolo '81, Frasher Bolton '12, Graham Holman '13, Tyler Johnson '13, Wes Morck '13, Alex Georgiou '15, Jay Easley '15, Ben Gillis '15, Matt Goodrich '16, Mike Murray '16, Jake Rockenbach '16**, and **Brett Shaw '16**. The bride is a graduate of the University of Georgia and a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines. The groom serves as associate dean of admissions at Hampden-Sydney.



**RUND-KNOX WEDDING**

**BRIAN DEAN COLLINS '15 and SAVANNAH CHERYL HAGER** were married on June 4, 2017, at Irvine Estate in Lexington. The bride is a graduate of Christopher Newport University. Groomsmen included **Garrett Birnbaum '15, Christian Hamlett '15**, and **Kyle Lung '14**. In attendance were **Alan Rice '15, Alex Smith '15, Christopher Hall '15, Billy Nixon '15, Sydney Henriques '15, Zach Whitaker '15, Mike Murray '16, Jeffrey Gray '15, Josh Blair '16, Ryan O'Hara '16**, and **Jonathan Wade '15**. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC.

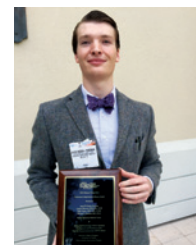


**COLLINS-HAGER WEDDING**

**JUSTIN AUCHINCLOSS O'NEILL '15** was featured in the June issue of *Quest Magazine*, New York's society and lifestyle magazine, in an article titled "Summer Smiles at a Timeless Estate."

**JACOB W. RODEN-FOREMAN '15** and the trauma team from the Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC) at Dallas earned the "Best Abstract" award at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons' National Trauma Quality Improvement Program.

Jake, a BUMC research analyst, was the lead author and presented the paper at the national meeting.



**TANNER FOX '16 and MEREDITH HAGA** were married on April 22, 2017. The bride is a 2016 graduate of Sweet Briar College, and the groom is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo in Richmond. In attendance were Dr. **David Haga '79, William Kitchen '12, Zach Preston '16, Marc Greaves '13, John Dekarske '14, Benjamin Quinn '13, Zach Fox '13**, and **Cameron White '16**.



**FOX-HAGA WEDDING**

**REGINALD "REGGIE" JOHNSON '16** played in the New York-Penn League All-Star game in August. He is a pitcher with the Tri-City ValleyCats, a minor league affiliate of the Houston Astros located in Troy, NY. In an local news article about the event, Tri-City manager Morgan Ensberg said, "I think Reggie has been probably our most consistent and best pitcher."



**REGINALD "REGGIE" JOHNSON '16**



## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE WELCOMES FRESHMAN LEGACY STUDENTS



The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a luncheon for incoming Legacy Students during Orientation 2017. The Class of 2021 includes 18 sons of alumni, 8 grandsons of alumni, and 3 great-grandsons of alumni.



David King, Jr. '83 and son



Franklin Soukup '91 and son



Christopher McGarry '87 and son



John Donelson '86 and son

**J. GRAY BREEDEN '21**  
son of Edward L. Breeden IV '83

**WYATT P. BROCK '21**  
son of Allan White Brock, Jr. '91

**THAXTON G. CRITTENDEN '21**  
son of Gill T. Crittenden '78

**ANDREW W. DONELSON '21**  
son of John M. Donelson '86

**WILLIAM S. DRISKILL, JR. '21**  
son of William S. Driskill, Sr. '81

**WILLIAM A. HARRISON II '21**  
son of Jeffrey A. Harrison '92

**FREDERICK T. HOPE '21**  
son of Richard K. Hope '87

**JACKSON G. HORNER '21**  
son of Irvin Goode Horner, Jr. '86

**DAVID F. KING III '21**  
son of David F. King, Jr. '83

**JONATHAN R. LAWSON '21**  
son of Robert R. Lawson '85

**J. BROOKS McCABE '21**  
son of Michael L. McCabe '88

**C. LUKE MCGARRY '21**  
son of Christopher Robert McGarry '87

**BARTOW MORGAN III '21**  
son of Bartow Morgan, Jr. '94

**COLIN L. MYERS '21**  
son of Jules R. Myers '90

**ANTON J. SOUKUP '21**  
son of Franklin Scott Soukup '91

**JACKSON C. SOUTHWORTH '21**  
son of Stan Southworth '89

**JACKSON C. STEELE '21**  
son of R. F. Burke Steele III '85

**THOMAS R. WATSON '21**  
son of A. Russell Watson '85



## OBITUARIES

### 1940s

**RICHARD BEVERLEY WHITING '41** died on June 26, 2017. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, then ran the family coal, oil, and feed business for 13 years. After working as an insurance agent, he owned and operated the Berryville News Stand until his retirement in 1979. He was a long-time member and past commander of the American Legion Post #41, a 50-year member of the Lions Club of Clarke County, and a lifelong member of Grace Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry for many years. He enjoyed traveling and golfing.

Dr. **JAMES ENGLISH COUSAR III '42**



died on July 15, 2017. He was born in Tokyo, Japan, where his parents were serving as Presbyterian missionaries. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, Jim attended medical school

at Johns Hopkins and served in the U.S. Navy. He trained as a surgeon at Johns Hopkins and the University of Michigan, then practiced thoracic surgery in Jacksonville, FL, until his retirement at the age of 70. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. A member of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville for almost 60 years, Jim served as club president and as a delegate to the international convention in Birmingham, England. He was an usher, deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher at Riverside Presbyterian Church, as well as a commissioner of the PCUSA General Assembly and clerk of the Session.

**BENJAMIN J. WILLIS, JR. '42** died on



July 9, 2017. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he continued his studies at the University of Virginia until he was called into service with the U.S.

Navy during World War II as a salvage diver on the USS *Moreno*. Ben also served as commander of the USS *Tallahatchie County* during the Korean War, remaining in the Naval Reserves until his retirement as a Commander. He worked

in the family business, assuming the leadership of Willis Furniture Company in 1965 until his retirement in 1998. A leader in the furniture industry, he was chairman of the Southern Home Furnishings Association and spent 11 years on the board of the National Home Furnishings Association. Ben was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees of Virginia Wesleyan College, president of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home in Richmond, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau and the Retail Merchants Association of Tidewater, and a board member at Crestar Bank. He was an active member of Ghent United Methodist Church and the Lambeth Bible Class. His son is **Benjamin J. Willis III '83**.

**GARLAND HURST MOORE, JR. '43** died on October 26, 2016. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha at Hampden-Sydney, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1941.

Dr. **JOHN Q. HATTEN '44** died on June 15,



2017. A member of the V-12 Naval Unit at Hampden-Sydney, he earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia in 1948 and served as a medical officer in the U.S.

Navy during the Korean War. He then practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Newport News for 41 years, serving as chief of the OB-GYN Department at Riverside Hospital and president of the Virginia OB-GYN Society. Active in numerous national medical societies, Dr. Hatten was a strong advocate for continuing education for physicians and took advantage of post-graduate courses at every opportunity. He was an avid golfer who played into his late 80s and a member of the Rotary Club, the James River Country Club, the Hampton Roads German Club, and the Hampton Roads Assembly. He was a lifelong member of Newport News First Baptist Church and was married to his childhood sweetheart for more than 70 years. His son **Robert "Bobby" Hatten '69** also attended Hampden-Sydney.

### 1950s

**PERCY JAMES "JIM" BURTON, JR. '50** died on June 11, 2017.



At Hampden-Sydney, Jim played baseball, served as president and first tenor soloist of the Glee Club, and was house manager of Kappa Alpha. He served in the

U.S. Army, stationed in Allied occupied Germany following World War II, then worked 35 years for Proctor and Gamble. Jim was an active member of the American Legion, the Forty and Eight veterans society, and First Church of the Nazarene in Lynchburg. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing, and camping, especially with his children and grandchildren.

**JOHN "MAC" McGAVACK, JR. '50** died



on April 13, 2016. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Academy instructor, battleship gunnery officer, and submarine engineer. He earned advanced

degrees in physics and education administration from the University of Mississippi and Fairfield University, respectively. After his naval service, Mac worked as an electrical engineer designing ignition systems for jets and missiles before turning his attention to education. He taught physics at both the high school and college levels, publishing two books and receiving numerous national awards for his innovative approach to teaching science. Mac was assistant superintendent of schools in New Haven, CT; served ten years as superintendent of schools in Madison, CT; and ended his career as an assistant professor at Connecticut College. He served on several state and national boards.



**PALMER G. TUNSTALL '50** died on April 3, 2016. He was a member of the Chi Beta Phi honorific scientific society at H-SC. He had a successful career at the FBI, earned his master's degree from George Washington University in 1971, and founded his own firm after retiring from the Bureau. He was married to his late wife for 47 years and was a father of three and grandfather of six.



**SHEPPARD KELLAM AMES, JR. '52** died on June 26, 2017. A proud member of Kappa Sigma at Hampden-Sydney, Shep served several years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant after graduation. He entered the furniture business in High Point, NC, and eventually founded Ames Interiors in Gloucester Point, where he designed and sold his own line of "Sheppard Tables." He was an avid golfer, sailor, beekeeper, and master woodworker, whose model boats, furniture pieces, birdhouses, and decoys are cherished by his friends and family. He is remembered for his sense of humor, storytelling, and genuine friendly spirit.



**ROBERT LUTHER SAFFELLE, JR. '53** died on July 23, 2017. At Hampden-Sydney, he was captain of the tennis team and a member of Theta Chi. He then served in the U.S. Marine Corps before embarking on a 35-year career with Wachovia Bank and Trust in North Carolina. He was also a graduate of the Executive Program of Professional Management Education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Robert was a member of Front Street United Methodist Church and served on the board of directors for Alamance County Hospital, Burlington YMCA, and the Burlington-Alamance County Merchants Association; he was president of the United Way Burlington/Alamance County, the Cherokee Council of Boy Scouts of America, and the Alamance Country Club. For his volunteer efforts, he received the Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year award and the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver award.



**DILWORTH STROUD COOK, JR. '54** died on July 1, 2017. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Dil then attended T. C. Williams School of Law and began a successful career in claims adjusting, eventually retiring as vice president and claims manager at Southern States. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Richmond Track and Field Club. Starting at the age of 40, Dil participated in masters track events for over 40 years; he was a three-time state decathlon champion in his age group.



**JOHN RAY JENNINGS '55** died on August 15, 2017. He earned graduate degrees from both Columbia University in New York and Hollins University. After three years of service in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to civilian life in the Roanoke County Public Schools system. He was a respected English teacher for more than 25 years at Southview Elementary School and Northside Middle School, where he served as chair of the English department. He saw the potential in each and every student and enjoyed sharing with them his great love for literature. He spent his final years at Friendship Manor, where he made many friends and encouraged his fellow residents in their hobbies and interests.



**RONALD M. HENRY, SR. '56** died on July 6, 2017. A football player at Hampden-Sydney, Ron started in all but one game during his four years, earned Little All-American Honors, and served as captain of the squad his senior year. Called "the most tireless athlete I've had in my ten years of coaching" by H-SC football coach Jim Hickey, Ron was inducted into the Hampden-Sydney College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. After college, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps before embarking on a 35-year career with Virginia Folding Box Company/Westvaco. He was an avid runner well into his 70s, a member of the Richmond Road Runners Club, and a deacon at Bon Air Baptist Church. Ron was a devoted husband to his wife of 56 years and a loving father to their three children.

**JOHN NICHOLS '56** died on January 31, 2017. A member of the *Tiger* newspaper staff and Chi Phi fraternity at H-SC, John served two years in the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. He then earned graduate degrees at the University of Virginia and Washington University. In 1969 he became a professor of math at Lindenwood College in Missouri, where he served for 25 years. John was elected St. Charles County Auditor and attended the 1976 Democratic National Convention as a delegate. He also served as treasurer of the St. Charles County Historical Society for 25 years and as treasurer of a local concert series. An active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, he was a lay reader, choir member, and president of the men's club.



**JAMES B. "BERNIE" MARLOW '57** died on July 10, 2017. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Bernie played four years of baseball at Hampden-Sydney. He proudly served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and was an avid golfer.



Dr. **FRANK S. MOORE, JR. '57** died on July 24, 2017. At Hampden-Sydney, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Chi Beta Phi, and the track and cross country teams, serving as captain and coach of the cross country team his senior year. He went on to earn his master's degree from the University of Michigan and his doctorate from the University of Georgia, then worked for Westinghouse as a nuclear physicist at the Savannah River Site until his retirement at the age of 70. Frank remained an avid runner and marksman all his life.





## 1960s

**JOSEPH H. WOOD '60** died on August 18, 2017. A PiKA at Hampden-Sydney, he served in the U.S. Army Special Forces Intelligence in Panama after college. Joe taught Spanish at Clifton Forge High School, his high

school alma mater, before joining the family business as president of Wood Chevrolet until the early 1980s, when he became an insurance agent. A lifelong member of Clifton Forge Presbyterian Church, Joe was also involved with many Clifton Forge organizations, including the Kiwanis, Jaycees, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, and City Council. He was active with the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association, and his son **George Martin Wood '89** also attended the College.

**GENE BISHOP DIXON, JR. '65** died on



July 24, 2017. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps after Hampden-Sydney, then made a distinguished career for himself at Kyanite Mining Corporation in Buckingham County.

Gene led the company for almost half a century, serving as president of Kyanite and chairman of its parent company, the Disthene Group. Under his leadership, the company grew several-fold, marketed its product around the globe, and won several state and national environmental awards. He was a committed member of the National Mining Congress, the American Ceramic Society, the Refractories Institute, the Virginia Port Authority, and the Bank of Charlotte County, where he served as director and chairman of the board. Gene also served Hampden-Sydney for over 20 years as a Trustee of the College and sat on the Southside Community Hospital Board of Managers for 33 years. His love of history inspired his work to preserve historic Virginia landmarks such as local slave cemeteries and Patrick Henry's home at Red Hill. He was a devoted family man, an avid pilot, and an accomplished outdoorsman who loved quail hunting, fly-fishing, canoeing, and camping.

Dr. **ROBERT DABNEY CARSON III '68** died on June 4, 2017. A physics major at H-SC, Dabney received his master's degree from the University of Maryland and his doctoral degree from the University of Virginia. As an avid amateur radio operator, a hobby he began in high school, he enjoyed communicating with people all over the world throughout the years. Dabney was an active member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, then Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, where he enjoyed helping with the sound system and attending Bible study classes.

## 1970s

Dr. **NATHANIEL M. EWELL III '70** died on July 11, 2017. A Pi Kappa Alpha at Hampden-Sydney, he went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. After teaching at the University of South Carolina and Old Dominion University for a time, Dr. Ewell spent the bulk of his career in Spain and Italy as a professor of English language and literature with the University of Maryland's European Division. He and his wife retired to Virginia in 1995, where he enjoyed competitive fencing and yearly trips to Europe. He was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, the Patrick Henry Descendant's Branch, and the Society of the Cincinnati.

Dr. **HORACE PHILIP JOHNSON III '73** died on August 26, 2017, after a long bout with



pulmonary fibrosis. Phil attended Hampden-Sydney on a full academic scholarship, then pursued the field of dentistry and endodontics at the Medical College of Virginia, where he was chief resident in his second year. He practiced dentistry in Richmond, Fort Worth, and Northern Virginia. Phil enjoyed playing golf with his friends at the Country Club of Virginia and was a devoted husband and father.

## 1990s

Lt. **DAVID KARL CRAFT '95** died on July 19, 2017, from a blood clot. David first served as an officer with the Greensboro Police Department, then moved to the Henrico County Police Division in 2000.



There he protected and served the community with honor and valor, working on patrol operations, as a school resource officer, and in drug enforcement over the course of his career. In 2005, David served on the Hurricane Katrina Task Force, providing humanitarian assistance in Mississippi after the catastrophic storm. He was also the owner of Craft Tile, LLC, which gave him the opportunity to use his artistic talents. David played guitar and harmonica with the praise team at North Run Baptist Church and Staples Mill Road Baptist. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

**EDWARD DRUMMOND ALEXANDER '97**



died on June 8, 2017. A devoted father, Ed enjoyed boating, fishing, and canoeing with his eight-year-old son. With much effort and determination throughout his illness, he attended nearly all of his son's sporting, scouting, and school events. He is remembered for his intelligence and sense of humor.

## 2000s

**GRAHAM KEATING MCCORMICK '09**



died in a tragic accident on August 11, 2017. An Eagle Scout and a graduate of Douglas Southall Freeman High School, Graham was a member of Kappa Sigma at Hampden-Sydney with his brothers **Gordon Burke McCormick '10** and the late **William Carter "Will" McCormick '12**. While at H-SC, he served as president of both Kappa Sigma and the Interfraternity Council. Graham was a corporate finance analyst with SunTrust Bank in Atlanta and a member of the Country Club of Virginia. He is remembered as a loving son and devoted older brother who always put family first, especially during his brother Will's time in hospice care.





# REMEMBERING SHORTY

On August 31, 2017, the Hampden-Sydney College community lost its “best guy” and most loyal fan when longtime campus resident **Walter “Shorty” Simms** passed away at the age of 70.

Born with Down Syndrome in 1946, Walter moved to Hampden-Sydney in 1971 when his father became the College’s first athletic trainer. From the beginning, Walter was a mainstay at Hampden-Sydney athletic events: cheering on the Tigers from the sidelines, delivering pep talks in the locker room, traveling on the team bus, and working in the gymnasium. His vast store of rock and roll trivia was well-known to several generations of Hampden-Sydney students—he could cite the title, artist, and year for just about any hit from the 50’s and 60’s—but nothing compared to Walter’s prodigious knowledge of Tiger football. Decades after they had left the Hill, Walter could recall former players’ names, jersey numbers, and positions with stunning accuracy.

Although already a legend among members of the Hampden-Sydney community, Walter attracted wider attention when he became the subject of the feature-length documentary *Shorty*, which followed the Tiger’s 2002 football season through Walter’s eyes and solidified his standing as H-SC’s biggest fan. But director Michael Furno saw him as much more than that: “It is well documented that Shorty was Hampden-Sydney’s super fan,” he said, “but I’ll tell you in no uncertain terms that he was a superstar.” Furno called Walter “an unlikely legend who made a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. It was an honor to be Shorty’s biographer and to share his story with a larger audience through the film.”

Evidence of Walter’s status as an H-SC legend can be found in the public reaction to news of his passing. No other event has elicited such a strong response on the College’s website or social media outlets; his obituary was shared by almost 2,000 Facebook users and reached an audience of 131,155 people—quite an impact

for a 70-year-old man who rarely left the Hampden-Sydney campus. College Trustee **Jon Daly ’78** established a new scholarship fund and is encouraging other alumni to help him raise \$1 million in honor of Walter. And the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* ran a feature article with the opening lines, “Legends inspire, and then they live forever. Walter ‘Shorty’ Simms will forever be a Hampden-Sydney legend.”

When Walter was born, his parents were told that their son would likely live only into his 20’s, a prognosis they were unwilling to accept. Dr. **Gilman Simms ’30** and his wife Julia provided a rich life for Walter, full of opportunity, purpose, love, and acceptance; in return, Walter beat the odds with his health and longevity, exceeding the current life expectancy for individuals with Down Syndrome by more than a decade. His brother **J. Scott Simms ’61** attributes Walter’s long life in part to the community that enveloped him from age 25 on. “H-SC was a nurturing community that truly cared for Shorty. Everybody here accepted him as he was and made him a part of campus activity, from a lifetime pass to eat at the dining hall to jobs painting, washing jerseys, and sorting mail.” Walter was a fixture on campus for more than forty years, making daily rounds on his bike—and often sporting a football jersey.






“Walter Simms—that bike riding, stamp collecting, football loving, cafeteria eating, always smiling buddy of a man—quietly showed the world how to be a gentleman and a good citizen through his unconditional respect and love for all,” said **Frank Fulton ’79**, the nephew of longtime Tiger football coach **Stokeley Fulton ’55**. Reflecting on Walter’s role at the College, Fulton said, “Walter was never an official student of Hampden-Sydney College. Walter *was* Hampden-Sydney College.”

Visit <http://bit.ly/ShortyHSC> to view Shorty’s memorial service; contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (434) 223-6137 to contribute to the Shorty Memorial Scholarship Fund.





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