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**War of Annihilation: The War in Europe**
Dr. James Frusetta, Professor of History
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Dr. Eric Dinmore, Associate Professor of History
Crawley Forum, 10 – 11:15 AM

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**Strategic Leadership: Churchill, Roosevelt & Marshall**
Dr. Rob Havers, President
George C. Marshall Foundation at VMI
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Capt. Steve Knott ’82, USN (Ret)
US Army War College
Crawley Forum, 2 PM

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**Why Save Private Ryan?**
Dr. Ron Heinemann, Professor Emeritus of History
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**Origins of the Cold War**
Dr. James Pontuso, Patterson Professor of Government & Foreign Affairs
Crawley Forum, 10 – 10:45 AM

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If one were bold enough to venture into a dimly lit London tavern in the late 17th century, he might find a crew of old veterans huddled around a corner table, confiding in each other under a haze of smoke.

Suddenly one would raise his drink and shout, “To the cause for which Hampden died on the field, and Sydney upon the scaffold!” Clunking their mugs together, they might reminisce on the cavalry charge at Naseby or perhaps the storming of Worcester in 1651. “For ‘The Good Old Cause,’” they might say.

That toast was the rallying cry of the English Whig Party, and ‘The Good Old Cause’ was the republican cause of the Parliamentarian armies during the English Civil Wars of 1642-1651.
Although the Commonwealth had long since faded and monarchy had returned to England, the ideals held by Algernon Sydney and other republicans from the 1650s were alive and well. Many of their ideas would later emerge on the other side of the Atlantic.

EARLY LIFE AND SOLDIERY

Born into one of the most prominent families of England in 1622, Algernon was the second son of Robert Sydney, second Earl of Leicester. Little is known of his early life, but his name emerged in history when his father was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1641 following the execution of Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford and the former lord deputy (see p. 7, The Record, January 2015).

At the time, Irish rebels were attempting to dislodge English and Scottish Protestant settlers from the Emerald Isle, an effort that drew the suspicion of parliamentarians. Many thought that perhaps the Stuart King Charles—rumored to hold Catholic sympathies—would use the Catholic rebels against them. The ensuing struggle for command of the military helped spark the English Civil Wars.

To suppress the Irish rebellion, the newly appointed lord lieutenant dispatched a regiment of soldiers under the command of his first son, Philip, who in turn named his brother Algernon captain of a troop of horse. In his first military engagements against the Irish, he reportedly fought with “extraordinary spirit and resolution.”

During the early struggles for liberty in the American colonies, Sydney was a well-known and often-studied martyr in the cause for republicanism. His Discourses Concerning Government, written probably during the British Exclusion Crisis of 1679-81, once ranked alongside John Locke’s Two Treatises of Government as a significant philosophical foundation instrumental in the justification for American revolution and self-governance. Although his work may have fallen from academic popularity, and despite many American revolutionaries fighting for more practical and conservative reasons, his ideas remain part of American political principles. It is perhaps his beliefs that the founders of Hampden-Sydney College wanted future generations to remember when they first settled on this eponym in 1775. Here we will examine Sydney’s life and writings to honor a man whose name graces the gates of our institution.

EARLY POLITICAL CAREER

By late 1644, although parliamentary armies dominated the battlefields of England, a complete victory over the Cavaliers remained elusive. Oliver Cromwell, by then lieutenant general and member of the House of Commons, helped install Sir Thomas Fairfax as the head of the military with himself as second-in-command.
Fairfax shared Cromwell’s zeal for a coup de grâce on the Stuart forces. The restructured New Model Army, consisting of full-time professional soldiers rather than local militiamen, soon crushed the Cavaliers at the Battle of Naseby in 1645, leading to the end of the First English Civil War by the spring of 1646. Charles surrendered and began

negotiations with Parliament for the reordering of the English government.

In what would become his fatal mistake, however, Charles made a secret agreement with his former Scottish enemies to raise another army and restart the war. But the New Model Army annihilated the Stuarts at the Battle of Preston in mid-1648, bringing an end to Charles’s aspirations for absolute rule.

Sydney had been elected to the House of Commons in December 1645. Although still a minor figure in the great drama, during the new negotiations with the king after the Battle of Preston, he spoke against any compromise with Charles and voted against an attempt to disband the New Model Army, which had gained an uncomfortable amount of power in the eyes of many members of Parliament.

Because Charles had betrayed the trust of his captors and renewed the war, a major shift in attitude toward the king helped fuel a military overthrow of Parliament. At Fairfax’s direction, the army purged from the chamber moderates who supported reinstating Charles on the throne, as well as those opposed to the army’s growing dominance in political affairs. Some were imprisoned and others fled. Sydney himself retreated to Penshurst, the family estate in Kent, refusing to take an oath supporting the army’s usurpation of civil power.

The remaining “rump” of the Parliament, just a fraction of its former numbers, quickly set about trying the king for treason. The House of Commons—without approval of the House of Lords—established a new High Court of Justice with 135 commissioners to decide the king’s fate, although only about 70 attended the trial. Sydney was named to the tribunal, but he refused to sit in judgment of the king. Not only had the army unlawfully purged Parliament, he believed, but the arbitrary establishment of a high court went against the very grain of English respect for the law.

Sydney rode from Penshurst to the Painted Chamber at Westminster, where the king was to be tried, to investigate Cromwell’s intentions. It was unclear whether the king would be executed or merely deposed.

Sydney’s position that day was “first, the king could be tried by no court; secondly, that no man could be tried by that court.” The High Court itself, he asserted, was an artificial and unlawful contrivance established in essence by the military, rather than by civil powers, and it therefore held no constitutional power over any man. Sydney supported holding Charles accountable for his actions, but only through judgment by both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.2

“This being alleged in vain,” he wrote, “and Cromwell using the formal words ‘I tell you, we will cut off his head with the crown upon it,’ I replied: you may take your own course, I cannot stop you, but I will keep myself clean from having any hand in this business, immediately went out of the room, and never returned.”

Charles I was beheaded on January 30, 1649, having been found guilty of “all the treasons,
murders, rapines, burnings, desolations, damages, and mischiefs to this nation, acted and committed in the said wars.” Sydney returned to London to assume his seat in the House of Commons and was named to the committee tasked with drawing a bill for the dissolution of the House of Lords and the abrogation of the institution of monarchy, which led to the creation of the Commonwealth of England. Power rested in the Rump Parliament and the newly formed Council of State—of which Sydney was a member—whose executive power mirrored that of the former Privy Council, the late king’s body of advisors. Cromwell headed the New Model Army.

Peace had not yet come in the British Isles, however. Charles II, whom the Scots had declared king following his father’s execution, led a Scottish army in the third and final civil war in England. Ireland, still in rebellion and allied with the royalists, fell victim to Cromwell’s barbarity when he invaded the island and murdered thousands of Irish prisoners and civilians at Drogheda. Cromwell achieved final victory over the royalists in the Battle of Worcester in 1651, Charles II fled to France, and many of the Cavaliers sailed across the Atlantic to settle in Virginia.

THE PROTECTORATE

Sydney was present in the House of Commons when Cromwell removed the last vestiges of representative government in England. On April 20, 1653, Cromwell, accompanied by a few dozen musketeers, stood in the chamber and declared Parliament dissolved.

Sydney was sitting at the right hand of the speaker of the house. After having his henchmen pull the speaker from his chair, Cromwell directed them toward Sydney, telling them to “put him out.” Sydney replied that he would not be put out, and when the usurpers placed their hands upon his shoulders, Sydney, with some dignity, rose and walked from the chamber on his own. Within months Cromwell was named “lord protector” of the realm, a transparent euphemism for a military dictator.

The personal animosity Sydney held toward what he described as the newly installed “tyrant, and a violent one,” helped reinforce his political disdain for unelected, arbitrary power. Sydney’s long fight to extirpate royal absolutism with sword and pen had been undermined by the very general who had bled at Marston Moor and crushed the Cavaliers at Naseby.

Cromwell’s hypocritical tenure from 1653 to 1658 was marked by suppression of political opposition, severe censorship of the press, and a personal “wickedness against which damnation is denounced and for which hell-fire is prepared,” according to the royalist Edward Hyde, First Earl of Clarendon. And yet many historians have noted England’s enjoyment of “more of liberty, civil and religious … than she had ever known in the days of her kings.”

Cromwell may have brought order and efficiency to English government and society and raised England’s international prestige, but it was his disregard for English law, his coercive ambition, and his concentration of unelected, arbitrary power that were such anathema to Sydney’s republican sentiments.

Cromwell died in 1658. Sydney was abroad during the restoration of the monarchy and the House of Lords in 1660. A reactionary Parliament, consisting of members from the old Long Parliament, had recognized the need for a monarch to stabilize the government and had declared the exiled Charles II the rightful king of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

EXILE

While abroad, Sydney made no secret of his republican principles, as well as his newfound approbation of the late king’s execution and his own role in the civil wars. They would become roadblocks to his return to England.

At the University of Copenhagen he proudly wrote of his “Manus haec inimica tyrannis, Ense petit placidam cum libertate quietem,” or “This hand, enemy to tyrants, By the sword seeks calm peacefulness with liberty”; contradicting his earlier statements, he called Charles’s execution “the justest and bravest action that ever was done in England or anywhere else,” although said in private, he claimed; and according to his father he was “heard to say many scornful and contemptuous things of
the king’s person and family, which … will hardly be forgiven or forgotten.”5 To gain a pardon from Charles II and return to England, Sydney first had to renounce his republicanism, apologize for his past, and submit himself publicly to the Crown—requirements that his pride and principles would not allow. Sydney spent the next 17 years in exile on the continent.

His time was marked by financial difficulties, scholarly study, fomentation of republican revolution, and an overwhelming desire to return to his homeland. His father provided little to no pecuniary support, but he found sanctuary with a friendly prince in Rome, where he “lived as a hermit in a palace,” spending a great deal of time reading and writing.6

In 1663 he spent time with fellow republican exiles in Switzerland, including Edmund Ludlow, one of the signers of Charles I’s death warrant. His spirit at the time is clear from an inscription he made in a visitor’s book in Geneva: “Sit sanguinis ultor justorum,” or “Let there be an avenger of the blood of the just.”

A few years later he approached Johan De Witt, the Dutch republican political leader and grand pensionary, whose country was then at war with England, in a failed bid to land a Dutch expeditionary force in England to start a republican uprising. He next spoke with France’s Louis XIV, proffering a revolution in England should the Bourbon Sun King wish to supply the necessary funds. This also failed to materialize. With no apparent means to return to his home country, Sydney retreated to isolation and loneliness in the south of France.

Finally resolved to return to England, Sydney requested a royal pass to sail home to repair his relationship with his father and to “see [his] friends and settle [his] private affairs.” Through the auspices of Henry Savile, younger brother of the Marquess of Halifax, Sydney was allowed to return to England in mid-1677.

THE RYE HOUSE PLOT

Charles II’s brother James, Duke of York and heir to the throne, had converted to Catholicism and married a Catholic, stoking Protestant fears of a return to Catholic, absolute monarchy—a dilemma known as the Exclusion Crisis of 1679-81. Parliament’s Exclusion Bill would have blocked James’s ascension. Supporters of the bill soon coalesced around Charles’s illegitimate son, the Duke of Monmouth, hoping the Protestant would succeed the king instead. Charles dissolved Parliament before the bill could pass. “Petitioners,” or those who petitioned Charles to recall Parliament to pass the bill, were mockingly nicknamed “Whigs” by their opponents, after the Whiggamores, a band of Scottish Presbyterian rebels; the royalists in turn were called “Tories,” after Irish Catholic guerrillas still fighting in Ireland.

There were talks among more radical Whigs of supporting an insurrection against the king and James, followed with support for Monmouth as king. Sydney met with five fellow conspirators, “the Council of Six,” which included Monmouth, Lord William Howard, and John Hampden, grandson of the College’s eponym, although the details of the discussion are unknown outside of Howard’s testimony against Sydney at his later trial. There was an “enterprise” discussed, and perhaps some speculation on the feasibility of an uprising, some believe, although “no plan of action was agreed upon, no design was formed, no definite object was proposed to be accomplished; the conspirators separated, having done nothing, and agreed upon nothing.”8

A separate conspiracy developed, known as the Rye House Plot, a definite plan to either kidnap or assassinate Charles and James as they were to pass by Rye House on their return trip to London from a horserace in Newmarket. Some have speculated that Sydney knew or
even approved of the plot. A fire in Newmarket, however, which destroyed half the town, caused the races to be cancelled, sending the king and his brother back to the capital early. One of the conspirators turned king’s evidence, exposing the failed plot, and rumors swirled of Sydney’s connection to the conspirators, “with not one of whom he had the slightest acquaintance.”

Aware of his impending arrest, and yet steadfast in his innocence, Sydney remained in London. Nevertheless, he was arrested for treason and his papers were seized, most notably his unpublished Discourses Concerning Government.

**TRIAL AND EXECUTION**

Council of Six member Lord Howard, whom some described as “a man of worthless character and corrupt principles,” was the only witness to testify against Sydney. Howard—whom Sydney had once helped free from prison—was quite willing to point his finger to save his own neck from the axe. He reportedly told the king’s agents, “If any expedient can be chalked out, that he may do his Majesty service and take care of his own preservation, he will be glad of it.” His account of Sydney’s hand in the Rye House Plot was tenuous. Yet given Sydney’s past attempts to start revolutions in England through De Witt and Louis XIV, little imagination would be needed to conceive of his capacity to plot another uprising.

The great transgression against Sydney was not his arrest, but rather the lack of witnesses used to convict him. English law required at least two witnesses for a defendant to be convicted of treason. As Howard provided the only testimony against Sydney, Chief Justice George Jeffreys declared “scribere est agere,” or “to write is to act.” Sydney’s own Discourses became the second witness at his trial. Sydney was convicted, petitions for his pardon went unheard, and on December 7, 1683, the executioner cut off his head.

To understand Discourses Concerning Government, Sydney’s republican manifesto, one must first examine it as a rebuttal to Sir.
Robert Filmer’s *Patriarcha*, published in 1680 at the height of the Exclusion Crisis. (It is the same work that John Locke also attacked in his first *Treatise of Government*, published in 1689, long after Sydney’s death.)

Filmer had written *Patriarcha* decades earlier, before the civil war, in response to the growing republican sentiments of his day. He rejected the notion that men were naturally free, that they were naturally equal, and that the proper form of government is that which is chosen by the people—unproven, abstract, and novel tenets “first hatched in the schools,” and contrary to historical records and biblical teachings. They were merely imaginary principles, he said, that masked men’s natural and historical inequalities, undermined their natural duties to their patriarchs, and subverted the natural form of monarchy the world had long accepted as proper and just.

Regarding men’s natural political inequalities, wrote Filmer, since the time of Adam (the first king, ordained by God) the father had long been the natural ruler of the household, endowed with “royal authority over their children.” People spread, and fathers established great families. “By the uniting of great families or petty kingdoms, we find the greater monarchies were at the first erected.”

Much like the father of the household, the king “extends his care to preserve, feed, clothe, instruct, and defend the whole commonwealth.” Liberties and rights are created not from abstract philosophies, but rather they emerge from a people’s customs and traditions. And it is the king who protects those rights and liberties.

Filmer wrote that it is unnatural for the people to govern or to choose governors. Even Aristotle “gives the title of the first and divinest sort of government to the institution of kings.” Indeed, Filmer continued, “There is not in all the Scripture mention or approbation of any other form of government.” On a practical level, even the Roman republic lasted only 480 years. Monarchies, on the other hand, had stood for many more hundreds or even thousands of years. There had been 600 years of monarchy in England since the Norman invasion.

In democracies, Filmer styled, the people are rash and imprudent: “Their opinions are as variable and sudden as tempests,” and “the wicked are always in greatest credit, and virtuous men kept under.” People choose poor leaders, offices are bought and sold, factions fight with each other, sometimes violently, and “after the manner of cattle, [the people] follow the herd that goes before.”

Chivalry, ancient custom, solemn oaths, and the “natural law of the father” guide and direct the king. Common law originated from kings, and in accordance with his prerogative to protect and provide for his subjects, it is at the king’s discretion which of the laws to uphold. They are *his* laws, whether inherited or newly established. Judges are merely extensions of the king’s will and judgment, and so it is impossible for a king to be justly tried by his own measures. The king is above the law, answerable only to God for any of his sins or transgressions.

Sydney, by contrast, rejected these arguments, and his *Discourses* is a near line-by-line refutation of *Patriarcha*. He mocked Filmer for having implied that God “caused some to be born with crowns upon their heads, and all others with saddles upon their backs.”

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that they might the better provide for the conveniency, safety, and defense of themselves and their children.” It was, essentially, a form of what we know as the social contract theory, a postulate then still in its infancy.

Monarchies were not God’s will, as Filmer had asserted, but rather God leaves the choice of forms of government to man. Man’s natural rights and equality, derived from the state of nature rather than a particular set of customs or traditions, give him the inherent power to choose his own rulers. Just government is therefore that which is derived from the consent of the governed. On a personal level, Sydney preferred a mixed form of government, believing it to be more in tune with the liberty individuals possessed in the state of nature.

Also joining Aristotle, Sydney emphasized the need for the most virtuous men to govern. Indeed, it is their natural right to rule. This may seem at odds with his earlier position on the individual right of men to choose their governors, who may or may not be the most virtuous, but Sydney had great faith in man’s capacity to elect the most virtuous men into public office. His support of a merit-based governorship is one of his most defining tenets.

The other was his argument in favor of the right to revolution. Not only did men have a right to revolt against an arbitrary, tyrannical government, Sydney wrote, but men had a moral duty to revolt against it. This position in particular was one of the primary prosecutorial weapons used against him at his trial. It led directly to his execution. Nearly 100 years later, however, it was part of a philosophical foundation for another revolt against Great Britain, this time in her colonies.

**HIS INFLUENCE**

Sydney’s republicanism sat well with some American revolutionaries, many of whom were seeking a moral justification for their revolt against the British crown in 1776. Although many colonists were simply fighting for their inherited rights and liberties as Englishmen, to protect their traditional English colonial governments—rather than the abstract, universal “natural rights” or “rights of man” of Sydney and Locke—it is safe to say that Sydney’s writings had a profound influence on some of the men who freed and formed this country. His ideals are spread across the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams wrote of their admiration for the Whig in later years.

It seems those sentiments were strong enough in Southside Virginia in the summer of 1775 to influence the founders of the College to settle on the name “Hampden-Sydney.” Choosing the name of these Whig martyrs was quite a statement: Hampden had given his life fighting against the king. Sydney had fought in open battle against Charles, and he had plotted to start an uprising on at least two occasions; he declared absolute monarchies illegitimate and provided moral justification for revolution.

Perhaps the founders wanted future generations to remember Sydney’s spirit and principles: to be not the “cattle” of Filmer, but rather to think and to act as free men; to support balanced, representative government rather than absolutism; to protect individual liberty from an overbearing executive; to participate in government; and to elect the most virtuous of our fellows. Indeed, they are some of the principles of good men and good citizens. That spirit and those ideals are as noble today as they were in 1683. As Hampden-Sydney men and representatives of the College, we may do well to think on the importance of upholding these doctrines in the country that Sydney’s ideas helped to form.

3. Santvoord, p. 78.
4. Houston, p. 35.
10. Ibid, p. 223.
11. Houston, p. 63.
On the Other Hill

STUDENTS SCOUT JOBS IN WASHINGTON

ANGUS KIRK McCLELLAN ’05

On November 13, 2014, faculty and staff in the Wilson Leadership Center led 36 students to Capitol Hill for the 22nd annual trip to Washington, D.C., where the students met with lobbyists, congressional staffers, and political commentators for a firsthand look at the nuts and bolts of national politics and policymaking. The aspiring Washingtonians had opportunities to network with the speakers and meet with their congressional representatives—rare opportunities for those about to compete for the few positions open to recent college graduates. All of the speakers were H-SC alumni, and many had gone on the same trip themselves when they had been students on The Hill.

Since its inception, the trip to Washington has been geared toward providing students with real insight into the inner workings of the national political machine. As Director of the Public Service Program at the Wilson Center Dr. David Marion explained,
Students network with alumni John Jennings ‘12 (bottom, r.) and Connor Crowley ‘14 (top, r.).
“These are intended to be educational trips to Washington, even for the alums. These are not fluff trips—we pack in between five and six hours of presentations each year. We have covered a wide range of subjects over the years, from international trade and national security, to national elections and energy policy, to international development and the national economy, among other topics.” Issues this year included the recent elections, the Keystone pipeline, military involvement in the Middle East, and energy policy, to name a few.

**POLITICAL BOXING**

Students first funneled into the Rayburn House Office Building for a discussion with political polar opposites Charlie Hurt ’95 and Christopher Cooper ’93. Hurt is a columnist and *Washington Times* and *Fox News* contributor, and his brother, Robert Hurt ’91, is the current Republican congressman from Virginia’s 5th District. Cooper is the founder of Convergence Targeted Communications, a political communications company whose clients have included Obama for America and Independence USA PAC, Michael Bloomberg’s gun control political action committee. The two had a vigorous discussion on the election results from earlier that month.

In the 2014 midterm elections, the Republicans gained nine seats in the Senate and garnered 14 new seats in the House. Hurt noted how “it is almost impossible to overstate the drubbing that Democrats got in this race.” He spoke on the Democrats’ failed strategy to portray “this notion of a Republican war on women, which they’ve been saying for years, and worked it to the hilt. … It completely blew up their playbook.” It was a thorough defeat reflecting Americans’ general rejection of Democratic policy, he believed.

Cooper spoke next. It was obvious that Democrats would lose some seats, he said. “When you look at some of the broad environmental factors in this election, it was only a question of how much Democrats would lose. We’re in an era of strong disdain for politics and establishment politicians. … These midterms tend to break down as referenda on the president. … And the electorate swings back and forth. Just wait two years, and the pendulum will swing back.” He also pointed out how the elections in the sixth year of a presidential term routinely swing in the opposing party’s favor, and how the electorate for many Senate seats was already heavily favoring Republicans.

Other topics of discussion included in-depth opinions and speculations from both speakers on the possible implications of the 2014 midterms on the 2016 presidential elections, as well as forward-looking thoughts on electoral strategies. “Hillary—if it is Hillary—will need to articulate what Democrats believe in; there need to be ideas—we’re out of ideas. … There needs to be a philosophical and intellectual underpinning to this campaign, which I think there will be,” Cooper said.

The back-and-forth discussion continued with Hurt asserting that the Democrats had “damaged their brand name” with their failed programs and ideas, and that it would take many years for the party to recover from its losses—far beyond the 2016 elections. Cooper largely dismissed the Republican threat, noting the lack of Republican unity in the House and predicting few legislative victories. There were plenty of quips, comebacks, and good-humored political jabbing throughout the talk, and based on the grins and many raised hands in the audience, the students seemed delighted with the fiery exchange.

“It was one of the most lively debates I think I’ve seen,” said Tyler Langhorne ’18. “We were a little shocked when they first starting going at each other, but then it became interesting. It was just a lot of fun.” Langhorne is a transfer student who was admitted to the Freshman Leadership Program in the summer of 2014.

**MILITARY POLICY AND BUDGET ISSUES**

Students also heard from Adam Barker ’05 and Paul Cooksey ’70 on the latest threats from the Islamic State and other international issues. Barker is a Senate Armed Services Committee staffer attached to the office of Senator John McCain. Cooksey works for the U.S.
Barker has been working on Capitol Hill since he graduated. He spoke at length on the 2015 Defense Authorization Bill, which directed tax dollars toward facilities, training, operations, and other military activities at home and abroad. Among the topics Barker and Cooksey discussed were the funds allocated for the Ebola health facility in West Africa, for aid in the Syrian conflict, and for battling the Islamic State. Barker lamented the dissolution of a significant portion of the Iraqi army, much of which had essentially capitulated to ISIS and surrendered millions of dollars worth of American-bought equipment. Students were told of the possible military strategies being considered to fight the radicals, such as training Kurds and supplying arms and other supplies.

Alumni Chris Kurowski ’98 and Adam Talaber ’97 spoke next. Kurowski works for the Johns Hopkins University National Security Analysis Department, and Talaber works in the Congressional Budget Office in the National Security Section.

Their discussion centered less on the partisan politics of earlier talks and more on the fiscal side of policymaking. “It’s all about the money,” Kurowski explained. In the higher echelon of elected representatives, party affiliation has little to do with the decisions that have to be made. “The question is, ‘What can we do with the money we have and the forces that we have today?’” Various issues in Africa, concerns with Russia, and the conflict in the Ukraine, for example, must be addressed in some way, they explained, and from a budgetary perspective, the issue is not what should be done, but rather what can be done given the country’s current financial situation.

LIFE ON THE HILL AND ALUMNI NETWORKING

In the last session more than a half dozen other Hampden-Sydney alumni talked about the challenges facing Congress and what it’s like working on the Hill. Those included Andrew Duke ’90, chief of staff for Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas; Mark Kearney ’05, legislative assistant on the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Gordon Neal ’09, communications director for Rep. Robert J. Wittman of Virginia; Eric Joyce ’90 of the House Administrative Services; J.D. “Mac” McKinney ’11, legislative assistant

Each H-SC alumnus talked about the day-to-day processes of pushing certain bills, maintaining good relationships with constituents, and how their bosses are handling some of the latest domestic policy issues. It was an intimate look into the life of a typical staffer.

Wilson Center Director and retired Lt. Col. Rucker Snead ’81 turned the discussion toward practical matters. “We’ve got some guys here who might want to work on the Hill. What advice do you have for them?”

The alumni were quick with suggestions on how to become interns or legislative assistants—typically entry-level jobs on Capitol Hill—and how to become valuable members of congressional staffs. They admitted that at first the pay is poor and the hours can be long, but if a student really wants to get into politics, then he needs to go to Washington.

“When you walk into an office, know who [the representative] is. Know their voting record,” said one.

“Know if they’re retiring,” mentioned another, amid some laughter. “I’ve gotten four applications for internships for next spring, after my boss will have retired.”

And once their foot is in the door, “If you get an internship, work hard, and crank out letters. Network with your other interns. We all talk to each other, and your name could get mentioned somewhere. That’s how I got my job.”

Following the presentations and discussions, students exchanged phone numbers, e-mail
addresses, and business cards with the alumni. By the end of the sessions, it had become clear that future graduates needed to make contact with these alumni today, well before they walk across the stage in front of Venable Hall. By that time, they should know what to expect if they one day settle on the other side of the Potomac.

“It’s never dull. It’s a lot of fun. You come here to do something serious, and you’re with a lot of people who come here wanting to do something serious, too,” as one alumnus concluded.

END OF THE DAY
Following the sessions on the House side of the Hill, students made their way to the Capitol Hill Club for dinner. While enjoying hamburgers and French fries, students heard one final session on energy issues from Christopher Chapel ’93 and Scott Schwind ’93. Unlike the previous alumni, who largely work for representatives and senators, Chapel and Schwind try to influence lawmakers in the interests of their companies or industries.

Schwind is a partner with the Houston office of the global law firm Jones Day and specializes in international energy and natural resources law. He emphasized the importance of the country’s need for a stable energy supply and how that need has shaped “a lot of the decisions and global events over the past 50 years.” Even in recent wars, he claimed, parties have had to consider the effect on energy production. He discussed the transition in America from dependence on foreign oil to complete energy independence, helped largely by the recent shale oil boom, a beneficial move he believes will be complete by 2035.

Chapel is the vice president of governmental affairs for NextEra Energy, Inc., which invests in “energy technologies that are designed to provide affordable, clean, and reliable power,” according to the company website. They are “the largest gas-burner in the country, the fourth-largest nuclear generator in the country, and the largest solar generator and wind generator in the country,” he said. He discussed at length the “energy renaissance” we are experiencing today, and he attributes much of the recent economic growth to our abundance of sources for electricity. To continue on this path, energy production in all sectors needs to increase, including more nuclear energy, which has essentially no emissions, and clean coal, he said. Overall, it was an informative discussion on energy policies and energy production in the United States, although it was clear that the alumni were promoting their particular industries’ points of view. Of course, every industry has representatives arguing on their behalf, as Schwind said, and those advocates often have to compete for lawmakers’ votes.

EYES TO THE FUTURE
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By the end of the day, students gained a clearer understanding of what would be expected of them once they embark on a professional career in Washington. By exchanging a few business cards with some fellow Hampden-Sydney men, some of the students may already be on their way to a new career on the other Hill.
“Everyone in the building knows when there’s a skunk head in there,” joked R. Cary Saunders ’09, pointing to a stack of coolers sitting just outside a glass-enclosed laboratory. Bold-faced type reading “RABIES” was imprinted on the tape holding the containers closed.

Saunders and three other Hampden-Sydney alumni are scientists at the Richmond-based Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS), where more than 200 employees of the state lab test everything from fertilizer to drinking water to the recently severed heads of bats, raccoons, skunks, and other potential carriers of rabies. The virus, the
The four alumni test a wide variety of substances, train other scientists, and examine other labs for certification.
alumni explained, is detected in the central nervous system, and so the heads must be removed before the scientists can take samples for testing.

Those are just a few of the many tests that the laboratory performs to identify bacteria, viruses, parasites, chemicals, radioactivity, and other harmful substances and dangerous properties sometimes found in food, in water, and in the environment. Whenever there is an outbreak of salmonella in lettuce or tomatoes, for example, it is the employees of DCLS who perform tests to assist epidemiologists in tracking down the point source of the contaminated product using the samples sent in from different locations.

But that is still only the beginning of the broad range of tests that DCLS performs.

“We do about 7 million tests per year,” said Dr. Christopher Waggener ’03. “We are a consolidated laboratory, so while other states separate their different labs for testing, we combine them here in our one lab. We test everything from motor fuels to toxins to newborn babies.” Every baby in Virginia has its blood drawn within two days of its birth, he explained, and the lab tests each sample for 28 metabolic and genetic disorders that can be effectively treated—if they are identified early enough. For this test, the lab has a turnaround time of only one or two days, despite the hundreds of blood cards sent in each day.
The lab plays a key role in tracking flu epidemics and tuberculosis, testing feed mixtures for farmers, monitoring the pollution levels in river water, and helping state and federal agencies identify white powders and other unknown substances at crime scenes. They even check the weights of the numbered balls used by the Virginia Lottery. The list goes on. If something can be tested, then DCLS probably has the equipment and specialized personnel needed to analyze it successfully.

The overall mission is to protect the people of Virginia and beyond, and these four Hampden-Sydney alumni are on the frontlines to make sure that we and our families can live happy, healthy lives.

**THE MEN OF DCLS**

Dr. Waggener is one of only five top-ranking lead scientists in the Commonwealth. He graduated from H-SC just over a dozen years ago, and today he is in charge of the Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) operations at DCLS, serving as the national training coordinator for the organization. He teaches courses on how to detect biological, chemical, and radiological contamination in our food. His primary role is to show other scientists from around the country the latest techniques for identifying these substances to make sure the food we eat is safe.

He attributes some of his success to his *alma mater*. “When I was in graduate school, I was way ahead of my peers in terms of basic lab science and knowledge.” he said. “Some of my peers had never touched a pipette before. And I had the opportunity to have independent research with professors, such as Dr. [Edward] Devlin. It translated very well into my graduate and post-graduate work. Just getting that hands-on and mentoring experience my peers didn’t have, that one-on-one research with my professors, was really key. … It helped me in graduate school and it’s helped me here.”

**T. Bryan Tims ’98**

is a senior scientist who started at DCLS in 2003. He currently works in the molecular laboratory, where he both runs tests and oversees testing in a supervisory role. He makes sure the samples are appropriate for the needed tests, helps other scientists troubleshoot problems, reviews results for accuracy, and helps develop and write policies and procedures.

The molecular lab in which he works uses DNA- and RNA-based testing. Most of the samples are blood, stool, urine, and swabs from various areas of the human body. Tims uses genetic fingerprinting to identify pathogens such as the Norovirus, E. coli, B. pertussis (whooping cough), and other infectious diseases in the samples sent in from hospitals and government agencies. Some of his studies are done to see if our vaccines are effective or if levels of infection are increasing because of low vaccination rates. Also, the molecular lab has the equipment and training needed to respond to new and rapidly emerging threats, such as Ebola and MERS.

He also believes the College helped him. “Hampden-Sydney wasn’t a training program. I didn’t walk in here [to DCLS] saying, ‘I know how to run all these different instruments and run these tests exactly this way.’ And that’s good, because science changes so quickly.
Instead I understood the concepts. I knew how to think about them. I understood the background knowledge—so that just because I was doing something different one day, I was not lost. I could think. I could troubleshoot. For me, I had that foundational knowledge that I needed to pick it all up and keeping moving forward. A lot of people can’t do that.”

R. Cary Saunders ’09 works in the “FFF” department—food, feed, and fertilizer. Many of the samples he tests come from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. For a food sample, he’ll “digest it down, filter it out,” and use a microscope, pH tests, or toxin tests, among others, to identify and measure any foreign objects or substances in the food to make sure they remain within allowable limits. For animal feed testing, Saunders checks to make sure that farmers’ cows, chickens, and other livestock are eating quality feed that is free from metal shavings or other particles that could harm or kill our primary sources of meat.

Along that same line, he analyzes feeds and fertilizers that are sold to Virginia farmers to make sure they contain the labeled amounts of feed mixtures or fertilizing chemicals. One of the more interesting tests is the “combustion analysis,” in which he drops a measured sample into a 1000° furnace, vaporizing the material, and then runs the gas through scrubbers and detectors to measure nitrogen and protein levels.

He believes the science programs at Hampden-Sydney helped prepare him for his career.
career. “It was the structure of the lab-science program at school that helped. ... Having a good basic idea of what a lab is and does was important. ... In my microbiology class with Dr. [Anne] Lund, for example, some of the stuff I did in her class was the same stuff I do here.”

The fourth H-SC scientist doesn’t work in the actual laboratories at DCLS, but his training and knowledge are crucial to other laboratories’ abilities to operate in the Commonwealth. DeWitt Casler ’00 is one of only six laboratory certification officers for Virginia, and it is his job to visit and examine individual labs in Virginia and elsewhere to make sure they meet requirements for personnel training, testing procedures, methodology, and reporting practices.

Most labs he visits are drinking water and wastewater laboratories, which send their test results to the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. It is imperative that these regulating bodies obtain accurate test results, because they’re making regulatory decisions which directly affect the quality of our drinking water and the proper handling of our wastewater in different towns and counties.

Although he majored in biology, Casler was quick to identify the Hampden-Sydney Rhetoric Program as the most beneficial course he took while a student on the Hill.

“Writing reports is a significant part of what I do,” he said. “Having the training to articulate something clearly and concisely has been very helpful to me. It saves me a lot of time. Some of the reports we issue are [quite] long, and we have regulatory timelines that we have to hit.”

DeWitt Casler ’00

GUARDIANS OF HEALTH

People usually take it for granted that their food is safe to eat, that their water is clean, and that they don’t suffer from one of the thousands of horrible diseases that exist in this world. They often fail to realize the mountains of work and research that scientists have to complete on a daily basis to make sure we can live safe, healthy, and prosperous lives.

These four Hampden-Sydney men play key roles in ensuring that Virginia remains a safe place to live and to raise families. They are guardians of our health and well being. With the school’s well-known purpose of forming good men and good citizens, it is almost no wonder so many of them ended up at DCLS.

DCLS FIGHTS NOROVIRUS

When the Norovirus swept through Hampden-Sydney in late January 2015, sickening many students and employees, it was DCLS that tested the samples and identified the pathogen. Bryan Tims ’98 was one of the scientists who supervised the testing in Richmond. Once the bug was identified, staff in the Hampden-Sydney Wellness Center and professors in the biology department could confidently issue directives on how to prevent further spread of the virus. The well-coordinated Hampden-Sydney teamwork helped bring the Norovirus under control, and within a short period of time, life on the Hill was back to normal.
When Dr. Robert Irons ’00 was a young boy, he would flip through issues of National Geographic with eager eyes and steadfast resolve. “I’d never really been anywhere,” he said, “and I’d see all of these far-off and amazing places, and I told myself, ‘As soon as I can, no matter what I have to do, I’m going to go see these things.’”

Irons’s fascination with distant cultures and civilizations would propel him across Europe and the United States, through years of hardship and study, and finally back to Hampden-Sydney as the newest professor in the Classics Department. He currently teaches Greek and Latin, and next semester he will teach Western culture. His loop from student to teacher was neither easy nor short, but it was a path he took deliberately, and not without the requisite faith and courage in his endeavors. Soon after his graduation, he bought a one-way ticket to Ireland.

“I worked on a farm there for about three months, saved a little money, and started travelling, taking odd jobs wherever I could,” he recalled. He worked his way to Italy, where he taught private English lessons, with the ultimate goal of learning enough to be able to read classic Italian literature in its original text.

He returned to the United States where he taught world literature at the Blue Ridge School near Charlottesville, also coaching soccer, lacrosse, and the academic team. He later tutored Greek at St. John’s College in Annapolis, where he earned an M.A., and then taught English at the University of Arkansas. At the University of South Carolina he earned his Ph.D., studying comparative literature and classics, also reaching Greek, Latin, Italian, and world literature.

“Immersing oneself in antiquity is much like sinking into quicksand, he said, in that his curiosity keeps pulling him deeper into the ancient world, digging to find answers and unearth new discoveries. “It’s nourishing and fulfilling,” he said. Although it’s been a personal journey, he’s always had the desire to show others what he’s found. After years of delving into his studies, he drew at least one, definite conclusion: “All I knew is that I wanted to teach.”

In the fall of 2014, he returned to his alma mater.

“It may sound odd,” he said, “but the pleasure of coming back to Hampden-Sydney had nothing to do with my being an alumnus. It had everything to do with what the College is and what it stands for. This is a place that truly values teaching and the development of its students. I’d be just as happy if there were another place a lot like this. But I don’t know of many.”

His teaching of Greek and Latin goes far beyond mere vocabulary lists, conjugations,
and translations. “There are few things students learn that are purely factual. Even if they are matters of fact, it is important to reason why they are matters of fact,” he emphasized. “My approach has always been to think along with the student, to spend time wondering about things.

“Of course verb paradigms and declensions have to be burned into your brain, but that doesn’t preclude the possibility of wondering about the ideas behind grammar or why words mean what they do—or even how the way we’re thinking about things changes our thinking itself. This is a hard thing to negotiate, especially in beginning classes. You need to balance facts that need to be learned with wanting to develop the students’ capacities to wonder. I believe in the end, that will serve them almost more than anything else.”

His Greek students recently learned the difference between imperfect tense and the simple past, both in Greek literature and in modern English. They looked at how the two tenses can change the meaning of a statement in subtle but significant ways, and “how causality can be implicitly inserted simply by juxtaposing sentences that mix forms of the past tense,” as he explained.

These close examinations of languages exercise students’ minds to help them form and organize their thoughts more clearly both in speech and in writing. Like an adjustable wrench, the ability to think critically and to form coherent arguments through language is a tool adaptable to many situations in which a man may find himself both personally and professionally. It is this mechanism that Irons hopes students will take away from his classes.

“I hope that above all, they will want to know about everything around them, that they’re going to really develop an indefatigable love of learning,” he said. “And it doesn’t have to be in classics. I don’t want them to have any experience, no matter how mundane, that isn’t infused with some sort of thinking or wondering. I want any given experience to potentially be an opportunity for reflection. Even if they forget all their Greek and Latin, but they’re spending the rest of their lives thinking, then I would be satisfied.”
In the summer of 2002, Hampden-Sydney alumni David Klein ’78, Michael Pace ’78, and George “Trip” Howe ’92 took their families to Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, for a weekend of rock climbing and fly fishing. It was around the campfire one night that the group, building on a previous conversation with Howe, Klein, and Carlyle Chandler ’93, created the humanitarian program Beyond The Hill. 

For a dozen years, volunteer students, alumni, and friends have traveled to Central America or the Caribbean at least once per year to help the less fortunate.

In January 2015, the 23 volunteers ventured into the town of La Lechosa in the Dominican Republic to work in the small village of Haitian refugees. The plan was to continue work on a school that they had started in 2014. Beyond the Hill went to the village in 2013 as well, so many volunteers enjoyed seeing familiar faces and continuing their work on the ongoing project.

A typical day’s agenda consisted of pouring concrete, leveling ground, and moving mounds of fill dirt, among other tasks. Conforming to the weather conditions and acting as the team into which they quickly grew, the group devised systems of labor in order to get the jobs done more efficiently.

Village leaders were often surprised at the progress made each day, finding it hard to believe that the jobs were completed so quickly. With time to spare, individuals were able to rekindle and form new friendships with the people in the village. Although the group was satisfied with each day’s progress, it was through those relationships that volunteers quickly realized that this work would go far beyond building a school.

Aaron Gilani ’15, student body president, put it well when he said, “The school we were building was more than a school; it was a safe haven, a place for communion, a sign of hope.”

This theme seems to run true with each trip that Beyond the Hill takes. Over the years, those who return form stronger relationships with the familiar villagers, and new bonds are often made with native peoples in far-off locations. Those relationships seem to be some of the most rewarding aspects of these trips. Beyond the Hill looked forward to revisiting the same village in March, and perhaps finding new people and places to visit in January 2016.
OPENING SHOT

The Hampden-Sydney Clay Target Club has been practicing at its refurbished sporting clays course just a few miles off campus. Led by its new coach Elizabeth Lanier of the Richmond-based Lanier Shooting Sports, the team was recently honing its skills for upcoming competitions with the Association of College Unions International (ACUI).

Bulldozers and bush hogs cleared more land and expanded the shooting area on a 100-acre piece of property just past Granny B’s Market on Abilene Road. The team now has better shooting stations, more than a dozen clay target traps, and varying terrain elevations, which have all helped create a diverse range of target presentations for the competitors.
At its February 9, 2015, meeting, the faculty had a split-vote in favor of replacing the freshman and sophomore Western Culture program with a new Core Cultures course. Starting in the fall of 2016, the three required semesters of Western Culture will be condensed into two semesters, and the third semester of Western Culture will be replaced with a Global Cultures class.

The legendary luthier Wayne Henderson visited the Tiger Inn with Helen White and Herb Key this past December to hold a small concert for the Hampden-Sydney community. They played mostly early 20th-century, Appalachian-style music to a healthy crowd of students and friends. The old-fashioned tunes once contributed to a class of music that would later influence bluegrass and country greats such as Bill Monroe, Earl Scruggs, and Loretta Lynn.

Professional luthiers build and repair stringed instruments, but Henderson’s guitars, mandolins, fiddles, and other pieces are renowned for their superior tone, volume, and resonance. He has made guitars for Eric Clapton, Zac Brown, and many other artists in country and folk music. Doc Watson, the late seven-time Grammy Award winner, called his Henderson mandolin among the best he’d ever played.

About 60 attendees were treated to the Virginian’s “lightning-fast pinch-picking” style of play. The group’s music sounded much like bluegrass, although without the typical banjo. “It’s about as American as you can get,” as White said. At one point Henderson had everyone singing along to “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” which he had once played with Zac Brown at Fenway Park.

In between songs about 90-mph freight trains and life in the mountains, Henderson and friends kept the crowd entertained with some playful anecdotes. Good music, a few jokes, and a bit of Appalachian culture made for an entertaining evening in the Tiger Inn.
The current Western Culture course examines our political, economic, and cultural roots and achievements in three segments: from pre-history until 900 A.D.; from 900 to 1800 A.D.; and from 1800 A.D. to the present. Typical texts are Plato’s *Apology*, Madison’s *Federalist 10*, and Machiavelli’s *The Prince*. Usual topics include the rise of Athens, the Protestant Reformation, and the Industrial Revolution, among others, according to the academic catalogue.

The condensed and revised two-semester series on Western Culture may include similar texts and themes, although many topics will receive less attention than previously. The time periods for the two classes will be from pre-history until 1500 A.D., and then from 1500 A.D. until the present. The new course aims “to give a perspective on the contemporary world through an exploration of the West’s cultural legacy,” according to the “Core Cultures Program Proposal,” which outlined the changes.

After completing the two semesters of the revised Western Culture course, students will be required to take one of two new Global Cultures classes. There will be less consideration given to particular texts and more emphasis on comparing “hierarchal structures, cultural frameworks, and regional and global networks.” Instead of focusing on individual civilizations, professors will present comparative studies on certain themes, such as “Ordering Society,” “Reacting to Modernity,” and “Globalization.” Within each theme, professors will discuss regions such as East and Central Asia, pre-Columbian Americas, or Sub-Saharan Africa.

Some of the listed examples of “representative texts that might be utilized for the [global] course” include the Senegambian stone circles, Al-Mukhtar’s *Tarikh al-fattash* (Timbuktu Chronicles), Sima Guang’s *Zizhi Tongjian* (Comprehensive Mirror), and Ortega y Gasset’s *The Revolt of the Masses.* The program will undergo review in the 2018-19 academic year.

**ON MEN AND MARROW**

Sometimes, the situation makes the man. Brian Collins ’15—who has never even donated blood—recently decided to donate his bone marrow to someone who truly needs it.

Last fall, Hampden-Sydney held its third “Get Swabbed” drive to help match potential bone marrow donors with cancer patients. The likelihood of being a preliminary match is less than 1%. Among preliminary matches, fewer than 12% can actually donate bone marrow. Brian knew his chances were slim, but he thought he might as well take part.

“Right before winter break,” he said, “they called me and asked, ‘You’re a preliminary match. Do you want to be a bone marrow donor?’ It took me about 10 minutes to decide. I thought, ‘This is an actual person. I have been matched to a person who has cancer.’ I couldn’t say ‘no.’”

As an economics major, Brian was sure to weigh the risks against the benefits. He said, Brian Collins ’15 volunteered to donate his bone marrow.
“Dr. [Anthony] Carilli tells us that economics isn’t all about money; this is a great example of what he’s talking about. I saw quickly how the benefits of being a bone marrow donor outweigh any risks.”

And there are some risks, despite many improvements to the procedure. Brian says only 25% of bone marrow donors undergo an invasive procedure. Most of them, including Brian, receive a series of injections that stimulate stem cell growth. The stem cells are then harvested in a procedure similar to donating white blood cells.

“I couldn’t pass it up,” he said. “I get more and more excited about being a donor every time I talk to someone about it. It’s not really an accomplishment, but I am still very proud.”

He has a right to be proud. His contribution could save the life of a complete stranger.

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**REAL WORLD GUIDANCE**

Staff in the Career Education Office hosted the third annual Professional Development Institute (PDI) event this past January. Recent college graduates often have little experience, few connections, and scant prospects for employment, and so successful alumni and other members of the Hampden-Sydney community stepped in to give lectures and personal advice to help the aspiring professionals. About 42 students nearing graduation attended the meetings, which focused on how to network, how to interview, and how to negotiate one’s salary, among other topics. There were even discussions on dining etiquette and how to dress properly.

President Christopher Howard led an early discussion on “purposeful networking,” or branding oneself in professional circles. With his experience, Dr. Howard was the impetus behind the first PDI in 2011, and based on student feedback after the two-day event, his lecture was full of insightful and valuable tips—or “all of my gems,” as he put it.

“Cultivate your interests,” Howard emphasized. Know your topics and be able to discuss them with others. “People want to talk to interesting people.” Be clear and confident, Howard said; be positive, and maintain a delicate
balance between politeness and pushiness. Read the newspaper to discuss current events with others. “Don’t be flaky,” he said, and avoid unwarranted overconfidence in conversation.

Students later held mock interviews in groups to understand and compare different interviewing styles they can expect to face. Alumni Bradley Gray ’82, Alan Hiss ’92, Frank Roach ’73, Zachary Robbins ’05, and Bryce Auker ’09 interviewed the students and provided feedback on their performances. Those alumni led other discussions on whether to attend graduate school, how to market one’s liberal arts education, and “surviving the first day” of a professional career. Benjamin Fry ’03 delivered a talk on personal strategies for maintaining one’s financial stability.

Students and alumni exchanged business cards and practiced networking in social gatherings. Straightened backs, solid eye contact, and firm handshakes gave the students a final taste of what to expect once they pass through the College gates—and with their PDI training, they’ll likely have an edge over the competition.

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**NEED A JOB?**

Tiger Connections is an online job-search database for Hampden-Sydney alumni and students. There are hundreds of Hampden-Sydney-exclusive job postings on the website, as well as thousands of other jobs posted through the nationwide NaceLink network. The Office of Career Education often receives job openings from alumni business owners and others who seek Hampden-Sydney alumni for their employment positions.

Job seekers need simply to fill out their background information and upload their résumés to begin their searches. Alumni can upload multiple, tailored résumés for particular jobs. From teaching positions to financial advisor slots, the website lists a wide range of openings suitable for H-SC graduates. After all, “You can do anything with a degree from Hampden-Sydney.”

Visit [www.tigerconnections.com](http://www.tigerconnections.com) to get started. If you have any questions, call or e-mail the Office of Career Education at (434) 223-6106 or career@hsc.edu.

**DAVIS FELLOW UPDATE**

The Davis Fellowship is Hampden-Sydney’s only four-year, full-tuition scholarship. It was endowed in 2002 by Norwood Davis ’63 and his wife, Marguerite. While at the College, the Davis Fellow must “[maintain] a well-integrated role in Hampden-Sydney’s academic, cultural, and extra-curricular life.” He must also demonstrate leadership in the “classroom, on the playing field, in community affairs, in student government, or in other areas of campus life.” By accepting the award, the recipient is naturally under significant pressure and scrutiny while on The Hill.

The 2014 Davis Fellow is freshman Guilherme “Gui” Guimarães ’18 (left), who emigrated from Brazil in his junior year of high school and settled in Charlottesville. When he sat down for his first day at the Miller School of Albemarle in 2012, he spoke only Portuguese and a little Spanish. He recalls sitting in class just over two years ago “and not understanding anything that the teacher was saying.”

Within months Gui became fluent in English. When he decided to pursue both academics and sports at an American college, he applied only to Hampden-Sydney. Since arriving on campus he has been elected to the Student Honor Court as one of two representatives from his class. Most recently, he was selected as a resident advisor for the upcoming academic year. Standing 6 feet 8 inches tall, he plays forward on the College’s varsity basketball team.
He is also in the Wilson Center’s Freshman Leadership Program, and according to his advisor, retired Lt. Col. Rucker Snead ’81, Gui “is one of the top students in the freshman class. He asks the right questions, listens, seeks help as needed, implements the advice, and excels in the classroom and on campus.” In his first semester, Gui earned a 3.7 GPA.

Clearly a scholar and a gentleman, Gui wanted to ensure that the Davis family and others on the scholarship board know how grateful he is for their support. He probably would not have come to Hampden-Sydney without their generosity, and he believes he will leave as a better man because of it. “They changed my life,” he said.

50 YEARS AGO
The following item was printed in the April 1965 issue of The Record.

A Patrick Henry Gavel
A gavel made of walnut wood grown at Red Hill, Patrick Henry’s last home before his heavenly one, was given to Hampden-Sydney last February 27. Mrs. Mabel Oliver Bellwood, custodian at Red Hill, and Judge R. Page Morton ’23, a member of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation’s board of directors, presented the gavel to President Taylor Reveley.

In his informal remarks, Judge Morton said: ... “It is fitting and appropriate that a gift should come from the home of this former trustee of the College. ... [Patrick Henry] spearheaded America’s independence. He was blessed with the attributes that make great statesmen—a brilliant memory, a logical mind, quick wit, and slowness to anger. His fame as America’s greatest orator remains unchallenged. His skill and ability to stir men with the spoken word were without equal.”

SCOUTS ON CAMPUS
On February 28, 2015, Hampden-Sydney College hosted the fourth annual Boy Scouts Merit Badge Weekend event for about 275 Scouts from across Central Virginia.


Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the Farmville community taught the classes. Students in the Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity led the Chemistry, Electronics, and Astronomy merit badge courses, and brothers of the Chi Phi fraternity help with registration and check-in. They also guided the Scouts around campus throughout the day.

According to Randy Reed ’82, Eagle Scout and coordinator for the event, one parent admitted, “We didn’t know anything about Hampden-Sydney before today; but now, when it comes time for our son to look at colleges, it will definitely be on our radar.”

Scouts earned their chemistry merit badges in Gilmer Hall.
NEW FACULTY

This year five assistant professors joined the Hampden-Sydney faculty. Eleven visiting professors and instructors also fulfilled one-year contracts for the 2014-15 academic year. Two of the visitors will remain at least through the fall of 2015.

Professors

Dr. Michael S. Allen, assistant professor of religion, studied South Asian religions at Harvard University and taught for the Harvard College Writing Program.

Dr. Guy F. Burnett, assistant professor of government and foreign affairs, studied American politics and public law at Claremont Graduate University and taught at Central Texas College and the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Dr. Abigail T. Horne, assistant professor of English, studied 19th and early 20th-century American literature, African-American literature, and American film at Washington University in St. Louis. She taught at the same institution in the English Department, the African-American Studies Department, the Film and Media Studies Program, and in the Writing Program.

Dr. Robert P. Irons ’00, assistant professor of classics, studied comparative literature and classics at the University of South Carolina, where he taught Greek, Latin, Italian, and world literature. He earned an M.A. at St. John’s College, Annapolis, and earned a B.A. at Hampden-Sydney in 2000.

Dr. Helena K.W. von Rueden, assistant professor of fine arts and director of choral activities, studied vocal performance and choral conducting at the University of California, Santa Barbara. There she conducted the UCSB Women’s and Men’s Choruses and taught musicianship. Dr. von Rueden has taught at the University of Richmond and maintains an active vocal performance career in oratorio, choral, and operatic repertoire.

Visiting Professor

Dr. Robert E. Frank, visiting associate professor of rhetoric, studied speech communication and rhetorical studies at the University of Georgia, Wake Forest University, and the University of Richmond. Most recently he was the executive director of international affairs at Longwood University, where he also was an associate professor of communication.

Visiting Instructor

Anca M. Glont, visiting instructor in Western culture, studied history at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She taught history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

QUOTES TO CONSIDER

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

—Aristotle

“The forbearing use of power does not only form a touchstone, but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test of a true gentleman.”

—Robert E. Lee

“The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight.”

—Theodore Roosevelt
TIGER CROSSWORD

All questions are Hampden-Sydney related. Answers marked with an asterisk* can be found in this issue of The Record. E-mail a picture or send completed crosswords to the editor at amcclellan@hsc.edu or Box 68, Hampden-Sydney, Va. 23943. The first alumnus with a correct puzzle wins a prize from the bookstore.

Across
3. Admissions, fancy writer
4. Russian history prof
6. On the hill quarters
8. Burned in '94, no Crockett though
9. Campus executive
12. Presidential alumnus
13. Old wood chopper, Jan. issue
16. Iota chapter
18. Rhyming party days
19. 5th District alum*
22. Coed neighbor
23. Sports conference

Down
1. Lead scientist*
2. ‘Neither given nor received’
5. Econ/history building
7. Beat
10. Caned prof
11. Early liberty trustee*
13. Patriarcha author*
14. John McCain staffer*
15. Willie preacher
17. Tyrant, and a violent one*
20. Where Hampden fell, and pond
21. Former coach*
26. Bell tower

24. ‘FFF’: food, feed, and ___*
25. The forum
27. Plot against Charles*
28. H-SC apparel
29. Old book depository
30. Hoops house
Hampden-Sydney to Return Wrestling as Tenth NCAA Sport in 2015-16

Hampden-Sydney College President Dr. Christopher Howard and Athletic Director Richard Epperson have announced the return of wrestling as an intercollegiate sport at the College starting in the 2015-16 school year.

The National Wrestling Coaches Association, established in 1928, is a professional organization dedicated to serving and providing leadership for the advancement of all levels of wrestling, with primary emphasis on scholastic and collegiate wrestling programs.

“The NWCA wants to extend a heartfelt thanks to President Chris Howard, Richard Epperson, and the Hampden-Sydney College administration for recognizing the educational value that intercollegiate wrestling will bring to their campus,” Moyer said. “The NWCA is committed to assisting the program with startup funds, grassroots promotion, and ongoing support. Hampden-Sydney College is located in the heart of some of the best high school wrestling in America, which will help to ensure the long-term success of the program. This new varsity program represents the 120th new intercollegiate wrestling team that has been established or re-established since 2001.”

Current Tiger golf coach Mac Main has been tabbed to lead the Hampden-Sydney grapplers and has begun recruiting for the team’s inaugural season. Coach Main competed as an intercollegiate wrestler at Longwood University.

“I believe it is fitting that Hampden-Sydney College, an institution steeped in history and tradition, reinstate wrestling as an NCAA intercollegiate sport,” Main stated. “One of our goals is to develop young men of exceptional character and to prepare these gentlemen for success in a competitive world. I am pleased to be part of developing a wrestling program that will be both competitive and successful. For the past two years, we have nurtured a wrestling club team and have several freshmen members of the team who are former high school state champion wrestlers. Additionally, we are actively recruiting new students for our program. There are a tremendous number of athletes in the state who are looking for a college where wrestling is a varsity sport.”
of high school wrestlers who are seeking opportunities to continue their sport in college, and there has been a lack of NCAA Division III wrestling programs available for these young men to do so. We believe we can offer these wrestlers an opportunity to continue the sport they love and increase the strength of the Hampden-Sydney athletic department.”

“I am confident Coach Main will build a competitive Division III wrestling program at Hampden-Sydney,” added Epperson. The H-SC Tiger wrestlers will compete in Kirby Field House.

To learn more about the NWCA, visit www.nwcaonline.com.

Murray Named All-ODAC, Tigers Reach ODAC Quarterfinals

Junior point guard Mike Murray ’16 earned Second Team All-ODAC honors as the Tigers posted their fifth consecutive winning record at 16-11 overall while reaching the ODAC Tournament Quarterfinals.

Murray, of Norfolk, averaged 14.1 points, 4.6 rebounds, 4.0 assists, and 1.7 steals-per-game. His 4.0 assists-per-game was third in the conference, and he led the team in scoring, made-field-goals, three-point percentage, made-three-throws, free-throw percentage,
rebounds, assists, and steals.

He scored in double digits in 20 games, including six 20-point performances and a career-high of 25 at Bridgewater. He also dished out at least five assists nine times with a career-best 14 helpers against Eastern Mennonite. In that game, he was one rebound shy of a triple-double.

The Tigers had an exciting season with trips to Puerto Rico, Las Vegas, and California; the team appeared on television twice, facing Coast Guard on ESPNU and Randolph-Macon on five local markets in Virginia.

Lee Ayscue ’15 Named ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Swimming Places Third at ODAC Championships

The Hampden-Sydney swim team placed third in the inaugural Men’s Swimming ODAC Championship meet, and Lee Ayscue ’15 was named the first Men’s Swimming ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Ayscue, Calvin Charles ’16, Conor O’Heir ’17, and Ryan Mitchell ’17 set the school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay, finishing in 1:36.74. They broke a record they had set in the preliminaries of 1:37.28. Charles, Mitchell, O’Heir, and Ayscue took third place in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:06.91. The quartet took fourth in the 400-yard freestyle relay, clocking in at 3:35.24. O’Heir, Mitchell, Tate Socha ’18, and Ayscue swam a 1:51.67 for fourth place in the 200-yard medley relay.

Washington and Lee won the men’s and women’s ODAC championship. Randolph-Macon’s Bobby Brajdic was named the Swimmer of the Year, and Yellow Jacket Coach Brent Kintzer was honored as Coach of the Year. Tommy Thetford of Washington and Lee took home the Rookie of the Year award.

Nance Wins Lanier Award

Senior quarterback Nash Nance ’15 was named the winner of the Willie Lanier Award, given to the top player in Division II, III and NAIA in the state by the Touchdown Club of Richmond. Nance was a finalist with Christopher Newport quarterback Marcus Morrast and Virginia State linebacker Andre Rawls.

Nance, a three-time All-ODAC pick, was in the top two this season in nearly every statistical category for quarterbacks in the league. He threw for 2,967 yards, 29 touchdowns, and 15 interceptions while completing over 58 percent of his passes (215-for-370). Additionally, he was third in the ODAC in rushing touchdowns with nine. For his career, he has the second most touchdowns in school history (80), second most completions (699), and third most yards (8,118). In 2013, he was the South Region Offensive Player of the Year and an honorable mention All-American.

Nance is the first Tiger to win the award since Drew Smith ’08 was named the top player in the state in 2007.

New Head Soccer Coach

Hampden-Sydney College Director of Athletics Richard Epperson announced the hiring of Ian McMichael (left) as the new soccer head coach.

Coach McMichael comes to H-SC after
spending the past two seasons at NCAA Division II institution Pfeiffer University, located in Misenheimer, North Carolina, where he served as an assistant coach for one season before being named associate head coach and assistant to the athletic director.

“It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Ian McMichael as the ninth head soccer coach at Hampden-Sydney College,” said Epperson. “I am tremendously impressed with Coach McMichael’s passion and plan for taking our program to new heights. Ian was a vital element of Pfeiffer University’s unprecedented success over the past two years, and we are confident in his ability to lead Hampden-Sydney Soccer for many years to come.”

“I am thrilled, thankful, and extremely appreciative for this opportunity. I can’t wait to get started and work for such a well-respected institution that is rich in tradition and excellence both academically and athletically,” said Coach McMichael. “Our goal is to bring Hampden-Sydney the first soccer ODAC championship in the school’s history while being outstanding in the classroom and active members on campus and in the community. I’m excited to begin this new journey.”

In his time at Pfeiffer, he served as recruiting coordinator and helped bring in 34 student-athletes in just two recruiting classes. He was also the head coach for the reserve team. McMichael coached under the tutelage of Head Coach Bob Reasso, who ranks among the top 10 of active head coaches for winning percentage and was the National Coach of the Year in 1990 at Rutgers University.

The Falcons were 1-15-2 before his arrival in the spring of 2013, but they proceeded to post massive improvement the next season, going 10-8-2. The Falcons continued their exponential improvement this past fall as they broke the school record for wins with 17. In 2014, they also won the Conference Carolinas Tournament Championship for the first time in program history while advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division II Championship tournament, also a program-first accomplishment.

Before going to Pfeiffer, McMichael was on the coaching staffs for UNC-Wilmington and Xavier University in 2007 and 2008, respectively. Following his time at Xavier, he was a head coach for several youth league soccer teams before being named the head coach at Topsail High School in Hampstead, North Carolina, where he coached for three full seasons.

McMichael, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, received his Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism and Electronic Media from Tennessee and his Master’s in Education from UNC Wilmington.
Reunion Weekend 2015
Classes Ending in 0s and 5s

Remember those warm spring days on campus when every breeze that blew seemed to be just for you? Or perhaps those relaxing evenings out on the lawn, listening to music with your classmates? Maybe you miss some of your old professors and wish you could go back and listen to their lectures once again. You can experience that feeling on June 5-7, 2015, at the third annual Reunion Weekend at Hampden-Sydney. Last year’s attendance nearly tripled from the year before, and the Alumni Office has been busy planning more events for this year’s get-together.

Alumni whose graduating years end with 0s or 5s are invited back to campus for a series of receptions, dinners, live music, educational lectures, and a tennis tournament, among many other activities. Attendees can stay in the dorms or in local hotels. The full schedule for the weekend is available online at alumni.hsc.edu.

Starting Friday morning, the first event will be the annual golf tournament at The Manor, a challenging, 18-hole course built in 2007 just south of Farmville. All skill levels are welcome. Alumni can sign on as a foursome or as a single and be assigned to a team. The winning foursome will win a front-row tailgating spot in the Founder’s Lot for the Homecoming game.

One can expect a bourbon, beer, and wine tasting featuring Hampden-Sydney brewers, distillers, and vintners Friday evening. This will be followed by a barbeque dinner at Chalgrove Point, where former students, faculty, and staff can enjoy a casual meal under the hardwoods by Chalgrove Lake.
Last summer’s alumni (above) had plenty of time to relax with old friends. Alumni should expect the same this year.

Both the golf tournament Friday morning and the tennis tournament (above) will be held.

A series of lectures is scheduled as part of this year’s Summer College, which includes “War of Annihilation: The War in Europe” by Dr. James Frusetta; and “Lee at Antietam and the English Lord Who Saved the Union” by Cpt. Steven Knott ’82, professor at the U.S. Army War College. For more information visit www.hsc.edu/Summer-College.

The 36th Annual Graves Thompson Tennis Challenge is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. The casual tournament has been played during the Reunion Weekend since 2013 and is open to everyone, including family, friends, faculty, and staff. The new tennis coach, Robert Bareford, will provide free tennis lessons to kids who want to play, and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Luncheons with Hampden-Sydney coaches, campus tours, and visits to Sailor’s Creek battlefield and High Bridge Trail are all planned options. There will also be a cocktail reception at Middlecourt and a band playing at the Watkins Bell Tower Saturday night.

If your class year ends in 0 or 5 and you haven’t received e-mail notifications, or if you have any questions, please visit alumni.hsc.edu or e-mail the alumni office at reunions@hsc.edu.
1945

Rev. Dr. ROBERT BLUFORD, JR., was recently interviewed at Cleveland State University on his professional training as a USAAF pilot in the city in 1943. He returned to visit last year to thank the people of Cleveland for the hospitality they showed him and other future pilots, navigators, and bombardiers during their training.

1957

Dr. WILLETTE L. “BILL” LeHEW received the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (SAAOG) at its January annual meeting. LeHew, a former SAAOG president, was cited for his significant contributions to the association, to the medical profession, and to undergraduate and graduate education.

1963

DAVID G. “DAVE” WILSON, current trustee of the College, was named to the Douglas S. Freeman High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

GEORGE CARTLEDGE, JR., Hampden-Sydney trustee emeritus, was recently honored by the Carilion Clinic in Roanoke. It renamed its patient transport center after him in honor of his nearly 40 years of service as a member of the Carilion Clinic board of directors. The Carilion building will now be known as The George B. Cartledge Jr. Center for Transportation.

1968

Col. WILLIAM T. “BILL” ANDERSON, retired (below, middle), was sent by the U.S. Marine Corps University Foundation to participate in the Memorial Day festivities at the WWI American Military Cemetery at Belleau, France, in May 2014. It is the site of the Battle of Belleau Wood, fought by the U.S. Army and Marines in June 1918. Acknowledged as an expert on the conflict, Anderson leads on-site battlefield tours. When retreating French forces implored the Marines to turn back during the battle, one of their commanders famously replied, “Retreat? Hell, we just got here.”

1970

CHARLES S. STRINGFELLOW, JR., was selected as a finalist for the 2015 TIME Magazine [Automotive] Dealer of the Year. Stringfellow is CEO of Brown’s Automotive Group in Northern Virginia.

DAVID S. MERCER was named by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the board of visitors for Gunston Hall, the 18th-century mansion of Founder George Mason.

1971

L. RICHMOND “RICH” MARTIN III was reappointed head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Alumni from the 1950s gathered for a photo. Front row (l. to r.): G. Otis Mead III ’56; Jim Kulp ’56; Henry McVey III ’57; M. Norton Howe, Jr. ’60. Second row (l. to r.): Dr. Thomas Bowe, Jr. ’57; F. Meriwether “Mert” Fowlkes ’60; Sumner Pugh, Jr. ’57; James Overbey ’55; Dr. George Grinnan ’57; Edward L. “Sandy” Sanders ’56; Calvin N. “Whitey” Warfield ’56; Bill Moseley ’56; Larry Hoover, Jr. ’56; Edward Breeden III ’56; John F. Richards ’56.

Col. William “Bill” Anderson ’68 describes troop movements at Belleau, France.
1973
Dr. LLOYD F. MOSS, JR., and his son, who is also a dentist, partnered with SmartBox Web Marketing to create a more interactive website for their dental patients.

Dr. JOSEPH M. CROCKETT II recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society. He is a professor of chemistry at Bridgewater College.

1976
Dr. ANDREW L. “ANDY” MOORE, JR., (above, r.) participated in a medical and dental mission to Panama, sponsored by the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Partnership Missions, and the Panama Baptist Convention. Under the auspices of the Fundación Cristiana Medico Social, Moore provided dental care to 181 people, mostly from the Emberá indigenous group, in Cucunatí, Panama (Darién Province).

H. JOSEPH “JOE” CAMPER was named as the administrative director of Adult Inpatient Services at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital, a 150-bed, inpatient behavioral health facility located on the northside of Chicago, Illinois.

1977
DAVID D. SUMMERLIN is mentoring a second-grade student through the Guilford Youth Mentoring Program (GYM) at Guilford Lakes School in Connecticut.

1979
JOHN T. H. CARPENTER completed his year of service as a Triton with the 41st Virginia Beach Neptune Festival. The festival attracts about 500,000 visitors annually, showcasing more than 35 major events from March to September each year.

JOHN JEANES is a restoration consultant who advised the architectural restoration of James Madison’s Montpelier. He covered in detail the architectural restoration, described the process and procedures employed to accurately restore this national treasure, and gave some background on the factors that made the restoration possible.

1982
D. RICHARD HARRIS II was recently named the new president of BBX Sweet Holdings. He was formerly president of Maxfield Candy Company. BBX Sweet Holdings invests in and acquires manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of confectionery and chocolate products.

1984
HARRY H. WARNER, JR., was recently featured in the Richmond Times-Dispatch as a member of the Save the Diamond Committee. Warner and others hope to preserve The Diamond, the baseball field once home to the Richmond Braves and now the Flying Squirrels.

Dr. BRUCE W. OVERTON recently performed a root canal on an Asiatic black bear at the Metro Richmond Zoo. The patient, Amai, was reportedly a cooperative patient during the successful procedure.

R. F. BURKE STEELE III is a financial advisor for Appomattox Insurance & Financial Services, Inc. SAMUEL BARRON SEGAR III, senior vice president of development for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF (below, third from left), and UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Yoka Brandt rang the closing bell at New York Stock Exchange on December 31, 2014, in New York.
1986

MAURICE A. JONES received the Dreamer's Award on January 18, 2015, at the symphony concert at Calvary Revival in Hampton Roads.

1988

CHRISTOPHER PEACE and the Honorable HARVEY B. MORGAN ’52 recently stopped for a photograph together on the floor of the House of Delegates. Morgan is the former representative of Virginia’s 98th district, and Peace is the current representative of the 97th district.

1989

C. SAUNDERS “SANDY” ROBERSON, JR., is a judge for the “Shark Tank” startup competition hosted by SpringBoard NC. He is the owner of HealthView Capital Partners, a private equity group.

1990

CARLOS ALVARENGA has joined Lumis Partners, an India-U.S. private equity and venture capital firm, as an executive partner overseeing their supply chain investment portfolio.

1991

JAMES S. “CHARLIE” LIVERMON III was named to the 2015 Legal Elite list in Business North Carolina magazine, being recognized for his work as an attorney. He practices in the bankruptcy and creditor’s rights section of Poyner Spruill LLP.

KEVIN WOOD, a licensed realtor since 2004, is now affiliated with Slate Properties real estate in Washington, D.C.

1992

KEVIN E. SMITH of Riggs Partners, a creative marketing consultancy, is one of 38 leaders from across the Midlands of South Carolina selected to participate in the Riley Institute at Furman’s Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI).

EDWIN L. “ED” WEST III was among 21 Brooks Pierce attorneys recognized as industry leaders in the 2015 Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

1993

Hon. RICHARD YORKE ATLEE, JR., was recently appointed to an appeals court judgeship in Virginia. He was previously serving as a circuit court judge.

1994

PAUL J. LANDAICHE, JR., is now the director of RIA Growth at Dynasty Financial Partners in New York City.
1996
RYAN ODOM was named interim head basketball coach at UNC Charlotte.

1997
JAMES WILLIAM HAGERTY formed an aircraft brokerage firm based in Savannah, Georgia. The Hagerty Jet Group will focus on marketing and acquisition services of airplanes to large corporations and wealthy individuals.

1998
WILLIAM D. SELDEN VI was recently elected to the board of directors of the Westwood Club, a private tennis and social club in Richmond.

1999
STACEY FRANKLIN was selected as the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) area manager for Hawaii and the Far East in February 2015. Franklin oversees the management and operation of all GSA Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) facilities, provision of supplies, marketing of related business lines, and determination of federal agency requirements.

JAMES “JIM” ASHBY was elected to the board of governors of The Commonwealth Club in Richmond. He will serve a three-year term.

RICHARD “RICHTER” HEATH was recently named chief counsel to West Virginia Senate President William P. Cole III.

2002
DAN M. HARTZOG, JR., was named to the 2015 North Carolina Rising Stars list of attorneys.

CHARLES EDWARD “CHUCK” McWILLIAMS, JR., was named by Virginia Business Magazine as one of the 2014 “Legal Elite” in the field of taxes, estates, trusts, and elder law. Chuck currently leads the estate planning and tax practice at Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C., and was also admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in January 2015.

2003
CHARLES EDWIN “TREY” GREGORY III was promoted to sourcing manager and relocated with his company to Columbus, Ohio, in 2013. Trey’s responsibilities include strategic sourcing of active pharmaceutical ingredients to support the growth of Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane and Boehringer Ingelheim pharma division.

2004
Cpt. ROBERT BRADFORD “BRAD” ISRAEL was recently featured in Mobile Bay Magazine’s online “Class of 40 Under Forty,” a list of 40 individuals “who demonstrate leadership, professional excellence, and a commitment to the Bay area community.” Brad is a former U.S. Army infantry and special operations officer, who is now a development and leasing specialist with Bender Real Estate Group.

2007
THOMAS PATRICK DOHENY started a new job in the U.S. Senate in December, working for Senator Debra “Deb” Fischer of Nebraska as her communications director. He had previously worked in the House of Representatives and was recently on Cory Gardner’s senate campaign in Colorado in the fall of 2014.

ROBERT SHERWOOD “ROBBIE” O’CAIN (above) was recently promoted to brewmaster at Starr Hill Brewery in Charlottesville. Robbie attended the World Trustee Chairman Tom Allen ’60 and Elizabeth Allen hosted a joint team barbecue with Team USA (seen in picture) and Team United Kingdom in the 2014 Ponce de Leon Matches at Sea Island, Georgia. Michael Aide ’96, Jamie Rankin ’99, Michael Palmore ’97, Bill Wainscott ’96, Patrick McManamy ’96, and others enjoyed Southern Soul catered BBQ, key lime pie (homemade by Elizabeth), drinks, and an “amazing view.” Team USA defeated Team UK in the golf tournament.
Brewing Academy Master Brewer Program through Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago and Doemens Academy in Munich, Germany. He graduated at the top of his class and earned a master's degree in brewing science.

ROBERT H. THOMSON accepted a full-time position in Group Sales for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Wyoming.

GRAY ELLIS PENDLETON earned the “Accredited Investment Fiduciary®” designation and is an investment manager and financial planner with Pendleton Financial in Raleigh, North Carolina.

JOSHUA PARSLEY was named vice president of operations at Brown Distributing Company in Richmond.

MARK ALAN TASSONE earned his M.A. in Latin in 2010 from Florida State University and has been teaching Latin at Salem High School in Salem since then. In 2014 he hiked for about 500 miles along the Camino de Santiago from southern France, over the Pyrenees, and across much of Spain.

THOMAS HALLETT “TOM” BADGER II is working in marketing for Electrical Geodesics, Inc., which specializes in high-end electroencephalogram (EEG) systems, which detect electrical activity in human brains.

KYLE D. KNEELAND, portfolio manager in Cushman & Wakefield/Thalhimer’s Fredericksburg office, has been promoted to director of property services. Thalhimer provides various comprehensive commercial real estate services.

TYLER ROBERT BARSTOW is a cofounder and driving force behind Vinyl Me Please, a startup record club that was recently featured on yahoon.com, billboard.com, and pastemagazine.com. Tyler and others handpick vinyl records every month, pair them with pieces of art and custom cocktail recipes, package them “like a birthday present,” and deliver them to subscribers’ homes.

MATTHEW G. THOMPSON III accepted a position as an account executive with Rutherford insurance company.

PETER JOHN “JACK” QUINN was hired as a realtor for Long & Foster in Richmond.

WEDDINGS

1985
ALBERT SCHYMAN and DAVID SCHEUCK were married on August 18, 2013. Al is a global sourcing manager with E.I. DuPont and David is the owner of Scheuck Designs. They live in Wilmington, Delaware.

2012
WILLIAM DAVIS CORRELL was recently featured on RichmondBizSense.com for his launching of Busky Cider in Richmond. Correll has investors and bought old brewing equipment to get started. He is leasing the 7,500-square-foot space at 2010 W. Leigh St. in Scott’s Addition. He plans to open this spring.

2013
JOHN BRITTAINT “BRIT” McKENZIE was recently hired as the campaign manager for Senator Bryce Reeves of Virginia’s 17th state senate district.

WILLIAM AARON WILDER WOODALL owns and operates Furniture Medic by The Woodall Group, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. They specialize in furniture, cabinet, floor repair, and refinishing.

2015
STUART S. COX and GLENN CUDABACK were married on February 5, 2015, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Stuart serves on the Hampden-Sydney alumni board of directors and is an entrepreneur, and Glenn is a business strategist with JPL Creative. Bryan Vanetten ’10 was best man. They live in Lancaster.

1992
DANIEL OWEN and MARY NASH were married on December 29, 2014, at Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Matthews, North Carolina. In attendance were William Mansfield III ’92, Henry Walker ’90, and Brian Irving ’92. Mary is an elementary school counselor, and Dan works for Shell Oil Company. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2002
CHARLES E. “CHUCK” McWILLIAMS and CHARLOTTE BURACKER were married on May 11, 2014, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville. Charles is an attorney and Charlotte is a cardiac ICU nurse for Valley Health. Aaron Aylor ’03 was the best man. They live in Winchester.

2003
DANIEL McGONEGLE and ERIN BRAZIER were married on September 27, 2014, in Sandbridge. The groom was recently hired as the director of product development for Vector Learning, an online education and training company. They live in Tampa, Florida.

2006
WILLIAM “BILLY” ALLISON and CECILY ROSE were married on September 7, 2013, at Lamington Weddings
At the wedding of Charles McWilliams and Charlotte Buracker on May 11, 2014.

At the wedding of William Allison and Cecily Rose on September 7, 2013.

At the wedding of Austin Olive and Kathryn Preston on November 8, 2014.

At the wedding of Colin Dunn and Laurie Clark on June 28, 2014.

At the wedding of Daniel McGonegle and Erin Brazier on September 27, 2014.

Presbyterian Church in Bedminster, New Jersey. In attendance were Doug LaBrosse ’06, Austin Olive ’07, Tom Melton ’06, Clay Coyle ’05, William Horner ’05, Jason Lewis ’10, Thomas Ralston ’06, and Eli Brewer ’07. They live in London, UK.

**2007**

**AUSTIN HOOD OLIVE and KATHRYN LINDSAY PRESTON** were married on November 8, 2014, in Charlotte. In attendance were Bo Gravely ’06, Doug LaBrosse ’06, Bobby Thompson ’07, Judson McAdams ’04, Thomas Ralston ’06, Scott McAdams ’07, Austine Olive ’07, Heath Gates ’05, Tom Melton ’06, Jay Hamilton ’07, Clay Coyle ’05, Billy Allison ’06, and Tom Coyle ’79.

**2008**

**COLIN ROBERT DUNN and LAURIE ANN CLARK** were married on June 28, 2014, at Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Charleston, South Carolina. In attendance were Coach Ray Rostan, William Shell ’07, Alex Pritzlaff ’08, Doug Carpenter ’08, John Pritzlaff ’06, Ryan Harrington ’07, and Andrew Mahoney ’09.

**MICHAEL CLAY SEWELL and CARROLL ELIZABETH “CALLIE” DEVORE** were married on July 12, 2014, in Athens, Georgia. Clay is a civil litigation attorney, and Callie is the director of marketing for the Thomasville Center for the Arts. They live in Thomasville, Georgia. In attendance were Dacre Knight ’05, Mason Wingard ’06, Thomas Ralston ’06, Cabell Barrow ’07, Elliot Howell ’05, Dash Kelley ’08, Andy Lawrence ’08, Evan Sullivan ’08, John Kingston ’07.
Births

Thomas “Rusty” Heery ’78, Chris Thumma ’06, John Perry ’05, Matt Bingham ’06, Louie Nottingham ’08, Matt Weekley ’07, James Carroll “J.C.” Wallace ’08, Jake Morgan ’08, Lex Rickenbacker ’04, Taylor Mann ’05, Jimmy Philbin ’08, and Travis Harris ’05.

2009

JOSHUA L. SIMPSON and SAMANTHA BURTCH were married on April 26, 2014, at Virginia Beach. Josh is a realtor at Hometown Realty, and Samantha is a transfer student at VCU. In attendance were Ronald Axelle ’68, Michael Chenault ’88, Zachary Sanchez ’09, Brett Wilson ’09, J. Hall Toledano III ’09, Luke Swiney ’09, Joseph Fitzgerald ’09, Adam Gillette ’10, Corey Sedlar ’09, Craig Warnement ’10, Coach Marty Favret, Drew Martin ’08, Tony C. Stevens ’09, Andrew Sellers ’09, M. Deane Cheatham III ’88, Kevin Morrison ’09, and Andrew Baker ’07. They live in Richmond.

2011

TELPHOR LEE “TJ” AUSTIN, JR., and KATHARINE LOUISE WINDETT were married on June 14, 2014, at Blenheim Vineyards in Charlottesville. In attendance were Ben Pleasants ’11, Eric Early ’11, Nate Thomas ’11, Mark Robins ’11, Franklin Massie ’08, and Duncan Massie ’11. The groom is an ecologist at Angler Environmental, originally a pond services and mitigation consulting firm based in Warrenton that has now restored more than 20 miles of stream and 300 acres of wetlands. The bride is a high school teacher and field hockey coach.

2012

ANDREW McCULLAGH and ANDREA MILLER were married on August 30, 2014, in Northern Virginia. The bride graduated from Longwood University in 2012.

To BARTRAM “BART” and BETH ANN SHAEFFFER, a son, Walter Humphrey Shaeffer, on November 1, 2014. Walter joins his older brothers
To Dr. JARED and ASHLEY HEFFRON, a daughter, Sarah Katherine Heffron, on June 17, 2014. They live in Salem.

To JONATHAN and LAUREN SPEAR, a son, Jonathan “Jack” L. Spear III, in July 2014. They live in Manhattan.

To TRAVIS and LAUREN IRVIN, a son, Shepherd Harrington Irvin, on July 25, 2013. They live in Richmond.

To SHAWN and JESSICA MIDDLEBROOKS, a daughter, Victoria Juliet-Elease Middlebrooks, on August 18, 2014. They live in Wake County, North Carolina.

Charlie, George, and Bart. They live in Gibson Island, Maryland.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? Your old classmates want to hear from you! Let them know about your latest accomplishment or life event. To submit a class note, visit alumni.hsc.edu or e-mail your entry directly to the editor at amcclellan@hsc.edu. You can also mail your note to The Record, Box 68, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia 23943.
Deaths

1938

ROBERT G. HARPER III of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died on January 6, 2015. He was a retired attorney and former trustee of the College. He started as a law clerk to the chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals; at the outbreak of World War II, he joined the United States Naval Reserve. Later he served at U.S. embassies in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. He eventually returned to Washington to work for the General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. As a legal adviser on behalf of the White House, he traveled to South Vietnam during the war to assist local officials with rule of law and governance matters.

1939

Dr. ASHTON T. STEWART of Quarryville, Pennsylvania, died on November 30, 2014. He attended the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. A captain in the Army, he served in Dachau, Germany, in the Medical Corps. In 1947 he went to Iran as a medical missionary and served as the director of three different mission hospitals in Tabriz, Mashhad, and Hamadan. During the 1980s he opened a physical therapy school.

Rev. JAMES MILLER BLANTON, JR., of Columbia, Missouri, died on December 29, 2014. He attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond and was ordained a Presbyterian minister. Originally from Cumberland, he moved to Missouri and was the founding pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

1941

Dr. JAMES L. BUGG, JR., of Harbor’s Edge died on January 15, 2015. He graduated summa cum laude from Hampden-Sydney. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, later earning his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Raven Society. He was a professor of history at the University of Missouri and served as president of Old Dominion University from 1969 to 1976.

1942

Col. CARY ANDERSON THOMPSON, JR., of Panama City, Florida, died on January 13, 2015. Raised in Lynchburg, he joined the Army Air Corps during World War II as a communications officer in India. Thompson met his future wife, Helene, on a transport ship and went bear hunting for their honeymoon. Their 50th wedding anniversary was officiated by the same pastor who had married them in India. He worked as a counselor for troops at the Pentagon.

JESSE D. RIDGEWAY, JR., of Staunton died on January 21, 2015. He taught at Staunton Military Academy from 1942 to 1947 and then at Wilson Memorial High School from 1947 to 1979. He taught general science, physics, and chemistry, and before his death at 97 was believed to be the last surviving member of the original 1947 faculty. He was an avid gardener, enjoyed big band music, and had a record collection numbering in the thousands.

1953

THOMAS E. REED III of Herndon died on January 10, 2015. He was an appraiser and broker of real estate in Northern Virginia for 50 years. He began his appraisal and brokerage business in 1964, opening his office in Fairfax across from the old Fairfax County Courthouse.

EDWARD KEMPER UHLER, JR., of Springfield died on January 23, 2015. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, later working as an attorney and counselor of law in Annandale for 55 years. He was a member of the Providence Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale, where he served as an elder and deacon. He was a Past Master of the Elmer Timberman Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Rotary Club of Annandale.

1961

Dr. CARROLL A. CLONINGER died on December 2, 2014. He earned his Ph.D. in education from the University of Virginia in 1971. He was an educator for Henrico County Public Schools for 30 years, serving as principal of Henrico High School from 1981 to 1987. The auditorium at the school is named in his honor.

1962


J. WILLIAM FERRELL III of Richmond died on December 21, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in the banking industry. He was a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Sons of the Revolution, and The General Society of Colonial Wars.

1964

ROBERT BARNS “BOBBY” BRITTAIR of Tazewell died on January 18, 2015. He was a former member of the Tazewell Town Council, also serving on the board of directors for several local banks and coal companies. He appeared in the movie “Lassie” in 1994.

1965

W. SCOTT STREET III of Richmond died on February 1, 2015. He was valedictorian of his high school class at Hargrave Military Academy. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1968, practicing at several law firms in the Richmond area. He spent the last 34 years at Williams Mullen. He served as president of the Virginia State Bar from 1999 to 2000.

1989

RICHARD BLAIR CRAIG, JR., of Richmond died on February 16, 2015. He graduated from St. Christopher’s School in Richmond, attended Hampden-Sydney, and graduated from VCU.
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