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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Shortly after Election Day, I wrote to our students and noted the many claims that we had just come through the most contentious election cycle ever. I reminded them, however, that the news media calls every presidential election the most contentious ever. In fact, fierce debate and conflict have characterized our nation's political life since its founding. Disputes over the adoption of our Constitution made two of our College's original trustees, James Madison and Patrick Henry, bitter enemies. Political intrigue made Washington's second administration especially challenging. In the 1860 presidential election, Lincoln received not a single electoral vote south of the Mason-Dixon Line. And, over the last 50 years, dissatisfaction with the candidates nominated by the two major parties have given rise to three different third-party candidates who won a large percentage of the popular vote.

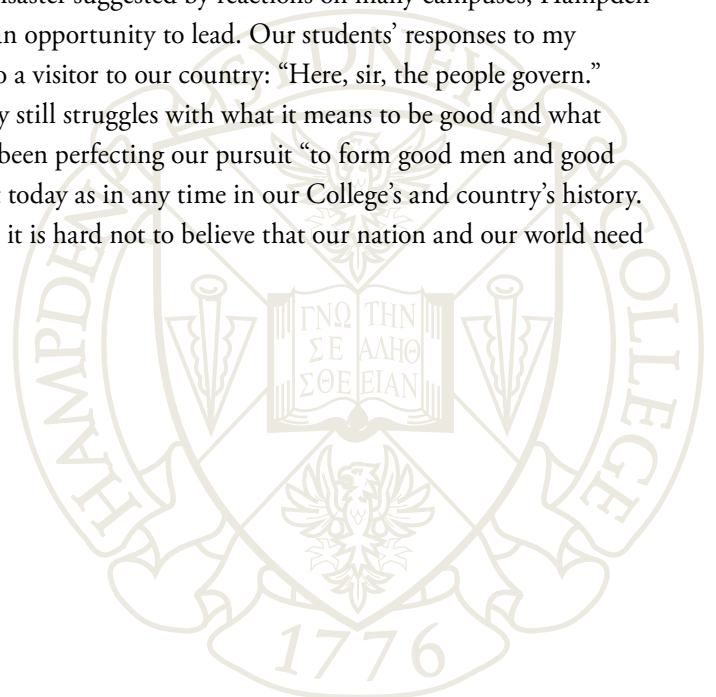
You may have read or seen news stories about how the outcome of this year's election played out on many college and university campuses across the country. Some schools made special counseling services available to their students; others held special teach-ins to help students cope with Donald Trump's victory. One college's president

had the U.S. flag taken down. I was naturally very interested in how Hampden-Sydney students were responding to the election outcome. Many expressed surprise at Trump's win, given the polls published just before the election predicting a Clinton victory. Some of our students were pleased by the result, others were disappointed. But virtually all of the students with whom I spoke expressed both faith and pride in our American system and our ability to peacefully transition from one leader to another. Far from being the disaster suggested by reactions on many campuses, Hampden-Sydney students see the election as giving a new president an opportunity to lead. Our students' responses to my questions call to mind Alexander Hamilton's observation to a visitor to our country: "Here, sir, the people govern."

As in ancient Athens and throughout history, our society still struggles with what it means to be good and what it means to be a citizen. For more than 240 years, we have been perfecting our pursuit "to form good men and good citizens," and it strikes me that this mission is as important today as in any time in our College's and country's history. In fact, given the relevance of our mission in today's world, it is hard not to believe that our nation and our world need Hampden-Sydney men more now than ever before.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Stimpert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Larry Stimpert  
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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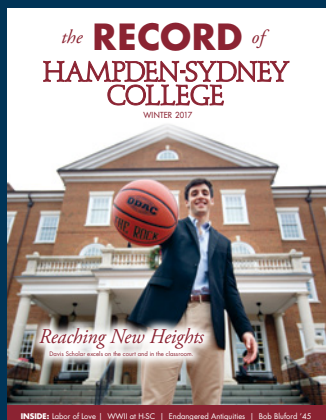
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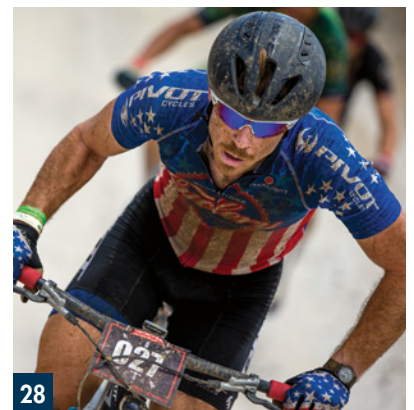
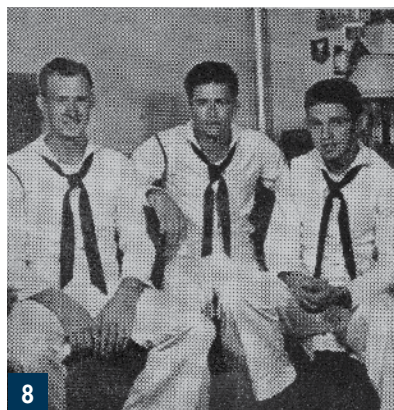
**ON THE COVER:**

International student Gui Guimarães is a leader on the basketball court, in the classroom, and around campus.  
*Photo by Courtney Vogel*

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# LABOR *of* LOVE

KAREN E. HUGGARD



Top: Photos of “Wolanski’s Kids” mark the finish line at the Wolanski 2-Miler. Above: Wolanski holds the newborn he delivered on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On a crisp fall morning in early November, over 1,000 Charlottesville-area residents gathered for a two-mile run on the grounds of Martha Jefferson Hospital to raise money for the Family Birthing Center and Special Care Nursery. Many of the participants weren’t particularly athletic, and a good number of them pushed strollers along the race course. But all had come to honor a community legend: Dr. **Edward T. Wolanski ’78**, who has delivered more than 10,000 children during his 30 years as an obstetrician. The event was organized by Wolanski’s patients, past and present, to mark his retirement from the delivery room in December. Wolanski is passionate about forming meaningful relationships, investing in the community, and advocating a healthy lifestyle for both his patients and himself, so the Wolanski 2-Miler was a perfect way to come together as a community and commemorate his impact.

## TEN THOUSAND AND COUNTING

To understand the scope of Wolanski’s impact, one must first appreciate the sheer number of deliveries he attends to each year. In 2015, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the average obstetrician delivered 150 babies; by comparison, Wolanski performed



almost 400 deliveries in the same time span—averaging more than one a day. To provide further context, Wolanski alone delivered almost one-third of the approximately 1,200 children born at Charlottesville’s Martha Jefferson Hospital last year, yet he is just one of 18 obstetricians practicing at the hospital. Over a 30-year career, most obstetricians would deliver between four and five thousand babies—only half of Wolanski’s 10,000 deliveries.

Wolanski’s impact exceeds mere numbers, however. His commitment to providing one-on-one care throughout his patients’ pregnancies also accounts for the outpouring of love. Wolanski finds it rewarding to provide patient care from start to finish, which is why he has been in solo practice since 1992. Beyond that, he performs all of his patients’ deliveries, day or night, rather than relying on on-call physicians.

That commitment has meant being on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the past 25 years, with the exception of the one-week vacation Wolanski allows himself each year. Asked how he manages the constant pace and lack of sleep, he says, “You’ve got to love what you’re doing in order to be a solo practitioner. I wanted to practice medicine the way I like to see it done:

one-on-one, actually taking care of somebody all the way through pregnancy and beyond.” Cindy Wolanski—his wife of 34 years, as well as the office manager and an RN at his practice—has also been crucial to his success. “If I didn’t have a wife who was so understanding and so supportive, I could never have done it.”

Wolanski says that despite the fulfillment he finds in obstetrics, “at age 60, I knew it was time to call it quits.” Although he plans to continue his gynecology practice for several more years, in early 2016 he told his colleagues, “Just as Michael Jordan, Cal Ripken, Jr., and Derek Jeter decided to quit doing something they loved, I’ve decided to stop delivering babies.” He notes that those athletes retired while still in their prime, and he wants to do the same. “I want to quit while I’m in a great place, not at the point of burnout. Nobody benefits from that—not the patients, not the doctor, and not the doctor’s family.”

It wasn’t until last spring that Wolanski even considered the total number of children he had delivered during his career. He says, “From year to year to year, you don’t even think about such things. You just keep going. In fact, until a nurse asked me in May if I realized I was about to deliver my 5,000<sup>th</sup> baby this century, I had no idea.”



Memorabilia from his Hampden-Sydney days hang on the wall in Wolanski's office.

## ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Right from the start, Wolanski knew he wanted to be a physician. In fact, it's what led him to Hampden-Sydney for his undergraduate degree. His high school chemistry teacher in Staunton, **Jessie D. Ridgeway, Jr. '42**, suggested Wolanski consider H-SC because of its strong track record for getting students into medical school. "Of course I interviewed at UVA and at William and Mary, but once I walked on campus at Hampden-Sydney, it was pretty straightforward. I knew it was the right place for me."

Impressed by the strong chemistry and biology departments at the College, Wolanski also felt that the all-male atmosphere meant fewer distractions.

And with his lofty ambitions, he

They did some research and realized he had surpassed 10,000 births in the Charlottesville area since 1986.

The 10,000 figure has attracted quite a bit of attention. At the Wolanski 2-Miler in November was a camera crew for *CBS Sunday Morning*, whose feature story on Wolanski will air nationally in early January. Local television, radio, and print media have also reported in the past year on Wolanski's impressive career, but he claims that while he appreciates the accolades, the true reward is the relationships with his patients. He says, "The media attention is only temporary, but the fact that my patients remember me means I've made an impact."

A recent anecdote proves just how much they do remember him. Over Thanksgiving weekend, Wolanski and one of his two adult sons attended a movie in Charlottesville. The woman working at the box office told his son, "Your dad delivered my kids!" Walking down the hall to the theater, they ran into three more people whose children he had delivered. Then, leaving the theater after the movie, two more patients approached them. Wolanski loves having that connection with so many people in his community and notes that the relatively small size of Charlottesville means he gets to keep up with his patients and to watch their children grow up.

needed to focus all of his time and energy on academics. Enrolling at H-SC in the fall of 1974, Wolanski set three goals for himself in addition to medical school: "I wanted to earn a 4.0 all four years, be my class valedictorian, and make Phi Beta Kappa by my junior year." Like most goals that Wolanski sets for himself, he accomplished all three.

In order to do so, Wolanski admits to being "pretty much a nerd and a lab rat." He spent many all-nighters working in the chemistry department on the third floor of Gilmer—or the Palace, as the science majors liked to call it. One memorable night during his freshmen year left Wolanski convinced that his medical dreams were over. He and several other pre-med students were studying in the chemistry lab at two in the morning. "There was an ice machine up there, so of course we decided to have an ice fight," he recalls. "We filled up all of the lab containers with ice and water, and the fight stretched down the hall until there were puddles of water everywhere." Unbeknownst to them, the head of the pre-med program, Dr. **Edward Crawford**, was in the biology lab on the second floor, and water was leaking into his office. "He came up and simply asked us, 'Now boys, what are you doing up here at 2 a.m.?' We looked at each other and thought, 'We're done. We just blew our chance to go to med school.'" The boys cleaned up the mess, and



apparently Crawford didn't hold it against them. "**Darby Hand '77** became a physician, **George Bumgardner '78** became a dentist, **Fred Gall '77** became a plastic surgeon, and I became an OB, but we all thought our medical careers were over before they even began," he laughs.

Nestled among the mementos that fill Wolanski's office—from trinkets given him by patients to a collection of antique medical tools—are several keepsakes from his Hampden-Sydney days. Dr. **William W. Porterfield's** recent book, *Things That Might Have Happened at Hampden-Sydney*, is propped up on the credenza, and Wolanski's Hampden-Sydney



After crossing the finish line hand-in-hand with a boy he delivered 9 years ago, Wolanski cheered on runners at the race held in his honor.

diploma and Phi Beta Kappa certificate hang prominently among the other awards and diplomas on the wall. He is particularly proud of a small glass plaque, only a few inches in diameter, presented to him between his junior and senior years at H-SC.

The 40-year-old award is proof, according to Wolanski, of the excellence of a Hampden-Sydney education. One of just 25 undergraduate students chosen in 1977 to conduct cancer research at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York, Wolanski was further honored to receive the prestigious Sidney Farber Research Award for his work that summer. He considers the award one of his

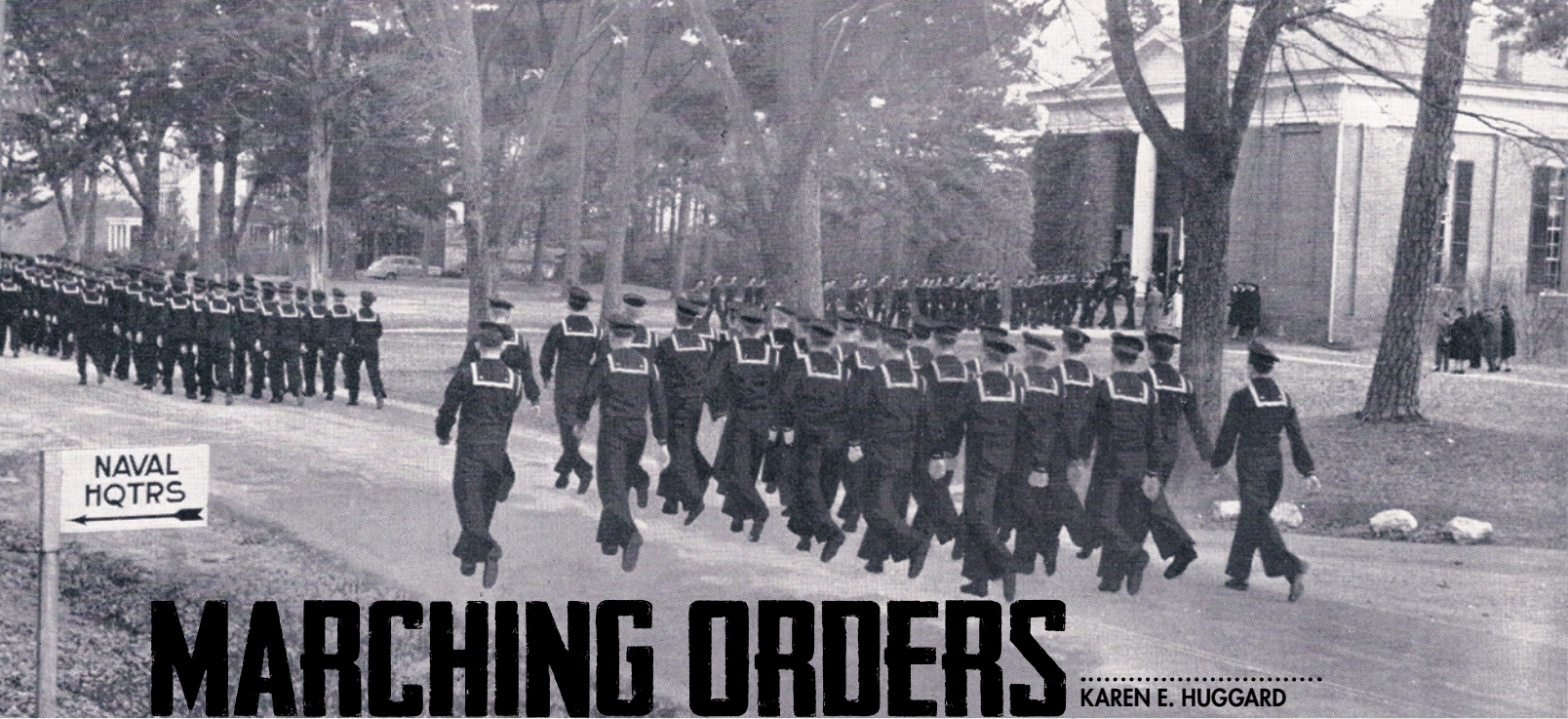
greatest accomplishments—an accomplishment made possible by his academics at Hampden-Sydney. "The chemistry department prepared students so well to go anywhere and succeed. I was able to do the research that won the Farber Award because of the foundation I received at Hampden-Sydney."

## A STRONG FINISH

Asked how he'll fill his spare time when he's "only" practicing gynecology, Wolanski turns philosophical. "When I started my undergraduate degree, I had so many interests. As I got more and more focused, I had to cut those out, everything from fishing to baseball to running. But it's important to do other things, and I need

to get those interests back in my life again." First and foremost, Wolanski plans to travel more with his family now that his schedule isn't determined by labor and delivery. He also hopes to volunteer with youth baseball, and to devote more time to current hobbies like riding his motorcycle, fishing, and running. He says that he might have one more marathon in him—he completed his 25th at the Richmond Marathon in November—and he's considering a pilot's license now that he has the time.

One thing is certain: with his energy and enthusiasm, Wolanski will continue to impact the community in which he has built so many meaningful relationships. ■



# MARCHING ORDERS

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KAREN E. HUGGARD

Seventy-five years ago, the attack on Pearl Harbor thrust the United States into the Second World War, changing virtually all aspects of American society—political, economic, and social. Within four days, America had declared war against Japan, Germany, and Italy; within a month, private industries were converted to war production; and within a year, some four million men had joined the war effort as either draftees or volunteers. The world of higher education was not immune from change; with nine million men serving in the armed forces by the end of 1943, all colleges and universities faced declining enrollment, but none more so than all-male colleges such as Hampden-Sydney.

By June of 1944, enrollment at Hampden-Sydney had dwindled to a mere 36 students, down from a pre-war enrollment of 400. For a college in the midst of financial woes—with an insufficient endowment and meager support from the Presbyterian Church, Hampden-Sydney depended on student fees for 80% of its operating budget—the loss of income was staggering. However,

Hampden-Sydney President **Edgar G. Gammon**, class of 1905, responded to the threat with equanimity: “Hampden-Sydney has never known anything but difficult times. She is inured to hardship. Come what may, we will do our best here, and I believe that a considerable number of our alumni, as loyal as any in the country, will do all in their power to see us through.” Alumni and friends of the College did see Hampden-Sydney through, by tripling the endowment during the war years and finding a temporary source of students: the U.S. Navy.

Gammon’s old football teammate, Admiral **Luther Sheldon**, class of 1903, helped the College secure a V-12 unit consisting of three Naval officers and 250 trainees annually, a source of income and activity that kept the College afloat from 1942 to 1945. Nationally, the V-12 program enrolled over 125,000 officer candidates on 131 campuses, transforming traditional colleges and universities into quasi-military academies that provided both undergraduate studies and military training. A total of 673 men from more than 20 states participated in



Photos from the 1944 *Kaleidoscope*

Hampden-Sydney's V-12 unit, and although most of them were assigned to the College by the U.S. Navy, more than half chose to be considered H-SC alumni when given the opportunity after the war.

Naval life quickly transformed the campus, from the dormitories to the classrooms. By September of 1943, Gammon noted, "The sound of the bugle and of marching feet has become the order of the day." Classics professor Dr. **Graves H. Thompson '27** remembered, "Cushing Hall became the USS Cushing, with the four floors renamed the 'decks' and the toilets, 'heads.' White-glove inspections ensured a cleanliness that Cushing had not known before (or, probably, experienced since)." A weekly campus newsletter, the *Fore 'N' Aft*, replaced the *Tiger* for a time, the *Kaleidoscope* was suspended for two years, and fraternity houses were closed for the duration of the war. Not all social activities ceased, though. Weekly bus trips to Farmville for swimming drills (the College did not have a pool of its own) provided a welcome diversion for the recruits, as did the six Navy-Civilian dances held during the 1943-1944 academic year, which were as popular with the girls from the State Teachers College (Longwood) as with the Naval recruits.

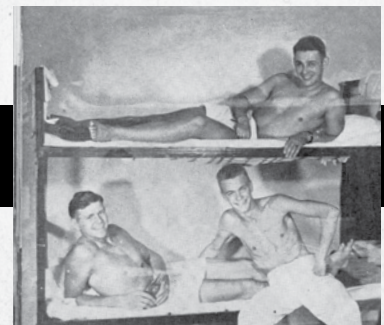
Several Hampden-Sydney professors volunteered for military service during the war, so an already reduced faculty took on new responsibilities in addition to their regular teaching duties. Classes in religion and classics, for example, were not in high demand for naval officers, so Bible professor Dr. **James B. Massey** found himself teaching a course in naval history, while Thompson taught analytical geometry in addition to Latin and Greek. Furthermore, the V-12 unit operated year-round, so faculty taught 12 months a year rather than nine—with no pay increase. Most of the professors, however, found Naval discipline "stimulating," according to Thompson. He wrote, "It was a teacher's delight that attendance was enforced and tardiness inhibited by the locking of the

classroom doors once the bell ceased to ring." Other Navy practices, such as publicly posting a weekly list of failing students, continued on after the V-12 departed because the faculty found them so useful.

Many V-12 students whom the Navy assigned to Hampden-Sydney returned to the College after the war to complete their civilian degrees. Once such student, **Arthur H. Michael '49** of Newark, New Jersey, recalled his wartime training at the College fondly, despite the strictures of military life. What made up for the "not very enjoyable" aspects of Navy life, according to Michael, was the faculty's excellent treatment of the recruits. Reflecting on his time at H-SC both during and after the war, Michael wrote, "I feel that I was very fortunate to begin my college career, as well as my naval experience, at Hampden-Sydney. The kindness and humanity of every member of the faculty whom I encountered made a great impact on me."

**William J. Cantwell '48** of Brooklyn, New York, had similar memories: "Little did I realize that I would ever become so attached to a small institution set back in the wilderness of Virginia. It was not long before most of the trainees had fallen in love with Hampden-Sydney tradition and were carrying on for the less fortunate Tigers who had left for all parts of the world." Noting that "the old 'Tiger Spirit' prevails today among most of the Navy boys," Cantwell said, "I am proud to say that Hampden-Sydney has given me a lot for which I am grateful. I know, too, that I am not alone in the feeling."

One small part of America's vast war effort, the V-12 unit at Hampden-Sydney left lasting impressions on both the College and the participants, securing the College's future and creating a special breed of Hampden-Sydney men. ■



# BOB BLUFORD

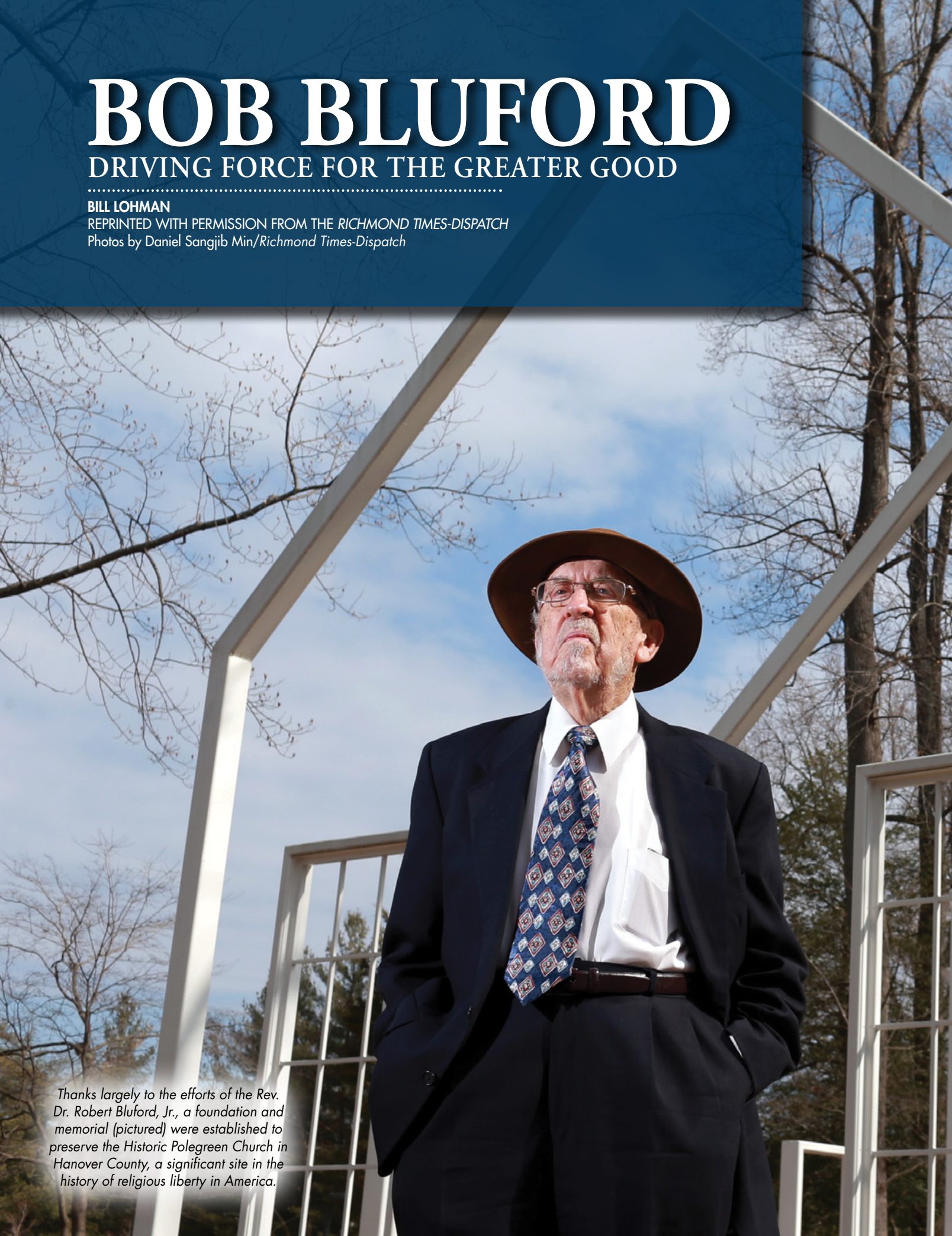
DRIVING FORCE FOR THE GREATER GOOD

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**BILL LOHMAN**

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*Thanks largely to the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Robert Bluford, Jr., a foundation and memorial (pictured) were established to preserve the Historic Polegreen Church in Hanover County, a significant site in the history of religious liberty in America.*



A few minutes before I arrived at Bob Bluford's apartment, he had been on the phone with a Canadian making a video related to a plaque honoring the 16 Virginians who died in World War II while fighting for the Royal Canadian Air Force before the United States entered the war. It was a project that Bluford helped see through.

Earlier in the week, Bluford had attended a meeting at Historic Polegreen Church in Hanover County, an important site in the history of religious liberty in America. He was a driving force in the establishment of a foundation to preserve the site, leading to the discovery of the original church's foundation, which serves as the footprint for an artfully designed framework of the old church. All because he was curious enough to stop and read a roadside historic marker.

And he continues his work trying to secure a site for a Native American memorial in Virginia, a venture he came to after reading a news story about a proposal to build a landfill at an Indian graveyard. Bluford approached the United Indians of Virginia, asking how he could help and later was appointed to the board.

"One thing for sure I can say about my life, ... I didn't suffer from boredom," Bluford said with a laugh. "Always something to do. Something worth doing."

Not bad for someone who, when we met earlier this month, was preparing to attend his 80th high school reunion. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bluford, Jr., is a 1936 graduate of John Marshall High School, having been born three weeks after the end of World War I. He turns 98 in December.

I asked where this drive to remain active on projects for the greater good comes from. Bluford said the inspiration came early, and he told me a story from his childhood, growing up off Brookland Park Boulevard in Richmond's North Side. A man was digging a ditch on his street on a bitterly cold day. Bluford's mother told her son to go and tell the man to come to their door so she could offer him a hot cup of coffee.

It was a small gesture, to be sure, but one that struck something deep within a young boy.

"Her interest in trying to help a little bit maybe stuck in my marrow somewhere," Bluford said. "So the question often in my mind is, 'How can I help?'"

A more complete résumé than Robert Bluford's is difficult to find: Presbyterian minister, World War II bomber pilot, historic preservationist, a founder of the Fan Free Clinic and author. He's moved houses in the name of saving history, and persuaded others—in his kindly, yet persistent manner—to join efforts they might not have realized they were interested in.



*At 97, the Rev. Dr. Robert Bluford, Jr. is not one to keep still. Bluford, shown with a portrait of himself at the offices of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, is continuing his push to have a Native American state memorial erected.*

“If you want to describe Bob in four words, it’s ‘perseverance without making enemies,’” said his friend Kenneth M. Perry, chairman of VAMAC Inc., who serves on the board at the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation. “He keeps coming back and coming back, but he never makes an enemy.”

Or, as another friend and board member, attorney F. Claiborne “Jay” Johnston, Jr., put it about Bluford’s efforts at the Virginia War Memorial, “Bob’s got friends, and he’s dogged, and he just stayed after that daggone thing until he made it happen.”

Another friend, Roger Dickinson, marveled at the number of weddings Bluford has officiated through the years. He said it must be a record. Bluford, who has lost count, laughed and said it’s because he doesn’t charge a fee.

“I tell them my honorarium is 20 minutes at the shrimp bowl at the reception,” Bluford said with a smile. “Let me eat all the shrimp I want, and I’ll marry you for nothing.”

For all of the joy of remaining engaged with the world, recent months have been difficult for Bluford, who lost June, his wife of 72 years, in April.

“It was a blow,” he said. He and June had grown up within a few blocks of each other in Barton Heights and were married in a chapel on Maxwell Field, an air base in Alabama, while Bluford was serving during World War II. They had three children, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

As difficult as it is, Bluford presses on because, he said, “I don’t think June would want me sitting around mourning.”

So, he isn’t.

But then he’s never been good at sitting around.

From working a series of jobs after high school as America recovered from the Great Depression in order to afford to attend Hampden-Sydney College (and to show up on campus as a 22-year-old freshman) to pursuing one project after another, even as he stands on the precipice of his 98th birthday. He insists he’s “not trying to make a track record of some sort,” but he has, and that record is enviable.

And he’s gone about it in such a relentless, evenhanded way. In Hanover in the 1990s, he was praised for the way he initiated a project that enabled a subdivision

development to go forward while still preserving an adjacent Civil War battlefield and farmhouse that had been used as a military headquarters during the war. His friends say his secret is his approach: his capacity for hard work, his unwavering commitment, and his humble, self-effacing manner.

All of that, and he ran his first marathon at age 65 and then several after that.

“If I had to list 10 people who have been an inspiration to me, Bob Bluford would probably be on top,” said Dickinson, who came to know Bluford when Bluford came to Dickinson’s firm to purchase concrete blocks for the Polegreen project and wound up counseling Dickinson on some difficult decisions he was facing. “Dr. Bob listened to my problems, and offered great advice.”

Dickinson now serves on the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation’s board of directors. Bluford is chairman.

The Historic Polegreen Church project came about quite by accident. Bluford, then serving as pastor of Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church, was driving through eastern Hanover decades ago when he noticed a highway marker on a particularly treacherous stretch of road. He couldn’t read it as he drove past, so he parked in a safe place and walked back to see it. The sign noted the site of Polegreen Church, which in the 1740s became a critical setting in the colonists’ struggle for religious liberty. The Rev. Samuel Davies, Virginia’s first licensed non-Anglican minister, preached at Polegreen, inspiring one of his young congregants, Patrick Henry, with his fiery oratory. Bluford, too, was inspired.

“I just kept thinking about it,” said Bluford, who in recent years wrote a biography of Davies. “It got on my agenda, and never got off.”

One thing led to another—as they tend to do with Bluford—and now Historic Polegreen Church on Heatherwood Drive is an important stop for visitors along the state-designated Road to Revolution Heritage Trail. The open-air design of the historic church—the original church was destroyed by fire during the Civil War—with its white steel beams also has become a favorite site for weddings, particularly after

Mechanicsville native and pop star Jason Mraz was married there last fall.

“Bob Bluford has inspired me for his visionary leadership,” Del. Chris Peace, of Hanover, former executive director of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation and founder of the Road to Revolution Heritage Trail, wrote in an email. “Hanover County, and Virginia at large, is certainly the better for his successful efforts to save historic properties so that we might learn more about humanity in all its forms.”

In his remaining time, Bluford hopes to see the Native American state memorial come to fruition. He said it’s long overdue.

“Every time we talk, he reminds me ... how the United Indians of Virginia has become an important part of his life,” said Ken Adams, former chief of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe. “He has not let up, ... and he has never wavered in his promotion of (a memorial). Bob has been a major part of that for well over 20 years.”

Bluford has been honored through the years with numerous awards, one of the most recent the Virginia Press Association’s Virginian of the Year in 2011. But he said he’s just as happy seeing the everyday impact of his work, such as when he was at Historic Polegreen Church raking leaves on Sept. 11, 2002, one year after the terrorist attacks. He looked up and noticed a woman sitting with her back to one of the steel beams of the church’s framework.

“I could see her head was bent down like she was praying,” Bluford recalled. “Later she was walking to her automobile, and she saw me and said, ‘I hope it was all right of me to be here this morning, but on this anniversary, I felt like I just wanted to be in a place like this.’

“I thought, ‘Man, this makes raking leaves worthwhile.’” ■

**“ONE THING FOR SURE I CAN SAY ABOUT MY LIFE, ... I DIDN’T SUFFER FROM BOREDOM.”**

**—BOB BLUFORD ’45**

# The FUTURE of our PAST

KAREN E. HUGGARD AND DR. JAMES JANOWSKI

Swollen by days of pounding rain, the normally peaceful Arno River roared through Florence on November 4, 1966, severely compromising and indeed destroying thousands of priceless artworks and millions of valuable artifacts. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of this cultural heritage disaster, New York University, Friends of Florence, the city of Florence, and other Italian cultural and governmental organizations sponsored “Protecting Cultural Heritage in an Uncertain Time,” in Washington D.C.

The October Symposium highlighted a latter-day and ongoing tragedy—the material cultural cleansing now being perpetrated by ISIS in Syria and Iraq—by bringing together a distinguished group of international experts and cultural heritage authorities for a spirited, thought-provoking exchange. Preceded by a formal dinner at the Italian Embassy, the gathering drew participants from Europe, the Middle East, and North

America, including scholars, politicians, and UNESCO officials, as well as computer specialists and entrepreneurs working in “virtual heritage.” The groups’ central charge was to think about the prospects for reconstructing, whether physically or digitally or someplace in-between, damaged and destroyed heritage.



*Dr. James Janowski*

H-SC professor of philosophy Dr. **James Janowski** was invited to address the “feasibility, desirability, and ethics” of reconstruction. Janowski—whose recent research has taken him to Canada, Germany, Brazil, and Bhutan—is recognized as an expert on the foundational questions that arise with the conservation and restoration of cultural heritage. In “Destroyed Icons: Is Reconstruction Rightful?” Janowski focused on the nature of heritage objects, both pre-destruction and post-reconstruction, and gave a “cautious, in-principle endorsement” of resuscitating desecrated icons. Janowski said of the Symposium: “It



was an exceedingly important event. Sadly, some of the world's oldest and most significant material heritage is simply vanishing. And the question is: How should we respond?"

Assessing contemporary computer applications that "rebuild" compromised and destroyed artifacts, Janowski commented: "Digital technologies raise interesting possibilities in terms of responding, whether after the fact or prophylactically, to iconoclasm, vandalism, and indeed to cultural heritage disasters more generally. I believe these technologies have promise. But the technology outstrips our understanding, and its employment raises serious and difficult questions about the status of the reconstructed objects that result." Janowski went on to sound a cautionary note: "My position is that these technologies need to be investigated, with open minds and great care, prior to their implementation. It is important to get this right. The stakes are high. Future generations will live with the consequences."

While Janowski and his colleagues left D.C. without any answers, they nonetheless began a crucial interdisciplinary conversation in which experts from around the globe will struggle to determine the best response to the horrific destruction of the world's material cultural heritage. Janowski said: "One thing that is certain is that this very important discussion must and will continue." ■



Palmyra, the Arch of Triumph, 2010. Photo by Youseff Badawi/EPA.



Explosion in Palmyra. Photo released by ISIS on August 25, 2015.



The recreated Arch of Triumph on display in New York, September 2016. Photo by Simon Haisell.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE

Of the staggering number of cultural heritage artifacts and sites currently under threat, the ancient city of Palmyra and its iconic Arch of Triumph have emerged as a symbol of ISIS' destructive rampage. In May of 2015, ISIS captured the UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its unique marriage of Greco-Roman, Persian, and Semitic architecture. Then in August, the group released photos of a massive explosion in the archaeological ruins, confirming fears of systematic looting and cultural cleansing by the militant extremists. When the Syrian Army regained Palmyra in March of 2016, the extent of the damage included destruction of the almost-2,000-year-old Roman arch.

In response, the Institute for Digital Archeology, a joint venture between Harvard University, Oxford University, and the Dubai Future Foundation, constructed a two-thirds scale replica of the Arch of Triumph, using 3-D technology and a seven-axis mechanical arm to carve the arch out of Egyptian marble. The organization's lead reconstructionist on the project spoke about the cutting-edge technology at the NYU Symposium with H-SC's Janowski. That same technology could enable the rebuilding of Palmyra, which Syria's director of antiquities has vowed to do. "We are determined to bring Palmyra back to life," said Maamoun Abdelkarim last March. "Palmyra is not just Syria's heritage; it is the world's heritage and must be shared." ■

# ON THE HILL CAMPUS NOTES



## An Informed Citizenry

For most Hampden-Sydney students, 2016 marked their first presidential election as participants in the process. With the College's focus on forming good men in general, and good citizens in particular, it is no surprise that H-SC students proved politically active throughout the fall. Members of the Young Democrats and College Republicans experienced politics first-hand volunteering for local congressional campaigns, while **Alex Abbott '17** and **Tanner Beck '18** were quoted in the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, respectively, furthering Hampden-Sydney's reputation for a politically-informed student body.

The October vice-presidential debate brought the race to Farmville, allowing Hampden-Sydney students to be part of the national conversation just a few miles from campus. The C-SPAN campaign bus made a stop on campus, and students were interviewed on Fox News' and MSNBC's pre-debate coverage. While numerous H-SC students, faculty, and staff volunteered at the vice-presidential debate through Longwood University, **Jacky Chang '18**, **John March '17**, **Connor Francis '20**, and Tanner worked directly for Mike Pence's campaign, thanks to credentials

and background checks through the Republican National Committee. Assigned to the Pence motor pool, Jacky spent the day chauffeuring senators, representatives, and Trump campaign advisors around Farmville. With his sunglasses, suit, and the campaign's black Lincoln Navigator, he enjoyed being mistaken for Secret Service throughout the day. According to Jacky, "Driving fast and running red lights was part of the job description to ensure that all essential personnel got to their stations on time."

Hampden-Sydney students' political engagement did not

end with Election Day, however. Three weeks into the Trump administration's transition effort, 35 Hampden-Sydney students traveled to Capitol Hill with the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest. In a series of timely panel discussions, students learned about the challenges facing the new administration from a diverse collection of H-SC alumni, whose professional endeavors range from negotiating multilateral trade deals to running intelligence operations.

Their collective insights and expertise showcased H-SC's influential presence in the nation's capital and the pivotal role that Hampden-Sydney men play in addressing the major challenges facing the U.S.



*Jacky, Tanner, and John volunteer for Pence.*

**Kevin Turner '03**, a counsel in Venable LLP's State Attorneys General practice group, moderated the morning's first panel, which featured **Rob Luther '03**, Senate Judiciary Committee counsel, and **James Young '86** of the National Right to Work Foundation discussing the Senate judicial ratification process and the future of the Supreme Court. A dialogue on national security followed, with **William Marshall '73**, managing director of the Chertoff Group, and Colonel **Anderson Sale '93**, U.S. Army, analyzing the complex challenges facing the United States both at home and abroad. Later, **Scott Pietan '95** of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative led a conversation about the impact of global trade on the U.S. economy.

The focus shifted from policy back to politics in the afternoon, with **Charles Hurt III '95**, *Washington Times* columnist and Fox News contributor, and **Chris Cooper '93**, founder and principal of Convergence Targeted Communications, engaging the students in a lively debate on the results and implications of the 2016 election.

The students' day culminated in dinner at the Capitol Hill Club with the Honorable Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the 39th Prime Minister of Denmark and former Secretary General of NATO, whose son **Henrik '03** was also in attendance. Prime Minister Rasmussen addressed the assembled students, alumni, and friends about American leadership in the global theater, and afterward signed copies of his recent book, *The Will to Lead: America's Indispensable Role in the Global Fight for Freedom*.

Now in its twentieth year, the Wilson Center offers frequent opportunities for students to engage with alumni who are leaders in a variety of fields, and the annual D.C. trip gives students a guided tour into the inner workings of the federal government and the political process. Each of this year's presenters lauded the value of a Hampden-Sydney education and encouraged the students to think critically, take risks, and cherish the strong relationships they're forming on the Hill. ■



## H-SC Dedicates Shakespeare Resource Center



Students, faculty, and staff gathered in Bortz Library on the afternoon of September 22, 2016, to dedicate the Dr. **John N. McDaniel '63** Shakespeare Resource Center. McDaniel taught Shakespeare for forty years at Middle Tennessee University, where he also served as chair of the English department and dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Hampden-Sydney was pleased to welcome back to campus the McDaniel family, whose generous donation made the center possible. Dr. **Thomas "Tom" McDaniel '63**, John's twin brother, and Mrs. Jean McDaniel, John's widow, along with several other family members, attended the dedication.

The dedication program included remarks by faculty in the English and fine arts departments about teaching and producing Shakespeare at Hampden-Sydney. Students spoke about their experiences studying Shakespeare, read short passages from favorite plays, and presented a "flash mob" dramatic reading of "Sonnet 29." Associate Professor of Fine Arts **Helena Von Rueden**, accompanied by Visiting Professor of Music **Vincent Rone**, performed a modern version of a song found in *As You Like It*.

Located on the first floor of Bortz Library, the Shakespeare Resource Center is designed for faculty, students, staff, and the larger community to learn more about the author McDaniel loved. It includes materials that appeal to a general audience, such as film and graphic novel versions of Shakespeare's plays, as well as scholarly texts, a First Folio facsimile, and reference works. A Globe Theater replica rests on the shelving, while a nearby video presents information about the collection, Dr. McDaniel, and the Bard himself. ■





## Crawley Scholarship Inspires Young Academic

Last spring, Hampden-Sydney awarded the Thomas Edward Crawley Scholarship in English to then-junior **Christopher Williams-Morales '17**. The first of its kind at H-SC, the scholarship includes a \$5,000 tuition award and two \$1,500 stipends, to be used for academic-related material and activities.

A double major in English and history, Chris is completing both a Senior Fellowship and an English Capstone. He used the stipends to purchase books for his research and to attend the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in New York City. According to **Steele Nowlin**, chair of the English department, "What stood out about Chris was his Senior Fellowship, which focuses on Latin American studies and examines literature of the Americas through the lenses of historicism and literary theory."

Overall, the Crawley Scholarship has confirmed Chris' desire to pursue an academic career. "Eventually I hope to teach either Latin American history or 20th Century literature to undergraduate students," he says. "I love the feel of a liberal arts college campus and the classroom environment."

Chris wishes to thank the donors who endowed the Crawley Scholarship: "They gave me an opportunity I never could have experienced otherwise. I saw the world of academia in a new light as people from all walks of life came together, exchanging ideas about the very topics I love."

Most days, Chris can be found tucked away in a Bortz Library study carrel reading literary criticism, researching historical events, or writing original fiction. But he wasn't always such a committed student. "In high school," he admits, "I put effort into acting uninterested." He credits his Hampden-Sydney professors with changing his attitude. "Hampden-Sydney fostered within me a genuine desire to learn. Whether it's science or history, English or Spanish, I have come to enjoy learning," says Chris. The process wasn't always easy—getting his first Rhetoric 101 paper back "was a soul-crushing experience," but through it he learned how to ask questions, revise his work, and push himself to achieve.

Chris plans to attend graduate school after Hampden-Sydney, but he wants to spend a year or two teaching in Latin America first. History professor Dr. **Kenneth Lehman** has put him in touch with H-SC alumni in Chile and Colombia, contacts that Chris hopes will help him secure an international teaching position after his graduation in May. ■

## Alumnus Encourages a Life of Purpose

It's not often that a college student calls an evening lecture "life-altering," but those are the exact words **Jacky Cheng '16** uses to describe the "Arts and the Purpose-Driven Life" seminar presented by alumnus **Toby Usnik '85**. At the invitation of the Department of Fine Arts, Usnik returned to campus in early October, connecting with students and faculty interested in the arts, communications, and philanthropy. Usnik's career in public relations has included positions at some of the world's most iconic corporations, including Christie's International, the New York Times Company, and American Express. After ten years at Christie's, most recently as Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, Usnik founded the global advisory firm Philanthropic Impact (PI), committed to building a shared sense of community between businesses and philanthropic groups.

Over 100 students, faculty, and staff attended Usnik's evening talk, where he shared advice on pursuing a fulfilling career, building a personal brand, and networking effectively. Usnik used his own professional journey as a living example, encouraging those in attendance to define their own paths, however unconventional. In order to do so, he recommended writing regularly about career goals and strategies, collaborating with others for higher impact, networking in person as well as digitally, and meditating or exercising daily. Lastly, he strongly encouraged students to take full advantage of the tools Hampden-Sydney offers, especially studying abroad, volunteering, and participating in clubs and athletics.

While on campus, Usnik also met one-on-one with students, visited fine arts classes, and met with administration about increasing H-SC internship opportunities in New York City. He has since remained in contact with several students, including

Jacky, who was tasked with picking Usnik up from the Richmond airport. "I knew he was an important guy," says Jacky, "so I expected him to be busy on his phone the entire ride." Instead, Usnik spent the bulk of the drive conversing with Jacky about their Hampden-Sydney stories.

Among their many shared interests and experiences, including living in New York City and China, they discovered a mutual desire to give back to their communities. Jacky says he had been seeking the best way to make a positive impact on his community, and Usnik gave him new insight into "the art of giving back and the role of socially responsible companies." The junior economics major has begun planning a career that will positively impact his surrounding community, and he has new insight about living a purposeful life, thanks to Usnik's visit.

Usnik's talk was part of the Office of Career Education's "Tiger Tracks Live" series, which brings alumni from a variety of fields back to campus to share their career experiences and advice with students. ■

The  
**ARTS**  
and the Purpose-Driven Life  
by Toby Usnik '85, Founder, Philanthropic Impact (PI)<sup>®</sup>

Thursday, October 6, 2016  
6:30pm  
Crawley Forum,  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Free and open to the public

Toby Usnik founded Philanthropic Impact Partners (PI or *pi*) in 2016. A small, bespoke firm by design and discipline, Philanthropic Impact provides a consistent, top quality set of value-added services to help its clients optimize their philanthropic missions.

Sponsored by the Department of Fine Arts and the Office of Career Education



## Legal Alumni Honor Dr. Marion

Dr. **David E. Marion**, Professor Emeritus of Government and Foreign Affairs, received the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association's inaugural Legal Excellence Award at the 4th Annual Founder's Day Celebration hosted by the Wilson Center on November 10, 2016. The award was a surprise for both Marion and the gathered guests, a feat accomplished only by keeping the plan a closely guarded secret. Although the surprise required some subterfuge—Marion helped plan the award, but thought it would be presented to a different recipient—presenter **Chuck McPhillips '82** assured the crowd that no honor code violation occurred during the keeping of said secret.

The Bar Association created the Legal Excellence Award to annually recognize a member of the Hampden-Sydney family who has made a substantial contribution to the law, whether it be in the practice of law, service to the law, or teaching of the law. McPhillips noted that Marion has dedicated his life to giving Hampden-Sydney men the foundation needed to enter the practice of law, including the ideals of self-discipline, self-restraint, moderation, justice, and respect for the due process of law. In light of Marion's immense influence over generations of Hampden-Sydney men, the Association also announced that the honor will henceforth be known as the David E. Marion Legal Excellence Award.

Marion called the award "something I will treasure for the remainder of my days." He continued, "This institution is very special to me, and the men of Hampden-Sydney College are my boys—even those who graduated 35 years ago. My colleagues and I are proud of every one of you, and we share in the joy of your accomplishments. They energize us, they keep us going, and they make us proud of Hampden-Sydney College." Speaking directly to the alumni gathered for the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association conference, he said, "You have done such great work for the legal profession, for your communities, for your states, and for this nation."

Reflecting on nearly 40 years of teaching at the College, Marion drew connections to both Patrick Henry and James Madison. "I often say that at the College of Henry, we're doing the work of Madison. Madison created this republic, and Madison always knew he needed the right kind of citizens to populate this republic. Hampden-Sydney men are those citizens." ■

# GUILHERME “GUI” GUIMARÃES ’18

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

KAREN E. HUGGARD



Through a translator at a youth basketball clinic in Brazil, **Guilherme “Gui” Guimarães ’18** and his parents received an offer for the then 17-year-old to finish high school and play basketball in United States. The catch? He had only two weeks to make the decision, secure a visa, and get himself 4,500 miles to Charlottesville, Virginia. The other catch? He spoke almost no English. With little deliberation, however, Gui remembers, “I went with the moment, packed my bags and my dreams, and headed to America.”

The journey itself was not without drama. A mix-up with his paperwork meant that Gui spent his first few hours in America in an immigration holding room at Dulles Airport. Unable to understand the agents and unsure what he was missing, Gui sat in a room crowded with crying people until his new high school supplied the correct information for his visa. He arrived in Charlottesville late that night, only to attend his first class—U.S. History—early the next morning.

Within four months of that confusing first day, the six-foot-eight Brazilian was writing essays and joking with his teammates in English. Asked

how he mastered the language so quickly, Gui replies, “First of all, I had no other choice. When everything around you is in a foreign language, you have to learn it. Second, I’m an extrovert—I wanted to talk to people!” His two years at the Miller School, a boarding school with a welcoming and warm environment, prepared Gui well for college studies in the U.S.

When the time came, however, he found himself without the financial resources to attend an American university, until his first interaction with Hampden-Sydney’s alumni network came in the form of the Davis Fellowship.



*The Olympic torch journeys to Rio.*

Established by **Norwood '63** and **Marguerite Davis**, the scholarship offered Gui a ray of hope, but he never imagined that he would be chosen. In fact, he was back in Brazil when Hampden-Sydney requested an in-person interview, so once again he made last-minute arrangements to fly to Virginia. Honored by his acceptance as a Davis Fellow, Gui has approached all of his many activities at Hampden-Sydney with enthusiasm, excellence, and a strong competitive streak.

On the basketball court, Gui has started in 43 games over two years, averaging a 58% shooting percentage his sophomore year. Because of his athletic skill and leadership, he was named team captain this season.

In the classroom, the chemistry major's academic achievements have led to multiple awards and recognitions. At Opening Convocation 2015, Gui received the Omicron Delta Kappa Award for academic achievement and constructive leadership; at Opening Convocation 2016, he received the President's Award for Scholarship and Character. He is a Patrick Henry Scholar and has been inducted into both the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society and the Chi Beta Phi national science honor society.

Around campus, Gui says he "tries to inspire excellence in others." In pursuit of that goal, he serves as a Resident Advisor and a member of the Student Court. "R.A.s are the first people freshmen see when they arrive on campus, so I know I'm a role model." He appreciates the fact that "at H-SC, students get rewarded for doing the right thing. There is an incentive to be a man of character because people are watching."

Gui also appreciates the College's strong alumni network. Twice he has received the **Roy B. Sears '42** Endowment for Student Internships, which he used to pursue both of his passions, chemistry and basketball. He is grateful to **Rob Geiger '94** for an internship at AmbioPharm the summer after his freshman year, where he saw firsthand what he can do with a chemistry degree. This past summer he taught basketball in his native city of Ribeirão Preto, coaching 5 to 7-year-olds during the day and 15 to 17-year-olds in the evening. It also meant the opportunity to see his native country gear up for the 2016 Olympic Games, and a chance to carry the Olympic torch when it traveled through his hometown on its way to Rio. As an R.A., he had to return to H-SC before the games began, but he is proud of Brazil's efforts as host country.

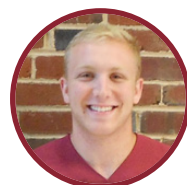
Although he isn't sure what the future holds, Gui knows in some way it will involve taking what he has learned at Hampden-Sydney—as a chemist, an athlete, a leader, and a citizen—back home to make a positive impact in Brazil. ■



# SPORTS NEWS



OWEN COSTELLO '17



Owen Costello '17



Jordan Chalkley '17



Daniel Fogleman '17



Bender Vaught '19



Cam Johnson '18



Patrick Kline '18



Jordan Parke '17





## SEVEN FOOTBALL TIGERS NAMED ALL-ODAC

DAVIS YAKE '08, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Seven Hampden-Sydney football team members earned All-ODAC honors in 2017. Headlining the selections are two First Team picks in senior wide receiver **Owen Costello '17** and senior punter **Jordan Chalkley '17**.

Senior offensive lineman **Daniel Fogleman '17** and sophomore linebacker **Bender Vaught '19** earned Second Team honors, while junior receiver **Cam Johnson '18**, junior tight end **Patrick Kline '18**, and senior offensive lineman **Jordan Parke '17** were named to the Third Team.

Costello had the best season of his career, leading Tiger receivers with 62 catches for 866 yards and eight touchdowns. He averaged 86.6 yards-per-game and 14.0 yards-per-catch while hitting the 100-yard mark four times, including a 154-yard performance against Catholic. Additionally, he rushed 14 times for 113 yards.

Chalkley had a strong year punting the ball, averaging a league-high 42.8 yards-per-punt. Of his 44 punts, he pinned ten inside the 20-yard line with a season-long 63-yard punt against Emory & Henry.

Fogleman was part of an offensive line that helped the Tigers to nearly 390 yards-per-game, including over 100 rushing yards-per-game.

Vaught had a team-best 79 tackles this year, which ranked tenth in the league. Of those 79 stops, 51 were solo tackles. Wreaking havoc in the backfield with 8.0 tackles-for-loss and 4.5 sacks, he also recovered two fumbles, forced one, and intercepted a pass.

Johnson, a 2015 All-ODAC selection, was the Tigers' second-best receiver this season, catching 44 passes for 587 yards and six touchdowns. He had a season-best ten catches for 153 yards and a touchdown against Bridgewater.

Kline had his best season in 2016, catching 29 passes for 382 yards and a touchdown. His longest catch was 43 yards against Bridgewater.

Parke started at center for the Tigers and helped the offense to 387.4 yards-per-game on 286.1 passing and 101.3 rushing.

## 1966 CHAMPIONS HONORED



To celebrate the 50th anniversary of their Championship season, 15 members of Hampden-Sydney's 1966 Mason-Dixon Conference Champion football team returned to campus on November 10, 2016. The 1966 Tigers were honored on field by President Stimpert, then enjoyed The Game from the Everett Stadium Lounge. The College was pleased to welcome the following team members back to the Hill: center **Ron Axelle '68**, tackle **Ray Dodson '69**, tackle **Travers Edwards '68**, tackle **Rod Goggin '67**, guard **Lloyd Goode '70**, guard **Bryce Jewett '68**, back **Donnie Lee '68**, wingback **Jimmy Lee '68**, center **Steve Martin '67**, back **Jim Null '67**, tackle **Phil Sherrod '70**, defensive end **David Stradinger '69**, quarterback **Deke Summers '67**, guard **Mike Vaughan '69**, and running back **Kendall Whitaker '67**.

## SOCGER PLAYER EARNS ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

DAVIS YAKE '08, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Senior **Robert Kerby '17** was recently named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) First-Team Academic All-District Team for the second consecutive year. He is now eligible to be nominated for the Academic All-America team.

Kerby, a double major in chemistry and biology, ranks ninth in school history for career goals with 19. He was the 2015 ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was named Third-Team All-ODAC in 2014. Kerby is active on campus, serving as a Student Court Advisor, the vice president of the scientific honor society Chi Beta Phi, and a member of the leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa. In addition, he was one of just six H-SC students selected for the Hampden-Sydney/Centra Pre-Health Rotational Shadowing Program.



## H-SC BASKETBALL PICKED SEVENTH IN ODAC PRESEASON POLL

DAVIS YAKE '08, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Hampden-Sydney Basketball was voted seventh in the annual ODAC Preseason poll by league coaches. The Tigers collected 70 points total, with one first place vote. In what is predicted to be a tight ODAC race in the middle, just 19 points separates third and seventh place.

While numerous veteran players have returned for the 2017 season, the Tigers are tasked with replacing several key players.

**Jake Duncan '18** is H-SC's top returning scorer at 10.6 points a game. One of the top three-point snipers in the ODAC a year ago, Duncan ranked second in the league in made three pointers and fifth in three-point percentage. He blistered Division I Longwood for 28 points and eight three pointers in an exhibition game, then matched that 28-point outing against Washington and Lee. He also had 20-point performances against William Peace, Emory & Henry, and Albright.

Brazilian native **Guilherme Guimaraes '18** posted 7.9 points and a team-high 5.4 rebounds last season. He shot an ODAC high 58% from the field and ranked 13th in the league in defensive rebounds. Named the team's Most Improved Player in 2016, he increased his field goal percentage by 14.1 points and his free throw percentage by 10.7 points. In addition, he raised his per minute production, seeing an increase of 3.8 points and 2.0 rebounds per 40 minutes.

**JaVonte Reddick '17** returned last year from a season-ending injury to play in 26 of 27 games, averaging 5.7 points while recording a 35.9% clip from three-point territory. He excelled on the defensive end where he was named the team's top defensive player. He chipped in with a season-best 13 points at Johns Hopkins and registered double-digit points in seven games.

**Josh Katowitz '18** played in all 27 games with eight starts, scoring 3.6 points a game and shooting 51.9% in 13.6 minutes a game. He was one of the Tigers' top rebounders per minute, coming in at 9.6 boards per 40 minutes. He scored 11 points against Rosemont and added 10 versus North Carolina Wesleyan. Additionally, he grabbed eight rebounds against Johns Hopkins and seven versus Rosemont.

**Hunter Kuehn '18** played in 26 games with 11 starts, averaging 3.0 points in 11.9 minutes. He posted nine points against Longwood and added seven at Emory & Henry. He reeled in a season-best seven rebounds against Averett.

**Nick Chase '18** played in all 27 games and posted season-highs of nine points against Immaculata and six rebounds against Lynchburg. **Logan Samuels '18** made his

debut last year after missing the entire season his first year on campus. He has the chance to start as point guard this season after playing as a backup for an average of 8.6 minutes a game last year. **Justin Reid '19** played 20 games as a freshman in 2016, excelling on the defensive end due to his strength and athleticism. He posted a season-high eight points against Immaculata.

The Tigers are tasked with replacing several key players in 2017, notably the 2016 squad captains, who both graduated in May. **Mike Murray '16**, H-SC's career leader in assists, and starter **Mitch Owens '16** had a combined 19.4 points per game; the duo ranked first and fifth, respectively, in scoring. Murray, a starter for four seasons, also led the ODAC in assists.

The Tigers also lost two of last season's best freshmen when Andrew Evans and Gray Cheers transferred to other programs.

Evans now plays for Division II UNC Pembroke, while Cheers is a walk-on at Division I Campbell University.

However, a talented eight-man freshman class has several student-athletes who will contend for playing time from the beginning of the season.



### JAKE DUNCAN '18 ▶

#### ODAC Preseason Basketball Poll

1. Virginia Wesleyan College (8) – 117 pts.
2. Roanoke College (2) – 108 pts.
3. Guilford College (1) – 89 pts.
4. Lynchburg College – 84 pts.
5. Emory & Henry College – 79 pts.
6. Randolph-Macon College – 73 pts.
7. Hampden-Sydney College (1) – 70 pts.
8. Eastern Mennonite University – 53 pts.
9. Washington and Lee University – 47 pts.
10. Bridgewater College – 32 pts.
11. Shenandoah University – 24 pts.
12. Randolph College – 16 pts.

(denotes first-place votes)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### H-SC BASKETBALL 2017

Jan. 07	at Roanoke *	4:30 PM
Jan. 11	at Randolph-Macon *	7 PM
Jan. 14	<b>Eastern Mennonite *</b>	2 PM
Jan. 18	at Lynchburg *	7 PM
Jan. 21	at Guilford *	2 PM
Jan. 25	<b>Randolph *</b>	7 PM
Jan. 28	at Emory and Henry *	4:30 PM
Feb. 01	<b>Randolph-Macon *</b>	7 PM
Feb. 04	<b>Bridgewater *</b>	2 PM
Feb. 08	<b>Virginia Wesleyan *</b>	7 PM
Feb. 11	at Shenandoah *	2 PM
Feb. 15	<b>Lynchburg *</b>	7 PM
Feb. 18	at Washington and Lee *	4:30 PM

### H-SC LACROSSE 2017

Feb. 11	<b>Mary Washington</b> .....	1 PM
Feb. 19	vs. Berry @ Charlotte, NC.....	1 PM
Feb. 22	at Catholic.....	6 PM
Feb. 25	<b>Christopher Newport</b> .....	1 PM
Mar. 01	<b>Cabrini</b> .....	4 PM
Mar. 05	<b>Ohio Northern</b> .....	1 PM
Mar. 11	<b>Washington and Lee *</b> .....	1 PM
Mar. 15	at Southern Virginia.....	4 PM
Mar. 18	at Shenandoah *.....	4 PM
Mar. 22	<b>Sewanee</b> .....	7 PM
Mar. 25	<b>Randolph-Macon *</b> .....	1 PM
Apr. 01	<b>Randolph *</b> .....	1 PM
Apr. 08	at Roanoke *.....	2:30 PM
Apr. 12	<b>Guilford *</b> .....	7 PM
Apr. 15	at Lynchburg *.....	7 PM
Apr. 22	<b>Bridgewater *</b> .....	5 PM
Apr. 26	at Virginia Wesleyan *.....	7 PM

**BOLD:** Home Games | \*Old Dominion Athletic Conference  
**\*\*\* GAME DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\***

# ALUMNI NEWS

*As President Stimpert continues his tour of alumni clubs in the spring semester, we hope you will join us for one of these upcoming events!*

**January 26-29**  
Washington, DC area

**February 7**  
Newport News, VA

**February 8**  
Norfolk, VA

**February 27**  
Charlotte, NC

**February 28**  
Columbia, SC

**March 1**  
Charleston, SC

**March 9**  
Fredericksburg, VA

**March 10**  
Baltimore, MD

Please see [alumnicalendar.hsc.edu](http://alumnicalendar.hsc.edu) for further details.

## Fall Football at H-SC

H-SC staff enjoyed interacting with alumni who returned to the Hill, whether at informal tailgates or events like the Concert & Craft Beer on Hampden-House lawn.



## The 6th Annual Circle

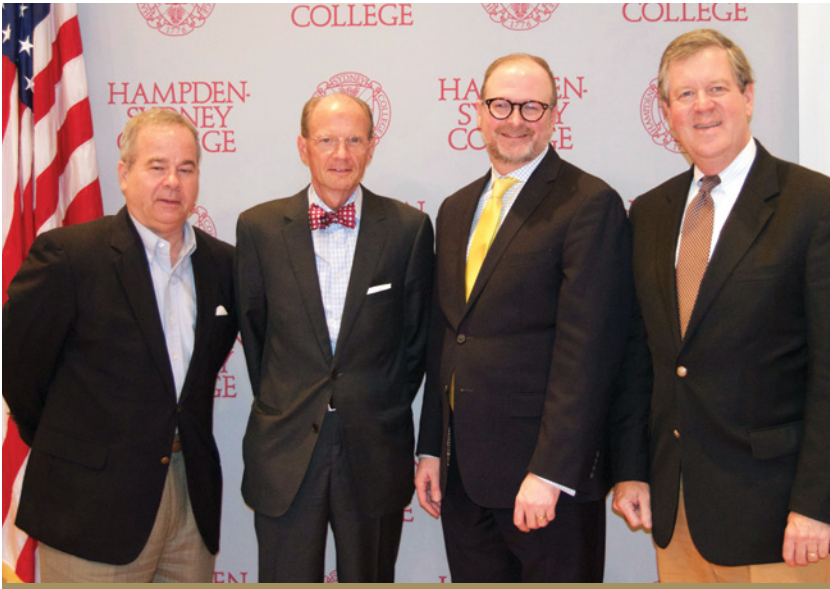
On the evening of November 18, 2016, alumni of Hampden-Sydney's eleven fraternities got together at The Country Club of Virginia in Richmond to celebrate the 6th annual gathering of The Circle.

With the partnership of presenting sponsors Loveland Distributing Company, Union Wealth Management, Stoeber & Palmore Investment Group; a variety of supporting sponsors; and a wildly successful silent auction, the event raised thousands of dollars in scholarship and internship funds to be distributed to current and future Hampden-Sydney men. H-SC thanks our fraternity alumni and sponsors.



L to R: **Jason Keefer '98**, **Brandon Randall '04**, **President Stimpert**, and **C.W. Clemmons '05** at the Hampden-Sydney College Athletics Hall of Fame induction on October 29, 2016.





L TO R: VINCENT '83, PACE '79, BROUGHTON '95, AND McPHILLIPS '82

## Setting the Bar High

"I've always been critical of folks who are just talkers and not doers," says **Charles "Chuck" McPhillips '82**, a Hampden-Sydney Trustee and Norfolk-based attorney. So, after several years of talk about connecting Hampden-Sydney lawyers with one another, McPhillips and **Branch W. "Chip" Vincent '83** decided to take action.

The result is the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association, an affinity group for the College's vast network of legal professionals that will benefit alumni, enhance the pre-law program, and attract potential students. Connecting current students and alumni will create internship and networking opportunities, which should prove valuable for the College's admission efforts.

On November 11, 2016, one day before The Game, almost 50 alumni gathered for the association's first Annual Legal Conference. While reconnecting with the College and fellow alumni, participants also earned continuing education credits. "The conference was both interesting and valuable because of the engaging speakers and the wide variety of topics covered," said **Joseph L. "Joe" Stiles '10**. He added, "Earning mandatory CLE credits in conjunction with the Macon Game was an added benefit."

In true Hampden-Sydney fashion, the seminars featured nationally prominent industry speakers, including several

of our own alumni. Keynote speaker **J. Richard "Rick" Broughton '95**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, discussed the future of the Supreme Court in light of the recent elections, providing the perspective of both a legal scholar and a former federal prosecutor. In addition, **G. Michael "Mike" Pace '79**, founder of the Center for Teaching the Rule of Law and former president of the Virginia Bar Association, examined the rule of law as the foundation of a legitimate government, stable economy, and civil society. According to McPhillips, "Talking about topics of fundamental importance like the rule of law and the future of the Supreme Court unlocks the broad liberal arts education that we received at Hampden-Sydney, which has often been walled off behind the scaffold of specialization that the practice of law sometimes requires."

The conference was not purely theoretical, however. National experts discussed cutting-edge issues such as the effect of artificial intelligence and computerized legal research on brick and mortar law firms. "In the timeless place that is Hampden-Sydney," said McPhillips, "we're exploring how the times are changing." **Casey Ariail '08** found these sessions unique: "I've never seen a CLE focused on the future of the law profession since I've been practicing law." Although law firms face significant challenges in an ever-changing technological society, McPhillips noted that Hampden-Sydney men are uniquely prepared to adapt to those changes and remain at the top of the legal profession, largely due to the critical thinking skills developed by the College's rigorous academics—the Rhetoric Program, in particular.

Approximately 800 of H-SC's 10,000 living alumni are lawyers or judges—almost ten percent—so establishing a legal affinity group was a logical starting point; the Bar Association also hopes to serve as a model for other professional affinity groups, though. In fact, McPhillips called on his Hampden-Sydney brothers in the medical and financial professions to form similar groups with their peers: "I'm laying down the challenge to the doctors out there: Man up and create the Hampden-Sydney Medical Society! Let's find new ways to enhance our deep connection to each other." ■

## GORDON WADSWORTH '10

### PROFESSIONAL CYCLIST LEADS A LIFE OF ADVENTURE

KAREN E. HUGGARD

PHOTOS BY J. ANDRÉS VARGAS AND WELDON WEAVER

With six national championships under his belt, professional mountain biker **Gordon Wadsworth '10** is making a name for himself in the cycling world. Wadsworth chose a notoriously demanding sport in cycling, one made even more challenging by his choice of equipment and the races he enters. Wadsworth is part of a growing number of competitors racing single-speed bikes on the ultra-endurance mountain-biking circuit, a series of grueling, 100-mile races.

A decision during his Hampden-Sydney days to build a single-speed training bike for himself became a driving force in Wadsworth's career as a cyclist. Single-speed bikes are durable and inexpensive, so their affordability first attracted him. But Wadsworth found that he also loved the challenge of a single speed. He says, "On a bike with one gear, you have to pedal and you have to work. There's no downshifting or upshifting—there's only standing or sitting. I've taken

something hard—biking—and made it harder. In doing so, I get the most out of myself."

Racing that first single-speed bike around the Southeast attracted a lot of attention on the professional circuit, where most competitors race on multi-gear bikes. During the 20-plus-hour marathon races, it wasn't just Wadsworth's bike that attracted attention, though; it was also his enduring positivity and enthusiasm. Regardless of the conditions, he explains, "I have a choice. I can capitulate, get off the bike and walk, or I can stand up, mash the peddles, and give it everything I've got."

His resulting success has earned him the monikers "Fastest Single-Speed Racer in the World" according to *DirtWire.tv* and "Adventurer of the Year" according to *Blue Ridge Outdoors*. He completed his first ultra-endurance race in 2010 while still at Hampden-Sydney, entering the Shenandoah 100 on a dare. One year later he earned his professional credentials; pro sponsorships, national championships, and international races soon followed.

For the past two years, Wadsworth has competed in what many call the hardest bike race in the world: a 3-day race across Costa Rica covering some 400 kilometers and 8,000 meters





of elevation gain. Well known in the extreme sports world, La Ruta de los Conquistadores draws adventure junkies from all over the world to Costa Rica each November. In 2015, Wadsworth not only won the race among single-speed riders, he placed in the top ten among all 600 competitors—a rare feat for an American in the competition, much less a single speeder.

Whatever challenge he faces—on or off the race course—Wadsworth’s ethos is, “If it’s worth doing, it’s worth giving 110 percent,” an attitude he embraced even as a college student. Although he had athletic scholarship offers from larger schools, they didn’t have the academic standards that Wadsworth sought in a college. So he committed himself to an intense academic schedule at Hampden-Sydney, with a double major in classics and economics and an honors thesis—all while training 20-25 hours per week on his bike. It was a choice he never regretted. “The decision to attend H-SC meant really going out on my own as a cyclist. While I may have been the only cyclist around, the community that surrounded me really embraced and supported that. Farmville, with its endless country roads,

wound up being an excellent training ground, and I rode the Wilson Trail almost daily,” Wadsworth recalls.

He notes that the College also shaped his moral character; particularly formative was his work as a Student Court investigator. “It was a tough job,” he says, “but it further proved to me that Hampden-Sydney is a unique place, because of the standard it held for itself and the standard the students held for themselves.” As a result, “I came into the adult world with a concrete understanding of what honor and truth look like.”

Wadsworth calls Hampden-Sydney College a wise choice for young men. “At Hampden-Sydney, I found a really amazing home, both in terms of education and in terms of community. The brotherhood—the fraternity in the classical sense—that Hampden-Sydney provided me is something that I will always look back on fondly. It’s a place unlike any other.” ■



# CLASS NOTES

## Save the Date — June 2-4 **REUNION 2017**

CLASSES OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012  
AND PATRICK HENRY SOCIETY

### 1950s

Patrick Henry Society  
Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

Col. **A. STORRS WARRINER II '54** retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1980 after 24 years of service around the world, including Thailand, Korea, and Greenland. He also earned degrees from Florida State in 1962 and the Naval War College in 1975.

### 1960s

Patrick Henry Society & Class of '67  
Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

**ROBERT W. "BOB" BATTEN '62** was inducted into the Risk Management and Insurance Hall of Fame at Georgia State University in May 2016. Bob was a professor and director of the actuarial science program at GSU from 1966 until his retirement in 1997.

Dr. **ROBERT G. "BOB" THOMPSON '62** appeared before the Henrico County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 9, 2016, when the board officially proclaimed September 2016 "Preparedness Month." Bob is a Henrico County Fire Corps and Henrico Community Emergency Response Team (HCCERT) volunteer.

Dr. **WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY '66** was honored by the University of Mary Washington for his work creating and directing the Great Lives lecture series. The popular program has been renamed The William B. Crawley Lecture Series in recognition of Bill's efforts to bring authors of outstanding biographies to talk to the university's students and Fredericksburg residents. Bill taught history for more than 40 years at Mary Washington.



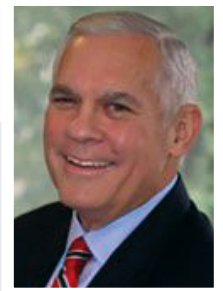
**DR. WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY '66**

**RONALD R. TWEEL '68** was the guest of honor at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Charlottesville Dinner of Champions in September 2016. He received the society's Frank N. Cowan Silver Hope Award for his fundraising efforts.



**RONALD R. TWEEL '68**

**J. GORDON "GORDY" COLEMAN, JR. '69** retired from the University of Alabama faculty in 2012 and became a volunteer at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. In the fall of 2016, he began a three-year term on the selection committee responsible for voting on the nominees for induction into the Hall of Fame.



## MERCER RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS

For the 12th consecutive year, *Best Lawyers in America* has recognized **David S. Mercer '70** as one of the "Best Lawyers in Real Estate." *Best Lawyers*, the oldest peer review guide in the legal profession, based the list on over 7.3 million evaluations of lawyers by fellow lawyers. David's firm, MercerTrigiani, has also been designated a 2017 Tier One "Best Law Firm." The organization joined with *U.S. News & World Report* to rank more than 13,000 law firms nationwide; MercerTrigiani was one of only 183 firms in the D.C. area to rank in the highest tier. David co-founded the Alexandria-based boutique law firm in 2007; it specializes in real estate law.



## 1970s

Classes of '72 and '77  
 Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

Dr. **MICHAEL J. DAVIS '72** recently celebrated 40 years as a dentist serving the Lynchburg community. His staff and colleagues at Central Virginia Family Dentistry honored the achievement with a luncheon on his behalf.



**DR. MICHAEL J. DAVIS '72**

**WILLIAM CLARKSON "BILL" GARRETT, JR. '74** retired from a long career as a health care and retirement community executive. He now lives in the Morehead City, NC area.

**GENE M. GALLIVAN '77** was selected to speak in London at the annual meeting of the board of governors for the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute, which promotes the highest standards of ethics, education, and professional excellence within the investment profession. His topic, "Maximizing Board Dynamics," provided insight on using whole-brain thinking to promote board interaction and results.

**BOBBY JUNES '78** was the subject of a *WTVR.com* article, which highlighted his volunteer work on behalf of Richmond's homeless population and his recent mayoral bid. Junes has served and advocated for those living in poverty since his Hampden-Sydney days.

**RICK SUTTON '78** and seven other "Bill's Buds" gathered at The Homestead in September 2016 to honor the memory of **William E. "Bill" Hardy '80**. The golfers vied for the "Hardy Cup" and raised \$1,200 to be added to the William E. Hardy Scholarship Fund at H-SC.

## ALBERT MONROE "AL" HUNT, JR. '79

retired from service in the Marine Corps and NC Army National Guard as well as a parallel career in medical device sales. He was deployed to Iraq in 2004 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 252<sup>nd</sup> Armor Regiment and again in 2009 with the 30<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team as the public affairs officer. He was awarded the Combat Action Badge for service in 2004. Both of his sons have also served in Iraq. He writes, "I am proud of my family's service in the War on Terror, especially my wife Debbie. She endured five deployments as a mother and a wife. She is the one who had the toughest job."

## 1980s

Classes of '82 and '87  
 Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

**PAUL T. KELLEY '82** has been named to the Middle Peninsula Economic Development Resource Board of Directors, a new regional economic development initiative focused on job growth and development. He will also serve as the organization's treasurer.

**DAVID R. PHILLIPS '82** was named national



vice president for industry relations by Move, Inc., the operator of *realtor.com*. Dave was most recently CEO of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors.

**B. SCOTT BUSSELLS '83** was named



president of SIMA Retirement Solutions, LLC in Richmond.

**VEE S. PITTMAN II '84** hosted a group of alumni at his farm in Courtland, where they enjoyed plenty of revelry, old stories, and a dove hunt. In attendance were **Lash Barksdale '84, Andy Blanton '84, Billy Hudgins '84, Church Young '84, Rob Garner '86, and Harvard Smith '87**. They are already looking forward to next year's event.



**VEE S. PITTMAN II '84**

**ALEXANDER H. WARE '84** has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc. For ten years Alex served as CFO of PepsiAmericas, Inc., and most recently as executive chairman of MStar Holding Corp. With his move to Buffalo Wild Wings, he will transition to a board director position with MStar.

**JULIUS W. "JULE" PEEK, JR. '85** was elected to the Cedartown Humane Society board of directors in Georgia. Peek is a partner at McRae, Stegall, Peek, Harmon, Smith and Monroe law firm in Rome, Georgia.

**JOSEPH W. MOONEY '87** has joined the global investment firm Houlihan Lokey as managing director of the mergers and acquisitions group.



**MIKE KEHOE '88** rang the opening bell at the Nasdaq Exchange in Times Square on November 8, 2016. Mike is the CEO, president, and director of Kinsale Capital Group, the holding company for Kinsale Insurance. Headquartered in Richmond, Kinsale is a domestic excess and surplus lines insurance company specializing in hard-to-place property, casualty, and specialty risks.

# The SOCIETY of FOUNDERS

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**RICHARD WILT III '88** has been appointed resident director of Merrill Lynch's Palm Beach, Florida, office. The promotion was featured in the summer issue of the *Palm Beach Society* magazine.



## 1990s

Classes of '92 and '97  
Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

Dr. **JOHN V. GLASS III '90** has authored a new study of the former U.S. poet laureate Allen Tate. In June of 2016, Catholic University of America Press published John's book, *Allen Tate: The Modern Mind and the Discovery of Enduring*



*Love*. John is an assistant professor of modern and contemporary literature at the University of Tennessee at Martin. One of his areas of scholarly interest is literature of the American south.

**STEPHEN D. BEAR '91** was named the administrator of Wythe County, Virginia, in September 2016.

**CHARLES W. "CAMP" SOMMARD AHL, JR. '91** is a territory manager for the HVAC-Lyon Conklin division of Ferguson Enterprises.

**JAMES SPENCER CULP '94** was recently appointed the senior regional attorney for the FDIC Boston Area Office. He represents and advises the FDIC's examination division on a variety of open bank regulatory matters including investigations, enforcement cases, Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) risks, and regulatory approvals.

### RICHARD "RICK" BROUGHTON '95



received the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's Faculty Achievement Award, which is presented to a junior faculty member who demonstrates distinctive merit, achievement, and the promise of continued excellence in teaching, service, and scholarly activity.

**JAMES W. "JAY" THWEATT III '95** has joined the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl as a partner in its Cincinnati office. His practice is concentrated in the areas of employee benefits and executive compensation, advising tax-exempt and for-profit entities on retirement, deferred compensation, and welfare plans.

**SCOTT "GRIFF" ALDRICH '96** was named director of basketball operations at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County by UMBC head coach and former H-SC teammate **Ryan Odom '96**. A graduate of the University of Virginia law school, Griff practiced law for 12 years and founded HIS Hoops, an elite basketball program for at-risk youth in Houston, Texas.

**RYAN ODOM '96** is the head coach of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) men's basketball program as of March 2016. He has coached college basketball for 20 years, including seven years as an assistant at Virginia Tech and five years as an assistant at UNC Charlotte. He was the head coach at Lenoir-Rhyne University in North Carolina last year and the interim head coach at UNC Charlotte the year prior.

Dr. **RANDOLPH "RANDY" WILLIAMS, JR. '96** was awarded the K. Wilhelmina Boyd Outstanding Service to Students Award by the Elon Black Alumni Network. Randy is the associate vice president for campus engagement at Elon University; he was previously an associate dean of students at Hampden-Sydney.



DR. RANDY WILLIAMS, JR. '96 (LEFT)

**SEKOU HAKIM KAALUND '97** met up with former H-SC president **Chris Howard** at the Executive Leadership Council annual gala in Washington, D.C. Sekou, a managing director at J.P. Morgan in New York City, is a member of the Executive Leadership Council. The pre-eminent membership organization for global black leaders, ELC is composed of more than 600 current and former black CEOs, board members and senior executives at Fortune 1000 and Global 500 companies, and entrepreneurs at top-tier firms.



SEKOU KAALUND '97

**W. CRAIG REILLY '97** joined the leadership team at Waypoint Advisors in Virginia Beach as executive vice president and director of business development. Craig was most recently the president of Monarch Bank, Norfolk.



**MARC STALLINGS '97** joined Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group in Richmond as a mortgage banker in October. Marc previously worked at PrimeLending.



**JONATHAN VAUGHN '98** was recently recruited to be assistant vice president of advancement at The Music Center. Located in Los Angeles, it is the third largest performing arts center in the country.

## 2000s

Classes of '02 and '07

Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

**CHRISTOPHER J. HARKER '01** and **JULIA TEAGUE** were married on October 1, 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina, at Triple C Brewing Company, where Chris is the owner and president. In attendance were **Adam Draney '00, Michael Farfour '01, Greg Farish '01, Pat Kelly '01, Jay Golden '02, Neil Gilliss '99, Jason Wellington '01, Spencer Brown '01, Ryan Ward '01,** and **Ben Winters '02.**



**HARKER-TEAGUE WEDDING**

To **KEMPER M. '02** and **BECKY G. BEASLEY**, a daughter, Mallye Helen Beasley, on May 11, 2016. She joins her older brother, Kemper "Kemp" Beasley IV.



**KEMPER BEASLEY '02 FAMILY**

**DAVIS HUNT '03** was recently promoted to senior director of integrated pharmacy marketing at Premier, Inc., a healthcare improvement company that promotes cost savings, integrated care delivery, and improved patient care. Prior to his new role, Davis was the marketing director for Premier's research services business.

To **RYAN '03** and **LAUREN PATTERSON**, a son, Crawford Bennett, on May 10, 2015. Crawford can't wait to follow in his daddy's footsteps and play golf at H-SC!



**RYAN PATTERSON '03 FAMILY**

**RUSTY FOSTER '04** was named a finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year by the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce. Rusty is the founder and president of Bow Tie Strategies, a boutique public relations firm.

Dr. **ANDREW B. BRIDGFORTH '05** is the Chief Orthopaedic Resident at the University of Virginia Medical Center. Upon completion of his residency, he will begin a medical career in the U.S. Navy.



**DR. ANDREW B. BRIDGFORTH '05**

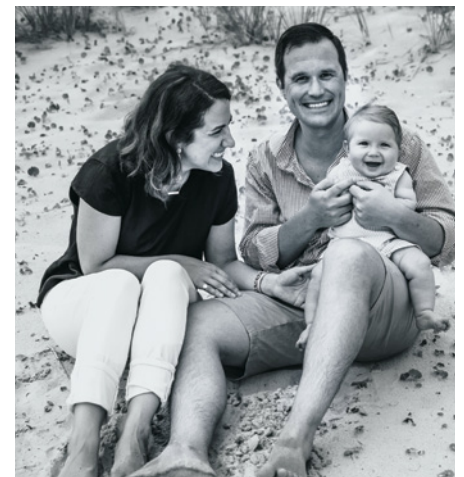
Dr. **TIMOTHY JOHN BURRELL '05** was featured in the *Columbia Star* for his medical practice, Irmo Primary Care, located in the Columbia, South Carolina, area. He operates a concierge medical practice, which charges patients an affordable monthly fee rather than accepting insurance payments. By limiting his practice to only 600 patients, John is able to get to know his patients, spend as much time with them as needed, and provide personalized care.

**SHAWN SHURM '05** opened Realty Richmond, a Richmond-based real estate firm where he is the principal broker.



**SHAWN SHURM '05**

To **STEPHEN "TREY" '05** and **LACY SURBER**, a son, Stephen Brown "Teddy" Surber IV, on December 17, 2015. The family resides in Winchester.



**STEPHEN SURBER '05 FAMILY**

**JOHN P. "JACK" CATES, JR. '06** is pursuing a master's degree in real estate finance at New York University.



**FEBRUARY 1, 2017 at H-SC**  
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# CLASS NOTES

Dr. **ROBERT "MATT" DUMAS '06** and Dr. **STACEY L. SHARP** were married on June 3, 2016, in Goochland. Matt and Stacey recently matched into residency at Central Michigan University in Emergency Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynecology, respectively. While the couple currently lives in Saginaw, Michigan, they hope to have some time off this fall for a Hampden-Sydney home game. Go Tigers!



**DUMAS-SHARP WEDDING**

**SEAN P. McCHESNEY '06** has joined Fund Evaluation Group, LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio, as vice president for hedged strategies.

**CHRISTOPHER S. THOMPSON '06** and **EVA MARIE WEISENBURGER** were married on October 15, 2016, at the Church of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Chesapeake. Eva is a 2012 graduate of James Madison University. In attendance were **Brandon Dooley '06**, **JT Turba '06**, **Christian Reinke '06**, **Ian Johnson '06**, and **John Warren '06**.



**THOMPSON-WEISENBURGER WEDDING**

**MATTHEW B. ADAMS '07** is the general manager for the Jacksonville branch of Mac Papers. He oversees sales, customer service, warehousing, trucking, supply chain management, and delivery logistics for northeast Florida and southeast Georgia.



**JOSHUA D. BLACK '07** and his burly beard were named best in show at the Great American Beard & Moustache Championship 2016. The event, which took place in Denver, featured 225 competitors and raised over \$15,000 for charity.



**JOSHUA D. BLACK '07**

**ROBERT MEYER "ROBBIE" HOLLINGS III '07** is a vice president at the Bank of South Carolina in Charleston. He and his wife, Stacey, have a two-year-old son, Robbie, and a daughter due in December 2016.

**MARK DOUGLAS RANSONE '07** and **BLAIR PARKE McALOON** were married on September 17, 2016, at the First United Methodist Church in Norfolk. The reception was held at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. In attendance were **Justin Parrish '07**, **Neal Eike '07**, **Chris Stine '05**, **Josh Schniper '07**, **Chris Colgate '08**, **Ross Garrison '07**, **Christopher Berry '07**, **Paul Recordon '06**, **Zack Streeter '07**, **Carden Hedelt '08**, **Claude Thomason '73**, **John Eppler '06**, **John McLamb '08**, **Benjamin Pope IV '07**, and **Garner Simpson '07** (not pictured).



**RANSON-McALOON WEDDING**

To **TODD '08** and **LAURAN HARRELL**, a son, Todd Anthony Harrell, Jr., on March 14, 2016.



**TODD HARRELL '08 FAMILY**

**MATTHEW WADE MOORE '08** and **ANN JUNKIN** were married on September 10, 2016, in Towson, Maryland. Ann is a 2010 graduate of Randolph-Macon College. The couple resides in Richmond. In attendance were **Josh Roller '08**, **Justin Wisman '08**, **Myles Kois '08**, **Alex Elkins '08**, **Doug Stumborg '08**, **Ross Svetz '08**, **Mark Miller '08**, **Blaine Harvey '08**, **John Biddle '05**, and **Rusty Simmons '06**.



**MOORE-JUNKIN WEDDING**

**STUART PANNILL '08** and **TEMPE WILLIAMSON** were married on April 16, 2016, in Louisburg, North Carolina. The couple lives in Durham, North Carolina. In attendance were the groom's father, **Will Pannill '77**, and his brothers, **Gordon Pannill '08** and **Taylor Pannill '14**, as well as **Ford Childress '77**, **Bill Stephenson '81**, **James Blackburn '05**, **Larry Weber '08**, **George Paschal '08**, **Alex Floyd '08**, **Joe Farmer '08**, **Cabell Barrow '07**, **Johnathan Burk '08**, **John Hobart '10**, and **Hampton Howerton '07**.



**PANNILL-WILLIAMSON WEDDING**



H-SC Provost Dr. Dennis Stevens



Dr. James Simms, Dr. Ronald Heinemann,  
Walker Sydnor, Jr. '71



Dr. D. Stevens, Dr. J. Simms

On October 8, 2016, we gathered to celebrate the renovation of classrooms and to honor the family and friends who made the renovations a reality. We thank all of our donors!

Bagby Hall renovations given by **Francis C. "Moon" Bailey '43.**

Gilmer 025 given by **George B. Cartledge, Jr. '63** in memory of **Michael E. Warner.**

Gilmer 105 given by **Claude and Bettye Van Dyke** in honor of **George O. Van Dyke '74, Litz H. Van Dyke '86, George Litz Van Dyke '17, and Jonathan Hayes Van Dyke '17.**

Gilmer 125 given by **Thomas Rutherford Brown, Sr. and Margaret Valentine Brown** in honor of their sons, **Thomas Rutherford Brown, Jr. '13 and Tucker Valentine Brown '16.**

Gilmer 222 given by **Holman C. Rawls III '63.**

Maples 101 given by **John and Karri Kurtzweil** in honor of **Thomas Jeffery Kurtzweil '14.**

Maples 201 given by **Everett A. Hellmuth III '75 and Robin Hellmuth** in memory of **Everett A. Hellmuth, Jr. '49.**

Morton 112 given by **Gordon D. Schreck '65** in memory of **Dr. Graves H. Thompson '27.**

Morton 113 given by **Hatton C. V. Smith** in honor of **Hatton C. V. Smith II '16 .**

Morton 119 given by **Hugh G. Edmunds, Jr. '64 and Lucy Boyd Edmunds** in memory of **Hugh G. Edmunds, Sr. '28** and in honor of **Hugh G. Edmunds III '93.**

Morton 120 given by **George Wright III '48 and George Wright IV '79** in memory of **J. Meade Wright '51** and in honor of **Dr. T. Edward Crawley '41.**

Morton 121 given by **Rick Carr '73 and Marcia Carr.**

Morton 216 given by **Dr. Saranna Robinson Thornton** in honor of her father, **Captain I. E. "Fast Eddie" Robinson.**

Morton 217 given by **Chris and Ginny Watters** in honor of their son, **Andrew William Watters '15.**

Morton 223 given by **Everett A. Hellmuth III '75 and Robin Hellmuth** in honor of their son, **Jon Cameron Hellmuth '07.**

Morton 224 given by **C. Kemper Lorraine '48** in memory of **Dr. J. B. "Snapper" Massey, Jr. '35.**

Morton 316 given by **Walker P. Sydnor, Jr. '71** in honor of **Dr. Ronald L. Heinemann.**

Morton 317 given by **J. Trevor Boyce '83** in honor of **Dr. James Y. Simms, Jr.**

Morton 320 given by Mr. and Mrs. **Michael J. Pantele** in honor of Professor **Victor Cabas** and **Richard Michael Pantele '13.**

Morton 323 given by **Dennis and Cindy Pryor** in honor of **George Logan Travis Pryor '16.**

Morton 324 given by **Ned and Laura Valentine.**

Morton 325 given by **Rodney and Elizabeth Pitts** in honor of **Rodney Carson Pitts '15.**

Winston MAC Lab given by **Everett A. Hellmuth III '75 and Robin Hellmuth** in honor of their son, **Zachary Tyler Hellmuth '13.**

## 2010s

Class of '12

Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

Dr. **CHRISTOPHER J. COLLIE '10** and **JOHN A. COLLIE '15** volunteered at the Mission of Mercy dental project in Grundy. Chris is a dentist in private practice in Asheville, North Carolina, and John is a first-year dental student at the VCU School of Dentistry in Richmond.



**COLLIE '10 AND COLLIE '15**

**TREVOR IKWILD '11** and **SHANNON PUSKAS** were married on June 4, 2016, at Silverbrook Farm in Loudoun County. In attendance were **Tyler Ikwild '14**, **Clyde Kessler '11**, **Charlie Schweiger '11**, **Ben Rogers '12**, **Craig Warnement '10**, **Danny Dietz '11**, **Thomas McDonald '11**, **Andrew Sellers '10**, **Corey Sedlar '10**, **Taylor Thacker '11**, **Gordon McCormick '11**, Coach **Marty Favret**, and Coach **Wes Dodson**.



**IKWILD-PUSKAS WEDDING**

**MATTHEW AARON JONES '11** and **KIANA R. GONZALEZ** were married on September 10, 2016, in Harrisville, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Dr. **Jeffrey W. Jones '85**, father of the groom, officiated. With master's degrees from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the University of Pittsburgh, Matthew is a reference librarian at Chatham University. Kiana is a fine arts librarian at the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned her master's degree. In attendance were **Jim Bonney '10**, **Dave Taylor '10**, **Andrew Mauney '11**, **Avery Montacue '11**, **Nathan Parr '11**, **Neil Smith '12**, and H-SC librarian **Brian Burns**.



**JONES-GONZALEZ WEDDING**

**BENNETT W. JESSEE '12** and **OLIVIA COOK** were married on September 3, 2016, in New Kent. The bride is a 2012 graduate of James Madison University. In attendance were **J.J. Gwaltney '12**, **Hakeem Croom '10**, **Turner King '10**, **Ru White '12**, **Harrison George '13**, and Coach **Dee Vick '94**.



**JESSEE-COOK WEDDING**

**JOHN H. "JACK" CANTLAY '13** has been named assistant director of admissions at The Gunnery School in Washington, Connecticut.



L to R: **Jayson Brooks '11**, **Matt Naab '12**, **Shirley Kagan**, **Alex Mayberry '16**, **Joshua Jarrett '09**, **Katie Robey**. Front: **Benjamin Brown '10**.

## FILM FESTIVAL REUNITES H-SC THEATER ALUMNI

In August, **Benjamin M. Brown '10** assembled a crew of 30—including seven Hampden-Sydney brothers—to compete in the Lynchburg 48-Hour Film Project. The contest gives filmmakers two days to write, shoot, and produce a short film based on four required elements randomly assigned at the beginning of the festival. Ben's team included **Matt Treacy '08**, sound designer; **Sam Gibbs '09**, 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant director; **Matt Naab '12**, gaffer; **Alex Mayberry '08**, co-scriptwriter; **Joshua Jarrett '09**, production assistant; **Jasyne Brooks '11**, production manager; **Terrance Harris '16**, camera; and Longwood alumna **Katie Rogby**, 1<sup>st</sup> assistant director. Their film, *Remember Me*, was nominated for best writing and best sound design, and earned an honorable mention for its screenplay. Despite the festival's hectic schedule, the Hampden-Sydney men were able to stop by campus during filming to visit H-SC theater professor **Shirley Kagan** on her birthday. Pictured above, the group reunited at H-SC's fall production of *Biloxi Blues*.



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**TYLER C. IKWILD '14** and **ERIKA MAGNUSON** were married on July 1, 2016, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Loudon County. In attendance were **Trevor Ikwild '11, Brian Hickey '11, Clyde Kessler '11, Thomas McDonald '11, Russell Leboff '13, Alex Price '13, Will Ferrell '14, Eric Gorsline '14, Nate Matthews '14, Zach Morgan '14, Joey Partin '14, Chris Regan '14, Patrick Roche '14, Joey Kernan '15, Nick Martin '15,** and Coach **Wes Dodson.**



IKWILD-MAGNUSON WEDDING

**JOHN DONALD LLOYD '16** has joined Kinsale Insurance in Richmond as an associate underwriter for small business.

**JOSHUA TAYLOR '16** and **GRACE FERRY** were married on October 8, 2016, at St. William of York Catholic Church in Stafford. In attendance were **Joseph Lantagne '16, Taylor Ancil '16, Cameron Tilley '16,** Dr. **Stan Cheyne,** and H-SC librarian **Brian Burns.** The couple resides in Fredericksburg.



TAYLOR-FERRY WEDDING

**WILLIAM R. "WILL" OUTLAW '16** was sworn into the U.S. Army on September 12, 2016, by his father, a retired Army officer. H-SC Dean of Students Dr. **David A. Klein '78** attended the ceremony. After 18 weeks of basic training, advanced infantry training, and jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia, Outlaw will be stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



WILLIAM R. "WILL" OUTLAW '16

# fine arts

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE  
SPRING 2017 EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9

H-SC Men's Chorus Presents

## Pre-Tour Concert: Testament of Freedom

February 9

Crawley Forum — 7:30PM

Free and Open to the Public

FEBRUARY 23-25 AND MARCH 2-3

H-SC Fine Arts Presents

## Davis Hirson's *La Bête*

Directed by Matthew R. Dubroff

February 23-25 and March 2-3

Johns Auditorium — 8PM

Free and Open to the Public

## Construction Update



## The Brown Student Center

Learn more about the new student center and watch the progress on our live webcams:

[www.hsc.edu/Strategic-Plan/Student-Center-Project.html](http://www.hsc.edu/Strategic-Plan/Student-Center-Project.html)





Top Left: **Cooper Anderson '10**. Top Right: **Aaron Van Allen '13**.  
Bottom Center: Van Allen at the "20 under 40" reception.

## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY MILLENNIALS MAKE THEIR MARK

In communities more than a thousand miles apart—and in careers almost as diverse—two young alumni have received prominent recognition for their leadership and innovation. In September, *CultureMap* named **Cooper Anderson '10** a "Top Texan under 30," while in October, *Lynchburg Business* featured **Aaron Van Allen '13** as one of its top "20 under 40."

The co-founder and head winemaker at Austin Winery, Anderson is one of 26 young Texans who, according to *CultureMap*, "impress with their innovation, dedication, and leadership, regardless of industry or cause." The digital magazine began the Top Texans program to celebrate millennial power players committed to making a difference in their communities and cited Austin Winery's unique business model and eco-friendly practices as the epitome of Austin innovation. The winery brings grapes from eco-conscious vineyards around the United States back to Austin, where Anderson ferments, filters, bottles, and serves award-winning wines on-site at Austin Winery's hip, urban locale. The "urban winery" allows patrons to experience wine production without having to travel to remote vineyards.

*Lynchburg Magazine* calls Van Allen one of 20 millennials "who consistently strive to better themselves and those around them in their places of work and beyond." In creating its list, the magazine sought to identify "the best that [the] region has to offer in young, innovative, creative, and motivated talent," evaluating young professionals on both their career experience and their community investment. Van Allen, a

district representative and service academy coordinator for Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), quickly made his mark on the Lynchburg community. In the three years since his graduation from Hampden-Sydney, Van Allen completed a master's degree in public policy and was chosen president-elect and treasurer of the Lynchburg Morning Rotary Club. Most of all, he is proud of his work in the congressman's district office, which bridges the gap between citizens and the federal government.

## OBITUARIES

### 1940s

Dr. **ROBERT PALMER TRICE '40** died on October 1, 2016, at the age of 99. As a student at Hampden-Sydney, he was president of Kappa Sigma, the Interfraternity Council, and the Flying Club, as well as secretary of the Monogram Club and co-captain of the track team. He was the first student to have an airplane on campus. A graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, Dr. Palmer served in the Navy during WWII and the Korean War, maintained a solo general practice in medicine for 43 years, and examined recruits for the armed forces in his retirement. He was an avid tennis player, world traveler, and horseman.



Dr. **WILLIAM BRAGG "BILLY" RUSSELL '41** died on September 15, 2016. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha at Hampden-Sydney, Billy enlisted in the Marines during WWII, participating in the invasion of Iwo Jima and receiving the Bronze Star for heroic actions. He graduated from MCV School of Dentistry in 1951 and practiced dentistry in Petersburg for 49 years. Billy enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing, in addition to leading both a square-dance band and a bluegrass band. He was an elder, Sunday school teacher, and choir member at Tabb Street Presbyterian Church in Petersburg.

**JOHN HENRY DICKHOFF '43** died on January 8, 2016. He is survived by two sons and three grandchildren.

**ROBERT CUSTIS COLEBURN '44** died on April 30, 2016. He was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a retired lawyer with the Alexandria-based firm of Simmonds, Coleburn, and Towner. He loved fishing and bird hunting.

Dr. **W. AUSTIN McCLELLAN '46** died on December 24, 2015. A retired dentist, he was a member of the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the Lions Club, and the Ruritans Club. He was an elder at Orange Presbyterian Church.



**ROBERT AILWORTH SCOTT '46** died on October 27, 2015. A farmer on the eastern shore of Virginia, he served on the Northampton County Planning Commission and the boards of Eastville Bank and Nations Bank. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Eastville.



**ROBERT L. "BOB" THOMAS '47** died on September 7, 2016. During WWII, he attended Hampden-Sydney as part of the V-12 Naval unit, then served in the Pacific theater. A graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary, he was ordained an Episcopal priest and served at churches throughout Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. He was an avid sailor and woodworker.

Dr. **JOHN LEMUEL THORNTON III '47** died on November 2, 2016. He joined the U.S. Navy Reserve at age 17, serving on active duty at naval hospitals in North Carolina and Pennsylvania, then as a reservist with the the U.S.



Marine Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Richmond. A graduate of Duke University and The Medical College of Virginia, he was a board certified specialist in pathology and nuclear medicine. In 1988, Dr. Thornton received the Richmond Academy of Medicine's Distinguished Service Award. He served as the president of the Virginia Society for Pathology, the American Blood Commission, the Richmond Metropolitan Blood Service, and the Richmond chapter of the Military Officers Association of American, while maintaining active membership in many other medical and veterans organizations.

**1950s**  
**J. HOWARD SETTLE '50** died on October 14, 2016. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, Howard returned to his family farm, eventually going to work for the Waverly Farm Credit Association. He spent the remainder of his career with Farm Credit, moving to Baltimore and rising to the position of



executive vice president. Upon his retirement in 1987, he returned to Virginia and served as chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors. He also served on Governor George Allen's Commission for Government Reform, the Community Memorial Health board, and the regional airport commission. Howard was an active member of the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Clubs, as well as Lawrenceville Baptist Church.

**ERNEST C. FISHER '51** died on October 2, 2015.

**JOHN E. ANDERSON '53** died on October 29, 2016. He was a Kappa Alpha at Hampden-Sydney who went on to earn degrees from the University of West Virginia and Florida Atlantic University. In 2002, John retired from 41 years of federal service



with the IRS. At the age of 60 he earned a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do; he also loved outdoor activities and boating. John served as the chairman of the board of trustees at the First Congregational Church in Lake Worth, Florida, for many years.

**KARL ERNST DAVIS '53** died on September 11, 2016. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he attended George Washington University School of Law and spent his legal career at Margolius, Mallios, Davis, Rider, and Tomar in Washington, D.C.



Karl was a member of the Masonic Temple and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Lt. Col. **PAGE HAYMORE HENDERSON '53** died on August 30, 2016. As a career pilot with the U.S. Air Force, Page served all over the world, including in Germany, France, Japan, and Vietnam. He earned a master's degree from Auburn University.



**COLBERT MCLAURINE "MAC" TYLER '53** died on July 31, 2016. After graduating from H-SC, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Candidate School, was commissioned as an ensign, and served as an officer during the Korean



War. He later went to work for Texaco Inc. and was active in local and national affairs. Mac served on the board of the Virginia Oil Men's Association, was chairman of Virginia Petroleum Industries' executive committee, and was a member of the American Petroleum Institute. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Meadowbrook Country Club for 45 years.

**1960s**  
**JAMES ELEY JORDAN, JR. '60** died on November 23, 2016. A Virginia native, Jim could trace his family roots back to the original Jamestown settlement. After attending Hampden-Sydney, he served with the U.S. Army in Alabama, then enjoyed a successful real estate career in Richmond.



**1970s**  
**WAYNE H. DAVIS '73** died on September 3, 2016. A religion and philosophy major at Hampden-Sydney, he earned a Master of Education in Counseling from James Madison University. He served as a missionary in Africa, the executive director of Roanoke Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the communications director for Augusta Health. Wayne, an elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton, loved Biblical scholarship, cowboy movies, Hawaiian shirts, and reggae music.

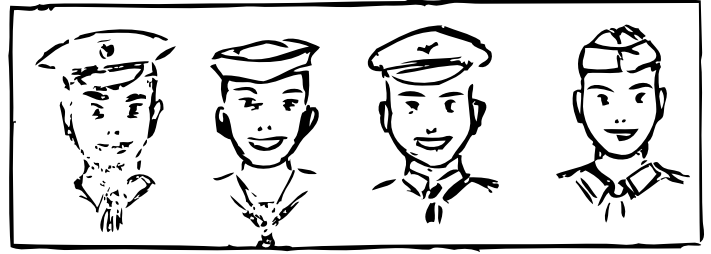


**2000s**  
**CURTIS CLAYTON CARMEAN '03** died on November 18, 2016. A native of Newport News, he graduated from Warwick High School in 1999, then earned an economics degree at Hampden-Sydney. He is survived by two children.



**CHRISTOPHER M. YUHASZ '08** died on November 5, 2016. Chris was a graduate of Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen, New Jersey. At Hampden-Sydney, he was an active member of the rugby team and Beta Theta Pi fraternity. An economics major, Chris worked in finance upon graduation, but he had put his career on hold to care for his mother until her passing.

# News from the Homefront



*Have you written your son, brother, or friend today? Letters help the soldiers' morale. They have a pretty bad feeling when mail time comes around and they don't get a letter. Write him today!*

So advised the first edition of *The Blackbottom*, a WWII-era newspaper published by 16-year-old Hampden-Sydney College resident Betty (Betsie) Winston Gilmer.

Gilmer, the daughter of H-SC physics professor and president **Thomas E. Gilmer '23** and the granddaughter of H-SC chemistry professor **James H. C. Winston**, class of 1864, grew up on the Hampden-Sydney campus, in the neighborhood affectionately known as “Black Bottom” for its lack of street lights.

When Gilmer returned home from prep school in the summer of 1944, many of the College's residents and students were off to war. She began a newspaper to keep those in military service apprised of daily life at H-SC. Gilmer published the weekly paper, widely distributed on campus and mailed to Black Bottom soldiers around the world, each summer from 1944 to 1946. The first editions were copied by hand, with later editions typed and

mimeographed. The entire collection of 30 newspapers is housed in Bortz Library, while select copies and photos have also been archived at the University of Virginia.

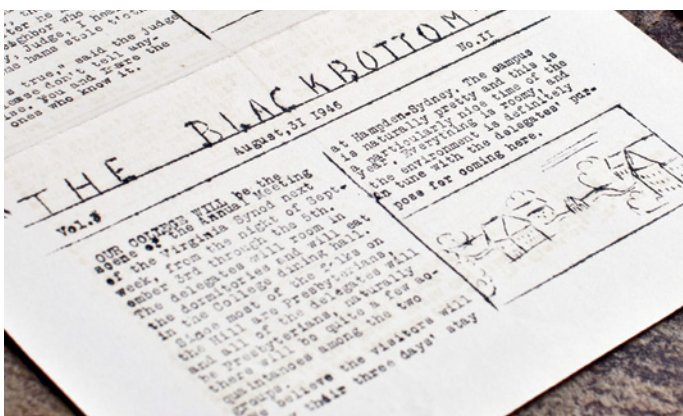
The first issue of *The Blackbottom* includes newsy neighborhood descriptions, updates on residents' gardens, book recommendations, and the weather forecast; however, the paper takes a decidedly earnest tone with the second edition, penned just three days after D-Day. On June 9, 1944, Gilmer writes, “Well, this about ends one of the most important weeks there ever was—the beginning of the liberation of millions of men, women, and children. They want to live in a world in which they can watch their children grow up without being sent off to fight or work in factories. Now that dream is in sight. They have new hope and courage. After years of pain, death, and hunger, the day is breaking, thanks to America!”

Subsequent issues continue the newsy report of campus life, while providing a glimpse into the American homefront during the Second World War. Nestled among hand-drawn illustrations and descriptions of Sunday school, picnics, house guests, droughts, and monsoons (apparently, there was either not enough rain or entirely too much in 1940s Virginia) are references to blood drives, war bonds, and naval cadets on campus. Each edition features “News of the Men,” which usually provided updates on the neighborhood soldiers' whereabouts, but occasionally reported Hampden-Sydney men wounded, missing, or killed in action.

The 1947 newspapers, however, tell of life returning to normal for the families at H-SC. Gone is the “News of the Men” section, replaced by notices of new jobs, new cars, new homes, weddings, and births for Black Bottom residents. Although the lingering effect of war-time privations continued with references to sugar rations and other shortages, Gilmer's optimism for the future is clear.

The final issue of *The Blackbottom*, dated September 7, 1946, announces that “Miss Betsie Gilmer will leave for Mary Washington College the fifteenth of this month.” In 1949 Gilmer graduated from Mary Washington, and in 1950 she married Dr. Boyd Coyner, who taught history for a time at the College. Although Betsie Gilmer Coyner never reprised *The Blackbottom*, the newspaper provides an authentic view of Hampden-Sydney College, and indeed our nation, at a critical time in history.

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**KAREN E. HUGGARD**



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