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for Melanoma Research





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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



A few weeks ago, the Hampden-Sydney community was looking forward to an early spring and preparing to celebrate all of our students' many academic, artistic, and athletic accomplishments; the culmination of our seniors' college careers; and the joy and satisfaction that come with our commencement ceremony. Instead, it is now eerily quiet on campus. The bells still ring at their usual times, but young men no longer move across campus between classes. In the midst of this unprecedented time, however, I am grateful to our Hampden-Sydney faculty and staff, who have responded and adapted so brilliantly to the challenges of a pandemic. Always wanting the best for our young men, faculty and staff members have gone above and beyond to help students successfully complete this semester's studies. Our students also deserve much praise. In speaking with several young men who returned to gather their belongings this week, I have been impressed by their adaptability and resolve in the face of disappointment.

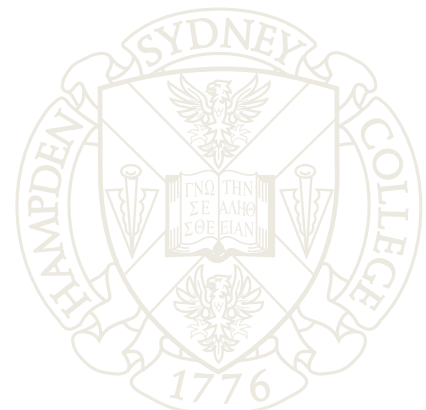
We are grateful, too, for the remarkable Hampden-Sydney brotherhood that our students so quickly embrace; it is a source of great strength in difficult times. After sharing with our community the decision to teach classes remotely for the remainder of the semester, I received the following message from the mother of one of our students, which so poignantly captures the essence of our brotherhood:

As a parent of a freshman, it is heartbreaking that this turn of events ended the on-campus experience so abruptly. However, it is extremely heartwarming how closely these young men bonded in just a few months. I said, "Welcome home," and my son said, "I just left home." This reinforces our decision to choose H-SC as it has truly lived up to the experience I hoped for my son.

It is ironic that this issue of the *Record* so vividly portrays the vitality of the Hampden-Sydney community at a time when campus has temporarily gone quiet. Inside you'll find stories describing student-faculty collaborative research, contributions of student-leaders, and highlights of the many lectures and programs we offer, in addition to profiles of our remarkable alumni, evidence of the strength of the Hampden-Sydney alumni network, and tributes we made to Dean Anita Garland last fall.

While we employ creative new ways to keep students, alumni, parents, and faculty and staff colleagues connected with the College during this challenging time, we look forward to the resumption of vibrant life and activity on the Hill.

Dr. Larry Stimpert
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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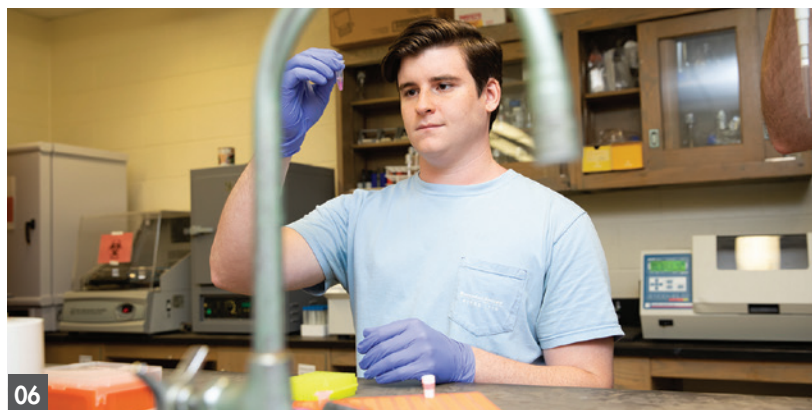
Kristian Hargadon '00 and H-SC
students use inverted light microscopes
like the one pictured to monitor the
growth of melanoma cell lines.

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Hats Off

H-SC Legend Retires after Decades of Service



ANITA H. GARLAND

The announcement last spring of Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland's** retirement prompted an outpouring of gratitude for the beloved campus leader who served Hampden-Sydney College for almost 40 years. Alumni, students, parents, and colleagues shared memories of Garland on Hampden-Sydney's social media pages; then in October, the entire community honored her during Homecoming Weekend celebrations.

Garland's last official act came in August as she welcomed the Class of 2023 to the brotherhood during freshman orientation. At her retirement ceremony, President **Larry Stimpert** presented Garland with a Hampden-Sydney class ring—a fitting gift for the woman who actively recruited 75 percent of living Hampden-Sydney alumni.

With her infectious smile, dashing hats, hand-written notes, and above all her personal warmth and dedication to others, Dean Garland has left an indelible mark on Hampden-Sydney College. And now her name graces the road that connects to the new upperclassman dorm complex: Garland Lane will lead the next generation of Tigers to their home on the Hill.



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I will never forget that beautifully written note tucked into my acceptance letter! What a class act. Those shoes are unlikely to ever be filled in quite such an elegant way.



James Young '05

One of the many beloved women who've left their mark upon that hoary old all-male institution. Perhaps the greatest of them.



Sean Dalton '94

Dean Garland is as iconic as our gates and bell tower.



Charles "Chip" Pryor '89

She knew how boys were, but expected all of us to be Hampden-Sydney men. I hope that each and every one of us met that expectation.



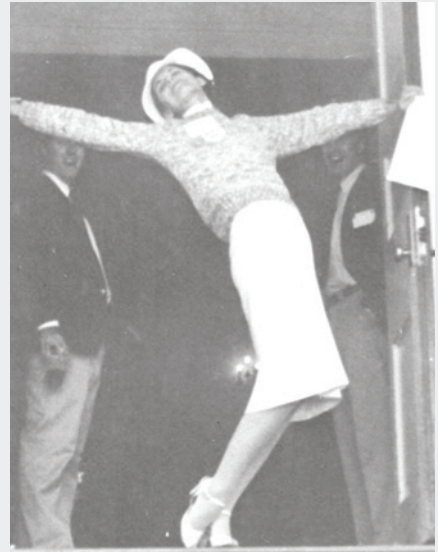
Henry "Chip" Edens '92

Anita has defined Hampden-Sydney culture. She is the epitome of grace, hospitality, and kindness. Anita is a once-in-a-generation leader whose legacy will be treasured.



President Larry Stimpert

"Over the last few decades, she has come to embody this College in a way that only a few of its heroes from the last 244 years have succeeded in doing."



Anita H. Garland

MELANOMA MEETS ITS MATCH

H-SC Alumnus and Professor Contributes to Cancer's Cure

BY KAREN MINEAU HUGGARD

ALAMY STOCK PHOTO



Elliott Associate Professor of Biology **Kristian M. Hargadon '01** had two goals as a child: to cure cancer and to play professional basketball. Both dreams brought him to Hampden-Sydney College, where he played two years of varsity basketball, earned a

national Goldwater Scholarship, and graduated first in his class. Although he eventually abandoned hopes of playing in the NBA, Hargadon has pursued his other childhood dream with focus and determination.

A lot of factors attracted the Virginia native to H-SC: its close proximity to home, its solid academic reputation, its small class sizes and accessible faculty members. “But at age 18, I needed to be able to play basketball, too,” Hargadon laughs. “That was certainly my focus at the time.” Recruited by legendary Coach **Tony Shaver** to play for the Tigers—and made to feel at home by legendary Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland**—the young Hargadon was soon sold on Hampden-Sydney.

Just a few months into his freshman year, however, the unthinkable happened: Hargadon was cut from Shaver’s varsity lineup. Hargadon calls the experience devastating, but says he never considered transferring to another program, even though other coaches were calling. “The reality is, by mid-October freshman year I already loved

it here. I was committed to staying at Hampden-Sydney, but I was just as committed to playing Tiger basketball. I wasn’t going to give up one or the other.” Hargadon’s focus never wavered, and after proving himself on the JV squad he was brought up to finish the season with the varsity. The years to come included a trip to the national title game and an appearance on the USA Today All-USA College Academic Third Team.

“Had you told me in high school that I wouldn’t make the varsity team, I would not have chosen Hampden-Sydney. But six weeks in, I was sold on what I could accomplish here—not just on the basketball court, but in the classroom and in campus activities as well. I wasn’t going to give up on any of it—I was just going to work extra hard.”

An immunology class with Dr. **Anne Lund** at Hampden-Sydney first introduced Hargadon to the field of cancer research that would become his life’s work. “When we got to tumor immunology, I became absolutely enamored with it,” he recalls. “Then an immunologist from the University of Virginia came in to talk about cancer vaccines, and I just ate it up.” Hargadon was only a sophomore at the time, but that early connection would determine the course of his next ten years.

By his senior year, Hargadon had completed a collaborative research project with that same UVA immunologist and had elite graduate schools vying for him to enter their doctoral programs. “I knew I wanted

to join the lab at UVA to work on cancer vaccines,” he recalls, “so as soon as I was accepted into their program, I withdrew my other applications. The lab was studying melanoma at the time, so that’s how my connection to that particular form of the disease came to be.” Hargadon spent his six years of doctoral study researching cancer vaccines and immune suppression by melanoma, another two years as a post-doctoral fellow researching influenza virus, then turned his attention toward a teaching career.

The opportunities that Hampden-Sydney afforded him as a student convinced Hargadon that a small, liberal arts teaching college was where he wanted to spend his career—but he also knew that research was his passion. At Hampden-Sydney, Hargadon has found that the two are not mutually exclusive. Rather than trying to compete with labs at large research institutions, Hargadon found a small but significant niche in the massive field of cancer research, one that is drawing quite a bit of attention. Even more surprising is the extent to which Hargadon involves his students—all undergraduates, many still teenagers—in his research, scholarly publications, and presentations at national conferences.

SMALL SCHOOL, BIG IMPACT

“There’s this misconception that you can’t do scientific research in a small school setting,” says Hargadon, “but that’s not true at all. We do exciting, relevant work here at Hampden-Sydney researching cancer, a disease that directly affects one in every two people and indirectly impacts 100 percent of the population. We’ve been able to carve out a niche here at the College working on melanoma in particular, but we’re branching out into some other tumor types as well.”

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Although melanoma is quite treatable in its early stages, the cancer’s tendency to spread to other organ systems makes it the most dangerous—and difficult to treat—form of skin cancer, accounting for the vast majority of skin cancer deaths even though it comprises only five percent of cases. Historically, many oncologists considered metastasized melanoma untreatable, with a one-year survival rate that hovered between 15 and 20 percent for many years.

The introduction of immunotherapy, however, has drastically changed the melanoma landscape over the past decade. Unlike chemotherapy, which uses drugs to attack all of the body’s rapidly growing cells, immunotherapy harnesses the body’s own immune system to detect and destroy cancer cells.

“Immunotherapy is what scientists had hoped chemotherapy would be,” Hargadon explains. “We hesitate to use the word cure, but some call immunotherapy a functional cure for melanoma. Recent statistics show a five-year survival rate above 50 percent, and our research at Hampden-Sydney has particular relevance to the clinical outcomes of those patients whose tumors do not respond to this functional cure.”

“Undergrads rarely get to do this type of work at the big research universities,” Hargadon notes. “Some people say that working with students is a waste of time, but I couldn’t disagree more. Their questions cause you to think differently about the problem. When you’re fully focused on your research program, you’re going to get blind to certain things and not think outside certain boxes. But students ask questions that make you think about aspects you might not otherwise have considered. Sure, it slows down the research at times,” he admits, “but why am I here if not to teach my students?”

Even the teaching load of a small college has enhanced his work as a research scientist, according to Hargadon. “At Hampden-Sydney, I teach an immunology course, a genetics course, a microbiology course—and the training I’ve had to do to be proficient in all of these areas has positively impacted my specialty research,” he says. “For example, I’ve brought a lot of genetics into my immunology research that I probably wouldn’t have done in another setting. Honestly, it’s made me a more well-rounded scientist.”

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY PRESENTS

Hargadon's commitment to Hampden-Sydney students extends far beyond providing excellent classroom instruction and including them in his cutting-edge research; as he makes a name for himself in the world of cancer research, Hargadon is extending his students' influence beyond the Hill as well.

Plenty of undergraduate students attend academic conferences, but very few are accepted as presenters at the major national conferences. Yet Hargadon's students have presented their research at several annual meetings of the American Association for Cancer Research, which attract more than 22,000 cancer researchers from across the globe each year.

H-SC students are often featured in the conference's student session. In 2019, then-senior **Corey Williams '19** received an Honorable Mention Award for his presentation in that session, but he also presented his work in the main session—a rare feat at a meeting populated by graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and senior investigators from research universities around the world. “To present at the main meeting is a big deal—very few undergrads get to do that, so it's a great resume-building experience for them,” explains Hargadon, who also invited **David Bushhouse '19** and **Coleman Johnson '19** to join his presentation at 2019's main meeting.

Conference presentations aren't the only valuable resume-building experiences Hargadon's research fellows enjoy: 14 Hampden-Sydney students have been published in peer-reviewed academic journals, co-authors with their professor on seven different articles over the past 14 years. Publications in journals including *Immunology and Cell Biology*, *Frontiers in Oncology*, and *Cancer Genomics & Proteomics* have featured Hampden-Sydney student by-lines, and several students have co-authored more than one article with Hargadon. “To be named on a

paper published in a peer-reviewed journal is very rare at the undergraduate level. Even years later, that will help students stand out as they apply to residencies and fellowships,” he says.

From their work in the lab to their exposure in publications and conferences, Hargadon's students find that the experience prepares them well for graduate studies beyond Hampden-Sydney. One hundred percent



Hargadon and Williams monitor the growth of CRISPR-Cas9 gene-edited clones of melanoma cell lines.

of the students who have worked in Hargadon's melanoma research program have gone on to either medical school or doctoral programs in the health sciences. Says Hargadon, “The research we do has opened up further opportunities for our students: it's gotten them really prestigious scholarships to medical and graduate school, and once they're there, they've continued to excel. Several of my students have secured their own research funding, and

Stephen Woodall '15 was even appointed team leader of a multinational research project involving investigators from 19 countries that aimed to understand how global socioeconomic factors impact access to, and the quality of, surgical healthcare. Research aside, I hear almost weekly from Hampden-Sydney alumni that the small class sizes and advanced course work we offer here really prepared them well for medical and graduate school.”

“I really cannot say enough wonderful things about Dr. Hargadon and his lab,” says Dr. **J. Drake Bishop '14**, now in his second year of pediatric residency at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. “Our work in cancer immunology was fulfilling and fruitful, and it led to several poster presentations and publication in a well-respected journal. The project served as the basis for my honors thesis in biology and was awarded the Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Award for Intellectual Excellence. This high-quality work was instrumental in my acceptance to medical school and residency, and it would not have been possible without the opportunities I was provided in Dr. Hargadon's lab.”

After spending three semesters and a summer working in Hargadon's lab, Bushhouse agrees: "I was able to apply the knowledge from my molecular biology coursework to real-world research, developing experience with research methodology, data analysis, and common laboratory techniques—an experience that also honed my writing and communication skills as I applied for state and national grants and presented my work at local, state, national, and international conferences," he recalls.

"Perhaps most importantly, my research in Dr. Hargadon's lab opened doors to scholarships (Goldwater), internships (Cancer Research Summer Internship Program at the University of Michigan), awards (Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Prize), and ultimately acceptance into five of the most competitive graduate programs in molecular biology in the world," Bushhouse continues. Now finishing his first year of doctoral studies at Northwestern University, Bushhouse says, "To me, the lasting impact of my time in Hargadon's lab has been the passion for research and experimentation that he instills in his students."

"A highlight of my job is developing relationships with students, then hearing back from them about what they're doing post-Hampden-Sydney," says Hargadon, who beams with pride as he relays a recent update from Bishop, who is currently working on a leukemia research project at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and plans to sub-specialize in pediatric hematology-oncology after he completes his pediatric residency. "To think that I might have played some small part in Drake Bishop becoming a pediatric oncologist... boy am I a proud papa scientist, seeing that come full circle!" Hargadon says with a chuckle.

Of course, not all of Hargadon's acolytes move into cancer research or treatment—but that's not the point, he claims. "It's fun for me to see how they springboard off what they've done here. If their time with me has excited some scientific interest, that's fulfilling. For example, I don't know if David Bushhouse will pursue cancer research, but he loves genetic research and learning how we can manipulate genes. Where he takes that, Lord knows, but I think he's going to do some really exciting things."

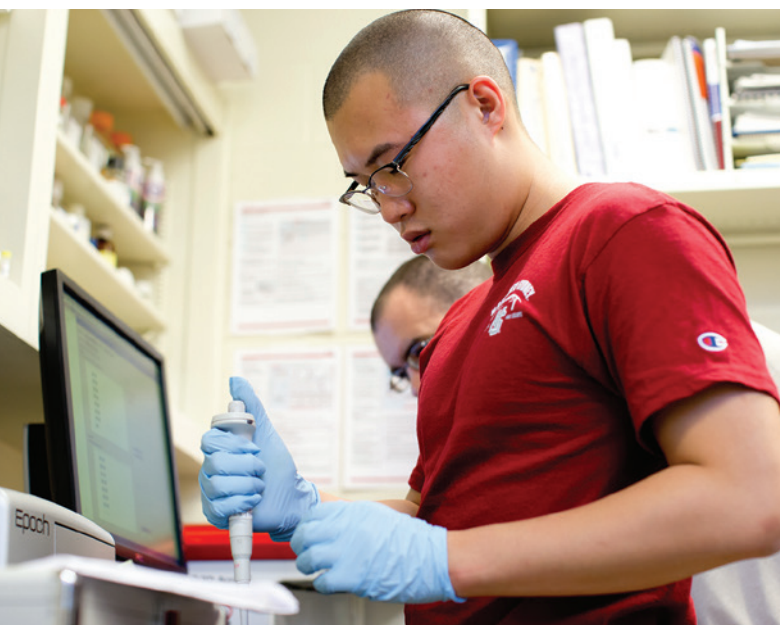


Bushhouse performs chromatin immunoprecipitation studies to identify genes that are regulated by the FOXC2 transcription factor.

GOING FOR GOLD[WATER]

Bushhouse was the second of Hargadon's research fellows to win the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, joining fellow biology student **James Lau '17** as a recipient of the nation's premier undergraduate award in the STEM fields. Lau and Bushhouse are part of a recent spate of Hampden-Sydney science students to receive the distinction of Goldwater Scholar: five Tigers have earned the scholarship over the past seven years, following in the footsteps of Hargadon, H-SC's first Goldwater recipient in 2000. (Read more about H-SC's latest Goldwater Scholar on page 20.) Together, the young men have made Hampden-Sydney the top Goldwater-producing institution in the state of Virginia, averaged per one thousand students.

Hargadon compares the prestige of a Goldwater Scholarship to that of a Rhodes Scholarship. "It's the highest undergrad recognition that you can receive that's a discipline specific honor, and it really writes the ticket for graduate school. For example, David Bushhouse received full scholarship and stipend offers from every graduate school he applied to, and James Lau received a significant scholarship to medical school, which is almost unheard of." And the Goldwater distinction carries weight long after graduate school. "To this day, I'm introduced as a Goldwater Scholar at speaking engagements—some twenty years after the fact," he says.



Lau investigates gene expression profiles of melanoma cell lines.

“For the College to produce five Goldwater Scholars in seven years is quite impressive, and I’m really excited to see how we’ll go above and beyond that with improved facilities,” Hargadon says, referencing H-SC’s upcoming \$40 million Pauley Science Center. “My colleagues and I have managed to push past the limitations of an aging building and we’ve all done some good work here,” Hargadon continues, “but the opportunities of a cutting-edge facility, more space, improved technology and equipment—all of that will be key to driving this work to the next level.” With work underway on the new science building thanks to a transformational \$30 million gift from the Pauley Family Foundation—and plans for the Hinton Baxter Overcash Immersive Biology Laboratory thanks to an anonymous \$1 million gift in honor of the late biology professor—opportunities for Hampden-Sydney students and faculty to collaborate on scientific research will only increase.

Those research opportunities are not limited to Hargadon’s lab, either; Hampden-Sydney’s Goldwater Scholars have been recognized for their research in the fields of chemistry and physics in addition to biology—a testament to the high-level, collaborative work that occurs between Hampden-Sydney students and faculty across the curriculum. And in true Hampden-Sydney fashion, our Goldwater Scholars stand out on campus and on the athletics fields as well as in the classroom.

The College’s most recent Goldwater Scholar, physics major and Tiger Football offensive lineman **Tyler Howerton ’21**, is an athlete as well as a scholar, just like the College’s first Goldwater Scholarship recipient.

A JUGGLING ACT

Those skills that Hargadon honed as a standout Tiger student-athlete are the same skills he now uses to balance the demands of his many roles on the Hill: scholar and scientist, teacher and mentor, department chair and admissions ambassador, devoted alumnus and community leader. And although he says his glory days on the basketball court are long behind him, he finds time to cheer on the Tigers at all manner of H-SC sporting events and even keeps up with a favorite hobby: juggling.

The pace he maintains is steady and grueling. In addition to the regular teaching duties and service work expected of all H-SC faculty members as well as his department-chair responsibilities, Hargadon conducts his own laboratory research, makes frequent individual contributions to academic journals, edits textbooks and research publications, and writes grant proposals to help fund the expense of a cancer research lab—to date, he has brought in over \$300,000 to fund research at Hampden-Sydney College.

But Hargadon shrugs off the attention. (In fact, many of the details of his scholarly accomplishments, publications, and service to alma mater were discovered by the author’s research rather than Hargadon’s admission in interviews.) It’s the same humility that prompts him to invite 19-year-old students into his personal academic research, to list undergraduate co-authors on his published work, and to invite his lab assistants to stand beside him as fellow presenters at national conferences.

“The story here isn’t about me,” he claims. “It’s about Hampden-Sydney College, about our students, about the kind of work they’re able to accomplish here. I’m sure most people don’t think ‘cancer research’ when they think ‘Hampden-Sydney.’ But for students out there who like science, who hope to go into healthcare, I want them to know that we are doing relevant work here at Hampden-Sydney, work that can get them on a clinical track. I think that’s the real story.”

THE SCIENCE OF IT

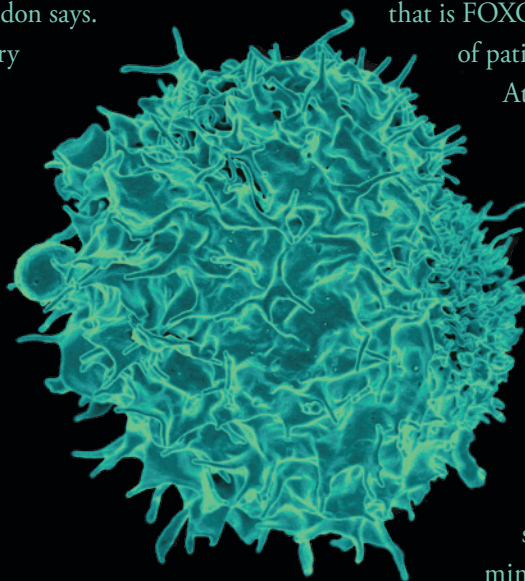
“I was fortunate to enter the field at a time when cancer immunology was just emerging. We saw in the lab that there was a potential for an immune response to melanomas, but that it was dysfunctional in some way,” Hargadon says.

“Here at Hampden-Sydney, at a very basic level with mouse cells and mouse models, we’re identifying mechanisms that trigger that dysfunction so that we can develop new therapies and improve existing therapies.”

Tumors are capable of disrupting both dendritic cells (the immune system’s messenger cells) and T-cells (which travel to and fight not only invading pathogens but potentially also cancer cells).

Explaining the genesis of his research, Hargadon says, “I took a lot of what I’d done in my post-doc virology work, combined it with my melanoma doctoral work, and created a new niche looking at how melanoma interferes with dendritic and T cell function.” With his students, he seeks to understand how tumors compromise those immune populations in hopes of developing strategies to prevent or reverse the dysfunction of those cells that are so critical to fighting cancer.

When their study of mouse tumor models demonstrated elevated levels of FOXC2 gene expression in aggressive melanomas, Hargadon and



his research fellows began investigating the gene’s role in melanoma progression. Subsequent work has included the use of CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing technology to engineer a novel melanoma cell line that is FOXC2-deficient coupled with analysis

of patient data from The Cancer Genome Atlas. It appears that the gene’s presence makes tumors not only more active, but also resistant to drugs and the immune system.

“This appears to be true in both our mouse tumor cells and in melanoma patients, as patients with higher levels of FOXC2 activity in their tumors respond less well to chemotherapy and immunotherapy,” Hargadon says. “Using a mouse system that mimics the same type of outcomes we’re seeing in those patients, we can understand more fully how the FOXC2 gene makes the cancer resistant to therapy.”

The research at Hampden-Sydney could become part of early diagnostic processes to identify the best therapies for individual patients, thereby saving precious time for patients who are unlikely to respond to immunotherapy. “And,” Hargadon adds, “further understanding of FOXC2 activity might suggest combination therapy for those patients. We may discover something that offsets FOXC2 so that immune therapy functions better.”

“My colleagues and I have managed to push past the limitations of an aging building and we’ve all done some good work here, but the opportunities of a cutting-edge facility, more space, improved technology and equipment—all of that will be key to driving this work to the next level,” says Hargadon of the \$40 million Pauley Science Center.

The *Cup of Life*

SHIRLEY KAGAN

Finds Meaning in Adversity

BY HENRY GIATTINA '21



PHOTOS BY COURTNEY VOGEL

Perhaps her husband puts it best, using the word “insane” to describe Barger-Barclay Professor of Theater **Shirley Kagan’s** inspirational journey from victim to victor after a life-threatening brain injury last spring. Moving into her 22nd year at Hampden-Sydney College, Kagan unexpectedly suffered a hemorrhagic stroke—one that kills 70 percent of its victims and leaves many of the remaining either deaf or blind.

These statistics would not deter Kagan, however, whose tenacity and determination to make a full recovery have left her doctors and therapists astonished. “Every medical professional has told her that she shouldn’t be in the condition she is in at this point,” explains **Matt Dubroff**, H-SC associate professor of theater and Kagan’s husband of 29 years. “It’s a testament to her willpower, dedication, and honest desire to get back as much as possible.”

Kagan started acting as a student at Williams College, where she met fellow student Dubroff in rehearsals for William Shakespeare’s *Merchant of Venice*; once married, the couple moved to Japan to teach English and study Noh, the classic Japanese theatrical form. After attending graduate school at the University of Hawaii, Kagan

returned to Japan in 1996. “A year later, Shirley left Japan for job interviews with three colleges, and on her flight back to Japan the job offer from Hampden-Sydney came through,” Dubroff recalls. “So, I picked her up from the airport with a little sign that said ‘Professor Kagan.’”

Kagan accepted the job at Hampden-Sydney in 1997, running the theater program by herself until Dubroff joined the fine arts department in 1999. Together, the two have brought new life to Hampden-Sydney Theatre through their continued love for acting and their focus on instilling the College’s mission into their students.

“Teachers are motivated to make the world a better place,” Kagan says. “We do that here by molding our students into good men and good citizens. We train our

actors to work together and to help one another, because that's half of what makes acting work." Teamwork, according to Kagan, "is the secret sauce to becoming a true Hampden-Sydney gentleman."

But when a combination of unrelated health factors caused Kagan to fall victim to an unforeseen stroke in April of 2019, Dubroff quickly realized that his wife's condition would prevent her from teaching, at least initially. "She was knocked down really hard, and it was scary. We had to make a lot of adjustments to deal with the medical crisis at hand," her husband explains. The right-side stroke impacted the left side of Kagan's body, forcing her to relearn how to use the affected muscles. "Her weak left side couldn't hold her upright in bed for more than 30 seconds at a time," says Dubroff. "We don't think about these things, but that's what allows us to start every day."

After a month in the ICU and an additional month in a rehabilitation center, Kagan continued with intensive rehabilitation at home for the entire summer of 2019. She credits her family as her source of comfort, support, and motivation throughout the arduous process. "My children have provided a great deal of inspiration for me to recover fully and have been immensely helpful to me in achieving that recovery," says Kagan.

Fortunately, the teamwork Kagan has always instilled into her students was reciprocated once the fall semester began, as the Hampden-Sydney student body gave her what she considers "a purpose to come to work every morning that is sustaining and gratifying on the deepest level." On November 7, just six months after the stroke, Professors Kagan and Dubroff opened the doors of Johns Auditorium for the first performance of *One Man, Two Guvnors*, a slapstick farce by Richard Bean that met critical acclaim in London's West End and on Broadway. While Hampden-

Sydney audiences left the theater with appreciation for the show's winning combination of mistaken identity and physical comedy, few realized the tremendous amount of energy that went into its construction—let alone the fact that Kagan managed to direct the entire show from a wheelchair.

Kagan and her family are quick to mention their appreciation for the help they have received from the Hampden-Sydney community, but it seems imperative that Kagan—now free from the wheelchair and walking unassisted—receives full credit for the positivity she has shown throughout her tenacious recovery effort. "You're going to encounter challenges in life," she says. "You will become ill, injured, fatigued, but if you feel like your life has a purpose, then it becomes a meaningful one." Kagan has certainly found meaning in life—from her tumultuous experience, she offers this advice: "Live boldly. Leave nothing on the table. Take advantage of every opportunity life gives you. And most importantly, drink deeply from the cup of life."

From an intensive care unit to the stage of Johns Auditorium, the roller-coaster of a journey that Kagan has endured over the past year is nothing short of sensational. Even more sensational is the fact that she'll be teaching and directing on the Hill for a long time to come.



Kagan directs the stage crew during H-SC's 2016 production of *LaBette*.



COLLEGE DEDICATES STATE-OF-THE-ART RHETORIC CENTER

A standing-room-only crowd gathered in Birdsong Atrium in October to dedicate Hampden-Sydney's new Pannill Center for Rhetoric and Communication. The ribbon-cutting ceremony featured remarks by benefactor **Will Pannill '77**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees **Peebles Harrison '89**, Elliott Professor of English **Evan Davis**, and College President **Larry Stimpert**.

The recently expanded and renovated space in Pannill Commons houses the College's signature academic program, the Rhetoric Program, as well as the Center for Public History and Office of Undergraduate Research. The Rhetoric Program's move to a new, innovative space symbolizes the continual evolution of the Program, which now encompasses digital rhetoric in addition to oral and written rhetoric. "No matter what field our graduates pursue—whether it be engineering, sales, finance, marketing, medicine, the law, teaching, healthcare, or public service—if they are to be successful, they need the ability to write well, to speak effectively, and increasingly, to communicate confidently in digital forms," Davis told attendees.

Featuring rhetoric, public history, and undergraduate research in concert with each other will strengthen all three programs and launch the 40-year-old Rhetoric Program into its next 40 years, according to Davis. "If our graduates are not merely to join the public sphere but to strengthen it, they need more than the ability to speak, write, and communicate; they also need to think both historically and empirically. They need to be able to articulate how the past impinges on the present, and to be able to engage

public audiences in discussions of knowledge that they have gained through rigorous research, guided by faculty who possess both caring and expertise," he explained.

The ceremony also shed light on the coordinated efforts that produced a dedicated rhetoric center in a relatively short amount of time; the initial goal to endow a professorship for the Rhetoric Program quickly grew to a matching gift challenge presented to board members past and present. "Through the extraordinary generosity of Susan and Will Pannill, **Harvard Birdsong '71**, Marcia and **Richard Carr '73**, **Birch Douglass '65**, those who gave in memory of **Mike Paulette '66**, and many, many others, we stand here today," said Harrison. The Pannill Center, according to Harrison, "epitomizes the powerful role the board can play in advancing the academic program and how an earnest and collaborative effort with the faculty can lead to swift and positive change within the academic program."

Pannill, whose generosity was central to the project's completion, shared anecdotes about his own time at Hampden-Sydney—in particular, a memorable choice between his social life and his academic responsibilities. Pannill noted similarities to another Hampden-Sydney story shared on prime time television in March 2018 by **Stephen Colbert '86**.

While interviewing David Byrne of the Talking Heads, Colbert explained that as a Hampden-Sydney student, he gave up tickets to see the band in order to complete a paper comparing



Marlowe's *Tamburlaine the Great* to Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. The decision, said Colbert, was inspired by the College gates' Latin inscription, which translates "Come here as youths so that you may leave as men." Colbert decided, "A boy would go to the concert, a man would write his paper."

Pannill himself made a similarly difficult decision between seeing a blues legend perform or studying for an upcoming exam. "Well, B.B. King was great," Pannill told the amused crowd.

Before Pannill and Harrison joined Stimpert to cut the ribbon and officially open the center, the president reflected on the critical role that communication plays in birthing great ideas. "There is nothing more important than a young man knowing how to express himself well, but he can't express himself well until he has first learned how to think well. And all of our students learn both through the Rhetoric Program at Hampden-Sydney College," Stimpert said.

"Imagine the ideas untold that will be birthed because our young men have the courage and the ability to not just create an idea, but to take that idea and do something with it," Stimpert continued. "This gives me great hope about the future of our country and our world."



Stimpert, Pannill '77, and Harrison '89 cut the ribbon.



Birdsong '71 stands in the atrium that bears his name.



Guests fill the Pannill Center's central space.

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FROM HILL TO HILL: ALUMNI SHARE CAPITAL ADVICE

Two Hampden-Sydney graduates whose distinguished careers have taken them from the corridors of the U.S. Capitol to the halls of academia returned to the Hill this year. **Paul S. Tribble, Jr. '68**, former U.S. Senator and current president of Christopher Newport University, spoke about transformational leadership, while **Robert Hurt '91**, former U.S. Congressman and current dean of the Helms School of Government at Liberty University, spoke about Hampden-Sydney College's historical significance. In addition, both alumni explained how their time at H-SC influenced their professional success and public service.



On November 7 in College Church, Hurt—who spent six years in the Virginia House of Delegates, three years in the Virginia Senate, and eight years in the U.S. House of Representatives—addressed the audience gathered in honor of Hampden-Sydney's Founders Day. His extemporaneous remarks spanned the creation of the College in 1775, the Virginia statesmen who helped shape American democracy, the local turmoil of the Civil War, and the pivotal role Prince Edward County played in the Civil Rights Movement. "In many ways, the history of central Virginia mirrors the history of America," Hurt told Hampden-Sydney students, encouraging them to delve into the history that surrounds them at the College.



And on February 11 in Crawley Forum, Tribble addressed Hampden-Sydney students and community members on the subject of transformational leadership. Tribble's professional career has included three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, one term in the U.S. Senate, a teaching fellowship

at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and almost 20 years as president of Christopher Newport University, which Tribble elevated from near extinction to national rankings. "Respect for others is the essence of leadership," according to Tribble, who told students to listen to others, maintain an open exchange of ideas, and pursue excellence in all endeavors. "Leadership and life demand great dreams," he continued. "If you're going somewhere, gentlemen, make it a great adventure. We are put on this earth to contribute, to live a life of significance. Those are the things I learned on the Hill."

Hurt gave similar advice during a question and answer session, encouraging students to preserve their core beliefs while maintaining open dialogue and finding common ground with people regardless of political affiliation. At Hampden-Sydney, Hurt said, he learned the importance of civility, the importance of putting oneself in other people's shoes, the importance of building relationships based on trust, and the importance of our moral obligations to others. "I was taught all of these ideas by my parents, but they were certainly solidified at Hampden-Sydney," he continued.

Both alumni urged students to make the most of their time at Hampden-Sydney. "Don't let the opportunities you have at Hampden-Sydney pass you by," Hurt told them. "What I picked up during my time here influenced my work as a lawyer and my work as a Member of Congress."

Tribble expressed similar sentiments about his time on the Hill. "Hampden-Sydney profoundly shaped my life," he said. "Any success, any significance I have achieved in my life can in large measure be seen as the result of the four years I spent on this campus. I love this place."



THE BROTHERHOOD AT WORK

Tiger alumni returned to the Hill in February to share their career experiences with students as part of a series of events sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement that are designed to bring the alumni network to campus. The evening's formal topics ranged from entrepreneurship to the current job market, but the discussion returned several times to the importance of integrity, work ethic, and leadership—traits that were strengthened during their time on the Hill, according to members of the panel.

Chris Peace '98, an attorney and 14-year Virginia state legislator, encouraged students to take the values of the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood with them into their professional lives. "Whenever you face a difficult choice, remember who you are and the core values you learned here: accountability, civility, integrity. Guard those common bonds and represent Hampden-Sydney well," said Peace, who served in the student senate during his H-SC days. "Hampden-Sydney is the way the world should be, but isn't. Figure out a way to make the world more like Hampden-Sydney," he told the young Tigers.

Several alumni also spoke of the value of their liberal arts education to their professional success. As president of a real estate acquisition and development firm in Raleigh, NC, **Bo Bennett '90** said that his history and economics background gives him both the critical and creative thinking to identify opportunities and organize diverse partners. "A liberal arts education enables you to think outside the box and look at the big picture," he explained.

And **David Campbell '15**, a project lead at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, praised the College for teaching all students, not just humanities majors, to write and communicate well. "There's a reason why a lot of people have

me proofread white papers before they go up to the Pentagon," the former physics major joked. Campbell said STEM students at Hampden-Sydney should feel optimistic about their future, noting the scientific programs at the College "will prepare you to do anything and go anywhere you want to go."

Andrew Mitakides '07 credited his success to his Hampden-Sydney education, as well. The actor said that the breadth of perspectives he encountered at H-SC enhanced his ability to develop characters and personas—skills he now uses

as writer, producer, and host of *Gem City Tonight*, a late-night television show in Dayton, OH. Mitakides also encouraged students to be willing to ask fellow alumni for assistance. "I've never once asked a brother and had them say no," he said, reminding attendees that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. "Without the Hampden-Sydney alumni network, I wouldn't have a show," Mitakides said.

Although all of the speakers spoke highly of the connections available through the Hampden-Sydney network, they reminded the audience that strong character and work ethic—rather than connections alone—bring Hampden-Sydney men success in the professional world. Campbell noted the growing number of H-SC alumni working at the Dahlgren research center and their reputation for excellence. "We have over 20 H-SC guys working there, and now we're actively recruiting from Hampden-Sydney," said Campbell. "My supervisor always comments on our work ethic. H-SC guys get the job done."

Brian Gwaltney '19, the most recent graduate on the panel, agreed. As a student, Gwaltney served as captain of the football team; a resident advisor; and a member of the Student Court, Garnet and Grey Society, Minority Student Union, and Tiger Athletic Club—all while maintaining two campus jobs. "I learned early on that what I gave to Hampden-Sydney, she would give back to me. So I immersed myself," he explained. Now a financial advisor in Colonial Heights, Gwaltney said, "I apply the same drive I had here to my job with Wells Fargo Advisors."

All of the panelists told students to be optimistic about their futures, but Bennett took it even further, telling the students to embrace failure as well as success. "Don't be afraid of failure," he said. "Life is hard. You aren't always going to walk in and get the job, but don't give up."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: *Nothing Routine About It*

Hampden-Sydney senior **Rakeem Walker '20** has been inspired by, challenged by, and ultimately changed by the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood. *The Record* caught up with the Washington, DC, native last fall when he returned to campus after a semester of study in Provence, France—just one of the many opportunities Rakeem has taken advantage of during his time on the Hill.

You seem to be a fixture on campus—everyone knows you and your name is associated with a variety of H-SC organizations. Tell us about your campus involvement.

I completed the Wilson Leadership Program my freshman year, I've been involved with Minority Student Union (MSU) since my sophomore year, I helped set up the Brother for Brother mentorship program, and I've always competed in intramural sports—but most people probably know me as the guy at the Tiger Inn, where I've worked since my freshman year. I've also worked in the computing center, fitness center, and at home football games; interned with the communications and marketing department; and served as a resident advisor. This year I'm president of MSU and head RA for Greek life, overseeing a staff of ten house managers.



Of all the roles you've played at H-SC, you say that serving as an RA in a freshman dorm was one of your favorites. Why?

Mentorship. One of my passions is helping people, especially younger guys. I was fortunate to have a lot of people mentor me throughout the years, so I always wanted to do the same for others if I got the opportunity. I was nervous when I was assigned to freshmen, though, because it's a lot of responsibility—for many of them, it's their first time away from home, first time at an all-male institution, plus Hampden-Sydney isn't an easy place, academically! My goal was to make our floor like a family, and I think we succeeded. At the end of the day, brothers always come together and support each other, and that's exactly what we did.

We hear a lot about the Hampden-Sydney alumni network, which is consistently ranked one of the best in the nation. Did you benefit from that network as a Hampden-Sydney student?

Absolutely. I've had two internship experiences with alumni: I spent the summer of 2018 at the corporate office of Thompson Hospitality in Reston, where I met daily with the retail division director of finance, shadowed with general managers of the company's restaurants, and met several times with company founder **Warren Thompson '81**. It was an awesome experience.

Last summer I was a risk management intern at the Federal Home Loan Bank Office of Finance, where **Nico Correa '19** had interned the previous summer with **Jonathan Hartley '97**. I worked on projects to help the bank be more proactive with its partners in the capital markets, so I got to work with Bloomberg and expand my Excel and presentation skills. I also led the internship committee and was selected to organize a diversity fair.

We all come to Hampden-Sydney for one thing: the network. But networking is not a magic trick; you have to go out and do the work. Nicco did his part—and I appreciate that he put in a good word for me—but I also had to do my part with the resume, GPA, and interview.



Partway through your Hampden-Sydney career, you made a difficult decision to take a year off. How did that shape your college experience?

I took a break because of financial reasons, but I used that time to reflect on my future and my goals. You always hear that everything happens for a reason. Well, I feel like I was home for a reason: to be part of the success of our family company [which owns and operates food trucks in Washington, DC]. That year, we had the opportunity to partner with the marketing company for the movie *Almost Christmas*. We helped promote the movie at Howard University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College, an experience that made me passionate about

growing my family business. And, even though I was out of school, I committed to keep learning and growing, so I got my EMT certification and worked with the local fire department. The department gave me a scholarship that helped me return to H-SC.

How was the transition back to campus?

What really brought me back to Hampden-Sydney was the brotherhood. You know, the College preaches brotherhood a lot, but I'm here to tell you that it's real. For most of my life I was the role model for other people, but for the first time in my life I found people my age whom I could look up to, who were role models for me.

Who were some of those Hampden-Sydney role models?

Jamie Turner '18 took me under his wing my sophomore year and became one of my biggest role models. He recommended classes, encouraged me to become an RA, inspired me to become MSU president. I absolutely wanted to follow in his footsteps, but the one thing he said he regretted was not taking advantage of the chance to study abroad while at H-SC.

I was also inspired by my freshman roommate Nico, who's from Columbia but speaks English as fluently as his native language. After he spent a semester in London, I looked into England or Australia for a study abroad. Then I realized that if you want to grow as a person, you have to step outside your comfort zone, and my biggest fear was the language. I was struggling in French; writing and grammar were easy enough, but speaking scared me. So at the last minute, I changed my plan from Australia to France.

People say that immersion is the best way to learn a language. Did you find that to be true?

Definitely. Going abroad is a chance to grow as a person and experience a new life, especially when you get to live with someone from the local area. My host dad's kitchen table became my classroom: dinner started at eight and ended at 11, and the rule was that he spoke English and I spoke French so that we both could practice. We talked about our days, our lives, our goals. At first it was a lot of repeating myself, but I got better and better. He told me that I would learn French because of my will power, and by the end of the term I received the award for most progress in my French class.

I really wanted to meet people from other countries, so at first it was a disappointment that my classes were made up entirely of American students. I decided to step outside the box, though. I laced up my shoes, went for a walk, and found a local basketball court, which is where I made most of my French friends. Speaking French while playing basketball was a new experience and ended up being a great way to learn the language.

It's nearly impossible to sum up four months immersed in another culture, but can you share one or two highlights of your study abroad in France?

I loved the French lifestyle. The food was healthy—my host dad used fresh, organic produce and we ate very few processed or fried foods—and we walked everywhere. I always joked that I was too cheap to call an Uber or catch a taxi—I preferred to use the legs and feet that God blessed me with. I lost twenty pounds!

My time in France made me realize that America still has some things to work on, for sure. We're such a large country that it's hard to bring us all together as one unit. That was one thing I admired about France: it was a single unit. My host father is a black man, but he doesn't call himself African-French—he is just French.

What's your biggest take-away?

You've got to fall out of your routine. When you get into a routine, you don't see new things, don't experience different things. You just don't. Even in France, I walked the same routes and settled into daily patterns—and when you do that, you stop noticing your surroundings. Moving forward, I'm trying to do something new every day, because I don't want to be trapped in a routine.



TYLER HOWERTON '21

★★ ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN ★★

TIGERS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

For the first time, two Hampden-Sydney Football teammates have earned the prestigious distinction of Academic All-American® in the same year. Selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), **Tyler Howerton '21** was named to the 2019 Academic All-America® Division III Football First Team and **Rhett Andersen '21** was named to the 2019 Academic All-America® Division III Football Second Team. The third-year duo are the first Tiger Football Academic All-Americans since 2009.

Both young men are dean's list students, members of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, and recipients of multiple academic awards at H-SC, including the Howell L. Gruber Award and the Sophomore Academic Excellence Award.

A physics major with a minor in mathematics, Tyler maintains a 4.00 cumulative GPA and is a member of Chi Beta Phi National Science Honorary as well as the recipient of H-SC's Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Award for the junior with the highest GPA. And at press time, Tyler was awarded the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's premier undergraduate scholarship in natural sciences, engineering, and math.

On the football field, Tyler started all 10 games on the offensive line at either center or right guard and is a two-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) All-Academic Team selection.

Rhett, an economics major with a German minor, has a 3.97 cumulative GPA and received the College's Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Award for the junior with the second-highest GPA. As the Tigers' placekicker, Rhett was a perfect 17-17 on PATs and 10-13 on field goals with a school-record 49-yard kick and another 48-yarder—the two longest field goals made in the ODAC this season. A two-time All-ODAC honoree, Rhett has also been named to the ODAC All-Academic Team, D3football.com Second Team All-South Region, and Academic All-District 5 First Team.

Joining Tyler and Rhett as an Academic All-American is Tiger soccer player **Eli Strong '20**. Read more about Eli's accomplishments and H-SC Soccer's successful season on page 23.



Faith Comes First for Standout Kicker

BY GREG PROUTY, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

Football is in the blood for Tiger placekicker **Rhett Andersen '21**: his maternal grandfather is long-time NFL scout and league executive Bill Tobin, whose career included general manager positions with the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts, and his uncle, Duke Tobin, is director of player personnel for the Cincinnati Bengals. Both played football professionally, as well—Bill as a running back and Duke as a quarterback.

At five foot 11 and 165 pounds, however, Rhett is arguably slight in stature for the sport, so it's no surprise that early on he tried kicking the ball for an opportunity to get on the field. "I actually tried out for kicker in fifth grade when I played Pop Warner, but I didn't make it," said Rhett. "I started working on it, though, kicking on some wooden uprights that my dad and I built in our backyard."

By his junior year at Poquoson High School, he was splitting time on the varsity, and as a senior, it was his time to shine. He earned all-conference and all-region honors and was named a *Daily Press* all-star, as well. Nonetheless, during his final high school game he endured his lowest moment on the field—one that would cause him to question his future in the sport he'd grown up loving.

"It's a night that I'll always remember, a night that made me stronger as an athlete and as a person," explained Rhett. "We lost 14-13 and

I missed three field goals—two of them very makeable, one of them longer. I didn't miss the extra point, but the snap was botched and I didn't get to kick it. Afterwards, I could feel the heaviness of the team on my back; I questioned if I would get an opportunity to play college football, and if I even wanted to play football anymore."

It was his faith that pulled him through, though. "I look to God for a lot of things in my life because he's number one for me above anything. I prayed a lot as I went through the recruiting process in the spring." Christopher Newport University reached out and, Rhett says, "at the time, I thought that was the best decision I could make."

During a difficult season with the Captains, Rhett continued to lean on his faith when his position coach made it clear Rhett wasn't in competition for the top spot. "I took that as more motivation," explained Rhett. "I felt like God had something else planned, so I reached out to a couple of coaches, including Coach **Marty Favret**, who invited me for a visit." Rhett made the decision to transfer to H-SC during Thanksgiving break of that one semester at CNU and began classes on the Hill in January 2018, a decision he has never regretted.

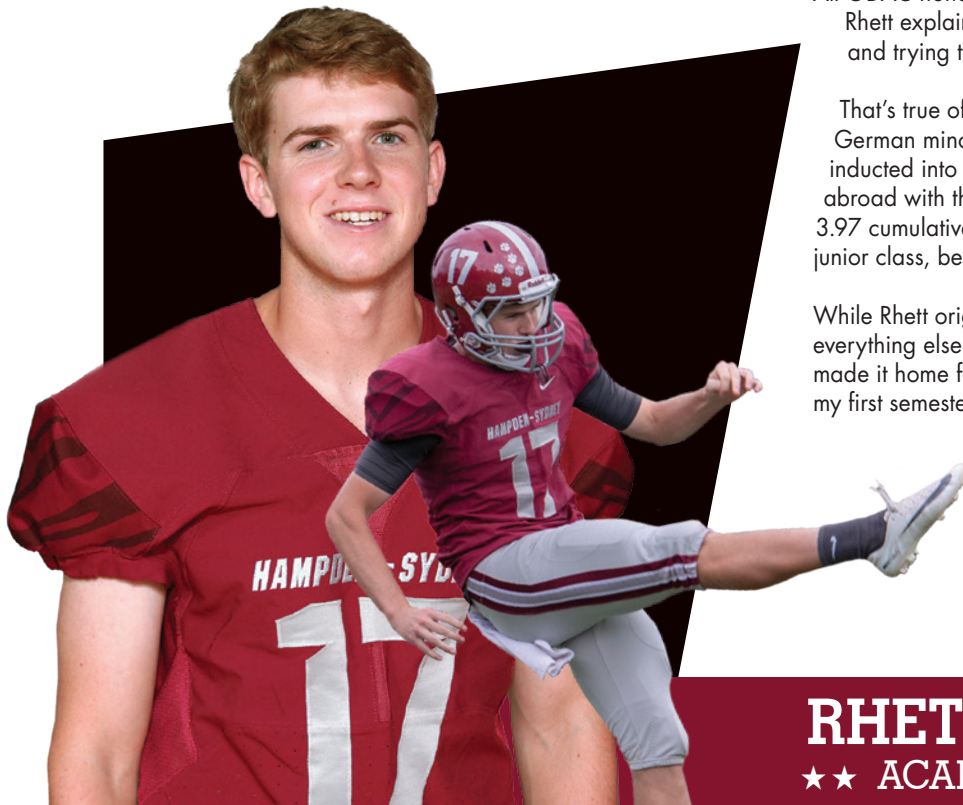
"I got here in the spring and worked my butt off. The coaches had a lot of confidence in me, which instilled more confidence within myself," said Rhett. "Then at camp, I won the starting job for kicking and punting." Highlights of his first season as a Tiger included a game-winning 46-yard field goal on the final play of the game against Guilford as well as Third-Team All-ODAC honors. His success continued with the two longest field goals in the ODAC this year—including a 49-yard school record—as well as First Team All-ODAC honors and Second Team Academic All-American honors.

Rhett explained, "I'm trying to bring my all, day-in and day-out, and trying to lift others up."

That's true off the gridiron, as well. The economics major and German minor is active with Catholic Campus Ministry, has been inducted into the national leadership honor society ODK, studied abroad with the Munster Summer Program in 2018, and holds a 3.97 cumulative grade point average—the second highest in the junior class, behind teammate **Tyler Howerton '21**.

While Rhett originally chose H-SC for football, it's been just about everything else that this tradition-rich school has to offer that has made it home for him. "I don't want to sound too clichéd, but during my first semester, I don't think I ever had a bad day," said Rhett.

"I was always smiling and felt like this was the right place for me to be. I enjoy the social life, the brotherhood, and my friends. I'm very grateful for all the opportunities that my professors, my coaches, and my parents have given me to be here. It's just been a great experience."



RHETT ANDERSEN '21
★★ ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN ★★



TIGER GOLF Swings into National Top Five

Ranked number five nationally in both the *Golfstat.com* Division III Top 25 and the Division III Bushnell Golfweek Coaches Poll, Hampden-Sydney Golf wrapped up the fall season of competition poised for further success in the spring. *Golfstat* also ranked the Tigers third in the extremely strong South Region, which includes six of the top 25 teams in the country.

Five H-SC golfers neared the top of the *Golfstat* national and regional individual rankings: **Hunter Martin '22**, ranked 17th in Division III and ninth in the region with his 71.85 average; **Adam Hade '20**, whose 73.54 average places him 63rd in D III and 22nd in the region; **John Hatcher Ferguson '22**, 65th in D III and 24th in the region at 73.46; **Bruce Shober '20**, 81st in D III and 29th in the region with a 73.62, and **Allen Smith '21**, whose 77.20 average is 247th in D III and 68th in the region.

Under the direction of Head Coach and Director of Athletics **Chad Eisele**, H-SC finished five tournaments in the top-10—including one tournament win and three top-five placements. The Tigers posted a 36-hole school-record and tournament record of 17-under par (278-281—559) to finish first among 18 teams at the Royal Lakes Fall Invitational on October 7-8 in Flowery Branch, GA. Overall, H-SC averaged 289.92 per round, sixth-best in Division III and third-best in the region.

H-SC's spring season began March 9-10 at The Savannah Harbor Classic, where the Tigers finished tied for eighth among 18 teams. The Tigers had hoped to make their second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships in May, but the spring season was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. H-SC finished 12th at last year's National Championships.

H-SC SOCCER Exceeds Goals in Historic 50th Season

In its 50th year of competition, Hampden-Sydney Soccer posted a record-setting season. The Tigers enjoyed a school-record 14-match unbeaten streak (12-0-2), finished the regular season first in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), earned the number-one seed in the conference championship, and hosted the ODAC semifinals and championship for the first time ever. Capping off an incredible season, individual Tigers earned accolades for their success both on the field and in the classroom.

The 2019 season marked the 50th-year celebration of Hampden-Sydney Soccer that included a special event on September 28 and culminated with a 4-0 win over archrival Randolph-Macon. On hand was the program's first head coach, **Jim Simms**, who started the program in 1969 along with **Bill Flowers '71**.

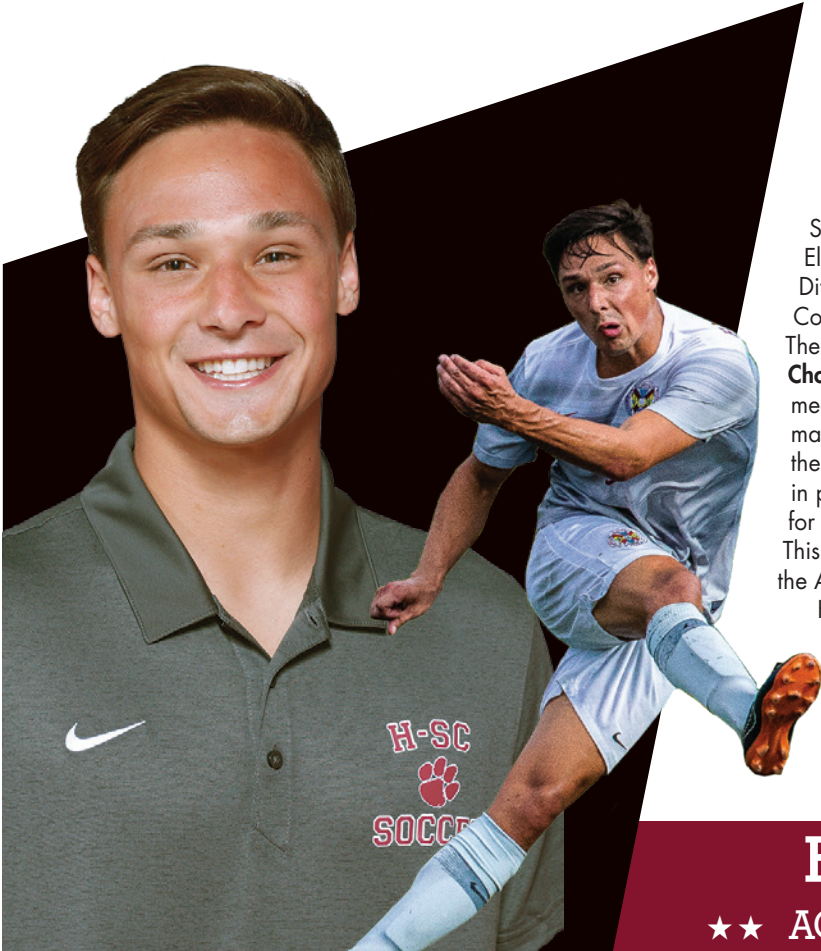
Now in its third year under Head Coach **Tommy DiNuzzo**, H-SC Soccer finished 13-5-2 overall, including 7-0-1 in the ODAC. Following a 1-5 start to the campaign, the Tigers put together a seven-game winning streak before a double-overtime tie against the University of Lynchburg (3-3). H-SC followed-up with a five-match winning streak before once again tying Lynchburg (2-2), this time in the ODAC championship semifinals, as the Hornets advanced on penalty-kicks.

Leading the Tigers' accolades is ODAC Player of the Year **Spell Carr '20**, the first Tiger to win the award since **Mike Bizon '00**. Joining Carr on the All-ODAC First Team was **Jacob Mann '20**, while **Eli Strong '20** was named the ODAC/Virginia Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete of the Year as well as a Second Team All-ODAC honoree. Goalie **Ian Connor '20** secured a Third Team All-ODAC selection, and both **Carr** and **Cole Burton '20** were named to the 2019 ODAC All-Tournament Team.

Carr and Mann were also named to the United Soccer Coaches (USC) All-Region teams—Carr as a First Team selection and Mann as a Third Team selection. Both were named First Team All-State by the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) as well.



Spell Carr '20



For their combination of excellence on the field and in the classroom, a trio of Tigers were named to the USC Scholar All-Region teams: Carr and Mann were First Team selections, while Strong was named to the Second Team. Carr went on to be selected for the Scholar All-America Second Team.

Saving one of the most prestigious academic honors for last, Eli Strong was named to the 2019 Academic All-America® Division III Men's Soccer Second Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). The defender is the first Tiger soccer member since **Brett Chonko '10** to be named Academic All-American. A pre-med student with a biology major and religion minor, Eli has maintained a 3.96 cumulative GPA. Last spring, he received the College's Hinton Baxter Overcash Award as the top junior in pre-med before being awarded the H-SC President's Award for Overall Academic Excellence at Convocation last fall. This spring, Eli was selected to present his senior capstone at the American Association for Cancer Research in San Diego. He recently co-authored a paper titled "Cancer Genomics and Proteomics" with Dr. **Kristian Hargadon '01**, Elliott Associate Professor of Biology. Previously named Academic All-District 5 First Team, Eli plans to attend George Washington University Medical School next fall.

ELI STRONG '20
 ★★ ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN ★★





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TIGER ALUMNI NETWORK RANKED SECOND IN THE NATION BY PRINCETON REVIEW

The Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association has always been committed to keeping Tiger alumni connected and engaged with their alma mater and with each other. After hosting a record number of events in 2019, the Alumni Association's efforts have paid off: in early February, The Princeton Review ranked the Hampden-Sydney alumni network second in the nation—up two spots from last year. And the momentum continues to build with the formation of a new Hampden-Sydney affinity group and increased efforts to connect recent graduates with the Tiger network.

New Initiative Will Connect Young Alumni



Hampden-Sydney is nationally known for its robust alumni network, but how easy is it for Tiger alumni to leverage that network for success?

According to Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement **Cameron Marshall '12**, recent graduates in particular are eager to access the Hampden-Sydney network once they leave campus. Welcome to the City, a new Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association initiative slated to begin this fall, seeks to facilitate this opportunity by formally introducing recent graduates to the brotherhood beyond the gates. “We want to be intentional about providing young alumni access to this network that we’re so proud of,” Marshall explains.

On September 10, regional alumni groups will host coordinated events around the country to welcome Tigers who are new to their area. Like the annual RPE Toast, the effort will be collaborative, with groups of alumni both large and small holding events on the same day around the country. The Alumni Association aims to provide opportunities for alumni engagement that are simple yet meaningful—a goal that events like Welcome to the City and the RPE Toast seek to accomplish.

Interested in organizing a Welcome to the City event in your area? Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement at alumni@hsc.edu or 434-223-6776.

College Launches Medical Affinity Group



In an effort to provide Hampden-Sydney alumni with increased professional and personal development in addition to social interaction, the College is expanding its affinity group offerings for alumni with the creation of a group for medical professionals.

The group’s inaugural conference is scheduled for August 29, 2020, on the Hampden-Sydney campus. Professionals in the field of general medicine—including doctors, nurses, physicians assistants, and pharmacists—can earn CME credits at the event, which will be held in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University and the Medical College of Virginia. Participants will also enjoy an exclusive celebration of the new Pauley Science Center and learn firsthand of the future of the sciences at Hampden-Sydney.

The continued success of the College’s first affinity group, the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association, inspired the Alumni Association’s move into professions beyond the legal field. Formed five years ago, the Bar Association holds a CLE conference, awards ceremony, and social event on campus each fall, scheduled this year for September 18, 2020.



Event in a Box Brings Alumni Engagement to Your Door

The Alumni Association wants to help you connect by providing everything needed to host an HSC alumni social. Event in a Box is free and simple—all we ask in return is that you share alumni contact information and photos of your event with us. Email or call to have a box of swag sent for your next alumni event.

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Alumnus Funds Championship Rings

The 1982 and 1983 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Football Champions returned to the Hill on Homecoming Weekend almost 30 years after legendary coach **Stokeley Fulton '55** led the Tigers to back-to-back conference championships. Some 50 team members received championship rings from President **Larry Stimpert** during the halftime ceremony, which also honored the late coach by presenting rings to his son, J. Fulton, and daughter, Lucy Carter Smith. The rings were funded by a generous donation from an alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous. Roll Tigers!



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HOMECOMING 2019

The crisp air and colorful leaves of early fall set the perfect backdrop for Homecoming 2019. On October 12, alumni, family, and friends of the College honored retired Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland**, connected with classmates and friends at elaborate tailgates, cheered on Tiger Football, and enjoyed live bands across campus after the game.

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2020 on October 24 and let the good times roar!



1950s

The Hon. **W. TAYLOE MURPHY, JR. '53** and his wife Helen were the 2019 recipients of the Outstanding Virginian Award, established by the General Assembly to honor Virginians whose distinguished contributions, outstanding achievements, and dedicated leadership serve as an inspiration to all civic-minded citizens. They were honored by the General Assembly in February. Tayloe was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for 18 years and served as the Commonwealth's secretary of natural resources for four years. He and Helen are known for their efforts to conserve Virginia's natural and historic resources.



W. TAYLOE MURPHY, JR. '53

1960s

WILLIAM "BILL" WILSON '60 has been appointed to the executive committee of the Virginia State Bar Council, the governing body for 50,000 lawyers licensed to practice in Virginia. He has served on the VSB Council since 2017, representing lawyers in the 25th judicial circuit. The Council sets the rules and regulations that govern the operation of the Bar, lawyer discipline, and the conduct of lawyers. Bill says, "It is a great honor to be asked to serve on the Executive Committee. I really don't know how I was selected. I was just notified that I had been placed on the Committee."



BRYSON '63 HONORED BY H-SC BAR ASSOCIATION



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Dr. **William Hamilton "Ham" Bryson '63** received the David Marion Legal Excellence Award at the fifth annual meeting of the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association in September 2019. The award recognizes a member of the Hampden-Sydney College community who has made a substantial contribution to the law, whether it be the practice of the law, service to the law, or teaching of the law.

A member of the Virginia State Bar since 1967 and a faculty member at the University of Richmond School of Law since 1973, Dr. Bryson was named the University's Blackstone Professor of Law in 1980. His teaching areas include English legal history, Virginia legal history, and Virginia procedure and practice; his publications on these subjects are too numerous to list. A fellow of the Royal History, a member of the executive committee of the John Marshall American Inn of Court, and the Virginia correspondent of the Selden Society, Dr. Bryson also serves on the advisory committee on rules of court of the Supreme Court of Virginia. He earned an LL.B. from Harvard University School of Law, an LL.M. from University of Virginia School of Law, and both a Ph.D. and an LL.D. from Cambridge University.

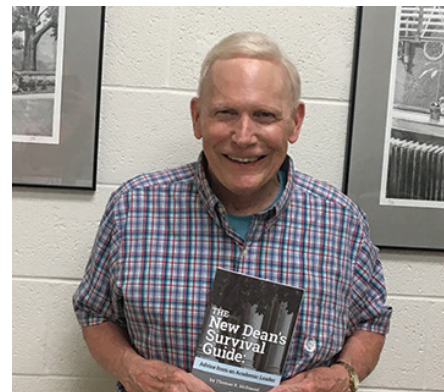
Presenting the award to Dr. Bryson last September, **Branch W. "Chip" Vincent III '83** noted his faithful mentorship of countless Hampden-Sydney students and alumni over the years. "Dr. Bryson is a loyal supporter of the College and someone whom the Hampden-Sydney Bar Association is proud to recognize for his excellence as a faculty member and as an alumnus of Hampden-Sydney," said Vincent. "Dr. Hamilton Bryson exemplifies everything we hold dear at H-SC, a good man and a good citizen."

DAVID "DEE" LAIRD '62 and LAWSON OMER '19 gathered together at Homecoming for a meeting of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Club of Montrose, CO.



(L-R) LAIRD '62, OMER '19

Dr. **TOM McDANIEL '63** published his ninth book, *The New Dean's Survival Guide: Advice from an Academic Leader*. Tom served as a professor, dean, provost, vice president for academic affairs, and interim president at Converse College. Now retired, he continues to teach part-time at Converse and is executive editor of *The Clearing House*, a journal for secondary educators and university faculty who train educators.



TOM McDANIEL '63

HERB SEBREN '66 received the 2019 Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award from the Virginia State Bar in recognition of his outstanding pro bono contributions in the state of Virginia. "This attorney is, in my opinion, one of the most respected and dedicated of them all and gives so generously of his legal talents on behalf of our area's poor," wrote one of his peers in nominating Herb for the award. The nomination goes on to estimate that Herb has taken on at least 150 cases in 22 years of providing pro bono assistance.



1970s

The Rt. Rev. **F. CLAYTON "CLAY" MATTHEWS '70** received an honorary Doctor of Cannon Law degree from Sewanee: The University of the South on September 20, 2019. From 1998 to 2017, Clay served as bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development, a ministry of the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop's Office. He continues to serve as managing director of the College for Bishops, a non-profit organization that has become the authorized school for education and formation of bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States and Anglican churches around the globe. He plans to fully retire in the near future.

RICHARD "RICK" BEALE '71 has joined Bischoff Martingayle as senior counsel, where he specializes in banking, finance, and real estate law. Most recently, he was a partner at Troutman Sanders.

DALE PITTMAN '71 and ROBERT ROSS '79 bumped into each other at a Super Lawyers reception. Both Robert and Dale have been inducted into *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* Leaders in the Law.



(L-R) ROSS '79, PITTMAN '71

SAMUEL W. PURVIANCE '71 is enjoying a second career as a musician. Retired in 2011 from his family funeral home business in Wakefield, VA, and widowed suddenly in 2012, Sam is now re-married to Terri Franzman; the couple has settled permanently in Saint Paul, MN. Sam, performing classic Southern-style acoustic music, appears solo or with his group Sammy P & Friends several times a month at Twin Cities coffee houses, bars, restaurants, and a variety of care centers and rehab facilities.



SAMUEL PURVIANCE '71

KENNETH "KEN" CATLETT '72 was inducted into the Manchester High School Athletic Hall of Fame in Chesterfield in September 2019. He earned a total of 10 varsity letters during his high school years (three for football, three for basketball, and four for baseball); set multiple school records, some of which stood for 25 years; and led his basketball team to an undefeated district championship his senior year. Ken was Hampden-Sydney's starting point guard for two years, until an injury sustained at the final practice of his sophomore year ended his basketball career.

BRUCE HOPKINS '72 has retired after 34 years with First Tennessee Bank, where he was chairman of the West Tennessee Region. "I'm retiring from the bank, but I'm rewiring myself into the community," Bruce told the *Memphis Business Journal*, which took an in-depth look at Bruce's career and retirement on July 12, 2019. "This community [Memphis] has great things going on right now, but we still have some challenges," he continued. "I really want to get involved with those challenges, where I'm helping people who need help." Looking back on his banking career, Bruce ended the interview with a word of advice: "Don't be afraid to make a decision."



ROBERT P. "RICKY" RICHARDSON '75 has been elected to a seven-year term on the Board of Trustees for the Spartanburg County Foundation in South Carolina. Ricky is a first vice president and financial advisor with The Richardson Group at Morgan Stanley in Spartanburg, a board member of the United Way of the Piedmont, and chairman of the City of Spartanburg Design Review Board.



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DAVID F. RIDDICK '77 has been selected as the chair of the history department at the Miller School of Albemarle. Preferring the classroom to the committee room, he has reluctantly accepted. According to Dave, "Great things are happening at the Miller School." He was also selected by the senior class to deliver the baccalaureate address in 2019.



DAVID F. RIDDICK '77

The Hon. **J. WILLIAM "BILL" WATSON, JR. '77** has been appointed to the circuit court bench of Virginia's 10th Judicial Circuit. He has served as a judge in the general district court since 2009.

TOM CROWDER '78 rang the bell at the New York Stock Exchange on January 2, 2020, to open the first trading day of the new decade. The board and executive officers of Blue Ridge Bankshares were invited to open the market in commemoration of the company's move to the NYSE American exchange following a merger with Virginia Community Bankshares in December. Previously the chief financial officer of Virginia Community, Tom is now executive vice president—card division at Blue Ridge. Tom writes, "I was honored to ring the bell and represent the bank in this process."



TOM CROWDER '78

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1980s

MICHAEL MULLEN '83 is starting his fifth year as a copywriting professor at the VCU Brandcenter in Richmond. His latest published short story appeared in the December 2018 issue of *Concho River Review* and has been nominated for a 2020 Pushcart Prize.

CHRIS ALTIZER '84 has been appointed adjunct lecturer at Florida International University's College of Business to teach international human resource management in the MSHRM program—news that may confound Tiger classmates, Fiji brothers, and esteemed H-SC faculty, according to Chris. He still coaches leaders and teams in performance and wellness with his wife Anne Wallace Altizer (Hollins '85), teaches aerial yoga (swing in silks) twice a week, and continues his martial arts training of 19 years.



CHRIS ALTIZER '84

JONATHAN "JON" JOHNSON '84 retired from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory after 20 years of managing the procurement and contracting functions. He has moved to the Delaware shore with his wife Tracy and is currently a full-time beach bum.



JON JOHNSON '84

JOHN G. McJUNKIN '84 has been named managing shareholder for the Washington office of Baker Donelson. He has a national practice representing and protecting creditors' rights in loan workouts, business bankruptcies, foreclosures, and commercial litigation.



DAVID B. CAMDEN '85 has been named regional president of Truist Financial Corp's Virginia-West region. David, who has worked in the banking industry for 33 years, most recently served as president and CEO of the Savannah region for SunTrust Bank. Truist Financial was formed out of the December 2019 merger of BB&T and SunTrust. David's appointment was featured in *Virginia Business* on December 10, 2019.

J. TYLER DINSMORE '86 has been named managing member of Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC in Charleston, WV. Tyler has been with the firm for more than 25 years, concentrating his skill in the complex world of asbestos defense. In addition to his responsibilities as managing member, Tyler leads the firm's complex tort and product liability group. The firm is comprised of 60 attorneys in four West Virginia cities.

MATTHEW P. KENNEALLY '86 has been named senior vice president of business development at Rockspring Capital, a privately owned real estate investment firm headquartered in Houston. Most recently, he held the same position with Throne Petroleum. The move was featured by *Citybizlist: Houston* on October 21, 2019.

The Hon. **THOMAS STARK IV '86** joined the Powhatan General and Juvenile and Domestic Combined Courts in May 2019 as a General District Court judge in the 11th Judicial District; his first six months on the bench were the subject of an article in *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* on November 18, 2019. "I wanted to be a General District court judge because it is the court where the greatest percentage of the general public will have some interaction with a court, and the judge has the opportunity to influence the general public's perception of whether a court is fair or unreasonable," Stark told the *Times-Dispatch*. "And I thought that I would be able to—from my experience in multiple aspects of the law that are handled in General District Court—be well suited to listen to the case, be knowledgeable about the law that would be applicable, and give a fair and full hearing to people that appeared in that court."

ALUMNI PUBLISHED

Recent book publications have a diverse group of Hampden-Sydney alumni putting their rhetoric training to work in a variety of genres, from true crime to historical fiction.



After a career spent in print and broadcast journalism, **Walter "Watt" Miller '72** published *Dreams of Cherry Blossoms*, the improbable love story of an American Navy officer and a Japanese college professor at the end of the Second World War. Assigned to General Douglass MacArthur's staff, the protagonist travels the wastelands of Japan interviewing survivors of firebombings and atomic bombings. In Kyoto, he meets a strongly independent woman who opens his eyes to beauty and tranquility in the former imperial capital. Miller spent 11 years in Asia, five in Tokyo as the chief Asia correspondent for Cox newspapers; he is now retired after 25 years as a writer and producer for CNN, where he shared several Emmys and George Polk Awards.



First published in *The Garnet* during his college days, **Owen Minter '88** has returned to writing after years in the business world with the publication of his first novel. Written for young readers, *The Shrouded Sword* re-imagines the legendary wizard Merlin living under an alias in present-day Virginia. Merlin helps the novel's young protagonists in a battle of good versus evil as they seek a treasure hidden in the recesses of time—one that could control the world's fate with unstoppable magic. In addition to writing, creating art, and coaching Special Olympics athletes, Minter is part of the ownership group of a storage systems company, which he helped grow from three North Carolina locations to 18 locations in nine states.



Making a name for himself in the ever-growing non-fiction genre of true crime is **Christian Barth '89**, whose second book delves into the unsolved murders of two New Jersey college students brutally killed in 1969. A culmination of more than nine years of research, *The Garden State Parkway Murders* draws on interviews with retired detectives, federal agents, possible witnesses, victims' family members, as well as information gathered from FBI case files, letters, journals, newspaper articles, and university archives. Among the numerous suspects Barth identifies are infamous serial killers Ted Bundy and Gerald Eugene Stano. An attorney living in Connecticut, Barth is recognized as the foremost civilian authority on the Garden State Parkway case.



Both an exploration of contemporary society and a coming-of-age tale, *The Final Weekend: A Stoned Tale* by **Neal Cassidy '97** chronicles six college friends' last weekend together before they go their separate ways. In his first novel, Cassidy uses multiple first-person points of view and an unbroken series of exploits to explore the dreams, regrets, and futures of the young graduates as they prepare to enter the real world. A former tennis pro who spent his winters competing in big air and slopestyle ski competitions, Cassidy now uses those experiences as inspiration for his writing.

W. JAMES YOUNG '86 recently completed his 30th year as a staff attorney with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Inc. In this capacity, he represents individuals free of charge before state and federal agencies and in state and federal courts at all levels nationwide. While his practice focuses on public-sector employees and teachers, he has also represented clients as diverse as farmworkers in California, members of the Washington Redskins, five Members of Congress challenging an executive order, and Barry Williams (Greg on *The Brady Bunch*). The highlight of his career thus far has been arguing two cases before the United States Supreme Court. James also spent just over 10 years as a commissioner on the Prince William County Human Rights Commission, serving as parliamentarian his third year. He also served on the county-wide Bi-Partisan Election Task Force and was elected chairman by his peers. At his final meeting as a commissioner in December, he was honored for his decade of service.



MICHAEL D. LYSTER '87 has been named senior vice president/market leader for Pinnacle Bankshares Corp. in Charlottesville.

The Rev. Dr. **ANTHONY SGRO '88** has been invested as the ninth head of school at Asheville School, a nationally acclaimed co-ed boarding and day school in North Carolina. Most recently, he served as head of school at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in Georgia.



F. COLIN DURHAM, JR. '89 has joined Kane Russell Coleman Logan as a senior attorney in the employment group at the firm's Dallas office. Colin has been practicing law for more than 25 years and handles every aspect of employment litigation including cases involving non-competes and non-solicitation agreements, as well as harassment and discrimination claims. He also has extensive experience in OSHA investigations and defense of citations.

1990s

ANDREW M. BALLOU '91 has been named vice president of investor relations at BioSig Technologies, a medical technology company in Westport, CT. Most recently, he served as managing director and head of institutional equity sales at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC.

J. FIELDING DOUTHAT, JR. '91 has joined Woods Rogers in Richmond as Of Counsel.

CHRISTOPHER '92 and CARI JACKSON welcomed their fifth child, Mack Jackson, on September 10, 2019. He joins older sisters Mercy (18), Meadow (12), and Melody (3) and older brother Carson (16).



CHRISTOPHER JACKSON '92 FAMILY

KNIGHT'S SEVENTH BOOK MEETS FAVORABLE REVIEWS



Author and director of the creative writing program at the University of Tennessee, **Michael Knight '92** released his third novel in April 2019, adding to his growing list of critically-acclaimed literary works. Set against real-life efforts to build a history-themed Disney park in Prince William County in the 1990s, *At Briarwood School for Girls* likely draws on Knight's own familiarity with the Old Dominion: he earned his B.A. at Hampden-Sydney, his M.F.A. at the University of Virginia, and taught at Hollins University.

Garden & Gun calls *Briarwood* a "tightly written story... [that] deals with big Southern themes—history, land development, race relations—but at its heart is a coming-of-age novel centering around a prep school junior named Lenore Littlefield who has a secret she can't keep forever." And the *Christian Science Monitor* says, "Knight's writing is, indeed, gorgeous. The influence of the best of southern novels comes through in his work; those dripping details of place that somehow capture the leaf-filtered light, the organic decay, the heavy weight of unsaid words and unsaid past."

Those accolades join the critical acclaim for Knight's previous publications; his most recent collection of short stories, *Eveningland*, was named a Southern Book of the Year by *Southern Living Magazine* and selected as an Editor's Choice Pick by *The New York Times*, while an earlier novel, *The Typist*, appeared on Oprah's Summer Reading List and was named Best Book of the Year by *The Huffington Post* and *Kansas City Star*. Knight's stories have appeared in magazines and journals including *The New Yorker* and *The Saturday Evening Post*. With awards stacking up—the 2017 Truman Capote Prize for Short Fiction, the 2013 Robert Penn Warren Prize for Excellence in Fiction, and the 2005 John and Renee Grisham Emerging Southern Writer designation to name a few—Knight has established himself as a Southern literary voice to be reckoned with.

WILLIAM "BILL" IRWIN '94 and **Dr. JOY DRAPER** have welcomed the newest member of their family, Francis "Frank" Isaac Irwin. In 2017, the family moved to Uganda for six months to adopt Frank, who was 2 1/2 years old at the time. During that time, Frank transitioned from Lugandan to English over the course of about six weeks. Once the Ugandan portion of the adoption was complete, the Irwins returned to Kenya where they were serving as missionaries at Tenwek Hospital. They have since transitioned back to life in the States, and the U.S. portion of Frank's adoption was recently completed. He and his older brother, Walter, are enjoying life in Greenwood, SC.



WILLIAM "BILL" IRWIN '94 FAMILY

GORDON MACGILL '94 decided to live up to the "Good Men, Good Citizens" mantra by getting involved in the autism community after 25 years in the corporate world. While exploring starting up a business that will employ young adults on the autism spectrum, he has become a teacher at the Faison Center in Richmond. He works in the center's Employment Academy, coaching young adults who are participating in short-term internships with organizations across Richmond.

The Hon. **CALVIN "CAL" STANLEY SPENCER, JR. '94** was recently appointed by the General Assembly as a general district court judge in Virginia's 10th Judicial District.

BRYSON STEPHENS '94 has been named a Trustee at Birmingham-Southern College. Bryson is chairman of the board of directors for EBSCO Industries, Inc in Birmingham and oversees EBSCO Realty Investments.

J. ELLSWORTH SUMMERS, JR. '94 has been named to the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association board of directors. He is a partner with Burr & Forman in their Jacksonville office.

PATRICK '95 and **KERI ELB** welcomed a daughter, Marguerite "Maggie" Gray, on May 17, 2019. Maggie joins older brothers Samuel (6) and Joseph (4). Patrick and his family live in Hixson, TN.



PATRICK ELB '95 FAMILY

CRAIG JONES '95 traveled to Cuba last summer and had the opportunity to visit the Bay of Pigs landing spot, which he calls a tremendous educational experience. He is pictured standing on one of the launch sites used by U.S. Marines.



CRAIG JONES '95

The Hon. **JAMES A. CROWELL '96** is an associate judge on the District of Columbia Superior Court, nominated by the President to a 15-year term in January of 2019 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on August 1. Crowell served 16 years as a federal prosecutor; immediately prior to his nomination, he was director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. Several H-SC classmates attended his investiture, pictured (L to R) below: **Mike Lane '95, Colin Monette '95, James Crowell '96, Will Rabke '95, and Will Pumphrey '95.**



JAMES CROWELL '96

Dr. **RANDY WILLIAMS, JR. '96** has been named associate vice president for inclusive excellence and civic engagement at Elon University, where he is also an assistant professor of education. In his new role, Randy chairs the provost's Inclusive Community Team and supervises staff who lead Elon's new Center for Equity and Inclusive Excellence as well as the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education and the Gender and LGBTQIA Center. Previously, he was Elon's associate vice president of campus engagement.



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JOHN CATTANO '97 serves as managing partner of Southern Apartment Group (SAG), a newly created extension of the merger between CitiSculpt and Ecstatic Properties, LLC (EP), where he was a principal and was involved in large development projects as well as being part-owner of smaller real estate projects. Prior to his finance and real estate experience as CFO for EP, he was owner and CFO of Congaree Triton Acquisitions, LLC; was a managing partner for Congaree Capital Development, LLC; and earned his MBA from Wake Forest University. John and his wife reside in Columbia, SC, with their energetic, three-legged golden retriever, Mosby.



JOHN CATTANO '97

WILLIAM "WILL" FRANCIS '97 has been named executive director of the Texas chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, tasked with advocating for social workers, advancing the profession of social work, and promoting sound public policy designed to ensure that human needs are met. A registered lobbyist and licensed master social worker, Will previously served as the organization's government relations director.

Cmdr. **RYAN C. HAYES '97** completed his command tour at Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron FOUR on August 16, 2019. As the commanding officer, he led 240 officer and enlisted sailors in the operational employment of eight MH-60S helicopters in support of Carrier Strike Group ONE during two operational deployments on the aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson*. Borrowing from the core mission of Hampden-Sydney, he made the development of "Good Sailors and Good Citizens" a central focus in his command philosophy. Ryan is currently assigned to VMWare in Palo Alto, CA, as a secretary of the Navy Executive Fellow. He resides in Mountain View with his wife, Kristi, and their three children.



RYAN C. HAYES '97

CARLYSLE JOHNSON '97 is writing a series of historical novels on Napoleon Bonaparte's French soldiers. The first two, *Wandering Soldier* and *Cold Resistance*, are available on Amazon. He is in the process of finishing the third novel, *Death of an Empire*.



Former Del. **CHRISTOPHER K. PEACE '98** represented Hampden-Sydney at the inauguration of Katherine Rowe as president of William & Mary on their 326th Charter Day in February 2019. He is pictured on the right with Randolph-Macon President Bob Lindgren.



CHRISTOPHER K. PEACE '98

2000s

ASHBY W. PRICE '01 has joined the CFA Society Virginia Board of Directors. Ashby is principal and co-founder of Juno Financial Group, an independent firm whose professionals provide retirement plan management for employers and comprehensive wealth planning for individuals and families.

DEMAS BOUDREAUX '02 was featured as one of *Style Weekly's* "Top 40 Under 40" in October 2019. A long-time advocate for affordable housing and historic preservation in Richmond, Demas is the government relations manager at the Virginia Housing Development Authority as well as the organist and choir director for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He has also been elected chair of the board of directors for Virginia21, an organization that engages young people in the political process by providing information, directing advocacy, and coordinating political action on a non-partisan platform that includes higher education, student health and safety, and economic development.



Dr. **BARRETT W. R. PETERS '02** was selected and trained as one of nine new official national spokespeople representing the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD). He was also recently distinguished as a fellow of the AAPD (FAAPD) and the International College of Dentists (ICD) and currently serves as president of the Virginia Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

JOSEPH S. GILBERT '03 has joined Wells Fargo Advisors in Bethesda, MD, as a financial advisor and associate vice president. Joe was most recently associate vice president of investments at Stifel Financial Corp. in Washington, DC.

ROBERT LUTHER III '03 has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Jones Day as Of Counsel, where his practice focuses on strategic counseling, regulatory issues, and litigation. He will continue to teach at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University.



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HUNTER T. L. OVERSTREET '03 graduated from the University of Lynchburg with a master's degree in educational leadership, higher education track in May 2019. He works at Central Virginia Community College as a student success coordinator.

ALAN COMBS '04 and CRAIG NEWMAN '03 posed for a picture on top of Thorofare Ridge in Denali National Park, Alaska, as part of the 2019 Virginia United Methodist Clergy National Parks Pilgrimage.



COMBS '04, NEWMAN '03

SILVERFIELD '03 NAMED HEAD COACH AT MEMPHIS



On December 28, **Ryan Silverfield '03** made his debut as an NCAA Division 1 head coach at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas. Ryan was tapped to lead the University of Memphis football program on December 13, becoming the 25th head coach in Memphis football history; he previously served as the program's deputy head coach and offensive line coach. Ryan takes the helm at Memphis with 20 years of coaching experience both in the NFL

and at the collegiate level. He began his college coaching career while still a student on the Hill, serving as an offensive assistant for the Tigers his freshman year at H-SC. His sophomore and junior years he served as the Tigers' defensive line coach, and his senior year he coached the tight ends. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, Ryan's career took him to multiple professional and Division 1 programs. In the NFL, he spent six seasons with the Minnesota Vikings and one year with the Detroit Lions; on the college level, Ryan has coached at Arizona State, the University of Central Florida, and the University of Toledo in addition to Hampden-Sydney and the University of Memphis.

MATTHEW FRIEDMAN '04 and SHANNON SCHALESTOCK were married on June 23, 2018, at Saint James' Episcopal Church in Warrenton. The bride is a 2009 alumna of Sweet Briar College. In attendance were **Charley Gates '04, Joe McKnew '02, Gary Elder '02, David Watkins '10, Dave Friedman '01, Ryan Davis '12, Patrick Whitehead '04, Brock Van Selow '12, Hunter Morgan '04, Mike Wray '04, John Bradenham '04, and Tim Ailsworth '77.** The couple resides in Farmville, where Matt is an attorney with Elder & Watkins, P.C.



FRIEDMAN-SCHALESTOCK WEDDING

Dr. **DACRE KNIGHT '05** accepted a position with the Mayo Clinic Florida as a senior associate consultant in the department of consultative and diagnostic medicine, general internal medicine.

MITHILESH "MITHI" ADHIKARI '06 and Mrs. Beverly Hines, fine arts and chemistry department assistant, met in November at the Boudhanath Stupa in Kathmandu, Nepal. Mithi lives 90 kilometers south of Kathmandu doing outreach work with the local government. Beverly writes, "I crossed continents to be there, but Mithi also had difficult travel to make the visit happen: a walk from his village, a long bus ride, then an hour and a half on a Nepali airplane!"



MITHI ADHIKARI '06

CLASS NOTES

JAY '06 and ABIGAIL BECKNER welcomed a daughter, Isobel Lovell, on April 1, 2019.



JAY BECKNER '06 FAMILY

CHRIS KING '06 has joined Thought Logic as a client development executive in the consulting firm's Richmond office.

F. MILLER '06 and JESSICA RUFF welcomed a son, Abel James, on January 2, 2020. He joins two older sisters. The family is hoping for a future H-SC alumnus!



F. MILLER RUFF '06 FAMILY

JARED "ZEKE" '06 and ADRIENNE TRAYLOR welcomed a daughter, Charleigh Renee, on June 20, 2019. She joins older brother **Tyler '20** and older sister Taylor, a senior at JMU. Zeke is the Tigers' Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator, and Adrienne is the College's Counseling Center Care Coordinator and Title IX Prevention and Education Planner.



ZEKE TRAYLOR '06 FAMILY

ALEX C. CROUCH '07 and ALEXANDRA "ALI" GORES were married on September 21, 2019, in Charlotte, NC. In attendance were **Gardner Meek '07, Ben Harris '09, Andrew Brendle '07, McLean Bean '09, Ken Strickler '05, Cliff Edahl '07, Rob Bedinger '07, Wes Duke '07, and Bill Kammerer '07.** The bride, a 2010 alumna of Davidson College, is a senior client manager for a financial due diligence firm and the groom is a managing director for a commercial real estate firm. The couple resides in Charlotte.



CROUCH-GORES WEDDING

NEAL '07 and SARAH EIKE welcomed a son, Huxford Hayes Eike, on September 18, 2018. The family resides in Arlington.



NEAL EIKE '07 FAMILY

PETER GILMAN '07 and ANNA NAYFA were married on July 13, 2019, in Spartanburg, SC. The bride is an alumna of Sewanee: The University of the South. In attendance were (L to R): **Philip Tobelmann '07, Nathaniel Arnatt '05, Michael Rutkowski '07, James Gillespie '07, Peter Gilman '07 (Groom), Edward Wilhelm '07, and Kenneth Bradley '05.**



GILMAN-NAYFA WEDDING

CHARLES SCOTT McADAMS '07 and KENDRA RUDEEN ARMSTRONG were married on November 16, 2019, in Charlotte, NC. Father and brother of the groom, **Judd McAdams '77** and **Judson McAdams '04**, served in the wedding party. Also in attendance were **Jeff Adams '75**, **Ryan Ash '07**, **Steven D'Antonio '07**, **Jay Hamilton '07**, **Frank Horne '77**, **Austin Olive '07**, **Bill Stump '77**, and **Bobby Thomson '07**.



McADAMS-ARMSTRONG WEDDING

RYAN SHARKEY '07 and JENNI GALYEN were married on September 21, 2019, in King George. In attendance were **Colin Klein '07**, **Jarrott Patteson '07**, **Carden Hedelt '08**, **Richard Griffin '10**, **Neal Eike '07**, **Justin Parrish '07**, **Josh Jayne '07**, **Nick Dowell '08**, **Jay Owen '07**, **Ben Pleasants '11**, **Chad Pleasants '10**, **Josh Schniper '07**, **Franklin Massie '08**, **Mac Anderson**, **Seth Otey '07**, and **Garner Simpson '07**.



SHARKEY-GALYEN WEDDING

ANDREW CONNELLEE ARMENTROUT '08 became a partner at Peroutka, Miller, Klima, and Peters, P.A., a Mid-Atlantic, multi-state law firm, in January 2019. Connellee, a 2012 graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law, joined the firm in 2013 after clerking for the Hon. **Herbert C. Gill, Jr. '65**; he founded and now manages the firm's Virginia practice. He and his wife, Kelly, reside in Richmond, when they aren't exploring the Chesapeake Bay on their beloved sailboat.

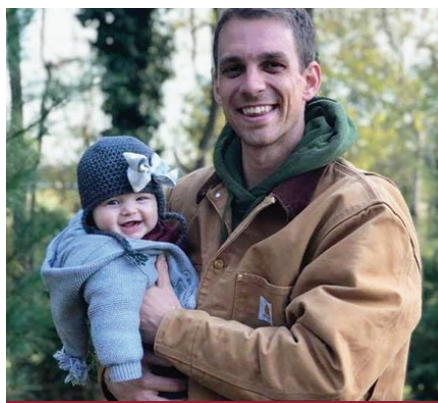


ANDREW CONNELLEE ARMENTROUT '08

BRENNAN BREELAND '08 recently joined the Brooklyn-based law firm of McMahon, Martine & Gallagher, LLP, as a litigation associate in their principal office, and serves as an Operational Law Attorney for the 321st Sustainment Brigade, U.S. Army Reserve.

JONATHAN BURK '08 is a professor of emergency medical services at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville and Salida, CO.

WHIT '08 and ASHLEY JACOBS welcomed a daughter, Lauryn Whitney Jacobs, on May 9, 2018. She joins older brothers Landon (6) and Lawson (4). The family resides in Orange County, VA.



WHIT JACOBS '08 FAMILY

BRENDAN '09 and ASHLEY HANLEY welcomed their second daughter, Louise Clark, October 14, 2019.

2010s

JAMES KENNEDY '10 was awarded *The M&A Advisor's* 10th Annual Emerging Leaders Award (40 under 40) regarding expertise in mergers and acquisitions services in North America. He received the award at the New York Athletic Club on September 17, 2019. James, a vice president with Stephens Inc, provides due-diligence, placement, and transactional insurance solutions for alternative investors (private equity, family offices, independent sponsors, etc). He and his wife Elizabeth reside in Birmingham, AL.



JAMES KENNEDY '10

SAM WALLACE III '11 and HEIDI SOUTHCORBE were married on October 6, 2019, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. Groomsmen included **Darden Barrett '11** and **Eric Rutherford '11**. Also in attendance were **Sam Wallace, Jr. '86**, **Cabell Wallace '89**, **Matt Shankle '11**, **Colin Lawson '11**, **Conor Sanders '11**, **Billy Hendricks '11**, **Jordan Marshall '11**, and **Trace Hall '11**. The couple resides in Williamsburg.



WALLACE-SOUTHCORBE WEDDING

CLASS NOTES

MATTHEW FLYNN-MAHON GATES '12 and ABBY KATHRYN GLASCOCK were married on June 2, 2018, at Fort Hill Plantation in Pamplin. The wedding party included the groom's father, **David Gates '78**, brothers **Heath Gates '05** and **Patrick Gates '09**, **William DiStanislaio '15**, **John Moore '15**, **J. B. Mitchell '12**, **Henry Jones '12**, **Andrew Kastenbaum '12**, **George Parrish '12**, **Harry Dixon '09**, and **David Watkins '10**. Over 40 additional H-SC alumni were in attendance. Matthew is an underwriter for River Title Agency, LLC. The couple resides in Richmond.



GATES-GLASCOCK WEDDING

MICAH KELLER '12 and ANN MARCHETTI were married on September 14, 2019, at Campbell Memorial Church in Weems. In the wedding party were **Alexander Tharp '12**, **Sam Keller '13**, and **Ryan Martin '13**. Ushers included **Shane Clarke '11**. Also in attendance were **Jordan Harless '10**, **Will Cropper '11**, **Kevin McEligot '11**, **Nate Norbo '12**, **Nate Cundy '12**, **Carter Mavromatis '12**, **Jack Gibson '12**, **Andrew Pritzlaff '12**, **David Beman '12**, **Kyle Fox '12**, **JB Mitchell '12**, **Connor McCarthy '13**, **Gray Bryant '14**, **Wayne Enroughty '83**, **Scott Graham '75**, **Steve Ash '06**, current lacrosse head coach **Jason Rostan '03**, former lacrosse head coach **Ray Rostan**, and his wife **Karen Rostan**, a long-time employee of H-SC. Micah and Ann live in Weems with their dog, Sandy.



KELLER-MARCHETTI WEDDING

ANDREW '12 and ANDREA McCULLAGH (Longwood '12) welcomed a son, Andrew Eugene, on April 25, 2019.



ANDREW McCULLAGH '12 FAMILY

JORDAN WIND '12 and STACIE REST were married on October 20, 2018, at Henderson United Methodist Church in Callao. The ceremony was performed by the groom's 93-year-old grandfather, a retired Lutheran minister, and the reception was held at the bride's family property on the Wicomico River. In attendance were **Michael Blanchard '11**, **Slade Weldon '12**, **Nicholas Caporale '12**, **Luke Rabiej '13**, **Erick Herrmann '12**, **Daniel Nicoll '13**, and **Allan Brownell '12**. The couple resides in Tappahannock, where Jordan is a licensed land surveyor and Stacie works in health administration.



WIND-REST WEDDING

MARCUS PAYNE '13 and HANNAH NICHOLSON were married on April 27, 2019, in Reva. In attendance were best man **Lewis Bell '13**, groomsman **Christopher Yenney '13**, and **Phillip Bailey '13**. The bride is a 2019 alumna of Liberty University, and the couples live in Fredericksburg.



PAYNE-NICHOLSON WEDDING

BECK STANLEY '13 is now an adjunct instructor at the University of Richmond, where he leads a course on grassroots advocacy and political influence.

Dr. **CARTER KENNETH DERRICK GUICE III '14 and KELLY LYNNE COOK** were married on October 21, 2019, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Norfolk. Groomsmen included **Drake Hudgins '13** and **Alexander Soulas '14**. In attendance were **David Hudgins '77**, **Gabriel Rhea '14**, **Lucas West '14**, **Turner Whitworth '14**, **Will Hannon '14**, **Travis Goodloe III '16**, **William Hopkins '16**, and **Tazewell Deldonna '17**. The bride, a graduate of Longwood University who holds a gifted education endorsement from the College of William and Mary, is a history teacher at Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy. The groom earned his M.D. from The George Washington University School of Medicine and is in his second year as a resident in anesthesiology at Ochsner Clinic Foundation. They live in New Orleans.



GUICE-COOK WEDDING

REAVES K. WARD '14 has joined Woltz & Associates, Inc. Real Estate Brokers and Auctioneers in Roanoke as a licensed real estate agent. Reaves brings to his position a background in history at Hampden-Sydney, experience in sales



since graduation, and an avid outdoorsman's commitment to conservation of natural resources. Woltz & Associates is known for its service and sales expertise of timberland, farms, ranches, historic properties, commercial properties, and investment and industrial properties throughout the Southeast and beyond.

HUNTER RETAN '15 and SYDNEY BOLTON were married on June 22, 2019, in Lynchburg. The bride is a 2014 alumna of Sweet Briar College. In attendance were (F to B, L to R): **Damien Sharp '15, Eric Van Buskirk '14, Hunter Retan '15 (Groom), Frasher Bolton '13, Thomas King '14, Thacher Jennings '17, Hunter Crosby '15, Stephen Ruane '17, Spencer Wiles '15, Austin Joseph '16, Micheal Flagg '15, Turner Whitworth '14, Tarun Sharma '15, Chris Hall '15, Preston Moore '15, John Lloyd '16, and Lee Ascyue '15.**



RETAN-BOLTON WEDDING

MARK BENNING "BEN" BARDILL, JR. '16 and CAROLINE FRANCES PRICE were married on December 15, 2018, at Calvary Memorial United Methodist Church in Snow Hill, NC, with a reception following at The Martinsborough in Greenville. In attendance were former Hampden-Sydney classmates including (L to R) **Trent Sydnor Kerns '17, Holden McLemore '16, Tyler Wood '14, Seth Stephen '16, Drew DiStanislaw '15, Andrew Gorham '16, Gus Bardill (Ole Miss '17), Will Smith '17, Jackson Boyd '16, Matthew Hinson '16, Matthew Goodrich '16, and Ray Shields '16.** Caroline is an alumna of the University of North Carolina Wilmington and an 8th grade language arts teacher at Durant Road Middle School, while Ben is in his third year of law school at Campbell University. The couple resides in Raleigh.



BARDILL-PRICE WEDDING

MATTHEW R. HINSON '16 obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law on May 11, 2019.

BRETT ROGERS '16 and LINDSAY WILMOTH were married March 30, 2019, at Celebrations on the Reservoir in Moseley. The bride is a 2015 alumna of Longwood University. In attendance were **Matthew Stiltner '16, Rusty Stiltner '12, Mitchell Perry '16, Sam Whitesell '17, Jack Zohab '17, Stephen Brewer '16, Logan Moore '16, Sam Ridenhour '16, Evan Rogers '09, J.P. McGuire '16, Kyle Hart '16, Geoff Gelozin '16, Dan Maloney '16, and Sam Winn '73.** Brett is a project manager at Piedmont Plaster & Drywall. The couple resides in Mineral.



ROGERS-WILMOTH WEDDING

ROBERT G. KERBY '17 and CRYSTAL N. JONES were married on November 2, 2019, at the Signature at West Neck in Virginia Beach. In attendance were **Brant Boucher '17, Will Echols '17, Branch Vincent '16, and Benjamin Lam '17.** The couple lives in Arlington with their dog, Brutus. Robert is a full-time Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Marymount University, and Crystal is a part-time Doctor of Nursing Practice student at George Mason University and a part-time OB-GYN Post-Anesthesia Care Unit nurse at INOVA Fairfax Hospital.



KERBY-JONES WEDDING

CONNOR EADS '19 has been named a Virginia Management Fellow, part of a state initiative to help meet the Commonwealth's need for future leaders. During the two-year program, Virginia Management Fellows

build technical understanding and skills in legislation, regulation, and compliance; analytics; operations; and customer service. Each fellow is embedded within a state agency for an eight-month rotation, where they research, study, and understand "wicked problems," culminating in a solutions-driven policy analysis with recommendations. A special feature of each agency rotation is the support and guidance of a mentor who advises Fellows on systems and functions. Connor is one of 12 fellows for 2019-2021, all recent graduates from a variety of Virginia undergraduate and graduate programs.

AUSTIN T. FAIRCHILD '19 has joined Kinsale Insurance Co. as an associate underwriter for healthcare.

RYAN WAUGH '19 has joined Cushman & Wakefield as an associate at the firm's Tysons Corner location.

OBITUARIES

1940s

STANLEY GLENN CLINE III '45 died on December 12, 2019. An alumnus of both Hampden-Sydney and the University of Virginia, Stan was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, H-SC's Patrick Henry Society, and UVA's Thomas

Jefferson Society. Owner and operator of Cline Furniture Co. and Cline Realty Corp. in Staunton until his retirement in 1986, Stan's service to the local community included 45 years as secretary of the electoral board, seven years as president of Staunton Braves baseball, and two terms as president of the Retail Merchants Association. He was a founder and host of the March of Dimes and Rescue Squad radio-thons, a corporator of the King's Daughters Hospital, and a board member of the Chamber of Commerce and United Way. In 1954, Stan received the first Distinguished Service Award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and in 2015 the Staunton City Council passed a resolution honoring his community service. A 57-year member of First Baptist Church, he served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, chairman of the board of trustees, and chairman of the board of deacons. In 1992, he joined the First Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder, president of the adult Sunday school class, trustee of the church, and a captain of ushers. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, four children, and five grandchildren.

DOUGLAS ROBERT "BOB" COPELAND '45



died on July 18, 2019. Service, honor, and leadership were the three tenets that guided him through the 96 years of his life, whether it was by enlisting with the Marines during World War II, achieving his Eagle Scout Award and later leading boys as an assistant scoutmaster, or taking the helm of his church's board of trustees. Wounded three times during World War II—once on Guam and twice on Okinawa, where most of his squad was killed or injured in the bloodiest battle of the Pacific—Bob earned three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for heroism. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney and

then the University of Virginia, his career in Naval education took him to the Naval Training Center in Orlando. He and his wife of 50 years built their life there and made life-long friendships. In May of 2013 he enjoyed one more adventure: an Honor Flight to see the national World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, where he met the former Sen. Bob Dole. He is survived by two children and five grandchildren.

HORACE OTIS COPLEY '49



died on February 20, 2019. A member of Theta Chi fraternity at Hampden-Sydney, after graduation Otis began his career in education as a math teacher and coach in Virginia Beach. He took time off to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and earn an M.A. from the University of Virginia, then returned to Virginia Beach and became principal of Thalia Elementary School and later coordinator of mathematics. He was a charter member of the Virginia Beach Ruritan Club and a member of Williamsburg United Methodist Church for 26 years. He is survived by a son and two stepchildren.

1950s

WILLIAM C. VADEN '50 died on July 23, 2019, surrounded by his family. Bill served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed in Asiatic Pacific and in the Philippines when peace with Japan was declared. He earned his degree in chemistry from Hampden-Sydney and worked for the Callaway Chemical Company for 24 years. A charter member and deacon at Wynnbrook Baptist Church, Bill was also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Masons, Sons of the American Revolution, and Kappa Alpha fraternity. He received the Hixon Reward from the Kiwanis Club of South Carolina, obtained the honor of being a Scottish Rite Mason 32nd degree Mason for 50 years, and received the Older Worker of the Year Award for his volunteer work with St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary and West Central Regional Hospital. Bill is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. His brother was the late Dr. **Edwin B. Vaden '42**.



HUGH NELSON WARREN, SR. '50 died on January 13, 2019. After earning his B.A. at Hampden-Sydney, where he was a member of Sigma Chi, Hugh worked 40 years as a sales representative for Drexel-Heritage Furniture,



then served as a substitute high school teacher in his retirement. He was active with the Boys Scouts of America as both a scout and scoutmaster, served as junior and senior warden and taught Sunday school at Christ Episcopal Church in Covington, and was an avid portrait artist and sculptor. Hugh is survived by his wife of 48 years, three children, and three grandchildren.

JOSEPH D. EAST '51 died on November 16, 2018. He was a member of Sigma Chi at Hampden-Sydney and entered the Army Corps of Engineers after graduation. In 1957, Joe received an engineering degree from the



University of Virginia, then spent 35 years with Union Camp Corporation in Franklin as an engineering manager. An active member of the Rotary Club and Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Franklin, Joe was a devoted husband and family man and an avid sports fan who loved sports cars, bridge, golf, and travel. He is survived by two children, a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

JOEL ELFRETH ELCAN II '51 died on October 18, 2019, at the age of 90. An Eagle Scout and a Sigma Chi fraternity brother, he served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps after earning his bachelor's degree. He worked for Union Switch and Signal for 36 years, first in engineering design and then as a senior marketing representative. In his spare time, he enjoyed golf and bowling and was an active member of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church in Monroeville, PA.



AMANDUS CONRAD FREY, JR. '51 died on April 16, 2019. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha at H-SC and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Korean War. During his 47-year career in the brokerage business, Conrad worked

with Scott Horner Mason Investments, Francis I. du Pont, Wheat First Securities, and Wachovia Securities until his retirement in 2002, when he began a second career as a water color artist. An avid tennis player and golfer who recorded two holes-in-one at Boonsboro Country Club, Conrad lived life to the fullest, whether skiing, fishing, traveling, painting, or celebrating life with his family. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg, where he served on the vestry, raised funds, taught Sunday school, and served as an usher.

WILLIAM "WILLIE" HARVEYCUTTER ROBERTSON '51 died on February 20, 2019. After H-SC, he received an engineering degree from Georgia Tech and served in the U.S. Army efforts to rebuild France after WWII. His career as founder and owner of Robertson Construction Co. spanned 50 years and included the construction of roads and bridges throughout southwest Virginia. He was active in the Virginia Road Builders and the Salem Rotary Club and served on the board of the Salem Museum. A lifelong member and former senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he was part of the church's initial Cub Scout pack and eventually earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Willie loved sailing and boating, from his high school days through retirement. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, two children, and six grandchildren.

HENRY "HANK" GARLAND COGHILL, JR. '52 died on February 11. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he attended Officer's Candidate School in Newport, RI; served as part of the Underwater Demolition Team (precursor to the Navy SEALs) during the Korean War; then was an instructor at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. Hank returned to Richmond and joined Miller & Rhoads, where he managed warehouse operations and several of the

iconic department store's flagship locations. An avid runner and outdoorsman, Hank complete dozens of marathons, including the 100th Boston Marathon at age 65. In retirement, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and coaching volleyball at a local high school. He is remembered for his quick wit, sharp mind, loyalty, and love for people.

ROBERT W. "BOB" HASSOLD '52 died on April 27, 2019. A track and field athlete at Hampden-Sydney, Bob was also active in student government and president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He earned a master's degree in engineering from Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences and was an executive with Heddle Manufacturing. Later, he founded his own consulting firm, Humaneering International. He truly lived with joie de vivre, dedicated to his family, business, community service, and church. He enjoyed camaraderie at the Christ Church mens Bible study and St. Andrews Society, served twice as president of the Greenville Symphony, and served on the Christ Church Episcopal School board of visitors. Most of all, Bob loved people, and he spread optimism, encouragement, and fun wherever he went. He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 67 years, four sons, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dr. JOHN WILLIAM KILGORE '52 died on November 5, 2019, at the age of 89. After earning a chemistry degree from Hampden-Sydney, Bill served in the Army Medical Corps in Monterey, CA, then began his teaching career at his high school alma mater, McCallie Private Boarding School in Chattanooga, TN. He received his doctorate in chemistry from Duke and became a professor of chemistry and physics at North Carolina Wesleyan College. In 1980 he began teaching at Barton College until his retirement in 1996. A connoisseur of fine scotch, a forever Duke fan, and an avid watcher of cooking shows, Bill was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather, and a good friend to many.

ROBERT WATKINS KING, JR. '52 died peacefully on August 18, 2019. At H-SC, Bob was president of Chi Phi fraternity, president of the Interfraternity Council, sports editor of *The Tiger* newspaper, and a member of both Chi Beta Phi honorary scientific fraternity and Sigma Upsilon honorary literary fraternity. He attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and split his legal career between the law firm of Moore & Van Allen and the Carolinas HealthCare System. A patriot to the core, Bob retired from the Naval Reserves in 1993 after 40 years of service; his community involvement ranged from sitting on boards to leading classes at the YMCA to reading to children in school. He also served as a Hampden-Sydney trustee for 19 years and established the **Robert Watkins King** Scholarship at the College in memory of his father, a member of the class of 1918. His grandson, **Gus King '11**, also attended H-SC.

RICHARD WATERS "DICK" DAVIS '53 died on June 2, 2019. After H-SC, he flew B-57 bombers as a navigator with the U.S. Air Force in Japan and Germany, then graduated from the University of Richmond law school after only two

years of study, passing the Bar that same year. Dick became a revered trial lawyer, legal scholar, and judge, sitting on the bench in Radford's General District and Juvenile Courts from 1962-1980. An associate law professor at Radford University, he held leadership positions with the Virginia Bar Association, the Virginia Law Foundation, and the Virginia Public Defenders Commission and was a Fellow of the Virginia and the American Colleges of Trial Lawyers. As founding partner of Davis, Davis & Davis Attorneys, Dick proudly mentored two generations of family attorneys, his sons **Ritchie Davis '87** and **Bev Davis '88** and his granddaughter. A local and state leader with the Jaycees and Kiwanis, he served on the boards of First Virginia Bank, BB&T Bank, Saint Albans Hospital, and the Carilion Clinic; and coached youth basketball and baseball. Author of the *HoldEm Poker Bible*, he competed in the World Series of Poker in 2010. He is survived by five children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



VERNON D. DAWSON '53 died on February 27, 2019. After Hampden-Sydney, Vernon deployed to Germany with the U.S. Army, then became an entrepreneur, working alongside his father and brother. In the mid-1980s,



he and his wife developed the Dawson Landing Subdivision in Woodbridge and numerous other properties, including many buildings in historic Occoquan. Vernon served on the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, the Potomac Hospital Board, the advisory board of Virginia National Bank, and was an active member of the Woodbridge Lions Club. Recently, he became an oyster farmer, having found the perfect spot to spend time with family and friends at the "Rivah." He loved spoiling his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

HARRY JOHNSON NANNEY '53 died on January 29, 2019. After two years at Hampden-Sydney, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War then returned to his native South Hill to work at his family's weekly newspaper. He was president and business manager of the South Hill Publishing Company for 35 years, served as a director of the Printing Industries of the Virginias and as president of the Virginia Press Association, and held leadership positions with organizations such as the Lions Club and South Hill Public Library. He is survived by four children and six grandchildren.



Dr. STUART B. WHITE '53 died on March 30, 2019. Stuart excelled academically, graduating as salutatorian of both Blackstone High School and Hampden-Sydney. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia and practiced as a family physician for 40 years, taking great pride in treating his patients. In 1997 he established the Blackstone Family Practice Center with the late Dr. **Epes Harris '46** and Dr. **James Harris '53**. Stuart was known as a friend to many, a family doctor who still performed house calls, a mentor for younger doctors,



an outstanding golfer, a competitive bridge partner, a devoted husband, a strong father, and a proud grandfather who was appreciated for his entertaining, no-nonsense, and ethical approach to life. He is survived by his wife, four children, and four grandchildren. His sons **John S. White '83** and **Samuel B. White '83** also attended the College.

CLYDE DOUGLAS "DOUG" JOYCE '55 died on March 8, 2019. Doug served in the U.S. Army, worked as a principal in the Henry County Public School System, and was a member of Fieldale Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, two sons, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

JAMES MILLNER OVERBEY '55 died on October 19, 2019. At H-SC, he played football and ran track; was president of Chi Phi; and was selected for Omicron Delta Kappa, Chi Beta Theta, and Who's Who among Students in



American Colleges and Universities. After graduation, he served with the State Department in an Army Intelligence Group, then earned his MBA from the University of Virginia. Jim spent 13 years with Exxon as the district manager of Tennessee before becoming president and later chairman of the board at Kimball's Jewelers. He also served the Knoxville community as president of the Rotary Club and chairman of the YMCA, WestTown Merchants Association, and the Downtown Association. An honorary member of the board of directors of the 1982 World's Fair, he served on the boards of the Webb School of Knoxville, the Knoxville Racquet Club, the Knoxville Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement. From 1969 until their deaths, Jim and his late wife attended Church of the Ascension. He is survived by three sons and six grandchildren.

The Rev. **VERNON A. AUSTIN, JR. '56** died of cancer on March 19, 2019. At Hampden-Sydney, he was a member of the Glee Club, *The Tiger* newspaper staff, and the Jongleurs, serving as president his junior year. He earned a Master of Divinity in 1959



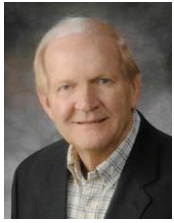
from General Theological Seminary in New York City, then ministered at Episcopal churches throughout New York and Pennsylvania. His longest period of service was as rector of St. John's in Norristown, outside of Philadelphia, where he was rector from 1976 until his retirement in 1996. While there, Father Austin supported outreach programs for Norristown's poor and homeless, including a soup kitchen in the church that served hundreds of meals four days a week. In retirement, he was a member of Norristown Ministries, which operates a daytime hospitality center for the homeless, and the Montgomery County Development Corp., which promotes housing and business development. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's baseball games and dance recitals and was an avid model railroader. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, two children and four grandchildren.

LAWRENCE HAROLD HOOVER, JR. '56 died on September 6, 2019. After graduating *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Hampden-Sydney, Larry earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was a member



of Order of the Coif honor society and the *Virginia Law Review*. He practiced law for two years before joining the Department of State Legal Advisors Office, where his assignments included the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines and the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Switzerland. In 1971 he left the State Department to try his hand at sheep farming while practicing law with his father at Hoover Penrod, PLC. Larry was often called "the father of mediation in Virginia" for his tireless work to create alternatives to the adversarial legal system. He received multiple statewide awards, including a lifetime achievement award from the Virginia Supreme Court. He served on many community boards, including those of the American Shakespeare Theater, Shenandoah Valley Public Television, Blue Ridge Community College Education Foundation, Farmers and Merchants Bank, and the Community Mediation Center, where he was a founding member. He was passionate about travel, theater, and singing in barbershop quartets, the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, and the Bach Festival Chorus.

PHILLIP WINFREY KEY, SR. '56 died on October 18, 2019. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-52 before attending Hampden-Sydney, where he played football and basketball for the Tigers and was a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He then enjoyed a 36-year marketing career with IBM. Phillip was a proud member of the Roanoke Sports Club and an avid sports fan who loved watching college football with his family and friends. A devoted father of three and grandfather of five, he loved to share stories and pictures with anyone willing to listen. His son **Phillip W. Key, Jr. '81** also attended Hampden-Sydney.



JOHN "JACK" MARSHALL MILLER '56 died on April 1, 2019. Jack was a proud member of Pi Kappa Alpha and captain of the tennis team at Hampden-Sydney; after graduation, he served in the U.S. Army military police in Istanbul. He returned to Roanoke to join his family business, Virginia Medal Manufacturing Company, and eventually became its president. Jack's many civic activities included leadership positions with the Roanoke German Club and the Southwest Savings and Loan. One of the most successful amateur tennis players in the Roanoke region, he won multiple singles and doubles championships at the Roanoke City County Tournament, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Roanoke Valley Invitational Tournament. Jack was a faithful supporter of Hampden-Sydney; his many gifts to the College included improvements to the tennis facilities, funding for Kirby Fieldhouse, and bikes for campus security. He also took great pride in his military service and gave generously to veterans causes throughout his life. Jack is remembered by his family and many friends for the constancy of his friendship and his generous, fun-loving spirit.



CLYDE EDWARD SHELTON '57 died on August 20, 2019, surrounded by his wife of 55 years and their two children. A member of Sigma Chi at Hampden-Sydney, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps after college and proudly served his country. He then built a 40-plus year career with Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel, thriving and persevering in an ever-changing industry. An avid golfer, Clyde enjoyed playing the game with friends, clients, and most of all his family; Father's Day was his favorite day to golf, as two of his four holes-in-one occurred on two separate Father's Days. He was a true gentleman, compassionate and kind with a quick wit and infectious laugh.



EDWARD DORSEY CROCKER '58 died on February 26, 2019. After earning his degree in history at Hampden-Sydney, he began a career in the planning, design, and sale of commercial real estate in Maryland and Virginia, working on the concept stages for the planned cities of Columbia and Reston. He was an early associate with Long and Foster and ultimately joined the Henry A. Long Companies in designing and developing Westfields in northern Virginia. He enjoyed gardening, painting, and spending time with his wife of 61 years, his children and grandchildren.



WAYNE E. LAND '58 died on January 26, 2019, after a battle with cancer. Always a standout athlete, Wayne played basketball at Hampden-Sydney and was inducted into the Highland Springs High School Wall of Fame for his football and basketball performances. He continued to play softball for many years at the Chesapeake Athletic Club and was a die-hard Patriots fan. Wayne was a gifted salesman, an incredible athlete, an amazing dancer, and the life of the party. He is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



JAMES CONLEY MELVIN '58 died on October 11, 2019, after an extended illness. A Pi Kappa Alpha brother at Hampden-Sydney, Jimmy taught and then became headmaster at Prince Edward Academy in Farmville. He is survived by a daughter and a grandson.

JOHN LESTER RITTER, JR. '58 died on January 9, 2019. A member of Sigma Chi at H-SC, he served two years in the U.S. Marine Corps, then began a 40-year career with Delta Airlines in Atlanta. John was passionate about tennis, especially the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association, where he coordinated the mens league, captained the senior mens team, served on the executive committee, and served as treasurer of the board of directors. A highlight of his tennis career was volunteering at the tennis venue during the 1996 Olympics. John was a devoted member of Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder and church treasurer. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, three children, and two grandchildren.



CHARLES JOSEPH "C.J." SHAUGHNESSY III '58 died on August 14, 2019. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity at Hampden-Sydney who went on to become a long-time insurance and investment counselor. An active civic leader and fervent coach in youth softball and basketball, C.J. also enjoyed cruising the Chesapeake Bay in his boat, *The Eggstatic*. He was happiest on the ball field or on the water. He is survived by two children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



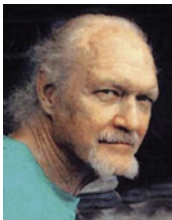
1960s

BENJAMIN WILLS BOXLEY '60 died on August 5, 2019. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and spent most of his career working in the medical and veterinary fields with companies such as Southern Medical, Gerber Products, McKesson, and Johnson & Johnson. Ben enjoyed boating, fishing, tennis, golf, travel, and train and car collectibles. He and his wife of 54 years had five children and 13 grandchildren.



Dr. **ERRETT HARGROVE CALLAHAN, JR. '60**

died on May 29, 2019. A member of the Glee Club at Hampden-Sydney, he attended graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University and Catholic University, earning his master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology. A teacher, Boy Scout leader, and artist, Errett was also recognized as a leader in the field of experimental archaeology, reconstructing the stone knives, ceramics, bows and arrows, and primitive houses of ancient people. He authored several books about his projects—most recently about Danish daggers—and he founded the Society of Primitive Technology as well as the Mountain Man Program at Camp Monocan Scout Camp. Errett is survived by a son, daughter, and three grandchildren.



JAMES BROWN "MAC" McCAW III '61 died on March 2, 2019. A native of Virginia Beach, he was a member of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Princess Anne Country Club, and a sixteen-year member of the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad. After retiring from Subaru of America, Mac moved to the Florida Keys. He loved hunting, fishing, and cooking. He is survived by his daughter.

JOSEPH ANTHONY "TONY" RUCKER III '62



died on November 7, 2019. President of Kappa Sigma and a member of the football team at Hampden-Sydney, Tony worked more than 35 years as a chartered life underwriter for The Equitable Life Assurance Company. He loved golf, hunting, fishing, and college football. He is survived by his wife, two children, two stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.

NEIL W. YEARGIN '62 died on May 20, 2019. A football player and member of Kappa Sigma at H-SC, Neil served in the U.S. Air Force and received the Bronze Star during the Vietnam War. After a lengthy career with Burlington Industries, he retired and enjoyed running, golfing, time at the beach, and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, and seven grandchildren.



JESSE "BUCK" WILLIAM OVERBEY '64 died on July 16, 2019. A member of Theta Chi at Hampden-Sydney, Buck served as fraternity president his senior year. After law school at the University of Richmond, he practiced law for 42 years in his native Chatham, where his love and respect for the legal profession was evident to his colleagues and clients. Buck was a lifelong member of Chatham Baptist Church, serving as a trustee, deacon, choir member, and member of the mens Sunday school class. An Eagle Scout, member of the Order of the Arrow, and avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed camping, sailing, and motorcycling. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, a son, and two grandsons.

The Rev. **JAMES THOMAS MULLIGAN '65** died on February 14, 2019. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he earned his Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and became an ordained Presbyterian minister. Jim moved to Seattle to become



a pastoral counselor at Presbyterian Counseling Service and became an approved supervisor in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists in 1979. He co-founded Earth Ministry, an ecumenical environmental non-profit organization in 1992; after 25 years as a family therapist, Jim devoted himself to full-time work there as executive director. He was also an avid nature photographer and is remembered as a gentle man with a loving, helping heart and great sense of humor.

DWIGHT LYLE ANDREWS '66 died on



August 31, 2019. At Hampden-Sydney, he was a member of the *Tiger* newspaper staff and the Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society. He went on to graduate school at Rutgers University, became a CPA, and spent his career as an executive recruiter with his own company, Andrews & Associates. Dwight was passionately involved in community service and known for his resourcefulness in all of his endeavors. He is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

CLARENCE C. "TRIP" CHEWNING III '66



died on February 2, 2019. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, Trip was a trust officer at F&M Bank until he embarked on a new career in behavioral health nursing at the age of 43. He graduated from Shenandoah College School of Nursing in 1986 and served many years at Winchester Medical Center. He received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for character and leadership from both Hampden-Sydney and Shenandoah University. Trip was the treasurer of Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue for 25 years, served as finance chair of the Middletown Town Council, and was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester. He is remembered for his gentle and giving nature, his love for friends and community, and his ever-present kindness. Trip is survived by his wife of 51 years, two sons, and two grandchildren.

STEPHAN MACTAVISH GEDNEY '66 died on November 22, 2019. A Chi Phi brother at H-SC, Steve's career began with the Virginia Department of Transportation, where he found his passion in railroad transportation.



When he became CEO of the Eastern Shore Railroad, he discovered another passion: economic development. He served as chairman of the local Economic Development Commission and was chosen as Economic Developer of the Year for the Tidewater Region by the Virginia Department of Commerce. In 1990, Steve became president of the Lancaster and Chester Railway in Lancaster, SC, serving in that capacity until he became senior vice president of the Gulf and Ohio Railways South Carolina Division in 2010. He was director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, vice chairman of the Chester County Development Association, chairman of the Lancaster County Economic Development Corporation, on the boards of the Charlotte Regional Partnership and the Charlotte Douglas Airport Advisory Commission, and received the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award. Steve is survived by his wife, five children, and eight grandchildren.

JAN MICHAEL YAROSZ '67 died on March 29, 2019. Jan earned his B.S. at Hampden-Sydney, where he played four years of Tiger Basketball. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was employed at Haynes International for 32 years, retiring in January 2019. He also served on the board of Haynes Community Federal Credit Union and was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Jan enjoyed hiking at Acadia National Park, visiting the Outer Banks, and spending time with his family, especially his 10 grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, two sons, and a daughter.



Dr. **WILLIAM RUSSELL GARNETT '68** died on February 18, 2019. The first in his family to attend college, after Hampden-Sydney he went on to the Medical College of Virginia for a pharmacy degree and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science for his doctorate. He became a professor of pharmacy, first at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, then at the Medical College of Virginia. He loved teaching, researching, writing, and advising students in their doctoral work; his research on epilepsy and gastroenterology helped introduce a large number of pharmaceuticals to market that still help patients today. A member of the Rho Chi Academic Honor Society and several national pharmacy boards, he became a fellow of the American Pharmacists Association. An active member of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, he loved philosophy and jazz, sports and theater, photography and country music, history and NASCAR, fishing and reading. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and granddaughter.



WADE CRAWFORD "W.C." SCRUGGS, JR. '69 died on October 20, 2019. He attended H-SC on a football scholarship, completed a master's degree in education from Lynchburg College, then embarked on a 30-year career as an English teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal, including 15 years at the helm of Gretna High School. A dedicated community leader, W.C. founded the Richard Ramsey Scholarship Fund, served on the board of Revitalization for Greater Gretna, was president of Cedars Country Club, served on the Virginia High School League executive committee, and was active with the Lions Club, Jaycees, and First Baptist Church. He loved his family, friends, a good card game, and the game of golf, playing 194 rounds at Heritage Country Club in Wake Forest, NC, the year before he passed. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, two children, and three grandchildren.



1970s

STEPHEN MARSHALL BROOKS '70 died on June 11, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer. A member of Sigma Chi and a political science major at Hampden-Sydney, he earned an additional degree in accounting from Virginia Tech before becoming a CPA and practicing with his brother 39 years. Steve was a gentle soul for who never met a stranger. His joy for life, positive attitude, and generosity were just a few of his many wonderful qualities. He will be missed at his favorite spots, from the golf course to the yacht club to family outings. He is survived by his wife.



WILLIAM HAMILTON FLANNAGAN, JR. '71 died at home on September 12, 2019, surrounded by family. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, Bill earned a Master of Healthcare Administration degree from the Medical College of Virginia after graduating from Hampden-Sydney. He began his career in hospital administration in Petersburg in 1973; by 1976, he was vice president at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. He joined Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge (now Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center) as COO in 1980, becoming president and CEO before retiring in 2010. He was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, a proud Jack Daniels Tennessee Squire, and an avid surf fisherman on the Outer Banks. He also loved cooking with his family, especially concocting chili recipes and baking pies. He is survived by his wife, two children, and two grandchildren. His father, the late **William H. Flannagan, Sr. '40**, was a Trustee of the College, and his brother is **J. Michael Flanagan '76**.



CHARLES THOMAS HODGES '72 died of cancer on June 10, 2019, in the comfort of his home with his wife by his side. A member of Theta Chi, varsity soccer, and the *Garnet* staff at Hampden-Sydney, Charley earned a bachelor's degree in history at H-SC and a master's degree in anthropology from the College of William and Mary. He was an archaeologist, holding positions throughout the years with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, VCU Archaeological Research Center, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, James River Institute for Archaeology, and William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research. Also an artist, Charley presented a show of collages and drawings at the Eric Schindler Gallery in Richmond as a young man, then continued to create engravings, collages, and drawings later in life. He also channeled his artistry and appreciation of the natural world into gardening and was recognized for his volunteer efforts to enhance the landscape in Williamsburg's common areas. He is survived by his wife of 39 years.

PRESCOTT HAMNER GAY, SR. '74 died peacefully after a heroic battle with cancer on September 14, 2019. A Kappa Sigma brother and history major at Hampden-Sydney, he earned his J.D. from the University of Richmond and practiced law in the Lynchburg area for 41 years. Initially focused on court-appointed cases defending indigents, Prescott eventually built a diverse civil and criminal law practice, later specializing in commercial real estate law as a partner with Freeman Dunn Alexander Gay Lucy & Coates, PC. Prescott's quick, dry wit served him well inside and outside the courtroom. His keen humor was most appreciated at family gatherings where he was renowned for "discovering" and reading aloud from his endless supply of humorous poems written under fictitious pen names. Prescott's passion was football: a loyal supporter of the VES Bishops and H-SC Tigers, he later became a devoted fan of the Virginia Cavaliers and the Washington Redskins, rarely missing a game. Prescott's ready smile and fellowship will be sorely missed. He is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years and two children. His late father **Henry Hamner Gay '47** and son **Prescott Hamner Gay, Jr. '14** also attended H-SC.



ARCHIBALD CARTER "CHIP" MAGEE, JR. '76 died on February 14, 2019, after bravely facing early-onset Alzheimer's disease for nearly seven years. At Hampden-Sydney, Chip was editor of *The Tiger*, active in student government, and a member of the rugby team and the Alpha Psi Omega theater honor society. He attended law school at Washington & Lee, where he was heavily involved in moot court as a student, president of the law council as an alumnus, and an adjunct professor of bankruptcy law. An AV-rated attorney, Chip was founding partner of Magee Goldstein Lasky and Sayers in Roanoke, as well as an avid private pilot and lifelong athlete who competed in triathlons as an adult. He is survived by his wife of 35 years and three children.



HARRY WILLIAM WILSON '77 died on May 20, 2019. Harry had a big heart, a great sense of humor, and many friends who enjoyed his camaraderie and joy of living. An exceptional cook and a lover of fine food and wine, Harry loved to raise a glass and share a laugh with family and friends. He is survived by a daughter and a son.



Dr. **ANDREW LEWIS MOORE, JR. '76** died of an unexpected heart attack on August 5, 2019. After earning his B.S. and B.A. from Hampden-Sydney, he earned his D.D.S. from the Medical College of Virginia and practiced dentistry in Stafford County for nearly 36 years. Andy was a man of faith, active in both medical missions and local ministries, providing members of underserved communities with quality care and treating them with respect. He also served the deaf community as an ASL interpreter at Fredericksburg Baptist Church and at his own dental practice. He enjoyed horseback riding, history, and travel. An optimistic, loving, and deeply caring man, Andy was devoted to his wife of 35 years and their two daughters.



JOHN ROBERT GRAHAM, JR. '78 died of cancer on June 7, 2019. A government major at H-SC, he enjoyed a lengthy career in the insurance industry, serving clients throughout Southwest Virginia. John had the innate ability to connect with the many people he encountered, resulting in a multitude of lifelong friendships. With an avid interest in history, he participated in and held leadership roles with the Floyd and Botetourt County Historical Societies, Jubal A. Early Preservation Trust, Roanoke Civil War Round Table, and Sons of Confederate Veterans. John led efforts to place Virginia Civil War Trail signs in Botetourt, Franklin, and Floyd Counties. He also served Fincastle Presbyterian Church as a deacon and elder. He is survived by three children and a grandchild.



DOUGLAS GREY HYLTON '78 died on March 1, 2019, of a sudden illness. He earned a B.A. in political science from Hampden-Sydney, then an M.B.A. from the College of Charleston. Doug proudly served 13 years in the U.S. Air Force as an intelligence officer, receiving the Silver Star. He was a gifted grant writer for various organizations in his native city of Ronceverte, WV, as well as the communities of Lewisburg, White Sulphur Springs, and Rainelle.



DOUGLAS HART VAN NESS '78 died on November 28, 2019. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Doug earned his B.A. in political science from Hampden-Sydney. He worked in the petroleum industry for many years, operating Bon Air Amoco/BP, and will be greatly missed by the Bon Air community. A humble man, Doug leaves a legacy of kindness, humor, and love for his wife, two daughters, and his dog. His father was the late Dr. **A. Gordon Van Ness, Jr. '49** and his brothers are **Gordon Van Ness III '72** and **Duncan Van Ness '76**.



MICHAEL THOMAS BENNETT '79

died on June 24, 2019, after a short battle with lung cancer. He was a member of UPLS and Phi Beta Kappa at Hampden-Sydney, where he earned a B.A. in political science. A beloved husband, father, son, brother, and papa, Michael is survived by his wife, two children, and one grandchild. His brother is **Jeffrey Bennett '97**.

STEVEN CRAIG McCHRISTIAN '79

died on December 1, 2019, after fighting a hard battle with ALS. At Hampden-Sydney, Steven was Phi Beta Kappa, treasurer of Pi Sigma Alpha honor society, CAC film chairman, and a member of the cross country team. He continued his education at the University of Virginia law school, then worked as an attorney in Minnesota. Steven returned to his native Virginia to teach history and government at Buckingham High School. He was an easygoing guy who loved being outdoors, spending time with animals, and teaching his students.

ROBERT WISE "BOB" OLDFIELD, SR. '79

died unexpectedly on October 16, 2019. A Theta Chi brother and an economics major at Hampden-Sydney, Bob went on to earn his MBA from the College of William and Mary. Bob became a valued partner at Ivy Ventures, LLC, where he excelled in business development and client service and where he would "always be closing." His propensity for making personal connections extended beyond work—few derived as much joy as Bob did from spending time with family and friends. Forever the life of the party, Bob loved planning and treating his family to memorable vacations. He grew up sailing the Chesapeake and was truly at home on the water; St. John and Hilton Head held a special place in his heart. With his infectious smile, Bob touched countless lives, was admired by many, and was respected by all. Most of all, his family was his greatest treasure. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. His cousin is **Shep Miller '79**.

1980s**VERNON WILLIAMS PATTERSON III '80**

died on March 19, 2019. After Hampden-Sydney, he moved to Los Angeles and worked a variety of jobs including ghostwriting, writing for national publications, and marketing in the entertainment industry. In 2016 he returned to his native Spartanburg, SC.

FRANK BRADLEY "BRAD" GRAY, JR. '82

died peacefully on October 20, 2019. He earned a B.A. in psychology from Hampden-Sydney, where he was a Kappa Sigma brother, played varsity water polo, and was a member of the rugby team. A consummate salesman whose personality was larger than life, Brad was an award-winning professional with more than 30 years in the commercial and residential construction, health care, and food/beverage industries. He was a longtime member of St. James's Episcopal Church, where he served as an usher, and a member of the Country Club of Virginia, where he was part of the Polar Bear Club. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

MICHAEL DAVID ZOMBRO '89

died on March 18, 2019. A wrestler and football player at John Handley High School in Winchester, he was a member of the 1984-85 Football State Championship team. After Hampden-Sydney, he entered the U.S. Navy and served aboard the *USS Saratoga* during Operation Desert Storm. At the time of his death, he worked with Dewberry in New York.

1990s**CHARLES PURNELL SMITH IV '92**

died on May 7, 2019, at his home in Richmond. A 1988 graduate of Woodberry Forest School, Charles earned an economics degree from Hampden-Sydney, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He served as managing partner at GSA Staffing, a professional recruiting and placement agency, and was a member of the Commonwealth Club and the Society of Colonial Wars. His warmth and humor were admired by all he knew, and he often shared his passionate love of cooking with his family and friends. He is survived by two children.

AARON ARCHER LEGUM '94

died on March 3, 2019. A Kappa Alpha brother and a history major at Hampden-Sydney, Aaron was the executive vice president, managing partner, and senior loan originator at OVM Financial in Chesapeake. He was a member of the Tidewater Mortgage Bankers Association and the Princess Anne Country Club. Never one to sit still, Aaron lived life to its fullest and saw every day as a new adventure. He enjoyed coaching his children in baseball and basketball, playing golf, and most of all spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 20 years and two children.

RICHARD WILLIAM YANCEY '95



died on June 26, 2019. A member of Theta Chi, Will earned a history degree from Hampden-Sydney and a law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law in 1998.

He was a vigorous debater and defender of conservative viewpoints who loved having fun and socializing, especially spending time with family on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs. In 2016, he moved to Los Angeles, where the Dodgers joined the Washington Redskins, the Virginia Cavaliers, and the Republican Party as teams to which Will was fiercely loyal. A fantastic husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend, he was always a source of hilarity, occasional exasperation, and most of all kindness and empathy. He will be fondly remembered for his intellect, humor, debating skills, and stubborn streak. His father, **Emmett D.B. Yancey '60**, and brother, **Matthew M. Yancey '00**, attended Hampden-Sydney. Will is also survived by his wife, Emily.

MICHAEL NELSON BECKER '98



died unexpectedly on December 8, 2019. After Hampden-Sydney, Michael began a career in the hospitality industry, working with Marriott, Hilton, and John Q. Hammons. He dedicated

his entire career to ensuring that his hotels were the best of the best, earning his CRME certification and excelling to the position of senior regional revenue manager. He was a devout Christian and a member of Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church in Houston, where he served on several committees. Michael loved the arts, music, theatre, nature, and literature, but his true love was the beach: the salt air, sand, waves, birds, and the beautiful sunsets. A sixth-generation Texan and the descendant of a Texas Ranger, he was a devoted Houston Astros and Texans fan who could raise the roof with his cheers. But most of all, Michael loved his family and his friends, supporting them in all endeavors and serving as a role model to many.

2000s

HAROLD WILSON "WILL" BURGESS '00



died on March 24, 2019. After graduating with a degree in history from Hampden-Sydney, he earned his law degree from Appalachian School of Law in 2005. Will, who always loved all

things motor and mechanical, pursued a career as a builder, first in the Virgin Islands, then building bridges with Abernathy Construction Company. He is remembered for his hearty laugh, massive smile, and his kindness and care for family, friends, and strangers alike.

ROBERT MASON BROWN III '01



died on January 7, 2019. A football player at Hampden-Sydney, Mason proudly wore number 41 for the Tigers. He was a personal trainer, beloved by his many clients, as well as an avid Redskins

fan and member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. He will be remembered for his infectious smile, kind soul, and generosity.

CHRISTOPHER A. AKSTIN '03



died unexpectedly on April 30, 2019. A Phi Gamma Delta brother at H-SC, Chris entered commercial construction after graduation, specializing in medical facilities. He enjoyed all sports and

was a die-hard fan of the Washington Redskins and Capitals. In 2017, he relocated from Alexandria to Wilmington, NC. He maintained close relationships with many friends around the country.

PAUL MURRAY HOWARD '09



died on July 28, 2019. Paul had a passion for hunting, surfing, playing the drums, and spending time with family, friends, and his dog, Hershey. He had a good, genuine heart and soul and never met

a stranger; all who knew him loved him.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Leon Neely "Neel" Beard, Jr.,



died on October 10, 2019. After three semesters at Annapolis and a stint in the U.S. Navy, he studied physics at Vanderbilt University, earning his B.A. in 1957 and Ph.D. in 1967. His early career

included four years at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, where he published two papers for NASA on rocket aeronautics and digital computing. He taught physics at Hampden-Sydney from 1968 to 1995, his interests in music and visual arts making him well-suited to a liberal arts college. A devoted clarinet player, Dr. Beard creatively fused interests in electronics and music, developing a breath-controlled music synthesizer that imitated wind instruments. A later research interest in microcomputers inspired him to develop inexpensive laboratory kits that could serve high school and undergraduate physics classrooms, concentrating on interfaces of computers and catapults, pendulums, and turntables for basic experiments in earthly forces and motion. In 1990, Dr. Beard received a Merck Innovation Award for this work.

Dr. Stephen C. Coy



died on February 3, 2020. A U.S. Army veteran who attained the rank of Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division, he received his bachelor's degree from Amherst College and his master's and doctoral degrees

from Yale Drama School, then embarked on a 30-year career teaching theater at the college level. Dr. Coy came to Hampden-Sydney in 1981 as the first to hold the rotating chair of the newly formed Fine Arts Department. In addition to his teaching duties, he served as advisor to the Jongleurs and directed 22 productions in Johns Auditorium. After retirement in 1993, he took great delight in proving that those who teach can do by acting in 30 productions at Richmond-area theaters. He also volunteered at the Hanover Community Services Board, for which he received the Jean C. Harris Award in 2010. He is survived by his wife and son.

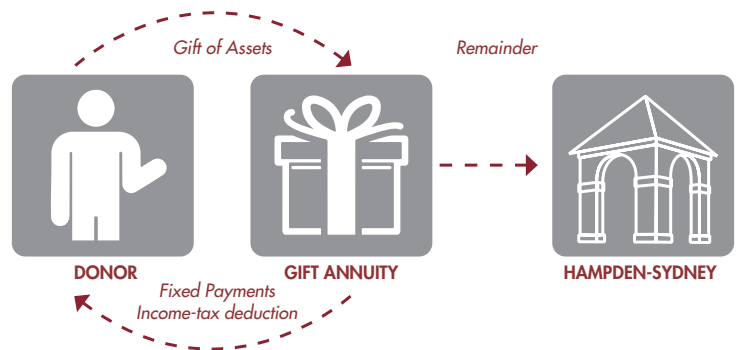


PASSING IT ON CLANCY HOLLAND '52

It was Hampden-Sydney's academic reputation and the chance to play Tiger football that first attracted Clancy Holland's attention, but it was a scholarship that made his Hampden-Sydney experience possible. Now, the retired medical doctor and former mayor, city councilman, and state senator wants to make the same experience possible for a new generation of Hampden-Sydney men. A charitable gift annuity is the perfect way to do so—the income supports scholarships for Hampden-Sydney students and Clancy receives tax benefits in return.

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