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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



In writing this introduction, I'm reflecting on the specific moments, people, and events that contributed to a wildly successful fall semester, and I am pleased that this issue of the *Record* vividly illustrates the vitality of Hampden-Sydney's mission and educational program. It highlights the Pauley Science Center, which opened this fall, and profiles **Scott Nickerson '95**, senior Vice President for personalized cancer vaccine manufacturing at Moderna, who shared the Moderna story in his keynote address at the building's formal dedication ceremony in November. Other articles in this edition describe the successes of our students, our robust research program, the scholarship of our faculty members, and the important work of our Office of Student Affairs.

The best part of my job is observing our students being transformed by the educational experience we offer and the mentoring of our faculty and staff members, and it is especially rewarding to celebrate their accomplishments and take pride in the good men and good citizens they become during their four years here. It is also gratifying to see the many ways in which our young men benefit from the extraordinary Hampden-Sydney brotherhood and alumni network.

Early in the fall semester, a senior who is a student employee in my office shared that he had landed his dream job. In early December, another senior who had not yet been so lucky, asked if I would write a letter of recommendation for him to attend a graduate program—his back-up plan. Within hours of submitting his application, he received an offer for a much-coveted job. Common to both of these students' successes is hard work and taking full advantage of their academic coursework, internships, and many other co-curricular opportunities. Both also benefitted significantly from interactions with, advice from, and personal contacts of our alumni.

While I'm proud of these two and many other students for landing great jobs, I'm even more proud of their efforts to become good men and good citizens. The headlines across society about so many people behaving badly remind us of the importance of our College's work and distinctive mission. While no young man is or ever will be perfect, our freshmen arrive at a College that is deeply committed to having them become the best version of themselves. With our high expectations for them, their special brotherhood, and a culture based on our Honor Code and Code of Conduct, the pursuit of character and virtue becomes a way of life for our students and alumni.

I often quote a former president of Swarthmore College who had this to say about the importance of character:

It is not enough to develop intellect, for intellect by itself is essentially amoral, capable of evil as well as good. We must develop the character which makes intellect constructive, and the personality which makes it effective.

Hampden-Sydney does exactly that better and more intentionally than any college or university in this country, and it makes Hampden-Sydney worth celebrating and supporting.

Dr. Larry Stimpert
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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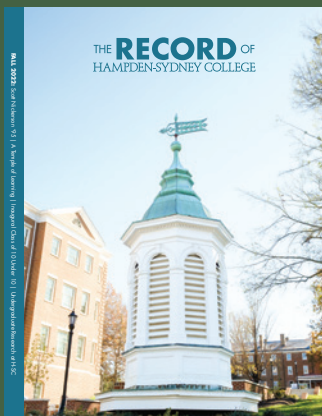
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ON THE COVER:

The Cupola from Bagby Hall now
located outside of Pauley Science Center.

Photo by Lucas 'Jade' Goss

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A Modern Miracle

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS



A meeting at the Norwood, Mass. Moderna manufacturing facility. Pictured left to right: Noubar Afeyan, Moderna Co-founder and Chairman of the Board; Scott Nickerson, Moderna Senior VP U.S. Manufacturing; Dr. Moncef Slaoui, GlaxoSmithKline Former Head of Vaccines and Head of Operation Warp Speed; Stepane Bancel, Moderna CEO; 4-Star General Gustavo Perna, Chief Operating Officer Operation Warp Speed; Juan Andres, Moderna President Strategic Partnerships and Enterprise Expansion

“I distinctly remember a conversation just a few months before the pandemic hit with members of Dr. Fauci’s team at our Norwood, Massachusetts, facility talking about the situation where we would need to respond fast and how this platform is tailor made to do that.”

Massachusetts-based Moderna Therapeutics went from a small startup with big goals to the future of biotech as messenger RNA (mRNA) entered the public lexicon early in 2020. With the COVID-19 pandemic raging, mRNA was heralded as the proverbial slingshot needed to defeat the novel coronavirus Goliath.

This was the platform that **Scott Nickerson ’95**, then Moderna’s senior vice president of manufacturing, was referencing as he reflected on that prophetic conversation with team members of Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, shortly before the world as we knew it changed overnight.

ALL IN

Nickerson, who is now Moderna’s senior vice president of personalized cancer vaccine manufacturing, first heard of mRNA technology when he was already a tenured executive in the biotechnology industry with more than a decade of experience at companies like Eli Lilly and Imclone. In 2014, Nickerson was heading up the quality assurance and control efforts at Alexion—a mid-sized pharmaceutical company focused on rare disease therapeutics. Alexion was partnering with young biotech startup Moderna to explore the possibility of using mRNA technology to treat and even cure rare diseases.

“When I fundamentally learned what mRNA could do if it worked,” Nickerson says, “I was all in.”

Even with a master’s degree in analytical chemistry from the University of Arizona, Nickerson admits, “I didn’t realize the potential power of mRNA as a medicine due to its function inside the cell.” Recombinant DNA

technology, which is used in traditional biotechnology to produce proteins, cannot penetrate human cells to treat for disease caused by mechanisms inside the cell. It can only act in the bloodstream, which vastly limits the application and efficacy of treatment options.

mRNA on the other hand, explains Nickerson, works from inside human cells to teach those cells to make proteins that can either have a therapeutic effect or be used to trigger an immune system response as does a vaccine. Aware that harnessing this technology could potentially have an enormously positive impact on human health, Moderna had been working to do exactly that.

When the pandemic hit, Moderna had already created several mRNA vaccines, including a flu vaccine in 2015, a Zika virus vaccine in 2017—which they worked on with Dr. Fauci’s team in response to the Zika virus epidemic—and personalized cancer vaccines.

“We had been making mRNA for a long time in small quantities,” Nickerson says. “We had a lot of experience on how to take a sequence and encode it in mRNA and then produce medicines. Additionally, because the process of creating therapeutics and vaccines with mRNA technology is the same and because we’re not dealing with live cells in mRNA vaccines, we were able to manufacture with very rapid turnaround times, which is not typical in traditional biotechnology.”

Because of these experiences and the power of the mRNA platform technology, Moderna was able to accomplish the unthinkable when they produced a

COVID-19 vaccine that was 94.5 percent effective in just 42 days.

Creating the vaccine was just the first hurdle. That was arguably the easy part, with decades of mRNA research and multiple vaccines from which the Moderna team could build on. Amid supply chain holdups and Moderna’s relatively small workforce of just 300 people, the challenge of safely and successfully manufacturing and rolling out hundreds of millions of doses was considerably more daunting, and this responsibility lay with Nickerson and his team.

“BioNTech, based in Europe, was the other company working on a COVID-19 vaccine. They chose to partner with Pfizer to scale manufacturing capability and capacity by leveraging Pfizer’s many resources,” says Nickerson. “Frankly, we didn’t have the capacity either but ended up not partnering with another large pharmaceutical company. We achieved this monumental goal by collaborating with contract manufacturers, FDA, CDC, construction firms who helped us build more internal capacity, key suppliers, and the list goes on.”

One of Moderna’s key partners was the U.S. military—specifically General Gustave Perna (U.S. Army-Ret.) and his team—who, supported by Operation Warp Speed, mitigated supply chain issues and opened production channels to allow Moderna to proceed from pre-clinical trials to mass production at truly warp speed.

“The amount of materials we needed was tremendous.

There are more than 600 stock keeping units that go together to make the vaccine,” Nickerson says. “We went from a phase one trial where you need hundreds of vials to a global pandemic where you need millions of doses. We had to make a huge financial commitment at the risk of the company; all of our suppliers had to make that commitment as well.



Nickerson explaining the vaccine manufacturing process to members of Operation Warp Speed

General Perna and his team were phenomenal.”

Despite the significant challenges that being a small company battling a global pandemic posed, Moderna’s size is exactly what Nickerson believes made their success possible. “We have a small leadership team that works well together and trusts each other,” he says. “The environment at Moderna is very collaborative. When you have the amount and magnitude of challenges that we did throughout the pandemic, you can’t silo yourself away and hope to solve anything. You have to walk down the hall and say to your colleague, ‘Hell, I don’t know. What do you think?’ You have to be vulnerable. But in order to be vulnerable, you have to trust your colleagues.”

“We’re very bold in what we do,” he continues. “But we’ve also been good about trusting people to make decisions and not putting unnecessary bureaucratic practices in place. We can afford to do that as a smaller company. You feel the decisions that you make in a small company. There is no dilution of responsibility, but it enables us to move fast.”

Small, agile, and innovative is what Nickerson was looking for when he came to Moderna in 2016. “I went into Moderna for two reasons. I had done my due diligence on the science. As far as I could tell, mRNA was the future of medicine. And career-wise I wanted to create and build and feel like I was a part of something, which I got in spades when I came to Moderna.”



Nickerson with Charlie Baker, governor of Massachusetts, at Moderna’s Norwood, Mass. manufacturing facility.



Patrick Nickerson '98, Rob Warren, Jay Warren '95, Scott Nickerson '95

SMALL, BUT MIGHTY

Small is also what brought Nickerson to Hampden-Sydney in 1991. Born and raised in Winchester, Virginia, Nickerson was introduced to H-SC by a family friend, and the intimate class sizes and prospect of playing college golf made it the place for him.

“I played golf for a grand total of a semester,” Nickerson says. “Then I got sucked into the labs and lived in Gilmer until about midnight every weeknight.”

An average student in high school, Nickerson’s freshman year at Hampden-Sydney was tough but rewarding. “I started out as pre-med,” he explains, “which for me really meant that I didn’t know what I wanted to do. But the chemistry program at Hampden-Sydney is unique, and it was a turning point for me. Each semester was like a mini graduate school project, and the labs got me genuinely interested in science. Connecting the lab experience to the class itself was always an aha moment.”

His growing interest in science was nurtured by the commitment of his professors, notably McGavacks Professor of Chemistry (Ret.) **Bill Anderson**, Associate Professor of Chemistry (Ret.) **Paul Mueller**, Venable Professor Emeritus of Chemistry **Bill Porterfield**, and Spalding Professor of Chemistry **Herb Sipe**. He reflects on fond memories with each professor that transcend the hierarchical student-professor relationship, a hallmark of the Hampden-Sydney experience: Debating with Dr. Sipe in his office, absorbing Dr. Anderson’s passion and creativity, and sharing one especially pivotal moment with Dr. Porterfield.

“Junior year I hadn’t figured out what I was doing after graduation,” Nickerson begins. “I was taking a class with Dr. Porterfield in which I was the only student.” (How’s that for small class sizes?) “It was the end of the semester before we headed out for summer,” he continues. “Dr. Porterfield said, ‘Have you ever considered doing summer research?’ He picked up a magazine that was on his desk, and in the back there was an advertisement for a summer research fellowship at Colorado State. He said, ‘How about this one? I know Dr. Strauss; I can call him.’ And he called him right then and there. He hung up the phone, told me to fill out a resume, and in a day or two, I had a fellowship doing graduate-level research with graduate students in Colorado.”

He was well-prepared for this level of work even at such a young age because of, in his words, the “non-cookbook” approach to teaching science at Hampden-Sydney. Nickerson noticed the distinction of Hampden-Sydney’s method while he was an undergraduate teaching assistant during his graduate program, where the courses he taught took a linear approach.

“In other undergraduate chemistry programs especially at larger schools, a lesson might start, ‘Today, we’re going to learn how to use the flugenhager,’” Nickerson says, making up a name for a fictional apparatus to illustrate his point. “At Hampden-Sydney,” he continues, “I was given a problem, and it was up to me to learn how to use all the different flugenhagers I needed to be able to solve that problem, which is how the world actually works.” Nickerson points out that Hampden-Sydney’s chemistry program was more akin to his graduate program in its instructional method.



Nickerson and his wife and “rock” of 17 years, Pam.



Nickerson and his children Eliza (15), Greta (13), Celia (16) and Sam (9)

Looking back at all the forks in the roads of his life, Nickerson concludes: “If I hadn’t gone to Hampden-Sydney, I wouldn’t be doing what I’m doing right now.”

JUST THE BEGINNING

“Moderna has been the best experience of my career. It’s exhilarating; it’s scary; it’s exhausting,” Nickerson says.

But despite the stress and fatigue of the last few years, Nickerson is right where he wanted to be all along—in the center of the action where real, life-changing and -saving progress is being made.

“We all knew in our guts that this technology would work,” he says. “Now we’ve proven that it works and much faster and on a bigger scale because we had to.”

With a treasure trove of resources and experience now at their fingertips and the faith of investors and the scientific community at their back,

Moderna and Nickerson are looking forward to the future of mRNA technology. “There’s still a lot left to be proven in arenas like rare disease and oncology,” Nickerson admits. “But there’s a lot of promise. You feel a tremendous amount of responsibility to get it right because of what it could mean.”

What appeared as a miracle to the rest of the world was the culmination of hard work, determination, and steadfastness in the face of adversity. Who better to be in the mix of such a process than a Hampden-Sydney man?



Photo by Lucas "Jade" Goss



A Temple *of* Learning

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS

Situated across from the entrance to Johns Auditorium is a patio, which ushers visitors to a pair of glass doors set into the facade of a red brick building. Pushing through the entryway into a two-story atrium, the traditional Federal-style architecture of the exterior gives way to a modern aesthetic of exposed garnet brick and steely grey accents. The sixth home of the sciences at Hampden-Sydney, the Pauley Science Center welcomed its first students to class on August 22, 2022.

The Pauley Science Center was made possible by an extraordinary \$30 million gift in 2019 from former College Trustee **Stanley F. Pauley**. A champion of the sciences, the late Mr. Pauley esteemed Hampden-Sydney as “an institution that is making a real difference, a college that represents the best of American higher education.”

The design of the 73,000-square-foot space is tailored to the unique methods that Hampden-Sydney faculty use to teach science. Kevin Kattwinkel of Hanbury Architects notes that “upper-year classes for science majors at H-SC include research projects that are on par with what we typically see at the graduate level at other colleges and universities. To reflect that emphasis, we adopted the term immersive environments to refer to the research labs that are used to teach those upper-level courses. The building also includes a multi-purpose space suited for in-person presentation and display of the project posters that students produce describing their research.”

Thanks to this exquisite attention to detail and thoughtfulness of planning, the state-of-the-art facility is exceptionally equipped to further bolster the sterling reputation of Hampden-Sydney’s science departments. A reputation that includes such achievements as seven Goldwater Scholars—the nation’s highest undergraduate achievement in natural sciences, math, and engineering.

On either side of the airy, light-infused atrium are two stairwells—one outfitted with a macro view of the galaxy and the other a micro look into molecules. Up on the second floor, a lofted common area houses one of those multi-purpose spaces for presentations and provides an ideal vantage point of the patio outside where the patinaed cupola which once capped Bagby Hall, the fourth home of the sciences at Hampden-Sydney, is prominently displayed.

This iconic memento pays homage to Dr. **John Hampden Chamberlayne Bagby**, another champion of scientific study at Hampden-Sydney, who “did much to

mold the policy of the College and to promote its material welfare and its scholastic standing.” Bagby Hall was the first building devoted entirely to the sciences and housed the department until the erection of Gilmer Hall.

Though the Pauley Science Center has brought the quality of facilities to par with the College’s rigorous standards of scientific study, it is indeed a continuation of the College’s commitment to scientific inquiry and instruction that began at the very founding of our prestigious institution. As Patterson Professor of Biology **Alex Werth** noted in his remarks at the November 11, 2022, dedication ceremony, the first purchase that founding president **Samuel Stanhope Smith** made on behalf of the young College was “philosophical apparatus,” or science equipment in modern parlance. Dr. Werth went on to say that the College’s founders such as James Madison and Patrick Henry “believed very strongly that all citizens should not only understand science but should have experience doing science,” for as James Madison espoused, ‘The advancement of science and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty.’ This is now that place, where all students learn by doing. This building is a temple of learning.”

And it is the entire student body, especially the non-science majors, with whom the faculty is most eager to share Pauley. “Our science majors deserved better facilities,” Dr. Werth says. “But they already love science, so they would be happy to work in a dusty attic or dank basement. It is our business and government majors, our history and English majors, who will benefit most of all from this new building.”

Kattwinkel expands on this sentiment: “The public spaces were shaped to directly support the department’s attitude that science education should be cross-disciplinary and visible. That attitude influenced key design decisions throughout the building.”

The rooms and labs themselves are clinical and sterile—as they should be. But the hallways and common areas are infused with collegiality and warmth. Framed composites show the smiling faces of honorary science fraternity members; arts and science majors alike congregate in the shared spaces.

In his remarks at the Pauley dedication, President **Larry Stimpert** reminded the College community that “while we have a wonderful history...our most important work is



Photos Courtesy of HANBURY

not what was done in the past, but rather the work we are doing today and the work that we will do tomorrow.” As they learn and grow, these students are set to carry on the Hampden-Sydney legacy for another 247 years. With the standard of excellence set by the Pauley Science Center, Hampden-Sydney has ensured that future generations will be formed into good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning, as has long been the College’s mission.

Then President **Taylor Reveley** noted in his remarks at the dedication of Gilmer Hall in 1969 that Gilmer was “neither an end in itself nor the beginning of anything new to Hampden-Sydney College, [but was] instead one more important step in the direction in which the College has been moving for nearly two centuries.” President Stimpert proudly reminds us that “the Pauley Science Center extends that legacy today.”



Photo Courtesy of Hanbury



Photo by Lucas “Jade” Goss

What's in a Name?

Stanley Frank Pauley opened a new era in science education at Hampden-Sydney College with his 2019 gift to construct the Pauley Science Center. His \$30 million gift, the largest in the College's history, was motivated by his belief that Hampden-Sydney represents the best of American higher education. He deeply respected the College's mission, history, and the educational experience it offers young men and wished for an even better equipped, more highly regarded Hampden-Sydney to thrive for generations to come.

Mr. Pauley embodied the values we endeavor to instill in Hampden-Sydney men. From humble beginnings, his intense drive, creative vision, and passion led him to achieve greatness. As a young man, he moved his family from Canada to begin working for the Carpenter Company, a business founded by alumnus **E. Rhodes Carpenter**, class of 1929. Over more than 66 years, Mr. Pauley grew the Carpenter Company into an industry-leading billion-dollar global enterprise.

Trained in electrical engineering, Mr. Pauley possessed a keen intellect and the ability to get to the heart of any matter. He was a loving husband to his wife, Dorothy A. Pauley, and a devoted father; an avid reader; fluent in multiple languages; a certified pilot; and an animal lover. He cared deeply about Virginia, serving on the boards of numerous organizations, including Hampden-Sydney's Board of Trustees, and was a generous benefactor to many arts, civic, cultural, and educational institutions in the Commonwealth.

The Pauley Science Center is a testament to Mr. Pauley's character, his extraordinary generosity, and his work as a builder of organizations and institutions. Through this building and the teaching and learning that it will facilitate, Mr. Pauley's legacy at Hampden-Sydney College and his contributions to society will endure in perpetuity.

NAMED SPACES

Hampden-Sydney is grateful to the trustees, alumni, families, and friends who have made this extraordinary facility a reality for our students and community. Every single gift makes a difference, and we are thrilled to honor these dedicated supporters who named spaces in the Pauley Science Center. Thank you to every donor for your generosity and belief in Hampden-Sydney's students, mission, and future.

THE APPERSON FAMILY OVERLOOK

Eric '85, Lynn, Brooks '18, and Virginia Apperson

BOYCE FAMILY BIOLOGY WING

J. Trevor Boyce '83

THE CABELL FOUNDATION PLANETARIUM

The Robert G. Cabell III & Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation

THOMAS W. JAMISON '62 LABORATORY

George B. Cartledge, Jr. '63

THE DR. RAYMOND L. CLATERBAUGH '62 LABORATORY

The Claterbaugh Family

THE DR. MARVIN W. SCOTT '59 OFFICE

Richard F. Cralle, Jr. '65

DABNEY FAMILY CLASSROOM

Dr. C. William Dabney '76

DR. WILLIAM ALBERT SHEAR LABORATORY

H. Todd Flemming '85

THE DR. HINTON BAXTER OVERCASH BIOLOGY WING

Dr. W. Glenn Hurt '60

THE MARKS FAMILY POSTER GALLERY

Dr. and Mrs. Norman J. Marks

THE PANNILL FAMILY GRAND ATRIUM

William '77, Susan, Gordon '08, Stuart '08, and Taylor '14 Pannill

SETTLE FAMILY CLASSROOM

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sydnor Settle '55

THE PROFESSOR TULLY H. TURNEY CASE

Dr. William A. and Noelle Prince Shear

WYATT FAMILY LABORATORY

D. R. "Rick" Wyatt '80

Additional naming opportunities remain available in the Pauley Science Center, and the College looks forward to celebrating any future contributions. Those interested in making a gift may contact Assistant Vice President of Development Hugh Haskins '01 at hhaskins@hsc.edu.

A long time ago there was a couple who wanted their only son to become a great hunter. They permitted a powerful shaman to send the boy to live for a year with the seals. At the close of the annual Bladder Festival, the shaman took the boy to the ice hole and let him depart with the seal bladders returning to their home under the sea. There the boy stayed in the seals' "gasgiq" (communal men's house), where an adult bearded seal hosted him and taught him to view the human world from the seals' point of view.

While staying with the seals, the boy would sometimes look up through the skylight, seeing the people from his village as the seals saw them. He observed whether they were acting properly—shoveling doorways, clearing ice holes, and generally "making a way" for the seals to enter the human world...When he looked up at the skylight, he saw the faces of the young men who cleared the ice holes, while those who failed to perform this action were obscured from view.

...In the spring the boy swam through the ocean with his host, viewing human hunters from the seals' perspective. After encountering a number of unworthy hunters, he and his host approached a good hunter whom they allowed to overpower them. When hit by the hunter's spear, the boy lost consciousness and was taken back to his village...The woman brought the boy to his parents, who rejoiced at his return. When he became a man, he was indeed a great hunter. From his accounts of his experiences, people came to understand how the seals saw humans and how humans must act to please them."

"The Boy Who Went to Live with The Seals" from *Boundaries and Passages*, by Ann Fienup-Riordan, as told to her by Paul John, a Yup'ik Elder



The Nalauq logo, right, an artistic rendering of a Yup'ik artifact, left, consists of concentric circles which represent the Yup'ik belief that all living beings are interconnected, a belief communicated in "The Boy Who Went to Live with The Seals."



On the windswept Y-K Delta, where the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers meet, in the southwest corner of Alaska, Yup'ik peoples have subsisted for nearly 3,000 years: hunting seals, fishing salmon, foraging berries. Yupiit (pl.) understand better than most that the fate of man and nature are inextricably linked as they rely on ancestral wisdom and customs to survive in a bleak and challenging terrain.

As global temperatures warm, permafrost melts, and seawaters rise, Yup'ik ancestral lands only become more volatile and the future more uncertain, with their fishing camps and berry patches being swept away into the ocean from erosion and their annual subsistence calendar becoming more and more unpredictable.

Elliott Assistant Professor of Rhetoric **Sean Gleason** is in his fifth year working with Yupiit in the Y-K Delta. Joining a team that includes partners from all over the world, Dr. Gleason is devoted to helping the Yup'ik people study "yuuyaraq," which means "the genuine way we live," preserving the tribe's knowledge for generations to come.

Using his expertise in oral history and ethnographic field methods, Dr. Gleason aims to blend indigenous Yup'ik wisdom with modern technology to develop bespoke solutions that will help Yupiit maintain their quality of life in the changing landscape today and plan for the future.

"The oral histories have always acknowledged that erosion happens," Dr. Gleason says. "One of the oral predictions is that

The Way We Live:

Assistant Professor blends indigenous wisdom with modern technology.

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS



Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Sean Gleason

the community [in Quinhagak] will move five times. We can't stop the erosion; it's about acknowledging that it's happening at a much more frenetic pace because of climate change. With the toolkits we develop with Yupiit, we are communicating the results of our findings to the population in real time, equipping them with data to make informed decisions, and augmenting traditional knowledge in ways that are useful to them today and in the future when they inevitably have to move again."

The work in the Y-K Delta originally began as an archaeological excavation in 2009 when the sun began to reveal what was once buried and preserved by ice. In 2007, as permafrost thawed, centuries-old cultural artifacts like intricately carved bone and ivory figurines, ceremonial driftwood masks, and woven grass baskets began washing up on the shore of Kuskokwim Bay, and further investigation unearthed a circa 1600 preserved Yup'ik village called Nunalleq. A 2017 *National Geographic* article about the project notes that Yup'ik oral tradition tells of a time that historians refer to as the Bow and Arrows war, when a "550-year chilling of the Earth now known as the Little Ice Age—that coincided with Nunalleq's occupation—led to a scarcity of food which caused fighting between Yup'ik communities."

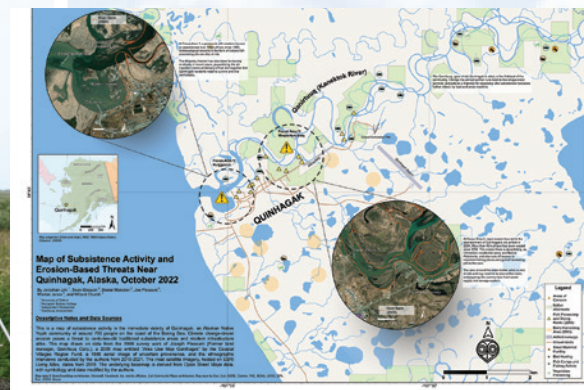
Leveraging the tribe's oral tradition is where Dr.

Gleason's expertise comes in. He performs in-depth interviews with Yup'ik elders to gather oral histories about places of cultural importance surrounding the small village of Quinhagak, Alaska—just north of Nunalleq—where approximately 750 members of the tribe live today. Using remote sensing technology, Dr. Gleason and a team of archaeologists and anthropologists cross-reference the oral histories to identify possible locations of the places mentioned in the stories. The team then assesses environmental threats to the cultural sites and uses this data to inform their preservation efforts, focusing on the most endangered sites first. The excavation efforts have unearthed a monumental 100,000 artifacts—making the dig the largest of its kind—which are then cleaned, preserved, and held at the Nunalleq Heritage and Cultural Center in Quinhagak, ensuring that the tribe's heritage remains with the Yupiit where it belongs.

With excavation efforts at Nunalleq slowing, Dr. Gleason is turning his attention to the more contemporary challenges facing the region today. He leads research and development for Nalaquq, an Alaskan Native-owned organization working to preserve and protect ancestral lands. "Half of my work in the Y-K Delta is on the cultural preservation side—working with the archeologists on heritage management and the collection of artifacts. The other half is on the land management side and working with the Yup'ik people to develop toolkits to combat the pressing problems caused by climate change vis-à-vis coastal erosion, increased search and rescue operations, and local infrastructure concerns," Gleason explains. "In both cases, I use interviewing to glean ancestral Yup'ik knowledge and then incorporate modern technology to develop solutions that work well with traditional cosmologies and belief systems." He calls it *yuuyaraq* for the future. And he's recruiting all the help he can get, including Hampden-Sydney seniors **Daniel Marsden** and **Izac Olatunji**, who joined Dr. Gleason as research assistants.

Dr. Gleason mentors students interested in working with the Yupiit through at least one semester of independent study before they join him in the field. The first semester focuses on the student gaining cultural knowledge; the second semester is more methodological and tailored to the student's unique interests.

A history major, Daniel has been working with Dr.



An orthomosaic map of Quinhagak prepared by the team. Dr. Gleason pilots a drone.

Gleason since he was a freshman. He first joined the field team in the summer of 2021 as a research assistant and returned this past summer as an intern with Qanirtuuq, Inc, which is Quinhagak's Alaska Native Village Corporation. This summer, Daniel worked on a differential GPS unit to track exactly where the erosion along several rivers important to the tribe's subsistence is happening and then translate that information into orthomosaic maps that communicate those landscape changes from a top-down perspective. This information is invaluable to the tribe as it monitors traditional land use area, applies for land management grants, and plans for the future when the village will inevitably have to relocate.

"Several villages have already had to move further inland in recent history," Daniel says. "Having information about how the landscape is changing and being able to track how fast it's changing is really helpful to the tribe when it applies for grants to help combat erosion or for government assistance when it comes time to relocate."

Izac, a biology and fine arts double major, completed his independent study in the spring semester and joined the field team as a research assistant this past summer. He delved deep into the ethnobotany of the area, learning about plants that are harvested during the summer and traditional food preservation methods, documenting the people, plants, and processes through photography—his preferred artistic medium. Izac also created a user guide through photographing controller settings of the drone set ups, better equipping tribe members to use the technology on their own to continue the efforts when outside team

members are away. He coupled his research with a Compass experiential learning component and is parlaying his research into a year-long distinction project during his senior year.

Both students experienced some of the rigor that daily life in the Y-K Delta demands, learning to fish and forage for their food as conventional groceries are scarce and prohibitively expensive. "I saw a soccer ball-sized watermelon for \$50 one day," Izac says. "Hunting and gathering not only connects the Yup'ik to their roots but also is a more practical way of sustaining life."

"So many people helped teach us to fish and forage," Daniel adds. "I was very appreciative of their patience."

"It's not every day that you have a chance to learn to fish from some of the best fishermen in the world," Izac continues. Much of Izac's time was spent creating inroads into the community to aid his ethnographic inquiry. Earning the nickname "Tengualria," which means flying fish, thanks to his prowess as a budding snag fisher at the instruction of some of his new friends, Izac is careful to ensure that his work is not exploitative of the Yup'ik openness and generosity of spirit. "You have to be careful to not romanticize or impose your own Western infliction on the subject," he explains. "There's a close relationship between the scientific documentation of a culture or landscape that can also result in a beautiful image."

Dr. Gleason points out that Daniel's and Izac's experience is only possible because of Hampden-Sydney's support of undergraduate research. "Having that level of access as an undergrad to cutting-edge technology on a

project that has the eyes of the world with a team that's publishing in the best journals is only possible because we're a small liberal arts college," Gleason continues. "I would expect a Ph.D. candidate to do what Daniel did."

Daniel and Izac both worked with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to deploy technology like remote sensing and differential GPS to inform the team's bespoke solutions. UAVs present an interesting intersection of ancestral Yup'ik cosmology and modern technology. "The top-down perspective is inherent in the Yup'ik tradition," Gleason explains. "In Yup'ik lore, they used bird masks in dancing and transformed into birds to share stories about the landscape; seal hunters donned hats with bird motifs and painted bird patterns on their kayaks to help them better navigate ice floes."

Dr. Gleason notes that while the UAVs are an invaluable tool in the effort to stay one step ahead of climate change, the team still relies heavily on traditional knowledge when developing toolkits. "If you're trying to develop a solution and bring it into somewhere like the Y-K Delta, you'll always run into problems if you don't have that local knowledge," he explains. "The ecological knowledge runs the gamut from practical knowledge that someone can intuit just from being there to the more complex traditional knowledge that's been passed down through 10,000 years about different species and how to hunt and take care of them or the traditional subsistence calendar."

This intersection of traditional knowledge—known as Yup'ik science—and Western technology supports the Yup'ik in not only restoring their cultural heritage but also maintaining yuuyaraq for generations to come. Despite having no word for science in their language, Yup'ik methods and customs

are incredibly sophisticated and inarguably scientific.

In Western science, taxonomies are vast and comprehensive; in Yup'ik science, taxonomies are hyper-specific. Distinctions in classifying wood, for example, are made based on use rather than species. Some wood is good for smoking food; some is good for bending; some for making a "maqii" (a communal sauna), and so on. Yup'ik science is unique to yuuyaraq and provides important insight into how the indigenous people subsist in the tundra. As Dr. Gleason puts it, "Yup'ik science can develop the systems, and Western science can explain why they work."

Despite the challenges ahead, the future of the Yupiit isn't all dark in the Land of the Midnight Sun. As the permafrost melted, so did the cultural chill that kept some of the Yup'ik customs frozen in time. For example, after nearly 70 years of silence, the ceremonial drums began to beat again in 2013 as the Quinhagak Dancers performed for the first time in several generations after the custom was outlawed by the Moavian Church.

"The younger generation is seeking out their ancestral cultural traditions," Izac says. "They've grown up alongside the Nunalleq Culture and Archaeology Center and are infused with a curiosity about where these artifacts are coming from."

When artifacts began washing up on the shore of the Kanektok River 15 years ago, some Yup'ik elders were skeptical that unearthing more artifacts might disturb the ancestors and hasten the downfall of the tribe. Instead, the artifacts have served as a beacon to younger generations, renewing their interest in the ancestral ways.

Just as the boy who lived with seals emerged from the icy waters to share his newfound wisdom with his people, these artifacts have spread rediscovered wisdom among the Yup'ik and brought together a global community to a remote corner of the world to preserve a truly unique culture—proving that mankind is indeed interconnected.



Daniel Marsden '23 prepares freshly caught salmon with a Yup'ik tribe member.

Oxford Ph.D. candidate Jonathan Lim and Izac Olatunji '23



NEW TRUSTEES *at Hampden-Sydney*



Thomas C. G. Coyle, Jr. '79

CHARLOTTE, NC

Partner, Childress Klein

Tom Coyle is a partner in the Charlotte Office Division of Childress Klein, a privately held, full-service commercial real estate development company. Tom served as head of the division for 24 years before stepping down in 2016. He also helped found CK's multi-family division in 2011. After 36 years at CK, he retired in 2022. Active in education, Tom serves on the board for Childcare Resources, Inc. and is a member of the Visiting Committee at the West Virginia University College of Law. He also remains active at Brookstone Schools of Mecklenburg County, a non-profit, K-8 school located in uptown Charlotte that currently serves over 200 under-resourced children. The school's mission is to help break the cycle of poverty by providing students with a strong educational and spiritual foundation. Tom was born in Charleston, West Virginia, and earned a B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College in 1979 and a J.D. from West Virginia University in 1982. Tom is married to Jane T. Coyle and has three children and four grandchildren.



Ivan A. Schlager

WASHINGTON, D.C.

International Trade and National Security Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

A 1987 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Ivan provides counsel on structuring, negotiating, and documenting transactions to address regulatory issues, including approval by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). Ivan has significant experience navigating national security reviews and negotiating complex mitigation agreements. In 2021 and 2022, Chambers Global assigned Ivan a Band 1 rating in International Trade: CFIUS Experts (USA). Ivan has repeatedly been recognized as a leading lawyer in his field. In 2016, Ivan was honored as the Transatlantic Lawyer of the Year: Regulatory at the second annual American Lawyer Transatlantic Legal Awards. He also has received a Burton Award for legal writing; was named by *The Washingtonian* as a leading lawyer for national security; and is selected for inclusion in Chambers Global, Chambers USA, The Legal 500 U.S., The Best Lawyers in America, and Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.



Rodney C. Pitts

CHARLOTTE, NC

Chairman, Southern Elevator Group, Inc.

Rodney Pitts purchased Southern Elevator in 1991, elevating the company to the leading regional elevator company in the Carolinas and Virginia, providing service, repair, and modernization of all makes and models of elevators. Prior to moving back to Charlotte and purchasing Southern Elevator, Mr. Pitts gained a wealth of experience at the private equity firm, AEA Investors in New York. He has degrees from Duke University, the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, and the University of Louvain in Belgium. He has served as board member and/or president of the Charlotte Economics Club, Charlotte Country Day School, Duke University Alumni Association, and Duke University Board. Mr. Pitts currently serves on the Federal Reserve Industrial Council for the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank. He is currently on the board of the John Locke Foundation and on the investment committee of Charlotte Country Day School. Rodney and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Betsy Bryan and **Carson '15**.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

When Hampden-Sydney's prestigious faculty members aren't instructing and inspiring students, they are seeking opportunities to further their expertise in their chosen fields. Faculty scholarship is a crucial component to every teaching institution. By broadening their own expertise, our faculty members enhance their instruction of our young men and ensure that they are well-informed and well-equipped to handle the problems of today.



Noemi Martin Santo

Assistant Professor of Spanish **Noemi Martin Santo** published a chapter titled "The Shipwreck of the Manila Galleon San Felipe in Seventeenth-Century Histories and Accounts on Japan" in *Shipwreck in the Early Modern Hispanic World*.



James Pontuso

Charles Patterson Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs **James Pontuso** published "Becoming 'Woke' Rightly Understood: Peter Lawler on Liberal Arts and the Human Soul in American Heresies and Higher Education" in *Perspectives on Political Science* 51:3 (2022).



Marc Hight

Thompson Professor of Philosophy **Marc Hight** was on sabbatical for 2021-2022 during which time he was a distinguished visiting professor of philosophy and education at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland, for the fall semester of 2021. Dr. Hight also published "A Catholic

Enlightenment in Ireland" in *Eighteenth Century Ireland* in the fall of 2021, "The Social Nature of Technology Fixes" in the *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences* 2021, and an article in the *Oxford Handbook of Berkeley* titled "Berkeley on the Economics of Poverty" in April of 2022.



Andre Pagliarini

Assistant Professor of History **Andre Pagliarini** received a Fulbright research grant to finalize work during the summers of 2022 and 2023 on a book manuscript—tentatively titled *Claiming the Nation: Democracy, Development, and the Politics of*

Nationalism in Modern Brazil—dealing with the contested politics of nationalism in 20th century Brazil.



Kristian M. Hargadon '01

Trinkle Professor of Biology Dr. **Kristian M. Hargadon '01** published an article titled "A Bioinformatic Approach to Enhance Undergraduate Student Understanding of the Cancer-

Immunity Cycle" in the *Journal of Cancer Education* on August 27, 2022. The article received the American Association for Cancer Education's R. Davilene Carter Presidential Prize for Best Manuscripts (2nd place). It is the second year in a row that Dr. Hargadon has been honored by the society in this international competition.



Nathaniel Perry

Elliott Professor of English and Editor of the Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review **Nathaniel Perry** published his second book of poetry titled *Long Rules: An Essay in Verse*, which won The Backwaters Prize in Poetry.



Ivo Gyurovski '09

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Ivo Gyurovski '09** and **Evan Lester '21** co-authored a manuscript titled "Does Outcome Bias Trump Political Tribalism," which was published in *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Psychological Association.

Read more about H-SC's outstanding faculty scholarship at www.hsc.edu/facultyscholarship.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL HARRIS '22

What do a standout football player, a theater major, and a TikTok influencer have in common? If you're **Michael Harris '22**, they have a lot in common—because they all describe him.

This dynamic young man with a megawatt smile and easygoing nature is a true testament to what a Hampden-Sydney education allows students to experience, which is anything and everything they may be interested in.

Born in Newport News, Virginia, Mike was bitten by the performing bug shortly after his family moved to Ashland, Virginia, when he started singing in the Shiloh Baptist Church choir. The choir often performed in the Ashland Variety Show, and Mike's talents caught the eye of the director of a community theater group. He was invited to audition for *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and Mike made his theater debut in fourth grade as Grandpa Joe in the classic Roald Dahl tale.

Through the years, Mike continued performing, but as he entered high school, he had planned to hang it up. "I couldn't see anything coming from my interest in theater by way of a job, so I figured I would focus on other things as I looked ahead toward college," Mike says. But when a long-time friend and mentor suggested him for a last-minute opening in the Patrick Henry High School Soundsations Show Choir, Mike got his first taste of musical theater—combining his love of singing and acting.

By the time he graduated high school, Mike had starred as Riff in *West Side Story*, King Triton in *The Little Mermaid*, and Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, in addition to earning seventh in the state in Senior Honors Choir—Virginia's highest choir honor awarded to high schoolers.

He spent his first year at Hampden-Sydney exploring a few avenues while also getting involved with the theater program. As he prepared to declare his major at the start of his sophomore year, Mike talked over his plans with his mom. She wanted Mike to major in economics, as she felt it would give him the best advantage when he graduated. But he just couldn't do it. Economics didn't interest him; Mike's heart still lay with musical theater. He would simply have to figure out a way to turn his passion into a profession.

Training under voice coach **Lisa Edwards-Burrs** and Associate Professor of Fine Arts **Helena von Rueden**, Mike began coming into his own as a singer. The highlight of his college acting career being when he performed as Amos, the timid, pushover husband to scheming starlet Roxie in Longwood University's

production of *Chicago* in the fall of 2020—the only non-Longwood student cast in the show. “Amos was a real challenge for me,” Mike admits. “I was used to playing very robust, outspoken characters. But as Amos, I was supposed to almost blend into the background, which on account of my size alone is kind of tough to do.”

At 6’2” and 315 pounds, Mike has a commanding presence, and he uses that stature for more than just getting into character. He is a five-year veteran defensive tackle on the Tiger Football team, who has earned Second Team All-ODAC and ODAC All-Academic Team honors and was recently named a semifinalist for the prestigious William V. Campbell trophy—college football’s academic Heisman—one of only two ODAC and 29 DIII honorees out of 156 semifinalists.



Photo Courtesy of Rowan Papier

Although these two interests may seem disparate to some, Mike has thoughtfully found interesting parallels between his training on the stage and on the gridiron. “A lot of success in both football and theater can be found in learning to trust your instincts,” he advises.

Mike recalls a game against Ferrum where he could tell by the way the opposing line leaned as to what play they were running, and he made the tackle every time. “It comes down to training,” he says. Similarly, during a performance of *West Side Story* in high school, his castmates were late coming to stage for their scene due to a costume mishap backstage. His training kicked in, and he was able to improvise and keep the show going until his fellow performers reappeared.

Additionally, Mike notes that singing has been found to combat brain injury in football players. And at a position that is in the fray on every single play, Mike—and his parents—take comfort in combatting that trauma however possible.

As he prepared to graduate in December 2022, Mike faced the same pains as many other graduating seniors with pandemic restrictions limiting internship and job opportunities the last couple of years: “Theater is very hands-on, and it was nearly impossible to find an internship or job shadowing a theater manager like I had hoped to do the last couple of years.”

But Mike wasn’t twiddling his thumbs during this unexpected downtime—creating under the handle @bigmike_675, he has taken his talents to TikTok to gain exposure and experience in the entertainment industry. His exploits on the video-sharing app have gained him a following of 3.8 million followers at the time of writing as well as brand deals and modeling opportunities with Vogue magazine photographer Rowan Papier. But it’s not just a hobby to Mike; he is leveraging his experience on TikTok to build a real-time, virtual portfolio.

“It’s been an unexpected blessing. I’ve learned a lot about engagement, audience management, content creation, and staying relevant and on-trend as the algorithm changes,” he explains. “And now that I have a substantial following, I can create even more authentic and personal content because my followers are interested in me as a person.”



As he discovered that his unique voice is critical to his success on TikTok, refining his personal voice and presence as a singer and actor was Mike’s key focus in his final semester. “Everyone’s on their own journey,” he says. “I may sound different when singing a song than someone else, but it doesn’t mean I’m bad. Sometimes those differences are what get you in the door.”

Mike’s journey thus far is proof that the original king of the stage, William Shakespeare, was on to something important when he wrote those immortal words: “To thine own self be true.” His commitment to exploring his individual creative voice and ability to take cues from his varied interests to enhance his performance will take him far.



STUDENT RESEARCH *at Hampden-Sydney*

On March 29, 2021, the inaugural recipients of the Sipe Summer Research Fellowship that honors Spalding Professor of Chemistry **Herb Sipe** were announced. Director of Undergraduate Research **Mike Wolyniak** pointed out that “when Dr. Sipe began teaching, it was believed that undergraduate students didn’t belong in the lab because they needed more training in the classroom.” But Dr. Sipe, who arrived at Hampden-Sydney in 1968, understood the importance of undergraduate research in preparing students for post-secondary education and employment, and he championed the movement. Today, undergraduate research is recognized as a high-impact teaching practice that gets students actively engaged in their work and encourages them to consider jobs in which they will do research work more actively.

Dr. **Will Rayburn ‘71** can attest to the rarity of undergraduate research opportunities 50 years ago. “If any of the other colleges that I was considering had an undergraduate research program, they didn’t mention it,” says Rayburn. The pamphlet that drew Rayburn to Hampden-Sydney—a pamphlet he still has today—however, highlighted the well-organized and structured research program that existed at the College even then.

Today, opportunities for undergraduate research at Hampden-Sydney abound. The summer research program, sponsored by

the Office of Undergraduate Research, offers students in any discipline the chance to work one-on-one with a trained faculty mentor to pursue original research. Students accepted into the program receive up to nine weeks of on-campus housing and a stipend to cover living expenses. This past summer alone, 35 students participated in research on everything from the influence of the family of former Dean of Admission **Anita Garland** on Virginia politics to synthesizing proteins on the SARS-CoV2 virus.

Students may either work on campus on a project approved by the Office of Undergraduate Research or pursue smaller-scale projects remotely. Students on campus receive \$300 per week plus free housing while students working from home receive a \$750 stipend. These experiences result in further opportunities such as presenting at professional conferences—an honor that is rare for most undergrads but that is rapidly becoming more commonplace for Hampden-Sydney students thanks to tireless advocacy from their faculty mentors.

While on campus for Reunion in June, Dr. Rayburn spent time with student researchers and discovered that the summer research program is “a jewel of the College,” saying that “the longevity and consistent quality of Hampden-Sydney’s summer research program is a unique benefit to our students.”

To read more about student research, visit hsc.edu/academics/student-research. To learn more about how to support undergraduate research at Hampden-Sydney, contact Director of Undergraduate Research Mike Wolyniak at mwolyniak@hsc.edu.



SCHOLAR SNAPSHOTS

The Garland Family: Two Paths Diverged in a Magic City

Celia Carroll-Jones, Associate Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs

"I investigated the lives of Senator Ray L. Garland and Roanoke City Councilman Robert Garland (relatives of former Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland**) and how their careers coincided with the reemergence of the Republican party in Virginia. In addition to humanizing the stories of politicians, which is something that often gets erased, my research shows Roanoke and Southwestern Virginia's importance to the development of the Commonwealth."

NOAH MOORE '23, HISTORY MAJOR

Food Deserts in Virginia: Healthy Food Access' Effects on Diabetes and Obesity

Byron Carson, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business

"Using health ranking data of every county in Virginia, I examined whether food deserts lead to higher rates of obesity and diabetes, and I found that they do not. Summer research gives students the opportunity to learn how to apply the ways of thinking that they have been learning through their studies with a real-world application with scholars in their field. For example, my results could guide the development of public health policy related to food deserts."

DAVID CREGO '23, ECONOMICS MAJOR

Synthesis of the Transmembrane Domain of the Spike Protein from SARS-CoV-2 Using Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis and Determination of Its Oligomerization State

Tim Reichart, Elliott Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Selecting different proteins found on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, these four scholars sought to synthesize their protein's transmembrane domain and determine its oligomerization state, which is the way

the peptides organize themselves to become functional. The goal is to alter the sequence or structure of the amino acids to inhibit how the peptides come together and then inhibit how the protein functions, which could lead to a method that inhibits the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and other coronaviruses.

"The opportunity to stay on campus over the summer is unique. The expectations laid out by the professors mimic those of graduate-level research. Much of what we accomplish is done on our own timelines. Living on campus with like-minded, motivated individuals adds to the experience as well."

ANDREW REHAK '23, BIOLOGY MAJOR

"Summer research is important because it has allowed many students to perform high level research as an undergraduate which certainly distinguishes them from their peers at state schools."

BRETT REIS '23, CHEMISTRY MAJOR

"This lab work mimics a graduate program or professional lab experience and helps prepare students for post-collegiate life."

TYLER HOBART '23, BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR

Installation of the Hampden-Sydney College Planetarium and Establishing an Outreach Program

Jonathan Keohane, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy

I was able to get to work closely with the team that installed the planetarium equipment in the Pauley Science Center, and I learned how to use the software from the people who developed it. It was a great opportunity for me to improve my communication and organization abilities."

ANTHONY DISCHINO '23, PHYSICS MAJOR



FOOTBALL



Washington and Lee University on October 22 in Lexington that gave 23rd-year head coach **Marty Favret** the most football coaching wins in school history.

"I thought we made strides this year," said Favret. "When healthy, our offense was one of the more explosive units in the country. Defensively, we grew and improved as the season progressed. We look forward to returning 90 percent of our starters next year and playing six games at home."

Coach Favret now totals 145 football coaching wins in 23 seasons, becoming the all-time winningest football coach at the College. He has an overall record of 145-86, surpassing the legendary H-SC Hall of Fame head coach **J. Stokeley Fulton**, who compiled a

Hampden-Sydney College completed its 2022 football season with a final record of 5-5 overall, including 4-3 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) to finish fourth among eight teams. The Tigers enjoyed a four-game winning streak during a successful stretch of the season that included five wins in six games—among them a thrilling 44-43 overtime road win at

record of 143-99-5 over 25 seasons from 1960-84, as the College's longest-tenured football coach.

The highlight of the campaign had to be the wild come-from-behind victory at W&L. The Generals scored two late fourth-quarter touchdowns to take a 37-34 lead with just 38 seconds remaining in regulation, but H-SC refused to go down. Beginning at its own 25 and following an eight-yard completion from **Tanner Bernard '23** to **David Byler '23**, Bernard was sacked for a nine-yard loss on second down. Following its last timeout, Bernard found **Braeden Bowling '24** for 15 yards on third-and-11, and after a spike to stop the clock, Bernard and Bowling connected once again, this time for 21 yards and another spike to stop the clock. On second-and-10 at the W&L 40, it appeared that the Generals had made a game-ending interception; however, pass interference was called on the Generals, placing the ball at the 25 with one-second on the clock. **Elijah Swett '26** calmly kicked the 42-yard field goal—his third of the game—to tie the score at 37 and send the contest to overtime. W&L had the ball first in the extra time, and scored on a four-yard touchdown run, but the PAT kick attempt failed and it was a 43-37 lead for the hosts. H-SC took its possession and Bernard scored on a three-yard touchdown run, followed by the decisive PAT kick by Swett for the wild 44-43 road triumph. The game-winning overtime possession was kept alive by a nine-yard run by Bernard on third-and-seven, and **Melik Frost '24** followed with a 10-yard run to the three-yard line to set-up the winning score.

Melik Frost '24



Braeden Bowling '24



Elijah Swett '26



Tanner Bernard '23

H-SC placed nine team members on the All-ODAC Football Team, and had the conference's Rookie of the Year for the fourth time since 2015. Earning First Team All-ODAC honors were tight end David Byler, running back Melik Frost, offensive lineman **TJ Minter '24**, and safety **Will Pickren '24**. Garnering Second Team All-ODAC accolades were wide receiver **Mason Cunningham '26**, as an all-purpose back and also named the ODAC Rookie of the Year, quarterback Tanner Bernard, wide receiver **Austin Fernandez '25**, defensive lineman **Michael Harris '22** and safety **James-Ryan Salvi '24**. Harris was also named a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy—one of only three DIII and two ODAC honorees.

Four Tigers garnered regional and national recognition. Will Pickren was named to the 2022 Associated Press (AP) Division III All-America First-Team and the 2022 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III Coaches' All-America Second Team. Pickren was also named to the D3football.com All-Region 3 First Team, while David Byler, Melik Frost, and TJ Minter were each named to the All-Region 3 Third Team.

Off the field, linebacker **Dorian Green '24**, punter **George Langhammer '24**, and James-Ryan Salvi were each named a member

of the 2022 Academic All-District® Football Team as selected by College Sports Communicators for NCAA Division III. The team recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom, each meeting the minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 3.50.

Following the season, Coach Favret announced the program's top award winners that included Defensive MVP Will Pickren, Offensive MVP Tanner Bernard, Special Teams MVP **Seamus DeVol '25**, Rookie of the Year Mason Cunningham, the Pat Kline Captain's Award for exemplary leadership to Michael Harris, Most Improved Award to wide receiver **Jamahdia Whitby '24**, and the J. Stokeley Fulton Award for Scholarship, Leadership and Athletic Achievement to David Byler.

H-SC will open the 2023 campaign with a non-conference home game against Wabash College on Saturday, September 2, at 1 p.m. at Everett Stadium. It's a continuation of The Gentlemen's Classic football rivalry between the two colleges for men which began in 2014—the Little Giants have won each of the three previous meetings between the two nationally recognized liberal arts colleges that are among the three remaining all-male schools in the country.

SOCCKER

Under sixth-year head coach **Tommy DiNuzzo**, Hampden-Sydney Soccer completed the 2022 season with a final record of 9-7-3 overall, including 3-5-2 in the ODAC. The Tigers opened the season on fire, going 5-0-1 over the first six games, outscoring their opponents 20-5. ODAC competition this year was fierce, and Hampden-Sydney had to battle for its spot in the postseason tournament.

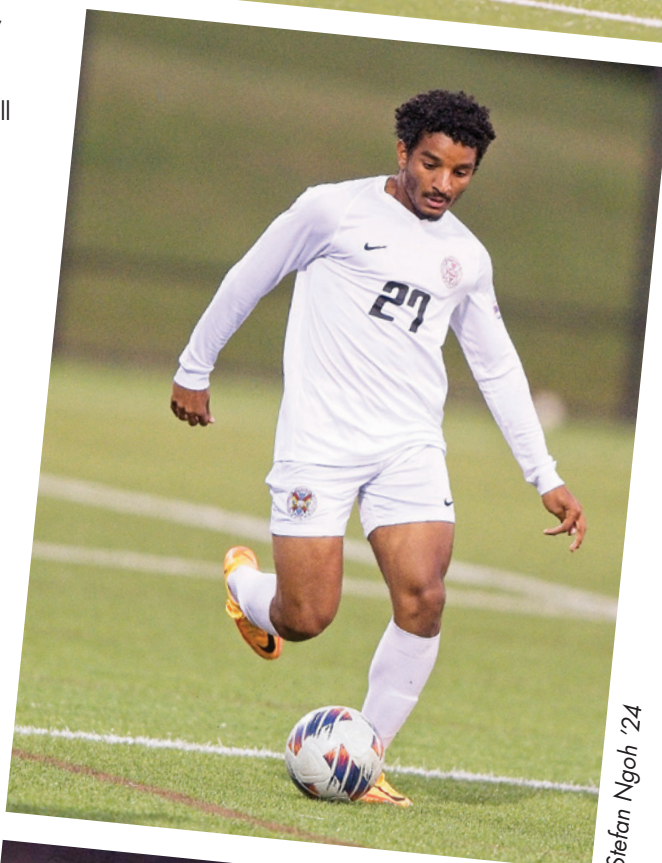
"This past fall season was full of ups and downs for the program. From beating some of the top teams in the region, including the top seed in the ODAC, to losing some games where we thoroughly outplayed our opponents, it's given us the opportunity to reflect and learn from what we experienced" said DiNuzzo. "Ultimately reaching the ODAC semifinals for the third time in four years is a good achievement, but we plan to improve greatly from this and find a much higher level of consistency for next season, which will allow us to win a conference championship."

Going into the ODAC Mens Soccer Tournament as the eighth seed, H-SC first took on top-seeded Lynchburg, who had just beaten them three days prior. Midway through the first half, **Zakky Johnston '26** scored to give the Tigers the early lead. A big save from **Wills Huddleston '25** kept the advantage going into halftime. Despite a strong second half attack from Lynchburg, Huddleston and the Tigers' defense held strong to pull the upset over the ODAC regular season champions. H-SC then traveled to fourth-seeded Roanoke for the semifinal, where the Tigers season was ended by two second-half goals.

H-SC had three of its players earn postseason conference honors, with **Declan Shaw '24** earning All-ODAC Second Team, Zakky Johnston earning All-ODAC Third Team, and **Stefan Ngoh '24** also being named to the All-ODAC Third Team. Johnston led the Tigers with six goals while adding an assist, and Ngoh led the team in assists with four along with adding three goals scored. To earn his second team honors, Shaw scored four goals and had three assists from his midfield position. Along with his ODAC honors, Shaw was named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team, as was **Connor Brooks '23**.



Connor Brooks '23



Stefan Ngoh '24



Zakky Johnston '26



Carter Burcham '24 (L) and Kade Minton '25 (R)



Justin Stimpson '23

CROSS COUNTRY

Hampden-Sydney Cross Country enjoyed a successful 2022 campaign with a seventh-place finish at the ODAC Championships on October 29 at the Kernstown Battlefield near Winchester, Virginia. It equaled the highest finish by the Tigers at the conference championships since 2010. Hampden-Sydney also competed as a full team at the NCAA South Regionals for the second consecutive year, placing 21st.

Team members included **Ryan Haynie '23, Justin Stimpson '23, Taisho Miller '23, Carter Burcham '24, Thomas Overton '24, Kade Minton '25, Tommy Bennett '25, and Winston Ransone '25.** Minton led the squad in six of seven races throughout the season, including a season-best 8K time of 27:33.0—17th-fastest all-time in school history, while Burcham was the frontrunner in the other competition, and posted a season-best of 28:00.3—34th-fastest on record.

"Ryan, Taisho, and Justin have set standards for character, effort, and performance that have strengthened our team culture and elevated our program," said fifth-year head coach **Matt Griswold.** "We are looking forward to the impact these good men and good citizens will have in the world after they graduate! This year's runners showed improvement over last year's record-setting team, setting our fastest known time at several courses. Our ODAC performance was one of the highlights of our season."

150 Events

The Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement thanks Tigers across the nation who made it possible to host 150 events over the last year! From regional club happy hours and welcoming new grads to the alumni network to Homecoming and Reunion on the Hill, the commitment and engagement from alumni and friends of the College contributes endlessly to the vibrancy of the Hampden-Sydney alumni network.



Welcome to the City: Alumni in 21 cities welcomed new graduates to their new cities during the second annual Welcome to the City day on September 22, 2022.



Big Hitters Club: The Big Hitters Club—fan club of Hampden-Sydney Baseball—hosted its inaugural event on August 11 at Cirrus Vodka in Richmond.





Congratulations and thank you to the Club of D.C.!

The Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement is proud to announce that the Hampden-Sydney Club of D.C. is the 2022 recipient of the John H. Waters Memorial Cup, an honor presented to the regional alumni club that has the greatest impact in a single year in the areas of engagement, recruitment, philanthropy, and mentorship.

Led by club president **Nate Oliver**

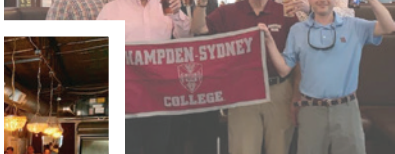
'16, the Club of D.C. held seven unique events in the last year, in addition to hosting a Welcome to the City Event, RPE Toast, regular happy hours, and recruiting events and providing support for Treat a Tiger to Lunch.

The club's diverse calendar of events included outings to Washington Nationals baseball games, opportunities to watch local Tiger athletic contests, networking receptions, golf tournaments, and an Alumni Dinner Table event.

Knowing that the Washington, D.C., area is a top destination for Hampden-Sydney students and alumni, Oliver and the club's leadership team have volunteered thousands of hours helping place students in internships and jobs with top firms not just in D.C., but around the country.



Reunion: Live music, good food, and better friends marked the celebration of the long-awaited, much-anticipated All Classes Reunion held June 3 to 5, 2022. Register now for the 2023 All Alumni Weekend!




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Tommy Parks '18

te a recent graduate for the upcoming class.

1950s

Dr. **CLAUDIUS H. PRITCHARD JR. '50**, retired Maryville University president, was inducted into the Maryville Athletics Hall of Fame. Dr. Pritchard started the Saints intercollegiate athletics program at the NCAA level and expanded facilities for several of Maryville's athletics teams. The honor was reported in an August 12, 2022, university press release.

1960s

WILLIAM T. WILSON '60 represented the Virginia State Bar and the Commonwealth of Virginia at the rededication ceremony in Lewisburg for the 1834 Law Library on August 1, reported on August 5, 2022, article in *The Virginian Review*.

According to a July 29, 2022, Christopher Newport University article, Virginia is honoring retiring university president **PAUL S. TRIBLE, JR. '68** in a remarkable and unprecedented way. Governor Glenn Youngkin has proclaimed July 31, 2022, to be The Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr. Day in the commonwealth of Virginia.



PAUL S. TRIBLE, JR. '68

1970s

RAY FUNDERBURK III '74 has been appointed to Cape Fear Community College's Board of Trustees reports an August 25, 2022, WWAY News article.

RICHARD P. JEFFREY III '75 will retire at the end of June as president of Special Olympics Virginia reports a June 18, 2022, article in *Fredericksburg Today*. Rick served 22 years at the helm of the organization.

LARRY HILL, MD '77 retired from urologic surgery in May 2018 and has been involved in medical mission trips to Haiti and the Dutch West Indies in addition to teaching for one year at a Dutch medical school. Upon returning to the U.S., he was offered a chance to teach at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville that has morphed into teaching clinical skills and renal physiology to first- and second-year medical students. He continues to work for the SC Board of Medical Examiners and has recently started working as an admitting physician for a skilled nursing facility.



DR. LARRY HILL '77

KEN WOODLEY '79 delivered the baccalaureate address to H-SC's graduating class of 2022 and during Commencement the following day was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters degree for his Civil Rights work while editor of *The Farmville Herald*.



KEN WOODLEY '79

1980s

CHARLES BOWLES '82 was a featured presenter at Work Truck Week, the largest commercial vehicle show in North America. He is a subject matter expert for the industry and has presented on digital best practices to countless companies and organizations, including Ford, Stellantis, Isuzu, the National Automotive Dealers Association, the National Truck Equipment Association, the Used Truck Association, and the Brazilian Automotive Dealers Association.



CHARLES BOWLES '82

According to a May 5, 2022, company press release, **OTWAY WALLACE '84** has joined First Heritage Mortgage LLC as executive VP-Southeast regional manager based in Charleston, SC. The article says, "With extensive mortgage industry experience spanning more than three decades, Wallace brings valuable leadership to FHM's executive team during a period of rapid growth."

JAMES F. MOSELEY, JR. '84 of Jacksonville, FL, and partner in Moseley Prichard Parrish Knight & Jones was elected second vice president of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA) in New York City. Founded in 1899, the MLA is the oldest and most recognized maritime legal organization in the United States, furthering the understanding and advancement of maritime law among lawyers, scholars, and maritime industries.

CHRIS ALTIZER '84 is the proud co-author of *Growing the Elephant: Increasing earned advantage for all*, from Practical Inspiration Publishing. In this book, the authors reframe the controversial topic of privilege, the elephant in the room, in more approachable terms of earned and unearned advantage. The co-authors are grateful for Larry Stimpert's endorsement: "Theory tells us that a more diverse workforce can lead to better decision making, greater organizational vitality,

and long-term success. But what are the practical steps organizations must take to realize these benefits? For everyone who has lived through the shortcomings of traditional DEI programs and seminars and avoided them ever since, Chris Altizer and Gloria Johnson-Cusack provide a new approach. Based on extensive interviews and research, their approach uses contemplation, meditation, and mindfulness techniques to stimulate personal growth and discovery. Not a silver bullet, but an approach that, with time and concerted effort, can produce insights among individual employees and breakthroughs for their organizations."

THOMAS M. PARRISH '87 has been named president of Riverside Brick & Supply Company headquartered in Richmond according to an August 1, 2022, *Richmond Times-Dispatch* article.

Award-winning chef and restaurateur **JOHN CURRENCE '87** celebrated the 30th anniversary of his Oxford, MS, restaurant City Grocery this year. A June 2, 2022, *Oxford Magazine* article notes, "[City Grocery] has garnered constant recognition features from esteemed publications such as *The New York Times*, *Southern Living*, *USA Today*, *Bon Appetit*, and more as a fine Mississippi establishment. The restaurant's cooking team has also been repeatedly invited to cook at the James Beard House over the years since its inception, City Grocery changes the perception of what Southern food is."



JOHN CURRENCE '87

HUGO F. RODRIGUEZ, JR. '88 joined the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs as principal deputy assistant secretary on February 1, 2023.

1990s

JEAN PAUL "J.P." DUBUQUE '90, president and CEO of the Greater St. Petersburg Area Economic Development Corporation, was profiled in a May 10, 2022, article in *Tampa Bay Business & Wealth*.



JEAN PAUL "J.P." DUBUQUE '90

Dr. **JOSEPH H. LANE, JR. '90** has been named the new provost at North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount, NC, according to a June 17, 2022, college news release. Joseph joins the college from his previous position as provost and dean of faculty at Bethany College in Bethany, WV.

JOHN H. MELTON '91 was profiled on August 24, 2022, by *North Shore Daily* as he steps into his new role as head of school at Lake Forest Country Day School in Lake Forest, IL.

CEO and founder of Crosschq **MIKE FITZSIMMONS '95** is among California's 101 Top Founders in the Human Resources Space per *Best Startup US*.

CHRISTOPHER W. STIREWALT '97 has joined *NewsNation* as political editor according to a May 24, 2022, Nexstar Media Group press release. "Chris Stirewalt's analytical abilities are the best in the business and his insights during election season will prove to be an invaluable resource for viewers," said *NewsNation*'s Michael Corn, president of news.

JONATHAN L. MARTIN '99 participated in a conversation with political commentator and author Bakari Sellers about Jonathan's *New York Times* bestseller, *This Will Not Pass: Trump, Biden, and the Battle for America's Future*, at Buxton Books in Charleston, SC. A June 14, 2022, *Charleston City Paper* article calls *This Will Not Pass* "the authoritative account of an 18-month crisis in American democracy that will be seared into the country's political memory for decades to come. With stunning, in-the-room detail, Martin and his *New York Times* colleague Alexander Burns show how both political parties confronted a series of national traumas, including the coronavirus pandemic, the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol and the political brinkmanship of President Joe Biden's first year in the White House."

MEADE WHITAKER III '99 recently graduated from the Executive Fire Officer Program through the United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy. The program is a four-year program at the graduate level consisting of a two-week residential course each year. After each course, an applied research project is submitted and students must defend one of their projects during the final class. Meade is currently employed with Albemarle County Fire Rescue as a battalion chief.



MEADE WHITAKER III '99

JASON KELLO '99 was named senior director, public affairs and communications for Cisco, a Fortune 100 technology company. Kello previously led the Industries PR team for Amazon Web Services. He has over 20 years of experience in corporate, government and political communications and public relations and currently lives in Washington D.C.

2000s

LOYAL T. "T.J." GRIMES III '01 has been named boys basketball coach at The Steward School. The May 17, 2022, announcement in *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* noted that "Grimes played at Hampden-Sydney from 1996-2000, helping the Tigers to a Division III national runner-up finish his junior year. An All-American and ODAC player of the year, he's seventh on the school career scoring list (1,740 points), eighth in assists (335) and first in made 3-pointers (262)" and was an assistant coach at the College from 2018 to 2021.

MATT SCOTT '01 has published his second political spy thriller, *The Iranian Deception*, which is a sequel to his debut novel, *Surviving the Lion's Den*. He has tentatively agreed with his publisher, Speaking Volumes, to release the third book in the series in early 2023.

Dr. **BARRETT PETERS '02** has entered the master of product innovation program at the Virginia Commonwealth University da Vinci Center. "I knew I wanted to continue clinically practicing but desired to make more space for creativity, collaboration, and innovation in my professional life. So I began to contemplate ways to hybridize my career. I kept thinking of all the many challenges in this rapidly changing world and felt compelled to use these rediscovered aptitudes to create beautiful, functional product solutions to our shared challenges in healthcare, medicine, and dentistry. I am excited to get started and grateful to be a part of the da Vinci community." A pediatric dentist by training, Barrett has also entered the graduate certificate in healthcare innovation program at the VCU School of Nursing.



DR. BARRETT PETERS '02

CHRISTOPHER B. SCHAAF '04 has been promoted to co-leader of the Charlotte Brokerage Operations at JLL according to a June 14, 2022, *citybiz* article. Chris most recently served as executive managing director at JLL.

Dr. **NOLAN A. WAGES '04** has joined the VCU School of Medicine as a professor in the department of biostatistics. He has also been named the assistant director of the biostatistics shared resource for VCU's Massey Cancer Center.

JAMES EDWARD BLACKBURN, JR. '05 opened Blackburn Drug, "a boutique compounding pharmacy and retail space," in Jackson, WY, on May 14, 2021.



JAMES EDWARD BLACKBURN, JR. '05

JAMES '05 AND AMBIKA BLACKBURN welcomed Hilda Marshall "Hilly" Blackburn to the family. She joins her big brother James Edward "Jeb" Blackburn III. The family continues to reside in Jackson, WY.



JAMES BLACKBURN '05 FAMILY

ADAM KING '09 recently completed the master of business administration program at the College of William and Mary Mason School of Business. Adam was awarded the trustees award for academic achievement. He plans to continue his work in business development at KTI, LTD. in Pulaski, VA, and Smith & Waters, Inc. in Hodges, SC.



ADAM KING '09

TUCKER KNOTT '09 will serve as chief of staff to Senator Ted Budd of North Carolina, according to *Politico*. A former senior director at Pfizer, Knott was most recently a senior advisor to Rep. Connie Conway of California and also spent six years as chief of staff to Rep. George Holding of North Carolina.

The Rev. **JOHN CALEB McCLURE '09** has been named pastor of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church in Gettysburg, PA, according to a May 28, 2022, article in *The Gettysburg Times*.



JOHN CALEB McCLURE '09

2010s

MICHAEL O'BRIEN BOWLIN, JR. '10 married **ANGELA DAWN BERLAND** on March 19, 2022, in Antigua. Both attorneys, the couple opened a law firm last year in Charlotte. Pictured left to right: **Neal Eike '07, John McLamb '08, David Hester, Thomas Glenn '10, Ryan Eu '10, Gus King '11, Andrew Berg '11, Anthony Johnson '10, Peter Caldwell '10, Chris Colgate '08, Garner Simpson '07.**



BOWLIN-BERLAND WEDDING

Dr. **PRANAY REDDY '11** recently launched a blog on Industry Minds, "a platform dedicated to industry leading professionals," announced the May 18, 2022, accesswire release. Pranay says, "Millions of individuals lack access to basic health care services. The goal of my blog will be to highlight some of the ongoing global issues while discussing potential solutions. I want to foster an open discussion about what is happening in the medical community."

After participating in a highly competitive Presidential Management Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, **STEWART NEIFERT '12** was promoted to associate director of Strategic Initiatives at Johns Hopkins Technology Ventures. In this role he will advance organization-wide priorities related to technology marketing, tech development, market insights, and faculty communications/engagement and guide the organization to become more data driven through creation of a new data analysis and visualization function.



STEWART NEIFERT '12

WILL '13 AND CAITLYN FLORY welcomed their first child, William Henry, on May 3, 2021. He is already looking forward to his first trip to the Hill.



WILL FLORY '13 FAMILY

PATRICK CORRIGAN '13 has been named head men's basketball coach at Ferrum College according to a June 20, 2022, college news release.

ALEX SOULAS '14 has joined InCharge Energy as a project manager. InCharge is an electric vehicle (EV) charging company specializing in the electrification of commercial fleets. He is excited to transition his career from commercial construction to EV infrastructure and clean energy.

SETH E. WAGNER '14 was named senior vice president of HJ Sims as reported in an August 23, 2022, company press release.

JEFFREY GRAY '15 married **KATIE HALL** on October 24, 2022, at the Historic Post Office in Hampton, VA. The bride is a 2016 graduate of Christopher Newport University and works at Snagajob as a sales account manager. Jeffrey is the vice president of Outdoor Visions by Jeff Gray, LLC. The couple resides in Newport News, VA. Pictured left to right are **Garrett Birnbaum '16, Billy Nixon '15, Ryan O'Hara '16, Josh Blair '16, and Brian Collins '15.**



GRAY-HALL WEDDING

BRETT SHAW '16 and **KATIE BLAKE** were joined by family, friends, and H-SC gentlemen to celebrate their wedding at Burlington Wedding and Events on August 21, 2021. Katie is a graduate of University of Alabama and a local to Middlesex County, VA. Brett and Katie live in Sharpsburg, GA, where Brett runs a commercial real estate practice and Katie works for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as a child life specialist. Pictured from right to left: **Warner Winborne '88, Robby Petit '17, Frank Sexton '17, Commander William Outlaw '16, Hunter Morris '16, Griff Fleenor '17, Caleb Mize '17, Jack Pace '18, Brian Talbert '13, Matt Stiltnier '16, Sydney Henriques '15, Sam Silvernail '15, Jake Rockenbach '16, Hunter Crosby '15, Rusty Stiltnier '13, Dr. Dalton Rennek '13, Sam Riddenhauer '16, Lt. Ford Scott '16, Henry Elizondo '17, Ben Hackley '17, Rick McDonald '17, Logan Pryor '16, Evan Watson '18, Izaak Janowski '17, Graham Comaeu '17, Caleb Hayes '18, Austin Salmon '17, Jack Carigan '16, Mitch Conley '17, Chase McCarthy '18.**



SHAW-BLAKE WEDDING

HATTON COULBOURNE V. SMITH II '16, founder of Birmingham-based Campesino Rum, was featured in *Portico* magazine on August 15, 2022. The article highlighted Campesino's beginnings as a small business in Panama, where Hatton taught himself to distill the spirit while working on a remote sustainable agriculture farm.

BOBBY JACKSON '18 graduated this April from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University with his doctor of medicine degree. He plans to stay at Marshall after graduation where he is beginning his residency in family medicine.

SAM MURPHY '18 was recognized with a Game Changer Award, an internal professional recognition program, by PARSONS president and CEO Carey Smith.

OBITUARIES

1940s

WALTER DUNNINGTON "WATT"

SHIELDS '44 died on June 12, 2022. Watt received his B.S. from Hampden-Sydney College, graduating in 1947 after his war service. He was a WWII veteran with the Navy and served in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1945. Watt was in the insurance business in Huntington, WV, and moved to Virginia Beach in 1969 and joined Marsh and McLennan Agency. He was a member of Galilee Episcopal Church and the Princess Anne Country Club. Watt is survived by three children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his devoted friend and companion Anne Hilliard Donahoe.

The Rev. Dr. **ROBERT BLUFORD, JR. '45** died on April 30, 2022, at the age of 103. His education at Hampden-Sydney College was interrupted in 1942 as he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army Air Force as a B-24 pilot in WWII.



He returned to H-SC to complete his goal of becoming a Presbyterian minister, with post graduate work at Union Theological Seminary where he received his master's and doctoral degrees in theology. He first served as pastor to the students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and later to churches in North and South Carolina. He served 13 years as director of campus Christian life for the Presbyterian Church, U.S. He later served several churches as interim or associate pastor. Bob was the founder of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation and was instrumental in the development of the site from its archeological research to its current representation. He was extremely involved in the historic preservation of sites in Hanover and Henrico Counties. He was also active in bringing attention to many social and cultural issues. Bob was Virginian of the Year in 2011, a prestigious award presented by the Virginia Press Association. Bob is survived by his son, **Robert Bluford III '67**, two daughters, five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

1950s

WILLOUGHBY SHELTON HUNDLEY, JR. '51



died on May 13, 2022. Willoughby graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and earned his graduate degree in animal husbandry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy. Willoughby was a lifetime cattle and tree farmer in Boydton, VA. He served on the Boydton Town Council and the board of trustees for Community Memorial Hospital and was senior warden at St. James Episcopal Church. He was also active in many community activities including the Boydton Volunteer Fire Department, Boy Scouts of America as a Troop Leader, and the Boydton Ruritan Club. Willoughby established The Willoughby S. Hundley '12 Scholarship in 2007 as a memorial to his father. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Jan; along with two sons—**Willoughby S. Hundley III '77**—five daughters, 12 grandchildren—**Willoughby H. Obenchain '10** and **Michael O'Brien Bowlin Jr. '10**—and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN DUNCAN SHIELDS '51



died on May 17, 2021. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, John earned an MBA from Santa Clara University. John's Navy career eventually took him to the West Coast where he built a strong career as a vice president of marketing/sales in the defense industry with Varian Associates. Continuing his Navy career as a reserve officer, John retired as a captain. John will always be remembered for his love of his family, devotion to his faith community, and service to his country. John had a calming spirit and genuine interest in traveling and meeting people. He loved getting together with friends and family, enjoying social activities with his neighbors on Edmonds Way in Sunnyvale, the Oxbow Marina, and the Terraces of Los Altos. Later in life, John was active in his local Sons in Retirement group, captain of his balloon volleyball team, and Zoom worship coordinator at the Terraces of Los Altos. John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Kay, their two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Dr. DAVID C. MacMICHAEL '52



died on May 16, 2022. Known for whistleblowing related to the revelation of the Iran-Contra Affair, reported *The New York Times*, "David enlisted in the Marine Corps out of high school, in 1946, and served two years before enrolling at Hampden-Sydney on the G.I. Bill. He graduated in 1952 with a degree in history, and immediately went back to the Corps, this time as an officer. The Marines sent him to Korea, where in 1953, during the final weeks of the war, he was seriously wounded in a mortar attack. He spent more than a year recovering, then returned to service once again, this time to be trained as an expert in counterinsurgency... [David] resigned his commission in 1959 to pursue a doctorate in history at the University of Oregon. He completed his dissertation on American relations with the Dominican Republic in 1964, and that fall began teaching at Dominican University of California, in San Rafael... Given his military and academic background, [David] was not surprised when, soon after he started teaching, he was recruited by the Stanford Research Institute, at the time an arm of Stanford University that held contracts with the Defense Department and the C.I.A. The institute sent him to Thailand for three years, at the height of the Vietnam War, and he remained with the group until he began working directly with the C.I.A. on Nicaragua in 1981. By blowing the whistle on the C.I.A., Dr. MacMichael joined a small group of intelligence insiders-turned-government critics, like Philip Agee, Daniel Ellsberg and Ralph McGehee. Like them, he became a regular on the left-wing lecture and film circuit, appearing as a talking head in documentaries like *The Panama Deception* (1992), an Academy Award-winning exposé about the 1990 invasion of Panama. Dr. MacMichael co-founded a number of organizations for dissidents from the U.S. intelligence community, including the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity and the Center for the Study of Covert Action... Though his whistle-blowing made him a pariah among his former colleagues in the intelligence community, Dr. MacMichael said it was worth it. 'You find yourself in this situation maybe once in a lifetime,' he said in a 2006 interview with the website *The Ethical Spectacle*. 'You only come to the plate once and had better take your swings. I took my swings. That was my one ethical plus in a lifetime of unethical behavior.'" He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three

children. Dr. MacMichael's obituary is paraphrased from the June 1, 2022, article in *The New York Times* that reported his death.

GORDON B. MARSHALL '52 died on August 8, 2022. He served in the U.S. Army in France from 1952 to 1954. He spent over 50 years in the insurance field establishing Gordon Marshall Insurance Agency in 1975. He was active in many civic organizations and was a member of Midlothian Lodge 211 and a 32nd-degree mason. He was a member of Salisbury Presbyterian Church and Salisbury Country Club. He was also a member of Virginia Yacht Club and served as past commodore. His favorite things were boating, fishing, golfing, and playing bridge with family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jennett, two sons, and four grandchildren.



CHARLES DUDLEY "CHUCK" HARDY, JR. '56 died on June 22, 2022. Chuck attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He also trained as a Marine at Parris Island, SC, and attended The Citadel as a veteran student. For 38 years, Chuck enjoyed an exciting and rewarding career with Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. Chuck built strong relationships with car dealership owners and large corporations. He was known as a man that always did the right thing and always kept his word. He loved all the places he lived and traveled to, which included corporate trips to many foreign countries. He and his wife, Myrna, visited all 50 states together. At the time of his retirement, he was a regional manager, supervising six states for Oldsmobile from corporate headquarters in Detroit, MI. Upon retiring in 1999, Chuck and Myrna moved to Greenville, SC, where they enjoyed a happy retirement, making many friends as active members of John Knox Presbyterian Church, the Commerce Club, and the St. Andrew's Society. Chuck was an avid reader, especially of U.S. history, and enjoyed playing golf and participating in church men's breakfast and lunch groups. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend, Chuck was the ultimate gentleman, known for being kind, determined, and disciplined. He never



complained, even when enduring great physical hardships during his life. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, two children, and five grandchildren.

JAMES E. EDWARDS '59 died on June 29, 2022. He received a bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College, where he was also a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After graduation Jimmy served in the Virginia Air National Guard from 1960 to 1964 and was activated from 1961 to 1962 during the Berlin Crisis at Langley Field. He then worked in sales and management for Virginia Paper Company/Crown-Zellerbach for 30 years. He loved gardening and being outside, was a sports enthusiast who always supported his children and grandchildren, and was a huge fan of the New York Yankees and North Carolina State. Jimmy always had an interest in history and enjoyed watching World War II and western movies. His greatest gift was helping, and he lived his life serving the Lord and others. He was known as a regular greeter on Sunday mornings at church, a money counter, and a volunteer you could always depend on. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Betty, four children, and 10 grandchildren.



1960s

JOHN FREDERICK GRAVES '60 died on June 27, 2022. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, John served in the Army, where he was stationed in Korea. John started his career working for VEPCO in Fredericksburg, VA. After stops in Warsaw, Charlottesville, and Virginia Beach, he finished his career working for Virginia Power in Herndon, VA. He led a life full of integrity, humor, and love for his family. John is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carolyn, two daughters, and five grandchildren.



JOHN GEMMELL, JR. '62 died on July 5, 2022. The founder of the Hampden-Sydney Golf Team, John graduated with a degree in history. John was an accomplished golfer, and golf played a central role in his life. As a high school student, John caddied for Arnold Palmer three years in a row during the Azalea Open Golf Tournament including when Palmer won the tournament in 1957. John won the

Club Championship at Cape Fear Country Club in 1976. The same year he also won The Wilmington City Open and the Gib Arthur Memorial. He spent three years in the U.S. Navy stationed in Bermuda before going on to work in banking, finance, and golf, retiring from a career in industrial maintenance. John loved animals and enjoyed saltwater fishing, hunting, and storytelling. John is survived by his wife, Janet, two children, and three grandchildren.

ROY OLIVER SISK '62 died on June 23, 2022. He played baseball and football at Hampden-Sydney before joining the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1963. He bowled at Warrenton Lanes for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Hazel.



W. BATES CHAPPELL '64 died peacefully on August 17, 2022. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he joined the Coast Guard and always remained proud of his service and the boat skills he gained while enlisted. A beloved figure on the Richmond financial scene, Bates began his career as a loan officer at First and Merchants Bank before joining Craigie Inc. as an investment broker, later moving to Branch Cabell & Company. He left the brokerage business to become a trust officer at United Virginia Bank, then moved to Capitoline Investment Services, where he built close, lasting relationships with his colleagues and clients. Many of his clients followed him to Kanawha Capital Management, the private investment firm where he was managing director for 28 years. Bates held many leadership roles in charitable organizations. He was director emeritus of the Sheltering Arms Foundation, a trustee for the Chastain Home for Women and the Flagler College Endowment Fund, and director for the Henrico Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of Richmond, and the James River Association, which he shepherded through its initial fundraising campaign. He spent eight years as the Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 444 at Reveille Methodist Church and mentored dozens of young Scouts. When Bates wasn't at his desk or visiting clients, he was most often outside, ideally near the water, usually with a golden retriever in tow and his wife, Margaret, nearby. A loving father, friend, and colleague,



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he was incredibly generous with his time. Bates especially loved organizing experiences for others, whether it be Christmas tree cutting parties on his property in Goochland, canoe trips down the James River, family vacations to off-the-beaten-path destinations, or yearly gatherings with colleagues at his home on Dymer Creek. Bates is survived by his two children and two grandchildren.

The Honorable Judge **ROGER LINWOOD**



MORTON '67 died on September 13, 2022. Judge Morton graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1967 and the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1969. He

and his wife, Virginia, then settled in Culpeper, VA, after he accepted a position at the law firm of Button, Slaughter, and Yeaman, which later became Button, Yeaman, and Morton when he became a partner. During his time in private practice, Judge Morton served as the town attorney for Culpeper as well as the assistant commonwealth's attorney. On June 1, 1999, he was appointed general district judge for the 16th Judicial District of Virginia, serving primarily in the counties of Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and Louisa. He sat on the bench for 13 years before retiring in 2012. Judge Morton was a longtime rotarian and a member of the Culpeper United Methodist Church, where he served on the board of trustees and as a youth counselor. A car enthusiast and chocolate connoisseur, his hobbies over the years included sailing, hiking, golfing, dancing to beach music, and infusing humor into all situations, including the courtroom. Judge Morton is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia, and his daughter, Amy.

DEAN MERTON WESTERHOUSE, JR. '68



died on June 2, 2022. After receiving his degree from Hampden-Sydney, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as a member of the Special Forces. Upon completion of his service,

he secured a master's degree from Rutgers University. After a stint with Arthur Andersen, LLP, Bud settled at Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company (AIG) in 1978, where he remained as treasurer until he retired. In short time, he realized that retirement was not for him and continued to tackle assorted accounting work for a number of local companies in the Richmond area. An avid runner-turned-cyclist,

his time outdoors rarely—if ever—resulted in a single hair out of place, even amidst the completion of countless marathons. In addition to traveling and spending time with his grandchildren, Bud was a dedicated steward of Huguenot United Methodist Church for four decades. Bud is survived by his wife of 28 years, Judith, two children, two stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.

PHILIP WHITFIELD HUGHES '69 died on June



16, 2022. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, he had a very successful career in the world of banking and finance. Along the way, he established his own

financial lending company, Flagship Financial Corporation, and served on the board of the National Commercial Finance Association. He was a serious and contemplative man when it came to business. As a result of his savvy entrepreneurship and skilled decision-making, he was able to retire early and do what he loved best: go fishing! Phil was always extremely optimistic, jovial, and humorous. The pursuit of happiness was a guiding principle in his life. He was well-read and had a keen intellect and memory, with an exceptional propensity for detail. He could quote from all types of poetry and classical literature. He found solace and delight in music of all genres with a particular fondness for bluegrass, folk, songs from the '50s and '60s and operettas. He loved to sing and play his guitar and always made it a priority to attend live performances. He was a true outdoorsman, who wasn't afraid of anything out there in nature. Along with his life-long love of hunting and fishing, he respected and promoted ecological preservation. However, one thing was certain: no fish was safe in the water if Phil was around! In fact, rather than take it completely easy in retirement, Phil's passion for life on the water led him to a second career as a licensed charter boat captain and fishing guide. Phil adored his role as father and grandfather. He had friends from all walks of life who knew they could rely on his kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. If you needed a friend, Phil was there for you, and everyone knew that about him. It's hard to put into words the essence of this great guy. He was one-of-a-kind, a gentle giant whose heart was as big as all outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Marie, two daughters, and one granddaughter.

CHARLES ROBERT COBB '69 died on August 15, 2022. Charlie graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1969, where he played basketball, helping H-SC win the Virginia Small College Championship in 1967. He began his career in financial services at Fidelity Bank in the trust department. He later moved to United Virginia Bank in the same capacity. After completing his MBA from the University of Lynchburg in 1982, he began his own financial services company, CRC Financial Services, which operated from 1986 to 2022. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, served in leadership roles in many professional organizations, and was active in local civic organizations. He is survived by his wife, Mary Glenn, his three beloved children, and six grandchildren.

1970s

FRED LEE BROWN, JR. '76 died on August



25, 2022. Lee was a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and editor of the college newspaper. He was very artistic and creative, and combining those two gifts with his great sense of

humor led him to be the cartoonist for the student paper. His career began as a computer science engineer with Harris Computer Corporation, retiring from McAfee Computer Security Company. He traveled across the U.S. as Senior Patrol Leader of Boys Scouts of America Troop 111, including hiking in the Rockies and the Sierras. Lee was also a member of Penny Park Pendulums band. He enjoyed kayaking and sailing, teaching sailing classes at the yacht club, and building his own homemade boat that was called the General. This boat lasted generations and was used by his children and grandchildren to paddle around the Ware River. Lee was past president of Virginia Genealogical Society, editor of Family Tree Searches, a descendent of Robert E. Lee, and an avid reader who enjoyed historical and science fiction novels. He always enjoyed puzzles and intellectual solutions to complex problems. He had a unique love for plain hamburgers (never cheese or sauce), Coca-Cola in a can, and pound cake. Lee was witty with a great sense of humor. He really enjoyed the jokes of others and injected his quick wit into any situation to make people laugh. He loved traveling; his favorite trip was a visit to Ireland with his loving wife, Margaret, and he always wanted to return. Lee is described by his son as the greatest man he has ever known, and that statement surprised nobody. Lee was by all accounts extremely

kind, supportive, generous of his time, love, and attention, and non-conditional with all of them. His sense of humor was always on, as was his love of telling a good story. His tolerance and patience were unequalled in all situations and made loving even those who were difficult to love seem easy. Lee is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

JAMES MONROE JONES III '78 died on July



31, 2022. He was a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and was a proud Tiger, later adopting a love for all things JMU, as both of his sons attended and graduated from the

university. Jim enjoyed giving back and putting others before himself—including active roles in various Kiwanis Clubs and Zuni. His humor and kindness to all his friends and family will be dearly missed. Jim is survived by his two sons and two granddaughters.

1980s

JONATHAN KOSTIK '81 died on April 26, 2022. Jon was a lovely person, kind, smart, curious, creative, and an independent thinker. He loved music, bicycling, cooking, growing food, and digging into a wide array of topics that caught his interest. He was a capable and patient craftsman, a skill set he developed and maintained as a bicycle repairman for himself and others over his adult life, including numerous years where it was his work. Most recently, he was a help desk technician for a federal agency contractor. Jon was a music lover all his life. He took many opportunities to hear live music, often at the Birchmere or a music festival, and always brought some speakers with him when he traveled so he wouldn't be without his music. Bicycling was a lifelong passion. In his early 20s, he biked from Arlington, VA, to Ithaca, NY, and back, the first of many trips. He later alarmed his family by commuting by bike from Manassas to Reston. He and his mountain biking friends would travel and sometimes camp for trail riding in all weather, and one of his great pleasures for years was riding with Team RADPAN ("Ride all Day, Party all Night") at the annual RAGBRIE statewide ride in Iowa. Most recently, to his joy, he and his beloved new golden retriever, Sky, would find a wooded trail, and she would run alongside him while he rode. Jonathan was a skilled and creative cook, often using produce he had grown from seed. He kept finding new ways to use his hot peppers, and his family learned to ask which version of his guacamole was safe. He participated on

cooking competition teams, and the winning dishes would reappear for family and friends. Jon's grilling was expert, and his repertory extended from mom's Christmas cookie recipes to a recent triumph with matzoh ball soup for a friend's Seder. While he was proudly self-reliant, Jon was always ready to help others and contributed to his community and circle of friends in large and small ways, never for credit or recognition. Tangible, selfless service characterized his daily life, whether fixing a friend's sink or building shelves for Bull Run Unitarian Universalist's (BRUU) food pantry. There may be no more thankless task than roadside trash pickup, but he signed up with VDOT to maintain his stretch of road and faithfully set out with their orange garbage bags to make his neighborhood nicer. Jonathan found BRUU after a thoughtful search for a spiritual home. As he described in remarks to the congregation just a few weeks ago, Jon was raised in the Presbyterian church but had grown away from it. Realizing he wanted to deepen his spiritual life, he undertook visits to a variety of churches. He connected with the Unitarian Universalist philosophical underpinnings, but it was the deep sense of community he found at BRUU that cemented his relationship. Jon became part of the community and helped strengthen it with his active participation and willingness to help anywhere he could. Jon was a member of the BRUU Board of Directors at the time of his death. At his core he saw us all as members of one community. Jon is survived by his brother, sister, and numerous cousins.

FRIENDS

KEN STARR H'92 died on September 13, 2022. Mr. Starr holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from Hampden-Sydney. Known for his role as "the independent counsel whose investigation uncovered a White House sex scandal that riveted the nation and led to President Bill Clinton's impeachment for lying under oath and obstructing justice," Mr. Starr's death was reported in *The New York Times*. Mr. Starr "spent two years at Harding College, a Christian school in Searcy, Ark., now called Harding University. He transferred to George Washington University, then earned a master's degree in political science from Brown University and a law degree from Duke...He served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and then joined the Washington office of the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Mr. Starr was considered brilliant, ambitious

and deeply conservative, part of the vanguard of a new generation of legal minds determined to reshape the judiciary after years in which liberal jurists had dominated...He went to work as chief of staff to Attorney General William French Smith in the Reagan administration and was then appointed by Reagan to the United States Court of Appeals for the District Circuit... Mr. Starr stepped down to become solicitor general for President George H.W. Bush, a position often called the 10th justice...Over the course of his career, he argued 36 times before the Supreme Court...In addition to his wife, Mr. Starr is survived by a son [and] two daughters..." Mr. Starr's obituary is paraphrased from the September 13, 2022, article in *The New York Times* that reported his death.

Former H-SC Trustee **ALLEN MEAD**



FERGUSON died on June 25, 2022. Allen attended Washington & Lee University (class of 1960), where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. After graduating W&L, Allen

joined the United States Marine Corps before settling in Richmond, VA. Allen spent over 40 years in his career as an investment banker with the firm Craigie Incorporated, where he was hired in 1968 as a sales trainee and later retired as CEO. With a heart larger than life, Allen gave much of his time to numerous local organizations and non-profits, including the YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, The Valentine Museum, St. Christopher's School. The pride of his world was his wife, Mary, whom he dearly referred to as "Mamma," and his four boys, none of whom would follow him into the Marine Corps, a fact he worked hard to cope with. A Richmonder from the moment he met Mary Rutherford, Allen never let go of his love for his home state of Kentucky, the Kentucky Wildcats, and Kentucky straight bourbon. He will be missed dearly by his family and everyone who loved him and stuck by him through good times and bad. Allen is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, four sons—Thomas Rutherford Ferguson '95—and four grandchildren.

MADE *of* HONOR

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS



Before a young man officially joins the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood, he must pledge to “not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.” He makes this oath alongside his classmates at Honor Convocation, a cherished ceremony that occurs during orientation week—in fact, on the new students’ very first night on campus. Dean of Students **Richard Pantele ’13** says that signing the Honor Code pledge is “one of the most moving moments in the entire Hampden-Sydney student experience.”

The Honor Code is woven into the very fabric of Hampden-Sydney and ties together generations of men who have passed through the College gates. As Student Court Chairman **Ian Novak ’23** said in his speech at this year’s Honor Convocation: “The College aims to transform you into good men and good citizens, and [Honor Convocation] is the first step in this transformation.” And everyone knows that Hampden-Sydney takes the mission of forming “good men and good citizens” very seriously.

Dean Pantele points out that while every student signs the same Honor Code, the ways in which they live out the values espoused in the code are unique to each young man. “The Honor Code is both a catalyst and a grounding point for every student’s time at Hampden-Sydney,” he says. “During those four years, it’s up to each student to use those ground rules to develop his own sense of what being a Hampden-Sydney man means.”

“But even more than guiding him through his college experience,” Pantele continues, “it starts him thinking about how he wants to live out the rest of his life and what values are important to him in life, not just in college.”

In keeping with the spirit of a student-run justice system, Honor Convocation is a student-led affair. After brief remarks from the president of the College and the passing of the gavel from the dean of the faculty to the Student Court chairman—symbolically transferring the power to mediate honor and integrity issues among the student body to the students themselves—faculty and staff members clear the stage, and only students remain, there to impress upon the newest among them that the Honor Code is also a pledge to be their brothers’ keepers.

Following the ceremony, the assemblage makes its way to the Bell Tower, and every new student rings the bell signifying his entrance into the community by agreeing to the standards set forth in the Honor Code. But as **John Pittman ’20** reminded students in his 2019 Honor Convocation speech, “...it is not with the stroke of a pen and the shake of a hand that you become a Hampden-Sydney man. Rather, it’s a process.” Passing under the Bell Tower inscription that reads “Enter as youth,” the process of becoming a Hampden-Sydney man begins.

The men may change from year to year, but as the bells ring out across campus, the legacy of Hampden-Sydney and the honor shared between her sons reverberates through the ages.

TIGER FOR LIFE

JOHNNY ELLIS '70



“After making sure Janet and I have what we need for the future and taking care of our daughter, a bequest is the best way for us to recognize a place that has meant so much in my life for the last five decades. We hope Hampden-Sydney exists for another 247 years.”

—Johnny Ellis '70

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UPCOMING EVENTS **2023**

13 MAY	Class of 2023 Commencement
9-10 JUNE	Alumni Weekend
7 OCTOBER	Friends and Family Weekend
21 OCTOBER	Homecoming

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